Assured Guaranty Re Overseas Ltd.

(an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Assured Guaranty Re Ltd.)

2018 Financial Condition Report

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# Definitions

Assured Guaranty Corp.
Assured Guaranty Ltd.
Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.
Assured Guaranty Overseas US Holdings Inc.
Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc.
Assured Guaranty Re Ltd.
Assured Guaranty Re Overseas Ltd.
AG US Group Services Inc.
The Company and certain of its affiliates
AGL together with its subsidiaries
Gross best estimate portion of the technical provisions value
Below-investment-grade
Bermuda Monetary Authority
Board of Directors
Basic Solvency Capital Requirement
Commercial Insurers' Solvency Self-Assessment
Commercial mortgage-backed securities
Insurance Code of Conduct issued by the Bermuda Monetary Authority
Bermuda Companies Act 1981
AGRO and its subsidiary
Economic capital model
Enhanced capital requirement
Present value of projected future operating expenses
Fitch Ratings
Insurance premiums that are due to be received after the balance sheet date
Gross par outstanding
Amended and Restated Service Agreement
Investment Grade
Bermuda Insurance Act 1978, as amended, and related rules and regulations
Information Technology
Key risk indicators
Moody's Investors Service Inc.
Minimum Margin of Solvency
Net par outstanding
Public infrastructure, regulated utilities, international public finance and sovereigns
Present Value of New Business Production
S&P, Moody's or Fitch
Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities
Residual Value Insurance

# Definitions (continued)

S&P	S&P Global Ratings, a division of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC
Solvency Regulations	BMA's Insurance (Prudential Standards) (Class 3A and Class C Solvency Requirement) Rules
Standard Formula	Standard formula to calculate the Basic Solvency Capital Requirement provided by the BMA
Structured finance transactions	RMBS and pooled corporate obligations
U.K.	United Kingdom
U.S.	United States of America
U.S. GAAP	Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America
USD	U.S. Dollars

# INTRODUCTION

# **Business Overview**

AGRO is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AGOUS, a Delaware corporation, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AG Re, a Bermuda domiciled company. AG Re is a direct subsidiary of AGL, also a Bermuda domiciled company. AGL provides, through its operating subsidiaries, credit protection products to the U.S. and international public finance (including infrastructure) and structured finance markets.

AGRO was incorporated with limited liability under the Bermuda Companies Act 1981 and is licensed as a Class 3A Insurer and a Class C Long-Term Insurer under the Insurance Act. AGRO owns AG Intermediary Inc., a New York insurance intermediary company. In 2017, AGRO was granted certified reinsurer status by the Missouri Department of Insurance.

AGRO has provided non-financial guaranty insurance and reinsurance on various lines of structured finance business that have similar risk profiles to those of the structured finance financial guaranty transactions insured and reinsured by it and its affiliates, as well as reinsurance on structured finance and public finance financial guaranty business. The Company currently provides insurance and reinsurance mainly for life insurance capital relief transactions and aircraft RVI transactions. Life insurance capital relief transactions provide U.S. life insurers and reinsurers capital relief from the excess statutory reserves they are required to hold by U.S. state regulators over what the respective life insurers and reinsurers believe are necessary for level premium term life insurance policies. RVI policies guarantee that a specific, properly maintained asset will have a specified value at a specified future date.

The Company has a portfolio of financial guaranty reinsurance under quota share and excess of loss treaties. Financial guaranty insurance policies provide an unconditional and irrevocable guaranty that protects the holder of a financial obligation against non-payment of scheduled principal and interest (debt service) when due. Upon an obligor's default on scheduled principal or interest payments due on the obligation, the primary insurer is required under the financial guaranty policy to pay the principal or interest shortfall. Under a reinsurance agreement, the reinsurer, in consideration of a premium paid to it, agrees to indemnify another insurer, called the ceding company, for part or all of the liability of the ceding company under one or more insurance policies that the ceding company has issued. While the Company has not provided new financial guaranty reinsurance in the recent past, it may do so again in the future.

The financial information in this report is presented on a consolidated basis.

# i. BUSINESS AND PERFORMANCE

## a. Name of Insurer

AGRO was incorporated in 1994 under the Companies Act as a Bermuda exempted company limited by shares. AGRO is licensed as a Class 3A Insurer and a Class C Long-Term Insurer under the Insurance Act.

The registered office of the Company is: Clarendon House 2 Church Street Hamilton HM 11 Bermuda

## **b.** Supervisors

The Company's insurance supervisor at the Bermuda Monetary Authority is:

Georgina Mkoba Assistant Director, Insurance Bermuda Monetary Authority BMA House 43 Victoria Street Hamilton Bermuda Phone: 441-278-0256 Email: GMkoba@bma.bm

The Company's group insurance supervisor is:

The New York State Department of Financial Services 1 State Street New York, New York 10004 United States of America Attention: Margot Small, Supervising Risk Management Specialist Phone: 212-709-1625 Email: margot.small@dfs.ny.gov

## c. Approved Auditor

The Company's approved auditor is:

<u>Statutory Reporting</u> PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd. P. O. Box HM 1171 Hamilton HM EX, Bermuda

GAAP Reporting PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP 300 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10017 United States of America

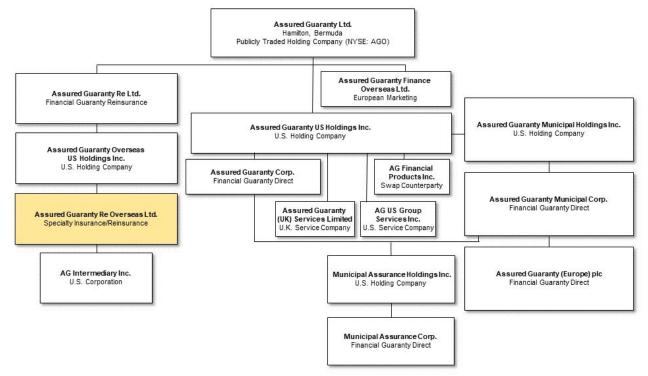
## d. Ownership Details

The Company is a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of AGOUS, a Delaware corporation, which is, in turn, a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of AG Re. AG Re was incorporated in 1996 under the Companies Act as a Bermuda exempted company limited by shares and is licensed as a Class 3B Insurer under the Insurance Act.

AG Re is a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of AGL, a Bermuda-based holding company, which was organized in 2003. AGL is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange and is registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

# e. Group Structure

The abbreviated organizational chart below shows the position of the Company within the Group as of December 31, 2018.



# f. Insurance Business Written by Business Segment and by Geographical Region

## Exposure

The Company's outstanding exposure is primarily to assumed reinsurance. Approximately 89% and 92% of its gross outstanding exposure was assumed exposure as of December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 respectively, with the remainder written on a direct basis. The Company's reinsurance exposure is to both non-financial guaranty structured finance transactions (life insurance capital relief transactions and RVI) and to financial guaranty transactions (both public finance and structured finance).

# Life Insurance Capital Relief Transactions

Life insurance capital relief transactions assumed by the Company provide U.S. life insurers and reinsurers capital relief from the excess statutory reserves they are required to hold by U.S. state regulators over what the respective life insurance and reinsurers believe are necessary for level premium term life insurance policies. The Company underwrites life insurance capital relief transactions by evaluating the amount and type of assets supporting the excess statutory reserves for a pool of life insurance policies. The Company would be required to pay reinsurance claims if mortality rates in the insured pool significantly exceeded currently expected mortality rates and if the assets supporting the excess statutory reserves to cover such an increase in mortality rates were exhausted.

The Company has executed life insurance capital relief transactions in both financial guaranty form (included in the structured finance financial guaranty insurance exposure totals in this note) and non-financial guaranty form (shown as separate captions in this report),

## **Residual Value Insurance**

The Company started providing insurance and reinsurance on aircraft RVI policies in the first quarter of 2017. RVI policies guarantee that a specific, properly maintained asset will have a specified value at a specified future date, or strike date. The Company seeks to limit its exposure to losses by underwriting aviation assets that it views as IG at inception, diversifying its insured portfolio across aircraft types and policy strike dates. This approach is designed to reduce the Company's exposure to the severe devaluation of a specific aircraft type or a temporary disruption in the overall aviation market. The RVI policy amount is set at or below a stressed forecasted value for the asset, so that the asset value would need to be below the stressed forecasted amount on the strike date for payment to be due under the RVI policy, with the loss under the RVI policy being the difference between the RVI amount and the amount recovered on the asset. Payment under the policy is contingent upon several factors, including, but not limited to, the asset being delivered to an agreed upon location in a satisfactory condition and without any liens, with deductions being made for any required repairs or improvements. The reinsurance market for this product is currently active, and the Company may choose to obtain additional reinsurance for its aircraft types.

The Company's RVI transactions were executed in non-financial guaranty form.

## **Financial Guaranty**

The Company seeks to limit its exposure to losses by underwriting obligations that it views as IG at inception, diversifying its insured portfolio across asset classes and, in the structured finance portfolio, requiring rigorous subordination or collateralization requirements. Reinsurance may be used in order to reduce net exposure to certain insured transactions. While the Company has not provided new financial guaranty reinsurance in the recent past, it may do so again in the future. None of the Company's direct and assumed financial guaranty contracts are written in derivative form.

Public finance obligations covered by financial guaranty insurance assumed by the Company primarily consist of general obligation bonds supported by the taxing powers of U.S. state or municipal governmental authorities, as well as taxsupported bonds, revenue bonds and other obligations supported by covenants from state or municipal governmental authorities or other municipal obligors to impose and collect fees and charges for public services or specific infrastructure projects. The Company also includes within public finance obligations those obligations backed by the cash flow from leases or other revenues from projects serving substantial public purposes, including utilities, toll roads and government office buildings.

Structured finance obligations covered by financial guaranty insurance assumed by the Company are generally issued by special purpose entities and backed by pools of assets having an ascertainable cash flow or market value or other specialized financial obligations.

# **Gross and Net Exposure**

	As of December 31, 2018				As of December 31, 2017																																																																									
		Gross Exposure	No	Ceded to n-Affiliated leinsurers	N	et Exposure		Gross Exposure	Ceded to Non-Affiliated Reinsurers		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Non-Affiliated		Ne	et Exposure
						(in thousands)																																																																								
Life insurance capital relief transactions (1)	\$	880,138	\$	117,497	\$	762,641	\$	772,860	\$	97,634	\$	675,226																																																																		
RVI		339,853		121,794		218,059		201,273		61,794		139,479																																																																		
Financial guaranty U.S. public finance		146,117		_		146,117		142,570		_		142,570																																																																		
Financial guaranty non-U.S. public finance		_		_		_		10,054				10,054																																																																		
Financial guaranty U.S. structured finance		459,452		376,000		83,452		491,880		376,000		115,880																																																																		
Total	\$	1,825,560	\$	615,291	\$	1,210,269	\$	1,618,637	\$	535,428	\$	1,083,209																																																																		
IG (2)	\$	1,825,549	\$	615,291	\$	1,210,258	\$	1,602,360	\$	535,428	\$	1,066,932																																																																		
BIG (2)	\$	11	\$	—	\$	11	\$	16,277	\$		\$	16,277																																																																		

(1) The life insurance capital relief transactions' gross and net exposure is expected to increase to approximately \$1.2 billion and \$1.0 billion, respectively, prior to September 30, 2036.

(2) Ratings on the Company's insured portfolio reflect its internal ratings.

# Financial Guaranty Exposure by Geographical Area

8	As of December 31, 2017			
)	GPO	NPO		
(in thousan	ands)			
3,019 \$	\$ 64,297	\$	64,297	
5,335	45,373		45,373	
7,290	12,164		12,164	
6,074	6,524		6,524	
4,799	4,799		4,799	
9,600	9,413		9,413	
6,117	142,570		142,570	
	10,054		10,054	
3,452	491,880		115,880	
9,569 \$	\$ 644,504	\$	268,504	
	3,452 9,569		<u> </u>	

(1) All ceded par was ceded to a non-affiliated reinsurer.

(2) Structured finance exposure is primarily in multiple states that cannot be broken out by individual state.

## **PVP (New Business)**

PVP, the Company's key metric for new business production, is defined as gross upfront premiums received and the present value of gross estimated future installment premiums, on contracts written in the current year, discounted at 6% per

year. The Company believes PVP is a useful measure for management and other users of the financial statements because it enables the evaluation of the value of new business production by the Company by taking into account the value of estimated future installment premiums on all new contracts underwritten in a reporting period.

# **New Business Written**

Year Ended December 31,										
		2018		2017						
Gross Exposure Written		PVP		Number of Transactions			PVP		Number of Transactions	
(in thousands, except number of transactions)										
\$		\$	_	_	\$	444,443	\$	9,838	2	
	138,580		9,008	3		201,272		15,465	9	
\$	138,580	\$	9,008	3	\$	645,715	\$	25,303	11	
		Exposure Written \$	Exposure Written           \$         —         \$           138,580	Gross Exposure Written         PVP           (in th           \$         \$           138,580         9,008	2018Gross Exposure WrittenNumber of PVPTransactions (in thousands, except n\$ \$ 138,5809,008	2018Gross Exposure WrittenNumber of PVPH Transactions(in thousands, except numb\$-\$-\$-\$3	2018Gross Exposure WrittenPVPNumber of TransactionsGross Exposure Written(in thousands, except number of transactions(in thousands, except number of transactions)0\$\$\$ 444,443138,5809,0083 201,272	2018       Gross       Exposure Written     PVP     Number of Transactions     Gross       (in thousands, except number of transactions)       \$ \$ \$ 444,443 \$ 138,580       9,008       3       2018	20182017Gross Exposure WrittenPVPNumber of TransactionsGross Exposure WrittenPVP(in thousands, except number of transactions)\$-\$9,838138,5809,0083201,27215,465	

## g. Performance of Investments & Material Income & Expenses for the Reporting Period

The table below presents the results of operations of the Company on a consolidated basis.

### **Consolidated Statements of Operations**

	Year Ended December 31,				
		2018	2017		
		(in tho	usands)		
Revenues					
Net earned premiums	\$	4,886	\$	2,159	
Net investment income		14,199		12,935	
Net realized investment gains (losses)		(1,044)		(172)	
Other income		(10)		24	
Total revenues		18,031		14,946	
Expenses					
Loss and loss adjustment expenses (benefit)		(149)		(625)	
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs		1,187		247	
Other operating expenses		4,836		4,381	
Total expenses		5,874		4,003	
Income before income taxes		12,157		10,943	
Provision for income taxes		(1,877)		(752)	
Net income	\$	10,280	\$	10,191	

#### **Material Income and Expenses**

The Company's main sources of income relate to investment income and earned premiums on its outstanding book of business.

# Investments

The portfolio consists of fixed income securities and short-term investments. The weighted-average duration of the investment portfolio as of December 31, 2018 was 5.4 years, compared with the weighted-average duration as of December 31, 2017 of 5.8 years. The following tables present the investment portfolio by asset class and contractual maturity.

# Investment Portfolio by Asset Class

		As of Decem	ber 31, 2018		As of December 31, 2017					
Asset Class		estimated air Value	Weighted Average Credit Rating(1)	Estimated Fair Value		Weighted Average Credit Rating(1)				
		(in thousands)								
Fixed-maturity securities:										
Obligations of state and political subdivisions	\$	134,590	AA	\$	142,359	AA				
Corporate securities		103,182	А		109,485	А				
RMBS		57,994	AA		33,465	A+				
CMBS		18,583	AAA		18,859	AAA				
Asset-backed securities		11,637	AAA		7,308	AAA				
U.S. government and agencies		11,292	AA+		11,746	AA+				
Total fixed-maturity securities		337,278	AA-		323,222	AA-				
Short-term investments		7,209	AAA		4,363	AAA				
Total investment portfolio	\$	344,487	AA-	\$	327,585	AA-				

(1) Ratings in the table above represent the lower of the Moody's and S&P classifications. The Company's portfolio consists primarily of high-quality, liquid instruments.

# Distribution of Fixed-Maturity Securities by Contractual Maturity As of December 31, 2018

		Estimated Fair Value
	(in	thousands)
Due within one year	\$	
Year two		27,725
Year three		5,946
Year four		4,650
Year five		9,459
Due after five years through 10 years		106,818
Due after 10 years		106,103
RMBS		57,994
CMBS		18,583
Total	\$	337,278

# **Investment Return**

	Year Ended December 31,				
	 2018				
	 (in tho	usands)			
Investment income:					
Fixed-maturity securities:					
Obligations of state and political subdivisions	\$ 4,214	\$	3,978		
Corporate securities	3,721		3,050		
RMBS	1,866		1,659		
CMBS	666		622		
U.S. government and agencies	454		581		
Asset-backed securities	353		224		
Total fixed-maturity securities	11,274		10,114		
Short-term investments	114		54		
Interest income from loan receivable from affiliate	3,043		3,036		
Gross investment income	 14,431		13,204		
Investment expenses and charges	(232)		(269)		
Net investment income	 14,199		12,935		
Net realized investment gains (losses)	 (1,044)		(172)		
Total investment return	\$ 13,155	\$	12,763		

# **Net Earned Premiums**

The Company's net earned premiums were \$5 million in 2018 and \$2 million in 2017. The breakdown of this was as follows:

# **Net Earned Premiums**

	Year Ended December 31,							
		2018						
Non financial guaranty:		(in tho	usands)					
Life insurance capital relief transactions	\$	2,107	\$	1,196				
RVI		2,354		417				
Financial guaranty insurance:								
Scheduled net earned premiums		421		531				
Accelerations from refundings		1		7				
Accretion of discount on net premiums receivable		3		8				
Financial guaranty insurance		425		546				
Net earned premiums	\$	4,886	\$	2,159				

# Expenses

The majority of the Company's expenses relate to operating expenses which totaled \$5 million in 2018 and \$4 million in 2017.

# h. Any Other Material Information

There was no other material information.

# ii. GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

## a. Board and Senior Executive

## i. Board and Senior Executive Structure, role, responsibilities and segregation of responsibilities.

The Company's affairs are managed by its Board and officers in Bermuda in accordance with the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct requires Bermuda insurers to have good corporate governance and risk management procedures in place and to be able to evidence same, based generally on a principle of proportionality. The Company's Board has the ultimate responsibility for the sound and prudent management of the Company. The Board is responsible for ensuring that the Company's business (along with its corporate governance policies and practices) is effectively directed, managed and conducted in a sound and prudent manner, with integrity, due care and the professional skills that are relative to the nature, scale and complexity of its business.

The Board is responsible for setting appropriate strategies and policies, and for providing suitable prudential oversight of the Company's risk management and internal controls framework. In carrying out their duties, the directors will act in accordance with all relevant and applicable legislative and regulatory rules, including the Insurance Act and the Companies Act, in particular, as well as the Company's constitutional framework (e.g., its bye-laws).

The Board convenes quarterly in Bermuda at the offices of the Company and on an ad hoc basis as required.

The members of the Board are comprised of members of senior management of the Company or of its ultimate parent, AGL, or other qualified individuals, in each case, who have been selected by AG Re.

The directors and officers of, and other appointed persons providing services to, the Company are detailed below:

## Directors

Howard Albert Robert Bailenson Russell Brewer II Gary Burnet Ling Chow (Deputy Chairman) Stephen Donnarumma Dominic Frederico (Non-executive Chairman)

### Officers

Conyers Corporate Services (Bermuda) Limited Robert Bailenson Gary Burnet Darrin Futter Ling Chow Serena Smith Manish Thareja

Loss Reserve Specialist

Benjamin Rosenblum

#### Principal Representative

Gary Burnet

#### ii. Remuneration Policy

Secretary Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer President Vice President and Financial Controller General Counsel and Assistant Secretary Assistant Vice President, Surveillance Vice President

The description of the remuneration policy contained herein applies to employees of the Company's affiliates, which serve as the employers of the Group's Bermuda and U.S. employees, including those who serve as directors of the Board and as

the Principal Representative and Loss Reserve Specialist of the Company. Officers of the Company who are not employees of affiliates within the Group receive a fixed fee.

The Company's affairs are managed by its Board and officers in Bermuda. The Company also contracts with affiliates to provide certain administrative support services. Group employees providing such services to the Company are compensated according to AGL's remuneration philosophy.

AGL's remuneration philosophy is grounded in the concept of attracting and retaining talented and experienced business leaders who can drive financial and strategic growth objectives intended to protect policyholders and build long-term shareholder value. AGL's remuneration policy is designed with the guiding principles of:

- pay for performance by providing an incentive for exceptional performance and the possibility of reduced compensation for underperformance,
- accountability for short and long-term performance,
- alignment to shareholder interests, and
- retention of highly qualified and successful employees.

The remuneration policy is designed to assess performance, using pre-established measures of success that are tied to the Group's (including the Company's) key business strategies. The policy encourages balanced performance, measured relative to financial and non-financial goals, and discourages excessive risk taking or undue leverage by avoiding too much emphasis on any one metric or on short-term performance.

AGL's remuneration policy has been designed to reward performance by providing more variable and performancebased remuneration to the senior management. The policy employs a mix of variable incentive compensation with various payout forms paid over staggered time horizons to provide an incentive for annual and sustained performance over the longer term. Most of the remuneration of the Company's directors and most senior personnel consists of variable incentive compensation, in the form of an annual cash incentive as well as long-term deferred compensation.

In developing its remuneration philosophy, AGL worked to identify areas of risk or potential for unintended consequences that could exist in the design of the philosophy and evaluated the incentive plans relative to enterprise risks. AGL concluded that its remuneration philosophy is designed and administered with the appropriate balance of risk and reward in relation to the overall business strategy and does not encourage executives to take unnecessary or excessive risks that could have a material adverse impact on AGL and its subsidiaries, including the Company.

Remuneration consists of three principal elements: base salary, cash incentive remuneration and long-term incentive compensation. The Company's remuneration policy is structured with upside potential for superior achievements, but also the possibility of reduced remuneration if individuals are unable to successfully execute group strategies or meet their business or regulatory obligations. The remuneration policy includes a recoupment (claw back) policy pursuant to which certain of the remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer of AGL and those individuals who report directly to him may be rescinded or recouped if such person engages in misconduct related to a restatement of AGL's financial results or of objectively quantifiable performance goals, and the achievement of those goals is later determined to have been overstated.

## iii. Pension or Early Retirement Schemes for Members, Board and Senior Employees

The Company participates in defined contribution retirement plans maintained by AGL, which are available to eligible full-time employees upon hire. Bermuda national employees can contribute 5% percent of their pensionable earnings to the Bermuda Retirement Plan. Employee contributions are matched by the Company at a rate of 100% up to 5% of the employee's compensation. Bermuda employees may also contribute an additional 1% into the International Retirement Plan which are matched by the Company at a rate of 100%. International employees based in Bermuda may contribute up to 6% of their pensionable earnings to the International Retirement Plan. Employee contributions are matched by the Company at a rate of 100% up to 6% of the employee's compensation. The Company also makes a "core contribution" of 6% of the employee's compensation into the International Retirement Plan, regardless of whether the employee contributes to the plans. Employees become fully vested in Company contributions after one year of service, as defined in the plans. The Company recognized defined contribution expenses of \$0.3 million and \$0.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

The Company's U.S. affiliate, AG Services, also maintained defined contribution retirement plans. Employees of AG Services who serve as directors of, or other appointed persons providing services to, the Company are entitled to participate in AG Services' retirement plans. AG Services matches an employee's contribution at a rate of 100% up to 6% of the employee's

annual compensation. AG Services also contributes an additional 6% "core contribution" regardless of whether the employee contributes to the plan. Employees become fully vested in Company contributions after one year of service, as defined in the plans.

The Company does not provide any supplementary pension or retirement schemes for non-executive members of the Board or non-Group employees who serve as Company officers or other representatives.

# iv. Shareholder Controllers, Persons who Exercise Significant Influence, the Board or Senior Executive Material Transactions

AG Re provides an irrevocable guaranty to the Company. Pursuant to the terms of the guaranty, upon demand by the Company, to the extent the Company is unable to satisfy any payment obligation, AG Re will make funds available to the Company for the full payment of such payment obligation when it is due. The Company has not made any demand to AG Re under this guaranty.

The Company and the Assured Affiliated Group have entered into an Agreement Concerning the Filing of Consolidated Federal Income Tax Returns, dated as of August 1, 2000, as amended by the Acknowledgment thereto dated as of March 1, 2013 (such agreement, as now or hereafter amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the Tax Agreement) pursuant to which each party thereto agrees to (i) be included in a consolidated U.S. federal income tax return for the taxable year 2000 and succeeding tax years during which such party remains a member of the Assured Affiliated Group and (ii) pay its proportionate share of the consolidated U.S. federal income tax burden that would have been paid if such party had filed on a separate return basis. The Company's direct parent, AGOUS, prepares and files the applicable consolidated U.S. federal income tax returns and any other returns, documents or statements required to be filed with the Internal Revenue Service with respect to the determinations of the Federal income tax liability of the Assured Affiliated Group.

In the first quarter of 2017, AGRO's affiliate, AGUS, formed and capitalized AG Services, a Delaware corporation, to act as the payroll company and employer for all U.S. personnel and the central, dedicated service provider within the Assured Guaranty group. AG Services replaced AGRO's affiliate, AGC, which previously served such role. This structure is consistent with the way in which numerous other insurance holding companies provide inter-company staff and services. Accordingly, effective January 1, 2017, (i) AGC transferred the employees and the employee benefit, retirement and health plans relating to such employees to AG Services; and (ii) the then existing group service agreement in place between AGC and various of its affiliates, including AGRO, was amended and restated to replace AGC with AG Services as the payroll company and service provider under the agreement. Under the Group Service Agreement, AG Services employees make available to its Bermuda, U.S. and U.K. affiliates, as applicable, equipment, insurance, reinsurance and such other services, including actuarial, marketing, underwriting, claims handling, surveillance, legal, corporate secretarial, information technology, human resources, accounting, tax, financial reporting and investment planning services. Expenses under the Group Service Agreement are allocated directly where appropriate and, where not appropriate, based upon an allocation of employee time and corresponding office overhead. The agreement provides for pre-funding by affiliates who are the largest consumers of group services, intercompany allocation of expenses and quarterly settlements and an express right of offset with regard to amounts owing between parties under the Group Service Agreement and other agreements between such parties.

## **b.** Fitness and Proprietary Requirements

## i. Fit and Proper Process in assessing the Board and Senior Executives

In connection with the Company's annual general meeting, the Company assesses the fitness and propriety of all of its Board members, officers, Principal Representative and Loss Reserve Specialist to confirm, prior to their appointment or reappointment, that all such individuals possess appropriate qualifications and experience to perform their designated role(s) and responsibilities.

# ii. Board and Senior Executives Professional Qualifications, Skills and Expertise

The Company ensures that all Board members and executive officers possess the characteristics set out below, and therefore are able to provide competent and prudent management through their professional qualifications, knowledge, experience and integrity.

- relevant qualifications and experience for each position,
- sound judgment,

- understanding of the insurance business written by the Company, including residual value, financial guaranty and life reinsurance, as well as other relevant insurance businesses,
- honesty and integrity,
- a good reputation,
- · competency and capacity to perform key functions, and
- financial soundness.

Below are details of the Board and executive officer qualifications, skills and experience:

*Dominic J. Frederico* has been a director of AGL since its 2004 initial public offering, and the President and Chief Executive Officer of AGL since 2003. During his tenure as President and Chief Executive Officer, Assured Guaranty became the leading provider of municipal bond insurance and financial guaranties. Assured Guaranty completed its 2004 initial public offering under his leadership and, in 2009, acquired the financial guaranty insurance company now named Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp., thereby bringing together the only two monoline bond insurers to continue writing financial guaranty policies before, during and after the 2008 financial crisis. Mr. Frederico served as Vice Chairman of ACE Limited (now known as Chubb Limited) from 2003 until 2004 and served as President and Chief Operating Officer of ACE Limited and Chairman of ACE INA Holdings, Inc. from 1999 to 2003. Mr. Frederico was a director of ACE Limited from 2001 through May 2005. From 1995 to 1999 Mr. Frederico served in a number of executive positions with ACE Limited, during which period he oversaw the successful acquisition and integration of the domestic and international property casualty operations acquired by ACE Limited from CIFGNA Corporation in July 1999 and the acquisition of Capital Re Corp., the predecessor company to Assured Guaranty, in December 1999. Prior to joining ACE Limited, Mr. Frederico spent 13 years working for various subsidiaries of the American International Group. His last position at the group was Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of AIG Risk Management. Mr. Frederico currently serves as a Director and Chairman of the Board of AG Re and AGRO.

*Ling Chow* has been General Counsel and Secretary of AGL since January 1, 2018. Ms. Chow previously served as Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of AGL from May 2015 and as Assured Guaranty's U.S. General Counsel from June 2016. Prior to that, Ms. Chow served as Deputy General Counsel of Assured Guaranty's U.S. subsidiaries in several capacities from 2004. Before joining Assured Guaranty in 2002, Ms. Chow was an associate at Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP, Cahill Gordon & Reindel and LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, L.L.P. Ms. Chow currently serves as a Director and Deputy Chairman of the Board of AG Re and AGRO, and also serves as the General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of AGRO.

*Robert A. Bailenson* has been the Chief Financial Officer of AGL since June 2011. Mr. Bailenson has been with Assured Guaranty and its predecessor companies since 1990. Mr. Bailenson became Chief Accounting Officer of AGM in July 2009 and has been Chief Accounting Officer of AGL since May 2005 and Chief Accounting Officer of AGC since 2003. He was Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of AG Re from 1999 until 2003 and was previously the Assistant Controller of Capital Re Corp., the Company's predecessor. Mr. Bailenson currently serves as a Director of AG Re and AGRO, as well as Chief Financial Officer and Managing Director of AGRO.

*Gary Burnet* has been President of AG Re and AGRO since August 2012. Mr. Burnet also serves as a Director and as Principal Representative of these companies. Prior to this, Mr. Burnet was the Managing Director - Chief Credit Officer of AG Re from 2006 until his appointment as President. Mr. Burnet also served as the Vice President - Risk Management and Operations of AG Re from 2002 to 2005. Prior to joining Assured Guaranty, Mr. Burnet's previous experience included two years at ACE Asset Management, where he was Investment Officer with responsibility for developing and modeling the ACE group's consolidated investment and insurance credit risk. Prior to ACE Asset Management, he was an Assistant Vice President-Investments at ACE Bermuda. Mr. Burnet trained as a Chartered Accountant with Geoghegan & Co. CA from 1993 to 1996 in Edinburgh, Scotland and also worked as an audit senior for Coopers & Lybrand from 1996 to 1998 in Bermuda.

*Howard W. Albert* has been Chief Risk Officer of AGL since May 2011. Prior to that, he was Chief Credit Officer of AGL from 2004 to April 2011. Mr. Albert joined Assured Guaranty in September 1999 as Chief Underwriting Officer of Capital Re Company, the predecessor to AGC. Before joining Assured Guaranty, he was a Senior Vice President with Rothschild Inc. from February 1997 to August 1999. Prior to that, he spent eight years at Financial Guaranty Insurance Company from May 1989 to February 1997, where he was responsible for underwriting guaranties of asset-backed securities and international infrastructure transactions. Prior to that, he was employed by Prudential Capital, an investment arm of The Prudential Insurance Company of America, from September 1984 to April 1989, where he underwrote investments in asset-backed securities, corporate loans and project financings. Mr. Albert currently serves as a Director of AG Re and AGRO.

**Russell B. Brewer II** has been Chief Surveillance Officer of AGL since November 2009 and Chief Surveillance Officer of AGC and AGM since July 2009 and has also been responsible for information technology at AGL since April 2015. Mr. Brewer has been with AGM since 1986. Mr. Brewer was Chief Risk Management Officer of AGM from September 2003

until July 2009 and Chief Underwriting Officer of AGM from September 1990 until September 2003. Mr. Brewer was also a member of the Executive Management Committee of AGM. He was a Managing Director of Assured Guaranty Municipal Holdings Inc. from May 1999 until July 2009. From March 1989 to August 1990, Mr. Brewer was Managing Director, Asset Finance Group, of AGM. Prior to joining AGM, Mr. Brewer was an Associate Director of Moody's Investors Service, Inc. Mr. Brewer currently serves as a Director of AGRO.

*Stephen Donnarumma* was appointed as a director of AG Re on September11, 2012. Mr. Donnarumma has been the Chief Credit Officer of AGC since 2007, of AGM since its 2009 acquisition, and of Municipal Assurance Corp. since its 2012 capitalization. Mr. Donnarumma has been with Assured Guaranty since 1993. Over the past 25 years, Mr. Donnarumma has held a number of positions at Assured Guaranty, including Deputy Chief Credit Officer of AGL, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Underwriting Officer of AG Re, Chief Risk Officer of AGC, and Senior Managing Director, Head of Mortgage and Asset-backed Securities of AGC. Prior to joining Assured Guaranty, Mr. Donnarumma was with Financial Guaranty Insurance Company from 1989 until 1993, where his responsibilities included underwriting domestic and international financial guaranty transactions. Prior to that, he served as a Director of Credit Risk Analysis at Fannie Mae from 1987 until 1989. Mr. Donnarumma was also an analyst with Moody's Investors Services from 1985 until 1987.

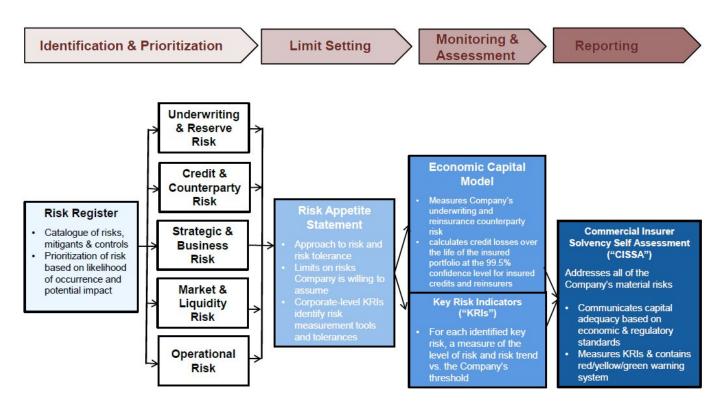
**Darrin Futter** was elected Financial Controller of AG Re and AGRO in 2007, prior to which he worked for Deloitte Ltd. in the Bermuda office and worked as a consultant to AG Re. Mr. Futter has worked in various senior audit roles with Ernst and Young LLP in the U.S. and KPMG in Zimbabwe, where he completed his Articles of Clerkship in 2000. He holds a Bachelor of Accounting Science (Hon.) degree from the University of South Africa and is also a Chartered Accountant and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Zimbabwe.

## c. Risk Management and Solvency Self-Assessment

## **Risk Management**

The Board plays a critical role in enterprise risk management. The Board is responsible for addressing the linkage between risk, capital planning and business decisions. The Board oversees the creation and maintenance of the risk register, risk appetite statement and CISSA, the ECM and the design of stress and sensitivity testing. Regular CISSA reporting keeps management and its governing body continually aware of the information needed to develop informed business strategy and capital management plans, as well as to refine the Company's risk appetite to reflect actual or potential capital constraints.

The risk management function, which is responsible for the operational aspects of risk management, follows the framework set out below in executing its responsibilities.



## 1. The Risk Register

The Company's CISSA process begins with a complete assessment of the Company's universe of risks. The risk management function works with business unit leaders to ensure that all known risks are identified, and to assess the relative importance of these risks and the most effective ways to measure them. The results of the risk identification process are documented in the Company's Risk Register which provides, for each risk, the risk indicators or drivers; the likelihood of the risk occurring and its impact, both as an inherent risk and a residual risk, i.e., after consideration of controls and risk mitigants in place at the Company to minimize the risk; and the area responsible for the risk. The Risk Register is updated by the risk management function annually. The Risk Register is subject to review, challenge and approval by the Board.

## 2. The Risk Appetite Statement

The Company's Risk Appetite Statement describes the types of risks the Company is willing to accept and sets forth risk tolerances as appropriate. The Risk Appetite Statement prohibits the execution of certain kinds of transactions and sets certain portfolio concentration limits. The risk management function updates the Risk Appetite Statement annually, and it is subject to review, challenge and approval by the Board.

## 3. The Key Risk Indicators

The CISSA process includes a series of KRIs that were developed in consultation with the business unit managers throughout the Company to ensure that they both properly capture the Company's material risks as set forth in the Risk Register and use effective techniques for risk measurement. The KRIs are prioritized by the likelihood of the risk occurring over the Company's business planning horizon or beyond, and the potential severity of the impact that each risk would have on the Company if it were to occur. The Company measures each of its KRIs annually and reviews them to ensure that they continue to provide a relevant, appropriate and comprehensive assessment of the Company's risk.

## 4. CISSA Capital Requirement & ECM

To calculate what it believes to be its true economic risk for its CISSA, the Company calculates its own internal CISSA capital requirement. The CISSA capital requirement employs a model created by the Company, its ECM, to measure its key risk: underwriting risk. The Company's ECM was designed to measure the Company's underwriting risk, by calculating projected stress losses across the portfolio in a 1-in-200 lifetime loss scenario (the 99.5% lifetime value-at-risk). The CISSA capital requirement uses the Standard Formula for calculation of the Company's less material risks: market & liquidity risks and operational risks.

The risk management function is responsible for the design, testing, validation and implementation of the Company's CISSA capital requirement, including its ECM. In designing parameters and assumptions for the ECM, risk management consulted with senior managers throughout the Company (and its ceding companies). At the time of initial design, and from time to time and after material methodology changes, the ECM has been validated by an outside consulting firm, finding that the core methodology appeared sound and broadly in line with industry practices for credit economic capital modeling. Periodically, risk management works with senior managers in the Company to re-evaluate and update the CISSA capital requirement and ECM to ensure that they continue to satisfactorily address the Company's key risks.

# 5. CISSA Report

The Company documents the results of its management activities described above in its CISSA report, the main vehicle the Company uses to inform management and the Board about all reasonably foreseeable and relevant material risks to the Company, both quantitative and qualitative. The CISSA is intended to provide a complete picture of the Company's risk profile and capital adequacy relative to these risks; present the overall solvency needs and solvency condition of the Company taking into account its risk profile, risk appetite and business strategy; and demonstrate ongoing compliance with internal and regulatory capital requirements. The Company produces its CISSA annually, and presents it to senior management and the Board, and examines the CISSA framework and related components at least annually to ensure that they continue to properly identify and assess the Company's risks.

# d. Internal Controls

# i. Internal Control System

# Financial Reporting Internal Controls

- The Company's annual financial statements are produced by the finance team, with support from the finance department of the affiliated ceding companies. The production process incorporates review for completeness and accuracy by senior management. The financial statements are subsequently reviewed by the Company's management prior to being presented to the Company's Board for final approval.
- Specific to the Company's 2018 Financial Condition Report, management designed and documented internal controls over the preparation of information contained in this Report. A Disclosure Committee reviews the Company's Financial Condition Report prior to filing.
- The persons responsible for these controls attest to executive management that they have properly executed these controls each reporting period.
- Members of the Group's management independently review the execution of the Group's internal controls and report to the Group Board on the results of their testing.

# Vendor Management Controls

• The Group has a vendor management policy that ranks vendors in terms of level of risk, and requires, for higher risk vendors, an annual review of internal control reports from those vendors.

# **Outsourcing Controls**

• All of the Company's outsourcing arrangements are reviewed on an annual basis by the Board and more frequently if required. Any new Group or third party outsourcing arrangements, or changes to existing Group or third party outsourcing arrangements, are reviewed and approved by the Company's management and/or the Board, as appropriate.

# IT Controls

The Company purchases IT services from its affiliate, AG Services, via an outsourcing arrangement and as a result utilizes the Group infrastructure, applications, data and services. The IT policies and procedures for the Company follow the Group policies and procedures as described in the IT Systems Governance Policy. IT system controls cover areas including:

Roles and responsibilities

- Physical security
- Network security
- Access control
- Data center operations
- Employee use
- Testing
- Project management

A combination of preventive and detective controls are used to ensure the integrity, availability and confidentiality of IT systems.

# ii. Compliance Function

Due to the relatively small size of the Company, the Company does not have a separate compliance department whose sole remit is monitoring compliance-related activities. The compliance function is carried out by the Company's President and Financial Controller, with oversight by the Group's General Counsel and the Group's Chief Compliance Officer.

The Group's General Counsel and the Group's Chief Compliance Officer are independent from any business or operational unit. The Group's General Counsel and the Group's Chief Compliance Officer report to the Board at its quarterly meetings.

The principal activities of the compliance function are as follows:

- Advising the Board on compliance with applicable laws and regulations and assessing the possible impact of new laws and regulations on the Company.
- Ensuring that new regulatory rules and internal guidelines are communicated to the affected business areas and providing guidance to those business areas in respect of such requirements.
- Maintaining an open dialog with the BMA, and other applicable regulators, and submitting the appropriate information to those regulators, including notice of matters that are of concern to the regulators.
- Ensuring that all relevant personnel complete training on their regulatory roles and responsibilities, and on compliance with applicable laws and regulations, on a regular basis (including anti-money laundering and anti-bribery/corruption training).
- Assessing, together with the internal audit function, the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's compliance controls.

The Group's General Counsel and the Group's Chief Compliance Officer work with the internal audit function to develop an internal audit plan that addresses, as appropriate, compliance by the Company with internal policies and procedures. The internal audit function is responsible for monitoring compliance with internal strategies, processes and reporting procedures. Refer to *Section ii.e Internal Audit* for additional information. The Company's compliance program also is integrated with the Group's compliance program, which includes providing the Group's Chief Compliance Officer with an inventory of all filings due by the Company throughout the year and reporting compliance violations or significant issues raised during the year. The compliance process is established on a project-by-project basis or topic-by-topic basis using Group personnel with applicable experience and outside advisors, as appropriate.

# e. Internal Audit

The Company has outsourced its Internal Audit function to an international public accounting firm. Internal Audit has unrestricted access to all areas and property of the organization, including personnel records, records held by third-party service providers, and also reports directly to the Board.

# f. Actuarial Function

The Actuarial Function has been outsourced to the loss reserve specialist. The loss reserve specialist's responsibilities include:

- proposing loss reserves to the Reserve Committee,
- coordinating the calculation, and review, of Technical Provisions and Risk Margin,

- · reviewing assumptions, methods, and data used in modeling,
- contributing to risk modeling, and
- making any recommendations on how any shortcomings can be remedied.

The loss reserve specialist is a qualified actuary in good standing with the Casualty Actuarial Society, and is also a Fellow in the Casualty Actuarial Society. In addition, the loss reserve specialist is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries in good standing.

# g. Outsourcing

## i. Outsourcing Policy and Key Functions that have been Outsourced

Given the relatively small size of the Company and the Company's desire to focus on its core business, the Company has determined that certain of its functions should be outsourced to one or more affiliates, or third parties, to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Company's operations.

All of the Company's outsourcing arrangements are reviewed on an annual basis by the Board and more frequently if required. Any new Group or third party outsourcing arrangements, or changes to existing Group or third party outsourcing arrangements, are reviewed and approved by the Company's management and/or the Board, as appropriate.

## Third-Parties Outsourcing Arrangements

## Investment Management

The Company outsources the management of its investment portfolio to a third party investment manager (BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.) under a mandate designed to support the highest possible ratings, manage credit risk, ensure ample liquidity to cover losses in a stress scenario and maximize income. The investment manager manages the investment portfolios of the Company in accordance with the Company's investment guidelines. For more information on 'prudent person principle' see *Section iii.b Market Risk*.

# Internal Audit

The Company outsources the internal audit function to an international public accounting firm. Refer to *Section ii.e Internal Audit Function* above for additional information.

## ii. Material Intra-Group Outsourcing

As described in *Section ii.a.ii Remuneration Policy and Section ii.a.iv Shareholder Controllers, Persons who Exercise Significant Influence, the Board or Senior Executive Material Transactions* above, the Company's affairs are managed by its Board and officers in Bermuda. In addition, the Company contracts with its affiliates to provide certain administrative support services. The Company is a party to a service agreement with AG Services pursuant to which AG Services makes available to the Company certain services, including actuarial, surveillance, marketing, claims handling, legal, information technologies, human resources, accounting, tax, financial reporting and investment planning services. Employees of AG Services that are performing administrative services for AGRO are not empowered to make underwriting or other decisions on behalf of AGRO or to bind AGRO in any way.

## h. Any Other Material Information

There was no other material information.

# iii. RISK PROFILE

## a. Underwriting Risk

The Company's most material risk is underwriting risk. The Company currently provides insurance and reinsurance mainly through life insurance capital relief and RVI transactions. The Company also has a legacy book of transactions assumed under financial guaranty reinsurance treaties. While the Company has not provided new financial guaranty reinsurance in the recent past, it may do so again in the future.

Life insurance capital relief transactions provide U.S. life insurers and reinsurers capital relief from the excess statutory reserves they are required to hold by U.S. state regulators over what the respective life insurers and reinsurers believe are necessary for level premium term life insurance policies. RVI policies guarantee that a specific, properly maintained asset will have a specified value at a specified future date.

Financial guaranty insurance protects holders of debt instruments and other monetary obligations from defaults in scheduled payments. As a result, the Company's key underwriting risk is credit risk, i.e., the risk that obligors of insured debt obligations will fail to pay. The policies issued by the Company are non-cancellable generally, with the premiums paid up front, in installments, or a combination of both. The obligation to make claim payments generally cannot be accelerated, although the Company generally retains the right to accelerate payment on defaulted obligations.

## Measurement

The Company's main metrics for measuring its portfolio risk (in addition to its risk management and CISSA process, discussed in *Section ii.c Risk Management and Solvency Self-Assessment*) are exposure, sector and internal rating. The Company also considers geographic concentrations for its financial guaranty transactions and the underlying assets for its RVI transactions. At the closing of each transaction, the credit committee assigns the transaction to a sector (i.e., a group of transactions with similar risk characteristics) for purposes of evaluating risk and potential correlations. The credit committee also assigns an internal rating reflecting the risk profile of the transaction, with such rating subject to change over time. Surveillance is responsible for monitoring the performance of all insured transactions throughout their terms and recommending internal rating changes as appropriate. All rating changes must be approved by the Risk Management Committee.

The sector composition of the insured portfolio and the breakdown of internal ratings as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 are set forth below.

# Life Insurance Capital Relief Transactions and RVI (Non-Financial Guaranty Portfolio)

The Company provides non-financial guaranty insurance and reinsurance on transactions with similar risk profiles to its structured finance exposures written in financial guaranty form. All non-financial guaranty exposures shown in the table below are rated IG internally.

## **Non-Financial Guaranty Exposure**

		As of Decem	1, 2018	As of December 31, 2017				
	F	Gross Exposure		Net Exposure		Gross Exposure	Net	t Exposure
		(in thous				5)		
Life insurance capital relief transactions (1)	\$	880,138	\$	762,641	\$	772,860	\$	675,226
RVI		339,853		218,059		201,273		139,479

(1) The life insurance capital relief transactions' gross and net exposure is expected to increase to approximately \$1.2 billion and \$1.0 billion, respectively, prior to September 30, 2036.

# Financial Guaranty Portfolio

# Sector Breakdown of the Financial Guaranty Insured Portfolio

	As of	f De	cember 31,	201	18	As of December 31, 2017					
Sector	Number of Risks			Number of Risks GPO				NPO			
	_		(ir	n tho	usands, exce	pt number of ris	ks)				
U.S. public finance:											
General obligation	27	\$	77,597	\$	77,597	33	\$	80,917	\$	80,917	
Investor-owned utilities	1		45,000		45,000	1		45,000		45,000	
Municipal utilities	19		8,560		8,560	21		7,858		7,858	
Tax-backed	5		8,060		8,060	8		1,238		1,238	
Transportation	9		6,900		6,900	10		7,557		7,557	
Total U.S. public finance	61		146,117		146,117	73		142,570		142,570	
Non-U.S. public finance:											
Infrastructure finance	_					1		10,054		10,054	
Total non-U.S. public finance						1	_	10,054		10,054	
U.S. structured finance:											
Insurance securitization	1		376,000			1		376,000		—	
Other asset-backed tax credit	2		72,943		72,943	2		99,617		99,617	
Commercial receivables	3		10,509		10,509	3		16,263		16,263	
Total U.S. structured finance	6		459,452		83,452	6		491,880		115,880	
Total portfolio	67	\$	605,569	\$	229,569	80	\$	644,504	\$	268,504	

## **Risk Concentration**

# Life Insurance Capital Relief Transactions (non-financial guaranty)

The underlying exposure of the life insurance capital relief transactions are spread across different vintages and geography. In addition, the assets providing support to the facility (before the Company is required to pay a claim) are diversified and of high credit quality. The life insurance capital relief transactions' exposure is discussed in *Section i.f Insurance Business Written by Business Segment and by Geographical Region*. The exposure is internally rated IG.

# RVI

RVI obligations assumed by the Company consist primarily of exposure to modern, in-production aircraft with a large installed operator base. The RVI exposure is discussed in *Section i.f Insurance Business Written by Business Segment and by Geographical Region*. The exposure is internally rated IG.

# Financial Guaranty

The Company's top ten financial guaranty exposures measured by GPO represented 96.7% of financial guaranty GPO as of December 31, 2018. These exposures were comprised of various sectors, including general obligation bonds, investorowned utilities, commercial receivables, insurance securitization and other structured finance. There were no material changes to the top ten financial guaranty exposures.

# Net Exposure (1) by Internal Rating As of December 31, 2018

	Capital ctions RVI				inancial Gu	aranty	Total				
Rating Category	gory Exposure		%		Net Exposure	%	Net Exposure %		%	Net Exposure	%
						(dollars in	thous	ands)			
AAA	\$		%	\$		%	\$	60,989	26.5%	\$ 60,989	5.0%
AA		762,641	100.0		_	_		10,545	4.6	773,186	63.9
А		_	_		_	_		83,463	36.4	83,463	6.9
BBB		_	_		218,059	100.0		74,561	32.5	292,620	24.2
BIG (2)		_	_		_	_		11	_	11	_
Total net exposure	\$	762,641	100.0%	\$	218,059	100.0%	\$	229,569	100.0%	\$ 1,210,269	100.0%

## Net Exposure (1) by Internal Rating As of December 31, 2017

Life Insurance Capital Relief Transactions				RVI				inancial Gu	aranty	Total	
Rating Category	Е	Net xposure	%	E	Net Exposure	%	E	Net Exposure	%	 Net Exposure	%
						(dollars in t	hous	ands)			
AAA	\$	_	%	\$	_	%	\$	87,663	32.6%	\$ 87,663	8.1%
AA		675,226	100.0		_	_		4,033	1.5	679,259	62.7
А		_	_		_	_		95,470	35.6	95,470	8.8
BBB		_	_		139,479	100.0		65,061	24.2	204,540	18.9
BIG (2)		_	_		_			16,277	6.1	16,277	1.5
Total net exposure	\$	675,226	100.0%	\$	139,479	100.0%	\$	268,504	100.0%	\$ 1,083,209	100.0%

(1) Exposure for life insurance capital relief transactions and RVI is shown net of any reinsurance ceded. For financial guaranty contracts, exposure is the par outstanding of the insured obligation net of any reinsurance ceded.

(2) BIG exposure relates to one risk at December 31, 2018, which relates to general obligation bonds, and four risks at December 31, 2017, which are primarily structured finance commercial receivables. A risk represents the aggregate of the financial guaranty policies that share the same revenue source for purposes of making debt service payments.

For exposure by geographic distribution, see Section i.f. Insurance Business Written by Business Segment and by Geographical Region, Exposure.

## **Risk Mitigation**

## **Underwriting & Credit Procedures**

The Company has in place an underwriting process and single risk and risk concentration limits across the insured portfolio, as well as procedures for ensuring that they are adhered to in the transaction approval process. The Company sets the single risk limits and underwriting guidelines within the limits that are allocated to the Company by the Group Portfolio Risk Management Committee, subject to the Company's underwriting process. The Company applies its underwriting judgment, risk management skills and capital markets experience in the conduct of its business. The Company seeks to limit its exposure to losses by underwriting obligations that are expected to have no losses.

The credit committee, which is composed of senior officers of the Company, has the authority to review and approve or reject transactions undertaken by the Company. All new transactions approved by the credit committee, except internal

transactions, must also be approved by the Board. As part of the approval process, the credit committee enforces the single risk and concentration limits which it has established. It also incorporates critical feedback on the performance of, and any problems related to, transactions in the Company's insured portfolio.

## Surveillance

The Company conducts regular monitoring of the performance of each insured transaction throughout its life and also tracks the aggregation of risk across the portfolio, to provide early identification of any credit concerns. The review cycle and scope for transactions varies based upon transaction type and credit quality. In general, the review process includes the collection and analysis of information from various sources, including trustee and servicer reports, financial statements, general industry or sector news and analyses, and rating agency reports.

The Company assigns internal credit ratings to all transactions based on its internal assessments of the likelihood of default and loss severity in the event of default. Internal credit ratings are expressed on a ratings scale similar to that used by the Rating Agencies and are generally reflective of an approach similar to that employed by the Rating Agencies, except that the Company's internal credit ratings focus on future performance rather than lifetime performance.

The surveillance staff analyzes all available information related to the financial health of the transaction with the goal of identifying early warning signs of deteriorating performance. Generally, transactions are reviewed and presented in sector reports, which group together transactions that share common risk characteristics. Reviewing exposures by sector facilitates comparison of performance, risk ranking and early identification of underperforming transactions. In addition, each quarter, surveillance staff prepares and presents a quarterly risk management review to the Board.

# Workout Activities

There are no current workout matters. If there is a workout situation, the Company's surveillance personnel will be responsible for managing it. The Company's surveillance personnel will develop strategies designed to enhance the ability of the Company to enforce its contractual rights and remedies and mitigate potential losses and may also engage in negotiation discussions with transaction participants.

## Reinsurance

## **Exposure to Reinsurers (1)**

	As of Decen	ıbeı	r 31, 2018	As of December 31, 2017					
	 Affiliated Reinsurers	Non-Affiliated Reinsurers			Affiliated Reinsurers		on-Affiliated Reinsurers		
		_	(in tho	usan	ds)				
Life insurance capital relief transactions and RVI ceded exposure (non-financial guaranty)	\$ _	\$	239,291	\$	_	\$	159,428		
Financial guaranty ceded par outstanding	—		376,000		—		376,000		

(1) There was no collateral posted by non-affiliated reinsurers as of December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017. All ceded amounts are rated IG as of December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

## **Risk Sensitivity**

Underwriting risk exposure is tested for risk concentration to a specific region as well as identification of stress events that can lead to material losses across the portfolio. Examples of these concentrations are:

- Mortality risk
- Aircraft

The Company runs stress tests for each of the concentrations noted above. Based on the latest stress testing results, management of the Company believes that the Company has sufficient capital to comply with its contractual obligations and regulatory requirements and remain within its risk tolerance.

## b. Market Risk

The potential for market risk resides mainly in the Company's investment portfolio. As of December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Company's investment portfolio had a market value of \$344.5 million and \$327.6 million, respectively. Specific investment guidelines are agreed with the Company's outside investment manager and approved by the Company's Board, consistent with the 'prudent person principle' set out in Solvency Regulations, and setting forth credit rating standards, single risk and asset category limits and duration guidelines.

As of December 31, 2018, no purchase is permitted in a security rated lower than "A-"/"A3"/"A-", or in the case of corporate securities rated lower than "BBB"/"Baa2"/"BBB" by S&P, Moody's or Fitch, respectively. All securities purchased by external managers must be rated by one of S&P, Moody's or Fitch.

## **Currency Risk**

The Company has a minimal amount of currency risk as nearly all of its assets and liabilities are denominated in USD.

## **Interest Rate Risk**

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk on its assets and liabilities. The Company minimizes the interest rate risk on its investment portfolio by managing the duration of its investment portfolio. The Company's liabilities include expected claims and operating expenses, which are offset by future premiums.

### Spread Risk

The Company has a low amount a spread risk due its investment guidelines, which require that all securities purchased by external managers are rated IG.

### Measurement

The Company measures the results of its investment portfolio by its compliance with investment guidelines, and by the portfolio performance, particularly book yield.

### **Risk Concentration**

As of both December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Company's investment portfolio had an average credit quality rating of "AA-". Issuer constraints as well as sector limitations are also followed in managing the investment portfolio. The table below sets forth the sector concentrations across the portfolio.

## **Composition of Investment Portfolio by Security Type**

Security Type	As of December 31, 2018	As of December 31, 2017
Fixed-maturity securities:		
Obligations of state and political subdivisions	39.1%	43.5%
Corporate securities	30.0	33.4
RMBS	16.8	10.2
CMBS	5.4	5.8
Asset-backed securities	3.3	2.2
U.S. government and agencies	3.3	3.6
Total fixed-maturity	97.9	98.7
Short-term investments	2.1	1.3
Total investment portfolio	100.0%	100.0%

## **Risk Mitigation**

In the event of any downgrade of any investment below the Company's requirements, the portfolio manager must contact the Company's management to discuss the course of action and may hold the position only if approved by the Company's President and the Board, with oversight by the Group.

#### **Risk Sensitivity**

The main risk in the Company's investment portfolio is interest rate risk on its fixed rate investments. Annually, as part of its CISSA, the Company stress tests the sensitivity of the investment portfolio to interest rate movements. Based on the latest stress testing results, management of the Company believes that it has sufficient resources to comply with its contractual obligations and regulatory requirements and remain within its risk tolerance.

## c. Credit Risk

The Company's most significant credit risks were discussed above in *Section iii.a Underwriting Risk*. The only other counterparty credit risks the Company has relate to an intra-Group loan, a small reinsurance recoverable and cash that the Company holds in its investment portfolio.

The Company's reinsurance recoverables, loan receivable, and premiums receivable are tested to assess the impact on the Company of a counterparty's ability to make payments in accordance with the contractual terms. Based on the latest stress testing results, management of the Company believes that it has sufficient resources to comply with its contractual obligations and regulatory requirements and remain within its risk tolerance.

## d. Liquidity Risk

The Company manages its liquidity risk by maintaining a liquid, high quality investment portfolio, with a duration that is shorter than the duration of its insurance liabilities. Additionally, for its financial guaranty contracts, the Company is only required to pay principal and interest claims as they come due according to the original bond payment schedule, and the payments cannot be accelerated without the Company's consent. For more information on 'prudent person principle' see *Section iii.b Market Risk*.

## Measurement

The Company measures duration relative to its investment guideline range, discussed above, which is set in accordance with the Company's investment guidelines. The portfolio had a duration of 5.4 years as of December 31, 2018 and 5.8 years as of December 31, 2017. For more information see *Section i.g Performance of Investments & Material Income & Expenses for the Reporting Period.* 

### **Risk Sensitivity**

Annually, as part of its CISSA, the Company performs liquidity stress testing to ensure that it has sufficient liquid assets over the next 12 month period to cover all of its liabilities that could arise in a stress scenario. When the Company performs the stress test, it considers only U.S. Government bonds, pre-refunded bonds, agency bonds and cash to be liquid assets. Based on the latest stress testing results, management of the Company believes that it has sufficient liquidity to comply with its contractual obligations and regulatory requirements and remain within its risk tolerance.

## e. Operational Risk

The Company faces a variety of operational risks including those related to IT, accounting, legal and regulatory matters, as well as risks related to performance by affiliated companies pursuant to a services agreement and third party service providers. As of December 31, 2018, the Company had only 81 risks in its insured portfolio and generally adds only a small number of new transactions each year, limiting potential operational errors. The relatively small number of risks allows careful review of the transaction documents and quality control of the data points captured in the Company's systems by knowledgeable employees.

Operational risks are further limited by the Company's risk management policies, such as the policies governing the credit approval process, compliance, data protection, business continuity planning, and employee conduct. Additional mitigants to operational risk include that its service agreements are with stable affiliated companies, and the system of internal controls in

place, which are described in Section ii.d Internal Control System.

With regard to legal risk, another aspect of operational risk, as of December 31, 2018, the Company was not a party in any litigation or subject to any known regulatory investigation.

# f. Any Other Material Information

None.

# iv. SOLVENCY VALUATION

## a. Valuation Bases, Assumptions and Methods to Derive the Value of Each Asset Class

The Company has used the valuation principles outlined by the BMA's "Guidance Note for Statutory Reporting Regime" for the reporting period's statutory filing. The economic valuation principles outlined in this document are to measure assets and liabilities on a fair value basis.

The Company carries all of its investment portfolio at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (i.e., exit price). The price represents the price available in the principal market for the asset or liability. If there is no principal market, then the price is based on a hypothetical market that maximizes the value received for an asset or minimizes the amount paid for a liability (i.e., the most advantageous market).

Fair value is based on quoted market prices, where available. If listed prices or quotes are not available, fair value is based on either internally developed models that primarily use, as inputs, market-based or independently sourced market parameters, including but not limited to yield curves, interest rates and debt prices or with the assistance of an independent third-party using a discounted cash flow approach and the third party's proprietary pricing models. In addition to market information, models also incorporate transaction details, such as maturity of the instrument and contractual features designed to reduce the Company's credit exposure, such as collateral rights as applicable.

Valuation adjustments may be made to ensure that financial instruments are recorded at fair value. These adjustments include amounts to reflect counterparty credit quality, and constraints on liquidity. As markets and products develop and the pricing for certain products becomes more or less transparent, the Company may refine its methodologies and assumptions. During 2018 and 2017, no changes were made to the Company's valuation models that had or are expected to have, a material impact on the Company's consolidated balance sheets or statements of operations and comprehensive income.

The Company's methods for calculating fair value produce a fair value that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. The use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date.

The categorization within the fair value hierarchy is determined based on whether the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value are observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect Company estimates of market assumptions. The fair value hierarchy prioritizes model inputs into three broad levels as follows, with Level 1 being the highest and Level 3 the lowest. An asset's or liability's categorization is based on the lowest level of significant input to its valuation.

Level 1—Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets. The Company generally defines an active market as a market in which trading occurs at significant volumes. Active markets generally are more liquid and have a lower bid-ask spread than an inactive market.

Level 2—Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and observable inputs other than quoted prices, such as interest rates or yield curves and other inputs derived from or corroborated by observable market inputs.

Level 3—Model derived valuations in which one or more significant inputs or significant value drivers are unobservable. Financial instruments are considered Level 3 when their values are determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies or similar techniques and at least one significant model assumption or input is unobservable. Level 3 financial instruments also include those for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation.

During the periods presented, there were no transfers into or from Level 3.

# Measured and Carried at Fair Value

## Fixed-Maturity Securities and Short-Term Investments

The fair value of bonds in the investment portfolio is generally based on prices received from third party pricing services or alternative pricing sources with reasonable levels of price transparency. The pricing services prepare estimates of fair value measurements using their pricing models, which take into account: benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers, reference data, industry and economic events and sector groupings. Additional valuation factors that can be taken into account are nominal spreads and liquidity adjustments. The pricing services evaluate each asset class based on relevant market and credit information, perceived market movements, and sector news.

Benchmark yields have in many cases taken priority over reported trades for securities that trade less frequently or those that are distressed trades, and therefore may not be indicative of the market. The extent of the use of each input is dependent on the asset class and the market conditions. The valuation of fixed-maturity investments is more subjective when markets are less liquid due to the lack of market based inputs.

Short-term investments that are traded in active markets are classified within Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy and their value is based on quoted market prices. Securities such as discount notes are classified within Level 2 because these securities are typically not actively traded due to their approaching maturity and, as such, their cost approximates fair value.

As of December 31, 2018, the Company used models to price eight securities with a fair value of \$14 million. As of December 31, 2018, all Level 3 securities were priced with the assistance of an independent third-party. As of December 31, 2017, the Company used models to price eight securities with a fair value of \$13 million. As of December 31, 2017, most Level 3 securities were priced with the assistance of an independent third-party. The pricing is based on a discounted cash flow approach using the third-party's proprietary pricing models. The models use inputs such as projected prepayment speeds; severity assumptions; recovery lag assumptions; estimated default rates (determined on the basis of an analysis of collateral attributes, historical collateral performance, borrower profiles and other features relevant to the evaluation of collateral credit quality); home price appreciation/depreciation rates based on macroeconomic forecasts and recent trading activity. The yield used to discount the projected cash flows is determined by reviewing various attributes of the security including collateral type, weighted average life, sensitivity to losses, vintage, and convexity, in conjunction with market data on comparable securities. Significant changes to any of these inputs could have materially changed the expected timing of cash flows within these securities which is a significant factor in determining the fair value of the securities.

# **Other Assets**

- Advances to affiliates are recorded at fair value and balances receivable in more than one year have been discounted at the relevant risk free rate.
- Investment income due and accrued carrying value approximates fair value.
- Premiums and reinsurance balances receivable are current balances due and are recorded at fair value.

## b. Valuation Bases, Assumptions and Methods to Derive the Value of Technical Provisions

# Technical Provisions under Economic Balance Sheet versus Financial Statements

## Technical Provisions As of December 31, 2018

	St	nancial atement ince Sheet		conomic ance Sheet
		(in tho	usands)	
Best Estimate	\$	—	\$	(16,252)
Risk margin				6,670
Gross unearned premium reserve		35,576		
Gross loss and loss expense provisions		71		
Total	\$	35,647	\$	(9,582)

The gross and net best estimate technical provisions values are the present value of future cash outflows less the present value of future cash inflows. The present value of cash outflows includes the expected lifetime loss calculated using the Company's internally developed individual capital adequacy model plus an Expense Load. The present value of the cash inflows includes all future premiums expected to be received by the Company after consideration of potential non–payment on premiums due to future defaults of guaranteed transactions.

Expected lifetime losses under the Economic Balance Sheet are calculated using the Company's ECM which uses its judgments for cumulative probability of default, loss given default and correlation to calculate the expected cash outflows that the Company will be required to pay over the lifetime of the Company's insured exposures for both its net retained and its reinsured exposures. The Company considers both external and internal sources of data when setting its assumptions for probability of default, loss given default and correlation, including any relevant experience by members of the Group. The boundary of each insurance contract is assumed to be the period of time during which the principal on the debt underlying the financial guarantee contract is greater than \$0. The Company uses its judgment to assess future inflation rates for guarantees that are linked to an inflation index.

For purposes of the best estimate loss component of Technical Provisions, the provision for future run-off expense is projected based on the Company's current operating costs taking into consideration activities required to service the existing insured portfolio.

The risk margin is an estimate of the amount that a third party would expect to receive in addition to the best estimate liability to assume the Company's insurance obligations. The risk margin is calculated as the present value of the cost of capital (i.e cost of holding capital equal to BSCR) in all future years. The cost of capital to be used in the calculation is prescribed by the BMA at 6% per annum.

While the Company believes that the assumptions and methods used to develop the Technical Provisions are reasonable and consistent and that they provide for a calculation of future expectations in an appropriate manner, it remains possible that future experience in future premiums, projected operating expenses, default probabilities, severities, and correlations may not be in line with expectations. Since the Company guarantees against low probability events that have large nominal exposures despite the expectation that the severity of any loss would be low, the uncertainty within the Company's projected losses used in the calculation of the Technical Provisions is high. The level of uncertainty in respect of future premiums, future ceding commission and projected operating expenses is expected to be low because, in most cases cash inflows are contractually guaranteed and the annual operating expenses that would be required to manage the runoff of the portfolio can be reasonably estimated based on current staffing levels. The Company does not include any benefits related to future management actions and it is unlikely that policyholder behaviour would affect the Technical Provisions.

The Company also believes that the assumptions and methods used to develop the risk margin value are reasonable and consistent and that they provide for a calculation of the appropriate economic capital cushion required by the BMA.

The Best Estimate Technical Provisions must include the Company's expected future cash inflows and outflows, excluding investment income.

The following is a listing of the material differences between Technical Provisions under Solvency Regulations and under U.S. GAAP:

- Under Solvency, premiums that are due to be received after the balance sheet date are included in the calculation of Technical Provisions and include amounts receivable from both financial guaranty and non-financial guaranty insurance contracts and exclude an amount that may not be received due to potential defaults on underlying transactions. The amount is discounted at the BMA specified risk free rate. Under U.S. GAAP, financial guaranty premiums that are due to be received after the balance sheet date are included in the premiums receivable, net of commissions payable, discounted at the risk-free rate at inception and such discount rate is updated only when changes to prepayment assumptions are made that change the expected date of final maturity. For non-financial guaranty premiums, premiums receivable consist of the amount of contractual premiums due. There is no provision for amounts that may not be received unless such amounts are deemed uncollectible.
- Under Solvency, commissions that are due to be paid on assumed policies after the balance sheet date are included in the calculation of Technical Provisions and include amounts payable on financial guaranty contracts as well as non-financial guaranty insurance and exclude an amount that may not be payable due to potential defaults on underlying transactions, discounted at the BMA specified risk free rate. Under U.S. GAAP, commissions (for financial guaranty policies accounted for as insurance) that are due to be paid on assumed policies after the balance sheet date are included in premiums receivable, The amount is discounted at the risk-free rate at inception and such discount rate is updated only when changes to prepayment assumptions are made that change the expected date of final maturity.
- Under Solvency, projected losses are included in the calculation of Technical Provisions and are calculated on both financial guaranty and non-financial guaranty insurance contracts and a loss value is ascribed to every exposure. The resulting amount is discounted at the BMA specified risk free rate. Under U.S. GAAP, a loss reserve is recorded on financial guaranty or non-financial guaranty insurance contracts, as applicable, that have exhibited adverse development or that have a heightened loss potential due to their BIG rating and, for financial guaranty contracts, only to the extent that the loss reserve amount exceeds the unearned premium reserve on a contract by contract basis. The loss reserve amount is discounted at the risk free rates.
- Under Solvency, an amount is included for the Projected Expense Load. Under U.S. GAAP, a loss adjustment expense amount, if applicable, is included for financial guaranty or non-financial guaranty insurance contracts, as applicable, but the loss adjustment expense amount does not include a projected expense load covering the Company's other expenses.
- Under Solvency, unearned premium reserve is not included in the Technical Provisions. Under U.S. GAAP, unearned premium reserve is recorded.
- Under Solvency, deferred acquisition costs are not included in the Technical Provisions. Under U.S. GAAP, deferred acquisition costs are recorded on financial guaranty and non-financial guaranty insurance contracts.

# c. Description of Recoverables from Reinsurance Contracts

## **Recoverables From Reinsurance and Special Purpose Vehicles**

The Company cedes some of its exposure to non-affiliated reinsurers. In calculating the Technical Provisions and risk margin net of this reinsurance, the reinsurer is contractually obligated to pay and will likewise be entitled to receive its share of any recoveries. Under Solvency, the Company's reinsurance recoverable for this transaction is the contractually obligated payments, less an amount which represents the reinsurer's share of its loss in excess of the amount of collateral available that it is unable to make. This amount is calculated based on the projected ceded expected losses to the reinsurer, the assumed cumulative default rate of the reinsurer and the amount of collateral posted by the reinsurer. Under U.S. GAAP, the Company does not include a provision for reinsurance counterparty default unless the reinsurance recoverable is deemed uncollectible.

There are no special purpose vehicle recoverables included in any of the calculations of Technical Provisions or risk margin.

# d. Valuation Bases, Assumptions and Methods to Derive the Value of Other Liabilities

Similar to the valuation principles for assets, the Company's other liabilities follow the valuations principles outlined by the BMA's "Guidance Note for Statutory Reporting Regime", which values other liabilities at a fair value basis.

# e. Any Other Material Information

None.

## v. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

## a. Eligible Capital

# i. Capital Management Policy and Process for Capital Needs, How Capital is Managed and Material Changes During the Reporting Period

The primary capital management objectives of the Company are to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of its business and to meet regulatory and rating agency capital requirements at all times. The Company recognizes the impact on shareholder returns of the level of equity capital employed and seeks to maintain a prudent balance. It strives for an appropriate capital structure that efficiently allocates the risk to the capital. The Company's capital and risk management strategy is unchanged over the prior year.

To maintain a strong capital base, the Company identifies, assesses, manages and monitors the various risk sources it faces in the course of business both currently and as anticipated over the life its insured obligations. This process culminates in an assessment of the capital necessary to maintain solvency at the threshold targeted by senior management given the Company's risk profile. The Company's risk profile includes an assessment of the current and anticipated future material risks faced by the Company, the strength of the organization's enterprise risk management, capital measures derived from proprietary and vendor models, qualitative risks, stress testing and liquidity. Surplus capital may be paid out in dividends, subject to statutory limitations as defined by the Insurance Act.

The Company has a low tolerance for liquidity risk and manages to that level of risk by maintaining a liquid high quality investment portfolio with a duration that is shorter than the duration of its insurance liabilities. Given the Company's low tolerance for liquidity risk and the contingent and generally long-tail nature of its insurance exposures, the Company is willing to assume a modest amount of market risk as part of its strategy of minimizing liquidity risk. Specific investment guidelines are provided to the Company's outside investment manager, setting forth single risk and asset category limits, duration guidelines and rating standards. The outside investment manager may not purchase securities rated lower than "A-"/"A3"/"A-", or in the case of corporate securities rated lower than "BBB"/"Baa2"/"BBB" by S&P, Moody's or Fitch, respectively. Deviation from these investment guidelines may arise on an exception basis where the Company is managing its exposure to impaired insured transactions. Investment guidelines are discussed in more detail in *Section iii.b Market Risk*.

With regard to managing liabilities, the Company's Risk Appetite Statement dictates that risks accepted are estimated at inception to have low potential loss severity. Therefore, the Company aims to avoid risks that have or are projected to have a high severity in the event of a default.

# ii. Eligible Capital Categorized by Tiers in Accordance to the Eligible Capital Rules

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, all of the Company's eligible capital was categorized as Tier 1:

## **Eligible Capital**

		2018 Dual Class 3A and Class C		20	17		
				Class 3A		Class C	
			(in tho	ousands)			
Tier 1 Capital	\$	385,206	\$	374,293	\$	21,209	

The tier 1 capital consists of capital stock, contributed surplus and statutory surplus. The decrease in the combined Tier 1 capital in 2018 compared to prior year is due to an increase in the technical provisions. The increase in technical provisions is due to (i) the increase in expected losses on non reserve exposures, (ii) the increase in the projected expense load, and (iii) the decrease in future premiums.

# iii. Eligible Capital Categorized by Tiers in Accordance to the Eligible Capital Rules Used to Meet ECR and MSM Requirements of the Insurance Act

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Company's eligible capital used to meet its MSM and ECR was categorized as follows:

# **Eligible Capital**

	2018					2017				
	Applie	ed to MSM	App	lied to ECR	Арр	lied to MSM	Арр	lied to ECR		
	(in thous			isand	s)					
Tier 1 Capital	\$	385,206	\$	385,206	\$	374,293	\$	374,293		

## iv. Confirmation of Eligible Capital That is Subject to Transitional Arrangements

None of the eligible capital is subject to transitional arrangements.

# v. Identification of Any Factors Affecting Encumbrances on the Availability and Transferability of Capital to Meet the ECR

The Company has entered into contracts with cedants that require the Company to fully collateralize estimates of its obligations calculated by the cedants. Assets are held in trust accounts for the benefit of the cedant. These assets are released to the company on payment of the obligations.

# vi. Identification of Ancillary Capital Instruments Approved by the Authority

The Company has no ancilliary capital instruments

# vii. Identification of Differences in Shareholder's Equity as Stated in the Financial Statements Versus the Available Capital and Surplus

The differences in shareholder's equity, as stated in the U.S. GAAP financial statements versus the available statutory capital and surplus relate to the impact of employing Solvency Regulation based technical provision valuation techniques as well as the reduction in available Solvency Regulation capital for non-admitted assets.

# **b.** Regulatory Capital Requirements

# i. ECR and MSM Requirements at the End of the Reporting Period

The following table presents the Company's MSM and ECR amounts.

# **MSM and ECR Amounts**

	As of December 31, 2018			As of Decem	ber 31, 2017		
	Dual Class 3A and Class CClass 3A				Class C		
		(in tho	ousands)				
MSM	\$	3,241	\$	6,524	\$	500	
ECR		12,963		26,096		500	

The ECR in 2018 was calculated using the BMA's dual license BSCR model compared to the prior year, which had separate ECRs for the Class 3A and Class C licenses. The changes were primarily due to the decreased interest rate and liquidity risks due to a better alignment between the Company's asset and liability durations.

# ii. Identification of Any Non-Compliance with the MSM and the ECR

The company was compliant with the MSM and ECR requirement as of December 31, 2018 and 2017.

# iii. A Description of the Amount and Circumstances Surrounding the Non-Compliance, the Remedial Measures and Their Effectiveness

Not Applicable.

# iv. Where the Non-Compliance is not Resolved, a Description of the Amount of the Non-Compliance at the end of the reporting period

Not Applicable.

# c. Approved Internal Capital Model

The Company does not use an internal model to calculate its ECR. For more information see *Section v.b Regulatory Capital Requirements*.

# vi. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

# a. Description of Significant Events

There are no significant events either in the reporting period, or that have occurred between the end of the reporting period and the date of signing the return.

# b. Approximate date(s) or proposed timings of the significant event

Not applicable.

# c. Confirmation of how the significant event has impacted or will impact any information provided in the most recent financial condition report filed with the Authority

Not applicable.

# d. Any other material information

Not applicable.

# DECLARATION

We declare, to the best of our knowledge and belief, that the financial condition report fairly presents the financial condition of the Company in all material respects.

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