**Employers Holdings, Inc. Results Through Q1 2016** 

**Investor Presentation** 



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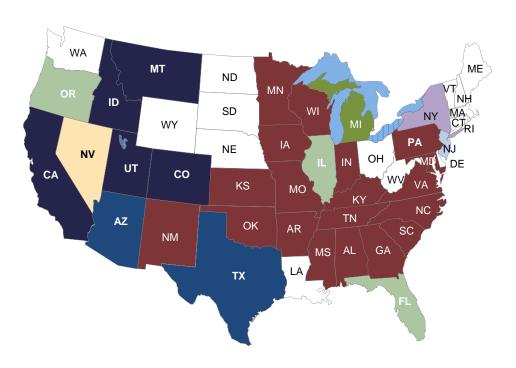
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# Overview

- Workers' compensation mono-line writer
- Focused on small, low to medium hazard risks
- A- (Excellent) rating from A.M. Best
- Distribution through agencies and strategic partners
  - Over 3,728 agencies (includes 40 Anthem Blue Cross of California agencies) at 3/31/2016
  - ➤ Independent agencies generated 76% of in-force premiums at 3/31/2016
  - > Strategic Partners include ADP, Paychex and Anthem Blue Cross of California)
- Writing in 34 states and the District of Columbia
  - > Operate in approximately 90% of total market
  - Long-term goal to operate in all of the contiguous United States, except monopolistic states
- \$7,325 average policy size / 85,089 in-force policies / \$623 million in-force premium at 03/31/16

# **Selectively expanding footprint**



2000	2002	2006	2007	2008	2009–2014	2015	2016
1913 – 1999: State WC fund in NV	Acquisition, book of business in CA,	2005: Formation of mutual holding co	Demutualization and IPO; entry into FL, IL	Acquisition of AmCOMP Incorporated,	Focus on growth in existing states; entry into New	Build out national platform; entry	Entry into New York
2000: Privatization	UT, ID, MT, CO	2006: Entry into TX, AZ	and OR	entry into IA	Jersey	into Michigan	

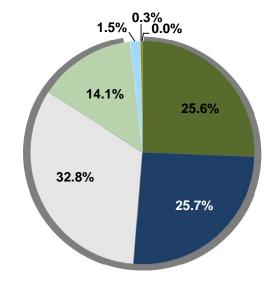


# Low Risk Focus

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

# EMPLOYERS® Top 10 types of insureds:

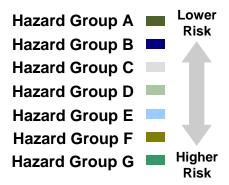
- Restaurants
- Automobile Service or Repair Shops
- Hotels, Motels, and Clubs
- Dentists, Optometrists, and Physicians
- Gasoline Stations
- Wholesale Stores
- Real Estate Management
- · Apparel Manufacturing
- Groceries and Provisions
- Schools-Colleges and Religious Organizations



Hazard Group Percentage at March 31, 2016 98.2% in Hazard Groups A – D

Data shown as a % of in-force premium

### **NCCI Hazard Groups**





# **Initiatives**

### **Strategies implemented**

- Three-company pricing platform in California with territorial multipliers
- Increased prices for underperforming class codes
- Non-renewed poor performing business, particularly in Southern California
- Accelerated claims settlement
- Targeting attractive classes of business inside and outside California national distribution expansion

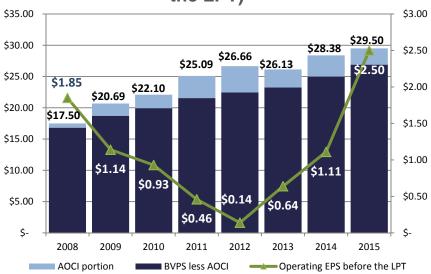
### Results:

In-force Premiums (\$million)	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	YoY % Change			f March 31, 20	
California Other	352.5 270.8	365.7 260.2	-3.6% 4.1%		Overall	California	Other
TOTAL	623.3	625.9	-0.4%	Average in-force policy size	(1.0)	0.9	(2.4)
In-force Policies				In-force payroll exposure	2.8	(0.6)	4.8
California Other TOTAL	43,843 <u>41.252</u> 85,095	45,915 38,689 84,604	-4.5% 6.6% 0.6%	Net rate	(3.1)	(3.0)	(0.7)



# **Annual Growth and Performance**

# Book value and operating EPS (adjusted for the LPT)



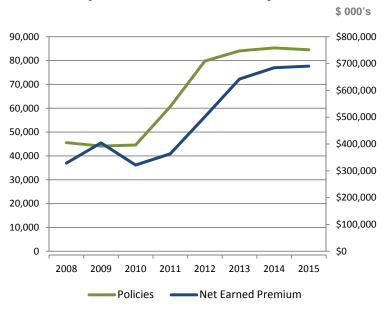
- Increasing EPS, reflecting increased underwriting profitability
- Increasing book value per share impacted, in part, by unrealized gains/losses year over year

**Book value per share** is stockholders' equity plus the deferred reinsurance gain related to the LPT (AOCI, shown in light blue shading) divided by common shares outstanding.

**Operating earnings per share (Operating EPS)** is operating income per diluted share (see page 4 for definition of operating income).

Please see the earnings release for reconciliations to GAAP numbers.

### Growth: policies, net earned premium



- Flattening policy count and premium due to strategic initiatives – reduction of higher loss ratio business in southern California
- Increasing final audit premium beginning in Q3, 2015 and continuing through the year and into 2016
- Nationally, a competitive environment; rates flat to declining in line with loss costs



# Q1 2016 Highlights

**Operating Income** 

\$17 million, up 67% from Q1 2015 principally due to an improved loss ratio and higher net investment income

Operating Return on Equity (OROE)

7.8%, up 2.7 percentage points from Q1 2015

**Return on Equity (ROE)** 

Twelve month ROE of 10.7%, up 2.7 percentage points over Q1 2015

Book Value per Share (BVPS)

Adjusted BVPS, up 9% over Q1 2015 to \$27.30

Combined Ratio excluding LPT

96.8% in Q1 2016, down 4.8 percentage points from Q1 2015

**Capital Management** 

Repurchased 37,331 shares for \$1.0 million during Q1 2016

Ordinary dividend of \$0.09 per share

**Operating income** is net income before the impact of the LPT (see Page A-1) excluding net realized gains on investments, net of taxes, and amortization of intangibles, net of taxes. **Net income before the LPT** is net income less (a) amortization of deferred reinsurance gain – LPT Agreement; (b) adjustments to LPT Agreement coded reserves; and (c)adjustments to contingent commission receivable.

**OROE** is the ratio of annualized operating income to adjusted average stockholders' equity.

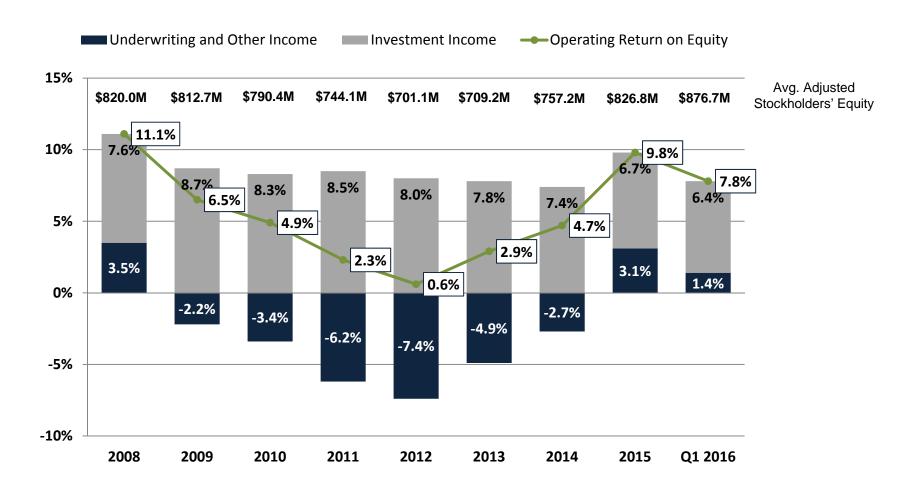
**ROE** is the ratio of annualized net income to adjusted average stockholders' equity.

**Combined ratio excluding LPT** is the GAAP combined ratio before (a) amortization of deferred reinsurance gain – LPT Agreement; (b) adjustments to LPT Agreement coded reserves; and (c) adjustments to contingent commission receivable.

Adjusted book value per share is book value including the LPT deferred gain less accumulated other comprehensive income, net, divided by the number of common shares outstanding. Please see the earnings release for reconciliations to GAAP numbers.



# Components of Operating Return on Equity



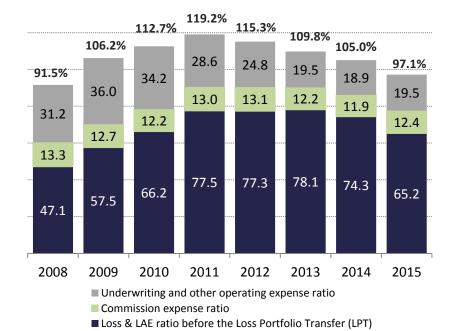
**Average adjusted stockholders' equity** includes the deferred reinsurance gain – LPT less accumulated other comprehensive income, net for each period - at the beginning and end of each of the periods presented divided by 2; **please see the earnings releases for reconciliations to GAAP numbers**.



# Improved Calendar Year Combined Ratio

### **Annual**

### Improvement of 7.9 percentage points: 2015 vs. 2014



### Quarterly

Improvement of 4.8 percentage points: Q1 2016 vs. Q1 2015



■ Underwriting and other operating expense ratio

■ Commission expense ratio

■ Loss & LAE ratio before the Loss Portfolio Transfer (LPT)

Calendar year combined ratio before the impact of LPT

Loss and LAE ratio excludes LPT Agreement adjustments for favorable prior period development of ceded reserves and the LPT contingent profit commission



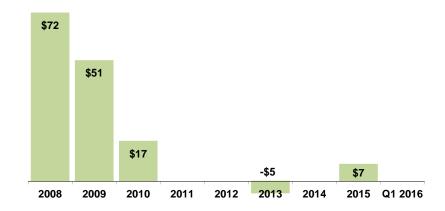
# History of Reserve Strength

### Reserve review

# Quarterly evaluation of prior year reserves and current year loss picks Results from senior management to Board Audit Committee

### **Reserve development**

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



(1) We retain an independent actuarial consulting firm (Consulting Actuary) to perform comprehensive studies of our loss and LAE reserves on a semi-annual basis. The role of the Consulting Actuary is to conduct sufficient analyses to produce a range of reasonable estimates, as well as a point estimate, of our liability for unpaid losses and LAE, and to present those results to our Internal Actuary and to management as supplemental data used in selecting management's best estimate of ultimate losses.

Our Internal Actuary has been named as the Appointed Actuary for financial statement periods ending on or after December 31, 2015 and all reserve figures shown as of December 31, 2015 are based on our internal actuarial analysis. In prior years, the Consulting Actuary was the Appointed Actuary and reserve figures for those years are based on those analyses.



# **Superior Claims Management**

# In-house medical management staff

Manage care and medical costs

# Rigorous quality assurance processes

Compliance with best practices and regulatory requirements

### **Comprehensive fraud program**

\$6.9 million savings in 2015

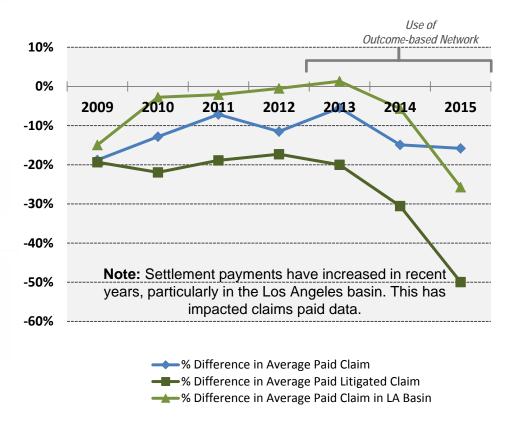
# Pharmacy benefit management program

 \$6.9 million savings in 2015, an increase of 23% or \$10.9 million over 2014 due to the implementation of a pharmacy-benefit network (PBN) in California

# **Increased settlement of aged** claims

# Claims professionals average over a decade of experience

Percent difference in the average cost per paid claim in <u>California</u> for EMPLOYERS® compared to the California industry average



Source: California Workers' Compensation Institute, data - As of December 31, 2015



# **Strong Capital Position**

### **ACTIVE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT**

- •50% increase in Q1 2016 cash dividend to \$0.09/share; \$0.09 dividend/share declared for Q2 2016 on 4/27/16
- •\$50 million two-year share repurchase program authorized by Board of Directors in February 2016
- •Since IPO in 2007, deployed nearly \$450 million through share repurchases, dividends

### FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY

- •\$85.6 million cash and securities at parent company/low debt ratio at 3/31/16
- •Our insurance subsidiaries are each members of the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco provides access to collateralized advances (none have advances under these credit facilities)

### **GROWTH IN BOOK VALUE PER SHARE**

- •Book value per share (including deferred LPT gain) growth of 6% YoY
- Adjusted book value per share (excluding AOCI) growth of 9% YoY

### **STRONG STATUTORY CAPITAL**

•Statutory capital of \$725 million at 3/31/16

### \$2.5 BILLION INVESTED ASSETS

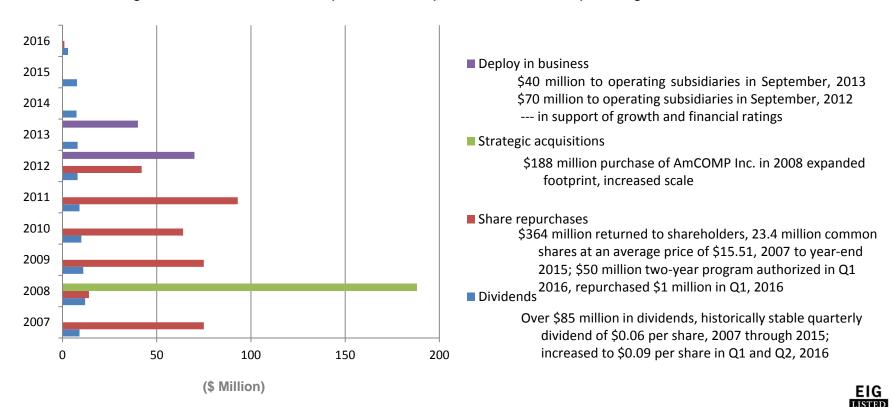
### **HIGH QUALITY REINSURANCE**



# Capital Deployment

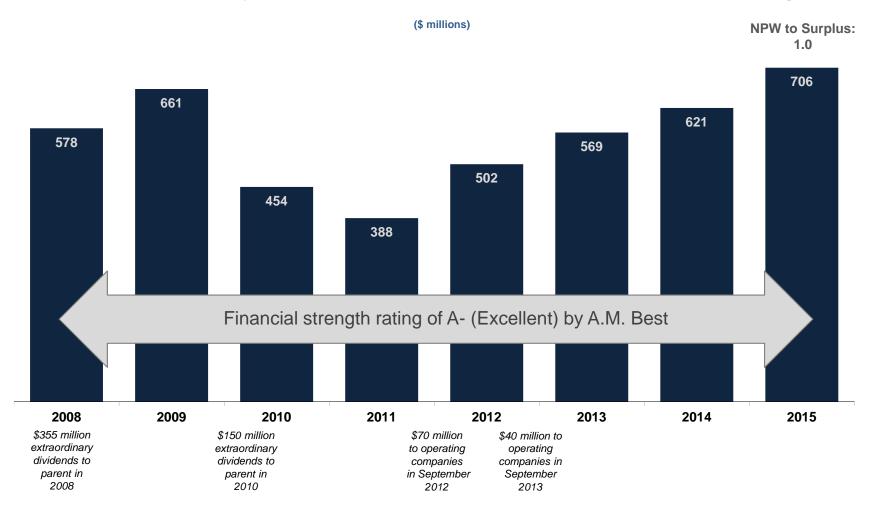
### Uses of capital

- Support business operations by maintaining capital levels commensurate with our desired ratings
  from independent rating agencies, satisfying regulatory constraints and legal requirements and
  sustaining a level of financial flexibility to prudently manage our business through insurance and
  economic cycles while allowing us to take advantage of investment opportunities, including mergers
  and acquisitions and related financings, as and when they arise.
- Going forward, the return of capital is not expected to exceed operating income over time.



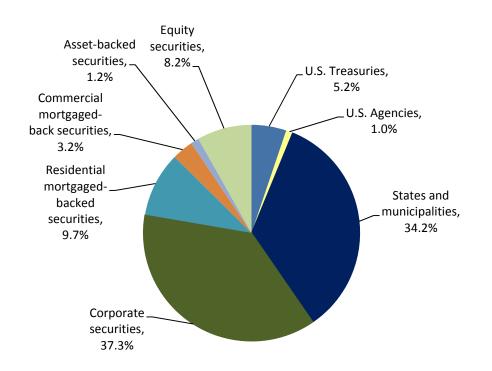
# **Statutory Surplus**

# Solid statutory surplus provides a solid basis for underwriting





# High Quality Investment Portfolio



### \$2.5 billion fair market value

March 31, 2016

- Fixed maturities have an average weighted rating of AA-
- 3.2% average pre-tax book yield
- 3.8% tax equivalent book yield
- Effective duration of 4.2

OTTI of \$5.3 million in Q1, 2016 and \$17.2 million in 2015 – impairment of equity securities related to continued downturn in the energy and commodity sectors



# High Quality Reinsurance

### **Reinsurance management**

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

Long-term relationships with lead reinsurers

Rated A or Better

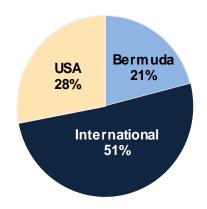
### **Program structure, effective 7/1/15**

Limits of \$200M

Retention of \$7M

Maximum any one life - \$20 million on excess layers

# Reinsurers by Market





# **Key Strengths**



- OVER 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
- Solid 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**



# 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: Chubb (ACE), Berkshire (NICO), XL Collateralized under agreement: largely cash/short-term securities, US Treasuries, and Wells Fargo stock

Gain includes favorable adjustments to LPT ceded reserves and adjustments in contingent commission such that the current gain represents the balance that would have existed at the inception of the LPT Agreement

Contract		
	(\$ million)	
Total Coverage	\$2,000	
Original Reserves (Liabilities) Transferred	\$1,525	
Consideration	775	
Gain at 6/30/1999	\$ 750	
Subsequent LPT reserve adjustments	(332)	
Subsequent LPT contingent commission adjustments	66	
Gain at 3/31/16	\$ 484	

Accounting at 3/31/16				
	(\$ million)			
Statutory Surplus Created	\$ 484.0			
Cumulative Amortization To Date	\$ (297.6)			
GAAP: Deferred Reinsurance Gain – LPT Agreement	\$186.4			

Claims 6/30/1995 and prior: 2,495 claims open as of 3/31/16 with 6.5% closing each year

Remaining liabilities at 3/31/16: \$490.8 million



# **Results Overview**

INCOME STATEMENT	YEAR		
Income Statement (\$ million except per share data)	2015	2014	
Net written premium	689.3	687.6	
Net earned premium	690.4	684.5	
Net investment income	72.2	72.4	
GAAP Net income	94.4	100.7	
Non-GAAP: net income less amortization of the deferred gain Net income (less impacts of the Loss Portfolio Transfer or LPT)	74.0	45.7	
Net income before the LPT per diluted share	\$2.27	\$1.43	

BALANCE SHEET	YEAR		
Balance Sheet (\$ million except per share data)	2015	2014	
Total investments	2,487.2	2,448.4	
Cash and cash equivalents	56.6	103.6	
Total assets	3,755.8	3,769.7	
Reserves for losses and LAE	2,347.5	2,369.7	
GAAP Shareholders' equity	760.8	686.8	
Non-GAAP: shareholder equity (plus LPT deferred gain)	950.3	893.8	
Non-GAAP book value per outstanding share	29.50	28.38	

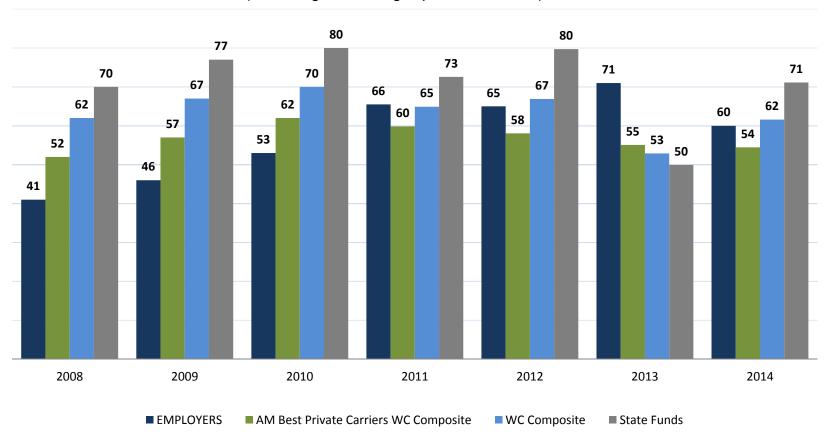
For reconciliations of non-GAAP measures, please see the Company's quarterly press releases (Form 8-Ks)



# Statutory Calendar Year Pure Loss Ratios

## EMPLOYERS® historically low loss ratios (%)

(Excluding accounting impacts of the LPT)



A.M. Best data, or derived from A.M. Best data as of 07/15/2015.

