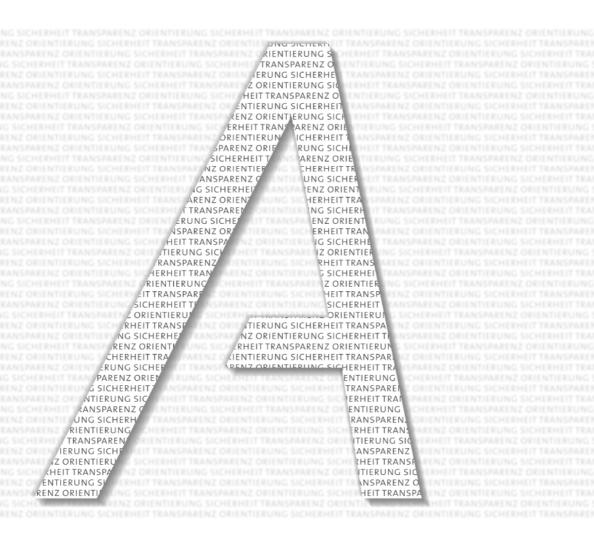
RATING REPORT

Gartenbau-Versicherung VVaG



Property/Casualty Insurer Resolution in July 2022





Rating

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The total result is derived from the following single results, which determine the result with different weighting:

Single criterion	Grade	Weighting
Safety	excellent	33,33 %
Success	very good	22,22 %
Customer orientation	excellent	33,33 %
Growth/Attractiveness in the market	excellent	11,11 %

The rating is based on the assessments of the sub-qualities. A change in the sub-qualities can lead to an upgrade or downgrade of the rating. These cases can be caused, among other things, by a positive or negative change in the market position or a significant change in the net assets, financial position and results of operations as well as the risk exposure. In addition, external factors, such as a momentous change in the capital market environment or the political framework, can lead to an adjustment of the affected sub-qualities and thus of the rating. In particular, improved or deteriorated customer survey results and an improvement or deterioration in customer orientation factors may lead to an upgrade or downgrade of the rating.

Regardless of the date of the resolution, the present rating always takes into account the individual economic situation of the rated property. For this purpose Assekurata conducts continuous monitoring within the



framework of a multi-layered monitoring process. Under the framework conditions of the COVID 19 pandemic, the frequency and scope of monitoring was intensified. If a rating threat is identified, the existing rating is adjusted during the year, also ad hoc.



Presentation of the result

Safety

Assekurata continues to give Gartenbau-Versicherung an excellent assessment of the security situation.

In the past financial year Gartenbau-Versicherung once again succeeded in expanding its security capital. The company added € 0.6 million to the equalization reserve, and € 2.0 million to equity. At around 56.5%, the equity ratio for 2021 is again likely to be above the market average and, like the special underwriting capital ratio (47.0%), will remain above the market average. At 288.2%, the solvency ratio also indicates a high level of risk-adjusted capital. Projections by the company continue to forecast adequate values here in the coming years. Gartenbau-Versicherung pursues a very systematic and an organizationally as well as technically profound risk policy. The company benefits in the management of actuarial risks from its sound technical understanding and the profound knowledge of the risks to be insured. The methodically sound and very differentiated reinsurance activities have to be underlined as well. At the same time, the company pursues a very risk-averse investment policy and focuses on fixed-income securities with a high rating.

The provision for outstanding insurance claims is, however, of minor importance at Gartenbau-Versicherung. Due to its focus on property insurance, the company settles most of its claims very quickly. Thus, the claims reserves often are already reversed before the balance sheet date.

Overall, the company could significantly reduce the pressure on its safety capital situation in recent years. Nonetheless, in Assekurata's view the accumulation of safety capital still has to be particularly focused on in the future in light of the actuarial volatilities and the continuing premium growth. Assekurata does not expect a deterioration of the security capital for 2022.

Success

In the partial quality success, Gartenbau-Versicherung still achieves a very good assessment.

Due to the safety-oriented investment policy, the investment returns account only for a small share of the success of the company. Gartenbau-Versicherung,

however, has due to its business model few interestbearing investments, such that the investment result is of minor importance for the overall result of the company.

After the company was able to continuously increase its equalization reserve in recent years, the gross surplus ratio is now at a market-average level of 8.1% on a five-year average (2016-2020). This also reflects the high withdrawals from the equalization reserve in 2016 and 2018 in the time series. In 2020, however, the gross surplus ratio was well above the market average at around 12.4%, which is attributable to the extraordinary earnings situation in the insurance business. In 2021, however, the ratio again declined significantly due to a high claims burden (see below).

Due to its business model Gartenbau-Versicherung is highly correlated with the development of claims events from natural hazards. This leads to high income volatility. The earnings ratio fluctuated between 7.8 % and 16.0 % in the 2016-2020 period, however with 11.6 % on average in this period it lies above the market average (5.3 %). The effectiveness of the reinsurance program was demonstrated, for example, in the 2021 financial year, in which the company was still able to achieve a ratio of 4.5 % despite a high claims burden due to snow pressure and hail damage.

A decisive factor for the stabilization of the actuarial income is the successful expansion of the business into other European markets. Gartenbau-Versicherung increasingly achieves a regional diversification in its existing business by this. At the same time, the deep knowledge of the underwritten risks has to be permanently ensured as well. The company ensures this by deploying in-house staff or close cooperation with partners, which are responsible for the effective implementation of the underwriting and assumption guidelines.

Due to the Corona pandemic, the growth and earnings outlook for Gartenbau-Versicherung is subject to certain uncertainties, which also affect the market as a whole. Increased risks may result from a slump in growth and significantly higher portfolio disposals, for example, due to the social impact of the Corona



pandemic and the Ukrainian war, as well as associated capital market distortions and a possible stagflationary trend. At present, however, there are no indications at Gartenbau-Versicherung of any valuation-relevant effects in the areas of growth and the company's performance.

Customer orientation

Assekurata evaluates the customer orientation of Gartenbau-Versicherung as excellent.

The company cultivates a partnership-based relationship with its members and focuses all activities strongly on the customer perspective. This is reflected in the customer survey conducted by Assekurata, in which Gartenbau-Versicherung again achieved an excellent result. The particularly strong bond between customers and the company is to be emphasized here. For example, 86.1 % of those questioned agree with the statement that they would more likely or definitely only choose Gartenbau-Versicherung as an insurer. On average, only 75.2 % of the property/casualty insurers rated by Assekurata (Assekurata average) expressed this opinion. It is also noteworthy that 97% of customers stated that they would probably or definitely conclude their contract with Gartenbau-Versicherung again (Assekurata average: 96%).

Assekurata sees a strength of the company in being close to the insured business. A large part of the employees has insurance-specific as well as subject-specific and sector-specific knowledge. By this, a deep know-how regarding the requirements and the specific situation of the horticultural production companies is ensured in nearly all business divisions. For example, the sales representatives together with voluntary claims professionals often settle the claims directly on site, supported by the management board or external experts if necessary. This ensures on the one hand a high-quality claims settlement. On the other hand, the employees are aware of their customers' requirements and can directly identify needs for improvement in the product features.

Growth/Attractiveness in the market

Assekurata continues to assess the growth and attractiveness in the market of Gartenbau-Versicherung as excellent.

Due to the high market share in Germany in conjunction with the declining number of horticultural businesses as a result of structural change, Gartenbau-Versicherung has only achieved low premium growth in its core market for years. In contrast, growth rates in other European countries were high. Overall, the company recorded exceptionally high growth of 5.7% in 2020, which was significantly above the 2016-2020 average of 4.1%. In 2021, Gartenbau-Versicherung was again able to generate strong premium growth of around 8.8%, to which its commitment in other European countries contributed significantly.

Assekurata also assumes that Gartenbau-Versicherung will continue to achieve sustained premium growth in the rest of Europe, so that the growth situation should remain stable despite stagnating business in the domestic market. It is quite unlikely that the strong growth in acquired business will continue in the coming years. The acquired business can also contribute further to the company's growth in the coming years. The extent to which economic and political framework conditions will also have an impact on new business and lapse rates for Gartenbau-Versicherung in the medium term cannot yet be conclusively assessed and depends to a large extent on the course of the overall economic recovery. At present, however, there are no signs of a significant slowdown in growth.

From Assekurata's point of view, the special sales force with its professional know-how is a particularly attractive feature. While Gartenbau-Versicherung works with a permanently employed sales force in Germany and France, it cooperates with a local insurer in the Netherlands and relies on a combination of its own employees and cooperation with a broker company in Italy, which is currently being further expanded. The establishment of a branch office in Italy (as of January 1, 2022) is a significant development in this context. This means that Gartenbau-Versicherung will in future be represented at its own location in what is currently its second most important market. In addition to the pure sales function, the employees cover a wide range of specific tasks, for example with regard to claims settlement, which has already been highlighted in the chapter on customer orientation. Furthermore, Gartenbau-Versicherung sales are characterized by the support of horticultural businesses in the area of active risk management.



In addition, the company offers product contents via the HORTISECUR product line which is tailored to the special needs of the horticultural businesses and can be quickly adapted to customer demand. In recent years, for example, Gartenbau-Versicherung has already added insurance against cyber risks and drought damage to its product portfolio. The company has recently expanded its range of products in Germany and France to include extended insurance cover for photovoltaic systems, which makes it possible to insure so-called agri-PV systems. With these systems, open land can be used both for crop production and for the generation of solar energy. In this way, the company is actively promoting the energy revolution and helping to combat climate change.



Key figures Gartenbau-Versicherung VVaG

Absolute numbers/EUR mn	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number of contracts of min. one-year term (ex other motor)	146.828	149.957	152.508	153.276	152.021
Hail insurance	36.545	37.193	37.778	37.698	37.192
Windstorm insurance	41.996	42.648	43.269	43.740	43.752
Fire insurance	38.722	38.806	38.570	38.399	37.742
Engineering insurance	23.750	25.643	27.326	27.898	27.792
Plate glass insurance	2.138	2.041	1.956	1.878	1.806
Other insurance	3.677	3.626	3.609	3.663	3.737
Gross premiums written	76,2	84,7	88,7	93,8	102,0
Hail insurance	22,7	23,4	24,1	24,5	25,2
Windstorm insurance	19,4	20,7	22,4	23,9	25,8
Fire insurance	8,0	8,3	8,6	8,9	9,0
Engineering insurance	8,8	9,5	10,1	10,8	11,3
Plate glass insurance	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,3
Other insurance	0,6	0,6	0,7	0,7	0,7
Premiums written FOA	66,1	73,8	77,0	80,8	89,3
Premiums earned FOA	66,3	73,5	79,8	80,8	89,3
Gross claims expenses	44,0	48,4	56,0	56,2	70,9
Claims expenses FOA	37,0	47,6	50,6	44,6	61,6
Expenses for premium refunds	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,0
Gross administrative expenses	16,4	18,5	19,0	21,0	22,6
Gross acquisition costs	0,7	0,9	0,9	0,8	0,6
Operating expenses FOA	16,7	18,9	19,4	21,3	22,7
Underwriting result FOA before CEP	11,7	6,1	8,9	13,8	4,6
Net investment income	0,2	0,7	1,5	0,6	1,4
Gross profit	1,9	7,7	7,3	11,7	2,0
Profits transferred (+) / Loss assumption (-)	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Annual profit/loss	2,5	5,4	5,0	8,0	2,0
Dividends to shareholders	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Equity	30,1	35,4	40,5	48,4	50,4
Participation certificates and subordinated debt	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Claims equalization provision	44,4	41,2	41,6	41,4	42,0
Provision for anticipated losses	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Gross claims reserve	12,6	12,0	19,1	27,9	25,6
Gross claims reserve MTPLI	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Closing balance of financial investments at book values	79,9	99,5	104,8	116,7	104,2
Hidden reserves/losses total	16,2	14,6	17,5	18,8	28,1
SCR	32,8	33,7	36,0	34,4	36,3
Total eligible own funds to meet the SCR	83,8	82,4	88,9	96,7	104,5
Allocation of business* in %	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Direct business	78,6	74,1	74,6	73,7	70,9
Indirect business	21,4	25,9	25,4	26,3	29,1
*by gross premiums written					
Allocation* by type of insurance in %	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Hail insurance	37,8	37,2	36,4	35,4	34,9
Windstorm insurance	32,5	32,9	33,8	34,6	35,7
Fire insurance	13,3	13,3	13,0	12,9	12,4
Engineering insurance	14,8	15,1	15,3	15,6	15,6
Plate glass insurance	0,6	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,4
Other insurance	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	0,9
Residual direct business	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
*direct husiness by gross premiums written	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	U,

*direct business by gross premiums written



Safety indicators in %	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average 2016 - 2020
Equity ratio						
Gartenbau	43,4	45,5	48,0	52,6	59,9	49,9
Market	47,0	46,5	45,4	45,3	45,1	45,8
Actuarial special capital ratio						
Gartenbau	60,3	67,2	55,8	54,0	51,2	57,7
Market	24,1	24,4	23,0	22,7	24,2	23,7
Gross claims reserve ratio						
Gartenbau	20,0	21,1	19,1	28,8	40,3	25,9
Market	129,7	131,2	131,2	130,7	131,4	130,8
Solcency Ratio in %	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average 2017 -
						2021
Gartenbau	255,6	244,3	246,9	280,7	288,2	265,0
Markt	277,7	275,2	269,1	259,6	260,8	266,2
Performance indicators in %	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average 2016
UW result ratio FOA before CEP total (before perf-rel. PR)						- 2020
Gartenbau	8,8	16,0	7,8	10,3	15,3	11,6
Market	4,2	4,5	4,5	5,5	8,0	5,3
UW result ratio FOA before CEP total (after perf-rel. PR)	-7,∠	7,5	٠,٠	3,3	0,0	5,5
Gartenbau	8,8	15,3	7,2	9,7	14,7	11,2
Hail insurance	-15,4	27,5	20,6	23,4	43,6	19,9
Windstorm insurance	36,0	15,3	-16,9	1,7	9,5	9,1
Fire insurance	11,9	19,1	33,2	32,0	-15,7	16,1
Engineering insurance	30,9	25,2	26,6	12,4	30,4	25,1
Plate glass insurance	62,8	60,6	65,0	60,1	64,5	62,6
Other insurance	24,6	31,4	36,6	50,6	44,7	37,6
Market	4,0	4,3	4,3	5,3	7,4	5,0
Gross claims ratio	4,0	4,3	4,5	5,5	7,4	3,0
Gartenbau	93,2	57,6	57,4	61,1	60,0	65,8
Market	68,2	67,6	68,2	66,6	64,5	67,0
Claims ratio FOA	00,2	07,0	00,2	00,0	04,3	07,0
Gartenbau	62,9	55,8	64,7	63,4	55,2	60,4
Market	70,0	69,5	69,7	68,3	65,3	68,6
	70,0	09,5	09,7	00,5	03,3	08,0
Gross administrative expense ratio Gartenbau	21.6	21.5	21.0	20.7	22.4	21.6
Market	21,6	21,5	21,9	20,7	22,4	21,6
	14,4	14,3	14,2	14,2	14,2	14,2
Gross acquisition cost ratio	0.7	0.0	4.4	1.0	0.0	0.0
Gartenbau	0,7	0,9	1,1	1,0	0,9	0,9
Market	11,3	11,3	11,4	11,5	11,2	11,3
Operating expense ratio FOA	25.0	25.4	25.7	24.2	26.4	25.5
Gartenbau	25,9	25,1	25,7	24,3	26,4	25,5
Market	26,0	25,0	25,0	25,0	24,6	25,1
Gross combined ratio	445.5	00.0	00.2	02.0	02.2	00.4
Gartenbau Market	115,5	80,0	80,3	82,8	83,3	88,4
Market	94,0	93,2	93,8	92,2	89,8	92,6
Gross combined ratio FOA	00.0	01.0	00.4	07 C	01.0	05.0
Gartenbau	88,9	81,0	90,4	87,6	81,6	85,9
Market	95,2	94,5	94,6	93,3	89,9	93,5
Net investment return	0.6	0.3	0.0	1 -	0.5	0.7
Gartenbau	0,6	0,3	0,8	1,5	0,5	0,7
Market	3,0	3,4	2,9	3,3	2,1	2,9
Performance	2.0	2.4	0.0	2.7	1.4	1.0
Gartenbau	2,0	3,1	-0,8	3,7	1,4	1,9
Market	3,6	2,8	1,0	7,0	1,7	3,2
Gross surplus ratio		2 -	0.1			
Gartenbau	8,6	2,5	9,1	8,0	12,4	8,1
Market	7,3	7,6	7,9	8,5	7,6	7,8



Growth indicators in %	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average 2016 - 2020
Growth ratio gross premiums written						
Gartenbau	-1,3	0,3	11,2	4,7	5,7	4,1
Hail insurance	-2,1	6,0	3,1	3,1	0,0	2,0
Windstorm insurance	2,4	0,7	6,3	8,3	0,0	3,5
Fire insurance	0,3	0,2	4,6	3,4	3,4	2,4
Engineering insurance	1,3	-8,6	6,9	6,4	7,1	2,6
Plate glass insurance	-16,1	-1,4	-2,9	-3,7	-0,1	-4,8
Other insurance	-1,3	-4,8	4,5	5,8	1,5	1,1
Market	3,1	3,5	4,0	3,1	3,7	3,5
Growth ratio number of contracts (excl. other m	otor and transport insurance)					
Gartenbau	3,3	5,1	2,1	1,7	0,5	2,5
Hail insurance	3,5	5,4	1,8	1,6	0,0	2,5
Windstorm insurance	1,9	3,2	1,6	1,5	0,0	1,6
Fire insurance	1,1	2,1	0,2	-0,6	-0,4	0,5
Engineering insurance	13,6	16,7	8,0	6,6	0,0	9,0
Plate glass insurance	-4,4	-4,6	-4,8	-4,2	0,0	-3,6
Other insurance	-5,4	-4,8	-1,4	-0,5	0,0	-2,4
Market	1,6	1,1	1,1	2,2	1,6	1,5

The average values are calculated from the single values for each year with several digits precision.



Glossary

Indicator	Definition
Actuarial special capital ratio	Actuarial special capital in % premiums written FOA
Claims ratio FOA	Claims expenses FOA in % premiums earned FOA
Combined ratio FOA	Claims expenses FOA + Operating expenses FOA in % premiums earned FOA
Equity ratio	Equity in % gross premiums written FOA
Gross acquisition cost ratio	Gross acquisition costs in % gross premiums earned
Gross administrative expense ratio	Gross administrative expenses in % gross premiums earned
Gross claims ratio	Gross claims expenses in % gross premiums earned
Gross claims reserve ratio	Gross claims reserve in % gross premiums written (direct business)
Gross claims reserve ratio MTPLI	Gross claims provision MTPLI in % gross premiums written of MTPLI (direct business)
Gross combined ratio	Gross claims expenses + Gross administrative expenses + Gross acquisition costs in % gross premiums earned
Gross surplus ratio	Gross surplus in % gross premiums earned
Net investment return	Total net investment income in % of average financial investment at book values
Solvabilitätsdeckungsgrad nach Solvency II aufsichtsrechtlich	Bedeckungsgrad der aufsichtsrechtlichenKapitalanforderungen nach Solvenccy II (ggf. incl. beantragter Übergangsmaßnahmen und Volatility Adjustment)
Solvabilitätsdeckungsgrad nach Solvency II im Basisszenario	Bedeckungsgrad der Kapitalanforderungen nach Solvenccy II im Basisszenario (ohne Übergangsmaßnahmen und Volatility Adjustment)
Operating expense ratio FOA	Operating expenses for own account in % gross premiums earned FOA
Performance	Total investment return and change of total hidden reserves in % of average financial investments at market values
UW result ratio FOA before CEP (after performance-related PR)	UW result FOA before changes of claims equalization provision and similar reserves (after changes of performance-related premium refunds) in % gross premiums earned
UW result ratio FOA before CEP total (before performance-related PR)	UW result FOA before changes of claims equalization provision and similar reserves (before changes of performance-related PR) in % gross premiums earned
Term	Explanation
Actuarial special capital	Claims equalization provision + Provision for anticipated losses
CEP	Claims equalization provision
Equity	Balance sheet equity (without outstanding contributions, not requested) - Dividends announced, but not paid + Profit-sharing capital + Subordinated debt
FOA	For own account
Gross surplus	Annual profit/loss + Surplus participation of policyholder + Profit transferred - Loss assumption + Taxes

MTPLI Motor third-party liability insurance PR Premium refund SCR Solvency Capital Requirement UW Underwriting

The market aggregate reflected in the tables comprises all property/casualty insurance companies doing business on the German market with premiums of minimum EUR 50mn.



Rating methodology and assignment

Methodology

The Assekurata rating is an assessment, in which insurance companies participate on a voluntary basis. The rating is based to a large extent on confidential company information and not only on public data.

For the present rating of Gartenbau-Versicherung a.G., the Assekurata methodology for company ratings as of May 2022 (https://www.assekurata-rating.de/unternehmensrating/#methodik) was used.

The overall rating results from summarizing the results of four single criteria, which represent key quality requirements regarding an insurer from a customer's perspective. For property/casualty insurers these are as follows:

Safety of the corporation

How certain is the existence of the insurer?

Success

How successfully does the insurer operate with the customers' premiums?

Customer orientation Which service level does the insurer offer?

Growth/Attractiveness in the market How attractive is the insurer from a customer's perspective?

These criteria are assessed on the basis of a comprehensive information base. This comprises a systematic and detailed indicator analysis based on internal and external accounting. The rating process includes additionally comprehensive interviews with the members of the executive board of the company and an empiric customer survey to measure the customer satisfaction and the customer retention. For this purpose a random sample is taken, from which 800 customers are

surveyed by phone by a professional market research company.

The customer satisfaction is measured at different levels of detail. One the one hand Assekurata interviews the customers on their overall satisfaction with the company, on the other hand the rating analysts capture the satisfaction with regard to specific areas. The customer satisfaction as well as the customer retention run in the form of indices into the overall result of the customer survey.

Overall result

The individually assessed single criteria are finally consolidated to an overall result according to the Assekurata rating process. Different weights are applied in this context (see page 2). The rating team summarizes the results of the single criteria in a rating report and presents the document to the rating committee as rating proposal.

Independent of the weightings, the results of the single criteria customer orientation and safety experience particular importance. If any of these criteria is lower than satisfactory, the overall rating is downgraded to this value (so-called breakthrough effect).

Rating committee

The Assekurata rating is an expert opinion. The rating is assigned by the rating committee. It consists of the leading rating analyst, one division manager for analysis and at least two external experts. The rating committee verifies and discusses the proposal. The final rating needs to be assigned unanimously.



Rating assignment

The unanimously assigned rating based on the Assekurata rating process leads to a ranking of the insurance company within the Assekurata rating scale. In accordance with the Assekurata methodology for company ratings (https://www.assekurata-rating.de/unternehmensrating/#methodik), the scale distinguishes eleven quality ratings from A++ (excellent) to D (insufficien).

Assekurata does not compile a ranked list by assigning a rating.

Rating	Definition
A++	excellent
A+	very good
Α	good
A-	largely good
B+	completely satisfactory
В	satisfactory
B-	still satisfactory
C+	weak
С	very weak
C-	extremely weak
D	insufficient

The individual quality classes can comprise one, several or no company. In this context, the insurance companies can have different positions within the range of the quality class. For example, an insurer might have a very good (A+) rating and be positioned at the border to excellent (AA+), while another insurer with A+ rating might be positioned at the border to good (A). This applies for the assessment of the single criteria as well.



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- Assekurata Division Manager Lars Heermann

External members of the rating committee:

- Marlies Hirschberg-Tafel, former Member of the Executive Board of an insurance company
- **Dipl.-Physiker Thomas Krüger,** former Member of the Executive Board of an insurance company
- Prof. Dr. Heinrich R. Schradin, Managing Director of the Institute of Insurance Science at the University of Cologne

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Furthermore, all information collected in the course of the rating process undergoes a detailed visual check performed by the rating analysts. Assekurata Assekuranz Rating-Agentur GmbH is in close contact with the company throughout the whole rating process. From the company's side the operative contact person (rating coordinator) has the task to ensure a seamless and timely information exchange.

The data provided in the course of the 2022 rating for Gartenbau-Versicherung VVaG didn't have qualitative shortcomings.

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