

### **Employers Holdings, Inc.**

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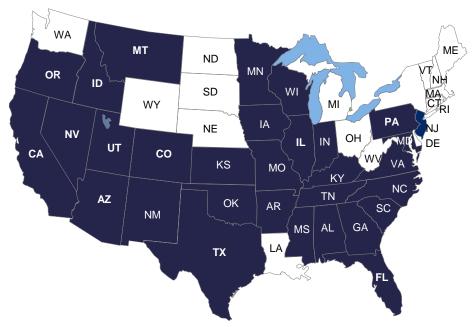
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### Overview

- Workers' compensation mono-line writer
- 15<sup>th</sup> largest private writer in 2011, 18<sup>th</sup> largest overall
- Focus on small, low to medium hazard risks
- Distribution through agents and strategic partners
  - > 4,120 agents = 77% in-force premium
  - Strategic partners = 22.6% in-force premium (principally ADP and Anthem Blue Cross of California)
- Writing in 31 states and the District of Columbia
  - Expanded into New Jersey in 2011
  - > Operate in 76% of total market (2011 A.M. Best)





At December 31, 2012

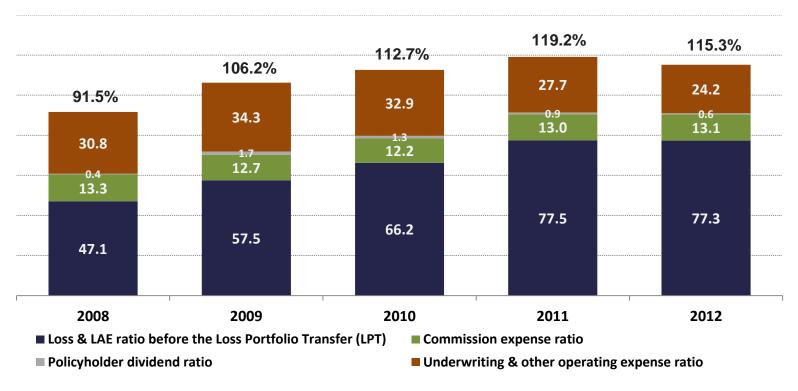
Average policy size: \$6,732

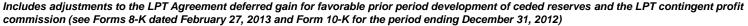
In force Premium	<b>Policy Count</b>
\$537 million	79,814 Policies
CA = 59%	CA = 46,829
IL = 6%	IL = 3,302
GA = 4%	GA = 3,150
FL = 3%	FL = 2,918
NV = 3%	NV = 3,876



# Improving Calendar Year Combined Ratio

- Combined and underwriting expense ratios trending down with implementation of cost controls and increasing earned premiums; historically low annual expense ratio
- Loss ratios impacted by loss provision rates in the high seventies in 2011 and 2012 and increasing earned premiums
- Rate trends currently exceeding loss trends; plan to decrease loss provision rates incrementally throughout 2013 if rate objectives are achieved



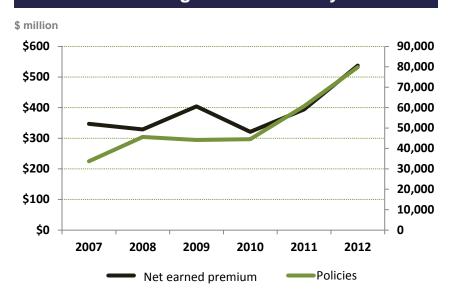




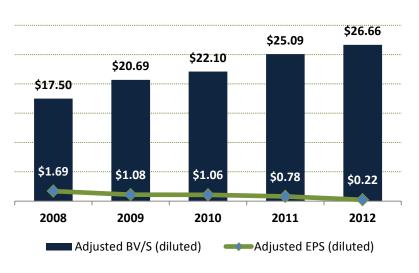
### Growth

- Substantial increases in net earned premium
  - Policy count increases of 32% and 36% in 2012 and 2011 YOY
  - Increase of 8% in net rate for 2012 YOY
- Growth of 6% YOY in adjusted book value
- EPS impacted by historically low yields and high loss provisions in recent years

#### Substantial growth in recent years



#### Adjusted book value and adjusted EPS

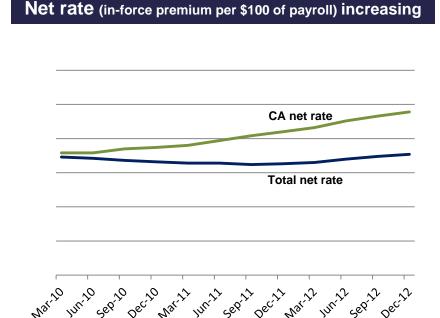


(adjusted and restated for impacts of the LPT)



### Improving Rate and Stable Retention

- OVERALL change in net rate up 8.3% at year-end 2012 YOY
  - o Many variables impact net rate including rate changes, underwriting risk profiles, pricing, changes in business mix
- Positive net rate change in top five states (California, Illinois, Georgia, Florida and Nevada) and overall at year-end 2012 YOY
- Policy retention stable



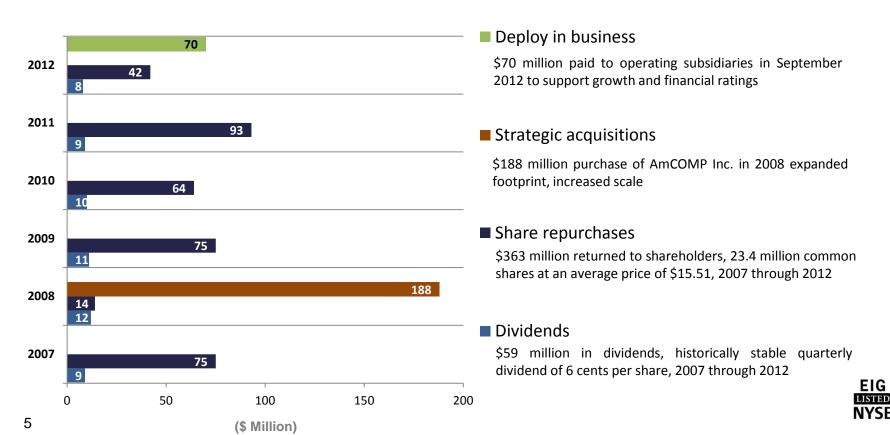
#### **Consistently high retention**





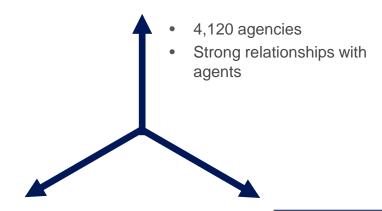
### Capital Deployment

- Three uses of capital \$216 million at 12/31/2012 in cash and securities at holding company \$680 million deployed 2007 through 2012
  - Deploy into the business
  - 2. Opportunistic acquisitions/mergers
  - Return to shareholders
    - Share repurchases and dividends from 2007 through 2012 represent 120% of net income before the LPT



## Unique Distribution Network

### Independent agents and brokers



### **Strategic partnerships**

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

Restaurants and physicians are our top two classes of customers

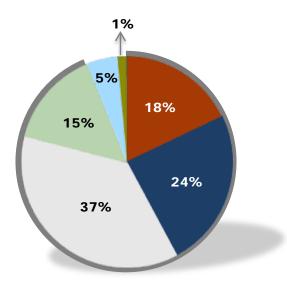
### **Industry focused**

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

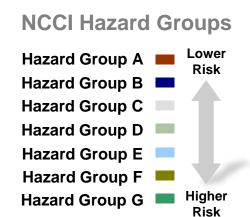


### Low Risk Focus

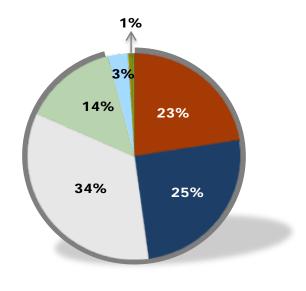
#### Underwriting focus on select low hazard groups A - D



Hazard Group % at Dec. 31, 2011 94% in Hazard Groups A – D



Data shown as a % of in force premiums

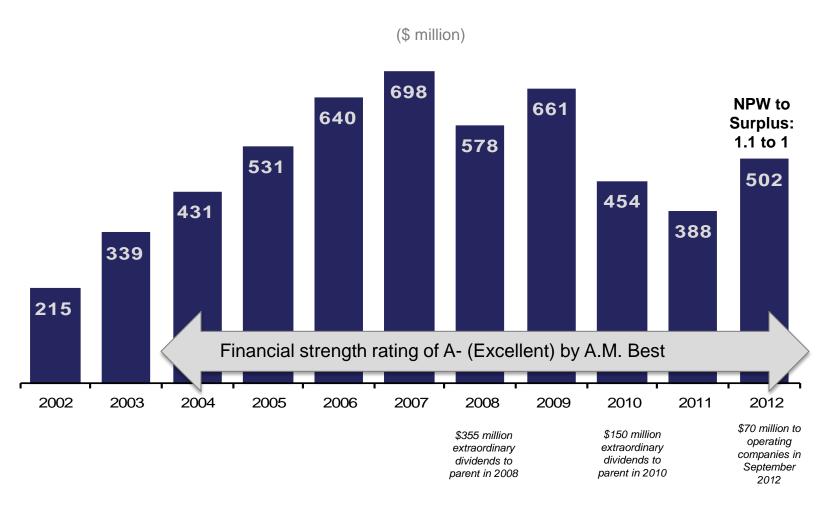


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# Strong Capital Position

### Statutory surplus provides a solid basis for underwriting





### Loss Portfolio Transfer (LPT)

Retroactive 100% quota share reinsurance coverage for all losses 6/30/95 and prior 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 3 Reinsurers: ACE, Berkshire (NICO), XL Collateralized under agreement: largely cash/short-term securities, US Treasuries, and Wells Fargo stock

Favorable adjustment to LPT ceded reserves made in Q 4 2012; contingent commission adjustment now included in deferred gain\*

Contract		
	(\$ million)	
Total Coverage	\$2,000	
Original Reserves (Liabilities) Transferred	\$1,525	
Consideration	775	
Gain at 6/30/1999	\$ 750	
Subsequent adjustments to the gain*	\$ (204)	
Gain at 12/31/12	\$ 546	

Accounting at 12/31/12	
	(\$ million)
Statutory Surplus Created	\$546
Cumulative Amortization To Date	(265)
GAAP: Deferred Reinsurance Gain – LPT Agreement	\$281

Claims 6/30/1995 and prior – Approximately 3,064 claims open as of 12/31/12 with 4.5% closing each year

Remaining liabilities at 12/31/12: \$672 million

<sup>\*</sup>Any adjustment to the estimated reserves ceded under the LPT Agreement or any adjustment to the contingent profit commission under the LPT Agreement results in cumulative adjustments to the Deferred Gain, which are also included in losses and LAE incurred in the consolidated statement of income and comprehensive income, such that the Deferred Gain reflects the balance that would have existed had the revised reserves and/or the revised contingent profit commission been recognized at the inception of the LPT Agreement.



# History of Reserve Strength

#### Reserve review

Consider point estimate of independent consulting actuary bi-annually

Results from senior management to Board Audit Committee

**Quarterly evaluation** 

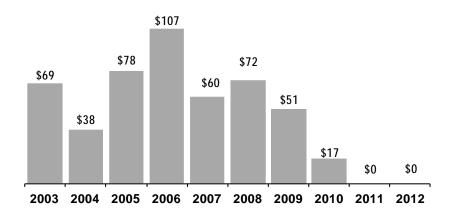
of prior year reserves

and current year

loss picks

#### **Reserve development**

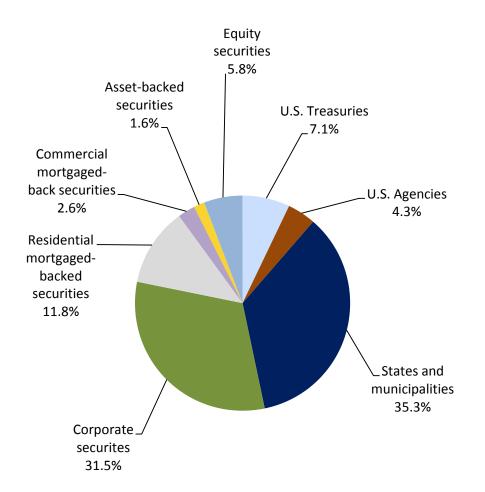
Net Calendar Year Reserve Releases for Prior Accident Years (\$ million)



No favorable prior period development for voluntary business since the second quarter of 2010 – overall reserves have remained adequate



# High Quality Investment Portfolio



#### 12/31/2012: \$2 billion fair market value

- Fixed maturities have an average weighted rating of AA-
- 65.9% of the market value of our fixed maturities rated AA or better
- 3.7% average book yield
- 4.4% tax equivalent book yield
- Effective duration of 4.2



# High Quality Reinsurance

#### Reinsurance management

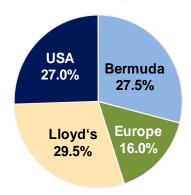
### **Program structure, effective 7/1/12**

Maintain a high quality reinsurance program Long-term relationships with lead reinsurers Focus on select small business provides a natural dispersion of Rated A or better exposure across markets

Limits of \$200M

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

#### Reinsurers by Market





# Key Strengths



#### 100 YEAR OPERATING HISTORY

- Strong underwriting franchise with established presence in attractive markets
- Realized growth; expense management; improving operating ratios
- 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
- Demonstrated ability to manage through challenging operating conditions



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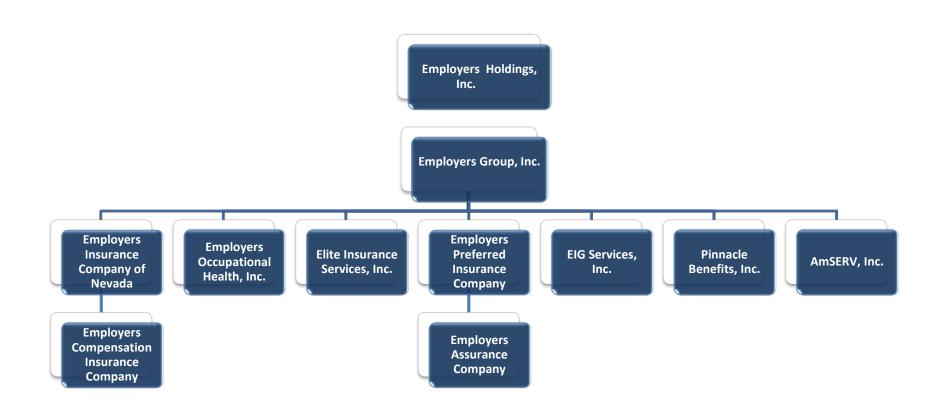




# **Appendix**



# Corporate Structure





## **Operating Conditions**

#### **Economic conditions**

- High unemployment and underemployment
- Improved work hours
- Historically low investment yields

# Workers' compensation market

- High combined ratios
- Firming market
- Rate increases in largest markets

### P & C Segment

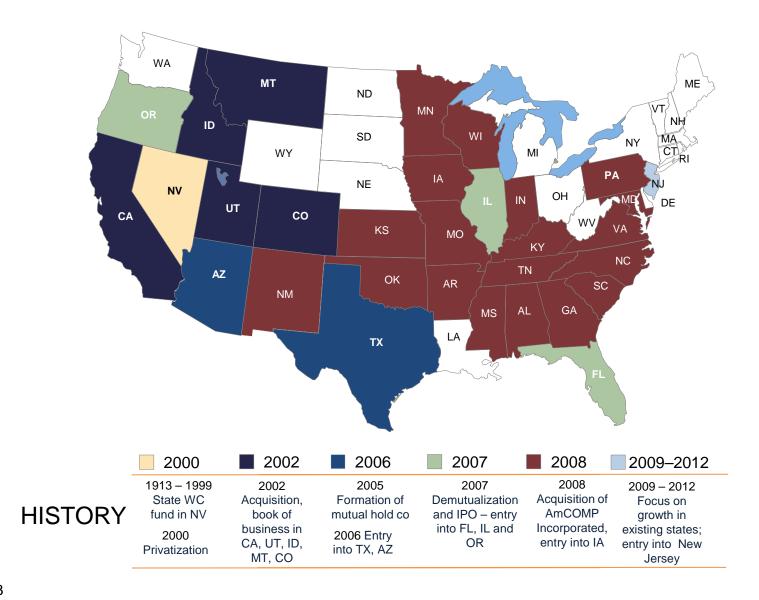
- Over capitalization
- Improving pricing

# EHI: solid financial position

- Significant capital
- Stable investment portfolio



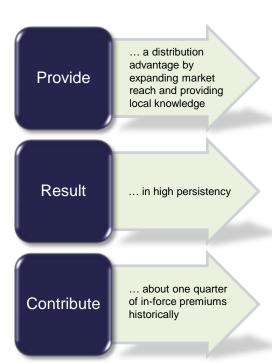
# Selectively Expanding Footprint





# Ongoing Distribution Network

#### **Partnerships**





Largest payroll services company in the U.S.

Partner since 2002 – business originates with ADP's field sales staff and insurance agency with "Pay-by-Pay®" premium collection



Largest group health carrier in CA – exclusive relationship – use medical provider network - Partner since 2002 – business originated by health agents with a single bill to customers



Specialty provider of payroll and human resource services, 2<sup>nd</sup> largest payroll provider in U.S.

Partner since Q 4 2012



Specialty provider of payroll services / insurance broker Partner since Q4 2006, expanded alliance in 2008



Provider of insurance software services – partner since Q4 2007



Small business payroll services - partner since Q2 2008



Online payroll services and payment processing
One of the largest independent payroll processors in Southern CA
Partner since Q1 2009



First company in the U.S. to offer insurance coverage on-line or direct for professional service businesses with 10 employees or less

Partner - Q4 2010



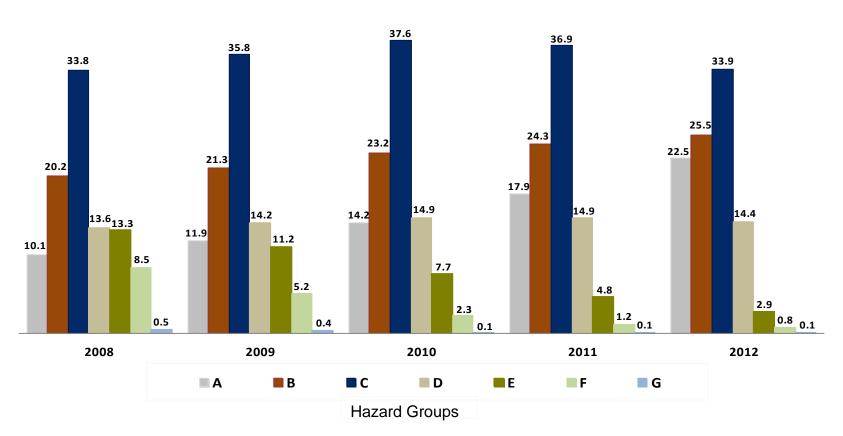
New Partnerships



### **Business Mix**

### % of In-Force Premium by Hazard Group

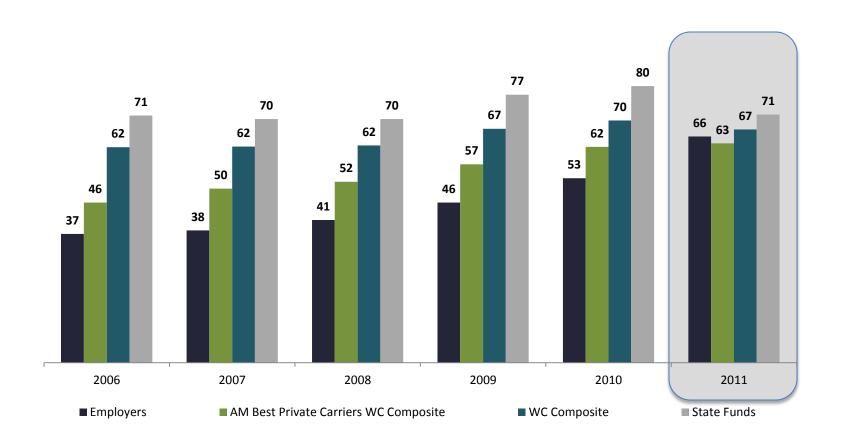
Groups A - G, 12/31/2008 - 12/31/2012





# Statutory Loss Ratios

### EMPLOYERS: Historically low loss ratios (%)





# Selected Results

	12 Months Ended December 31,	
Income Statement (\$ million)	2011* (As Restated)	2012*
Gross written premium	418.5	580.3
Net written premium	410.0	569.7
Net earned premium	363.4	501.5
Net investment income	80.1	72.4
Net income	48.6	106.9
Net income before LPT	29.3	7.0
Balance Sheet (\$ million except per share data)	2011	2012
Total investments	1,950.7	2,149.5
Cash and cash equivalents	258.6	146.0
Total assets	3,482.3	3,511.3
Reserves for losses and LAE	2,272.4	2,231.5
Shareholders' equity	462.0	539.4
Equity including LPT deferred gain	827.9	820.4
Book value (equity plus LPT deferred gain) per share	25.09	26.66

<sup>\*</sup> Includes adjustments to the LPT Agreement deferred gain for favorable prior period development of ceded reserves (2012) and the LPT contingent profit commission (see Forms 8-K dated February 27, 2013 and Form 10-K for the period ending December 31, 2012)



# Superior Claims Management

#### In-house medical management staff

• Coordinate care and manage medical costs

#### Comprehensive fraud program

• \$2.9 million savings in 2012

#### Rigorous quality assurance processes

Compliance with best practices and regulatory requirements

#### Dedicated subrogation unit

• Recoveries over \$2.0 million in 2012

#### Pharmacy benefit management program

• \$3.4 million savings in 2012

Claims professionals average over a decade of experience



# Filed Rate Changes: 04/01/12 thru 03/31/13

