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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO**  
**FORM F-4**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
*UNDER*  
*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

**AEGON N.V.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Not Applicable**

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

**The Netherlands**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**6311**  
(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Number)

**Not Applicable**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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**April 5, 2005**

Dear Fellow Stockholders:

You are invited to attend a Special Meeting of Stockholders of Global Preferred Holdings, Inc. ( **GPH** ), a Delaware corporation, to be held on May 10, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. local time at the J.W. Marriott Lenox, 3300 Lenox Rd., Atlanta, Georgia.

As previously announced, on December 30, 2004, our board of directors approved and GPH entered into an agreement to sell the entire issued and outstanding share capital of Global Preferred Re Limited ( **GPRE** ), the Bermuda-incorporated life reinsurance company owned by GPH, to GPRE Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation ( **GAC** ) and a wholly-owned subsidiary of AEGON N.V. ( **AEGON** ), in exchange for common shares of AEGON. The entire issued and outstanding share capital of GPRE represents substantially all of the assets of GPH.

In addition, on December 30, 2004, our board of directors approved the liquidation and dissolution of GPH to be effected under Delaware law, contingent upon the closing of the sale of GPRE and subject to authorization by the stockholders of GPH.

As more fully set forth in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus, at the special meeting you will be asked to consider and vote upon a proposal to authorize (1) the sale of the entire issued and outstanding share capital of GPRE (which comprises substantially all of the assets of GPH (the **Asset Transfer** )) to GAC pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, dated as of December 30, 2004, attached to this Proxy Statement/Prospectus as Annex A (the **Reorganization Agreement** ) and (2) the liquidation and dissolution of GPH (the **Dissolution** ) pursuant to the Plan of Liquidation and Complete Dissolution substantially in the form attached as Annex B-2 to this Proxy Statement/Prospectus (the **Dissolution Plan** ). The Asset Transfer and the Dissolution are jointly referred to in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus as the **Reorganization**.

As described more fully in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus, we are seeking stockholder authorization of the Asset Transfer and the Dissolution. If the Asset Transfer and Dissolution are authorized, GPH will sell the entire issued and outstanding share capital of GPRE to GAC in exchange for a payment to be made by GAC of common shares of AEGON. GPH's board of directors has determined that if GPH stockholders fail to approve both the Asset Transfer and the Dissolution, GPH will not undertake to complete either the Asset Transfer or the Dissolution. The purchase price for the entire issued and outstanding share capital of GPRE pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement is payable in common shares of AEGON. The number of such shares to be paid by GAC to GPH at the closing of the Asset Transfer will be calculated using the average of the closing prices of AEGON common shares as quoted on the Euronext Amsterdam Exchange ( **Euronext Amsterdam** ) on the 20 trading days ending on the day which is the last business day prior to the special meeting of GPH stockholders.

If the Reorganization satisfies certain U.S. tax requirements, then it will qualify as a tax-deferred reorganization for purposes of U.S. federal income tax law and, consequently, GPH (except to the extent of cash received from the sale of any of its assets to generate cash to satisfy its liabilities and expenses and with respect to appreciated property other than AEGON common shares distributed to its stockholders and creditors) and its stockholders (except to the extent that such stockholders receive cash instead of fractional AEGON common shares or cash or other non-stock property in exchange for their shares of GPH common stock) generally will not recognize any gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the Reorganization. You may, however, recognize a taxable gain or loss when you dispose of any AEGON common shares you receive as a result of the Reorganization. Determining the actual tax consequences of the Reorganization to you can be complicated and will depend on your specific situation. You should consult your own tax advisor for a full understanding of the Reorganization's tax consequences.

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The board of directors of GPH has deemed the Asset Transfer and the Dissolution advisable and it unanimously recommends that you vote **FOR** authorization of the Asset Transfer pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement and **FOR** authorization of the Dissolution pursuant to the Dissolution Plan. GPH will not dissolve and liquidate unless the Asset Transfer is completed. GPH will not complete the Asset Transfer if the Dissolution is not approved. **We urge you to read the attached Proxy Statement/Prospectus, including the Risks Related to the Reorganization section.**

**Your vote is very important, regardless of the number of shares of GPH common stock that you own.** Please take the time to vote by completing the accompanying proxy card and returning it in the return envelope provided, even if you plan to attend the special stockholders meeting. You should note that if you sign, date and mail your proxy card, without indicating how you wish to vote, your proxy will be voted in favor of the Asset Transfer and in favor of the Dissolution. If you hold shares in the name of your bank, broker or other record holder, you should follow the instructions on the form you receive from them in order to vote your shares. I support the proposed Reorganization and join with the entire board of directors of GPH in recommending that you vote in favor of the proposed Asset Transfer and the proposed Dissolution presented to you for your authorization.

Sincerely,

Edward F. McKernan

*President and Chief Executive Officer*

Global Preferred Holdings, Inc.

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NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SECURITIES OR PASSED UPON THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE. THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO SELL OR THE SOLICITATION OF ANY OFFER TO BUY NOR SHALL THERE BE ANY SALE OF THESE SECURITIES IN ANY STATE IN WHICH SUCH OFFER, SOLICITATION OR SALE WOULD BE UNLAWFUL PRIOR TO REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION UNDER THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY SUCH STATE.

THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS IS DATED APRIL 5, 2005, AND IS FIRST BEING MAILED TO STOCKHOLDERS OF GPH ON OR ABOUT APRIL 11, 2005.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

This Proxy Statement/Prospectus incorporates important business and financial information about AEGON and GPH from other documents that are not included in or delivered with this Proxy Statement/Prospectus. This information is available to you without charge upon your written or oral request. You can obtain the documents incorporated by reference in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus by requesting them in writing or by telephone from the appropriate company at one of the following addresses:

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If you would like to request any documents, please do so by April 25, 2005 in order to receive them before the special meeting.

See WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AEGON AND GPH that begins on page 74.

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**To Be Held May 10, 2005**

To Holders of Shares of Common Stock of Global Preferred Holdings, Inc. ( GPH ):

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of holders of GPH common stock will be held at the J.W. Marriott Lenox, 3300 Lenox Rd., Atlanta, Georgia on May 10, 2005, at 4:00 p.m., local time, for the following purposes:

1. To consider and vote upon a proposal to authorize GPH to sell the entire issued and outstanding share capital of Global Preferred Re Limited, the Bermuda-incorporated life reinsurance company owned by, and comprising substantially all the assets of, GPH, to GPRE Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation ( GAC ) and a wholly-owned subsidiary of AEGON N.V., a company formed under the laws of The Netherlands ( AEGON ), in exchange for payment of common shares of AEGON pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, dated December 30, 2004 (the Reorganization Agreement ), among AEGON, GAC and GPH. A copy of the Reorganization Agreement is attached to this Proxy Statement/Prospectus as Annex A.
2. To consider and vote upon a proposal to authorize the dissolution and liquidation of GPH pursuant to the Plan of Liquidation and Complete Dissolution (the Dissolution Plan ), which is subject to authorization by GPH stockholders and closing of the Asset Transfer. Copies of the certificate of dissolution and the Dissolution Plan are attached to this Proxy Statement/Prospectus as Annexes B-1 and B-2, respectively.
3. To conduct any other business properly brought before the meeting.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus. Only holders of record of GPH common stock at the close of business on March 31, 2005 are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the special meeting and any adjournment or postponement of the special meeting.

**Stockholders will not be entitled to dissenters or appraisal rights with respect to the proposals being presented for authorization at the special meeting.**

All stockholders are cordially invited to attend the special meeting. It is important that your shares be represented at the special meeting, whether or not you plan to attend in person. Please complete, sign, date and return the accompanying proxy card in the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage if mailed in the United States. Prompt action in sending in your proxy card will eliminate the expense of further solicitation. You may revoke your proxy in the manner described in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus at any time before the proxy has been voted at the special meeting. If you instruct your bank, broker or other record holder to vote your shares, you must follow any directions received from them to change those instructions. You are receiving a proxy for each account in your household. Please vote, sign and mail all proxies you receive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

Edward F. McKernan

*President and Chief Executive Officer*

Global Preferred Holdings, Inc.

Duluth, Georgia

April 5, 2005



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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Q: WHAT AM I BEING ASKED TO DO AS A STOCKHOLDER OF GLOBAL PREFERRED HOLDINGS, INC. ( GPH )?

A: You are being asked to vote on:

- (1) the transfer of the entire issued and outstanding share capital of Global Preferred Re Limited ( GPRE ), the Bermuda-incorporated life reinsurance company owned by, and comprising substantially all the assets of, GPH (the Asset Transfer ) to GPRE Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation ( GAC ) and a wholly-owned subsidiary of AEGON N.V., a company formed under the laws of The Netherlands ( AEGON ), in exchange for common shares of AEGON pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (the Reorganization Agreement ); and
- (2) the dissolution and liquidation of GPH (the Dissolution ) pursuant to the Plan of Liquidation and Complete Dissolution (the Dissolution Plan ), which is subject to the closing of the Asset Transfer.

In this Proxy Statement/Prospectus, we refer to the Asset Transfer contemplated in the Reorganization Agreement and the Dissolution contemplated in the Dissolution Plan jointly as the Reorganization.

Q: WHAT DO I NEED TO DO NOW?

A: You should read this Proxy Statement/Prospectus carefully in its entirety, including its annexes, to consider how the matters discussed herein will affect you. Whether or not you plan to attend the special meeting of GPH stockholders, please vote your proxy promptly by indicating on the enclosed proxy card how you want to vote, and fill out your letter of instruction according to its instructions. Please sign and mail the proxy card as soon as possible so that your shares of GPH common stock may be represented at the special meeting of GPH stockholders. If your proxy is properly given and not revoked without indicating how you want to vote, your proxy will be counted as a vote in favor of the Asset Transfer and the Dissolution.

If you do not vote on the Asset Transfer and the Dissolution or if you abstain from voting, the effect will be a vote against the Asset Transfer and against the Dissolution.

Regardless of whether or not you plan to attend the special meeting of GPH stockholders in person, we encourage you to vote your proxy promptly. This will help to ensure that a quorum is present at the special meeting of GPH stockholders and will help reduce the costs associated with the solicitation of proxies.

Q: MAY I CHANGE MY VOTE AFTER I HAVE MAILED MY SIGNED PROXY CARD?

A: Yes. You can take back your proxy at any time until GPH stockholders vote at the special meeting and either change your vote or attend the special meeting and vote in person.

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You may change your vote in any of the following ways:

by delivering a written notice to the secretary of GPH, bearing a date later than the date of the proxy, stating that the proxy is revoked;

by signing and delivering prior to the vote at the special meeting a subsequent proxy card relating to the same shares and bearing a later date;

if your shares are held by your bank, broker or other record holder, by following the directions received from them to change your instructions; or

if you are a registered stockholder, by appearing in person and voting at the special meeting; although attendance at the special meeting will not, in and of itself, constitute revocation of a proxy.

Please note, however, that if your shares are held of record in the name of your bank, broker or other record holder, and you wish to vote in person at the special meeting, you must contact them and request a document called a legal proxy. You must bring this legal proxy to the meeting in order to vote in person.

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Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF I MISS THE PROXY DEADLINE?

A: Your proxy must be received by GPH prior to the date on which the GPH stockholders meeting takes place. Missing the proxy deadline will invalidate the proxy granted by the enclosed proxy card and is therefore the same as voting against the Asset Transfer and against the Dissolution unless you do one of the following:

vote by proxy at the special meeting, or

attend the special meeting and vote in person.

Q: CAN I SELL MY SHARES OF GPH COMMON STOCK AFTER THE STOCKHOLDERS APPROVE THE REORGANIZATION AT THE SPECIAL MEETING AND GPH TAKES ACTION TO DISSOLVE ITSELF?

A: No. If the Reorganization is authorized by GPH stockholders, GPH intends to close its transfer books on the date on which it files a certificate of dissolution with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, which GPH anticipates will be shortly after the closing of the Asset Transfer. After such date, GPH will not record any further transfers of shares of its common stock.

Q: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS?

A: This document serves as GPH's proxy statement and as AEGON's prospectus. As a proxy statement, this document is being provided to GPH stockholders because GPH's board of directors is soliciting your proxy to vote to authorize the Reorganization. As a prospectus, this document is being provided to GPH stockholders by AEGON because, as a result of the Reorganization, GPH will receive and intends to subsequently distribute to its stockholders AEGON common shares.

Q: IS THERE OTHER INFORMATION I SHOULD CONSIDER?

A: Yes. Much of the business and financial information about AEGON that may be important to you is not included directly in this document. Instead, this information is incorporated into this document by reference to documents separately filed or furnished by AEGON with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). This means that AEGON may satisfy its disclosure obligations to you by referring you to one or more documents separately filed or furnished by them with the SEC. See WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AEGON AND GPH, beginning on page 74, for a list of documents that AEGON has incorporated by reference into this Proxy Statement/Prospectus and for instructions on how to obtain copies of these documents. The documents are available to you without charge.

Q: WHAT IF I CHOOSE NOT TO READ THE DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE?

A: Information contained in a document that is incorporated into this Proxy Statement/Prospectus by reference is part of this Proxy Statement/Prospectus, unless it is superseded by information contained directly in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus or in documents filed or furnished by AEGON with the SEC after the date of this Proxy Statement/Prospectus. Information that is incorporated from another document is considered to have been disclosed to you whether or not you choose to read the document.

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Q: WHAT WILL GPH RECEIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE ASSETS BEING TRANSFERRED TO GAC?

A: The amount of consideration to be paid by GAC to GPH in the Asset Transfer is fixed at \$57,000,000 to be paid solely in AEGON common shares of New York Registry which are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE ).

The number of such AEGON common shares to be received by GPH at the time that the Asset Transfer closes will be calculated by first (1) converting \$57,000,000 to Euro based on the currency exchange rate quoted

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in the Wall Street Journal six business days prior to the commencement of the Calculation Period, and then (2) dividing such amount by the average of the closing prices of AEGON common shares quoted on the Euronext Amsterdam Exchange ( Euronext Amsterdam ) during the Calculation Period (the Average Price ). The Calculation Period will be the 20 trading days on Euronext Amsterdam that immediately precede the day on which the GPH stockholders meeting takes place. No adjustments will be made for any changes in value of the AEGON common shares between the time that the Calculation Period ends and the time that the AEGON shares are delivered to GPH. However, appropriate adjustments will be made to account for any dividends, distributions, subdivisions or stock splits declared by AEGON on the AEGON common shares during the Calculation Period and until the closing of the Asset Transfer. No fractional AEGON common shares will be delivered to GPH pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement. Any fractional AEGON common shares to which GPH will have been entitled will be rounded up to a whole AEGON common share. If the Average Price is lower than EUR 8.072, then AEGON and/or GAC may terminate the Reorganization Agreement. If the Average Price is higher than EUR 12.108, then GPH may terminate the Reorganization Agreement.

**Q: WHAT WILL GPH STOCKHOLDERS RECEIVE IN THE REORGANIZATION?**

**A:** Upon the Dissolution pursuant to the Dissolution Plan, GPH intends to distribute all AEGON common shares received at the closing of the Asset Transfer and any of its assets to its stockholders remaining after making adequate provision for its liabilities in accordance with Delaware law. There may be GPH stockholders who hold a number of shares of GPH stock that entitle them to a fraction of an AEGON common share. In those instances, GPH will pay cash instead of any fractional AEGON common shares to which such stockholders would have been entitled.

Due to the uncertainties as to the precise net realizable value of GPH's remaining assets and the ultimate settlement amount of its liabilities, as well as fluctuations in the AEGON common share price, it is impossible for GPH to ascertain the aggregate number of AEGON common shares and cash that will be distributed to its stockholders. However, GPH currently estimates that between 0.86 and 1.31 AEGON common shares and between \$0.24 and \$0.71 in cash per outstanding share of GPH common stock will be available for distribution to GPH stockholders, after payment of known liabilities and expenses associated with the Reorganization and otherwise.

**Q: WHAT WILL HOLDERS OF OPTIONS TO PURCHASE GPH COMMON STOCK RECEIVE IN THE REORGANIZATION?**

**A:** GPH's board of directors has approved the acceleration of the vesting of all options to acquire shares of GPH common stock that would otherwise remain unvested as of the closing date of the Asset Transfer. GPH's board of directors has elected to cancel each outstanding option as of the closing date of the Asset Transfer in exchange for that number of whole shares of GPH common stock which, in the aggregate, are equal in value to the excess of the fair market value of the shares of GPH common stock for which the option is exercisable, determined as of the closing date by GPH's board of directors, over the aggregate exercise price of the option. This means that a holder of such an option will be entitled to distributions in the Dissolution as a holder of that number of shares for which his or her option is exercisable on such net exercise basis.

**Q: WHEN WILL GPH STOCKHOLDERS RECEIVE ANY DISTRIBUTIONS IN THE REORGANIZATION?**

**A:** GPH intends to distribute all AEGON common shares received pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement and any of its other assets to GPH stockholders remaining after making adequate provision for its liabilities in accordance with Delaware law. The Reorganization Agreement provides that GPH will dissolve and distribute all remaining AEGON common shares received pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement and any of its other remaining assets to GPH stockholders, no more than twelve months after the closing of the Asset Transfer. Dividends paid to GPH on AEGON common shares, if any, will be distributed to GPH stockholders together



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with GPH's other remaining assets. Although GPH's board of directors has not yet established a timetable for such distributions, if any, to its stockholders, GPH's board of directors will, subject to uncertainties inherent in winding up of GPH's business, make any such distributions as promptly as practicable after the closing of the Asset Transfer. The timing of any such distributions will depend on GPH's ability to pay or provide for the payment of any of its known outstanding claims and obligations. GPH expects that the distribution of its remaining assets, if any, to its stockholders will be made between 200 days and one year following the filing by GPH of the certificate of dissolution with the Secretary of State of Delaware. Distributions also could be delayed if GPH's board of directors determines that it is in the best interests of GPH, its stockholders and its creditors to effectuate the dissolution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Sections 280 and 281(a) of the Delaware General Corporation Law ( "DGCL" ), which require that any distribution be subject to prior completion of proceedings in the Delaware Court of Chancery.

**Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF THE PRICE OF THE AEGON COMMON SHARES GOES DOWN?**

**A:** There are three ways a decline in the market price of AEGON common shares could affect the GPH stockholders. First, if the Average Price is lower than EUR 8.072, then AEGON and/or GAC may elect not to proceed with the Asset Transfer. Second, if the market price of AEGON common shares declines subsequent to the end of the Calculation Period, then the value of AEGON common shares available to satisfy the liabilities of GPH in connection with the Dissolution will be lower and the value of AEGON common shares, if any, available to be distributed to GPH stockholders will be lower. Third, if the market price of AEGON common shares declines subsequent to a distribution to stockholders of GPH, then the value of such shares to GPH stockholders will decrease. The period of time from the closing of the Asset Transfer to the final distribution of AEGON common shares, if any, may be many months. You should consult your financial advisors to determine if there are any steps that you could take to reduce this risk.

**Q: WHAT ARE THE U.S. FEDERAL TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE REORGANIZATION TO ME?**

**A:** GPH has obtained the opinion of Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP, tax counsel to GPH, and AEGON and GAC have obtained the opinion of KPMG LLP, tax advisor to AEGON and GAC, to the effect that, based upon current law and certain other customary assumptions, the Reorganization will qualify as a tax-deferred reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code" ). If the Reorganization qualifies as a tax-deferred reorganization, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, (1) GPH generally will not recognize gain or loss as a result of the Reorganization, except to the extent of (a) cash received from the sale of any of its assets to generate cash to satisfy its liabilities and expenses and (b) the gain on property other than AEGON common shares distributed to its stockholders and creditors, and (2) GPH stockholders generally will not recognize gain or loss as a result of the Reorganization except to the extent of (a) cash received by them in lieu of fractional AEGON common shares, and (b) cash or other non-stock property received or deemed received by them in exchange for their shares of GPH common stock. You may, however, recognize a taxable gain or loss when you dispose of any AEGON common shares that you receive as a result of the Reorganization. The tax opinions of Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP and KPMG LLP are subject to certain assumptions and qualifications, including but not limited to the accuracy of certain factual representations made by GPH, AEGON and GAC. These tax opinions are not binding on the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS" ) or any court and do not preclude the IRS or any court from adopting a contrary position. The federal income tax consequences described may not apply to all stockholders of GPH. Your tax consequences will depend on your own situation. You are urged to consult your tax advisor so as to fully understand the tax consequences of the Reorganization to you.

**Q: DOES GPH'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMEND THAT GPH STOCKHOLDERS AUTHORIZE THE ASSET TRANSFER AND THE DISSOLUTION?**

**A:** Yes. After careful consideration, the board of directors of GPH has determined that the Asset Transfer pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement and the Dissolution pursuant to the Dissolution Plan are fair to, and in

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the best interests of, GPH and its stockholders, and unanimously recommends that you vote **FOR** the approval of the Asset Transfer and the Dissolution set forth in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus. If either the Asset Transfer or the Dissolution is not approved, GPH will not undertake either action.

Q: DID GPH'S FINANCIAL ADVISOR RENDER A FAIRNESS OPINION IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSET TRANSFER?

A: Yes. In deciding to approve the Reorganization, GPH's board of directors considered, among other things, the opinion of GPH's financial advisor, Cochran, Caronia & Co., LLC ( "CC&Co"). CC&Co rendered an opinion to the board of directors of GPH that, as of December 30, 2004, and subject to the assumptions, qualifications and limitations set forth in the opinion, the consideration to be received by GPH in the Asset Transfer was fair, from a financial point of view, to the GPH stockholders.

Q: ARE AEGON SHAREHOLDERS REQUIRED TO APPROVE THE ASSET TRANSFER AND THE DISSOLUTION?

A: No. AEGON shareholders are not required to approve the Asset Transfer or the Dissolution.

Q: DO I HAVE DISSENTERS' RIGHTS?

A: No. Neither Delaware law nor GPH's Certificate of Incorporation entitles GPH stockholders to any dissenter's or appraisal rights with respect to the Asset Transfer contemplated in the Reorganization Agreement or the Dissolution contemplated in the Dissolution Plan.

Q: WILL I CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PERIODIC REPORTS FROM GPH?

A: Following the filing of the certificate of dissolution with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, GPH intends to seek relief from the SEC from the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). Until the SEC grants this relief, GPH will continue to file reports with the SEC under the Exchange Act. If relief is granted by the SEC, GPH will only be obligated to file limited reports with the SEC. Additionally, GPH may at any time discontinue sending periodic reports directly to stockholders.

Q: WHOM DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REORGANIZATION?

A: If you have more questions about the Reorganization, you should contact GPH Investor Relations, Mr. Bradley Barks at (770) 248-3311.

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**SUMMARY**

*This summary, together with the matters discussed under Questions and Answers, highlights the material terms of the Reorganization and may not contain all of the information that is important to you. Before making your decision on how to vote, you should read carefully this entire Proxy Statement/Prospectus, the reports incorporated by reference into this Proxy Statement/Prospectus and the documents referred to in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus for a more complete description of the matters on which you are being asked to vote. The Reorganization Agreement and the Dissolution Plan are attached to this Proxy Statement/Prospectus as Annexes A and B-2, respectively. You are encouraged to read the Reorganization Agreement and the Dissolution Plan as these are the legal documents that govern the Reorganization on which you are being asked to vote. Also attached as Annexes C through E are certain other materials relating to the Reorganization, including the opinions of GPH's financial advisor, GPH's tax counsel and AEGON's and GAC's tax advisor. You are encouraged to read those materials as well. This summary is qualified in its entirety by the Reorganization Agreement and the Dissolution Plan and the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this document. This summary includes page references in parentheses to direct you to a more complete description of the topics presented in this summary.*

*GPH has supplied all information contained in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus relating to GPH, and AEGON has supplied all information contained in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus relating to AEGON and GAC.*

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GPH is a Delaware holding company with its executive offices located in Duluth, Georgia and conducts business primarily through its subsidiaries in providing reinsurance solutions for the life insurance and annuity industry. GPH's principal business objective is to align the long-term interests between independent marketing organizations and life insurance companies. GPH conducts its business through its wholly-owned subsidiaries: Global Preferred Re Limited, Global Preferred Solutions, Inc., Global Preferred Resources, Inc. and Preferred Advantage Insurance Services, Inc. The shares of GPH common stock are not listed on any stock exchange.

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**GPH'S REASONS FOR THE REORGANIZATION AND RECOMMENDATION TO GPH STOCKHOLDERS (SEE PAGE 42)**

GPH's board of directors has determined that the Asset Transfer pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement and the Dissolution pursuant to the Dissolution Plan are fair to, and in the best interests of, GPH and its stockholders. GPH's board of directors has unanimously approved the Asset Transfer and the Dissolution and it recommends that you vote **FOR** both of these proposals set forth in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus. GPH's board of directors believes that the Reorganization contemplated in the Reorganization Agreement and Dissolution Plan is in the best interests of GPH stockholders and in making this determination it considered, among other things:

GPH stockholders will be entitled to receive publicly traded common shares of AEGON in the liquidation of their shares of GPH common stock;

The current value of AEGON common shares that will comprise the consideration in exchange for the assets of GPH that will be transferred pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement currently represents a premium to the book value of such assets of GPH;

The significant legal, accounting and administrative costs associated with maintaining GPH as a stand-alone, public reporting company relative to its total operating margins;

The expectation that, the Reorganization will qualify as a tax-deferred reorganization for purposes of Section 368(a)(1)(C) of the Code;

The majority of GPRE's business is already conducted with AEGON's affiliates;

GPRE's and the businesses of certain affiliates of AEGON are complementary in nature;

The amount of consideration and the manner in which it is to be paid for the assets of GPH is fixed as of December 30, 2004, the date on which the Reorganization Agreement was signed. Consequently, the amount of such consideration will not change to reflect any increases in the value of GPH's assets or its stock;

The fact that GPH's board of directors will not be able to accurately predict the timing or amount of any distributions to GPH stockholders pursuant to the Dissolution Plan; and

The risk that GPH stockholders may be required to pay a portion of the liquidating distribution to GPH's creditors if GPH does not establish an adequate contingency reserve fund to satisfy all of its known and any of its unknown claims and liabilities that may arise during the statutory three-year period during which it is winding up its business.

**OPINION OF GPH'S FINANCIAL ADVISOR (SEE PAGE 45)**

On December 30, 2004, the board of directors of GPH received a written opinion of its financial advisor, CC&Co, to the effect that as of such date, and subject to the considerations set forth in the opinion, the consideration to be received by GPH in the Asset Transfer was fair to GPH stockholders from a financial point of view.

The preparation of a fairness opinion is a complex analytical process involving various determinations as to the most appropriate and relevant methods of financial analysis and the application of those methods to the particular circumstances and, therefore, a fairness opinion is not readily susceptible to summary description. Accordingly, CC&Co believes that its analyses must be considered as a whole and that selecting portions of its analyses and factors, without considering all analyses and factors, could create a misleading or incomplete view of the processes underlying its analyses and opinion. The full text of the written opinion of CC&Co, which describes assumptions made, matters considered and limitations on the review undertaken in connection with the opinion, is attached as Annex C to this Proxy Statement/Prospectus. The opinion of CC&Co does not constitute a recommendation as to how any holder of shares of GPH common stock should vote with respect to the Reorganization. You are urged to read the opinion in its entirety.

**AEGON S REASONS FOR THE TRANSACTION (SEE PAGE 49)**

In reaching their decision to execute the Reorganization Agreement, AEGON and GAC consulted with their management and considered a number of factors, including the terms of the Reorganization Agreement, the fair market value of GPre, the high degree of knowledge about GPre s in force business and the expectation that the

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net amount of costs incurred by Western Reserve Life Assurance Co. of Ohio, which is a subsidiary of AEGON, in connection with administering its existing reinsurance agreements with GPRE would be reduced following the acquisition of GPRE. In considering the anticipated impact of the Reorganization on AEGON and GAC, they did not identify any material disadvantages expected to result from the Reorganization during these discussions.

**THE REORGANIZATION AGREEMENT (SEE PAGE 26)**

The Reorganization Agreement provides that GPH will deliver to GAC the entire issued and outstanding share capital of GPRE as well as certain related books and records. Such assets will be free and clear of any claims or liabilities. In exchange for such assets, GPH will be paid in the form of AEGON common shares of New York Registry which are listed on the NYSE.

The number of such AEGON common shares to be received by GPH at the time that the Asset Transfer closes will be calculated by first (1) converting \$57,000,000 to Euro based on the currency exchange rate quoted in the Wall Street Journal six business days prior to the commencement of the Calculation Period, and then (2) dividing such amount by the average of the closing prices of AEGON common shares quoted on Euronext Amsterdam during the Calculation Period (the Average Price ). The Calculation Period will be the 20 trading days on Euronext Amsterdam that immediately precede the day on which the GPH stockholders meeting takes place.

The Average Price will be appropriately adjusted to account for any dividends, distributions, subdivisions or stock splits declared by AEGON on the AEGON common shares from the time that the Calculation Period commences and until the time that the Asset Transfer closes. However, no adjustments will be made for any other changes in value of the AEGON common shares between the time that the Calculation Period ends and the time that the AEGON common shares are delivered to GPH. If the Average Price is lower than EUR 8.072, then AEGON and/or GAC may terminate the Reorganization Agreement. If the Average Price is higher than EUR 12.108, then GPH may terminate the Reorganization Agreement.

No fractional AEGON common shares will be delivered to GPH pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement. Any fractional AEGON common shares will be rounded up to a whole AEGON common share.

AEGON, GAC and GPH will not close the Asset Transfer unless the following conditions are satisfied or waived:

GPH stockholders authorize the Reorganization;

necessary consents and approvals or waivers are obtained from the appropriate parties, including the consent of the Bermuda Monetary Authority, which approval has been obtained;

the Registration Statement on Form F-4 of which this Proxy Statement/Prospectus is a part is declared effective; and

tax counsel to GPH issues to GPH, and tax advisor to AEGON issues to AEGON and GAC, an opinion as to the tax-deferred nature of the Reorganization.

AEGON, GAC and GPH may mutually agree to terminate the Reorganization Agreement at any time prior to the closing of the Asset Transfer. Any of the parties may also terminate the Reorganization Agreement if any governmental entity enjoins or otherwise prohibits the Reorganization or if any person brings a claim seeking to enjoin or prohibit the Reorganization.

In the event of its termination by any of the parties, the Reorganization Agreement will become void and have no effect, except with respect to the parties' obligations to pay certain termination fees under certain circumstances, some of which are described below:

If GPH terminates the Reorganization Agreement because prior to the closing of the Asset Transfer either the AEGON Executive Board and/or GAC's board of directors withdraws its approval of the Asset Transfer, then AEGON or GAC will pay GPH \$2,000,000;

If either AEGON, GAC or GPH terminate the Reorganization Agreement because GPH stockholders do not authorize the Reorganization, then GPH will pay AEGON \$1,000,000. Further, if within twelve months after such termination, GPH enters into an acquisition agreement with a third party then GPH will pay AEGON an additional \$500,000;



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If either AEGON or GAC terminate the Reorganization Agreement because either (1) prior to the closing of the Asset Transfer, GPH's board of directors withdraws its approval of the Reorganization or (2) GPH breaches any of its obligations described in EXCLUSIVITY AND THIRD PARTY ACQUISITION PROPOSALS, then GPH will pay AEGON \$2,000,000;

If either GPH, AEGON or GAC terminate the Reorganization Agreement because the Asset Transfer has not closed by August 1, 2005 (and the failure of such occurrence is not due to GPH's failure to perform or observe the covenants under the Reorganization Agreement), then AEGON or GAC will pay GPH \$1,000,000. Such sum will only be payable if at the time of such termination certain conditions are not satisfied including: (1) AEGON and GAC do not obtain all necessary consents and approvals in connection with the Reorganization Agreement, (2) AEGON does not purchase, prior to the closing date, the AEGON common shares that will comprise the consideration to be paid to GPH, or (3) the AEGON Executive Board and the board of directors of GAC do not authorize or ratify the execution of the Reorganization Agreement. If at the time of such termination, all conditions to closing of the Asset Transfer have been satisfied (except that AEGON and GAC have not obtained all the necessary consents, authorizations and approvals in connection with the Reorganization Agreement but have exercised their good faith, commercially reasonable efforts to do so), then the termination fee payable by AEGON or GAC to GPH will be reduced from \$1,000,000 to \$200,000.

Until the Asset Transfer is closed or the Reorganization Agreement is terminated, GPH will not solicit, provide information concerning GPH or GPRE, or engage in negotiations with any person or entity in connection with any proposals or agreements for the acquisition of GPH, GPRE, the sale of the GPH's securities, or assets of GPRE. GPH will be permitted to take certain actions if it receives an unsolicited, bona fide proposal in connection with the foregoing that GPH's board of directors concludes in good faith (following receipt of the advice of outside counsel and an outside financial advisor) is more favorable to GPH stockholders from a financial point of view than the Reorganization. If GPH's board of directors decides to enter into any acquisition agreement and terminate the Reorganization Agreement, then GPH will pay AEGON a termination fee of \$2,000,000.

GPH will bear the cost of all sales and transfer taxes incurred in connection with the Reorganization Agreement. Any other fees and expenses will be paid by the party incurring such fees and expenses.

**THE DISSOLUTION PLAN (SEE PAGE 36)**

The Reorganization Agreement provides that GPH will dissolve and arrange to distribute all remaining AEGON common shares received pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement and any of its other remaining assets to GPH stockholders, no more than twelve months after the closing of the Asset Transfer after making adequate provision for its liabilities in accordance with Delaware law. During this period, GPH will not engage in any business or income-generating activities, other than in connection with winding up and settling its affairs.

Following the closing of the Asset Transfer, GPH's board of directors will determine the amounts reasonably sufficient under Delaware law to be set aside as a contingency reserve to cover all known, contingent, unliquidated and unknown claims of GPH's creditors, including the estimated expenses of the Dissolution.

GPH anticipates that at the time of the closing of the Asset Transfer, it will have sufficient liquid assets to satisfy its creditors and pay the expenses associated with the Reorganization. As of December 31, 2004, cash and the fair value of invested securities of GPH totaled \$5,887,241. Existing cash and invested securities along with income through the closing of the Asset Transfer and proceeds resulting from the sale of any such remaining assets that are not transferred to GAC pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement, will be applied to satisfy creditors and cover any expenses, including the expenses of the Dissolution. GPH currently estimates that as of the anticipated closing date of the Asset Transfer it will be required to reserve for its creditors an amount equal to approximately \$3.1 million, and that the expenses of the Dissolution will be approximately \$2.8 million. If its



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liquid assets are not sufficient to cover its liabilities and expenses, however, GPH may be required to sell in the public market, or otherwise, such number of the AEGON common shares received at the closing of the Asset Transfer that will be sufficient to generate cash to satisfy such claims and cover such expenses. GPH expects that it will be necessary to retain a portion of its liquid assets to pay liabilities that may arise after completion of the Dissolution; therefore, the GPH board of directors may transfer a portion of its assets to a liquidating trust. The liquidating trust will permit GPH to dissolve and, as required under Delaware law, have assets still available to be applied to liabilities after the Dissolution. No assurance can be given whether any amounts deposited into the liquidating trust would ultimately be distributed to the stockholders and, if distributed, when such distribution would occur, nor can it be certain that the amounts deposited in the liquidating trust will be adequate to pay all claims arising after completion of the Dissolution.

Due to the uncertainties as to the precise net realizable value of its remaining assets and the ultimate settlement amount of its liabilities, as well as fluctuations in the AEGON common share price, it is impossible for GPH to ascertain the aggregate number of AEGON common shares and cash that will be distributed to its stockholders pursuant to the Dissolution Plan. However, GPH currently estimates that between 0.86 and 1.31 AEGON common shares and between \$0.24 and \$0.71 in cash per outstanding share of GPH common stock will be available for distribution to GPH stockholders, after payment of known liabilities and expenses associated with the Reorganization and otherwise. The actual value of assets available for distribution, if any, could be substantially less, depending on a number of factors including (1) unknown liabilities or claims, (2) unexpected or greater than expected expenses, (3) a decline in the price of AEGON common shares prior to the settlement of GPH's outstanding liabilities and (4) a change in the value of the US dollar relative to the Euro which may affect the value of the AEGON common shares delivered to GPH at the closing of the Asset Transfer. If the amount reserved by GPH to satisfy the claims of its creditors is not sufficient to cover all valid claims, and GPH stockholders have received a distribution of AEGON common shares or cash, they will be liable to any creditors with a valid unsatisfied claim against GPH. The liability of GPH stockholders will be limited to the aggregate amount they received in the distribution, and they will be entitled to contribution from all persons who received a distribution for their pro rata share of any valid unsatisfied claim.

GPH's board of directors has approved the acceleration of the vesting of all options to acquire shares of GPH common stock that would otherwise remain unvested as of the closing date of the Asset Transfer. Further, GPH's board of directors has elected to cancel each outstanding option as of the closing date of the Asset Transfer in exchange for that number of whole shares of GPH common stock which, in the aggregate, are equal in value to the excess of the fair market value of the shares of GPH common stock for which the option is exercisable, determined as of the closing date by GPH's board of directors, over the aggregate exercise price of the option. This means that a holder of such an option will be entitled to distributions in the Dissolution as a holder of that number of shares for which his or her option is exercisable on such net exercise basis.

A committee of the GPH board of directors, consisting of all of the non-employee members of the board, is evaluating various alternatives for the management of the affairs of GPH during the Dissolution. As part of this evaluation, the committee intends to seek proposals for the possible out-sourcing of the administrative services relating to the Dissolution. Members of management of GPH have made a proposal to the board of directors regarding the provision of services to GPH during the Dissolution, which contemplates the divestiture of certain remaining assets, liabilities and contingencies sooner than would otherwise occur absent such a proposal, coupled with an agreement to provide services necessary in support of the Dissolution. The proposal contemplates that existing management, including all current officers and employees of GPH, would form a new company which would (1) acquire the remaining three subsidiaries of GPH, which had minimal revenues in 2004, (2) purchase substantially all of the furniture, computers and other office equipment and supplies of GPH, (3) assume the obligations of GPH under the existing office and equipment leases, (4) hire all GPH employees, (5) assume all GPH's existing obligations to those employees and (6) enter into a management services agreement to provide outsourced administrative services to GPH during the Dissolution. The management proposal further

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contemplates that, in exchange for the assumption of the specified GPH obligations, GPH would advance cash at the time of such assumption equal to the value at the time of such assumption of the amounts that GPH would have otherwise been required to pay under certain of those obligations, including the GPH office and equipment leases, as well as employee severance, benefit and notice costs, prior to completing the Dissolution. In lieu of payment for the value of any tangible assets transferred to the newly formed company, the management proposal contemplates that such value would operate as an offset to amounts to be paid by GPH for management services. The committee is considering the proposal, but has not taken any action.

The committee intends to evaluate each of the available alternatives based on whether it appears that the alternative would be likely to enhance the value and timing of distributions to GPH's stockholders. In addition to soliciting third party proposals, the committee intends to obtain independent verification of the calculations involved in the management proposal as well as independent analysis of the valuation of the assets involved in any proposal. Any possible transaction would be subject to the negotiation and execution of definitive agreements.

## **MARKETS AND MARKET PRICES (SEE PAGE 60)**

The principal market for AEGON common shares is Euronext Amsterdam. The AEGON common shares are also listed on the NYSE (under the symbol AEG ) and the Tokyo, London, Frankfurt and Swiss Stock Exchanges. On December 30, 2004, the last trading date prior to the public announcement of the Reorganization, AEGON common shares (1) on the NYSE closed at \$13.74 and the high and low trading prices of such shares were \$13.78 and \$13.63 and (2) on Euronext Amsterdam closed at EUR 10.04 and the high and low trading prices of such shares were EUR 10.09 and EUR 9.99. On March 31, 2005 the closing price of AEGON shares on the NYSE was \$13.46 and on the Euronext Amsterdam was EUR 10.41. There is no public market for the shares of GPH common stock and therefore no information is being provided regarding the market prices for such shares.

## **SOURCE OF AEGON COMMON SHARES AND STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING (SEE PAGE 50)**

No later than seven business days (that are not Blackout Days ) after the date on which GPH stockholders meet to vote on the Reorganization and prior to the closing of the Asset Transfer, AEGON has agreed to acquire issued and outstanding AEGON common shares that will comprise the consideration to be paid to GPH in the Asset Transfer. Blackout Days include any days (1) commencing on (a) January 3, 2005 through March 3, 2005 and (b) April 20, 2005 through May 11, 2005 or (2) on which AEGON is prohibited from acquiring AEGON common shares either by law, stock exchange requirement or its internal trading policies. At, and subsequent to, the closing of the Asset Transfer, the AEGON common shares that will be delivered to GPH will be shares of New York Registry, which are listed on the NYSE.

## **RESTRICTIONS ON SALES OF SHARES BY GPH AND ITS AFFILIATES (SEE PAGE 50)**

The AEGON common shares to be delivered to GPH in the Reorganization will be registered under the Securities Act. These shares will be freely transferable under the Securities Act, except for AEGON common shares held by GPH or that are ultimately delivered to any person who is an affiliate of GPH. Persons who may be deemed to be affiliates include individuals or entities that control, are controlled by, or are under common control of GPH and may include officers and directors as well as principal stockholders. Neither GPH nor its affiliates may sell AEGON common shares they receive except pursuant to (1) an effective registration statement under the Securities Act covering the resale of those shares, (2) the resale provisions under paragraph (d) of Rule 145 under the Securities Act or (3) any other applicable exemption under the Securities Act. This Proxy Statement/Prospectus does not cover the resale of any AEGON common shares received by GPH or any person who may be deemed to be an affiliate of GPH.



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**MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES TO GPH STOCKHOLDERS (SEE PAGE 51)**

GPH has obtained the opinion of Morris, Manning & Martin LLP, tax counsel to GPH, and AEGON and GAC have obtained the opinion of KPMG LLP, tax advisor to AEGON and GAC, to the effect that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Reorganization will qualify as a tax-deferred reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(C) of the Code. These tax opinions are subject to certain assumptions and qualifications, including but not limited to the accuracy of certain factual representations made by GPH, AEGON and GAC. These tax opinions are not binding upon the IRS or any court and do not preclude the IRS or any court from adopting a contrary position. If the Reorganization qualifies as a tax-deferred reorganization for U.S. federal income tax purposes, (1) GPH generally will not recognize gain or loss as a result of the Reorganization, except to the extent of (a) cash received from the sale of any of its assets to generate cash to satisfy its liabilities and expenses and (b) the gain on property other than AEGON common shares distributed to its stockholders and creditors, and (2) GPH stockholders generally will not recognize a gain or loss as a result of the Reorganization, except to the extent of (a) cash received in lieu of fractional AEGON common shares and (b) cash or other non-stock property received in exchange for shares of GPH common stock. GPH stockholders may recognize taxable gain or loss at the time of their disposition of any AEGON common shares they received as a result of the Reorganization. In general, the aggregate tax basis of the AEGON common shares received by GPH stockholders in the Reorganization, including AEGON common shares that are deemed to be received by such stockholders as a result of receiving a beneficial interest in a liquidating trust, if any, should be the same as the aggregate tax basis of the shares of GPH common stock surrendered in the exchange, increased by any gain recognized in the exchange and decreased by the amount of cash (or any other property except AEGON common shares) received or deemed received. The U.S. federal income tax consequences described above may not apply to all stockholders of GPH, especially those stockholders who acquire or acquired their shares of GPH common stock in connection with stock option plans or otherwise as compensation, or those stockholders who are in special categories of taxpayers, including, without limitation, non-United States persons, insurance companies, tax-exempt organizations, and dealers in securities. The discussion above and elsewhere herein also does not address the impact of foreign, state, or local tax laws. Your tax consequences will depend upon your particular situation and you are urged to consult your tax advisor so as to fully understand the tax consequences to you of the Reorganization.

**SHARE OWNERSHIP OF GPH'S OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS AND THEIR AFFILIATES**

As of the record date for the special meeting of GPH's stockholders, GPH's officers and directors and their affiliates beneficially owned 27,362 shares of GPH common stock, which represented less than one percent of the outstanding shares of GPH common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting.

**VOTE REQUIRED**

Authorization of each of the Asset Transfer and the Dissolution requires the affirmative vote of holders of at least a majority of the shares of GPH common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the special meeting of GPH's stockholders.

**DISSENTERS' RIGHTS**

Neither Delaware law nor GPH's certificate of incorporation entitles GPH stockholders to any dissenters' or appraisal rights with respect to the Asset Transfer or the Dissolution.

**INTERESTS OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN THE REORGANIZATION (SEE PAGE 54)**

Directors and executive officers of GPH participate in certain compensation arrangements that provide them with interests in the Reorganization that are different from, or in addition to, other GPH stockholders. The

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members of GPH's board of directors knew about these additional interests and arrangements, and considered them when they approved the Reorganization. Such arrangements include:

*Stock Options.* As of March 31, 2005, GPH has granted options to purchase up to 215,750 shares of its common stock to its executive officers, Edward F. McKernan, president and chief executive officer, Bradley Barks, chief financial officer and senior vice president of finance, and Caryl Shepherd, vice president, chief accounting officer and controller, and non-employee directors, Joseph F. Barone, Thomas W. Montgomery, Milan M. Radonich, and C. Simon Scupham. All of these options will become fully vested and will cease to become exercisable on the closing date of the Asset Transfer. Further, GPH's board of directors has elected to cancel each outstanding option as of the closing date of the Asset Transfer in exchange for that number of whole shares of GPH common stock that each optionee would have been entitled to receive had they exercised their option on a net share exercise basis on the closing date of the Asset Transfer. As a result, the optionees will be entitled to receive distributions under the Dissolution Plan based on the net number of shares subject to their options at the time of closing of the Asset Transfer. Monte Holm resigned as a director of GPH effective February 16, 2005; however, as of December 30, 2004, the date GPH's board of directors approved the Asset Transfer and the Dissolution, Mr. Holm held options to purchase 6,625 shares of GPH's common stock of which 1,406 were exercisable.

*Employment Agreements.* GPH has entered into employment agreements with each of Messrs. McKernan and Barks and Ms. Shepherd. Under the terms of each of these employment agreements, the sale of substantially all of GPH's assets to GAC will constitute a change of control of GPH. This means that if GPH terminates any of these officers' employment or if any of these officers voluntarily terminate their employment with GPH for specified reasons following the closing of the Asset Transfer, such officers will be entitled to receive various benefits. Under the terms of his employment agreement, Mr. McKernan will be entitled to receive an amount not to exceed 35 months of his then current base salary payable over a twelve-month period or in one lump sum payment and a prorated annual bonus payment to the extent earned by Mr. McKernan. Under the terms of their employment agreements, Mr. Barks and Ms. Shepherd will each be entitled to receive an amount equal to 12 months of their then current base salaries payable over a twelve-month period or in one lump sum payment and prorated annual bonus payments to the extent earned by each of them. It is currently expected that payments will be made in the amount of \$947,917 to Mr. McKernan, \$267,800 to Mr. Barks and \$121,000 to Ms. Shepherd, which amounts do not include any estimated prorated bonus payments for fiscal year 2005.

*Change of Control Incentive Agreements.* In order to motivate and incentivize the employees of GPH to work towards the completion of a change of control of GPH, GPH entered into agreements with each of its employees, including its executive officers, to augment their compensation packages. These change of control compensation packages consist of: (1) a cash severance payment intended to offset a portion of the employee's costs arising from the discontinuation of health insurance and other employee benefits by GPH; (2) payment of outplacement services for employees terminated without cause following a change of control; (3) accelerated vesting of employee options in conjunction with a change of control, at the discretion of the Compensation Committee of GPH's board of directors; (4) a cash retention bonus based on the achievement of certain milestone events by GPH that is earned by certain employees who are employed at the time of attainment of the milestones; (5) at the election of the Compensation Committee of GPH's board of directors, the proration of any annual bonus earned by an employee who is terminated without cause following a change of control; and (6) participation in a cash transaction bonus pool set aside by GPH, the aggregate amount of which is based on the compensation payable by GPH to Raymond James & Associates, Inc. (Raymond James), its financial advisor, to be divided among certain of GPH's employees at the time of the change of control based on their individual efforts towards the consummation of the Reorganization, as determined by GPH's board of directors or its Compensation Committee. It is currently estimated that cash payments to officers of GPH under these agreements will amount to approximately \$155,060.



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You should consider whether these interests and the additional interests described more fully under the heading INTERESTS OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN THE REORGANIZATION on page 54 of this Proxy Statement/Prospectus may have influenced these directors and executive officers to support and recommend the Reorganization.

**REGULATORY APPROVALS (SEE PAGE 50)**

AEGON, GAC or GPH are not aware of any federal or state regulatory requirements that must be complied with or approvals that must be obtained to consummate the Reorganization, other than the requirement that, in connection with the Asset Transfer, GAC obtain (1) the consent of the Bermuda Monetary Authority (Authorization and Compliance Division) pursuant to the Exchange Control Act 1972 and (2) the no objections approval from the Bermuda Monetary Authority (Insurance Division) pursuant to the Insurance Act 1978. Both such consent and such approval have already been obtained. If any additional approvals or filings are required to consummate the Reorganization, AEGON, GPH and GAC have each agreed to use their commercially reasonable efforts to obtain those approvals and make any required filings before the Asset Transfer is closed.

**Table of Contents****SUMMARY HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION****AEGON SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA**

Set forth below is summary historical financial data for AEGON for the five years ended December 31, 2004. The financial statements for the five fiscal years ended December 31, 2004 have been audited by Ernst & Young Accountants, AEGON's independent auditors.

The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the Netherlands (Dutch accounting principles), which differ in certain significant respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP). You can find a description of the significant differences between Dutch accounting principles and U.S. GAAP and a reconciliation of certain income statement and balance sheet items to U.S. GAAP in Note 18.5 to AEGON's consolidated financial statements, which are incorporated by reference in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus from AEGON's annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2004.

When you read this summary historical financial data, it is important that you read it in conjunction with, and it is qualified by reference to, the historical financial statements and related notes in AEGON's annual report on Form 20-F for 2004 filed with the SEC, including the section titled *Operating and Financial Review and Prospects*, and incorporated by reference in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus.

	Years ended December 31,				
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
	(in million EUR, except per share amounts)				
<b>Consolidated income statement information:</b>					
<i>Amounts based upon Dutch accounting principles<sup>1</sup></i>					
Premium income	19,500	19,468	21,356	21,578	20,771
Investment income <sup>7</sup>	7,152	6,451	6,246	7,995	11,629
Fees and commissions <sup>2</sup>	1,244	1,221	978	615	
Total revenues <sup>3,4</sup>	28,513	27,528	29,043	30,665	32,724
Income before tax	2,165	1,193	(315)	2,013	4,856
Net income <sup>4,7</sup>	1,663	1,033	(228)	1,467	4,148
Net income per common share <sup>5</sup>					
Net income	1.05	0.64	(0.18)	1.04	3.03
Net income, fully diluted	1.05	0.64	(0.18)	1.07	3.11

	Years ended December 31,				
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
	(in million EUR, except per share amounts)				
<i>Amounts based upon US GAAP<sup>1,6</sup></i>					
Premium income	10,120	10,141	10,191	10,214	7,509
Investment income	7,592	6,448	8,640	11,001	12,773
Total revenues <sup>3,4</sup>	17,972	20,123	19,247	21,599	20,654
Income from continuing operations before tax	2,360	2,286	(841)	1,158	3,492
Net income	1,430	1,531	(2,328)	632	2,716

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Net income per common share <sup>5</sup>					
Basic	0.90	0.97	(1.62)	0.45	1.98
Diluted	0.90	0.97	(1.62)	0.44	1.96

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- 1 AEGON's consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with Dutch accounting principles, which differ in certain respects from US GAAP. See Note 18.5 to AEGON's consolidated financial statements in Item 18 of AEGON's annual report on Form 20-F for 2004 for information concerning the differences between Dutch accounting principles and US GAAP.
- 2 As of 2003, Fees and Commissions are presented separately in the income statement. In prior years, these revenues were included in Investment income.
- 3 Excluded from the income statements prepared in accordance with Dutch accounting principles are receipts related to investment-type annuity products and investment income for the account of policyholders. In addition, universal life-type deposits are excluded from premium revenue in the income statements prepared in accordance with US GAAP.
- 4 Foreign currency items in the consolidated income statements have been converted at weighted average rates.
- 5 Per share data have been calculated based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding after giving effect to all stock dividends and stock splits through December 31, 2004. Diluted per share data give effect to all dilutive securities.
- 6 Reflects adjustments made to certain income statement amounts based on US GAAP in 2002 and 2000 and to certain balance sheet amounts based on US GAAP at December 31, 2001. The adjustments are described in more detail in Note 18.5 to AEGON's consolidated financial statements in Item 18 of AEGON's annual report on Form 20-F for 2004.
- 7 As of January 1, 2004, the following changes in accounting principles were adopted:

Gains and losses on shares and real estate are recognized in the income statement when realized rather than by applying the indirect income method, which amortized gains and losses into income. The change has no effect on the US GAAP-based amounts.

The Statement of Position (SOP) 03-01, issued by the Accounting Standards Executive Committee (AcSEC) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, changed the provisioning for mortality on universal life contracts and for guaranteed living and death benefits on variable annuity and variable life contracts in the United States. The implementation mainly changed the timing of the recognition of mortality profits in earnings.

In accordance with Dutch accounting principles, our results for 2000 through 2003 have been adjusted to reflect this accounting change on a consistent basis under Dutch accounting principles. For the US GAAP based numbers the cumulative effect of the accounting change has been included in the 2004 numbers.

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	As of December 31,				
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
	(in million EUR, except per share amounts)				
<b>Consolidated balance sheet information:</b>					
<i>Amounts based upon Dutch accounting principles<sup>1</sup></i>					
Total assets	238,499	233,976	238,206	264,061	244,216
Technical provisions <sup>4</sup>	196,904	193,805	197,913	220,523	206,097
Long-term liabilities (including current portion)	7,742	7,069	6,480	7,855	6,528
Shareholders' equity <sup>4</sup>	14,413	13,947	14,046	15,923	12,844
	As of December 31,				
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
	(in million EUR, except per share amounts)				
<i>Amounts based upon US GAAP<sup>1,2</sup></i>					
Total assets	263,751	267,540	268,316	299,603	281,580
Technical provisions	216,810	212,395	217,022	240,297	225,602
Long-term liabilities (including current portion)	7,742	7,144	7,220	10,462	15,749
Trust pass-through securities (TRUPS) and monthly income preferred stock (MIPS)		408	491	584	553
Shareholders' equity	18,316	17,836	17,554	20,831	18,965
	Year Ended December 31,				
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
	(in million EUR, except per share amounts)				
<b>Other</b>					
Life insurance in force	1,188,610	1,150,215	1,244,741	1,248,452	1,163,443
Investment income for the account of policyholders <sup>3</sup>	8,484	12,858	(11,524)	(9,515)	(3,495)
Annuity deposits, including GIC/funding agreements <sup>3</sup>	14,590	18,568	28,419	26,381	25,506
Share capital	243	238	226	224	215
	As of December 31,				
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
	(in thousands)				
<b>Number of common shares:</b>					
Balance at January 1	1,514,378	1,444,579	1,422,253	1,350,524	668,426
Stock split					668,426
Issuance of shares				55,000	
Stock dividends	38,307	69,799	22,326	16,484	13,194
Exercise of options				245	478
Balance at end of period	1,552,685	1,514,378	1,444,579	1,422,253	1,350,524

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- 1 AEGON's consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with Dutch accounting principles, which differ in certain respects from US GAAP. See Note 18.5 to AEGON's consolidated financial statements in Item 18 of AEGON's annual report on Form 20-F for 2004 for information concerning the differences between Dutch accounting principles and US GAAP.
- 2 As of 2003, Fees and Commissions are presented separately in the income statement. In prior years, these revenues were included in Investment income.
- 3 The figures for 2000 have not been adjusted for the change in accounting for paid dividends to shareholders.
- 4 As of January 1, 2004, the following changes in accounting principles were adopted:

Gains and losses on shares and real estate are recognized in the income statement when realized rather than by applying the indirect income method, which amortized gains and losses into income. The change has no effect on the US GAAP-based amounts.

The Statement of Position (SOP) 03-01, issued by the Accounting Standards Executive Committee (AcSEC) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, changed the provisioning for mortality on universal life contracts and for guaranteed living and death benefits on variable annuity and variable life contracts in the United States. The implementation mainly changed the timing of the recognition of mortality profits in earnings.

In accordance with Dutch Accounting Principles, our results for 2000 through 2003 have been adjusted to reflect this accounting change on a consistent basis under Dutch Accounting Principles. For the US GAAP based numbers the cumulative effect of the accounting change has been included in the 2004 numbers.

**AEGON HISTORICAL DIVIDENDS**

AEGON has declared final dividends for the years 2000 through 2004 and interim dividends through 2004 in the amounts set forth in the table below. Dividends in US dollars are calculated based on the Midpoint Rate (the rate settled each working day at 14:15 hours by the Dutch Central Bank) on the business day following the shareholder meeting approving the relevant interim and final dividend.

Year	EUR per common share <sup>1,4</sup>			USD per common share <sup>1,4</sup>		
	Interim	Final	Total	Interim	Final	Total
2000	0.29	0.42	0.71	0.26	0.37	0.63
2001	0.36	0.44	0.80	0.32	0.39	0.71
2002	0.36	0.35 <sup>2</sup>	0.71 <sub>2</sub>	0.35	0.32 <sup>2</sup>	0.67 <sup>2</sup>
2003	0.20	0.20	0.40	0.22	0.24	0.46
2004	0.21	0.21 <sup>3</sup>	0.42	0.26	N/A	N/A

- 1 Paid, at each shareholder's option, in cash or in stock, except 2002 final dividend.
- 2 The final dividend for 2002 was paid entirely in common shares at the rate of one new common share for every 25 common shares held on the record date.
- 3 Proposed.
- 4 Dividend per share is adjusted for the 2002 stock dividend.

On August 12, 2004, AEGON declared an interim dividend for 2004 of EUR 0.21 / USD 0.26 per common share. AEGON has proposed to its annual General Meeting of Shareholders, scheduled to occur on April 21, 2005, that the full year 2004 dividend be set at EUR 0.42 per common share, resulting in a final dividend for 2004 of EUR 0.21 per common share.

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The following table sets forth selected financial data and other operating information for GPH for the five years ended December 31, 2004. GPH's financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004 were audited by Marcum & Kliegman LLP. GPH's financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003 were audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP. The financial statements for the three fiscal years ended December 31, 2002 were audited by KPMG LLP.

When you read this summary historical financial data, it is important that you read it in conjunction with, and it is qualified by reference to, the historical financial statements and related notes in GPH's annual report on Form 10-K for 2004, filed with the SEC, including the section titled *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*, and incorporated by reference in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus.

	Years ended December 31,				
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
	(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)				
<b>Consolidated Statement of Income Data:</b>					
Premiums	17,109	17,401	17,985	19,240	16,618
Reinsured policy revenues	12,533	12,797	13,859	11,238	12,894
Net investment income	849	407	742	811	528
Net realized gain (loss) on fixed maturity investments and Net unrealized gain on equity securities	21	21	428	45	3
Other income	16	63			
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>30,528</b>	<b>30,689</b>	<b>33,014</b>	<b>31,334</b>	<b>30,043</b>
<b>Total benefits and expenses</b>	<b>24,988</b>	<b>27,757</b>	<b>30,708</b>	<b>23,480</b>	<b>23,089</b>
<b>Income before income tax</b>	<b>5,540</b>	<b>2,932</b>	<b>2,306</b>	<b>7,854</b>	<b>6,954</b>
Income tax expense	(1,570)	(998)	(788)	(2,392)	(1,821)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>3,970</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>5,462</b>	<b>5,133</b>
Preferred dividends				267	155
<b>Net income available to common stockholders</b>	<b>3,970</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>5,195</b>	<b>4,978</b>
Basic earnings per share	0.96	0.47	0.37	1.39	1.33
Diluted earnings per share	0.95	0.47	0.37	1.32	1.30
Weighted-average common shares	4,141,684	4,141,684	4,141,684	3,742,610	3,742,610
Total weighted-avg. common and common equiv. shares	4,157,539	4,141,684	4,141,684	4,141,684	3,943,897

As of December 31,

2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
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(Dollars in thousands)

**Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:**

Cash and cash equivalents	12,464	11,580	15,858	8,062	4,259
Fixed maturity and equity securities	20,620	17,768	2,798	12,214	5,912
Deferred acquisition costs	40,168	45,608	49,850	42,800	42,752
Total assets	77,807	79,284	74,274	67,853	56,617
Debt		5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total liabilities	28,541	33,978	30,952	25,884	20,028
Stockholders' equity	49,266	45,305	43,322	41,969	36,589



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The information below reflects the historical net income and the book value per share of AEGON's common shares and GPH's common stock, equivalent pro forma and book value per share of GPH's common stock and the estimated cash distribution per share of GPH's common stock in the Dissolution, as well as the unaudited AEGON pro forma combined net income per share and the AEGON pro forma combined book value per share after giving effect to the Asset Transfer. The pro forma combined book value per share data gives effect to AEGON's purchase of GPH's assets as if the Asset Transfer had occurred as of December 30, 2004. The pro forma combined income per share data gives effect to the transaction as if it had occurred as of beginning of the period presented. You should read the following tables in conjunction with the historical consolidated financial statements and related notes of AEGON and the historical consolidated financial statements of GPH and related notes included elsewhere herein. *The unaudited pro forma data is not necessarily indicative of the results of operations or the financial position which would have occurred had the Asset Transfer occurred on the indicated dates or which may be attained in the future.*

The Asset Transfer is not a significant business combination for AEGON under the reporting rules of the SEC. Therefore, no pro forma financial information has been included in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus, except as provided below.

	<b>AEGON Share Data</b>	
	<b>Year Ended</b>	
	<b>December 31, 2004</b>	
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Historical per common share data based on US GAAP(1):		
Net income per share - basic and diluted	\$	1.12
Book value per share(2)	\$	14.51
Cash dividends per share paid in 2004		0.50
	<b>Unaudited AEGON Pro Forma Combined</b>	
	<b>Per Share Data</b>	
	<b>Year Ended</b>	
	<b>December 31, 2004</b>	
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Pro forma combined per share data based on US GAAP(1):		
Net income per share - basic and diluted	\$	1.12
Pro forma combined book value per share(3)	\$	14.49
Cash dividends per share paid in 2004	\$	0.50
	<b>GPH Share Data</b>	
	<b>Year Ended</b>	
	<b>December 31, 2004</b>	
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Historical per common share data based on US GAAP:		
Net income per share - basic	\$	0.96
Net income per share - diluted	\$	0.95
Book value per share - basic(2)	\$	11.90
Book value per share - diluted(2)	\$	11.85
Cash dividends per share		

**Unaudited**

**Pro Forma**

**Equivalent**

**Per Share Data**

**Year Ended**

**December 31, 2004**

Pro forma equivalent per common share data based on US GAAP(1)(4):	
Net income per share basic and diluted	\$ 1.15
Book value per share	\$ 14.92
Cash dividends per share paid in 2004	\$ 0.52
<b>Estimated cash distribution per share basic and diluted</b>	<b>\$ 0.48</b>

(1) Exchange rates used to convert AEGON amounts from Euros to US dollars:  
2004 weighted average EUR 1 equals USD 1.2436

2004 December 31, 2004 EUR 1 equals USD 1.3621

- (2) The historical book value per share is computed by dividing stockholders' equity by the number of common shares outstanding at the end of each period presented.
- (3) The pro forma combined book value per share is computed by dividing pro forma stockholders' equity by the pro forma number of shares outstanding at the end of the period, assuming the issuance of 4,265,935 AEGON common shares in the Asset Transfer.

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- (4) The equivalent pro forma per share information is computed assuming the issuance of 4,265,935 AEGON common shares, which equates to an exchange ratio of 1.03 AEGON common share per common share of GPH. The calculation of the exchange ratio is based on GPH's best estimate, as of March 31, 2005, of the number of AEGON common shares that will be available for distribution to GPH stockholders.
- (5) The estimated cash distribution per share is computed based on GPH's best estimate, as of March 31, 2005, of the cash amount available for distribution to GPH stockholders in the Dissolution.

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**RISKS RELATED TO THE REORGANIZATION**

*A vote to authorize the Asset Transfer pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement and the Dissolution pursuant to the Dissolution Plan involves risks specific to the Asset Transfer, the consideration to be received in connection with the Asset Transfer and the liquidation and dissolution of GPH. In addition to the other information delivered with, contained in or incorporated by reference in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus, you should carefully consider the following risk factors relating to the Reorganization Agreement and the Dissolution Plan together with the other information described elsewhere in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus.*

*The price of AEGON common shares determined during the Calculation Period may not be indicative of the price of such shares on the closing date of the Asset Transfer when AEGON common shares are delivered to GPH or on the date of any distribution to GPH's stockholders in the Dissolution.*

The consideration to be paid to GPH in the Asset Transfer will be in the form of AEGON common shares of New York registry. The number of such AEGON common shares that will be delivered to GPH on the day that the Asset Transfer closes will be calculated by first (1) converting \$57,000,000 to Euro based on the currency exchange rate quoted in the Wall Street Journal six business day prior to the commencement of the Calculation Period (the Currency Conversion Date), and then (2) dividing such amount by the average of the closing prices of AEGON common shares quoted on Euronext Amsterdam during the Calculation Period (the Average Price). The Calculation Period will be the 20 trading days that immediately precede the day on which the GPH stockholders' meeting takes place.

Except and to the extent that AEGON declares any dividend or distribution on, or reclassification of, the AEGON common shares, there will be no adjustments to the Average Price between the time that the meeting of GPH stockholders to approve the Asset Transfer takes place and the time that the Asset Transfer closes. Because stock prices tend to fluctuate and the Average Price is an average of historical prices, the Average Price may be higher or lower than the price of AEGON common shares on the date of the special meeting of GPH stockholders and may also be different than the price of AEGON common shares that are delivered to GPH at the closing of the Asset Transfer or the price of the AEGON common shares at the time GPH distributes any such shares to its stockholders in the Dissolution.

Because the number of AEGON common shares will be determined by reference to Euro rather than US dollars, a change in the value of the US dollar relative to the Euro may affect the value of AEGON common shares to be delivered to GPH at the closing date of the Asset Transfer.

In addition, AEGON common shares of New York registry are listed on the NYSE. While the trading prices of AEGON common shares of New York registry historically have been similar to prices of AEGON common shares traded on Euronext Amsterdam, there can be no assurance that trading prices on the two exchanges will not differ in the future.

GPH cannot terminate the Reorganization Agreement or resolicit the vote of its stockholders based on (1) changes in the value of AEGON common shares between the end of the Calculation Period and the time that the Asset Transfer closes, (2) the difference between the price of the AEGON common shares that are listed on Euronext Amsterdam and those that are listed on the NYSE, or (3) the difference in the prevailing exchange rate between Euro and US dollars between the Currency Conversion Date and the closing date of the Asset Transfer. You are urged to obtain current market information about the AEGON common shares as traded on Euronext Amsterdam and the NYSE.

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Further, in the Dissolution, GPH intends to distribute all AEGON common shares received pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement and any of its other assets to GPH stockholders remaining after making adequate provision for its liabilities in accordance with Delaware law. Although GPH's board of directors has not yet established a timetable for such distributions, if any, to its stockholders, GPH expects the distribution of its remaining assets, if any, will be made to its stockholders between 200 days and one year following the filing of

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the certificate of dissolution with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. There could be a decline in the value of AEGON common shares after the Calculation Period which could have a material adverse impact on the value of the distributions, if any, received by the stockholders.

***GPH cannot determine at this time the amount of any distributions that will be made to its stockholders or the timing of any such distributions, because there are many factors, some of which are outside of GPH's control, that could affect GPH's ability to make distributions to its stockholders.***

GPH cannot determine at this time the amount of distributions to its stockholders because that determination depends on a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, whether the Asset Transfer closes, the timing of such closing, the cost of operating GPH from the closing of the Asset Transfer through the date of the Dissolution pursuant to the Dissolution Plan, the amount of GPH's debts, liabilities and obligations to be paid in the future, and other contingent liabilities, general business and economic conditions and other matters. The amount of distributions to GPH stockholders is subject to a number of uncertainties, many of which are beyond GPH's control. Examples of uncertainties that could reduce the value of distributions to GPH stockholders include the following:

increases in the amount of GPH's liabilities and obligations or estimated costs and expenses of the Asset Transfer and the operation of GPH until the Dissolution is completed;

liabilities of GPH that are unknown or contingent which later arise or become fixed in amount and must be satisfied or reserved for as part of the Dissolution;

delays in closing of the Asset Transfer or delays in the Dissolution that could result in additional expenses and result in reductions of distributions to GPH stockholders;

a decline in the value of AEGON common shares prior to the time that GPH is able to dispose of such shares to discharge its liabilities and obligations and distribute such AEGON common shares to its stockholders; and

a change in the value of the US dollar relative to the Euro which may affect the value of AEGON common shares delivered to GPH at the closing of the Asset Transfer.

For the foregoing reasons, there can be no assurance as to the timing of any distributions to GPH stockholders, or as to the amount of any such distributions, even if the Asset Transfer is closed.

***Certain of GPH's directors and executive officers have interests that are different from, or in addition to, those of other GPH stockholders, which may have influenced them to support the Reorganization.***

Directors and executive officers of GPH participate in certain compensation arrangements that provide them with interests in the Reorganization that are different from, or are in addition to, other GPH stockholders. The members of GPH's board knew about these additional interests and arrangements, and considered them when they approved the Reorganization. Such arrangements include:

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*Stock Options.* As of March 31, 2005, GPH has granted options to purchase up to 215,750 shares of its common stock to its executive officers, Edward F. McKernan, president and chief executive officer, Bradley Barks, chief financial officer and senior vice president of finance, and Caryl Shepherd, vice president, chief accounting officer and controller, and non-employee directors, Joseph F. Barone, Thomas W. Montgomery, Milan M. Radonich, and C. Simon Scupham. All of these options will become fully vested and will cease to become exercisable on the closing date of the Asset Transfer. GPH's board of directors has elected to cancel each outstanding option as of the closing date of the Asset Transfer in exchange for that number of whole shares of GPH common stock that each optionee would have been entitled to receive had they exercised their option on a net share exercise basis on the closing date of the Asset Transfer. As a result, the optionees will be entitled to receive distributions under the Dissolution Plan based on the net number of shares subject to their options at the time of closing of the Asset Transfer. Monte Holm resigned as a director of GPH effective February 16, 2005; however, as of December 30, 2004, the date GPH's board of directors approved the Asset Transfer and the Dissolution, Mr. Holm held options to purchase 6,625 shares of GPH's common stock of which 1,406 were exercisable.

*Employment Agreements.* GPH has entered into employment agreements with each of Messrs. McKernan and Barks and Ms. Shepherd. Under the terms of each of these employment agreements, the sale of substantially

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all of GPH's assets to GAC will constitute a change of control of GPH. This means that if GPH terminates any of these officers' employment or if any of these officers voluntarily terminate their employment with GPH for specified reasons following the closing date of the Asset Transfer, such officers will be entitled to receive various benefits. Under the terms of his employment agreement, Mr. McKernan will be entitled to receive an amount not to exceed 35 months of his then current base salary payable over a twelve-month period or in one lump sum payment and a prorated annual bonus payment to the extent earned by Mr. McKernan. Under the terms of their employment agreements, Mr. Barks and Ms. Shepherd will each be entitled to receive an amount equal to 12 months of their then current base salaries payable over a twelve-month period or in one lump sum payment and prorated annual bonus payments to the extent earned by each of them. It is currently expected that payments will be made in the amount of \$947,917 to Mr. McKernan, \$267,800 to Mr. Barks and \$121,000 to Ms. Shepherd, which amounts do not include any estimated prorated bonus payments for fiscal year 2005.

*Change of Control Incentive Agreements.* In order to motivate and incentivize the employees of GPH to work towards the completion of a change of control of GPH, GPH entered into agreements with each of its employees, including its executive officers, to augment their compensation packages. These change of control compensation packages consist of: (1) a cash severance payment intended to offset a portion of the employee's costs arising from the discontinuation of health insurance and other employee benefits by GPH; (2) payment of outplacement services for employees terminated without cause following a change of control; (3) accelerated vesting of employee options in conjunction with a change of control, at the discretion of the Compensation Committee of GPH's board of directors; (4) a cash retention bonus based on the achievement of certain milestone events by GPH that is earned by certain employees who are employed at the time of attainment of the milestones; (5) at the election of the Compensation Committee of GPH's board of directors, the proration of any annual bonus earned by an employee who is terminated without cause following a change of control; and (6) participation in a cash transaction bonus pool set aside by GPH, the aggregate amount of which is based on the compensation payable by GPH to Raymond James, its financial advisor, to be divided among certain of GPH's employees at the time of the change of control based on their individual efforts towards the consummation of the Reorganization, as determined by GPH's board of directors or its Compensation Committee. It is currently estimated that cash payments to GPH's officers under these agreements will amount to approximately \$155,060.

You should consider whether these interests and the additional interests described more fully under the heading **INTERESTS OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN THE REORGANIZATION** on page 54 of this Proxy Statement/Prospectus may have influenced these directors and executive officers to support and recommend the Reorganization.

***If the Reorganization Agreement is terminated by GPH under certain circumstances, GPH will incur substantial costs.***

If the Reorganization Agreement is terminated by GPH under certain circumstances, AEGON may assert its rights to certain termination fees which may range from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. You are strongly encouraged to review a more detailed discussion of the circumstances that trigger such termination fees which is set forth in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus under the heading **THE REORGANIZATION AGREEMENT TERMINATION; CERTAIN FEES** on page 32.

***Even if GPH stockholders authorize the Asset Transfer and the Dissolution Plan, the Asset Transfer may not close and the Dissolution may not be effected.***

The closing of the Asset Transfer is subject to numerous conditions described more fully under **THE REORGANIZATION AGREEMENT CONDITIONS TO CLOSING** on page 27. Even if GPH stockholders holding a majority of the outstanding shares of GPH common stock vote to authorize the Asset Transfer pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement, GPH cannot guarantee that such conditions will be satisfied and that the Asset Transfer will be closed. If the Asset Transfer does not close, the Dissolution Plan will not be effected regardless of whether it was authorized by GPH stockholders.





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***GPH stockholders may be liable to creditors of GPH for an amount up to the amount of distributions received from GPH pursuant to the Dissolution Plan if GPH's reserves for payments to creditors are inadequate.***

If (1) the Asset Transfer and the Dissolution are authorized by GPH stockholders, (2) the Asset Transfer closes, and (3) GPH proceeds with the Dissolution under Delaware law, GPH will file a certificate of dissolution with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. After such certificate is filed, GPH's operations will be limited to winding-up its business and affairs, disposing of any of its remaining assets, discharging its liabilities and distributing to its stockholders any remaining assets. In addition, GPH may prosecute any lawsuits or claims, and could be subject to lawsuits for at least three years after the certificate of dissolution is filed. GPH intends to make one or more distributions of AEGON common shares to GPH stockholders, after a determination has been made that it has sufficient assets to satisfy liabilities and obligations to creditors, which will be withheld as a contingency reserve. If GPH fails to create an adequate contingency reserve for payment of its expenses and liabilities (including any tax liability to GPH resulting from the Reorganization not qualifying as a tax-deferred reorganization) during this three-year period, each GPH stockholder could be held liable for payment to GPH's creditors of such stockholder's pro rata share of amounts owed to creditors in excess of the contingency reserve. The liability of a GPH stockholder would be limited to the amounts previously received by such stockholder from GPH. In such an event, a GPH stockholder could be required to return all distributions previously made to such stockholder in respect of its shares of GPH common stock. Moreover, in the event a stockholder has paid taxes on amounts previously received in respect of its shares of GPH common stock, a repayment of all or a portion of such amount could result in a stockholder incurring a net tax cost if the stockholder's repayment of an amount previously distributed does not cause a commensurate reduction in taxes payable. It is possible that a stockholder could receive nothing from GPH under the Dissolution Plan if actual liabilities and obligations of GPH, including unanticipated claims, should exceed the value of such assets or the value of the AEGON common shares. There can be no assurance that the contingency reserve established by GPH will be adequate to cover any expenses and liabilities. However, GPH intends to exercise caution in making any distributions to stockholders in order to minimize this type of risk.

***If the Reorganization does not qualify as a tax-deferred reorganization, GPH and its stockholders will incur substantial income tax liability.***

A successful IRS challenge to the status of the Reorganization as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(C) of the Code would result in several significant adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences. First, each GPH stockholder would recognize gain or loss with respect to each of its shares of GPH common stock equal to the difference between such stockholder's basis in such shares and the fair market value of the AEGON common shares and any other consideration received in the Reorganization. In such an event, a stockholder's aggregate basis in the AEGON common shares so received would equal their fair market value and the stockholder's tax holding period for such shares would begin the day after the date of the distribution in liquidation. Second, the Asset Transfer would be treated as a taxable sale of assets by GPH. The corporate level gain or loss that GPH would recognize upon such a taxable sale of its assets would be equal to the difference between GPH's adjusted tax basis in such assets and the fair market value of all of the consideration received from AEGON pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement. GPH's tax liability associated with any such recognized gain, after taking into account the effect of any relevant and available GPH tax attributes (e.g., current and carryover net operating losses and tax credits), is a liability that is not assumed by AEGON or GAC in accordance with the Reorganization Agreement. It is anticipated that any such tax liability to GPH would be material and would reduce the amounts of AEGON common shares otherwise distributable in the Dissolution. If any such tax liability to GPH were to arise in the three-year period following the Dissolution and after GPH distributes AEGON common shares to its stockholders and if GPH's contingency reserve were inadequate to satisfy the payment of such a tax liability, then each GPH stockholder could be held liable for payment of such a tax liability of such stockholder's pro rata share of amounts owed in excess of GPH's contingency reserve.

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### **THE REORGANIZATION AGREEMENT**

*The following summary of certain terms and provisions of the Reorganization Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Reorganization Agreement, which is incorporated into this document by reference and, with the exception of exhibits and schedules to the Reorganization Agreement, is attached as Annex A to this Proxy Statement/Prospectus. You are strongly encouraged to read the Reorganization Agreement as this is the legal document that governs the Asset Transfer on which you are being asked to vote.*

#### **TRANSFER OF ASSETS**

At the closing of the Asset Transfer, GPH will deliver to GAC share certificates representing the entire issued and outstanding share capital of GPRE, its wholly-owned subsidiary incorporated in Bermuda under the Bermuda Insurance Act of 1978, and certain books and records, whether in hard copy, electronic or magnetic forms that relate to the business of GPRE. These assets will be transferred to GAC free of any mortgages, liens, pledges, charges, security interests, encumbrances or other adverse claims of any kind in respect of such assets. Further, none of GAC or AEGON will assume any liabilities from GPH, and GPH will retain all such liabilities, whether known or unknown.

#### **DELIVERY OF CERTIFICATES**

At the closing of the Asset Transfer, GAC will deliver to GPH certificates representing AEGON common shares listed and freely tradable, without restriction or limitation, on the NYSE. The number of such AEGON common shares to be received by GPH at the closing of the Asset Transfer will be calculated by first (1) converting \$57,000,000 to Euro based on the currency exchange rate quoted in the Wall Street Journal six business day prior to the Calculation Period (the Currency Conversion Date), and then (2) dividing such amount by the average of the closing prices of AEGON common shares quoted on Euronext Amsterdam during the Calculation Period (the Average Price). The Calculation Period for the Average Price will be the last 20 trading days ending on the day which immediately precedes the day on which GPH stockholders' meeting takes place. If during such Calculation Period and until the closing of the Asset Transfer, AEGON declares a dividend or distribution on the AEGON common shares or any subdivision, stock split or reclassification of such shares, then the Average Price will be appropriately adjusted to reflect such dividends, distributions, subdivisions, stock splits or reclassifications; however, no adjustments will be made to account for any other changes in the Average Price between the end of the Calculation Period and the closing of the Asset Transfer.

For example, and for the purposes of demonstration only, if (1) the Average Price is EUR 10 and (2) the US Dollar-to-EUR exchange rate on the Currency Conversion Date is \$1 = EUR 0.75, then, (3) on closing of the Asset Transfer, GPH would be entitled to receive 4,275,000 AEGON common shares; *i.e.*, the product of  $(57,000,000 \times 0.75 / 10)$ . *Please note that this calculation has been included in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus for the purposes of demonstration only and does not purport to reflect the actual number of AEGON common shares that may be received by GPH pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement.*

If the Average Price is lower than EUR 8.072, then AEGON and/or GAC may terminate the Reorganization Agreement. If the Average Price is higher than EUR 12.108, then GPH may terminate the Reorganization Agreement.

#### **CLOSING**

The closing of the Asset Transfer will take place on the third business day after the conditions precedent to its closing are satisfied or waived, or at such other time as the parties may otherwise mutually agree.

#### **LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION OF GPH**

The Reorganization Agreement provides that, within twelve months after the closing of the Asset Transfer, GPH will dissolve and distribute to its stockholders, in complete liquidation, subject to making adequate

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provision for its known and unknown claims and contingent liabilities in accordance with Delaware law, (1) all remaining AEGON common shares received in exchange for the transfer of its assets to AEGON and (2) all remaining assets. GPH may not transfer or distribute any AEGON common shares received in exchange for the transfer of its assets to anyone, other than GPH stockholders and except to the extent necessary to satisfy any of its retained liabilities or to pay GPH stockholders cash in lieu of fractional AEGON common shares.

The process of dissolution and liquidation of GPH including the timing and manner in which GPH will distribute its remaining assets to its stockholders as part of this process subsequent to the closing of the Asset Transfer is more fully described in THE DISSOLUTION PLAN on page 36.

## **CONDITIONS TO CLOSING**

The obligations of GPH, GAC and AEGON to close the Asset Transfer are subject to the satisfaction (or waiver, where legally allowed), at or prior to such closing, of a number of conditions, which are set forth in the Reorganization Agreement. These conditions include:

authorization of the Reorganization by the affirmative vote or consent of GPH stockholders representing a majority of the shares entitled to vote;

absence of any litigation, claim, investigation, statute, rule, regulation or other legal restraint that could reasonably delay or prevent the consummation of the Reorganization;

receipt of all necessary licenses, permits, consents, approvals, waivers, authorization, qualifications or orders, including the consent of the Bermuda Monetary Authority, which consent was obtained on March 9, 2005;

effectiveness of the Registration Statement on Form F-4 of which this Proxy Statement/Prospectus is a part and the absence of any stop order or pending proceedings by the SEC seeking a stop order with respect to this Registration Statement; and

receipt by GPH and AEGON and/or GAC of an opinion from their respective tax advisors that the Reorganization qualifies as a reorganization under Section 368(a)(1)(C) of the Code (which opinions will be based on customary assumptions and factual representations).

The obligation of GPH to close the Asset Transfer are subject to the satisfaction (or waiver, where legally allowed), at or prior to such closing, of a number of conditions, which are set forth in the Reorganization Agreement. These conditions include:

performance by AEGON and GAC in all material respects of all obligations they are required to perform under the Reorganization Agreement;

truthfulness and correctness in all material respects of the representations and warranties of AEGON and GAC described in the Reorganization Agreement; and

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absence of any events that would have a material adverse effect on AEGON or GAC between December 30, 2004 and the closing date of the Asset Transfer.

The obligations of AEGON and GAC to close the Asset Transfer are subject to the satisfaction (or waiver, where legally allowed), at or prior to such closing, of a number of conditions, which are set forth in the Reorganization Agreement. These conditions include:

performance by GPH in all material respects of all obligations it is required to perform by the Reorganization Agreement;

truthfulness and correctness in all material respects of the representations and warranties of GPH described in the Reorganization Agreement;

absence of any events that would have a material adverse effect on GPH or GPre between September 30, 2004 and the closing date of the Asset Transfer;

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authorization of the Reorganization by the affirmative vote or consent of GPH stockholders representing a majority of the shares entitled to vote;

receipt of all necessary consents, authorization and approvals by AEGON and GAC;

authorization and/or ratification by each of the AEGON Executive Board and GAC's board of directors, of AEGON's and GAC's execution and delivery of the Reorganization Agreement and the non-withdrawal of such authorization and/or ratification; and

purchase by AEGON, no later than seven business days that are not Blackout Days after the GPH stockholders' meeting and before the closing date of the Asset Transfer, of the AEGON common shares that will comprise the consideration to be paid to GPH in the Asset Transfer. Blackout Days include any days (1) commencing on (a) January 3, 2005 through March 3, 2005 and (b) April 20, 2005 through May 11, 2005 or (2) on which AEGON is prohibited from acquiring AEGON common shares either by law, stock exchange requirement or its internal trading policies.

We cannot guarantee that all of the conditions precedent to the closing of Asset Transfer that are set forth in the Reorganization Agreement will be satisfied or, where legally permitted, waived by the party permitted to do so.

**PRINCIPAL REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

The Reorganization Agreement contains a number of reciprocal representations and warranties of GPH, AEGON and GAC relating to:

corporate organization, good standing and power;

capitalization;

authorization, delivery, performance and enforceability of the Reorganization Agreement;

non-contravention of laws, agreements and organizational documents and the absence of the need (except as otherwise specified) for governmental or third-party consents;

accuracy of certain information to be supplied for inclusion in the Registration Statement on Form F-4 of which this Proxy Statement/Prospectus is a part;

compliance with the SEC filing obligations and accuracy of information submitted to the SEC in such filings;

pending or threatened litigation; and

broker fees.

Representations and warranties made solely by GPH relate to:

accuracy of financial statements of GPH in connection with filings with the SEC;

accuracy of financial statements of GPRE in accordance with Bermuda statutory accounting principles;

certain tax matters including, the material accuracy and timely filing of tax returns, the payment of taxes, the absence of certain tax-related proceedings, the maintenance of all material records required to be maintained for tax purposes, the absence of any tax-sharing arrangements with unrelated third parties, the absence of tax liens, compliance with all required tax deduction and withholding requirements, the residency for tax purposes of GPH and GPRE, the adequacy of all tax charges, accruals and reserves to cover all material tax liabilities of GPRE, and the absence of any power of attorney in respect of any tax matters that could affect GPH and GPRE;

material compliance with all laws applicable to GPH and GPRE;

waiver of Delaware business combination restrictions;



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validity of, and absence of material breach by GPRE under, all material contracts and commitments to which GPRE is a party and absence of notice requirements under such contracts and commitments in connection with the Reorganization Agreement;

receipt of a fairness opinion from CC&Co;

absence of any material environmental liabilities or any conditions that would give rise to such liabilities;

absence of any untrue statements or omission of any material facts by GPH under the Reorganization Agreement;

maintenance of adequate insurance coverage by GPH and GPRE;

ownership and use of computer software and ownership of intellectual property;

GPRE's ownership of its assets;

ability of GPH to satisfy all of its outstanding liabilities after the closing of the Asset Transfer;

validity of all accounts and notes receivable by GPRE;

absence of any illegal payments or use of funds for illegal purposes;

absence, in each case since December 31, 2003, of any material changes affecting the business, financial condition or earnings capacity of GPH or GPRE, their outstanding share capital, their accounting or tax methods, or their underwriting, pricing, actuarial or investment practices (except in a manner consistent with past practice or with current industry standards);

real estate ownership and leasehold interests of GPRE;

absence of any GPRE employees; and

inapplicability of any "bulk sale" or similar statutes to the transfer of the assets pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement.

Representations and warranties made solely by AEGON and GAC relate to:

interim operations of GAC; and

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registration and NYSE listing of the AEGON common shares that will comprise the consideration to be paid to GPH in exchange for the transfer of its assets.

### **CONDUCT OF BUSINESS PENDING THE CLOSING OF THE ASSET TRANSFER**

The Reorganization Agreement provides that, during the period from December 30, 2004 and continuing until either the closing of the Asset Transfer or the termination of the Reorganization Agreement, GPH and GPRE will conduct their businesses and operations only in the ordinary and usual course of business and consistent with past practice, except that they may endeavor to sell any assets of GPH that do not comprise the assets that are to be transferred to GAC. During such time period, GPRE may also pay its operating expenses, consistent with past practice, including, without limitation operating expense payments to GPH, up to an average of \$8,000 per day. Subject to prior written consent of GAC, GPH and GPRE may also allow the recapture or assignment of any reinsurance agreements to which GPRE is a party but to which Western Reserve Life Assurance Company of Ohio ( WRL ) is not a party.

Except as otherwise consented to by AEGON or GAC in writing or as required by law, GPH will not cause, nor permit the following:

any change to any provision of GPRE's constituent documents;

GPRE to directly or indirectly redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire, any shares of its outstanding shares or any other securities issued by it;

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GPRE to change the number of shares of its authorized share capital;

GPRE to issue or grant any option, warrant, call, commitment, subscription, right to purchase or agreement of any character relating to its authorized or issued stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of such stock;

GPRE to directly or indirectly issue or sell any shares or any other securities;

any solicitation or encouragement of the submission of any acquisition proposal for the shares or substantially all of the assets of GPRE or GPH; and

GPRE to declare or pay any dividend or make any distribution with respect to any of its shares, other than certain permitted distributions. GPRE will be permitted to make certain distributions to GPH between December 30, 2004 and the closing of the Asset Transfer, but only if such distributions do not to exceed, in the aggregate, an amount equal to the sum of (1) \$57,000,000 multiplied by the product of multiplying 0.000112 by the number of calendar days between December 31, 2004 and the closing date of the Asset Transfer, and (2) any proceeds received by GPRE from any recapture or sale of third party reinsurance agreements to which WRL is not a party that exceed certain agreed baseline amounts. For example, and for the purposes of demonstration only, if (1) 120 calendar days elapse between December 31, 2004 and the closing date of the Asset Transfer, during which time GAC consents to the recapture or sale of all such reinsurance agreements for \$200,000 in excess of the baseline amount then, (2) in the aggregate, the distributions by GPRE to GPH following such a recapture or sale, and subject to the consent of AEGON or GAC, may not exceed \$966,080 (*i.e.*, the sum of  $(57,000,000 \times 0.000112 \times 120) + 200,000$ ). *Please note that this calculation has been included in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus for the purposes of demonstration only and does not purport to reflect the actual amount of distributions, if any, that GPH may receive from GPRE.*

Except as otherwise consented to by AEGON or GAC in writing (which consent will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed) or as required by law, GPH will not, nor will it permit GPRE to:

amalgamate, merge or consolidate with any other entity;

sell, lease, license or otherwise dispose of any assets or property, except as otherwise provided in the Reorganization Agreement;

cause or permit any material damage, destruction or other casualty loss (whether or not covered by insurance) to or affecting the assets or the business of GPRE;

enter into any new reinsurance agreement either as reinsurer or as retrocessionaire; or

enter into any agreement or agree or commit to do any of the foregoing.

To the extent that any of the following actions would, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on GPH or GPRE, GPH will not permit, without the prior written consent of AEGON or GAC (which will not be unreasonably withheld or denied), GPRE to:

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make any loans, advances or capital contributions to, or investments in, any other entity or person, on behalf of GPRE, if the receivable with respect to such loan would constitute an asset of GPRE;

enter into any agreement, commitments, contracts, or modifications thereto;

take any other action which would cause any of the representations and warranties of the GPH set forth in the Reorganization Agreement not to be true and correct in any material respect;

incur, assume or guarantee any indebtedness;

cancel any debts or waive any claims or rights;

fail to perform its obligations under any contracts to which GPH is a party;

enter into any modification or amendment of any existing reinsurance agreement either as reinsurer or as retrocessionaire;

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change current accounting methods, principles, practices or its fiscal year or make any material tax election;

alter the mix of investment assets of GPRE or the duration or credit quality of such assets; or

enter into any agreement or agree or commit to do any of the foregoing.

## **EXCLUSIVITY AND THIRD PARTY ACQUISITION PROPOSALS**

GPH has agreed to terminate immediately any discussions or negotiations with any person or entity, other than AEGON its affiliates, agents, and representatives, relating to any Acquisition Proposal. An Acquisition Proposal is a proposal for the acquisition of GPH, GPRE, the sale of GPH's securities (other than under employee benefit plans) or assets of GPRE.

The Reorganization Agreement provides that, from December 30, 2004 until either the closing of the Asset Transfer or termination of the Reorganization Agreement, GPH will not, and GPH will use all reasonable commercial efforts to cause its directors, officers, employees, stockholders, financial advisors, agents and affiliates not to, directly or indirectly:

solicit, conduct discussion with or engage in negotiation with any person or entity relating to an Acquisition Proposal;

provide information concerning GPH or GPRE to, or afford access to the properties, books or records of GPH to, any person or entity, or enter into any agreement or understanding with, any person or entity relating to, constituting or reasonably likely to lead to an Acquisition Proposal;

approve, endorse or recommend an Acquisition Proposal of any person or entity; or

enter into any letter of intent, letter of understanding, agreement in principle, acquisition agreement, merger agreement, option agreement, joint venture, partnership or other agreement (each, an Acquisition Agreement) constituting or referring to or which is intended to or is reasonably likely to lead to an Acquisition Proposal.

As promptly as practicable after receipt of any Acquisition Proposal or request for nonpublic information or inquiry which GPH reasonably believes would lead to an Acquisition Proposal, GPH is required to notify AEGON in writing specifying the identity of the person or entity making such Acquisition Proposal or request for nonpublic information and the specific terms of such Acquisition Proposal or request.

GPH is permitted to take certain actions if it receives an unsolicited, bona fide written Acquisition Proposal from a person or entity that GPH's board of directors concludes in good faith (following receipt of the advice of outside counsel and an outside financial advisor) is, or is likely to result in, a Superior Proposal. A Superior Proposal is any Acquisition Proposal which GPH's board of directors:

determines in good faith is reasonably likely to be consummated, taking into account all legal, financial, regulatory and other aspects thereof, including, but not limited to, the person or entity making such Acquisition Proposal; and

believes in good faith (after consultation with its outside counsel and an outside financial advisor) is more favorable to GPH stockholders from a financial point of view than the Reorganization.

After receipt of such Superior Proposal, GPH may take any of the following actions if and to the extent GPH's board of directors concludes in good faith (following receipt of the advice of outside counsel) that such actions are necessary in order to comply with its fiduciary obligations under applicable law:

furnish information concerning GPH or the business and assets of GPH or GPRE, and afford access to the properties, books or records of GPH and GPRE to the person or entity making such Acquisition Proposal; provided, however, that (1) concurrently with such action, GPH must give AEGON written

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notice of GPH's intention to take such action, (2) GPH must receive from the person or entity making such Acquisition Proposal an executed confidentiality or nondisclosure agreement containing customary limitations on the use and disclosure of all information, written and oral, received from GPH and (3) contemporaneously with furnishing such information to the person or entity making the Acquisition Proposal, GPH must also provide AEGON with such information to the extent such information has not been previously so provided to AEGON; and

engage in negotiations with such person or entity with respect to the Acquisition Proposal; provided, however, that prior to entering into negotiations with such person or entity, GPH must give AEGON written notice of its intention to do so.

In response to the receipt of a Superior Proposal, GPH's board of directors may withhold, withdraw, amend or modify its approval and, if previously made to GPH stockholders, its recommendation in favor of the Reorganization, but only if all of the following conditions are met:

the Superior Proposal has not been withdrawn;

GPH stockholders have not yet voted with respect to or otherwise not yet consented to the authorization of the Reorganization;

GPH has no later than three business days prior to taking such action provided AEGON with (1) written notice which expressly verifies the GPH's receipt of a Superior Proposal, explains the material terms of such Superior Proposal, discloses the identity of the person or entity making such Superior Proposal, and states that GPH's board of directors is vacating its previous approval of this Reorganization Agreement, and (2) a copy of all written materials delivered to the person or entity making said Superior Proposal;

GPH has not breached in any material respect any of the provisions of the Reorganization Agreement;

GPH's board of directors has determined in good faith (after consultation with its outside counsel) that such course of action is necessary for compliance with the directors' fiduciary duties under applicable law; and

GPH has negotiated, and its board of directors has determined to enter into, an Acquisition Agreement relating to such Superior Proposal.

If the foregoing conditions are met and if the GPH board of directors withholds, withdraws, amends or modifies its approval of the Reorganization in a manner adverse to AEGON and GAC, then the Reorganization Agreement will terminate according to its terms and GPH will pay AEGON a termination fee of \$2,000,000.

**TERMINATION; CERTAIN FEES**

The Reorganization Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the closing date of the Asset Transfer, by mutual written consent of AEGON, GAC and GPH.

Any of AEGON, GAC or GPH may terminate the Reorganization Agreement if:

any governmental entity issues an order, decree or ruling or takes any other action which restrains, enjoins or otherwise prohibits the Reorganization and such order, decree, ruling or other action could reasonably be expected to result in a material delay in the closing of the Asset Transfer or a material reduction in the benefits expected by any of the parties from the Reorganization; or

any person brings a claim or action before any governmental entity seeking to restrain, enjoin or otherwise prohibit the Reorganization; or

GPH stockholders do not authorize the Reorganization.



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GPH may terminate the Reorganization Agreement if:

AEGON and/or GAC materially breach any of their representations, warranties or covenants contained in the Reorganization Agreement, which would cause a failure of a condition precedent to closing of the Asset Transfer and which breach cannot be or has not been cured within 30 days after GPH gives written notice to AEGON and/or GAC of such breach; or

prior to the closing of the Asset Transfer, the AEGON Executive Board and/or GAC's board of directors withdraws, modifies or changes, in a manner adverse to GPH, its approval of the Reorganization Agreement; or

the Asset Transfer does not close on or before August 1, 2005, unless the failure of such occurrence is due to the failure of GPH or GPRE to perform or observe the covenants and agreements under the Reorganization Agreement at or before the closing of the Asset Transfer; or

the Average Price is greater than EUR 12.108.

GPH may also terminate the Reorganization Agreement if its board of directors withdraws, amends or modifies in a manner adverse to AEGON or GAC its approval or its recommendation of the Reorganization Agreement in response to a Superior Proposal and pays GAC \$2,000,000. See EXCLUSIVITY AND THIRD PARTY ACQUISITION PROPOSALS on page 31 of this Proxy Statement/Prospectus.

AEGON and/or GAC may terminate the Reorganization Agreement if:

prior to the closing of the Asset Transfer, GPH's board of directors has withdrawn, modified or changed, in a manner adverse to AEGON or GAC, its approval or recommendation of the Reorganization, or, prior to such board action, GPH provides GAC notice of its receipt of a Superior Proposal; or

GPH materially breaches any of its representations, warranties or covenants contained in the Reorganization Agreement, which would cause a failure of a condition precedent to closing of the Asset Transfer and which breach cannot be or has not been cured within 30 days after AEGON or GAC give written notice to GPH of such breach; or

the Asset Transfer does not close on or before August 1, 2005, unless the failure of such occurrence is due to the failure of AEGON or GAC to perform or observe the covenants and agreements under the Reorganization Agreement at or before the closing of the Asset Transfer; or

the Average Price is less than EUR 8.072.

AEGON and/or GAC may also terminate the Reorganization Agreement if GPH breaches any of its obligations described in EXCLUSIVITY AND THIRD PARTY ACQUISITION PROPOSALS on page 31 of this Proxy Statement/Prospectus.

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In the event of its termination, the Reorganization Agreement will become void and have no effect, except with respect to the obligations of the parties regarding certain termination fees that are described below.

If GPH terminates the Reorganization Agreement because prior to the closing of the Asset Transfer, either the AEGON Executive Board and/or GAC's board of directors withdraws, modifies or changes in a manner adverse to GPH its approval of the Reorganization Agreement, then AEGON or GAC will within two business days of such termination pay in cash to GPH a termination fee of \$2,000,000.

If either AEGON, GAC or GPH terminate the Reorganization Agreement because GPH stockholders do not approve the Reorganization, then GPH will, within two business days of such termination pay in cash to AEGON a termination fee of \$1,000,000. Further, if twelve months after such termination, an Acquisition Agreement with

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respect to GPH is executed (See, EXCLUSIVITY AND THIRD PARTY ACQUISITION PROPOSALS ), then GPH will, within two business days of the date on which such an agreement is executed, pay in cash to AEGON an additional termination fee of \$500,000.

If either AEGON or GAC terminate the Reorganization Agreement because either (1) prior to the closing of the Asset Transfer, GPH's board of directors has withdrawn, modified or changed in a manner adverse to AEGON to GAC its approval or recommendation of the Reorganization Agreement or (2) GPH has breached any of its obligations described in EXCLUSIVITY AND THIRD PARTY ACQUISITION PROPOSALS, then GPH will, within two business days of such termination, pay in cash to AEGON a termination fee of \$2,000,000.

If either:

GPH terminates the Reorganization Agreement because the Asset Transfer does not close on or before August 1, 2005 (unless the failure of such occurrence is due to the failure of GPH or GPRE to perform or observe the covenants and agreements under the Reorganization Agreement at or before the closing of the Asset Transfer); or

AEGON or GAC terminate the Reorganization Agreement because the Asset Transfer does not close on or before August 1, 2005 (unless the failure of such occurrence is due to the failure of AEGON or GAC to perform or observe the covenants and agreements under the Reorganization Agreement at or before the closing of the Asset Transfer),

and if at the time of such termination any of the following conditions to closing of the Asset Transfer have not been satisfied:

AEGON and GAC have not obtained all necessary consents, authorizations and approvals in connection with the Reorganization Agreement; or

AEGON has not purchased, before the closing date of the Asset Transfer, the AEGON common shares that will comprise the consideration to be transferred to GPH in exchange for its assets; or

the AEGON Executive Board and/or the board of directors of GAC, have not authorized or ratified or have withdrawn such authorization or ratification of AEGON's and/or GAC's execution and delivery of the Reorganization Agreement,

then AEGON or GAC will, within two business days of such termination, pay in cash to GPH a termination fee of \$1,000,000; provided, however, if at the time of such termination, all conditions to closing of the Asset Transfer have been satisfied (except that AEGON and GAC have not obtained all the necessary consents, authorizations and approvals in connection with the Reorganization Agreement but have exercised their good faith, commercially reasonable efforts to do so), then the termination fee payable by AEGON or GAC to GPH will be reduced from \$1,000,000 to \$200,000.

**CERTAIN OTHER COVENANTS**

AEGON, GAC and GPH have agreed not to knowingly act or fail to act in a manner that would be reasonably likely to jeopardize the qualification of the Reorganization as a reorganization under Section 368 of the Code.

During the period from December 30, 2004 until the closing date of the Asset Transfer, neither AEGON nor any of its affiliates may, directly or indirectly, acquire, by purchase or otherwise, a majority of any class of any securities of GPH or participate in a partnership or syndicate that seeks to make such an acquisition. During such time, GAC will be permitted, upon reasonable notice to GPH, to make a full and complete investigation of the assets, books and records of GPRE.

#### **EXPENSES**

GPH will bear the cost of all sales and transfer taxes incurred in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Reorganization Agreement. Any other fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Reorganization Agreement will be paid by the party incurring such fees and expenses.

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**WAIVER AND AMENDMENT**

Any term or provision of the Reorganization Agreement may be waived in writing at any time by the party which is, or whose stockholders are, entitled to the benefits thereof. The Reorganization Agreement may be amended or supplemented at any time by action of the respective boards of directors of AEGON, GAC or GPH. No such amendment will reduce the amount or change the form of the consideration to be delivered to GPH as contemplated by the Reorganization Agreement or otherwise materially adversely affect the interests of GPH unless such amendment is approved by GPH's board of directors. No amendment to the Reorganization Agreement will be effective unless it has been executed by the GPH, AEGON and GAC.

**SURVIVAL OF REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS**

The representations, warranties, covenants and agreements of GPH, AEGON and GAC contained in the Reorganization Agreement will survive the closing of the Asset Transfer until GPH files a certificate of dissolution with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, but in no event beyond 275 days after the Asset Transfer closes.

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### **THE DISSOLUTION PLAN**

*The following summary of certain terms and provisions of the Dissolution Plan is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Dissolution Plan, which is incorporated into this document by reference and is attached as Annex B-2 to this Proxy Statement/Prospectus. You are strongly encouraged to read the Dissolution Plan as this is the legal document that governs the dissolution and liquidation of GPH on which you are being asked to vote.*

### **PROCESS OF DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION**

The Reorganization Agreement provides that GPH will dissolve and distribute all remaining AEGON common shares received pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement and any of its other remaining assets to GPH stockholders no more than twelve months after the Asset Transfer closes. Section 275 of the Delaware General Corporation Law provides that a corporation may dissolve upon either (1) the affirmative vote of a majority of its board of directors followed by the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of its outstanding common stock entitled to vote; or (2) a unanimous written stockholder consent. Following such authorization, the dissolution is effected by filing a certificate of dissolution with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. Once a corporation is dissolved, its existence is automatically continued for a term of three years, or for such longer period as the Delaware Court of Chancery directs, but solely for the purpose of winding up its business. The process of winding up includes: (1) the prosecution and defense of lawsuits, if any; (2) the settling and closing of any business; (3) the disposition and conveyance of any property; (4) the discharge of any liabilities; and (5) the distribution of any remaining assets to the stockholders of the corporation. If any action, suit or proceeding is commenced by or against the corporation before or within the winding up period, such corporation will, solely for the purpose of such action, suit or proceeding, automatically continue to exist beyond the three-year period until any judgments, orders or decrees are fully executed.

### **CONTINGENCY RESERVE**

Following the closing of the Asset Transfer, GPH's board of directors will determine the amount of assets reasonably sufficient under Delaware law to be set aside as a contingency reserve to cover the estimated expenses of its dissolution and liquidation and all other known, contingent, unliquidated and unknown claims of GPH's creditors that arise within three years from the filing date of the certificate of dissolution. GPH currently estimates that as of the anticipated closing date of the Asset Transfer it will be required to reserve for its creditors an amount equal to approximately \$3.1 million, and that the expenses of its dissolution and liquidation will be approximately \$2.8 million.

As of December 31, 2004, cash and the fair value of invested securities of GPH totaled \$5,887,241. GPH anticipates that at the time of the closing of the Asset Transfer, it will have sufficient liquid assets to satisfy its creditors and pay the expenses associated with the Reorganization; however, if its liquid assets are not sufficient, GPH may be required to sell in the public market, or otherwise, such number of AEGON common shares received at the closing of the Asset Transfer that are sufficient to generate cash to satisfy claims of its creditors and fund its remaining expenses. If the proceeds of such sales are not sufficient to cover all valid claims and GPH stockholders have received a distribution of AEGON common shares or cash, they will be liable to any creditors with a valid unsatisfied claim against GPH. The liability of GPH stockholders will be limited to the aggregate amount they received in distribution, and they will be entitled to contribution from all persons who received a distribution for their pro rata share of any valid unsatisfied claim.

### **DISTRIBUTIONS TO GPH STOCKHOLDERS**

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No more than twelve months after the closing of the Asset Transfer, GPH intends to distribute all AEGON common shares received pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement and any of its other assets to GPH stockholders remaining after making adequate provision for its liabilities in accordance with Delaware law. GPH expects that it will be necessary to retain a portion of its liquid assets to pay liabilities that may arise after completion of the Dissolution; therefore, the GPH board of directors may transfer a portion of its assets to a

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liquidating trust. The liquidating trust will permit GPH to dissolve and, as required under Delaware law, have assets still available to be applied to liabilities after the Dissolution. No assurance can be given whether any amounts deposited into the liquidating trust would ultimately be distributed to the stockholders and, if distributed, when such distribution would occur, nor can it be certain that the amounts deposited in the liquidating trust will be adequate to pay all claims arising after completion of the Dissolution.

Although GPH's board of directors has not yet established a timetable for such distributions, if any, to its stockholders, subject to uncertainties inherent in winding up of GPH's business, GPH expects the distributions of its remaining assets, if any, will be made to its stockholders between 200 days and one year following the filing of the certificate of dissolution with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. The timing of any such distributions will depend on GPH's ability to pay or provide for the payment of its claims and obligations. Distributions also could be delayed if GPH's board of directors determines that it is in the best interests of GPH, its stockholders and its creditors to effectuate the dissolution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Sections 280 and 281(a) of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which require that any distribution be subject to prior completion of proceedings in the Delaware Court of Chancery.

Due to the uncertainties as to the precise net realizable value of its remaining assets and the ultimate settlement amount of its liabilities as well as fluctuations in the AEGON common share price, it is impossible for GPH to ascertain the aggregate number of AEGON common shares or amount of cash that will be distributed to its stockholders. However, GPH currently estimates that between 0.86 and 1.31 AEGON common shares and between \$0.24 and \$0.71 in cash per outstanding share of GPH common stock will be available for distribution to GPH stockholders, after payment of known liabilities and expenses associated with the Reorganization and otherwise. The actual value of assets available for distribution, if any, could be substantially less, depending on a number of factors including (1) unknown liabilities or claims, (2) unexpected or greater than expected expenses, (3) a decline in the price of AEGON common shares prior to the settlement of GPH's outstanding liabilities and (4) a change in the value of the US dollar relative to the Euro which may affect the value of AEGON common shares delivered to GPH at the closing of the Asset Transfer. Furthermore, the AEGON common shares may decrease in value and GPH stockholders could consequently receive AEGON common shares worth less than their shares of GPH common stock. Dividends paid to GPH on AEGON common shares, if any, will be distributed to GPH stockholders together with GPH's other assets.

## **DISTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOLDERS OF OPTIONS TO PURCHASE GPH COMMON STOCK**

GPH's board of directors has approved the acceleration of the vesting of all options to acquire shares of GPH common stock that would otherwise remain unvested as of the closing date of the Asset Transfer and has elected to cancel each option that is outstanding as of the closing of the Asset Transfer in exchange for that number of whole shares of GPH common stock which, in the aggregate, are equal in value to the excess of the fair market value of the shares of GPH common stock for which the option is exercisable, determined as of the closing date of the Asset Transfer by GPH's board of directors, over the aggregate exercise price of the option. This means that a holder of such an option will be entitled to distributions in the Dissolution as a holder of that number of shares of GPH common stock for which his or her option is exercisable on such net exercise basis.

## **CONDUCT OF BUSINESS DURING LIQUIDATION**

GPH will continue to hold some remaining assets after the Asset Transfer is closed and the entire issued and outstanding share capital of GPRE is transferred to GAC. In addition to AEGON common shares, these assets include cash, invested securities, furniture, equipment, the capital stock of its three remaining wholly owned subsidiaries, Global Preferred Solutions, Inc., Global Preferred Resources, Inc. and Preferred Advantage Insurance Services, Inc. and various other assets incidental to the business of GPH.



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During the twelve-month period after the Asset Transfer closes, GPH will liquidate such remaining assets so that only AEGON common shares or cash will be distributed to GPH stockholders. During this period, GPH will not engage in any business or income-generating activities, except in connection with winding up and settling its

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affairs. A committee of the GPH board of directors, consisting of all of the non-employee members of the board, is evaluating various alternatives for the management of the affairs of GPH during the Dissolution. As part of this evaluation, the committee intends to seek proposals for the possible out-sourcing of the administrative services relating to the Dissolution. Members of management of GPH have made a proposal to the board of directors regarding the provision of services to GPH during the Dissolution, which contemplates the divestiture of certain remaining assets, liabilities and contingencies sooner than would otherwise occur absent such a proposal, coupled with an agreement to provide services necessary in support of the Dissolution. The proposal contemplates that existing management, including all current officers and employees of GPH, would form a new company which would (1) acquire the remaining three subsidiaries of GPH, which had minimal revenues in 2004, (2) purchase substantially all of the furniture, computers and other office equipment and supplies of GPH, (3) assume the obligations of GPH under the existing office and equipment leases, (4) hire all GPH employees, (5) assume all GPH's existing obligations to those employees and (6) enter into a management services agreement to provide outsourced administrative services to GPH during the Dissolution. The management proposal further contemplates that, in exchange for the assumption of the specified GPH obligations, GPH would advance cash at the time of such assumption equal to the value at the time of such assumption of the amounts that GPH would have otherwise been required to pay under certain of those obligations, including the GPH office and equipment leases, as well as employee severance, benefit and notice costs, prior to completing the Dissolution. In lieu of payment for the value of any tangible assets transferred to the newly formed company, the management proposal contemplates that such value would operate as an offset to amounts to be paid by GPH for management services. The committee is considering the proposal, but has not taken any action.

The committee intends to evaluate each of the available alternatives based on whether it appears that the alternative would be likely to enhance the value and timing of distributions to GPH's stockholders. In addition to soliciting third party proposals, the committee intends to obtain independent verification of the calculations involved in the management proposal as well as independent analysis of the valuation of the assets involved in any proposal. Any possible transaction would be subject to the negotiation and execution of definitive agreements.

GPH expects that existing cash and invested assets, income through the closing of the Asset Transfer and proceeds resulting from the sale or disposition of any of its remaining assets, if any, that are not transferred to GAC pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement, will be applied to satisfy the claims of its creditors and cover its expenses, including the expenses of the Dissolution.

**BACKGROUND OF THE REORGANIZATION, PAST CONTACT AND NEGOTIATIONS**

Affiliates of AEGON and GPH have had a long historical business relationship. Since commencing operations in 1996, a substantial portion of GPH's annual revenues have been derived from the reinsurance agreements between GPRE and Western Reserve Life Assurance Co. of Ohio ( WRL ), a subsidiary of AEGON USA, Inc. ( AEGON USA ). In addition, GPH believes that a substantial number of its stockholders are independent agents associated with World Financial Group, Inc. ( WFG ), a subsidiary of AEGON USA.

Beginning in the second quarter of 2003, in the course of reviewing the long-term strategic plan for GPH and the substantial costs, and limited benefits associated with maintaining its status as a public reporting company, the board of directors and capital finance committee of GPH began to explore alternatives to enhance liquidity for its stockholders and reduce the compliance costs of operating as a public reporting company. In the third quarter of 2003, GPH's board of directors and its capital finance committee also began investigating the possibility of strategic alternatives for GPH, including, in response to discussions with WRL in July 2003, a possible transaction with WRL.

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On July 11, 2003, Mr. Patrick Baird, President and Chief Executive Officer of AEGON USA, Mr. Jerry Vahl, President of WRL, Mr. Edward McKernan, Chief Executive Officer of GPH and Mr. Monte Holm, then-director of GPH, met in AEGON USA's offices in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to discuss the possibility of pursuing a new strategic relationship between GPH and WRL.

On July 22, 2003, GPH's capital finance committee met and Mr. McKernan reported to the committee on the meeting with AEGON USA in Cedar Rapids. After discussion, the committee authorized Mr. McKernan to continue discussions with WRL and to report any developments to the committee.

On August 20, 2003 and September 24, 2003, Mr. McKernan discussed by telephone and subsequently met in person with representatives of WRL at WRL's offices in St. Petersburg, Florida, to discuss various issues involved in the analysis of the value of the assets of GPH.

On October 20, 2003, Mr. Vahl delivered, via email, a letter (the "WRL Letter") to Mr. McKernan outlining certain proposed terms upon which WRL would be interested in discussing the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of GPH.

On October 23, 2003, Mr. Vahl and Mr. McKernan spoke by telephone regarding the proposed terms included in the WRL Letter.

On October 27, 2003, the capital finance committee of GPH's board of directors, together with its legal counsel, Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP, met to review and discuss the terms proposed in the WRL Letter indicating WRL's interest in discussing a possible transaction. The committee discussed the potential impact that such a transaction could have on the strategic plans for GPH and discussed with legal counsel their fiduciary duties with respect to a potential transaction of the nature proposed in the WRL Letter. The committee authorized GPH's management to enter into a confidentiality agreement with WRL and to permit WRL and its affiliates to commence due diligence on GPRE and its operations. The committee also directed GPH's management to begin the process of engaging a financial advisor to assist GPH in exploring this potential transaction, and other, potential strategic alternatives and to begin analysis of the terms of the proposals contained in the WRL Letter.

During the period from November through December of 2003, GPH's management and the capital finance committee of GPH's board of directors met on multiple occasions to review the status of discussions with WRL and to interview and consider retaining financial advisors. On December 10, 2003, GPH retained Raymond James as its financial advisor to assist GPH in evaluating strategic opportunities. Shortly after this time, Raymond James began due diligence and the drafting of a confidential memorandum describing GPH for potential strategic partners.

On November 30, 2003, WRL executed and delivered to GPH a confidentiality agreement.

On December 15, 2003, GPH and WRL entered into an Extension and Tolling Agreement, extending the expiration dates of certain rights under the existing agreements between the companies until ninety days after written notice from either party terminating the Extension and Tolling Agreement.

From January through March of 2004, representatives of WRL and its affiliates and GPH exchanged financial, legal, tax, accounting and other information, WRL and its affiliates conducted due diligence reviews of GPRE and the parties discussed possible valuation models for such assets

and possible transaction structures.

On March 17, 2004, GPH's board of directors engaged CC&Co for the purpose of analyzing any possible strategic transaction presented to GPH's board of directors and evaluating the fairness thereof to the GPH stockholders.

On March 24, 2004, at a quarterly meeting of GPH's board of directors, Raymond James presented to GPH's board a written confidential memorandum to be used in soliciting prospective strategic partners for GPH. In addition, representatives of Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP, counsel to GPH, reviewed with GPH's board of

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directors its fiduciary duties related to pursuing a possible strategic transaction. Following such presentations, GPH's board of directors authorized Raymond James to commence its marketing efforts to explore strategic alternatives for GPH. GPH's board of directors also directed its management to continue to pursue a possible transaction with WRL and to request clarification from WRL on the terms of their proposal.

In April 2004, Raymond James began contacting and distributing the confidential memorandum to insurance and reinsurance companies, banks, distributors or insurance and other financial products, private equity firms and other potential strategic partners, and soliciting expressions of interest in a transaction with GPH. Also in April 2004, GPH issued a press release stating that it had engaged Raymond James to explore a range of long-term strategic opportunities to enhance stockholder value.

On April 23, 2004, Mr. McKernan sent to Mr. Vahl a letter outlining GPH's recommendations regarding the assumptions and methodologies WRL should consider in valuing GPRE.

From April through June of 2004, representatives of management of GPH and WRL met, in person and by telephone, and exchanged information in order to clarify and refine the proposed terms and develop valuation models for WRL to analyze the value of the assets of GPH.

At a quarterly meeting of GPH's board of directors held on May 25, 2004, GPH's board of directors discussed the status of their discussions with WRL and reviewed the status of the contacts being made by Raymond James with other potential strategic partners.

On June 21, 2004, Mr. McKernan delivered to Mr. Vahl proposed revisions to the terms cited in the WRL Letter.

On July 1, 2004, Mr. Vahl delivered to Mr. McKernan a further revised version of the WRL Letter, including an increase in the proposed valuation for GPH's assets, elimination of a cash consideration option, and additional conditions to closing of the proposed transaction, including approval of the transaction by certain Dutch regulatory authorities.

On July 9, 2004, a conference call was held among Mr. McKernan, Ms. Caryl Shepherd, GPH's Chief Accounting Officer, representatives of Raymond James, representatives of Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP and Mr. Vahl, Mr. Craig Vermie, general counsel of AEGON USA, and Mr. Art Schneider, senior tax officer of AEGON USA, to discuss the proposed structure, valuation, mechanics, approval requirements, conditions to closing and timing of the proposed transaction.

At GPH's annual board meeting on July 15, 2004, Raymond James delivered an extensive presentation to the board regarding its process to identify other potential strategic partners interested in pursuing a transaction with GPH and the alternatives available to GPH. The representatives of Raymond James reviewed with GPH's board of directors the processes and procedures that had been followed in its extensive efforts to identify other parties for a potential strategic transaction with GPH. With no written indications of interest being expressed by prospective parties other than WRL, the alternatives presented were (1) maintaining the status quo, (2) effecting a going private transaction and reducing expenses, and (3) pursuing a transaction with WRL. Representatives of Raymond James also reviewed with GPH's board of directors the terms of the current proposal from WRL, including the potential consideration available to stockholders under such proposal, the potential additional consideration available to stockholders upon the liquidation and dissolution of GPH, the recent performance of AEGON common shares, current market conditions and valuation information for publicly traded life and annuity insurance companies and life and annuity reinsurance companies. GPH's board of directors conducted extensive discussions on the alternatives available to GPH. A representative of Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP repeated his presentation relating to GPH's board of directors' fiduciary duties in considering such other

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alternatives. At the conclusion of the discussions, GPH's board of directors decided to continue its discussions with WRL regarding a possible transaction and directed its management to communicate this decision to representatives of WRL. Following this meeting, Mr. McKernan and Mr. Holm contacted Mr. Vahl to inform him of the board's decision and to schedule a meeting to discuss the proposed transaction.

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On July 20, 2004, Mr. Vahl, Mr. McKernan and representatives of Morris Manning & Martin, LLP and Raymond James met at the offices of GPH and discussed the proposed structure for the transaction, the options for liquidating the non-WRL assets of GPRE, the timing for the preparation of a draft agreement by AEGON USA and WRL, the possible tax treatment of the proposed transaction, timing, conditions to closing, approvals, and public disclosure of the status of the negotiations.

At a telephonic meeting held on July 27, 2004, GPH's board of directors discussed the results of the July 20 meeting and reviewed a draft press release. After considering the benefits and risks of public disclosure of the status of the negotiations with WRL, GPH's board of directors approved the press release.

On July 28, 2004, WRL and GPH issued a joint press release announcing that WRL and GPH were in discussions regarding a possible acquisition by WRL or one of its affiliates of the stock of GPRE. On the evening of July 28, 2004, Mr. McKernan and Mr. Vahl read the press release to a meeting of agents associated with WFG in Las Vegas, Nevada, many of whom were stockholders of GPH.

On August 9, 2004, Mr. Vahl delivered to Mr. McKernan via email a first draft of a proposed Reorganization Agreement.

Copies of the proposed Reorganization Agreement, with revisions proposed by GPH's management and Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP, its legal counsel, were distributed to members of GPH's board of directors. At their quarterly meeting on August 24, 2004, Mr. McKernan updated GPH's board of directors on the status of the discussions with WRL and representatives of Raymond James made a presentation on the terms of the proposed Reorganization Agreement. Following discussion, GPH's board of directors approved proceeding with the negotiations of the proposed Reorganization Agreement.

Between September 1, 2004 and November 17, 2004, various representatives of WRL, AEGON USA, GPH and Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP met on a number of occasions in person or on the telephone to discuss the proposed Reorganization Agreement, including issues concerning the calculation of the value of the proposed consideration, the value of GPRE, the mechanics for delivering the consideration, the conditions to closing and the possible timing of the proposed transaction.

At a quarterly meeting of GPH's board of directors held on November 23, 2004, Mr. Montgomery reported to GPH's board of directors the results of his discussions with representatives of WRL. Representatives of Raymond James made a presentation outlining their process so far, other alternatives available to GPH, the current terms of the AEGON proposal, including potential consideration available to stockholders under such proposal, the potential additional consideration available to stockholders upon the liquidation and dissolution of GPH, the recent performance of AEGON's common shares, current market conditions, valuation information for publicly traded life and annuity insurance companies and life and annuity reinsurance companies and their assessment of the open issues remaining on the proposed agreement.

During the period from November 23, 2004 through December 27, 2004, GPH's capital finance committee met on numerous occasions to review and discuss the status of the Reorganization Agreement and representatives of GPH, Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP and AEGON USA and WRL negotiated final revisions to the terms of the Reorganization Agreement.

On December 30, 2004, GPH's board of directors met telephonically to discuss the final draft of the Reorganization Agreement. Prior to the meeting, GPH's board of directors received the final version of the Reorganization Agreement, as well as a summary of the agreement and other related materials and memoranda. At the meeting, GPH's board of directors received the following presentations:

Raymond James summarized the terms of the proposed Reorganization, including the proposed consideration, the calculation of Average Price, the termination provisions, including the collar on the price of AEGON common shares during the Calculation Period and break-up fees, and the potential additional consideration available to stockholders upon the liquidation and dissolution of GPH;



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CC&Co reviewed its financial analysis of the proposed Asset Transfer and delivered its oral opinion, subsequently confirmed by delivery of a written opinion dated December 30, 2004, that as of that date, and based on and subject to the assumptions, qualifications and limitations stated in its written opinion, the consideration to be received by GPH in the Asset Transfer was fair, from a financial point of view, to the GPH stockholders;

Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP again reviewed GPH's directors' fiduciary duties in considering the proposed Reorganization;

Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP and Mr. McKernan reviewed the terms of the Reorganization Agreement, including changes that had been made to the draft that had been distributed to GPH's board of directors prior to the meeting; and

Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP reviewed the resolutions that the board of directors would need to adopt if it decided to approve the Asset Transfer pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement and the Dissolution pursuant to the Dissolution Plan.

GPH's board of directors engaged in a full discussion of the terms of the Reorganization Agreement and the proposed Reorganization generally, including the strategic rationale and potential benefits and risks of the Reorganization and posed questions to Raymond James, CC&Co, Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP and representatives of GPH's management. GPH's board of directors then unanimously approved the Reorganization Agreement and the dissolution of GPH (following and subject to the consummation of the Asset Transfer), and unanimously recommended that GPH stockholders authorize the Asset Transfer pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement and the Dissolution pursuant to the Dissolution Plan. GPH's board of directors directed management to proceed with the necessary steps to obtain stockholder authorization of the Reorganization Agreement and the Dissolution Plan and to prepare the necessary agreements and documents to complete the proposed Reorganization.

In the afternoon on December 30, 2004, following the meeting of GPH's board of directors, AEGON, GAC and GPH entered into the Reorganization Agreement. On the evening of December 30, 2004, AEGON and GPH issued a joint press release announcing the signing of the Reorganization Agreement.

## **GPH'S REASONS FOR THE REORGANIZATION AND RECOMMENDATION**

### **BY GPH'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

GPH's board of directors has unanimously determined that the Asset Transfer pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement, and the Dissolution pursuant to the Dissolution Plan, are in the best interests of GPH and its stockholders. Accordingly, GPH's board of directors has approved the Reorganization Agreement and Dissolution Plan and it recommends that you vote to authorize the same by voting **FOR** the Asset Transfer pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement and **FOR** the Dissolution pursuant to the Dissolution Plan. In reaching their decision to approve the Reorganization Agreement and the Dissolution Plan, GPH's board of directors consulted with its management and financial and legal advisors and considered a number of factors.

The following is a discussion of the information and factors considered by GPH's board of directors in reaching their decision. This discussion is not intended to be exhaustive, but includes the material factors considered by GPH's board of directors. GPH's board of directors discussed the anticipated impact of the Reorganization on GPH stockholders and it did not identify any material disadvantages expected to result from the Reorganization during these discussions. In reaching its decision to approve the proposed Asset Transfer and the proposed Dissolution and submit these proposals to GPH stockholders, GPH's board of directors did not assign any relative or specific weights to the factors considered in reaching such decision, and individual members of GPH's board of directors may have given differing weights to different factors. GPH's board of directors made its decision to support the Reorganization collectively, based on the factors each member considered to be relevant and important.



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In reaching its decision, GPH's board of directors discussed numerous considerations, including the following:

The strategic and financial alternatives available to GPH;

The terms of the Reorganization Agreement;

The current and prospective economic and competitive environment facing GPH;

The board presentations of CC&Co, one of GPH's financial advisors, and their fairness opinion that the consideration received by GPH in the Asset Transfer is fair, from a financial point of view, to the GPH stockholders;

The current value of the AEGON common shares that will comprise the consideration in exchange for substantially all of the assets of GPH currently represents a premium to the book value of such assets;

Various presentations by Raymond James to GPH's board of directors with respect to the alternatives to the Reorganization;

The positive benefits of the Reorganization in light of the strategic and financial alternatives available the GPH;

The interest of GPH's officers and directors in the Reorganization as described more fully under the heading INTERESTS OF CERTAIN PERSON IN THE REORGANIZATION on page 54 of this Proxy Statement/Prospectus;

In the Dissolution, GPH stockholders will be entitled to receive publicly traded AEGON common shares owned by GPH;

The significant legal, accounting and administrative costs associated with maintaining GPH as a stand-alone, public reporting company relative to its total operating margins;

The expectation that the Reorganization will qualify as a tax-deferred reorganization for purposes of Section 368(a)(1)(C) of the Code;

A substantial portion of GPRE's annual revenues are derived from its reinsurance agreements with AEGON's affiliate, WRL;

GPRE's and the businesses of certain affiliates of AEGON are complementary in nature; and

A significant percentage of GPH stockholders are also associated with an AEGON affiliate.

GPH's board of directors also discussed the following negative considerations and risks:

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The substantially irreversible nature of the Reorganization;

The amount of consideration and the manner in which it is to be paid for the assets of GPH is fixed as of December 30, 2004, the date on which the Reorganization Agreement was signed. Consequently, the amount of such consideration will not change to reflect any subsequent increases in the value of GPH's assets or its common stock;

The risk that the AEGON common shares received by GPH in consideration for the sale of its assets to GAC may decline in value prior to the time that such AEGON common shares are distributed to GPH stockholders in the Dissolution;

The risk that the US dollar will change in value relative to the Euro affecting the value of AEGON common shares delivered to GPH at the closing of the Asset Transfer;

The fact that GPH's board of directors will not be able to accurately predict the timing, or amount, of any distributions to GPH stockholders pursuant to the Dissolution Plan;

The substantial termination fees that will become due and payable to AEGON in the event that the Reorganization Agreement is terminated by either of the parties under certain circumstances, and the

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potential adverse impact that such fees may have on any person or entity that may be interested in acquiring the business of GPH or GPRE prior to the closing of the Asset Transfer;

The significant costs associated with the Reorganization;

The risk of continuing to divert the GPH management's focus and resources away from operational matters and other strategic opportunities while working to consummate the Reorganization;

The adverse impact of the Reorganization on GPH's employees;

The difficulty in estimating the contingency reserve that GPH is required to establish in order to satisfy any unknown claims and liabilities that may arise during the statutory three-year period in which it is winding up its business; and

The risk that GPH stockholders may be required to pay a portion of the liquidating distribution to GPH's creditors if GPH does not establish an adequate contingency reserve fund to satisfy all of its known and any of its unknown claims and liabilities that may arise during the statutory three-year period in which it is winding up its business.

In the course of their deliberations with respect to the Reorganization Agreement and the Dissolution Plan, GPH's board of directors also reviewed possible alternatives to the Reorganization and concluded that that the Reorganization was the best course of action for GPH and its stockholders and that the anticipated benefits of completing the Reorganization substantially outweigh the foregoing risks and negative considerations which are more fully described in "RISKS RELATED TO THE REORGANIZATION" set forth on page 22.

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**OPINION OF GPH'S FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

GPH retained CC&Co to evaluate the fairness, from a financial point of view, of the consideration (the Consideration) to be received by GPH in connection with the Asset Transfer. During a telephonic meeting held by GPH's board of directors on December 30, 2004 to evaluate the Reorganization Agreement, CC&Co delivered to GPH's board of directors an oral opinion, which was subsequently confirmed in writing, to the effect that, as of the date of the opinion and based on and subject to the matters described in the opinion, the Consideration was fair, from a financial point of view, to the holders of shares of GPH common stock.

THE FULL TEXT OF CC&CO'S WRITTEN OPINION DATED DECEMBER 30, 2004, WHICH DESCRIBES THE ASSUMPTIONS MADE, MATTERS CONSIDERED AND LIMITATIONS ON THE REVIEW UNDERTAKEN, IS ATTACHED TO THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AS ANNEX C AND IS INCORPORATED INTO THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS BY REFERENCE. CC&CO'S OPINION IS DIRECTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GPH AND RELATES ONLY TO THE FAIRNESS OF THE CONSIDERATION TO BE PAID TO GPH FROM A FINANCIAL POINT OF VIEW, DOES NOT ADDRESS ANY OTHER ASPECT OF THE REORGANIZATION OR ANY RELATED TRANSACTION AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A RECOMMENDATION TO ANY STOCKHOLDER OF GPH WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER RELATING TO THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION. THE SUMMARY OF THE CC&CO OPINION SET FORTH IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO THE FULL TEXT OF THE OPINION. HOLDERS OF SHARES OF GPH COMMON STOCK ARE URGED TO, AND SHOULD, READ THE OPINION CAREFULLY AND IN ITS ENTIRETY.

In arriving at its opinion, CC&Co:

reviewed the Reorganization Agreement;

held discussions with senior officers, directors and other representatives and advisors of GPH, GPRE and WRL and its affiliates concerning the business, operations and prospects of each company;

examined certain business and financial information relating to GPH and GPRE;

examined certain publicly available information relating to AEGON;

reviewed the financial terms of the Asset Transfer as described in the Reorganization Agreement in relation to, among other things, the historical earnings and other operating data of GPH and GPRE, and the capitalization and financial condition of GPH and GPRE;

considered, to the extent publicly available, the financial terms of other transactions recently effected which CC&Co considered relevant in evaluating the Asset Transfer;

analyzed financial, stock market and other publicly available information relating to the businesses of other companies whose operations CC&Co considered relevant in evaluating those of GPH, GPRE and AEGON;

examined and considered existing relationships between GPH and its affiliates, on the one hand, and AEGON's affiliates, on the other hand, including, but not limited to, the fact that an affiliate of AEGON accounts for a substantial portion of GPRE's revenue;

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reviewed the marketing process undertaken by Raymond James, the other financial advisor to GPH, and GPH relating to identifying potential purchasers of GPH;

reviewed the historical trading prices of AEGON common shares;

reviewed financial and trading multiple analysis of companies comparable to AEGON and GPH;

conducted a review of the current research outlook of AEGON common shares; and

conducted other analyses and examinations and considered other financial, economic and market criteria as CC&Co deemed appropriate in arriving at its opinion.

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In rendering its opinion, CC&Co assumed and relied, without independent verification, upon the accuracy and completeness of all the information examined or otherwise reviewed or considered by it. CC&Co has not made or obtained an independent valuation or appraisal of the assets, liabilities or solvency of GPH or AEGON nor was it provided with any such valuation or appraisal. In addition, CC&Co did not make an independent evaluation of the adequacy of the reserves or collectibility of reinsurance, related to the future policy benefits and unpaid loss and loss adjustment expenses of GPH or AEGON, nor has it reviewed any individual insurance claims or policy files or contracts relating to GPH or AEGON. CC&Co was not provided with, and did not review, any internal non-public financial or other projections of AEGON in connection with its opinion.

In connection with its engagement, CC&Co did not participate in the negotiation or structuring of the Asset Transfer nor was it asked to consider, and its opinion does not address, the relative merits of the Asset Transfer as compared to any alternative business strategies that might exist for GPH, the effect of any other transaction in which GPH might engage or the underlying business decisions to engage in the Asset Transfer. Although CC&Co evaluated the Consideration from a financial point of view, CC&Co was not asked to and did not recommend the specific amount or form of consideration payable in connection with the Asset Transfer, which was determined through negotiations between GPH and AEGON. GPH did not deliver any other instructions to, or impose any other limitations on, CC&Co with respect to the investigations made or procedures followed by CC&Co in rendering its opinion.

CC&Co has relied as to all legal and tax matters on advice of counsel and tax advisors to GPH, and has assumed that the Asset Transfer will be consummated on the terms described in the Reorganization Agreement, without any waiver of any material terms or conditions, including, among other things, that the Asset Transfer will be treated as a tax-deferred reorganization pursuant to Section 368(a)(1)(C) of the Code. In addition, CC&Co has assumed that obtaining the necessary regulatory and third party approvals and consents to the Asset Transfer will not have an adverse effect on GPH or AEGON or the contemplated benefits of the consummation of the Asset Transfer.

CC&Co's opinion was necessarily based upon economic, market, financial and other conditions existing on, and other information disclosed to CC&Co as of, the date of its opinion. It should be understood that, although subsequent developments may affect this opinion, CC&Co does not have any obligation to update, revise or reaffirm this opinion. CC&Co has expressed no opinion as to the price at which AEGON common shares would trade subsequent to the announcement or consummation of the Asset Transfer or at any other future date or as to the effect of the Asset Transfer on the trading price of the common stock of AEGON.

The terms of the Reorganization Agreement contemplate the winding-up and dissolution of GPH within twelve months following the closing of the Asset Transfer and the distribution of the assets of GPH, including all remaining AEGON common shares that comprise the Consideration. The terms of the Reorganization Agreement also permit the sale of certain assets of GPRE prior to the closing of the Asset Transfer. CC&Co's opinion is limited to the evaluation of the Consideration payable to GPH in connection with the sale of the shares of the common stock of GPRE and related assets and does not include an evaluation of (1) any remaining assets or liabilities of GPH following the consummation of the Asset Transfer, (2) the contemplated winding-up and dissolution of GPH, (3) the use of the Consideration by GPH following the closing, including any distributions to GPH stockholders, or (4) the effects of the sale of any assets of GPRE prior to the closing of the Asset Transfer.

In preparing its opinion, CC&Co performed a variety of financial and comparative analyses, including those described below. The summary of these analyses is not a complete description of the analyses underlying CC&Co's opinion. The preparation of a fairness opinion is a complex analytical process involving various determinations as to the most appropriate and relevant methods of financial analysis and the application of those methods to the particular circumstances and, therefore, a fairness opinion is not readily susceptible to summary description. Accordingly, CC&Co believes that its analyses must be considered as a whole and that selecting portions of its analyses and factors, without considering all analyses and factors, could create a misleading or incomplete view of the processes underlying its analyses and opinion.



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In its analyses, CC&Co considered industry performance, general business, economic, market and financial conditions and other matters existing as of the date of its opinion, many of which are beyond the control of GPH. No company, transaction or business used in those analyses as a comparison is identical to GPH or the proposed Asset Transfer, and an evaluation of those analyses is not entirely mathematical. Rather, the analyses involve complex considerations and judgments concerning financial and operating characteristics and other factors that could affect the acquisition, public trading or other values of the companies, business segments or transactions analyzed.

The estimates contained in CC&Co's analyses and the valuation ranges resulting from any particular analyses are not necessarily indicative of actual values or predictive of future results or values, which may be significantly more or less favorable than those suggested by its analyses. In addition, analyses relating to the value of businesses or securities do not necessarily purport to be appraisals or to reflect the prices at which businesses or securities actually may be sold. Accordingly, CC&Co's analyses and estimates are inherently subject to substantial uncertainty.

CC&Co's opinion and analyses were only one of many factors considered by GPH's board directors in its evaluation of the Asset Transfer and should not be viewed as determinative of the views of GPH's board of directors with respect to the Consideration or the proposed Asset Transfer.

The following is a summary of the material financial analyses performed by CC&Co in connection with the rendering of its opinion dated December 30, 2004:

### **SELECTED COMPANIES ANALYSIS**

CC&Co reviewed and compared certain of GPH's financial information to corresponding financial data for the following selected publicly traded life reinsurance companies, small cap life insurance companies, and mid to large cap life insurance companies that CC&Co deemed comparable to GPH (the Selected Peer Group). As noted, no company used in comparisons to GPH, including those in the Selected Peer Group, is identical to GPH. Accordingly, an analysis of the results of the comparison of GPH with companies in the Selected Peer Group necessarily involves complex considerations and judgments concerning differences in financial and operating characteristics of GPH and the companies to which GPH are being compared.

#### *Life Reinsurance Companies:*

Reinsurance Group of America

Scottish Re Group Limited

#### *Small Cap Life Insurance Companies:*

American Equity Investment Life

Cotton States Life Insurance Company

Kansas City Life Insurance Company

FBL Financial Group, Inc.

*Mid and Large Cap Life Insurance Companies:*

MetLife, Inc.

Prudential Financial, Inc.

Principal Financial Group, Inc.

Lincoln National Corporation

Jefferson-Pilot Corporation

Torchmark Corporation

Nationwide Financial Services, Inc.

Phoenix Companies, Inc.

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All multiples were based on closing stock prices as of December 23, 2004. CC&Co estimated the market value of GPH by comparing the market values of the selected companies as a multiple of, among other things, twelve months ended September 30, 2004, net income computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S., commonly known as GAAP, and GAAP book value as of September 30, 2004. The median multiple of price to respective last twelve months earnings was 13.9 for the Selected Peer Group with a high of 21.0 and a low of 12.2. The median ratio of price to GAAP book value was 132% with a high of 187% and a low of 57%. CC&Co then applied a range of selected multiples derived from the Selected Peer Group of GAAP net income and latest GAAP book value as of September 30, 2004 to corresponding financial data of GPH in order to derive an implied equity reference range for GPH.

CC&Co also analyzed the correlation between the public companies operating return on equity for twelve month period ended September 30, 2004 and the price to book value of each company's stock. Operating return on equity is defined as net income excluding net realized gains and losses as well as extraordinary gains or losses, divided by the average stockholders' equity for each company over the time period.

The following table reflects the results of the foregoing analysis:

Company	Stock Price 12/23/04	Price/ Earnings Multiple (1)	Price/ Book Multiple (2)	Operating Income ROE (3)
<b>Life Reinsurance Companies</b>				
Reinsurance Group of America	\$ 48.41	14.9x	1.43x	10.6%
Scottish Re Group Limited	25.50	N/M	1.27x	7.0%
	<b>Median:</b>	<b>14.9x</b>	<b>1.35x</b>	<b>8.8%</b>
<b>Small Cap Life Insurance Companies</b>				
American Equity Investment Life	\$ 10.64	12.2x	1.30x	5.4%
Cotton States Life Insurance Company	20.11	N/M	1.43x	N/A
Kansas City Life Insurance Company	48.95	21.0x	0.88x	5.1%
FBL Financial Group, Inc.	28.57	12.2x	1.02x	6.9%
	<b>Median:</b>	<b>12.2x</b>	<b>1.16x</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
<b>Mid and Large Cap Life Insurance Companies</b>				
MetLife, Inc.	\$ 40.59	12.9x	1.33x	11.8%
Prudential Financial, Inc.	54.56	19.7x	1.30x	7.6%
Principal Financial Group, Inc.	40.51	16.6x	1.62x	11.1%
Lincoln National Corporation	46.74	13.9x	1.37x	12.3%
Jefferson-Pilot Corporation	51.70	13.8x	1.84x	15.5%
Torchmark Corporation	56.72	14.6x	1.87x	14.8%
Nationwide Financial Services, Inc.	38.29	13.1x	1.13x	10.1%
Phoenix Companies, Inc.	12.16	N/M	0.57x	2.9%
	<b>Median:</b>	<b>13.9x</b>	<b>1.35x</b>	<b>11.4%</b>
	<b>Universe Median:</b>	<b>13.9x</b>	<b>1.32x</b>	<b>10.1%</b>

(1) For the 12 month period ending September 30, 2004.

(2) Includes FAS 115.

(3) For the 12 month period ending September 30, 2004.

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Using publicly available information, CC&Co reviewed the purchase prices and implied transaction value multiples paid or proposed to be paid in the following six selected transactions in the life reinsurance industry:

<b>Announce</b>			<b>Deal Value (\$mm)</b>	<b>Price/Book Multiple (1)</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Buyer Name</b>	<b>Target Name</b>		
10/24/03	Scottish Re Group Limited	ERC Life Reinsurance Corporation	151.1	NA
08/06/01	Scottish Annuity & Life Holdings Ltd.	World-Wide Holdings Limited	78.0	1.40x
07/27/01	Swiss Reinsurance Company	Lincoln National Reassurance Company	2,500.0	2.30x
12/20/00	Everest Re Group, Ltd.	AFC Re Limited	17.0	1.00x
04/12/00	SCOR	PartnerRe Life Insurance Company of the United States	145.0	1.35x
06/10/99	Scottish Annuity & Life Holdings Ltd.	Harbourton Reassurance, Inc.	25.0	0.58x
			<b>Median:</b>	<b>1.35x</b>

(1) Includes FAS 115.

CC&Co compared purchase prices in the selected transactions as a multiple of, among other things, latest GAAP book value. All multiples were based on publicly available financial information from the selected transaction. The median ratio of purchase price to GAAP book value was 135% with a high of 230% and a low of 58%. CC&Co then applied a range of selected multiples of GAAP book value to GPH's GAAP book value as of September 30, 2004 in order to derive an implied equity reference range for GPH.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Under the terms of its engagement, GPH has paid to CC&Co a fee of \$175,000 for the delivery of its opinion. GPH also has agreed to reimburse CC&Co for reasonable travel and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred by CC&Co in performing its services, including the fees and expenses of its legal counsel, and to indemnify CC&Co and related persons against liabilities, including liabilities under the federal securities laws, arising out of its engagement. In the past, CC&Co has provided certain investment banking services to GPH, including the pursuit of various public and private capital raising alternatives as well as providing valuation services in connection with the granting of stock options to the management of GPH. In 2004, CC&Co received \$10,000 in fees in connection with such stock option valuation services. In the ordinary course of business, CC&Co, as broker-dealer, may actively trade the securities of AEGON for its own account or for the account of its customers and, accordingly, may at any time hold a long or short position in such securities.

CC&Co is a full service investment bank focused exclusively on the insurance industry and was selected by GPH based on its experience and expertise in the industry. CC&Co regularly engages in the valuation of businesses and their securities in connection with mergers and acquisitions, negotiated underwritings, competitive bids, secondary distributions of listed and unlisted securities, private placements and valuations for estate, corporate and other purposes.

**AEGON'S REASONS FOR THE REORGANIZATION**

In reaching their decision to execute the Reorganization Agreement, AEGON and GAC consulted with their management and considered a number of factors, including:

The terms of the Reorganization Agreement;

The current and prospective economic and competitive environment facing WFG and WRL, both of which are affiliates of AEGON;

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Since WRL maintained, and continues to maintain, reinsurance agreements with GPRE, the AEGON Executive Board, (1) had a high degree of knowledge of GPRE's in force business and its risk profile (which is similar to the business and risk profile of WRL) and (2) considered the purchase of the share capital of GPRE as a recapture of WRL's life and annuity business previously reinsured to GPRE;

The significant legal, accounting and administrative costs incurred by WRL and WFG from, and time devoted to, administering WRL's current reinsurance agreements with GPRE and the expectation that the net amount of such costs will be reduced following the acquisition of GPRE; and

A significant percentage of GPH stockholders are associated with WFG.

In considering the anticipated impact of the Reorganization on AEGON and GAC, they did not identify any material disadvantages expected to result from the Reorganization during these discussions.

## **SOURCE OF AEGON COMMON SHARES AND STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING**

No later than seven business days that are not "Blackout Days" after the date on which GPH stockholders meet to vote on the Reorganization and prior to the closing of the Asset Transfer, AEGON has agreed to acquire issued and outstanding AEGON common shares that will comprise the consideration to be paid to GPH in the Asset Transfer. "Blackout Days" include any days (1) commencing on (a) January 3, 2005 through March 3, 2005 and (b) April 20, 2005 through May 11, 2005 or (2) on which AEGON is prohibited from acquiring AEGON common shares either by law, stock exchange requirement or its internal trading policies.

At, and subsequent to, the closing of the Asset Transfer, the AEGON common shares that will be delivered to GPH will be shares of New York Registry shares, which are listed on the NYSE.

## **RESTRICTIONS ON SALES OF SHARES BY GPH AND ITS AFFILIATES**

The AEGON common shares to be delivered to GPH in the Reorganization will be registered under the Securities Act. These shares will be freely transferable under the Securities Act, except for AEGON common shares held by GPH or that are ultimately delivered to any person who is an affiliate of GPH. Persons who may be deemed to be affiliates include individuals or entities that control, are controlled by, or are under common control of GPH and may include officers and directors as well as principal stockholders. Neither GPH nor its affiliates may sell the AEGON common shares they receive except pursuant to (1) an effective registration statement under the Securities Act covering the resale of those shares, (2) the resale provisions under paragraph (d) of Rule 145 under the Securities Act or (3) any other applicable exemption under the Securities Act. This Proxy Statement/Prospectus does not cover the resale of any AEGON common shares received by GPH or any person who may be deemed to be an affiliate of GPH.

## **REGULATORY APPROVALS**

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The corporate and insurance laws of Bermuda govern the business and operations of GPRE whose entire issued and outstanding share capital comprises the assets that will be transferred by GPH to GAC pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement. The transfer of GPRE's share capital to GAC cannot be accomplished without (1) the consent of the Bermuda Monetary Authority (Authorization and Compliance Division) pursuant to the Exchange Control Act 1972 and (2) the no objections approval from the Bermuda Monetary Authority (Insurance Division) under the Insurance Act 1978. Both the necessary consent and approval were obtained from the Bermuda Monetary Authority.

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AEGON, GAC or GPH are not aware of any other federal or state regulatory requirements that must be complied with or approvals that must be obtained to consummate the Reorganization. If any additional approvals or filings are required, AEGON, GPH and GAC have each agreed to use their commercially reasonable efforts to obtain those approvals and make any required filings before the Asset Transfer is closed.

**ANTICIPATED ACCOUNTING TREATMENT**

AEGON intends to account for the Asset Transfer as a purchase transaction for financial accounting purposes in accordance with Dutch accounting principles.

**MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES TO GPH STOCKHOLDERS**

The following summarizes the anticipated material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Reorganization to holders of shares of GPH common stock who are holders of record on the closing date of the Asset Transfer and who receive AEGON common shares in the Reorganization. Subject to the limitations and qualifications set forth below, the discussion under this heading **Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences to GPH Stockholders** represents the opinion of Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP, tax counsel to GPH, and KPMG LLP, tax advisor to AEGON and GAC, as to the material US federal income tax consequences of the Reorganization to the holders of GPH common stock.

This discussion is based upon current provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), existing and proposed Treasury Department regulations thereunder, and current administrative rulings and court decisions, each as in effect as of the date of this Proxy Statement/Prospectus and all of which are subject to change, including changes in interpretation. Any such change, which may or may not be retroactive, could alter the tax consequences to GPH and its stockholders.

GPH stockholders should be aware that this discussion is not a complete description of all of the income tax consequences of the Reorganization that may be relevant to certain GPH stockholders in light of their particular circumstances, including, without limitation, stockholders who are financial institutions or regulated investment companies; stockholders who are not United States persons (within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code); stockholders who are insurance companies, tax-exempt organizations, or dealers in securities; stockholders who do not hold their shares of GPH common stock as capital assets; stockholders who acquire or acquired their shares in connection with stock option plans or otherwise as compensation; or stockholders that are partnerships or other pass-through entities or persons that hold shares of GPH common stock through partnerships or other pass-through entities. In addition, the following discussion does not address the tax consequences of the Reorganization under foreign, state, or local tax laws or the tax consequences of other transactions effectuated prior or subsequent to or concurrently with the Reorganization (whether or not such



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transactions are in connection with the Reorganization), including, without limitation, transactions in which shares of GPH common stock are acquired or AEGON common shares are sold or otherwise disposed. ACCORDINGLY, GPH STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS AS TO THE SPECIFIC TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM OF THE REORGANIZATION DESCRIBED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS, INCLUDING THE APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND FOREIGN TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE REORGANIZATION RELEVANT TO THEIR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

AEGON, GAC and GPH have not requested and do not intend to obtain a ruling from the IRS on the tax consequences of the Reorganization. Rather, the obligation of GPH, AEGON and GAC to complete the Asset Transfer is conditioned in part upon the receipt by GPH of an opinion from Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP, tax counsel to GPH, and by AEGON and GAC of an opinion from KPMG LLP, tax advisor to AEGON and GAC, that the Reorganization will qualify as a tax-deferred reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code and will not be subject to Section 367 of the Code. These opinions will be based upon certain assumptions noted in the opinions, as well as upon factual representations and covenants of GPH, AEGON and GAC contained in the Reorganization Agreement. None of the parties intend to waive the receipt of these opinions as a condition to their obligation to complete the Asset Transfer. These opinions will not, however, be binding upon the IRS or any court, and will not preclude the IRS or any court from adopting a contrary position.

Subject to the limitations and qualifications referred to herein, in the event that the Reorganization receives the intended treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code that is not subject to Section 367 of the Code, the material U.S. federal income tax consequences are as follows:

(1) In general, no gain or loss will be recognized by AEGON, GAC, or GPH as a result of the Reorganization, provided, however, that GPH will recognize gain or loss on the sale of any of its assets to generate cash to satisfy its liabilities and expenses, and GPH will recognize gain on the distribution of any property other than shares of AEGON common stock to its shareholders and creditors as if such property were sold to the distributee at its fair market value.

(2) Holders of shares of GPH common stock will not recognize any gain or loss as a result of the Reorganization, except to the extent of (a) cash received in lieu of fractional AEGON common shares, and (b) cash or other non-stock property received in exchange for shares of GPH common stock. Such holders may, however, recognize a taxable gain or loss at the time of their disposition of any AEGON common shares they receive as a result of the Reorganization.

(3) GPH stockholders receiving cash or other non-stock property in addition to AEGON common shares in the Reorganization will recognize gain equal to the lesser of the amount of cash (or the fair market value of other non-stock property) received or the gain realized as a result of the Reorganization (*i.e.*, the fair market value of the AEGON common shares and all other property received by the stockholder less that stockholder's tax basis in the shares of GPH common stock surrendered). The gain recognized will be treated as capital gain or dividend income (which generally are taxable at the same rates, in the case of long-term capital gains) depending on whether the non-stock consideration has the effect of a dividend distribution and whether GPH has adequate earnings and profits.

(4) In general, the aggregate tax basis of the AEGON common shares received by GPH stockholders in the Reorganization, including AEGON common shares that are deemed to be received by GPH stockholders as a result of receiving a beneficial interest in a liquidating trust, if any, should be the same as the aggregate tax basis of the shares of GPH common stock surrendered in the exchange, increased by any gain recognized in the exchange by the stockholder and decreased by the amount of cash (or other property, except AEGON common shares) received, or deemed received as a result of the receipt of a beneficial interest in a liquidating trust, if any.



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(5) The holding period of the AEGON common shares received by GPH stockholders in the Reorganization will include the holding period of the shares of GPH common stock surrendered in the exchange.

(6) A holder of shares of GPH common stock receiving cash in lieu of a fractional AEGON common share generally will recognize capital gain or loss for federal income tax purposes measured by the difference between the amount of cash received and the portion of the tax basis of the shares of GPH common stock allocable to such fractional AEGON common share.

In order for the Reorganization to qualify as a reorganization for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a number of requirements must be met, including but not limited to the following: (1) GAC or a member of GAC's qualified group as defined in Treasury Regulations under Section 368 of the Code must, as part of its ongoing business, continue at least one significant historic business line of GPH or use a significant portion of GPH's historic business assets in an ongoing business; (2) no two parties to the Reorganization can be investment companies as that term is defined under the Code; and (3) substantially all of the assets held by GPH immediately before the Asset Transfer must be acquired by GAC in exchange solely for AEGON common shares. These and other tax-related requirements are set forth by AEGON, GPH and GAC in the Reorganization Agreement as representations or covenants. If any of these or other applicable requirements are not met, then the Reorganization may not be treated as a reorganization under the Code.

In accordance with the Dissolution Plan, GPH will be liquidated and dissolved. Some amount of cash held by GPH and some amount of the AEGON common shares received by GPH pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement may be placed into a liquidating trust upon the dissolution of GPH. The beneficial interests in the liquidating trust will be distributed to GPH stockholders pursuant to the Dissolution Plan. In general, a liquidating trust is not itself subject to U.S. federal income tax; rather, each holder of a beneficial interest in the liquidating trust is treated as owning a pro rata share of the assets of the liquidating trust and is required to take into account his proportionate share of each of the liquidating trust's items of income or deduction. Because the Reorganization should qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(C) of the Code, as described above, GPH stockholders should not recognize any gain or loss that they would not otherwise recognize if the liquidating trust were not utilized. Moreover, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a share of the assets of the liquidating trust (including common stock and cash) should be deemed to have been distributed to each GPH stockholder in proportion to their interests in the liquidating trust and thereafter contributed by such stockholders to the liquidating trust. Accordingly, a distribution of cash to the liquidating trust by GPH will be taxable as if transferred directly to GPH stockholders as discussed above.

If the liquidating trust disposes of any of its AEGON common shares, other than as part of a distribution to GPH stockholders, each GPH stockholder will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the stockholder's pro rata share of the amount realized by the liquidating trust on the disposition of such shares, and the stockholder's tax basis in such shares. If the liquidating trust makes any payments in satisfaction of liabilities of GPH that were contingent as of the inception of the liquidating trust, a holder of a beneficial interest in the liquidating trust generally will be entitled to increase the stockholder's basis (or claim a capital loss) in the AEGON common shares acquired in the liquidation (including such holder's pro rata share of any AEGON common shares held in the liquidating trust) by an amount equal to such holder's pro rata share of such payment. Moreover, if the liquidating trust earns any income, such as interest or dividends, such income will be taxable to a holder of a beneficial interest in the liquidating trust in accordance with the holder's method of accounting in the year in which received by the trust without regard to whether any distribution was made.

A successful IRS challenge to the status of the Reorganization as a reorganization under the Code would result in several significant adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences. First, each GPH stockholder would recognize gain or loss with respect to each of its shares of GPH common stock surrendered in the Reorganization equal to the difference between such stockholder's basis in such shares and the fair market value of the AEGON common shares and any other consideration received in the Reorganization. In such an event, a stockholder's aggregate basis in the AEGON common shares so received would equal their fair market value and the



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stockholder's tax holding period for such shares would begin the day after the date of the distribution in liquidation. Second, the Asset Transfer would be treated as a taxable sale of assets by GPH. The corporate level gain or loss that GPH would recognize upon such a taxable sale of its assets would be equal to the difference between GPH's adjusted tax basis in such assets and the fair market value of all of the consideration received from AEGON pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement. GPH's tax liability associated with any such recognized gain, after taking into account the effect of any relevant and available GPH tax attributes (e.g., current and carryover net operating losses and tax credits), is a liability that is not assumed by AEGON or GAC in accordance with the Reorganization Agreement. It is anticipated that any such tax liability to GPH would be material and would reduce the amounts of AEGON common shares otherwise distributable in the Dissolution. If any such tax liability to GPH were to arise in the three-year period following the Dissolution and after GPH distributes AEGON common shares to its stockholders and if GPH's contingency reserve were inadequate to satisfy the payment of such a tax liability, then each GPH stockholder could be held liable for payment of such a tax liability of such stockholder's pro rata share of amounts owed in excess of GPH's contingency reserve. The liability of a GPH stockholder would be limited to the amounts previously received by such stockholder from GPH. In such an event, a GPH stockholder could be required to return all distributions previously made to such stockholder. Moreover, in the event a stockholder has paid taxes on amounts previously received, a repayment of all or a portion of such amount could result in a stockholder incurring a net tax cost if the stockholder's repayment of an amount previously distributed does not cause a commensurate reduction in taxes payable.

Under the backup withholding provisions of the Code and applicable Treasury Department regulations, certain cash payments received in the Reorganization by GPH stockholders may be subject to backup withholding tax, unless such holders provide their correct taxpayer identification numbers, certify that they are not subject to backup withholding, or otherwise comply with the applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. Certain holders of shares of GPH common stock (including, among others, corporations) are not subject to the backup withholding requirements. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to a GPH stockholder generally may be refunded or claimed as a credit against such holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS. GPH stockholders should consult their own tax advisors as to their qualification for exemption from backup withholding and the procedure for obtaining any such exemption.

THE U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX DISCUSSION SET FORTH ABOVE IS INCLUDED FOR GENERAL INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY AND MAY NOT BE APPLICABLE DEPENDING UPON A GPH STOCKHOLDER'S PARTICULAR SITUATION. GPH STOCKHOLDERS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISERS WITH RESPECT TO THE TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM OF THE REORGANIZATION, INCLUDING THE TAX CONSEQUENCES UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND FOREIGN TAX LAWS AND THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF CHANGES IN FEDERAL OR OTHER TAX LAWS.

**INTERESTS OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN THE REORGANIZATION**

In considering the recommendation of GPH's board of directors with respect to the Reorganization, GPH stockholders should be aware that certain members of GPH's board of directors and management may have interests in the Reorganization that are in addition to the interests of other GPH stockholders generally. These interests include the following:

*Directors' and Officers' Indemnification.* GPH has agreed to indemnify its officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives in accordance with its certificate of incorporation, by-laws and any contractual arrangements, for actions taken in their capacities as officers and directors of GPH and GPRE, including without limitation, actions taken in connection with the Dissolution Plan and the winding up of the affairs of GPH.

*Maintenance of Directors' and Officers' Insurance.* GPH currently maintains directors' and officers' liability insurance policies. Prior to the closing of the Asset Transfer, GPH will purchase new policies,

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or extensions of the current policies, (1) providing coverage and amounts and containing terms and conditions which are, in the aggregate, materially no less advantageous to the insured than those policies currently maintained by it, (2) which shall not result in any gaps or lapses in coverage with respect to matters occurring prior to that date, and (3) providing coverage with respect to claims arising from acts, facts, errors, omissions or certain events including, without limitation, in respect of the Reorganization.

*Stock Options.* As of March 31, 2005, GPH has granted options to purchase up to 215,750 shares of its common stock to its executive officers, Edward F. McKernan, president and chief executive officer, Bradley Barks, chief financial officer and senior vice president of finance, and Caryl Shepherd, vice president, chief accounting officer and controller, and non-employee directors, Joseph F. Barone, Thomas W. Montgomery, Milan M. Radonich, and C. Simon Scupham. All of these options will become fully vested and will cease to become exercisable on the closing date of the Asset Transfer. GPH's board of directors has elected to cancel each outstanding option as of the closing date of the Asset Transfer in exchange for that number of whole shares of GPH common stock that each optionee would have been entitled to receive had they exercised their option on a net share exercise basis on the closing date of the Asset Transfer. As a result, the optionees will be entitled to receive distributions under the Dissolution Plan based on the net number of shares subject to their options at the time of closing of the Asset Transfer. Monte Holm resigned as a director of GPH effective February 16, 2005; however, as of December 30, 2004, the date GPH's board of directors approved the Asset Transfer and the Dissolution, Mr. Holm held options to purchase 6,625 shares of GPH's common stock of which 1,406 were exercisable.

The following table sets forth the number of options granted to each listed individual and the number of shares issuable upon exercise of such options, giving effect to scheduled vesting through the anticipated closing date of the Asset Transfer, plus vesting accelerated as a result of the Asset Transfer, either automatically by the terms of the option agreement or by the action of GPH's board of directors, and the anticipated value of those options in the Reorganization:

	Number of Securities Underlying Options having Accelerated Vesting(1)	Total Number of Securities Underlying Options Granted(2)	Exercise Price (\$)	Potential Realizable Value at Estimated Per Share Distributed(3)	
				AEGON common shares	Cash (\$)
Joseph F. Barone	8,250	23,500	10.46	6,084	2,823
	1,000	1,000	10.94	224	104
Monte Holm		1,406	10.46	364	169
			10.94		
Thomas W. Montgomery	8,250	23,500	10.46	6,084	2,823
	1,000	1,000	10.94	224	104
Milan M. Radonich	4,750	8,500	10.46	2,201	1,021
	1,000	1,000	10.94	224	104
C. Simon Scupham	5,700	16,000	10.46	4,143	1,922
	1,000	1,000	10.94	224	104
Edward F. McKernan	27,187	67,500	10.46	17,476	8,107
	11,250	11,250	10.94	2,517	1,168
Bradley Barks					

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	13,500	21,000	10.46	5,437	2,522
	6,000	6,000	10.94	1,342	623
Caryl Shepherd	12,000	28,500	10.46	7,379	3,423
	6,000	6,000	10.94	1,342	623

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- (1) Assumes vesting resulting solely as a result of the closing of the Asset Transfer prior to the next scheduled vesting date for the options listed.

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- (2) Assumes scheduled vesting through the anticipated closing date, plus vesting accelerated as a result of the Asset Transfer, either automatically by the terms of the option agreement or by the action of the board of directors of GPH.
- (3) Includes total number of options granted to each listed individual on a net share basis and assumes an estimated per share distribution of 1.03 AEGON common shares and \$0.48 in cash each of which is the best estimate of what GPH believes, as of March 31, 2005, it will distribute to its stockholders as a result of the Reorganization.

*Employment Agreements.* GPH has entered into employment agreements with each of Messrs. McKernan and Barks and Ms. Shepherd. Under the terms of each of these employment agreements, the sale of substantially all of its assets to AEGON constitutes a change of control of GPH. This means that if GPH terminates any of these officers' employment or if any of these officers voluntarily terminate their employment with GPH for specified reasons following the closing date of the Asset Transfer, the officer will be entitled to receive various benefits.

Under the terms of his employment agreement, Mr. McKernan will be entitled to receive an amount not to exceed 35 months of his then current base salary payable over a twelve-month period or in one lump sum payment and a prorated annual bonus payment to the extent earned by Mr. McKernan. Under the terms of their employment agreements, Mr. Barks and Ms. Shepherd will each be entitled to receive an amount equal to 12 months of their then current base salaries payable over a twelve-month period or in one lump sum payment and prorated annual bonus payments to the extent earned by each of them. It is currently expected that payments will be made in the amount of \$947,917 to Mr. McKernan, \$267,800 to Mr. Barks and \$121,000 to Ms. Shepherd, which amounts do not include any estimated prorated bonus payments for fiscal year 2005.

Following the closing of the Asset Transfer, it will be in the interest of GPH to continue to retain the services of certain of its employees to conduct the affairs of GPH through the dissolution period. Retention of these services may be secured through the continued employment of certain employees or through independent consulting arrangements until such time services are no longer required.

*Change of Control Incentive Agreements.* In order to motivate and incentivize the employees of GPH to work towards the completion of a change of control of GPH, GPH entered into agreements with each of its employees, including its executive officers, to augment their compensation packages. These change of control compensation packages consist of: (1) a cash severance payment intended to offset a portion of the employee's costs arising from the discontinuation of health insurance and other employee benefits by GPH; (2) payment of outplacement services for employees terminated without cause following a change of control; (3) accelerated vesting of employee options in conjunction with a change of control, at the discretion of the Compensation Committee of GPH's board of directors; (4) a cash retention bonus based on the achievement of certain milestone events by GPH that is earned by certain employees who are employed at the time of attainment of the milestones; (5) at the election of the Compensation Committee of GPH's board of directors, the proration of any annual bonus earned by an employee who is terminated without cause following a change of control; and (6) participation in a cash transaction bonus pool set aside by GPH, the aggregate amount of which is based on the compensation payable by GPH to Raymond James, to be divided among certain of GPH's employees at the time of the change of control based on their individual efforts towards the consummation of the Reorganization, as determined by GPH's board of directors or its Compensation Committee. It is currently estimated that cash payments to GPH's officers under such agreements will amount to approximately \$155,060.



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**THE SPECIAL MEETING OF GPH STOCKHOLDERS**

**DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**

The accompanying proxy is solicited by the board of directors of GPH for use at the special meeting of holders of shares of GPH common stock to be held on May 10, 2005, at 4:00 p.m., local time, or at any adjournment or postponement of the special meeting. The special meeting is scheduled to be held at The J.W. Marriott Lenox, 3300 Lenox Rd., Atlanta, Georgia.

GPH's principal executive offices are located at 6455 East Johns Crossing, Suite 402, Duluth, Georgia 30097. GPH's telephone number is (770) 248-3311.

**PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF GPH STOCKHOLDERS**

The purpose of the special meeting of GPH stockholders is to authorize GPH to sell the entire issued and outstanding share capital of Global Preferred Re Limited, which comprises substantially all of the assets of GPH, to GPRE Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of AEGON N.V., a company formed under the laws of The Netherlands, in exchange for payment of common shares of AEGON pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement.

In addition, in a separate proposal, holders of shares of GPH common stock are being asked to authorize the dissolution and liquidation of GPH pursuant to the Dissolution Plan, which is subject to the authorization by GPH stockholders and closing of the Asset Transfer.

GPH stockholders may also be asked to consider other matters properly brought before the meeting.

**RECORD DATE; OUTSTANDING SHARES**

The board of directors of GPH has fixed the close of business on March 31, 2005 as the record date for determination of holders of shares of GPH common stock entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the special meeting. On the record date, there were 4,141,684 shares of GPH common stock outstanding, held by approximately 1,102 holders of record.

**VOTING RIGHTS**

Holders of the outstanding shares of GPH common stock are entitled to vote on each of (1) the Asset Transfer pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement and (2) the Dissolution pursuant to the Dissolution Plan being proposed and presented to them at the special meeting. You are

entitled to one vote for each share of GPH common stock held by you on the record date on each proposal to be presented to the stockholders at the special meeting.

**SHARE OWNERSHIP OF GPH S OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS AND THEIR AFFILIATES**

As of the record date for the special meeting, GPH s officers and directors and their affiliates beneficially owned 27,362 shares of GPH common stock, which represented less than one percent of the outstanding shares of GPH common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting.

**VOTE REQUIRED**

Authorization of each of the proposals requires the affirmative vote of holders of at least a majority of the shares of GPH common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the special meeting.

**QUORUM; ABSTENTIONS; BROKER NON-VOTES**

A majority of the outstanding shares of GPH common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting must be represented, either in person or by proxy, to constitute a quorum at the meeting. Abstentions will be considered present at the special meeting for purposes of determining a quorum, but will not be considered to have been voted in favor of authorizing the proposed Asset Transfer and the proposed Dissolution. If an executed proxy is returned

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by a bank, broker or other record holder holding shares of GPH common stock in street name, which indicates that the bank, broker or other record holder does not have authority to vote on the proposals, those shares will be considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but will not be considered to have been voted in favor of authorizing the Asset Transfer and the Dissolution. Because the authorization of each of the Asset Transfer pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement and the Dissolution pursuant to the Dissolution Plan requires the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the shares of GPH common stock outstanding as of the record date, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as votes against each of the proposals.

## **VOTING OF PROXIES; REVOCATION OF PROXIES**

The proxy card accompanying this Proxy Statement/Prospectus is solicited on behalf of GPH's board of directors for use at the special meeting. All shares of GPH common stock represented by properly executed proxies received before or at the special meeting will, unless the proxies are revoked, be voted in accordance with the instructions indicated on the proxies. If no instructions are indicated on a properly executed proxy, the shares will be voted for authorizing the Asset Transfer pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement and for the Dissolution pursuant to the Dissolution Plan. You are urged to mark the box on the proxy card to indicate how to vote your shares.

You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted at the special meeting by taking any of the following actions:

by delivering a written notice to the secretary of GPH, bearing a date later than the date of the proxy, stating that the proxy is revoked;

by signing and delivering prior to the vote at the special meeting a subsequent proxy card relating to the same shares and bearing a later date;

if your shares are held by your bank, broker or other record holder, by following the directions received from them to change your instructions; or

if you are a registered stockholder, by appearing in person and voting at the special meeting; although attendance at the special meeting will not, in and of itself, constitute revocation of a proxy.

Please note, however, that if your shares are held of record in the name of your bank, broker or other record holder, and you wish to vote in person at the special meeting, you must contact them and request a document called a legal proxy. You must bring this legal proxy to the meeting in order to vote in person.

Under Delaware law, only matters that are within the purposes described in the notice of the special meeting may be brought before the special meeting. Accordingly, GPH does not expect that any matters, other than the authorization of the Asset Transfer pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement and the Dissolution pursuant to the Dissolution Plan, will be brought before the special meeting.

## **SOLICITATION OF PROXIES; EXPENSES**

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GPH will pay all expenses incurred in connection with the printing and mailing of this Proxy Statement/Prospectus. AEGON will pay the filing fees related to the Registration Statement on Form F-4 of which this Proxy Statement/Prospectus is a part. Some directors, officers and employees of GPH may solicit proxies from the stockholders in person, by telephone or by other electronic means. These persons will not be paid for soliciting proxies. GPH will also request banks, brokers and other record holders holding shares beneficially owned by others to send this Proxy Statement/Prospectus to, and obtain proxies from, the beneficial owners and will reimburse holders for their reasonable expenses in so doing.

### **RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

After careful consideration, GPH's board of directors has unanimously determined that the Asset Transfer pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement and the Dissolution pursuant to the Dissolution Plan are in the best interests of GPH and in the best interests of its stockholders. GPH's board of directors unanimously recommends that you vote **FOR** authorizing both of the proposals.

**Table of Contents****SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the ownership of GPH common stock, as of March 31, 2005, by each of GPH's directors, executive officers, each person known to GPH to own beneficially more than 5% of its outstanding common stock and all of its directors and executive officers as a group.

Name	Number of Shares	Percentage of Shares
	Beneficially Owned <sup>(1)</sup>	Outstanding
S. Hubert Humphrey, Jr. <sup>(2)</sup>	849,999	20.5%
Monte Holm <sup>(3)</sup>	327,125	7.9%
Richard L. Thawley <sup>(4)</sup>	321,186	7.8%
Thomas W. Montgomery <sup>(5)</sup>	44,362	1.1%
Joseph F. Barone <sup>(6)</sup>	24,500	*
C. Simon Scupham <sup>(7)</sup>	17,000	*
Milan M. Radonich <sup>(8)</sup>	9,500	*
Edward F. McKernan <sup>(9)</sup>	86,250	2.0%
Bradley E. Barks <sup>(10)</sup>	27,000	*
Caryl P. Shepherd <sup>(11)</sup>	34,500	*
All directors and executive officers as a group (7 persons) <sup>(12)</sup>	243,112	5.6%

\* Less than one percent.

- (1) For purposes of calculating the percentage beneficially owned, the number of shares deemed outstanding as of March 31, 2005 includes: (a) 4,141,684 shares of common stock outstanding and (b) shares issuable pursuant to options held by the respective person or group which may be exercised assuming vesting in full as a result of the closing of the Asset Transfer ( Presently Exercisable Options ). Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission that deem shares to be beneficially owned by any person or group who has or shares voting and investment power with respect to such shares. Presently Exercisable Options are deemed to be outstanding and beneficially owned by the person or group holding such options for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of such person or group but are not treated as outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person or group.
- (2) Mr. Humphrey's business address is 3975 Johns Creek Ct., Suite 100, Suwanee, Georgia 30024.
- (3) This number includes (a) Presently Exercisable Options to purchase 1,406 shares of common stock, (b) 60,000 shares held jointly with Mr. Holm's wife and (c) 165,000 shares held in seven trusts created by Mr. Holm and his wife. Mr. Holm's business address is 219 Garnet Lane, Mesquite, Nevada 89027.
- (4) This number includes (a) 137,700 shares owned by two trusts for the benefit of Mr. Thawley and his wife and (b) 30,000 shares owned by Mr. Thawley's children. Mr. Thawley's business address is 1110 W. Kettleman Lane, Suite 24, Lodi, California 95240.
- (5) This number includes Presently Exercisable Options to purchase 24,500 shares of common stock.
- (6) This number includes Presently Exercisable Options to purchase 24,500 shares of common stock.
- (7) This number includes Presently Exercisable Options to purchase 17,000 shares of common stock.
- (8) This number includes Presently Exercisable Options to purchase 9,500 shares of common stock.
- (9) This number includes Presently Exercisable Options to purchase 78,750 shares of common stock.
- (10) This number includes Presently Exercisable Options to purchase 27,000 shares of common stock.
- (11) This number includes Presently Exercisable Options to purchase 34,500 shares of common stock.
- (12) This number includes Presently Exercisable Options to purchase 215,750 shares of common stock.

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The principal market for AEGON common shares is Euronext Amsterdam. The AEGON common shares are also listed on the NYSE (under the symbol AEG ) and the Tokyo, London, Frankfurt and Swiss Stock Exchanges. Prices at which AEGON common shares trade cannot be predicted.

There is no market for the shares of GPH common stock and therefore no information is being provided regarding market prices for such shares. As of March 31, GPH had approximately 1,102 stockholders of record.

The following table presents trading information on the New York Stock Exchange Composite Tape and on Euronext Amsterdam for an AEGON common share on December 30, 2004 and March 31, 2005. December 30, 2004 was the last full trading day prior to the joint announcement by AEGON and GPH of the proposed Reorganization. March 31, 2005 was the last practicable trading day for which information was available prior to the date of the Registration Statement of which this Proxy Statement/Prospectus is a part.

	<u>Euronext Amsterdam</u>			<u>New York Stock Exchange</u>		
	(EUR)			(USD)		
	<u>Close</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Close</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
December 30, 2004	10.04	10.09	9.99	13.74	13.78	13.63
March 31, 2005	10.41	10.47	10.36	13.46	13.55	13.43

The table below sets forth, for the calendar periods indicated, the high and low sales prices of AEGON common shares on Euronext Amsterdam and the NYSE as reported by Bloomberg and is based on closing prices. Share prices have been adjusted for all stock splits and stock dividends through December 31, 2004.

	<u>Euronext Amsterdam</u>		<u>New York Stock Exchange</u>	
	(EUR)		(USD)	
	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
2000	46.44	32.28	47.24	30.89
2001	42.37	22.15	39.96	20.19
2002	29.23	9.04	26.00	8.88
2003	13.47	5.87	14.80	6.76
2004	12.98	8.24	16.12	10.41
2003				
First quarter	13.47	5.87	14.24	6.76
Second quarter	9.63	6.76	11.21	7.46
Third quarter	12.27	8.46	13.71	10.02
Fourth quarter	11.94	10.28	14.80	12.12

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2004				
First quarter	12.98	10.14	16.12	12.34
Second quarter	11.74	9.37	13.76	11.20
Third quarter	10.02	8.47	12.24	10.41
Fourth quarter	10.30	8.24	13.87	10.54
2005				
First quarter	10.95	10.18	14.57	13.19

On Euronext Amsterdam only bearer shares may be traded and on the NYSE only New York Shares may be traded.

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**DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK OF AEGON**

The following is a summary of the terms of AEGON's capital stock, including brief descriptions of provisions contained in the Articles of Incorporation of AEGON, as amended on July 17, 1995, May 15, 1998, May 30, 2000 and May 26, 2003. These summaries and descriptions do not purport to be complete statements of these provisions.

**ENFORCEMENT OF CIVIL LIABILITIES**

AEGON is a Dutch company located in The Netherlands. Many of AEGON's directors and officers will be residents of The Netherlands or countries other than the United States. In addition, although AEGON has substantial assets in the U.S., a large portion of its assets and the assets of its directors and officers will be located outside of the U.S. As a result, U.S. investors may find it difficult in a lawsuit based on the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws:

to effect service of process within the U.S. upon AEGON and the directors and officers of AEGON located outside the U.S.;

to enforce in U.S. courts or outside the U.S. judgments obtained against those persons in U.S. courts;

to enforce in U.S. courts judgments obtained against those persons in courts in jurisdictions outside the U.S.; and

to enforce against those persons in The Netherlands, whether in original actions or in actions for the enforcement of judgments of U.S. courts, civil liabilities based solely upon U.S. federal securities laws.

The United States and The Netherlands do not currently have a treaty providing for reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters, except arbitration awards. Therefore, a final judgment for the payment of money rendered by any federal or state court in the U.S. based on civil liability, whether or not based solely upon the federal securities laws, would not be directly enforceable in The Netherlands. However, if the party in whose favor a final judgment is rendered brings a new suit in a competent court in The Netherlands, such party may submit to the Dutch court the final judgment that has been rendered in the U.S. If the Dutch court finds that the jurisdiction of the federal or state court in the U.S. has been based on grounds that are internationally acceptable and that proper legal procedures have been observed, the court in The Netherlands would, in principle, give binding effect to the final judgment that has been rendered in the U.S. unless such judgment contravenes Dutch public policy.

A shareholder of a company incorporated under the laws of The Netherlands cannot sue individual members of the Supervisory Board or Executive Board derivatively; that is, in the name of and for the benefit of AEGON. Moreover, under Dutch law, the duties owed by members of AEGON's Supervisory Board and Executive Board are owed primarily to AEGON, not to its shareholders. This may limit the rights of the shareholders of a Dutch company to sue members of its supervisory or executive boards. Dutch law does not specifically provide for class action suits, such as a suit by one shareholder for his benefit and the benefit of others similarly situated against a company or its supervisory or executive directors.

**SHARE CAPITAL**



The authorized capital stock of AEGON consists of 3,000,000,000 common shares, par value EUR 0.12 per share, and 1,000,000,000 preferred shares, par value EUR 0.25 per share, of which 500,000,000 are designated class A preferred shares and 500,000,000 are designated class B preferred shares. As of December 31, 2004, 1,552,685,053 common shares, 211,680,000 of class A preferred shares and 16,900,000 of class B preferred shares were issued and outstanding.

## **GENERAL**

All of AEGON's issued common shares are fully paid and not subject to calls for additional payments of any kind. The common shares are held in bearer and registered form. Holders of shares of New York Registry hold their common shares in registered form.

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Under Dutch law and AEGON's Articles of Incorporation, the holders of AEGON common shares are entitled to payment of dividends out of the profits remaining after the creation of a reserve account, if any. Preferred dividends are payable on the capital actually paid in on the preferred shares at a percentage, on an annual basis, which will be equal to the European Central Bank's fixed interest percentage for basic refinancing transactions, to be increased by 1.75 percentage points, all applicable to the first day of trading on Euronext Amsterdam in the financial year to which the dividend relates. The AEGON Executive Board may determine the dividend payment date for the AEGON common shares and preferred shares, which may vary for registered and bearer shares, the record date for payment applicable to holders of registered AEGON common shares and, with the approval of the AEGON Supervisory Board, the currency or currencies in which dividends will be paid. For dividends on New York Shares, therefore, AEGON is empowered to make payment in U.S. dollars.

**VOTING RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISORY AND EXECUTIVE BOARDS**

*General Meeting of Shareholders.* All holders of AEGON common shares and preferred shares are entitled to attend personally or by proxy any general meeting of shareholders upon compliance with the procedures hereinafter mentioned. A holder of AEGON common shares is entitled to one vote for each share held by him and represented at the meeting. However, a holder of preferred shares is entitled, instead of casting one vote per preferred share, to cast such number of votes as are equal the number of preferred shares it holds multiplied by twenty-five-twelfths (25/12), provided that any resulting fraction of a vote is disregarded. AEGON and Vereniging AEGON have entered into a preferred shares voting rights agreement, pursuant to which Vereniging AEGON has voluntarily waived its right to cast 25/12 votes per class A or class B preferred share. Instead, Vereniging AEGON has agreed to exercise only one vote per preferred share, except in the event of a special cause, such as the acquisition of a 15% interest in AEGON, a tender offer for AEGON shares or a proposed business combination by any person or group of persons whether individually or as a group, other than in a transaction approved by the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board. If, in its sole discretion, Vereniging AEGON determines that a special cause has occurred, Vereniging AEGON will notify the General Meeting of Shareholders and retain its right to exercise the full voting power of 25/12 votes per preferred share for a limited period of six months.

A general meeting of shareholders is required to be held not later than June 30 of each year. General meetings of shareholders are called by the AEGON Supervisory Board or the AEGON Executive Board and are required to be held in The Hague, The Netherlands or certain other cities in The Netherlands. In order to attend a general meeting of shareholders, holders of bearer shares must deposit their share certificates with one of the depositaries designated in the notice of the meeting. The holders of registered shares are required to notify AEGON in writing prior to the date specified in the notice of a general meeting of the shareholders of their desire to attend the meeting in person or by proxy and must specify the serial numbers of their share certificates, if any. Action is taken at such meetings by an absolute majority of the votes cast unless a larger majority is explicitly provided by law or by the Articles of Incorporation.

*Major Shareholders of AEGON.* As of December 31, 2004, Vereniging AEGON held approximately 12% of the common shares and 100% of the preferred shares of AEGON. These holdings give Vereniging AEGON approximately 23% of AEGON's voting shares. In the event of a special cause, as describe above, Vereniging AEGON's voting rights will increase to currently 32.35% for up to six months per special cause. Vereniging AEGON is a membership association under Dutch law. One of the principal characteristics of a membership association is that it has no share capital. The objective of Vereniging AEGON is the balanced representation of the interests of AEGON and all of its stockholders, AEGON group companies, insured parties, employees and other constituencies of the AEGON group. The table below shows the ownership percentage of Vereniging AEGON as of December 31, 2004.

<u>Title of Class</u>	<u>Number Owned</u>	<u>Percent of Class</u>
Common Shares	171,974,055	12%

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Preferred A Shares	211,680,000	100.0%
Preferred B Shares	16,900,000	100.0%

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Vereniging AEGON has two administrative bodies: the general membership and executive committee. The general membership currently consists of 21 individuals who were elected as members of Vereniging AEGON. Of these 21 individuals, 19 represent a broad cross-section of Dutch society, and are called elected members.

No employee or former employee of AEGON or its subsidiaries may be elected to the general membership. Of the other two members of the general membership, two are elected from the AEGON Executive Board.

*Appointment of the AEGON Supervisory Board and the AEGON Executive Board.* Large Dutch companies are required by Dutch law to have a two-tier management system consisting of an executive board and a supervisory board. Members of the AEGON Supervisory Board are nominated by the AEGON Supervisory Board and are appointed by the general meeting of shareholders. The number of members of the AEGON Supervisory Board is determined from time to time by the AEGON Supervisory Board but may not consist of less than seven members. Members of the AEGON Executive Board are nominated by the AEGON Supervisory Board and are appointed by the general meeting of shareholders. Reference is made to Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees of AEGON's 2004 Annual Report on Form 20-F.

*Shareholder Proposals.* Proposals by shareholders are required to be placed on the agenda of a general meeting of shareholders, but only if such proposals have been signed by the holder or holders of at least 0.1% of issued and outstanding common shares and are submitted to AEGON no earlier than three and no later than two months prior to each general meeting of shareholders, unless in the opinion of the Supervisory Board and the Executive Board there are important AEGON interests which would oppose the adding of such subjects to the agenda.

*Amendment of Articles.* The Articles of Incorporation of AEGON may be amended at any general meeting of shareholders by an absolute majority of the votes cast. Any such amendment must have been proposed by the AEGON Executive Board which proposal must have been approved by the AEGON Supervisory Board.

*Annual Accounts and Dividends.* The general meeting of the shareholders adopts annually AEGON's annual accounts with respect to the previous calendar year.

## **LIQUIDATION RIGHTS**

In the event of the liquidation of AEGON, the general meeting of shareholders determines the remuneration of the liquidators and of the members of the AEGON Supervisory Board. The assets remaining after payment of all debts, liquidation expenses and taxes are to be distributed first to the holders of preferred shares in the amount of their paid-in capital. The amount left after such payment will be distributed to the holders of AEGON common shares.

## **ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL SHARES**

Shares of AEGON's authorized but unissued capital stock may be issued at such times and on such conditions as may be determined at a general meeting of shareholders or by the AEGON Executive Board if authorized by the shareholders. At the general meeting of shareholders of

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AEGON held on April 22, 2004, the AEGON Executive Board was designated, for a period of three years effective April 22, 2004, by a resolution approved by the shareholders, as the Company Body which shall, subject to the approval of the AEGON Supervisory Board, be authorized to decide upon the issue of shares and to grant rights to acquire shares up to the maximum amount of the authorized capital. With regard to the issuance of preferred shares, this authority is limited to the issuance of preferred shares to the current holder of preferred shares. The designation described above may only be withdrawn by a resolution of the general meeting of shareholders following a proposal by the AEGON Executive Board which has been approved by the AEGON Supervisory Board.

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### **PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS**

Except in certain instances prescribed by law, the holders of AEGON common shares have preemptive rights on a pro rata basis to purchase the number of AEGON common shares to be issued. Holders of AEGON preferred shares, as such, have no preemptive rights in respect of any AEGON common shares.

Preemptive rights in respect of AEGON common shares may be limited or precluded by a resolution passed by the general meeting of shareholders. In the notice of the meeting, the reasons for the proposal to limit or preclude the preemptive rights in respect of AEGON common shares and the intended issue price must be explained in writing. Preemptive rights may also be limited or precluded by the AEGON Executive Board if a resolution is passed by the general meeting of shareholders which confers such power on the AEGON Executive Board for a maximum of five years. This power may from time to time be extended, but never for a period longer than five years. A resolution passed at the general meeting of shareholders or taken by the AEGON Executive Board to limit or preclude the preemptive rights in respect of AEGON common shares requires the approval of the AEGON Supervisory Board. If AEGON makes a rights offering to the holders of AEGON common shares, the rights of holders of AEGON's New York Shares to exercise the rights so offered is subject to a restriction which permits AEGON to sell such rights in a manner to be determined by the AEGON Executive Board and to remit the cash proceeds of such sale to such holders if the additional AEGON common shares are not registered under the Securities Act.

At the general meeting of shareholders of AEGON held on April 22, 2004, the AEGON Executive Board was designated, for a period of three years effective April 22, 2004, by a resolution approved by the Shareholders, as the Company Body which shall, subject to the approval of the AEGON Supervisory Board, be authorized to limit or exclude the preemption rights of the shareholders with regard to the issuance of shares and the granting of rights to acquire shares. In respect of the issuance of common shares without preemption rights, the authority given thereby shall be limited to (1) 10% of the capital, plus; (2) 20% of the capital, but only if the issuance happens to occur in connection with the acquisition of an enterprise or a corporation. For the purposes of the designation by the shareholders, the term capital means the par value amount of the common share capital issued at the moment this authority is used for the first time in a certain year.

The designation described above may only be withdrawn by a resolution of the general meeting of shareholders following a proposal by the AEGON.

### **REPURCHASE BY AEGON OF ITS OWN SHARES**

Subject to certain restrictions contained in the laws of The Netherlands and AEGON's Articles of Incorporation, the AEGON Executive Board may cause AEGON to purchase its own fully-paid shares, provided that the total number of AEGON shares so repurchased may not exceed, in the aggregate, 10% of the issued capital. Such purchase may be made only upon authorization by the general meeting of shareholders, which authorization is valid for a maximum of eighteen months and must include the number of shares to be acquired, the way in which they may be acquired and the minimum and maximum purchase price.

### **CERTIFICATES FOR COMMON SHARES AND THEIR TRANSFER**

Certificates evidencing AEGON common shares are issuable, subject to the restrictions described below, in bearer or registered form, as the holder may elect. Certificates issued by the New York registrar are in registered form and are printed in the English language ( New York

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Shares ). Bearer shares are evidenced by certificates printed only in the Dutch language. AEGON common shares in bearer form and New York Shares may be held by residents as well as non-residents of The Netherlands. Only AEGON common shares in bearer form may be traded on the Amsterdam, London, Frankfurt, Tokyo and Zurich Stock Exchanges. Only New York Shares may be traded on a stock exchange in the U.S. Upon presentation of a bearer certificate to AEGON's Dutch transfer agent, accompanied by a request that the shares evidenced by such certificate be transferred to New York Shares, the Dutch transfer agent will cancel such bearer share and will instruct AEGON's New York transfer agent to

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issue a New York Share certificate evidencing such shares. Similarly, upon presentation to the New York transfer agent of New York Shares accompanied by an appropriate request, the New York transfer agent will cancel such New York Shares and will instruct the Dutch transfer agent to issue a bearer share certificate evidencing such shares. Transfers of AEGON common shares in bearer form are accomplished by delivery of the share certificates. New York Shares may be transferred on the books of AEGON at the office of the New York transfer agent by surrendering the New York Shares with the deed of transfer on the New York Shares or in a separate instrument completed in full and signed by the transferor. Upon surrender, AEGON, acting through its New York transfer agent, will either note the transfer on the surrendered New York Shares or issue replacement New York Shares registered in the name of the new owner. In addition, a shareholder is entitled, upon written request to AEGON and the surrender for cancellation of any share certificate previously issued, to have his name entered in the register of shareholders with respect to the share or shares owned by him and to receive, in lieu of a certificate, a non-negotiable declaration of registration of such share or shares. AEGON common shares transferred to GPH in the Asset Transfer will be New York Shares.



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**COMPARISON OF CERTAIN RIGHTS OF STOCKHOLDERS OF GPH AND  
SHAREHOLDERS OF AEGON**

As a result of the Reorganization, stockholders of GPH will likely become shareholders of AEGON, and their rights will be governed by the Articles of Incorporation of AEGON which differ in material respects from the Certificate of Incorporation of GPH, as amended (the GPH Certificate ), and the GPH Amended and Restated Bylaws (the GPH By-laws ). The following is a summary of the material differences between the rights of the holders of shares of GPH common stock and holders of AEGON common shares. These differences arise from differences between the Delaware General Corporation Law and the Dutch Civil Code as well as from differences between the governing documents of AEGON and GPH. This summary is not, and does not purport to be, complete. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the DGCL, the Dutch Civil Code and the governing instruments of GPH and AEGON. This summary should be read in conjunction with DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK OF AEGON.

**VOTING RIGHTS**

Under the DGCL, each stockholder is entitled to one vote per share of stock, unless the certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. In addition, the certificate of incorporation may provide for cumulative voting at all elections of directors of the corporation. Either the certificate of incorporation or the by-laws may specify the number of shares and/or the amount of other securities that must be represented at a meeting in order to constitute a quorum, but in no event will a quorum consist of less than one-third of the shares entitled to vote at a meeting.

The GPH Certificate provides for one vote per share of GPH common stock, but does not provide for cumulative voting. Under the GPH By-laws, the presence in person, or by properly executed proxy, of holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of GPH common stock entitled to vote at the meeting is required to constitute a quorum at meetings of GPH stockholders.

Under Dutch law, each shareholder is entitled to one vote per share, unless the articles of incorporation of the company provide otherwise. All shareholder resolutions are taken by an absolute majority of the votes cast, unless the articles of incorporation or the law prescribe otherwise. The validity of shareholder decisions is not dependent on a quorum, unless the law or the articles of incorporation stipulate otherwise.

The Articles of Incorporation of AEGON provide for one vote per AEGON common share. However, a holder of preferred shares is entitled, instead of casting one vote per preferred share, to cast such number of votes as is equal the number of preferred shares it holds multiplied by twenty-five-twelfths (25/12), provided that any resulting fraction of a vote is disregarded. AEGON and Vereniging AEGON have entered into a preferred shares voting rights agreement, pursuant to which Vereniging AEGON has voluntarily waived its right to cast 25/12 votes per class A or class B preferred share. Instead, Vereniging AEGON has agreed to exercise only one vote per preferred share, except in the event of a special cause , such as the acquisition of a 15% interest in AEGON, a tender offer for AEGON shares or a proposed business combination by any person or group of persons whether individually or as a group, other than in a transaction approved by the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board. If, in its sole discretion, Vereniging AEGON determines that a special cause has occurred, Vereniging AEGON will notify the General Meeting of Shareholders and retain its right to exercise the full voting power of 25/12 votes per preferred share for a limited period of six months. Generally, all resolutions may be adopted by an absolute majority of the total votes cast, and there are no quorum requirements.

**AMENDMENT OF CHARTER DOCUMENTS**

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Under the DGCL, amendments to a corporation's certificate of incorporation require a resolution of the board of directors approving and declaring the advisability of each amendment, followed by a majority vote of the holders of the outstanding stock entitled to vote on such amendment and, in certain circumstances, of the

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holders of a majority of the outstanding stock of each class entitled to vote on such amendment as a class, unless a greater number or proportion is specified in the certificate of incorporation or by other provisions of the DGCL. The GPH Certificate reserves the right of amendment in the manner prescribed by the DGCL.

The GPH By-laws require the approval of 66 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of the voting power of the shares entitled to vote generally to alter, amend or repeal any provision thereof or to adopt new bylaws. The GPH By-laws may also be altered, amended or repealed or new bylaws may be adopted by the board of directors; provided, however, such power of the board of directors shall not divest or limit the power of the stockholders to adopt, amend or repeal bylaws.

Under Dutch law, shareholders of a Dutch company may resolve to amend the company's articles of incorporation, although the prior approval of the Dutch Ministry of Justice is required for any such amendment.

Under AEGON's Articles of Incorporation, the general meeting of shareholders may pass a resolution for an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation only upon a proposal of the AEGON Executive Board which proposal requires the approval of the AEGON Supervisory Board, and it must be approved by an absolute majority of the votes cast at a general meeting of shareholders.

## **APPRAISAL RIGHTS**

The DGCL provides for appraisal rights in connection with certain mergers and consolidations. Appraisal rights are not available for any shares of stock of the constituent corporation surviving the merger if the merger did not require for its approval the vote of the holders of the surviving corporation. In addition, unless otherwise provided in the charter, no appraisal rights are available to holders of shares of any class of stock which, as of the record date, is either: (1) listed on a national securities exchange or designated as a national market system security on an interdealer quotation system by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (the "NASDAQ") or (2) held of record by more than 2,000 holders, unless such holders are required by the terms of the merger to accept anything other than: (a) shares of stock of the surviving corporation; (b) shares of stock of another corporation which are or will be so listed on a national securities exchange or designated as a national market system security on an interdealer quotation system by the NASD or held of record by more than 2,000 holders; (c) cash in lieu of fractional shares of such stock; or (d) any combination of the above. The GPH Certificate has no provision altering the appraisal rights prescribed by the DGCL.

Dutch law does not recognize the concept of appraisal or dissenters' rights and, accordingly, holders of shares in a Dutch company such as AEGON have no appraisal rights.

## **PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS**

Under the DGCL, stockholders have no preemptive rights to subscribe to additional issues of stock or to any security convertible into such stock unless, and except to the extent that, such rights are expressly provided for in the certificate of incorporation. The GPH Certificate does not provide for preemptive rights.

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Under Dutch law, holders of common shares in a Dutch company have preemptive rights with respect to newly issued common shares in proportion to the aggregate nominal value of their shareholdings, with the exception of shares to be issued to employees. Such preemptive rights in respect of newly issued common shares may be excluded by approval of the shareholders at the General Meeting of Shareholders. Unless the articles of incorporation state otherwise, holders of preferred shares have no preemptive rights with respect to common shares. The Articles of Incorporation of AEGON conform to Dutch law and authorize the general meeting of shareholders or the AEGON Executive Board, if so designated by the general meeting of shareholders, to limit or eliminate preemptive rights for holders of AEGON common shares, subject to the approval of the AEGON Supervisory Board.

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### **ACTION BY WRITTEN CONSENT OF SHAREHOLDERS**

The DGCL provides that, unless otherwise provided in a corporation's certificate of incorporation, any action that may be taken at a meeting of stockholders may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if the holders of outstanding stock having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize such action at a meeting, consent in writing. The GPH Certificate does not prohibit the taking of actions by written consent of the stockholders.

Under Dutch law, resolutions may be adopted by shareholders in writing without holding a meeting of shareholders, provided the articles of incorporation expressly so allow and provided no bearer shares are issued. As AEGON's Articles of Incorporation do not contain such express provisions and AEGON has issued bearer shares, shareholders of AEGON may not adopt resolutions outside a meeting of such shareholders.

### **ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETINGS**

Under the DGCL, an annual meeting of stockholders must be held for the election of directors on a date and at a time designated by or in the manner provided in the by-laws. Any other proper business may be transacted at the annual meeting. The GPH By-laws provide that the board of directors will fix the date, time and place of the annual meeting of stockholders.

Under Dutch law, a company must hold at least one annual general meeting, to be held not later than six months after the end of the fiscal year. Pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation of AEGON, general meetings may also be held as often as the AEGON Executive Board or the AEGON Supervisory Board deems necessary. In addition, under Dutch law, shareholders representing at least one-tenth of the issued share capital may request the AEGON Executive Board or the AEGON Supervisory Board to convene a general meeting of shareholders. If the AEGON Executive Board or the AEGON Supervisory Board has not convened a meeting within a certain period, the persons who have made the request are authorized to convene such a meeting under the specific requirements of Dutch law. The Articles of Incorporation of AEGON specify the places where general meetings of shareholders may be held, all of which are located in The Netherlands.

### **SPECIAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETINGS**

Under the DGCL, a special meeting of stockholders may be called by the board of directors or by any other person authorized in the certificate of incorporation or the by-laws. The DGCL does not provide stockholders with an automatic right to call special meetings of stockholders. The GPH By-laws provide that a special meeting of stockholders may be called only by the board of directors, the chairman of the board, the chief executive officer or the president.

Under Dutch law, special general meetings of shareholders may be convened by the executive board or the supervisory board, but the articles of incorporation may also vest this power in other persons. In addition, one or more shareholders, who own together at least 10%, or such lesser amount as is provided by the articles of incorporation, of the issued capital, can be authorized by the President of the District Court with competent jurisdiction to call a special general meeting of shareholders.

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Pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation of AEGON, special general meetings of shareholders may be held whenever the AEGON Executive Board or the AEGON Supervisory Board calls such meetings, subject to the specific requirements under Dutch law.

### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Under the DGCL, the board of directors of a corporation must consist of one or more members. The number of directors must be fixed by, or in the manner provided in, the by-laws, unless the certificate of incorporation fixes the number of directors. Each director shall hold office until his or her successor is elected and qualified or until his or her earlier resignation or removal. The directors are elected at the annual meeting of stockholders.

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The directors may be divided into one, two or three classes if so provided in the certificate of incorporation. The GPH By-laws provide that the board of directors of GPH will consist of not less than three directors, as determined by the board of directors of GPH. The board of directors of GPH currently consists of six directors. As provided by the GPH By-laws, each of the directors of GPH serves until his successor is elected and qualified or until his death, resignation or removal.

Large Dutch companies are required by Dutch law to have a two-tier management system consisting of an executive board and a supervisory board. Under Dutch law, the executive board of a company must consist of at least one member. Members of the supervisory board are appointed for a period of four years and may be re-elected. A Dutch company may provide in its articles of association that the appointment and resignation of members of the executive board and the supervisory board will be staggered.

The Articles of Incorporation of AEGON provide that the AEGON Supervisory Board will consist of at least seven members and do not specify the number of members of the AEGON Executive Board. This number is determined by the AEGON Supervisory Board. Under AEGON's Articles of Incorporation, the general meeting of shareholders appoints the members of the AEGON Executive Board and determines the terms of employment of such members on the basis of a remuneration policy adopted by the general meeting of shareholders. The executive board of a Dutch company is responsible for the management of the company. The supervisory board members are responsible for supervising the management as conducted by the executive board. The members of the AEGON Supervisory Board are nominated by the AEGON Supervisory Board and appointed by the general meeting of shareholders. Members of the AEGON Supervisory Board have terms of office of renewable periods of four years with a maximum of three terms.

## **REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS**

Under the DGCL, any director or the entire board of directors may be removed, with or without cause, by the holders of a majority of the shares then entitled to vote at an election of directors, except (1) if the certificate of incorporation provides otherwise, or in the case of a corporation whose board is classified, stockholders may effect such removal only for cause, or (2) in the case of a corporation having cumulative voting, if less than the entire board is to be removed, no director may be removed without cause if the votes cast against his removal would be sufficient to elect him if then cumulatively voted at an election of the entire board of directors, or, if there are classes of directors, at an election of the class of directors of which he is a part. The GPH Certificate does not provide for a classified board, nor does it have any restrictions on the removal of directors.

Under Dutch law and AEGON's Articles of Incorporation, the AEGON Supervisory Board has the authority to remove members of the AEGON Executive Board. A member of the AEGON Executive Board can be removed by the AEGON Supervisory Board or by a resolution of the general meeting of shareholders approved by at least two-thirds of the votes cast representing more than half of AEGON's issued and outstanding share capital. Removal without cause is possible but may be contrary to the principles of reasonableness and fairness which are imposed under Dutch law. Any removal without cause therefore could be declared null and void.

## **FILLING OF VACANCIES**

The DGCL provides that vacancies and newly-created directorships may be filled by a majority of the directors then in office (even if it constitutes less than a quorum) unless (1) otherwise provided in the certificate of incorporation or by-laws of the corporation or (2) the certificate of incorporation directs that a particular class of stock is to elect such director, in which case any other directors elected by such class, or a sole remaining director elected by such class, shall fill such vacancy. The GPH By-laws provide that board vacancies that result from an increase in the number of directors may be filled by a majority of the directors then in office (provided that a quorum is present), and any other vacancy

occurring in the board of directors of GPH may be filled by a majority of the directors then in office (even if no quorum is present) or by a sole remaining director.



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Under Dutch law, a decision to appoint a new member of the executive board must be taken by the general meeting of shareholders upon the nomination by the supervisory board. Vacancies on the supervisory board are filled by the general meeting of shareholders upon the nomination by the supervisory board. The general meeting of shareholders has the right to make recommendations.

The nomination by AEGON's Supervisory Board must state the nominee's age, occupation, the value of the shares he holds in AEGON's share capital and the positions he occupies or has occupied, insofar as the latter are of importance to the performance of duties as a member of the AEGON Supervisory Board. The nomination must also list the companies for which the nominee serves as a member of a supervisory board and must state the grounds for the nomination. The members of the AEGON Executive Board are individually appointed by the general meeting of shareholders.

## **SHAREHOLDER NOMINATIONS AND PROPOSALS**

The GPH By-laws provide that stockholders may nominate individuals for election to the board of directors or propose other business at an annual meeting of stockholders. In order to nominate an individual, a stockholder must deliver written notice to the Secretary of GPH not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the first anniversary of the previous year's annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event the annual meeting was not held in the previous year, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be received not earlier than 90 days nor more than 120 days before May 15 of the current year. Such stockholder nominations must contain (1) as to each person whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or re-election as a director at the annual meeting: (a) the name, age, business address and residence address of the proposed nominee, (b) the principal occupation or employment of the proposed nominee, (c) the class and number of shares of capital stock of the corporation which are beneficially owned by the proposed nominee, and (d) any other information relating to the proposed nominee that is required to be disclosed in solicitations for proxies for election for directors pursuant to Rule 14a under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and (2) as to the stockholder giving notice of nominees for election at the annual meeting, (a) the name and record address of the stockholder, and (b) the class and number of shares of capital stock of the corporation which are beneficially owned by the stockholder.

The Articles of Incorporation of AEGON provide that in order to be addressed at a general meeting of shareholders, shareholder proposals must be signed by one or more shareholders who together represent at least 0.1% of the total issued capital and be received in writing at the office of AEGON no earlier than three months and no later than two months before the date on which the meeting will be held, unless in the opinion of the Supervisory Board and the Executive Board there are important AEGON interests which would oppose the adding of such subjects to the agenda.

## **DIVIDENDS**

Under the DGCL, a Delaware corporation may pay dividends out of its surplus (the excess of net assets over capital), or in case there is no surplus, out of its net profits for the fiscal year in which the dividend is declared and/or the preceding fiscal year (provided that the amount of the capital of the corporation is not less than the aggregate amount of the capital represented by the issued and outstanding stock of all classes having a preference upon the distribution of assets). In determining the amount of surplus of a Delaware corporation, the assets of the corporation, including stock of subsidiaries owned by the corporation, and liabilities (including contingent liabilities) of the corporation must be valued at their fair market value as determined by the board of directors, without regard to their historical book value. GPH has not paid any cash dividends on its common stock and does not plan to pay any cash dividends on its common stock for the foreseeable future.

Dutch law provides that dividends may only be distributed after adoption of the annual accounts by the company's shareholders. Moreover, dividends may be distributed only to the extent that net assets exceed the sum of the amount of issued and paid-up capital and reserves which

must be maintained under the law or the articles of incorporation. Interim dividends may be declared as provided for in the articles of incorporation and

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may be distributed to the extent that net assets exceed the amount of the issued and paid-up capital plus required legal reserves. Under the Articles of Incorporation of AEGON the AEGON Supervisory Board can decide what portion of the profits are to be held as reserves.

## **RIGHTS OF PURCHASE**

Under the DGCL, a corporation may redeem or repurchase its own shares out of its surplus and a corporation cannot generally make such a purchase or redemption if it would cause impairment of its capital.

Under Dutch law, a company may not subscribe for newly issued shares in its own capital. A Dutch company may, subject to certain restrictions, purchase shares in its own capital, provided the nominal value of the shares acquired by the company (or its subsidiaries) does not exceed 10% of the issued share capital.

## **LIMITATION OF DIRECTORS LIABILITY/INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

The DGCL permits a corporation to include in its certificate of incorporation a provision eliminating or limiting a director's personal liability to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breaches of fiduciary duty. However, the DGCL expressly provides that the liability of a director may not be eliminated or limited for (1) breaches of his or her duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (2) acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (3) the unlawful repurchase or redemption of its own stock or unlawful payment of dividends or (4) any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. The DGCL further provides that no such provision will eliminate or limit the liability of a director for any act or omission occurring prior to the date when such provision becomes effective. The GPH Certificate contains a provision eliminating director liability to the extent permitted by the DGCL.

Generally, the DGCL permits a corporation to indemnify certain persons made a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise provided that such person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation. To the extent that person has been successful in any such matter, that person shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him. In the case of an action by or in the right of the corporation, no indemnification may be made in respect of any matter as to which that person was adjudged liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Delaware Court of Chancery or the court in which the action was brought determines that despite the adjudication of liability that person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for proper expenses. The GPH By-laws provide for indemnification of directors and executive officers to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL.

GPH has also entered into agreements with its directors and certain of its officers to defend, hold harmless and indemnify such persons against any obligation to pay a judgment, penalty, fine, expenses and settlement amounts in connection with any action, suit or proceeding brought by reason of the fact that such person is a director or officer, as the case may be, or is serving, at GPH's request, as a director, officer, employee, agent or consultant of another entity. GPH will not provide indemnification for any misappropriation of a business opportunity, any act or omission involving intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, any transaction from which an improper personal benefit was received and other types of liability under Delaware law. Further, GPH has agreed to pay expenses incurred by directors and officers in defending any covered action, suit or proceeding in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding.

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The concept of indemnification of directors of a company for liabilities arising from their actions as members of the executive or supervisory boards is, in principle, accepted in The Netherlands and sometimes is provided for in a company's articles of incorporation. Although neither the laws of The Netherlands nor the Articles of Incorporation of AEGON contain any provisions in this respect, AEGON has contractually agreed to indemnify members of the AEGON Executive and Supervisory Boards and officers of AEGON.

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**SHAREHOLDER VOTES ON CERTAIN REORGANIZATIONS**

Under the DGCL, the vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote thereon generally is necessary to approve a merger or consolidation. The DGCL permits a corporation to include in its certificate of incorporation a provision requiring for any corporate action the vote of a larger portion of the stock or of any class or series of stock than would otherwise be required. The GPH Certificate does not contain any such provision.

Under the DGCL, no vote of the stockholders of a surviving corporation to a merger is needed, however, unless required by the certificate of incorporation, if (1) the agreement of merger does not amend in any respect the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation, (2) the shares of stock of the surviving corporation are not changed in the merger and (3) the number of shares of common stock of the surviving corporation into which any other shares, securities or obligations to be issued in the merger may be converted does not exceed 20% of the surviving corporation's common shares outstanding immediately prior to the effective date of the merger. In addition, stockholders may not be entitled to vote in certain mergers with other corporations that own 90% or more of the outstanding shares of each class of stock of such corporation. The GPH Certificate does not contain any modification of such provisions prescribed by the DGCL.

Under Dutch law, the general meeting of shareholders must approve any merger in which the company would not be the surviving entity. AEGON's Articles of Incorporation do not expressly require the approval of the general meeting of shareholders or reorganizations or mergers in which AEGON would not be the surviving entity, but by virtue of the application of Dutch statutory law, a merger or reorganization involving AEGON and in which AEGON would not be the surviving entity is subject to the approval of the general meeting of shareholders by a majority of the votes cast at such meeting.

Under Dutch law, the executive board must also obtain the approval of the general meeting for resolutions entailing a significant change in the identity or character of the company or its business, in any case concerning: (1) the transfer of substantially all the business of the company to a third party; (2) entering into or terminating a long term cooperation between the company or a subsidiary thereof and another legal entity or company or as a fully liable partner in a limited partnership or general partnership, if such cooperation or termination is of fundamental importance for the company; or (3) acquiring or disposing of a participation in the capital of a company if the value of such participation is at least one third of the sum of the assets of the company. AEGON's Articles of Incorporation do not expressly require the approval of the general meeting of shareholders to any of the foregoing changes in the identity or character of AEGON or its business, but by virtue of the application of Dutch statutory law, any such changes are subject to the approval of the general meeting of shareholders by a majority of the votes cast at such meeting.

**CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO BUSINESS COMBINATIONS**

The DGCL generally prevents a corporation from entering into certain business combinations with an interested stockholder (defined generally to include any person or entity that is the beneficial owner of at least 15% of a corporation's outstanding voting stock or certain of its affiliates within a three year period immediately prior to the time that such stockholder is determined to be an interested stockholder), unless (1) the business combination or the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder is approved by the board of directors of the corporation, prior to such time as the stockholder became an interested stockholder, (2) the interested stockholder acquired at least 85% of the corporation's voting stock in the same transaction in which it became an interested stockholder or (3) at or subsequent to such time in which the stockholder became an interested stockholder, the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of stockholders, and not by written consent, by a vote of 66 2/3% of the outstanding voting stock not owned by the interested stockholder.

Neither Dutch law nor AEGON's Articles of Incorporation specifically prevent business combinations with interested shareholders.

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### **RIGHTS OF INSPECTION**

Under the DGCL, any stockholder may inspect for any proper purpose the corporation's stock ledger, a list of its stockholders and its other books and records during the corporation's usual hours for business.

Under Dutch law, the annual accounts of a company are submitted to the general meeting of shareholders for their approval. Under Dutch law, the shareholders' register is available for inspection by the shareholder. The register for holders of New York Shares is available for inspection at the office of AEGON's New York registrar. Members of the supervisory board of a Dutch company are authorized to inspect the books and records of the company, and they are permitted access to the buildings and premises of the company during normal business hours.

### **SHAREHOLDER SUITS**

Under the DGCL, a stockholder may bring a derivative action on behalf of the corporation to enforce the rights of the corporation. An individual also may commence a class action suit on behalf of himself and other similarly situated stockholders where the requirements for maintaining a class action under Delaware law have been met. A person may institute and maintain such a suit only if such person was a stockholder at the time of the transaction which is the subject of the suit. Additionally, under Delaware case law, the plaintiff generally must be a stockholder not only at the time of the transaction which is the subject of the suit, but also through the duration of the derivative suit. Delaware law also requires that the derivative plaintiff make a demand on the directors of the corporation to assert the corporate claim before the suit may be prosecuted by the derivative plaintiff, unless such demand would be futile.

Dutch law does not provide for derivative suits or class actions.

### **CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

The DGCL generally permits transactions involving a Delaware corporation and an interested director of that corporation if (1) the material facts as to his relationship or interest are disclosed and a majority of disinterested directors consents, (2) the material facts are disclosed as to his relationship or interest and a majority of shares entitled to vote thereon consents or (3) the transaction is fair to the corporation at the time it is authorized by the board of directors, a committee or the stockholders.

Under Dutch law, unless the articles of incorporation of a company provide otherwise, the corporation will be represented by the supervisory board in case of a conflict of interest between the corporation and one or more of its executive board members. The Articles of Incorporation of AEGON provide that, in the event of a conflict of interest between AEGON and a member of the AEGON Executive Board, AEGON must be represented by a member of the AEGON Executive Board or a member of the AEGON Supervisory Board appointed for that purpose by the AEGON Supervisory Board. The general meeting of shareholders is authorized at all times to appoint one or more other persons to represent AEGON in the event of a conflict of interest with a member of the AEGON Executive Board.

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS**

AEGON and GPH are each required to file periodic reports with the SEC containing certain financial information. GPH files Annual Reports on Form 10-K which contain audited financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q which contain quarterly financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. AEGON files Annual Reports on Form 20-F which contain annual financial statements prepared in accordance with Dutch GAAP together with a reconciliation to U.S. GAAP and periodic reports on Form 6-K which contain financial statements for the six-months ended June 30 prepared in accordance with Dutch GAAP together with a reconciliation to U.S. GAAP. In addition, AEGON also furnishes the SEC with its nine-month financial reports; however, such reports are prepared in accordance with Dutch GAAP and are not reconciled to U.S. GAAP.



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**LEGAL MATTERS**

Certain Dutch legal matters relating to the validity of the AEGON common shares will be passed upon for AEGON by Erik Lagendijk, general counsel of AEGON. Certain U.S. federal tax matters concerning the Reorganization will be passed upon by Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP, tax counsel to GPH, and KPMG LLP, tax advisor to AEGON and GAC.

**EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements and schedules of AEGON appearing in AEGON's Annual Report (Form 20-F) for the year ended December 31, 2004, have been audited by Ernst & Young Accountants, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report thereon included therein and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements and schedules are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements incorporated herein by reference from GPH's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 have been audited by Marcum & Kliegman LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is incorporated herein by reference, and have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements incorporated herein by reference from GPH's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is incorporated herein by reference, and have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated statements of income, stockholders' equity and comprehensive income and cash flows of GPH and subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2002, have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The discussions included under the heading "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences" have been included herein upon the authority of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as experts in tax matters.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AEGON AND GPH**

AEGON files annual reports with and furnishes other information to the SEC. GPH files annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any documents filed with or furnished to the SEC by AEGON or filed with the SEC by GPH at the SEC's public reference room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. The SEC filing of AEGON and GPH are also available to the public through the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room in Washington D.C. and in other locations.

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AEGON filed a Registration Statement on Form F-4 to register with the SEC the AEGON common shares which may be offered to the stockholders of GPH in connection with the Reorganization. This Proxy Statement/Prospectus is a part of that Registration Statement and constitutes a prospectus of AEGON as well as being a proxy statement of GPH for the special meeting of its stockholders.

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As allowed by the SEC, this Proxy Statement/Prospectus does not contain all the information you can find in the Registration Statement or the exhibits to the Registration Statement. The SEC allows AEGON and GPH to incorporate by reference information into this Proxy Statement/Prospectus, which means that:

incorporated documents are considered part of this Proxy Statement/Prospectus;

AEGON and GPH can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents; and

information that AEGON files with or furnishes to the SEC and information that GPH files with the SEC after the date of this Proxy Statement/Prospectus and prior to the date on which the special meeting of GPH stockholders takes place that is incorporated by reference in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus automatically updates and supersedes this Proxy Statement/Prospectus.

This Proxy Statement/Prospectus incorporates by reference the documents of AEGON listed below. Unless otherwise noted, all documents incorporated by reference have the SEC file number 001-10882:

Report on Form 6-K dated February 11, 2005

Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004

each of the following documents that AEGON files with or furnishes to the SEC after the date of this Proxy Statement/Prospectus from now until the date on which the special meeting of GPH stockholders takes place:

reports filed under Section 13(a), 13(c) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act), and

reports filed or furnished on Form 6-K that indicate that they are incorporated by reference in this Proxy Statement/Prospectus.

This Proxy Statement/Prospectus also incorporates by reference the documents of GPH listed below. Unless otherwise noted, all documents incorporated by reference have the SEC file number 000-23637:

GPH's Form 8-K dated February 23, 2005

GPH's Form 8-K dated January 4, 2005

GPH's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, as amended

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any future filings made with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, until the date on which the special meeting of GPH stockholders takes place

The documents incorporated by reference into this Proxy Statement/Prospectus contain important information about AEGON and GPH and their financial condition. You may obtain copies of these documents in the manner described above. In addition, you may also request a copy of the documents incorporated by reference into this Proxy Statement/Prospectus (excluding exhibits) at no cost by requesting them in writing or by telephone from the appropriate company at the following addresses: