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MAC bond insurance provides durable investment protection in a number of ways, including:

- **Timely payment of all principal and interest if the issuer defaults**
 - There is no need for individual investors to file claims
- **An unconditional and irrevocable guaranty of payment regardless of the reason for default**
 - Whether a payment is missed because of a bankruptcy filing, a simple accounting error made by a municipality, or for any other reason, bond insurance will make investors whole
- **Professional credit selection and underwriting**
 - MAC-insured bonds have been pre-selected for soundness by the guarantor's trained underwriters, who have the resources to evaluate the unique risks of each issue and, in many cases, can negotiate stronger terms and conditions before the bonds are issued
- **Enhanced market value and market liquidity**
 - Although bond insurance does not guarantee a particular market value or liquidity, distressed issuers' bonds insured by highly rated guarantors have historically held their trading value better than comparable uninsured issues
- **Surveillance of the obligor's financial condition for the life of the bond**
 - MAC has a professional surveillance staff whose job is to keep tabs on the issuers of the insured bonds
- **Early intervention to prevent problems in the first place**
 - In many cases, the professional surveillance staff spot trouble ahead of time and can call upon, or even require, the municipality to take remedial steps before a default looms
- **Management of default-related matters**
 - Insured bondholders don't have to deal with the prolonged negotiations and litigation such situations can involve

Why MAC

The Assured Guaranty Advantage

MAC benefits significantly from being a subsidiary of Assured Guaranty, the proven industry leader and a publicly traded company.

Specific Assured Guaranty Benefits

- **MAC benefits from Assured Guaranty's:**
 - Seasoned executive officers and senior managers
 - Proven risk management and underwriting discipline
 - Experience in surveillance and remediation
 - Established accounting, legal, and information technology infrastructure
- **Management's commitment to policyholders has been proven**
 - When the trustee of insured Jefferson County sewer warrants declined to draw on Assured Guaranty Municipal's policy despite an issuer payment shortfall, Assured Guaranty Municipal made a claim payment directly to DTC for distribution to warrant holders
- **The surveillance department's ability to detect and mitigate issues early on, as well as to process timely claim payments when required, has also been proven**

Specific Public Company Benefits

- **MAC is a subsidiary of a public company that is subject to New York Stock Exchange and Securities and Exchange Commission regulation and therefore held to higher legal standards of disclosure, oversight, and transparency than non-public companies**
- **Assured Guaranty has access to capital, which includes both debt and equity markets**

Why MAC

Strong Financial Strength Ratings



As of December 24, 2015

- **Kroll Bond Rating Agency (Kroll) affirmed MAC's insurer financial strength rating of AA+ (stable outlook) on August 3, 2015**
 - Kroll's rating methodology for bond insurers focuses primarily on "i) an assessment of the company's management, strategy and organization; ii) an evaluation and modeling of its insured portfolio and ability to pay claims in run-off; and iii) an analysis of its claims-paying resources and overall financial profile"
 - In its most recent report on MAC, Kroll ran a stress analysis at a AAA capital level and concluded that "MAC was able to pay all claims and expenses in full and on time under this scenario with a comfortable balance remaining."
 - Kroll concludes that "MAC's AA+ rating, Stable Outlook, is a function of the conservative features built into the company's foundation."
- **On June 29, 2015, S&P affirmed the AA (stable outlook) financial strength rating of MAC**
 - In its most recent report, which covers MAC as well as other Assured Guaranty subsidiaries, S&P cites the group's "strong competitive position, built on a proven track record of credit discipline and market leadership position" and "experienced management team that continues demonstrating a strong understanding of various risks the company faces" as part of the rationale for the AA rating

Why MAC

Proven Business Model and Management Team



- **Municipal Assurance Corp. (MAC) provides municipal bond insurance for the most popular types of municipal bonds**
- **When you buy a municipal bond insured by MAC, MAC guarantees you will receive every interest and principal payment on time and in full**
- **MAC is a subsidiary of Assured Guaranty Ltd.**
 - Assured Guaranty Ltd. is a publicly traded company listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol AGO
 - Assured Guaranty Ltd., together with its subsidiaries including MAC, is known simply as Assured Guaranty
- **Assured Guaranty is the leading financial guaranty franchise**
 - Assured Guaranty has been insuring municipal bonds for over 30 years and has the greatest combined claims-paying resources in the financial guaranty industry
- **In 2013, Assured Guaranty launched MAC to meet demand from investors who prefer insurance from a company that guarantees only U.S. municipal bonds**
 - Prior to MAC, there was no insurer with a proven business model addressing this need
- **MAC is licensed and offers municipal bond insurance in all 50 states and D.C.**

While municipal bond defaults have been rare, they do occur; major municipalities, such as Detroit, MI; Jefferson County, AL; and Stockton, CA have declared and exited bankruptcy
Assured Guaranty-insured bondholders were fully protected in these and several other instances of default

MAC employs Assured Guaranty's proven U.S. public finance credit selection and underwriting criteria.

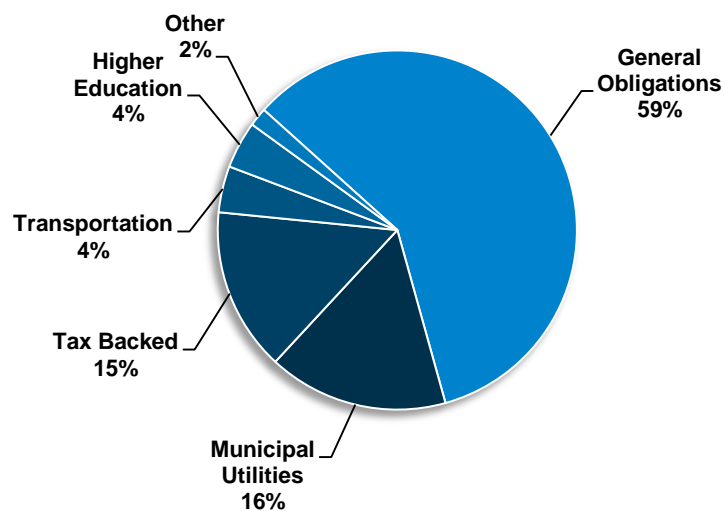
- **MAC insures only U.S. municipal bonds, primarily small and medium-size issues in select categories, such as G.O. and tax-backed bonds and public electric, water, sewer and transportation revenue bonds**
 - Bond issues must also meet our strict underwriting standards and diversification requirements
- **MAC targets transactions in the range of \$1 million to \$100 million in par**
- **The general underwriting criteria and processes are the same for MAC as for the other primary Assured Guaranty subsidiaries, AGM and AGC**
 - Underlying credit quality of insured transactions must be investment grade
- **When underwriting new transactions, we also consider:**
 - The nature and priority of the obligation and security provided (for example, the full faith and credit of the issuer, a pledge of specific revenues or a pledge of taxes)
 - The essential nature and exclusivity of the franchise or service
 - The financial condition and liquidity of the issuer, e.g., pension funding obligations and exposure to variable rate debt and related interest rate swaps
 - Economic and demographic conditions and trends that will affect the issuer's ability to pay its debt
 - Litigation claims against the obligor
 - The political and legal environment

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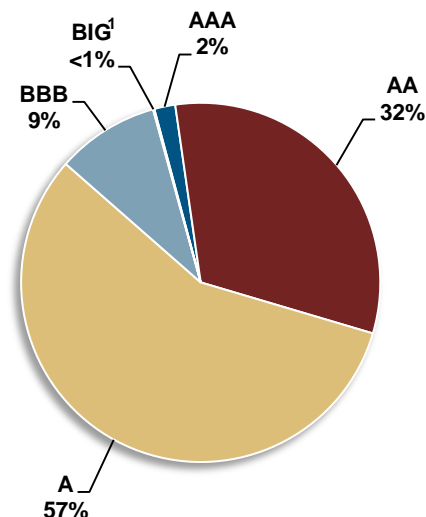
Insured Portfolio (100% U.S. Public Finance)
Net Par Outstanding as of September 30, 2015

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Portfolio Diversification by Sector



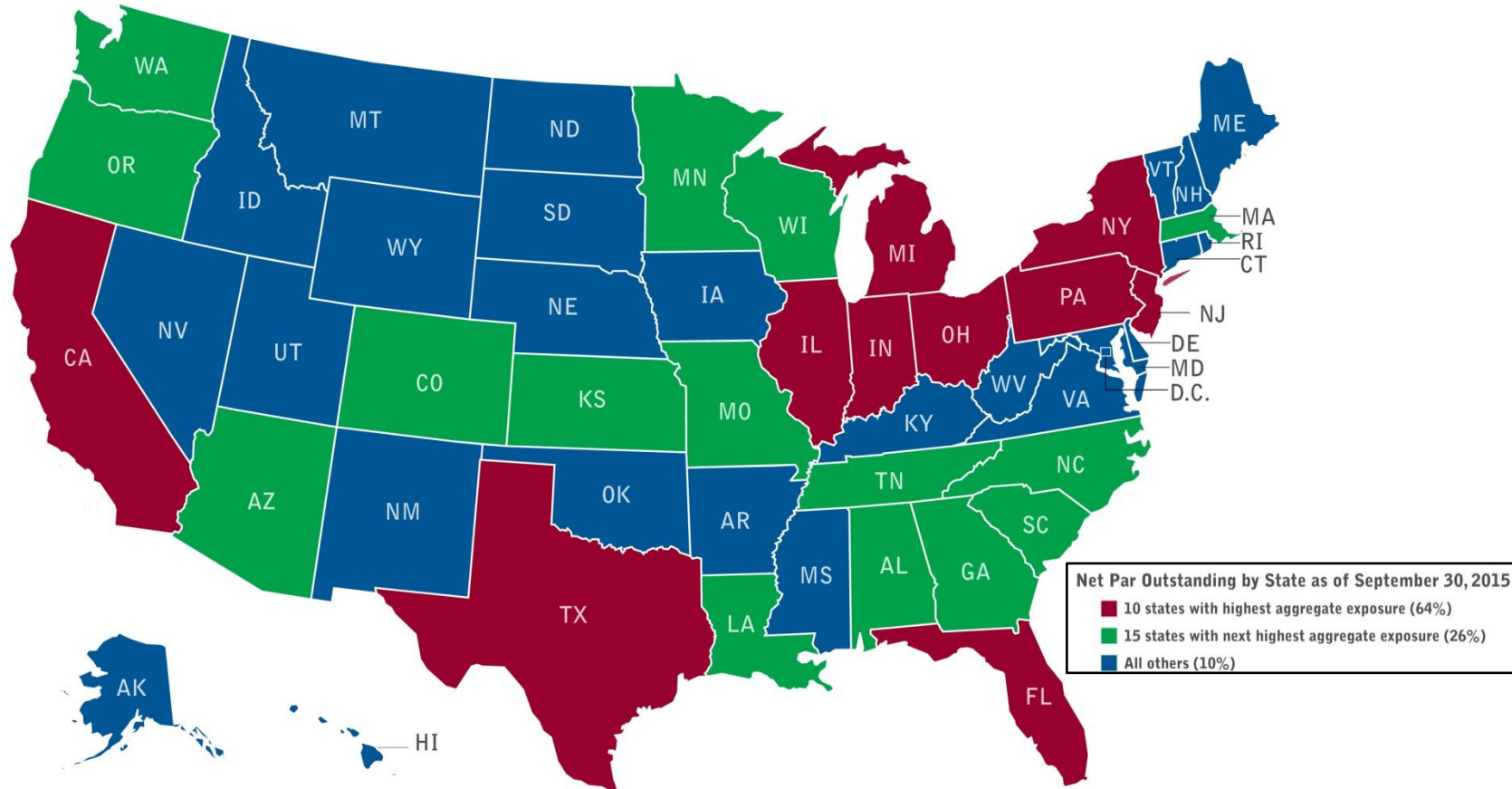
Portfolio Diversification by Rating



MAC has an insured portfolio of \$78 billion in par, 91% of which is rated in the A category or higher.

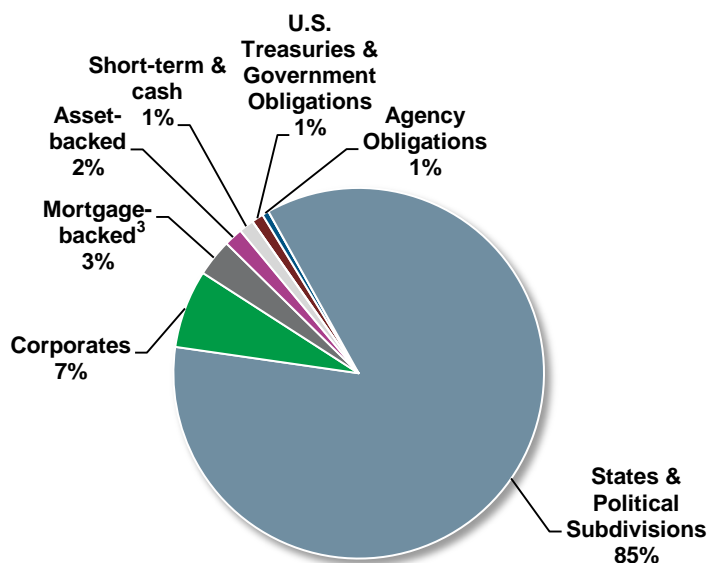
1. A total of \$90 million net par outstanding; consists of six revenue sources rated in the BB category.

MAC's exposure is geographically diversified.

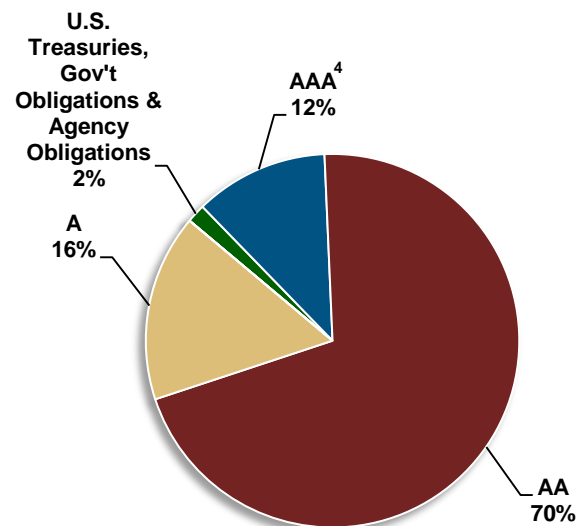


MAC has exposure to municipalities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

**Investments Available for Sale and Cash¹
By Category**



**Investments Available for Sale and Cash^{1,2}
By Rating**



With a \$1.5 billion investment portfolio, MAC generates significant investment income.

1. Includes fixed maturity securities, short-term investments and cash. The duration of the fixed maturity securities and short-term investments is 4.7 years.

2. Ratings are represented by the lower of the Moody's and S&P classifications.

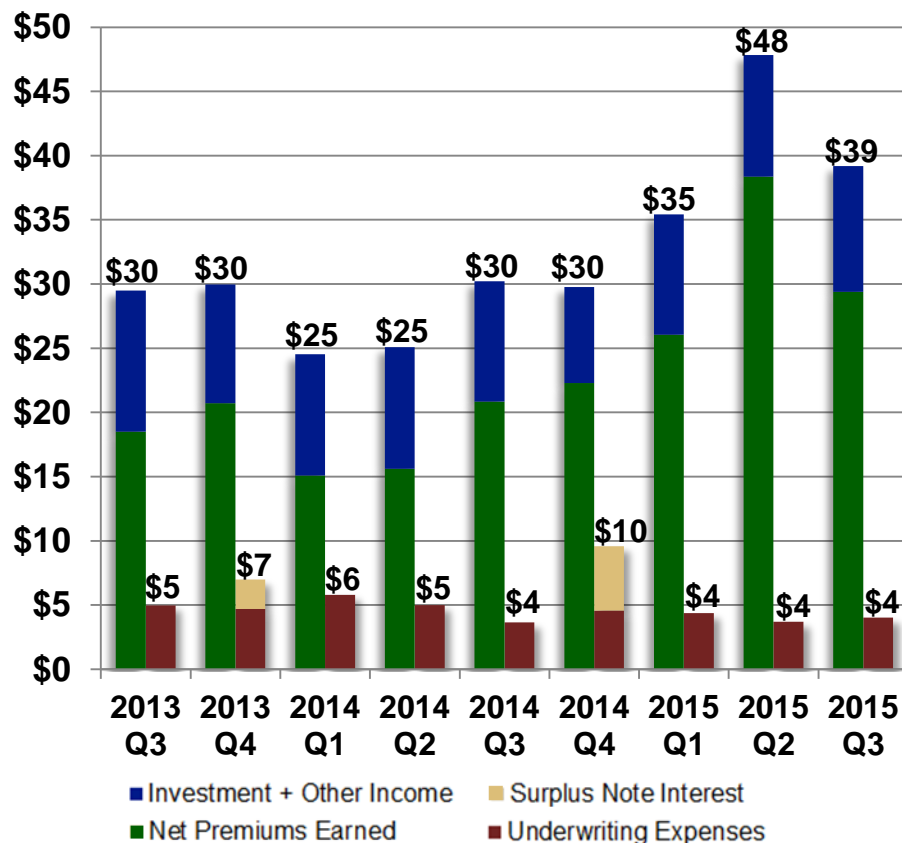
3. Included in the mortgage-backed category are agency-backed securities with a fair value of \$24 million. The remaining securities have a fair value of \$27 million and an average rating of AAA.

4. Included in the AAA category are short-term securities and cash.

Financial Results

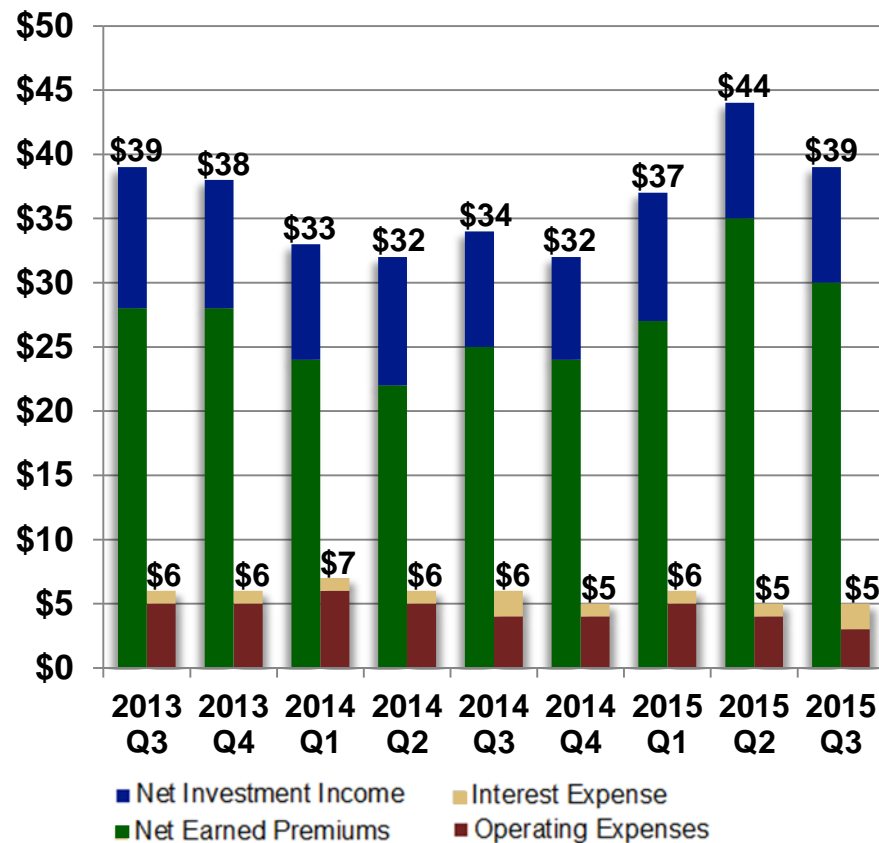
Components of Statutory Net Income

Pre-Tax
(\$ in millions)



Components of GAAP Net Income

Pre-Tax
(\$ in millions)

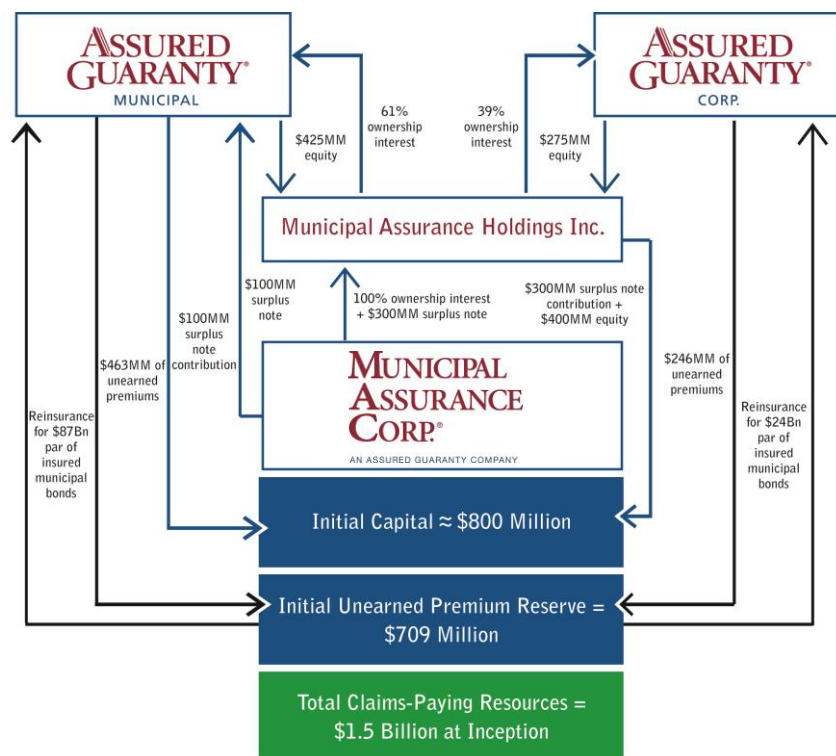


In each of the quarters since its launch, MAC's revenues exceeded its expenses by at least three times, under both statutory and GAAP accounting methodologies.

Initial Capitalization of MAC

MAC began with significant investment income and predictable future earned revenue built in.

- **MAC was initially capitalized, in July 2013, to approximately \$800 million through cash and securities contributed by Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. (Assured Guaranty Municipal) and Assured Guaranty Corp. (AGC)**
 - Assured Guaranty Municipal contributed \$425 million in return for a 61% ownership stake in Municipal Assurance Holdings Inc. (MAC Holdings)
 - AGC contributed \$275 million in return for a 39% ownership stake in MAC Holdings
 - MAC Holdings, as the 100% owner of MAC, contributed cash and securities to increase MAC's policyholders' surplus to \$400 million and also purchased a \$300 million, non-interest bearing surplus note, with no maturity, issued by MAC
 - Assured Guaranty Municipal purchased a 20-year \$100 million, 5% surplus note issued by MAC
- **Assured Guaranty Municipal and AGC also ceded \$111 billion in par to MAC along with the associated \$709 million in unearned premium reserves (UPR)**
 - Assured Guaranty Municipal ceded \$87 billion in par along with the associated \$463 million in UPR
 - AGC ceded \$24 billion in par along with the associated \$246 million in UPR



Note: All numbers are presented on a statutory basis except for par amounts, which are presented on a GAAP basis. Initial capital contributions are pretax.

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