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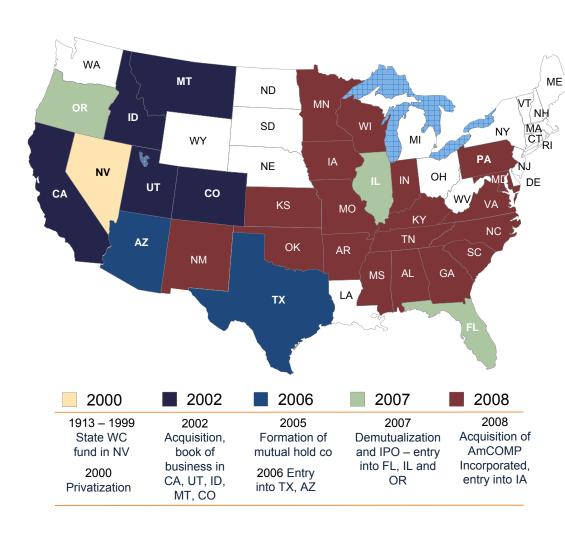
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Overview

• Specialty provider of workers' compensation \$38 billion insurance per year **Business** • Coverage generally required by statute industry (2010, A.M. Best) > Medical, temporary/permanent indemnity, death Small "Main Street" businesses Highly Low-to-medium hazard exposure industries focused Customers **business** > Top classes include restaurants, physicians, dentists, model clerical, retail stores Distribution through agents and strategic partners Operate in • Diversified: 30 states and the District of Columbia 76% of total with concentrations in CA, IL, NV, FL and GA Geographic market > Unique markets by state and area (2010, A.M. Best) EIG

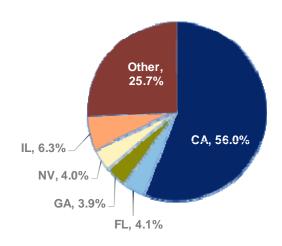
Selectively Expanding Footprint



Highlights

(at September 30, 2011)

YTD NPW: \$309.2 million
Q3 Adjusted BV per share: \$23.83
Q3 Combined ratio before LPT:117.5%



In Force Premiums Written (%) September 30, 2011



Current Trends - Actions

Current operating environment is characterized by high levels of unemployment, reduced work hours, price competition and historically low yields.

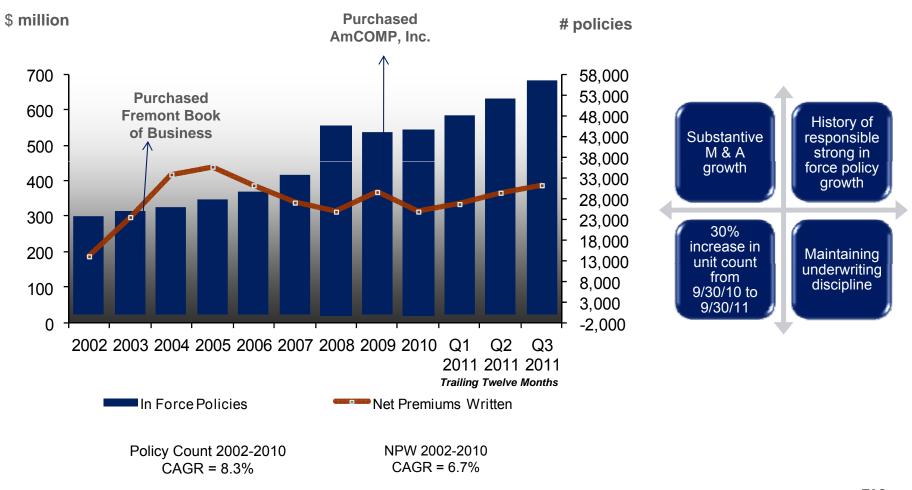
Cost controls implemented

Increased California filed rates over 33% since early 2009

- Increase in net written premium of 26% year over year at 9/30/11
- Added over 960 agencies as of 9/30/11, 9 months ahead of schedule; and added 13,090 policies year over year; rapid quote technology now available in all states of operation
- Percentage of payroll exposure company-wide in Hazard Groups
 A & B increased 4 points year over year
- Combined four regional operating units into two, consolidated offices and staffing declined by 225
- Reduced underwriting expenses 9.6% in the first six months of this year relative to the same period last year
- Positive net rate of 10% year over year in California, which represents half of our book of business as of 9/30/11
- Additional 3.9% average pure premium rate effective 9/15/11



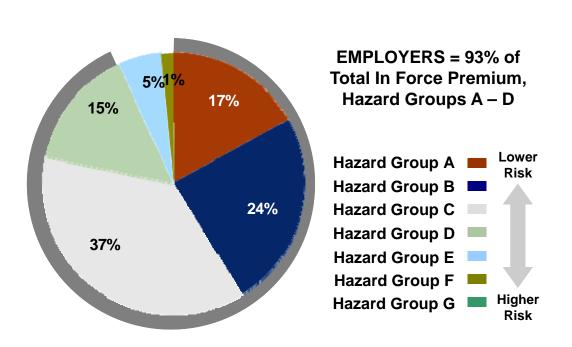
Market Penetration





Disciplined Risk Selection

Focused guidelines and selection within industry-defined classes



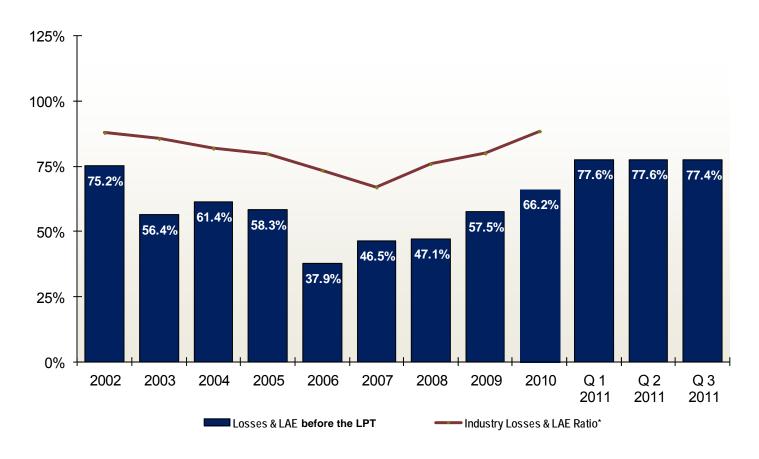
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	С	Grocery/Provisions Stores	1.9	
	В	Hotel Employees	2.2	
	В	Retail Stores	3.0	
	В	College Employees	3.2	
	В	Wholesale Stores	4.7	
	D	Automobile Services	8.4	
	С	Physicians/Clerical	9.2	
	Α	Restaurants	15.3	
NCCI Hazard Group		T 40 Ol	% In Force Premium	





Delivering Superior Loss Ratios

Consistently lower Loss and LAE Ratios than the industry composite



^{*} A.M. Best, "Aggregates and Averages" and "QAR" (For 2010, estimate based on first nine months)



Unique Distribution Network

September 30, 2011

Independent Agents and Brokers

- 3,500 agencies
- Strong relationships with agents
- Increase of 640 over last three quarters

Strategic Partnerships

- Two key partners
 - > ADP
 - > Anthem Blue Cross

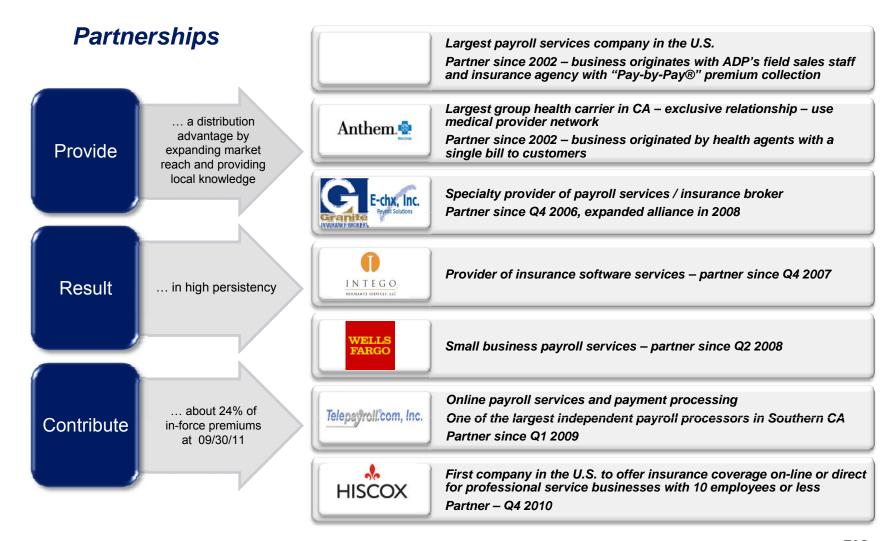
Restaurants and physicians are our top two classes of customers

Industry Focused

- California and Nevada Restaurant Associations' provider of choice
- California Medical Association sponsorship
- National Federation of Independent Business



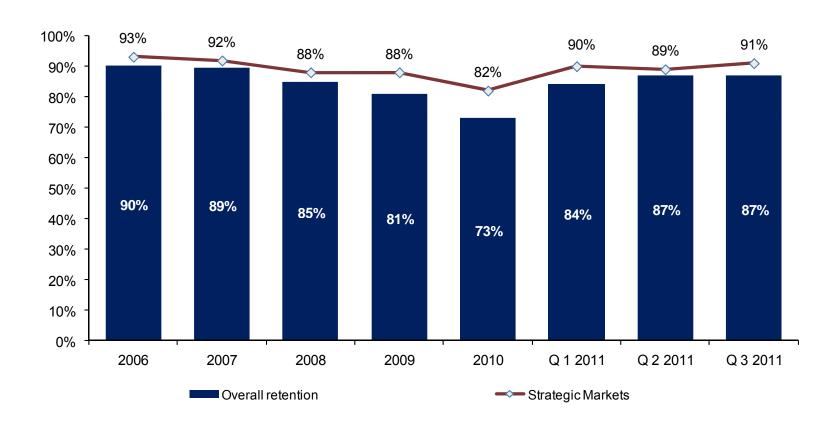
Increasing Points of Access





Strong Retention Rates

Strategic partnerships result in consistently higher retention rates





Superior Claims Management

In-house medical management staff

- Coordinate care and manage medical costs
- URAC accreditation in case management and utilization review in NV only

Comprehensive fraud program

• \$5.2 million savings in 2010

Rigorous quality assurance processes

• Ensure compliance with best practices and regulatory requirements

Dedicated subrogation unit

• Recoveries over \$2.9 million in 2010

Pharmacy benefit management program

• Savings over \$3.1 million in 2010

Claims professionals average over a decade of experience



Key Highlights: (Q 3, 2011 compared with Q 3, 2010 except where noted)

Net income	•GAAP net income \$0.31 per diluted share, increase of 6 cents/share •Net income before the LPT \$0.20 per diluted share, increase of 7 cents/share
Premium	•Increased net premiums written 26%, net premiums earned 15%
Policy count	•Increased 30% to approximately 52,000 •Average policy size of approximately \$6,500
Underwriting and other operating expense	•UW expense ratio improved 4.5 points despite a \$1.1 million charge for acquisition-related due diligence
Loss ratio before LPT	•77.4%, an increase of 6.1 points due to an increase in current accident year provision rate
Tax benefit	•\$4.4 million due to higher percentage of tax-exempt pre-tax income, impacts related to LPT, and favorable non-taxable prior period reserve development
Net rate (change)	Positive in California, negative 2% YTD, negative 3% YOY Shift in payroll mix to lower hazard groups A and B
Book value per share	•Book value per share of \$23.83, growth of 8% in first nine months



Loss Portfolio Transfer (LPT)

Retroactive 100% quota share reinsurance coverage for all losses 6/30/95 prior to Gain on transaction booked as statutory surplus; deferred and amortized under GAAP Non-recurring transaction with no ongoing cash benefits or charges to current operations

Adjustments in LPT reserves do not impact adjusted surplus or equity 3 Reinsurers:
ACE, Berkshire
(NICO), XL
Collateralized
under
agreement:
largely
cash/short-term
securities, U. S.
Treasuries, and
Wells Fargo
stock

Contract	
	(\$ million)
Total Coverage	\$2,000
Original Reserves (Liabilities) Transferred	\$1,525
Consideration	\$ 775
Gain at 1/1/2000	750
Subsequent Reserve Adjustments	(147.5)
Gain at 9/30/11	\$602.5

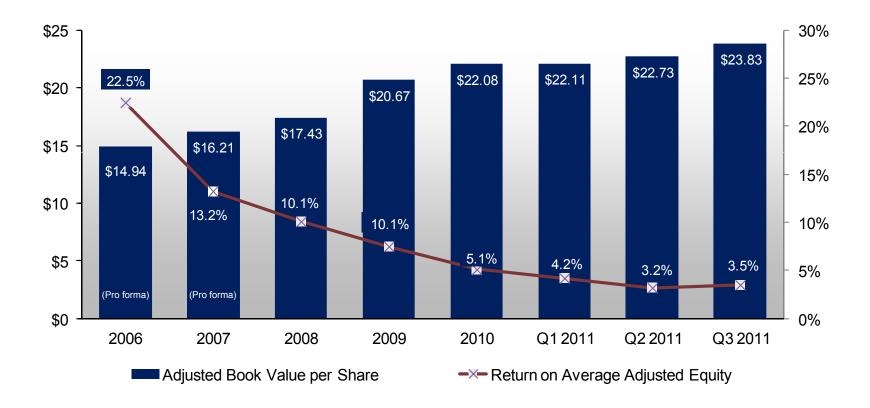
Accounting at 9/30/11				
	(\$ million)			
Statutory Surplus Created	\$602.5			
Cumulative Amortization To Date	(245.1)			
GAAP: Deferred Reinsurance Gain – LPT Agreement	\$357.4			

Claims 9/30/1995 and prior – Approximately 3,300 claims open as of 9/30/11 with 4.5% closing each year

Remaining liabilities at 9/30/11: \$817.1 million



Return on Average Adjusted Equity, Increasing Book Value per Share



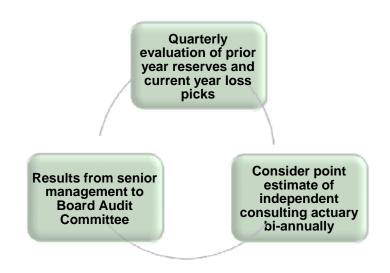
NOTE: 50,000,002 pro forma shares prior to February 5, 2007 (IPO date). Return on Average Equity includes deferred gain related to the LPT – equity in the ROE calculation is averaged for the trailing 12-month period



History of Reserve Strength

Net reserves for workers' comp industry estimated to be deficient by \$10 Billion at 12/31/10 (1)

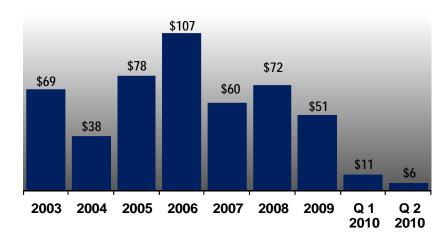
Reserve Review



(1) NCCI, "State of the Line" – June 2011 – an increase of over 50% from \$6 billion in 2008

Reserve Development

Net Calendar Year Reserve Releases for Prior Accident Years (\$ million)

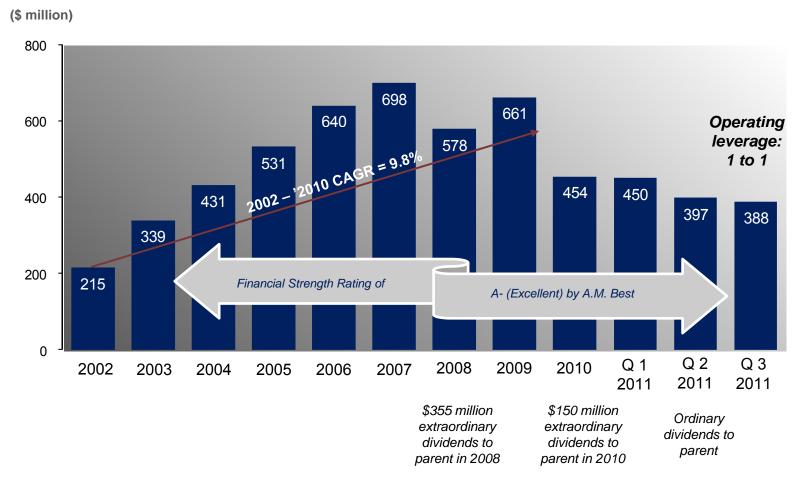


No favorable or unfavorable prior period development for voluntary business since the second quarter of 2010



Strong Capital Position

Statutory surplus provides a solid basis for underwriting





Prudent Capital Management

Holding Company Flexibility at 09/30/11

- Debt to total capital (including the deferred reinsurance gain, LPT) ratio 13.3%
- \$412 million in cash and securities

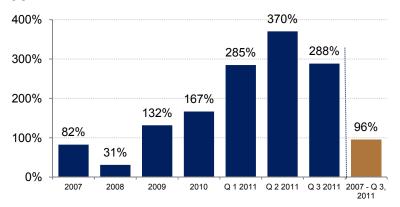
Investing in the Future

- Generate capital to invest in operations/securities
- Deploy capital opportunistic acquisitions
- Control costs
 - Underwriting and other operating expense declined 9.6% year over year in the first nine months of the year

Returning Capital to Shareholders

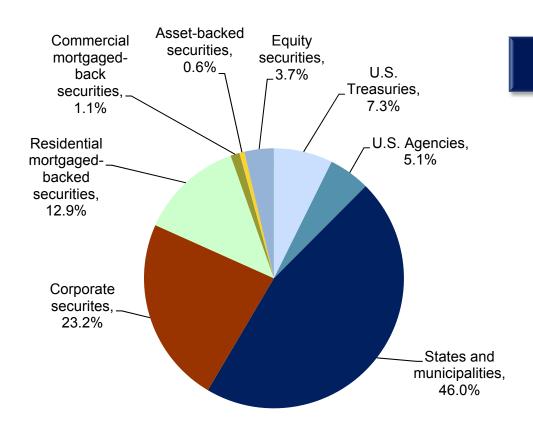
- Dividends \$0.24 per share subject to Board approval
- Share Repurchases \$40 million in 2011 YTD
- New \$100 million authorization

Common share repurchases and dividends as a percent of net income before the LPT





High Quality Investment Portfolio



\$2.0 billion fair market value

- 96% fixed maturities with an average weighted rating of AA
- Average book yield of 4.0%
- Tax equivalent book yield of 5.2%
- Effective duration of 4.65
- Managed by Conning Asset Management

Portfolio at 09/30/11



High Quality Reinsurance

Reinsurance Management

Program Structure, Effective 7/1/11

Focus on select small business provides a natural dispersion of exposure across markets

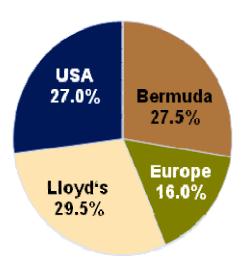
Long-term relationships with lead reinsurers

Rated A or better

Limits of \$200M

Retention of \$5M plus \$2M annual deductible

Reinsurers by Market





Summary of Financial Strength

1 to 1 NPW to Surplus at 09/30/11

Strong Nearly \$200 million **Underwriting** favorable prior AY Conservative Leverage Reserving development over the past five years **High Quality** Catastrophe Coverage up to Investment Reinsurance \$200M loss **Portfolio Program**

\$2 billion approximately 96% invested in fixed maturities with average weighted rating of AA



reserve

Key Strategies

FOCUS

- Target attractive small business market
 - Maintain disciplined risk selection, underwriting, pricing and claims operations
 - Focus on underwriting profitability

GROWTH

- Increase penetration in current markets
- Leverage infrastructure, technology and systems
- Develop existing and new distribution partners

CAPITAL

- Invest in core operations
- Invest in strategic acquisitions
- Return capital to shareholders



Key Strengths

- Strong underwriting franchise with established presence in attractive markets
 - 98 year operating history attractive, target market segment with growth opportunities
- Unique, long-standing strategic distribution relationships
- Conservative risk profile and prudent capital management
- Strong financial position and strong balance sheet
- Experienced management team with deep knowledge of workers' compensation
 - average 28 years experience with the ability to manage through challenging operating conditions



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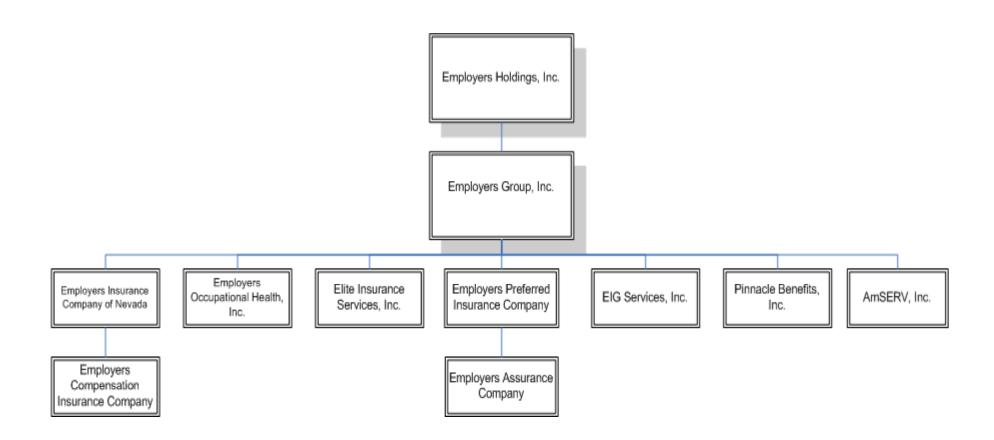
Stock Ownership Limitations

As a reminder to investors, Employers Holdings, Inc. (EMPLOYERS) owns four insurance companies, domiciled in three different states. These wholly-owned insurers are regulated by insurance commissioners and are subject to the statutes and regulations of the various states where they are domiciled and authorized to transact insurance. As a result, EMPLOYERS has the following stock ownership limitations, which must be satisfied prior to certain stock transactions.

- For a period of five years following the effective date of the Plan of Conversion of EMPLOYERS, which was February 5, 2007, no person may directly or indirectly acquire or offer to acquire in any manner beneficial ownership of 5% or more of any class of EMPLOYERS voting securities without the prior approval by the Nevada Commissioner of Insurance of an application for acquisition under Section 693A.500 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.
- Under Nevada insurance law, the Nevada Commissioner of Insurance may not approve an application for such acquisition unless the Commissioner finds that (1) the acquisition will not frustrate the plan of conversion as approved by our members and the Commissioner, (2) the board of directors of Employers Insurance Company of Nevada has approved the acquisition or extraordinary circumstances not contemplated in the plan of conversion have arisen which would warrant approval of the acquisition, and (3) the acquisition is consistent with the purpose of relevant Nevada insurance statutes to permit conversions on terms and conditions that are fair and equitable to the members eligible to receive consideration.
- Furthermore, any person or entity who individually or together with an affiliate (as defined by applicable law) seeks to directly or indirectly acquire in any manner, at any time, beneficial ownership of 5% or more of any class of EMPLOYERS voting securities, will be subject to certain requirements, including the prior approval of the proposed acquisition by certain state insurance regulators, depending upon the circumstances involved. Any such acquisition without prior satisfaction of applicable regulatory requirements may be deemed void under state law.



Corporate Structure





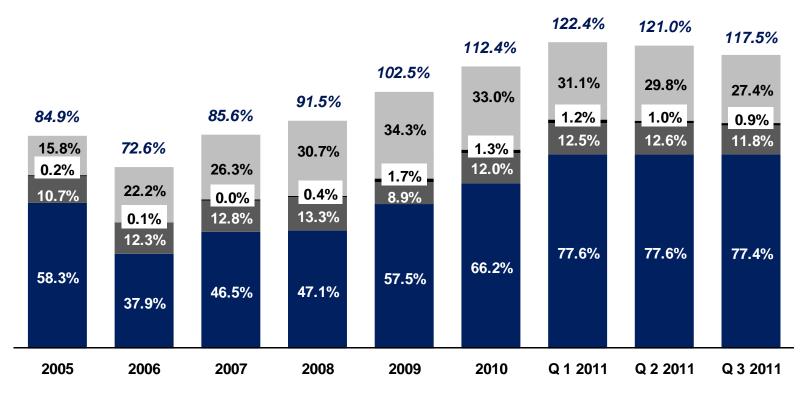
Selected Operating Results

Income Statement (\$ million)	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Gross Written Premium	\$ 451.4	\$ 386.8	\$ 351.8	\$ 318.4	\$ 379.9	\$ 322.3
Net Written Premium	432.5	372.2	339.7	308.3	368.3	313.1
Net Earned Premium	438.3	393.0	346.9	328.9	404.2	321.8
Net Investment Income	54.4	68.2	78.6	78.1	90.5	83.0
Net Income	137.6	171.6	120.3	101.8	83.0	62.8
Net Income Before LPT	93.8	152.2	102.2	83.4	65.0	44.6
Balance Sheet (\$ million)	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Balance Sheet (\$ million) Total Investments	2005 \$ 1,595.8	2006 \$ 1,715.7	2007 \$ 1,726.3	2008 \$ 2,042.9	2009 \$ 2,029.6	2010 \$ 2,080.5
Total Investments	\$ 1,595.8	\$ 1,715.7	\$ 1,726.3	\$ 2,042.9	\$ 2,029.6	\$ 2,080.5
Total Investments Cash and Cash Equivalents *	\$ 1,595.8 61.1	\$ 1,715.7 80.0	\$ 1,726.3 149.7	\$ 2,042.9 202.9	\$ 2,029.6 191.6	\$ 2,080.5 136.8
Total Investments Cash and Cash Equivalents * Total Assets	\$ 1,595.8 61.1 3,188.8	\$ 1,715.7 80.0 3,266.8	\$ 1,726.3 149.7 3,264.3	\$ 2,042.9 202.9 3,825.1	\$ 2,029.6 191.6 3,676.7	\$ 2,080.5 136.8 3,480.1

^{*} Includes Restricted cash and cash equivalents



Calendar Year Combined Ratio





■ Policyholder Dividends Ratio

■ Commission Expense Ratio

■ Underwriting & Other Operating Expense Ratio



Filed Rate Changes: 10/01/10 thru 10/01/11

