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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

x **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2009

OR

.. **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 1-10804

XL CAPITAL LTD

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Cayman Islands **98-0191089**
(State or other jurisdiction of **(I.R.S. Employer**
incorporation or organization) **Identification No.)**
XL House, One Bermudiana Road, Hamilton, Bermuda HM 08
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)
(441) 292-8515
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

As of October 30, 2009, there were 342,128,869 outstanding Class A Ordinary Shares, \$0.01 par value per share, of the registrant.

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| (U.S. dollars in thousands, except share amounts) | (Unaudited) September 30, 2009 | December 31, 2008 |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| A S S E T S | | |
| Investments: | | |
| Fixed maturities at fair value (amortized cost: 2009, \$29,585,600; 2008, \$28,990,477) | \$ 27,965,410 | \$ 25,636,368 |
| Equity securities, at fair value (cost: 2009, \$47,755; 2008, \$337,765) | 55,099 | 361,819 |
| Short-term investments, at fair value (amortized cost: 2009, \$1,973,189; 2008, \$1,500,767) | 1,990,230 | 1,466,323 |
| Total investments available for sale | 30,010,739 | 27,464,510 |
| Investments in affiliates | 1,193,917 | 1,552,789 |
| Other investments (cost: 2009, \$767,292; 2008, \$417,856) | 822,759 | 459,481 |
| Total investments | 32,027,415 | 29,476,780 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 3,906,277 | 4,353,826 |
| Accrued investment income | 366,853 | 363,376 |
| Deferred acquisition costs | 779,090 | 713,501 |
| Ceded unearned premiums | 944,864 | 896,216 |
| Premiums receivable | 2,992,168 | 3,135,985 |
| Reinsurance balances receivable | 458,267 | 563,694 |
| Unpaid losses and loss expenses recoverable | 3,827,343 | 3,997,722 |
| Net receivable from investments sold | | 125,991 |
| Goodwill and other intangible assets | 850,110 | 853,550 |
| Deferred tax asset, net | 288,005 | 331,348 |
| Other assets | 780,849 | 836,825 |
| Total assets | \$ 47,221,241 | \$ 45,648,814 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Unpaid losses and loss expenses | \$ 21,202,343 | \$ 21,650,315 |
| Deposit liabilities | 2,442,800 | 2,710,987 |
| Future policy benefit reserves | 5,754,176 | 5,452,865 |
| Unearned premiums | 4,185,151 | 4,217,931 |
| Notes payable and debt | 2,452,373 | 3,189,734 |
| Reinsurance balances payable | 702,196 | 726,736 |
| Net payable from investments purchased | 224,658 | 26,536 |
| Other liabilities | 901,354 | 1,056,879 |
| Total liabilities | \$ 37,865,051 | \$ 39,031,983 |
| Commitments and Contingencies | | |
| Redeemable Series C preference ordinary shares, 20,000,000 authorized, par value \$0.01 Issued and outstanding: (2009, 7,306,920; 2008, 20,000,000) | \$ 182,673 | \$ 500,000 |

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| Shareholders' Equity: | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Non-controlling interest in equity of consolidated subsidiaries | \$ 2,362 | \$ 1,598 |
| Series E preference ordinary shares, 1,000,000 authorized, par value \$0.01 Issued and outstanding: (2009, 1,000,000; 2008, 1,000,000) | 10 | 10 |
| Class A ordinary shares, 999,990,000 authorized, par value \$0.01 Issued and outstanding: (2009, 342,128,946; 2008, 330,812,343) | 3,421 | 3,308 |
| Additional paid in capital | 10,463,267 | 9,792,371 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) | (1,464,523) | (3,364,927) |
| Retained earnings (deficit) | 168,980 | (315,529) |
| Total shareholders' equity | \$ 9,173,517 | \$ 6,116,831 |
| Total liabilities, redeemable preference ordinary shares and shareholders' equity | \$ 47,221,241 | \$ 45,648,814 |

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements

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| (U.S. dollars in thousands, except share amounts) | (Unaudited) Three Months Ended September 30, | | (Unaudited) Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|--|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Net premiums earned | \$ 1,445,719 | \$ 1,694,631 | \$ 4,326,940 | \$ 5,088,715 |
| Net investment income | 327,145 | 436,281 | 1,003,459 | 1,375,862 |
| Realized investment gains (losses): | | | | |
| Net realized gains (losses) on investments sold | (3,829) | (40,284) | 33,794 | 21,958 |
| Other-than-temporary impairments on investments | (459,344) | (252,619) | (860,004) | (415,072) |
| Other-than-temporary impairments on investments transferred to other comprehensive income | 137,653 | | 168,323 | |
| Total net realized (losses) on investments | (325,520) | (292,903) | (657,887) | (393,114) |
| Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on derivative instruments | (9,133) | (58,454) | (9,571) | (5,648) |
| Net income (loss) from investment fund affiliates | 42,288 | (54,886) | 52,481 | (63,522) |
| Fee income and other | 5,331 | 19,132 | 27,285 | 40,219 |
| Total revenues | \$ 1,485,830 | \$ 1,743,801 | \$ 4,742,707 | \$ 6,042,512 |
| Expenses: | | | | |
| Net losses and loss expenses incurred | \$ 818,238 | \$ 1,209,565 | \$ 2,388,149 | \$ 3,149,043 |
| Claims and policy benefits | 185,067 | 199,861 | 517,614 | 605,885 |
| Acquisition costs | 212,846 | 216,879 | 654,337 | 729,413 |
| Operating expenses | 230,908 | 319,432 | 763,514 | 881,554 |
| Exchange (gains) losses | (16,843) | (139,467) | 103,754 | (63,786) |
| Extinguishment of debt | | 22,527 | | 22,527 |
| Interest expense | 53,469 | 78,000 | 169,008 | 267,553 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 465 | 1,386 | 1,394 | 2,226 |
| Total expenses | \$ 1,484,150 | \$ 1,908,183 | \$ 4,597,770 | \$ 5,594,415 |
| Income before income tax and income (loss) from operating affiliates | \$ 1,680 | \$ (164,382) | \$ 144,937 | \$ 448,097 |
| Provision for income tax | (3,616) | (47,843) | (65,614) | (129,750) |
| Income (loss) from operating affiliates | 23,027 | (1,404,299) | 30,366 | (1,452,647) |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 21,091 | \$ (1,616,524) | \$ 109,689 | \$ (1,134,300) |
| Non-controlling interest in net loss of subsidiary | 7 | | 47 | |
| Net income (loss) attributable to XL Capital Ltd | \$ 21,098 | \$ (1,616,524) | \$ 109,736 | \$ (1,134,300) |
| Preference share dividends | (32,500) | (32,500) | (74,626) | (65,000) |
| Gain on redemption of Series C Preference Ordinary Shares | | | 211,816 | |
| Net income (loss) available to ordinary shareholders | \$ (11,402) | \$ (1,649,024) | \$ 246,926 | \$ (1,199,300) |
| Weighted average ordinary shares and ordinary share equivalents outstanding basic | 342,118 | 273,084 | 339,095 | 210,387 |
| | 342,620 | 273,084 | 339,349 | 210,387 |

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Weighted average ordinary shares and ordinary share equivalents outstanding
diluted

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|--|---------|----|--------|----|--------|----|------|----|--------|
| Earnings (loss) per ordinary share and ordinary share equivalent | basic | \$ | (0.03) | \$ | (6.04) | \$ | 0.73 | \$ | (5.70) |
| Earnings (loss) per ordinary share and ordinary share equivalent | diluted | \$ | (0.03) | \$ | (6.04) | \$ | 0.73 | \$ | (5.70) |

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements

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| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) Three Months Ended September 30, | | (Unaudited) Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|--|----------------|---|----------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to XL Capital Ltd. | \$ 21,098 | \$ (1,616,524) | \$ 109,736 | \$ (1,134,300) |
| Impact of adoption of new authoritative other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI) guidance, net of taxes | | | (229,670) | |
| Change in net unrealized gains (losses) on investments, net of tax | 1,777,621 | (825,288) | 2,104,101 | (2,587,155) |
| Change in OTTI losses recognized in other comprehensive income, net of tax | (128,004) | | (153,599) | |
| Change in underfunded pension liability | 180 | 319 | (136) | 254 |
| Change in value of cash flow hedge | 111 | 111 | 329 | 329 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments, net | 85,908 | (457,384) | 175,547 | (219,966) |
| Change in net unrealized gain (loss) on future policy benefit reserves | 1,825 | (872) | 3,832 | (2,560) |
| Comprehensive income (loss) | \$ 1,758,739 | \$ (2,899,638) | \$ 2,010,140 | \$ (3,943,398) |

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| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) | |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Nine months Ended September 30, | |
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Non-controlling Interest in Equity of Consolidated Subsidiaries: | | |
| Balance beginning of year | \$ 1,598 | \$ 2,419 |
| Non-controlling interest in net income (loss) of subsidiary | (47) | |
| Non-controlling interest share in change in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income | 811 | (822) |
| Balance end of period | \$ 2,362 | \$ 1,597 |
| Series E Preference Ordinary Shares: | | |
| Balance beginning of year | \$ 10 | \$ 10 |
| Balance end of period | \$ 10 | \$ 10 |
| Class A Ordinary Shares: | | |
| Balance beginning of year | \$ 3,308 | \$ 1,779 |
| Issuance of Class A ordinary shares | 115 | 1,530 |
| Exercise of stock options | 1 | |
| Repurchase of shares | (3) | (1) |
| Balance end of period | \$ 3,421 | \$ 3,308 |
| Additional Paid in Capital: | | |
| Balance beginning of year | \$ 9,792,371 | \$ 7,358,801 |
| Issuance of Class A ordinary shares | 741,597 | 2,389,558 |
| Repurchase of Class A ordinary shares | | (4,834) |
| Fair value of purchase contracts associated with equity security units | | (37,860) |
| Outstanding accrued contingent capital put premium | | 51,064 |
| Dividends on Class A ordinary shares | (68,389) | |
| Dividends on preference ordinary shares | (42,126) | |
| Stock option expense | 11,792 | 16,499 |
| Exercise of stock options | | 6,207 |
| Net change in deferred compensation | 28,022 | (2,703) |
| Balance end of period | \$ 10,463,267 | \$ 9,776,732 |
| Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income: | | |
| Balance beginning of year | \$ (3,364,927) | \$ 9,159 |
| Impact of adoption of new authoritative OTTI guidance, net of taxes | (229,670) | |
| Change in net unrealized gains (losses) on investment portfolio, net of tax | 2,090,258 | (2,572,684) |
| Change in OTTI losses recognized in other comprehensive income, net of tax | (153,599) | |
| Change in net unrealized (losses) gains on affiliate and other investments, net of tax | 13,843 | (14,471) |
| Change in underfunded pension liability | (136) | 254 |
| Change in value of cash flow hedge | 329 | 329 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | 175,547 | (219,966) |
| Change in net unrealized gain (loss) on future policy benefit reserves | 3,832 | (2,560) |

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|-------------------------------------|---|--|----------------|----------------|
| Balance | end of period | | \$ (1,464,523) | \$ (2,799,939) |
| Retained (Deficit) Earnings: | | | | |
| Balance | beginning of year | | \$ (315,529) | \$ 2,578,393 |
| | Impact of adoption of new authoritative OTTI guidance, net of taxes | | 229,670 | |
| | Net income (loss) attributable to XL Capital Ltd. | | 109,736 | (1,134,300) |
| | Dividends on preference ordinary shares | | (32,500) | (65,000) |
| | Dividends on Class A ordinary shares | | (34,213) | (198,661) |
| | Gain on redemption of Series C preference ordinary shares | | 211,816 | |
| Balance | end of period | | \$ 168,980 | \$ 1,180,432 |
| Total Shareholders | Equity | | \$ 9,173,517 | \$ 8,162,140 |

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| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) | |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities: | | |
| Net income (loss) attributable to XL Capital Ltd | \$ 109,736 | \$ (1,134,300) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities: | | |
| Net realized losses on investments | 657,887 | 393,114 |
| Net realized and unrealized losses (gains) on derivative instruments | 9,571 | 5,648 |
| Amortization of (discounts) on fixed maturities | (16,512) | (31,403) |
| Loss (income) from investment and operating affiliates | (82,847) | 1,516,169 |
| Cash paid to Syncora as part of Master Agreement | | (1,775,000) |
| Amortization of deferred compensation | 25,376 | 46,591 |
| Accretion of convertible debt | 749 | 751 |
| Accretion of deposit liabilities | 32,401 | 117,787 |
| Unpaid losses and loss expenses | (771,209) | (478,748) |
| Future policy benefit reserves | (100,948) | (3,285) |
| Unearned premiums | (142,345) | 434,674 |
| Premiums receivable | 247,838 | (90,717) |
| Unpaid losses and loss expenses recoverable | 231,680 | 594,596 |
| Prepaid reinsurance premiums | (27,634) | (242,118) |
| Reinsurance balances receivable | 109,921 | 152,100 |
| Deferred acquisition costs | (39,601) | (99,415) |
| Reinsurance balances payable | (47,926) | 106,018 |
| Deferred tax asset | (40,378) | 94,224 |
| Other | (130,676) | (270,617) |
| Total adjustments | \$ (84,653) | \$ 470,369 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | \$ 25,083 | \$ (663,931) |
| Cash flows provided by investing activities: | | |
| Proceeds from sale of fixed maturities and short-term investments | \$ 6,960,410 | \$ 11,614,263 |
| Proceeds from redemption of fixed maturities and short-term investments | 4,013,162 | 2,403,975 |
| Proceeds from sale of equity securities | 356,344 | 720,928 |
| Purchases of fixed maturities and short-term investments | (11,752,333) | (9,878,649) |
| Purchases of equity securities | (18,967) | (507,426) |
| Net disposition of investment affiliates | 724,800 | 302,671 |
| Other investments | (139,890) | 77,162 |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | \$ 143,526 | \$ 4,732,924 |
| Cash flows (used in) financing activities: | | |
| Proceeds from issuance of Class A ordinary shares | \$ 745,000 | \$ 2,731,000 |
| Repurchase of Class A ordinary shares | (576) | (4,835) |
| Redemption of Series C preference ordinary shares | (104,718) | |
| Dividends paid on Class A ordinary shares | (102,565) | (198,386) |
| Dividends paid on preference ordinary shares | (55,751) | (32,500) |
| Proceeds from issuance of debt | | 557,750 |
| Deposit liabilities | (198,353) | (5,267,966) |

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|---|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Repayment of debt | (745,000) | (255,000) |
| Net cash flow on securities lending | (242,662) | 149,850 |
| Net cash (used in) financing activities | \$ (704,625) | \$ (2,320,087) |
| Effects of exchange rate changes on foreign currency cash | 88,467 | (18,933) |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (447,549) | 1,729,973 |
| Cash and cash equivalents beginning of period | 4,353,826 | 3,880,030 |
| Cash and cash equivalents end of period | \$ 3,906,277 | \$ 5,610,003 |

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of Preparation and Consolidation

These unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and all of its subsidiaries and have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In addition, the year-end balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements but does not include all disclosures required by GAAP. In the opinion of management, these unaudited financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair statement of the Company s financial position and results of operations as at the end of and for the periods presented. The results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results for a full year. All significant inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ materially from these estimates.

To facilitate period-to-period comparisons, certain reclassifications have been made to prior period consolidated financial statement amounts to conform to current period presentation. There was no effect on net income from this change in presentation.

Unless the context otherwise indicates, references herein to the Company include XL Capital Ltd and its consolidated subsidiaries.

The Company has performed an evaluation of subsequent events through November 5, 2009, which is the date the financial statements were issued.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In December 2007, the FASB issued final authoritative guidance regarding noncontrolling interests in consolidated financial statements to establish accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary was issued. This guidance requires a company to clearly identify and present ownership interests in subsidiaries held by parties other than the company in the consolidated financial statements within the equity section but separate from the company s equity. It also requires the amount of consolidated net income attributable to the parent and to the noncontrolling interest be clearly identified and presented on the face of the consolidated statement of income; requires any changes in ownership interest of the subsidiary be accounted for as equity transactions; and requires that when a subsidiary is deconsolidated, any retained noncontrolling equity investment in the former subsidiary and the gain or loss on the deconsolidation of the subsidiary be measured at fair value. This guidance is effective for interim and annual financial statements issued after January 1, 2009. While the adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company s financial condition or results of operations, such adoption did result in certain changes in the presentation and disclosure of noncontrolling interests as noted above.

In March 2008, the FASB issued final authoritative guidance surrounding disclosures about derivative instruments and hedging activities which requires enhanced disclosures about an entity s derivative and hedging activities, and was effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008, with early application encouraged. The Company adopted the standard as of January 1, 2009. This guidance requires only additional disclosures concerning derivatives and hedging activities, and therefore the adoption did not have an impact on the Company s financial condition and results of operations. See Note 2-(c), Significant Accounting Policies Derivative Instruments and Note 8, Derivative Instruments for disclosures required under this standard.

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In May 2008, the FASB issued final authoritative guidance on accounting for financial guarantee insurance contracts to address current diversity in practice with respect to accounting for financial guarantee insurance contracts by insurance enterprises under the existing authoritative guidance over accounting and reporting by insurance enterprises. That diversity resulted in inconsistencies in the recognition and measurement of claim liabilities because of differing views regarding when a loss has been incurred under guidance surrounding accounting for contingencies. The final financial guarantee accounting guidance requires that an insurance enterprise recognize a claim liability prior to an event of default (insured event) when there is evidence that credit deterioration has occurred in an insured financial obligation. The guidance also clarifies how the existing insurance accounting guidance applies to financial guarantee insurance contracts, including the recognition and measurement to be used to account for premium revenue and claim liabilities. Those clarifications will increase comparability in financial reporting of financial guarantee insurance contracts by insurance enterprises. The guidance also requires expanded disclosures about financial guarantee insurance contracts. The standard was adopted by the Company as of January 1, 2009. The adoption of this guidance during 2009 did not have a material impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

As of September 30, 2009, the Company's outstanding financial guarantee contracts that were subject to the new accounting guidance included the reinsurance of 39 financial guarantee contracts with total insured contractual payments outstanding of \$649.4 million (\$514.1 million of principal and \$135.3 million of interest) with a remaining weighted-average contract period of 9.0 years. The total gross claim liability and unearned premiums recorded at September 30, 2009 were \$14.5 million and \$1.9 million, respectively. Of the contractual exposure existing at September 30, 2009, the Company had reinsured \$370.8 million with subsidiaries of Syncora Holdings Ltd (Syncora), however, as at September 30, 2009 no reinsurance balances recoverable from Syncora had been recorded. Of the 39 contracts noted above, 3 contracts with total insured contractual payments outstanding of \$16.5 million had experienced an event of default and were considered by the Company to be non-performing at September 30, 2009, while the remaining 36 contracts were considered to be performing at such date. As of December 31, 2008, the Company's outstanding financial guarantee contracts that were subject to the new accounting guidance included the reinsurance of 48 financial guarantee contracts with total insured contractual payments outstanding of \$936.6 million (\$798.5 million of principal and \$138.1 million of interest) with a remaining weighted-average contract period of 7.9 years. The total gross claim liability and unearned premiums recorded at December 31, 2008 were \$14.5 million and \$3.1 million, respectively. Of the contractual exposure existing at December 31, 2008, the Company had reinsured \$360.5 million with subsidiaries of Syncora, however as at December 31, 2008 no reinsurance balances recoverable from Syncora had been recorded. Surveillance procedures to track and monitor credit deteriorations in the insured financial obligations are performed by the primary obligors for each transaction on the Company's behalf. Information regarding the performance status and updated exposure values is provided to the Company on a quarterly basis and evaluated by management in recording claims reserves.

While not financial guarantee insurance contracts under the specific accounting guidance noted above, the Company's guarantees to the European Investment Bank in respect of financial guaranty policies issued by subsidiaries of Syncora to the European Investment Bank (the EIB Policies), subject to certain limitations, have been accounted for under Accounting Standards Codification (ASC or Codification) section 460-10, *Guarantees* (previously FIN 45, *Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others.*) These guarantees were provided for the benefit of EIB policies relating to project finance transactions comprised of transportation, school and hospital projects with an average rating of BBB, written between 2001 and 2006 with anticipated maturities ranging between 2027 and 2038. As at September 30, 2009, the Company's exposures relating to the EIB Policies was approximately \$930.6 million, as compared to \$955.4 million at December 31, 2008, decreasing mainly due to the strengthening of the U.S. dollar against the currencies of the underlying obligations. As of September 30, 2009, there have been no reported events of default on the underlying obligations. Accordingly, no reserves have been recorded.

In June 2008, the FASB issued final authoritative guidance on determining whether instruments granted in share-based payment transactions are participating securities. This guidance addresses whether instruments granted in share-based payment transactions may be participating securities prior to vesting and, therefore, need to be included in the earnings allocation in computing basic earnings per share (EPS) pursuant to

the two-class method described in authoritative earnings per share guidance.

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A share-based payment award that contains a non-forfeitable right to receive cash when dividends are paid to ordinary shareholders irrespective of whether that award ultimately vests or remains unvested shall be considered a participating security as these rights to dividends provide a non-contingent transfer of value to the holder of the share-based payment award. Accordingly, these awards should be included in the computation of basic EPS pursuant to the two-class method. This guidance was effective for the Company as of January 1, 2009. All prior period EPS data presented was adjusted retrospectively to conform to the provisions of the guidance. Under the terms of the Company's restricted stock awards, grantees are entitled to the right to receive dividends on the unvested portions of their awards. There is no requirement to return these dividends in the event the unvested awards are forfeited in the future. Accordingly, this guidance had an impact on the Company's EPS calculations. See Note 14, "Computation of Earnings Per Ordinary Share and Ordinary Share Equivalent", for a description of the impact of the adoption of this guidance on the 2008 EPS figures.

In April 2009, the FASB issued final authoritative guidance on determining fair value when the volume and level of activity for the asset or liability have significantly decreased and identifying transactions that are not orderly which provides additional guidance for estimating fair value in accordance with existing fair value measurements guidance, when the volume and level of activity for the asset or liability has significantly decreased. Guidance is also included on identifying circumstances that indicate a transaction is not orderly and amends certain fair value measurement disclosure guidance. This new authoritative guidance was effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending after June 15, 2009. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

In April 2009, the FASB issued final authoritative guidance on recognition and presentation of other-than-temporary Impairments (OTTI) which amends the OTTI guidance for debt securities to make the guidance more operational and to improve the presentation and disclosure of OTTI on debt and equity securities in the financial statements. This guidance does not amend existing recognition and measurement guidance related to OTTI of equity securities. This guidance was effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending after June 15, 2009. The Company adopted this guidance effective April 1, 2009, which resulted in a net after-tax increase to retained earnings and decrease to Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) of \$229.7 million, as of April 1, 2009. The disclosures required by this guidance are provided in Note 6, Investments .

In April 2009, the FASB issued final authoritative guidance on interim disclosures about fair value of financial instruments which amends existing guidance to require disclosures about the fair value of financial instruments for interim reporting periods as well as in annual financial statements. This guidance was effective for interim reporting periods ending after June 15, 2009. This guidance affected disclosures only and accordingly did not have an impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations. The disclosures required by this guidance are provided in Note 3, Fair Value Measurements .

In April 2009, the FASB issued final authoritative guidance on accounting for assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination that arise from contingencies. This guidance requires an asset acquired or liability assumed in a business combination that arises from a contingency to be recognized at fair value at the acquisition date, if the acquisition date fair value of that asset or liability can be determined during the measurement period. If the acquisition date fair value of an asset acquired or liability assumed in a business combination that arises from a contingency cannot be determined during the measurement period, the asset or liability shall be recognized at the acquisition date using the guidance governing accounting for contingencies. This guidance also amends disclosure requirements and is effective for assets or liabilities arising from contingencies in business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after January 1, 2009. The Company's adoption of this guidance effective January 1, 2009 did not have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

In May 2009, the FASB issued final authoritative guidance on accounting for and reporting of subsequent events. This standard incorporates into authoritative accounting literature certain guidance that already existed within generally accepted auditing standards, but the rules concerning

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recognition and disclosure of subsequent events will remain essentially unchanged. Subsequent events guidance addresses events which occur after the balance sheet date but before the issuance of financial statements. Under the new guidance, as under current practice, an entity must record the effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the balance sheet date and must disclose but not record the effects of subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at the balance sheet date. This guidance was effective for interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009. The adoption of this guidance did not have any impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

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In June 2009, the FASB issued final authoritative guidance over accounting for transfers of financial assets which removes the concept of a qualifying special-purpose entity from existing accounting guidance over transfers of financial assets and also removes the exception from applying guidance surrounding consolidation of variable interest entities to qualifying special-purpose entities. This new guidance must be applied from January 1, 2010 for the Company, for both interim and annual periods. Earlier application is prohibited. The guidance must be applied to transfers occurring on or after the effective date. The Company is currently evaluating the potential impact of this guidance. However, it is not currently expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

In June 2009, the FASB issued final authoritative accounting guidance in an effort to improve financial reporting by enterprises involved with variable interest entities. This guidance retains the scope of the previous standard covering variable interest entities with the addition of entities previously considered qualifying special-purpose entities, as the concept of these entities was eliminated in the new authoritative guidance. The new guidance requires an enterprise to perform an analysis to determine whether the enterprise's variable interest or interests give it a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity under revised guidelines that are more qualitative than under previous guidance and amends previous guidance to require ongoing reassessments of whether an enterprise is the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity. Before this update, previous guidance required reconsideration of whether an enterprise is the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity only when specific events occurred. The new guidance also amends previous guidance to require enhanced disclosures that will provide users of financial statements with more transparent information about an enterprise's involvement with a variable interest entity. The enhanced disclosures are required for any enterprise that holds a variable interest in a variable interest entity. The content of the enhanced disclosures required by this new guidance is generally consistent with that required by the previous standards. This new guidance will be effective for the Company for interim and annual periods beginning on January 1, 2010. The Company is currently evaluating the potential impact of this guidance on its financial condition and results of operations.

In June 2009, the FASB issued its Accounting Standards Codification and guidance over the hierarchy of generally accepted accounting principles. This guidance specifies that the FASB Codification has become the source of authoritative U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities. Rules and interpretive releases of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under authority of federal securities laws are also sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. For financial statements issued for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009, the effective date of this final guidance, the Codification superseded all then-existing non-SEC accounting and reporting standards. All other non-grandfathered, non-SEC accounting literature not included in the Codification became non-authoritative. While the Codification did not change GAAP, it introduced a new structure one that is intended to be organized in an easily accessible, user-friendly online research system. The adoption of this standard did not have an impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

In August 2009, the FASB issued a draft Accounting Standards Update discussing the measurement of liabilities at fair value, which provides clarification for circumstances in which a quoted price in an active market for an identical liability is not available. The amendments are intended to reduce potential ambiguity in financial reporting when measuring the fair value of liabilities. The guidance will be effective for the first reporting period (including interim period) beginning after issuance of a final document. This potential guidance concerns disclosure only and will not have an impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

In September 2009, the FASB issued authoritative guidance associated with estimating the fair value for investments in certain entities that do not have a quoted market price but calculate net asset value per share or its equivalent. This guidance covers investments often referred to as alternative investments that would include hedge funds, private equity funds, venture capital funds, offshore fund vehicles and funds of funds. When certain criteria are met, this guidance would permit an entity, as a practical expedient, to estimate the fair value of an investment within the scope of this guidance using the net asset value per share of the investment. Therefore, certain attributes of the investment (such as

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restrictions on redemption) and transaction prices from principal-to-principal or brokered transactions will not be considered in measuring the fair value of the investment if the practical expedient is used. The proposed amendments also require disclosures by major category of investment about the attributes of those investments, such as the nature of any restrictions on the investor's ability to redeem its investments at the measurement date, any unfunded commitments, and the investment strategies of the investees. These amendments will be effective for the Company for the December 31, 2009 year end reporting. The Company is currently evaluating the potential impact of this guidance on its financial condition and results of operations. However, it is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

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Accounting guidance over fair value measurements requires that a fair value measurement reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability based on the best information available. Assumptions include the risks inherent in a particular valuation technique (such as a pricing model) and/or the risks inherent in the inputs to the model. The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount 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 (the exit price). Instruments that the Company owns (long positions) are marked to bid prices and instruments that the Company has sold but not yet purchased (short positions) are marked to offer prices. Fair value measurements are not adjusted for transaction costs.

Basis of Fair Value Measurement

Fair value measurements accounting guidance also establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to the respective valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). An asset's or liability's classification within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of significant input to its valuation. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described further below:

Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (unadjusted); no blockage factors.

Level 2 Other observable inputs (quoted prices in markets that are not active or inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly) include quoted prices for similar assets/liabilities (adjusted) other than quoted prices in Level 1; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Level 3 assets and liabilities include financial instruments whose values are determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation.

Investments Available For Sale

Investments that are considered available for sale (comprised of the Company's fixed maturities, equity securities and short-term investments) are carried at fair value. The fair values for available for sale investments are generally sourced from third parties. The fair value of fixed maturity securities is based upon quoted market values where available, evaluated bid prices provided by third party pricing services (pricing services) where quoted market values are not available, or by reference to broker or underwriter bid indications where pricing services do not provide coverage for a particular security. To the extent the Company believes current trading conditions represent distressed transactions, the Company may elect to utilize internally generated models. The pricing services use market approaches to valuations using primarily Level 2 inputs in the vast majority of valuations, or some form of discounted cash flow analysis, to obtain investment values for a small percentage of fixed maturity securities for which they provide a price. Pricing services indicate that they will only produce an estimate of fair value if there is objectively verifiable information available to produce a valuation. Standard inputs to the valuations provided by the pricing services listed in approximate order of priority for use when available include: reported trades, benchmark yields, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets,

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benchmark securities, bids, offers, and reference data. The pricing services may prioritize inputs differently on any given day for any security, and not all inputs listed are available for use in the evaluation process on any given day for each security evaluation; however, the pricing services also monitor market indicators, industry and economic events. Information of this nature is a trigger to acquire further corroborating market data. When these inputs are not available, they identify buckets of similar securities (allocated by asset class types, sectors, sub-sectors, contractual cash flows/structure, and credit rating characteristics) and apply some form of matrix or other modeled pricing to determine an appropriate security value which represents their best estimate as to what a buyer in the marketplace would pay for a security in a current sale. While the Company receives values for the majority of the investment securities it holds from one or more pricing services, it is ultimately management's responsibility to determine whether the values received and recorded in the financial statements are representative of appropriate fair value measurements. It is common industry practice to utilize pricing services as a source for determining the fair values of investments where the pricing services are able to obtain sufficient market corroborating information to allow them to produce a valuation at a reporting date. In addition, in the majority of cases, although a value may be obtained from a particular pricing service for a security or class of similar securities, these values are corroborated against values provided by other pricing sources.

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Broker quotations are used to value fixed maturities where prices are unavailable from pricing services due to factors specific to the security such as limited liquidity, lack of current transactions, or trades only taking place in privately negotiated transactions. These are considered Level 3 valuations, as significant inputs utilized by brokers may be difficult to corroborate with observable market data, or sufficient information regarding the specific inputs utilized by the broker was not obtained to support a Level 2 classification.

Prices provided by independent pricing services and independent broker quotes can vary widely even for the same security. The use of different methodologies and assumptions may have a material effect on the estimated fair value amounts. During periods of market disruption including periods of significantly rising or high interest rates, rapidly widening credit spreads or illiquidity, it may be difficult to value certain of the Company's securities, for example, collateralized loan obligations (CLOs), Alt-A and sub-prime mortgage backed securities, if trading becomes less frequent and/or market data becomes less observable. There may be certain asset classes that were in active markets with significant observable data that become illiquid due to the current financial environment. In such cases, more securities may fall to Level 3 and thus require more subjectivity and management judgment with regard to fair value. As such, valuations may include inputs and assumptions that are less observable or require greater estimation as well as valuation methods which are more sophisticated or require greater estimation, thereby resulting in values which may be different than the value at which the investments may be ultimately sold.

The net unrealized gain or loss on investments, net of tax, is included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). Any unrealized depreciation in value considered by management to be other than temporary is charged to income in the period in which that determination is made.

Short-term investments comprise investments with a remaining maturity of less than one year and are valued using the same external factors and in the same manner as fixed maturity securities.

Equity securities include investments in open end mutual funds and shares of publicly traded alternative funds. The fair value of equity securities is based upon quoted market values (Level 1), or monthly net asset value statements provided by the investment managers upon which subscriptions and redemptions can be executed (Level 2).

All investment transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses on sales of equities and fixed income investments are determined on the basis of average cost and amortized cost, respectively. Investment income is recognized when earned and includes interest and dividend income together with the amortization of premium and discount on fixed maturities and short-term investments. Amortization of discounts on fixed maturities includes amortization to expected recovery values for investments which have previously been recorded as other than temporarily impaired. For mortgage-backed securities, and any other holdings for which there is a prepayment risk, prepayment assumptions are evaluated and revised as necessary. Prepayment fees or call premiums that are only payable to the Company when a security is called prior to its maturity, are earned when received and reflected in net investment income.

Investment In Affiliates

Investments in which the Company has significant influence over the operating and financial policies of the investee are classified as investments in affiliates on the Company's balance sheet and are accounted for under the equity method of accounting. Under this method, the Company records its proportionate share of income or loss from such investments in its results for the period as well as its portion of movements in certain of the investee shareholders' equity balances. When financial statements of the affiliate are not available on a timely basis to record the Company's share of income or loss for the same reporting periods as the Company, the most recently available financial statements are used. This lag in reporting is applied consistently. Significant influence is generally deemed to exist where the Company has an investment of 20% or more

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in the common stock of a corporation or an investment of 3% or greater in closed end funds, limited partnerships, LLCs or similar investment vehicles. The Company records its alternative and private fund affiliates on a one month and three month lag, respectively, and its operating affiliates on a three month lag. Significant influence is considered for other strategic investments on a case- by-case basis. Investments in affiliates are not subject to fair value measurement guidance as they are not considered to be fair value measurements under U.S. GAAP. However, impairments associated with investments in affiliates that are deemed to be other-than-temporary are calculated in accordance with fair value measurement guidance and appropriate disclosures included within the financial statements during the period the losses are recorded.

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Contained within this asset class are investments including direct equity investments, investment funds, limited partnerships, unrated tranches of collateralized debt obligations and certain structured project finance transactions. The Company accounts for its other investments that do not have readily determinable market values at estimated fair value as it has no significant influence (as defined above) over these entities.

Fair values for other investments, principally other direct equity investments, investment funds and limited partnerships, are primarily based on the net asset value provided by the investment manager, the general partner or the respective entity, recent financial information, available market data and, in certain cases, management judgment may be required. These entities generally carry their trading positions and investments, the majority of which have underlying securities valued using Level 1 or Level 2 inputs, at fair value as determined by their respective investment managers; accordingly, these investments are generally classified as Level 2. Private equity investments are classified as Level 3. The net unrealized gain or loss on investments, net of tax, is included in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). Any unrealized loss in value considered by management to be other than temporary is charged to income in the period that it is determined.

Income on unrated tranches of collateralized debt obligations is reflected only to the extent the Company's principal has been fully recovered. This is not considered to be a fair value measurement under U.S. GAAP and accordingly these investments have been excluded from the fair value measurement disclosures. These investments are carried under the cost recovery method given the uncertainty of future cash flows. The carrying value of these investments held by the Company at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 was \$11.7 million and \$14.7 million, respectively.

The Company historically participated in structured transactions in project finance related areas under which the Company provided a cash loan supporting trade finance transactions. These transactions are accounted for in accordance with guidance governing accounting by certain entities (including entities with trade receivables) that lend to or finance the activities of others under which the loans are considered held for investment as the Company has the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future or until maturity or payoff. Accordingly, these funded loan participations are reported in the balance sheet at outstanding principal adjusted for any allowance for loan losses as considered necessary by management. In addition, the Company invested in a payment obligation that is carried at amortized cost as described in Note 7, Other Investments, and has provided liquidity financing to a structured credit vehicle as a part of a third party medium term note facility. See Note 3, Fair Value Measurements for further information. These investments are not considered to be fair value measurements under U.S. GAAP and accordingly they have been excluded from the fair value measurement disclosures. The carrying value of these investments held by the Company at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 was \$354.0 million and \$80.1 million, respectively.

Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents include fixed interest deposits placed with a maturity of under 90 days when purchased. Bank deposits are not considered to be fair value measurements and as such are not subject to fair value measurement disclosures. Money market funds are classified as Level 1 as these instruments are considered actively traded; however, certificates of deposit are classified as Level 2.

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The Company recognizes all derivatives as either assets or liabilities in the balance sheet and measures those instruments at fair value. The changes in fair value of derivatives are shown in the consolidated statement of income as net realized and unrealized gains and losses on derivative instruments unless the derivatives are designated as hedging instruments. The accounting for derivatives which are designated as hedging instruments is discussed below. Changes in fair value of derivatives may create volatility in the Company's results of operations from period to period. Amounts recognized for the right to reclaim cash collateral (a receivable) or the obligation to return cash collateral (a payable) are offset against net fair value amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheet for derivative instruments executed with the same counterparty under the same netting arrangement.

Derivative contracts can be exchange-traded or over-the-counter (OTC). Exchange-traded derivatives (futures and options) typically fall within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy depending on whether they are deemed to be actively traded or not. OTC derivatives are valued using market transactions and other market evidence whenever possible, including market-based inputs to models, model calibration to market clearing transactions, broker or dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources where an understanding of the inputs utilized in arriving at the valuations is obtained. Where models are used, the selection of a particular model to value an OTC derivative depends upon the contractual terms and specific risks inherent in the instrument as well as the availability of pricing information in the market. The Company generally uses similar models to value similar instruments. Valuation models require a variety of inputs, including contractual terms, market prices, yield curves, credit curves, measures of volatility, prepayment rates and correlations of such inputs. For OTC derivatives that trade in liquid markets, such as generic forwards, interest rate swaps and options, model inputs can generally be verified and model selection does not involve significant management judgment. Such instruments comprise the majority of derivatives held by the Company and are typically classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Certain OTC derivatives trade in less liquid markets with limited pricing information, or required model inputs which are not directly market corroborated, which causes the determination of fair value for these derivatives to be inherently more subjective. Accordingly, such derivatives are classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. The valuations of less standard or liquid OTC derivatives are typically based on Level 1 and/or Level 2 inputs that can be observed in the market, as well as unobservable Level 3 inputs. Level 1 and Level 2 inputs are regularly updated to reflect observable market changes, with resulting gains and losses reflected within Level 3. Level 3 inputs are only changed when corroborated by evidence such as similar market transactions, pricing services and/or broker or dealer quotations. The Company conducts its derivatives activities in four main areas: investment related derivatives, credit derivatives, other non-investment related derivatives, and until late 2008 it also utilized weather and energy derivatives.

Investment related derivatives

The Company's direct use of derivatives includes futures, forwards, swaps and option contracts that derive their value from underlying assets, indices, reference rates or a combination of these factors. The Company uses derivatives to manage duration, credit and foreign currency exposure for its investment portfolio as well as to add value to the investment portfolio through replicating permitted investments, provided the use of such investments is incorporated into the overall portfolio evaluation and complies with the Company's investment guidelines.

The Company also uses derivative instruments, primarily interest rate swaps, to manage the interest rate exposure associated with certain assets and liabilities. These derivatives are recorded at fair value. On the date the derivative contract is entered into, the Company may designate the derivative as a hedge of the fair value of a recognized asset or liability (fair value hedge); a hedge of the variability in cash flows of a forecasted transaction or of amounts to be received or paid related to a recognized asset or liability (cash flow hedge); a hedge of a net investment in a foreign operation; or the Company may not designate any hedging relationship for a derivative contract. In addition, the company previously wrote a number of resettable strike swaps contracts relating to an absolute return index and diversified basket of funds.

Credit derivatives

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Credit derivatives are recorded at fair value, which is determined using either models developed by the Company or third party prices and are dependent upon a number of factors, including changes in interest rates, future default rates, credit spreads, changes in credit quality, future expected recovery rates and other market factors. The change resulting from movements in credit and credit quality spreads is unrealized as the credit derivatives are not traded to realize this resultant value.

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The Company may also enter into derivatives as part of contingent capital facilities, including put options and interest rate swaps, or hold contracts containing embedded derivatives, such as life reinsurance contracts containing guaranteed minimum income benefits (GMIB) over the account balance upon the policyholder's election to take the income benefit. The fair value of this derivatives component is determined based on the present value of expected cash flows. In addition, the Company has modified coinsurance and funds withheld reinsurance agreements that provide for a return based on a portfolio of fixed income securities; as such, the agreements contain embedded derivatives. The embedded derivative is bifurcated from the funds withheld balance and recorded at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in earnings through net realized and unrealized gains and losses on derivative instruments.

Weather and Energy derivatives

Fair values for the Company's historical portfolio of natural gas contracts are determined through the use of quoted market prices when available. As quoted market prices are not widely available in the weather and electricity derivative markets, management uses available market data and internal pricing models based upon consistent statistical methodologies to estimate fair values. Estimating the fair value of instruments which do not have quoted market prices requires management's judgment in determining amounts which could reasonably be expected to be received from, or paid to, a third party in settlement of the contracts. The amounts could be materially different from the amounts that might be realized in an actual sale transaction. Fair values are subject to change in the near-term and reflect management's best estimate based on various factors including, but not limited to, actual and forecasted weather conditions, changes in commodity prices, changes in interest rates and other market factors.

Fair Value Hedges

Changes in the fair value of a derivative that is designated and qualifies as a fair value hedge, along with the changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that is attributable to the hedged risk, are recorded in current period earnings (through net realized and unrealized gains and losses on derivative instruments) with any differences between the net change in fair value of the derivative and the hedged item representing the hedge ineffectiveness. Periodic derivative net coupon settlements are recorded in net investment income with the exception of hedges of Company issued debt which are recorded in interest expense. The Company may designate fair value hedging relationships where interest rate swaps are used to hedge the changes in fair value of certain fixed rate liabilities and fixed maturity securities due to changes in the designated benchmark interest rate.

Cash Flow Hedges

Changes in the fair value of a derivative that is designated and qualifies as a cash flow hedge are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI) and are reclassified into earnings when the variability of the cash flow of the hedged item impacts earnings. Gains and losses on derivative contracts that are reclassified from AOCI to current period earnings are included in the line item in the consolidated statements of operations in which the cash flows of the hedged item are recorded. Any hedge ineffectiveness is recorded immediately in current period earnings as net realized and unrealized gains and losses on derivative instruments. Periodic derivative net coupon settlements are recorded in net investment income. The Company may designate cash flow hedging relationships where interest rate swaps are used to mitigate interest rate risk associated with anticipated issuances of debt or other forecasted transactions.

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Effective January 1, 2008, the Company adopted the authoritative accounting guidance over fair value measurements, which requires disclosures about the Company's assets and liabilities that are carried at fair value. As required by this guidance, financial assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The following tables set forth the Company's assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 by level within the fair value hierarchy (for further information, see Note 2 (b) to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Significant Accounting Policies - Fair Value Measurements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 and Note 2 (b) above):

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) | Collateral and Counterparty Netting | Balance as of September 30, 2009 |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| Assets | | | | | |
| U.S. Government and Government agency | \$ | \$ 4,252,334 | \$ | \$ | \$ 4,252,334 |
| Corporate (7) | | 10,114,185 | 19,895 | | 10,134,080 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities - Agency | | 4,187,915 | | | 4,187,915 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities - Non-Agency | | 1,577,775 | 34,399 | | 1,612,174 |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities | | 1,647,936 | 2,673 | | 1,650,609 |
| Collateralized debt obligations | | 368,210 | 185,695 | | 553,905 |
| Other asset-backed securities | | 911,639 | 35,846 | | 947,485 |
| U.S. States and political subdivisions of the States | | 627,304 | | | 627,304 |
| Non-U.S. Sovereign Government | | 3,991,103 | 8,501 | | 3,999,604 |
| Total Fixed maturities, at fair value | \$ | \$ 27,678,401 | \$ 287,009 | \$ | \$ 27,965,410 |
| Equity securities, at fair value | 15,227 | 39,872 | | | 55,099 |
| Short-term investments, at fair value (6) | | 1,978,284 | 11,946 | | 1,990,230 |
| Total investments available for sale | \$ 15,227 | \$ 29,696,557 | \$ 298,955 | \$ | \$ 30,010,739 |
| Cash equivalents (1) | 2,175,968 | 777,986 | | | 2,953,954 |
| Other investments (2) | | 392,577 | 64,444 | | 457,021 |
| Other assets (3)(4) | | 128,854 | 226,781 | (259,605) | 96,030 |
| Total assets accounted for at fair value | \$ 2,191,195 | \$ 30,995,974 | \$ 590,180 | \$ (259,605) | \$ 33,517,744 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased (5) | \$ | \$ 31,424 | \$ | \$ | \$ 31,424 |
| Other liabilities (3)(4) | | 18,030 | 87,794 | (57,212) | 48,612 |
| Total liabilities accounted for at fair value | \$ | \$ 49,454 | \$ 87,794 | \$ (57,212) | \$ 80,036 |

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| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) | Collateral and Counterparty Netting | Balance as of December 31, 2008 |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| (Unaudited) | | | | | |
| Assets | | | | | |
| U.S. Government and Government agency | \$ | \$ 3,978,342 | \$ | \$ | \$ 3,978,342 |
| Corporate (7) | | 9,226,097 | 62,506 | | 9,288,603 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities Agency | | 2,099,955 | | | 2,099,955 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities Non-Agency | | 1,858,517 | 79,429 | | 1,937,946 |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities | | 2,097,757 | 43,811 | | 2,141,568 |
| Collateralized debt obligations | | 40,669 | 598,110 | | 638,779 |
| Other asset-backed securities | | 1,629,137 | 78,871 | | 1,708,008 |
| U.S. States and political subdivisions of the States | | 468,770 | | | 468,770 |
| Non-U.S. Sovereign Government | | 3,285,245 | 89,152 | | 3,374,397 |
| Total Fixed maturities, at fair value | \$ | \$ 24,684,489 | \$ 951,879 | \$ | \$ 25,636,368 |
| Equity securities, at fair value | 276,040 | 85,779 | | | 361,819 |
| Short-term investments, at fair value (6) | | 1,445,577 | 20,746 | | 1,466,323 |
| Total investments available for sale | \$ 276,040 | \$ 26,215,845 | \$ 972,625 | \$ | \$ 27,464,510 |
| Cash equivalents (1) | 1,082,813 | 1,227,461 | | | 2,310,274 |
| Other investments (2) | | 299,325 | 65,354 | | 364,679 |
| Other assets (3)(4) | | 219,366 | 314,906 | (411,316) | 122,956 |
| Total assets accounted for at fair value | \$ 1,358,853 | \$ 27,961,997 | \$ 1,352,885 | \$ (411,316) | \$ 30,262,419 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased (5) | \$ | \$ 26,536 | \$ | \$ | \$ 26,536 |
| Other liabilities (3)(4) | | 53,101 | 88,088 | (65,232) | 75,957 |
| Total liabilities accounted for at fair value | \$ | \$ 79,637 | \$ 88,088 | \$ (65,232) | \$ 102,493 |

- (1) Cash equivalents balances subject to fair value measurement include certificates of deposit and money market funds. Operating cash balances are not subject to fair value measurement guidance.
- (2) The Other investments balance excludes certain unrated tranches of collateralized loan obligations which are carried under the cost recovery method given the uncertainty of future cash flows that totaled \$11.7 million and \$14.7 million at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. The Company also has certain investments in project finance transactions, a payment obligation (as described in Note 7, Other Investments), and has provided liquidity financing to a structured credit vehicle as a part of a third party medium term note facility. These investments are carried at amortized cost that totaled \$354.0 million at September 30, 2009 and \$80.1 million at December 31, 2008.
- (3) Other assets and other liabilities include derivative instruments.
- (4) The derivative balances included in each category above are reported on a gross basis by level with a netting adjustment presented separately in the Collateral and Counterparty Netting column. The Company often enters into different types of derivative contracts with a single counterparty and these contracts are covered under a netting agreement. In addition, the Company held net cash collateral related to derivative assets of approximately \$202.4 million and \$346.1 million at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. This balance is included within cash and cash equivalents and the corresponding

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liability to return the collateral has been offset against the derivative asset within the balance sheet as appropriate under the netting agreement. The fair value of the individual derivative contracts are reported gross in their respective levels based on the fair value hierarchy.

- (5) Financial instruments sold, but not purchased are included within Net payable for investments purchased on the balance sheet.
- (6) Short-term investments consist primarily of corporate, U.S. Government and Government Agency securities, Corporate and non-U.S. Sovereign Government securities.
- (7) Included within Corporate are certain floating rate medium term notes supported primarily by pools of European corporate bonds with varying degrees of leverage. The notes have a fair value of \$565.3 million and \$491.9 million and an amortized cost of \$730.5 million and \$922.7 million at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. These notes allow the investor to participate in cash flows of the underlying bonds including certain residual values, which could serve to either decrease or increase the ultimate values of these notes.

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The tables below present additional information about assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis and for which Level 3 inputs were utilized to determine fair value. The table reflects gains and losses for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2009 for all financial assets and liabilities categorized as Level 3 as of June 30, 2009 and September 30, 2009, respectively. The tables do not include gains or losses that were reported in Level 3 in prior periods for assets that were transferred out of Level 3 prior to September 30, 2009. Gains and losses for assets and liabilities classified within Level 3 in the table below may include changes in fair value that are attributable to both observable inputs (Levels 1 and 2) and unobservable inputs (Level 3). Further, it should be noted that the following table does not take into consideration the effect of offsetting Level 1 and 2 financial instruments entered into by the Company that are either economically hedged by certain exposures to the Level 3 positions or that hedge the exposures in Level 3 positions.

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Level 3 Assets and Liabilities Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 | | | | | |
|---|---|--|------------|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Corporate | Residential mortgage-backed securities | Non Agency | Commercial mortgage-backed securities | Collateralized debt obligations | Other asset backed securities |
| (Unaudited) | | | | | | |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ 21,462 | \$ 26,964 | | \$ 33,289 | \$ 503,168 | \$ 35,315 |
| Realized (losses) gains | 10 | (1,486) | | | (2,677) | (5,188) |
| Movement in unrealized gains (losses) | 2,060 | 8,485 | | 74 | 40,172 | 5,930 |
| Purchases, sales issuances and settlements, net | 4,734 | (814) | | | (2,369) | |
| Transfers into Level 3 | | | 2,464 | | 10,017 | |
| Transfers out of Level 3 | (8,371) | (1,214) | | (30,690) | (358,683) | (211) |
| Fixed maturities to short term investments classification change | | | | | (3,933) | |
| Balance, end of period | \$ 19,895 | \$ 34,399 | | \$ 2,673 | \$ 185,695 | \$ 35,846 |
| Movement in total (losses) above relating to instruments still held at the reporting date | \$ 1,926 | \$ 7,244 | | \$ 231 | \$ 39,803 | \$ (128) |

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Level 3 Assets and Liabilities Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 (continued) | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| | Non-U.S. Sovereign Government | Short-term Investments | Other investments | Derivative Contracts - Net |
| (Unaudited) | | | | |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ 42,585 | \$ 20,614 | \$ 65,134 | \$ 120,735 |
| Realized gains (losses) | | (10,193) | | (16) |
| Movement in unrealized gains (losses) | 438 | 978 | 1,452 | 15,529 |

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|---|----------|------|---------|---------|--------|------------|
| Purchases, sales issuances and settlements, net | | (45) | | (2,142) | | 2,739 |
| Transfers into Level 3 | | | | | | |
| Transfers out of Level 3 | (34,522) | | (3,341) | | | |
| Fixed maturities to short term investments classification change | | | 3,933 | | | |
| Balance, end of period | \$ 8,501 | \$ | 11,946 | \$ | 64,444 | \$ 138,987 |
| Movement in total (losses) above relating to instruments still held at the reporting date | \$ 152 | \$ | 480 | \$ | 1,452 | \$ 15,529 |

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| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Level 3 Assets and Liabilities | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|------------|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 | | | | | |
| | Corporate | Residential mortgage-backed securities | Non Agency | Commercial mortgage-backed securities | Collateralized debt obligations | Other asset backed securities |
| (Unaudited) | | | | | | |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ 62,506 | \$ 79,429 | \$ 43,811 | \$ 598,110 | \$ 78,871 | |
| Realized gains (losses) | (1,574) | (5,189) | (7,292) | (31,991) | (8,245) | |
| Movement in unrealized gains (losses) | 4,946 | 5,717 | 1,455 | 26,289 | (35) | |
| Purchases, sales issuances and settlements, net | 5,217 | 1,277 | (3,345) | (8,885) | (2,831) | |
| Transfers into Level 3 | 1,290 | 4,017 | 1,470 | 11,810 | | |
| Transfers out of Level 3 | (52,490) | (50,852) | (33,426) | (405,705) | (31,914) | |
| Fixed maturities to short term investments classification change | | | | (3,933) | | |
| Balance, end of period | \$ 19,895 | \$ 34,399 | \$ 2,673 | \$ 185,695 | \$ 35,846 | |
| Movement in total (losses) above relating to instruments still held at the reporting date | \$ 4,872 | \$ 4,998 | \$ (356) | \$ 7,149 | \$ (6,926) | |

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Level 3 Assets and Liabilities | | | |
|--|--|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 (continued) | | | |
| (Unaudited) | Non-U.S. Sovereign Government | Short-term Investments | Other investments | Derivative Contracts - Net |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ 89,152 | \$ 20,746 | \$ 65,354 | \$ 226,818 |
| Realized gains (losses) | | (11,343) | | 2,807 |
| Movement in unrealized gains (losses) | (309) | 4,467 | (4,446) | (103,275) |
| Purchases, sales issuances and settlements, net | (12,985) | (5,589) | 3,536 | 12,637 |
| Transfers into Level 3 | | | | |
| Transfers out of Level 3 | (67,357) | (268) | | |
| Fixed maturities to short term investments classification change | | 3,933 | | |
| Balance, end of period | \$ 8,501 | \$ 11,946 | \$ 64,444 | \$ 138,987 |
| | \$ (143) | \$ 1,954 | \$ (4,446) | \$ (103,275) |

Movement in total (losses) above relating
to instruments still held at the reporting
date

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| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Level 3 Assets and Liabilities | | | |
|---|--|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2008 | | | |
| (Unaudited) | Fixed Maturities | Short-term Investments | Other Investments | Derivative Contracts Net |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ 1,527,740 | \$ 8,443 | \$ 61,593 | \$ 55,351 |
| Realized gains (losses) | (32,779) | | | 113 |
| Movement in unrealized gains (losses) | (126,358) | (29) | 228 | 12,543 |
| Purchases, issuances and settlements | 29,309 | (5,615) | 2,980 | 4,780 |
| Transfers in and/or out of Level 3 | (492,282) | | | |
| Balance, end of period | \$ 905,630 | \$ 2,799 | \$ 64,801 | \$ 72,787 |
| Movement in total gains (losses) above relating to instruments still held at the reporting date | \$ (112,147) | \$ 82 | \$ 228 | \$ 12,543 |

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Level 3 Assets and Liabilities | | | |
|---|---|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 | | | |
| (Unaudited) | Fixed Maturities | Short-term Investments | Other Investments | Derivative Contracts Net |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ 1,385,601 | \$ 15,606 | \$ 40,354 | \$ 12,283 |
| Realized gains (losses) | (170,905) | (46) | | 26,956 |
| Movement in unrealized gains (losses) | (246,929) | 2 | (3,266) | 18,732 |
| Purchases, issuances and settlements | 111,183 | (11,873) | 27,713 | 14,816 |
| Transfers in and/or out of Level 3 | (173,320) | (890) | | |
| Balance, end of period | \$ 905,630 | \$ 2,799 | \$ 64,801 | \$ 72,787 |
| Movement in total (losses) gains above relating to instruments still held at the reporting date | \$ (238,451) | \$ | \$ (3,266) | \$ 18,732 |

Level 3 assets include securities for which the values were obtained from brokers where either significant inputs were utilized in determining the value that were difficult to corroborate with observable market data, or sufficient information regarding the specific inputs utilized by the broker was not available to support a Level 2 classification. Level 3 assets also include securities for which the Company determined current market trades represent distressed transactions, and accordingly, the Company determined fair value using certain inputs that are not observable to

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market participants. Transfers from Level 3 to Level 2 during the quarter ended September 30, 2009, were primarily as a result of the Company utilizing pricing services containing significant observable inputs over other Level 3 valuations for certain assets.

Fixed maturities and short term investments

At September 30, 2009, certain assets which were previously classified as Level 3 assets due to a lack of observable market data are now classified as Level 2 assets.

At June 30, 2009, the Company utilized internal valuation models for collateralized debt obligations holdings (CDOs) with a fair value of \$450.5 million and a par value of \$807.5 million. Up to June 30, 2009, the Company had determined that internal models were more appropriate and better representative of the fair value of the CDO holdings. However, as a result of numerous market factors, including increased volumes of trading, the Company believes that transactions are no longer distressed. Accordingly, the Company has reverted to third-party vendor pricing sources where available for these securities at September 30, 2009, and where not available the valuation was based on broker quotes. Accordingly, as at September 30, 2009, for those CDOs which were previously valued using internal models, the Company now carries these assets at a fair value of \$407.2 million and a par value of \$793.1 million. Of these holdings, \$326.1 million were valued by third party vendors and accordingly are now classified as Level 2, and \$81.1 million were valued using broker quotations and accordingly remain classified as Level 3.

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The remainder of the Level 3 assets relate to private equity investments where the nature of the underlying assets held by the investee include positions such as private business ventures and are such that significant Level 3 inputs are utilized in the valuation, and certain derivative positions.

Other investments

Included within the Other Investments component of the Company's Level 3 valuations are private investments where the Company is not deemed to have significant influence over the investee. The fair value of these investments is based upon net asset values received from the investment manager or general partner of the respective entity. The nature of the underlying investments held by the investee which form the basis of the net asset value include assets such as private business ventures and are such that significant Level 3 inputs are utilized in the determination of the individual underlying holding values and accordingly the fair value of the Company's investment in each entity is classified within Level 3. The Company also incorporates factors such as the most recent financial information received, the values at which capital transactions with the investee take place, and management's judgment regarding whether any adjustments should be made to the net asset value in recording the fair value of each position.

Derivative instruments

Derivative instruments classified within Level 3 include: (i) certain interest rate swaps where the duration of the contract the Company holds exceeds that of the longest term on a market observable input, (ii) weather and energy derivatives, (iii) GMIB benefits embedded within a certain reinsurance contract, (iv) a put option included within the Company's remaining contingent capital facility and (v) credit derivatives sold providing protection on senior tranches of structured finance transactions where the value is obtained directly from the investment bank counterparty for which sufficient information regarding the inputs utilized in the valuation was not obtained to support a Level 2 classification. The majority of inputs utilized in the valuations of these types of derivative contracts are considered Level 1 or Level 2; however, each valuation includes at least one Level 3 input that was significant to the valuation and accordingly the values are disclosed within Level 3.

In addition, see Item 8, Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, "Significant Accounting Policies" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for a general discussion of types of assets and liabilities that are classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy as well as the Company's valuation policies for such instruments.

Financial Instruments Not Carried at Fair Value

Authoritative guidance over disclosures about fair value of financial instruments requires additional disclosure of fair value information for financial instruments not carried at fair value in both interim and annual reporting periods. Certain financial instruments, particularly insurance contracts, are excluded from these fair value disclosure requirements. The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, accrued investment income, net receivable from investments sold, other assets, net payable for investments purchased, other liabilities and other financial instruments not included below approximated their fair values. The following table includes financial instruments for which the carrying amount differs from the estimated fair values:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | As of September 30, 2009 | | As of December 31, 2008 | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| | Carrying Value | Fair Value | Carrying Value | Fair Value |
| (Unaudited) | | | | |
| Other investments | \$ 822.8 | \$ 814.8 | \$ 459.5 | \$ 443.3 |

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|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Financial Assets | \$ 822.8 | \$ 814.8 | \$ 459.5 | \$ 443.3 |
| Deposit Liabilities | \$ 2,442.8 | \$ 2,298.3 | \$ 2,711.0 | \$ 1,764.0 |
| Notes payable and debt | 2,452.4 | 2,449.7 | 3,189.7 | 1,215.0 |
| Financial Liabilities | \$ 4,895.2 | \$ 4,748.0 | \$ 5,900.7 | \$ 2,979.0 |
| Redeemable series C preference ordinary shares | \$ 182.7 | \$ 127.9 | \$ 500.0 | \$ 110.0 |

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Other investments includes direct equity investments, investment funds, limited partnerships, certain structured project finance transactions, and unrated tranches of collateralized debt obligations. Items included in other investments are carried at fair value except as mentioned below.

The Company historically participated in project finance related loan transactions. These transactions are accounted for in accordance with guidance governing accounting by certain entities (including entities with trade receivables) that lend to or finance the activities of others under which the loans are considered held for investment as the Company has the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future or until maturity or payoff. Accordingly, these funded loan participations are reported in the balance sheet as outstanding principal adjusted for any allowance for loan losses as considered necessary by management. The carrying value and estimated fair value of these investments were \$78.6 million and \$64.5 million as of September 30, 2009 and were \$80.1 million and \$63.9 million as of December 31, 2008, respectively. In addition, the Company invested in a payment obligation that is carried at amortized cost as described in Note 7, Other Investments. The carrying value and estimated fair value of this investment were \$128.3 million and \$129.6 million as of September 30, 2009. This investment was not held at December 31, 2008. The Company also provided liquidity financing to a structured credit vehicle as a part of a third party medium term note facility during the quarter ended September 30, 2009. This investment had a carrying value and an estimated fair value of \$147.0 million and \$151.9 million as of September 30, 2009. These investments are not considered to be fair value measurements under U.S. GAAP guidance and accordingly they have been excluded from the fair value measurements disclosures. The fair value of these investments held by the Company is determined through use of internal models utilizing reported trades, benchmark yields, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers, and reference data.

Unrated tranches of CDOs are carried under the cost recovery method given the uncertainty of future cash flows and accordingly it is not practicable to determine an estimate of the fair value of these positions. The carrying value of these investments held by the Company at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 was \$11.7 million and \$14.7 million, respectively.

Deposit liabilities include obligations under structured insurance and reinsurance transactions as well as funding agreements issued. For purposes of fair value disclosures, the Company determines the fair value of the deposit liabilities by assuming a discount rate equal to the appropriate U.S. Treasury rate plus 163 basis points and the appropriate U.S. Treasury Rate plus 902 basis points at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively, to determine the present value of projected contractual liability payments through final maturity. The discount rate incorporates the Company's own credit risk into the determination of estimated fair value. The carrying value and estimated fair value of these liabilities were \$2.44 billion and \$2.30 billion as of September 30, 2009 and were \$2.7 billion and \$1.7 billion as of December 31, 2008, respectively.

The fair value of the Company's notes payable and debt outstanding are determined based on quoted market prices. The carrying value and estimated fair value of notes payable and debt outstanding were \$2.45 billion and \$2.45 billion as of September 30, 2009 and were \$3.2 billion and \$1.2 billion as of December 31, 2008, respectively.

The fair value of the Company's redeemable series C preference ordinary shares outstanding is determined based on indicative quotes provided by brokers. The carrying value and estimated fair value of the redeemable series C preference ordinary shares outstanding were \$182.7 million and \$127.9 million as of September 30, 2009 and were \$500.0 million and \$110.0 million as of December 31, 2008, respectively.

There are no significant concentrations of credit risk within the Company's financial instruments as defined in the authoritative guidance over disclosures of fair value of financial instruments not carried at fair value.

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Following a streamlining of the Company's operating segments in the first quarter of 2009, the Company is organized into three operating segments: Insurance, Reinsurance and Life Operations in addition to a Corporate segment that includes the general investment and financing operations of the Company.

The Company evaluates the performance for both the Insurance and Reinsurance segments based on underwriting profit and contribution from its Life Operations segment. Other items of revenue and expenditure of the Company are not evaluated at the segment level for reporting purposes. In addition, the Company does not allocate investment assets by segment for its property and casualty (P&C) operations. Investment assets related to the Company's Life Operations and certain structured products included in the Insurance, Reinsurance and Corporate segments are held in separately identified portfolios. As such, net investment income from these assets is included in the contribution from each of these segments.

Three months ended September 30, 2009:
(U.S. dollars in thousands, except ratios)

| (Unaudited) | Insurance | Reinsurance | Total P&C | Life Operations | Corporate | Total |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|
| Gross premiums written | \$ 1,022,178 | \$ 562,031 | \$ 1,584,209 | \$ 156,870 | \$ | \$ 1,741,079 |
| Net premiums written | 818,244 | 376,875 | 1,195,119 | 146,941 | | 1,342,060 |
| Net premiums earned | 905,350 | 388,529 | 1,293,879 | 151,840 | | 1,445,719 |
| Net losses incurred | 630,324 | 187,914 | 818,238 | 185,067 | | 1,003,305 |
| Acquisition expenses | 107,008 | 81,971 | 188,979 | 23,867 | | 212,846 |
| Operating expenses (1) | 155,645 | 42,738 | 198,383 | 5,903 | | 204,286 |
| Underwriting profit (loss) | \$ 12,373 | \$ 75,906 | \$ 88,279 | \$ (62,997) | \$ | \$ 25,282 |
| Net investment income | | | 211,781 | 88,788 | | 300,569 |
| Net results structured products (2) | 3,852 | 7,729 | 11,581 | | 3,694 | 15,275 |
| Net fee income and other (3) | (5,894) | 578 | (5,316) | 62 | | (5,254) |
| Net realized gains (losses) on investments | | | (309,601) | (5,393) | (10,526) | (325,520) |
| Contribution from P&C and Life Operations | | | \$ (3,276) | \$ 20,460 | \$ (6,832) | \$ 10,352 |
| Corporate & other: | | | | | | |
| Net realized & unrealized gains (losses) on derivative instruments | | | | | \$ (9,133) | \$ (9,133) |
| Net income (loss) from financial, investment and other operating affiliates | | | | | 65,315 | 65,315 |
| Exchange (gains) losses | | | | | (16,843) | (16,843) |
| Corporate operating expenses | | | | | 14,955 | 14,955 |
| Interest expense (4) | | | | | 43,250 | 43,250 |
| Non-controlling interest in net income (loss) of subsidiary | | | | | (7) | (7) |
| Income taxes and other | | | | | \$ 4,081 | \$ 4,081 |
| Net Income | | | | | \$ 3,914 | \$ 21,098 |

Ratios P&C operations: (5)

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| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Loss and loss expense ratio | 69.6% | 48.4% | 63.2% |
| Underwriting expense ratio | 29.0% | 32.1% | 30.0% |
| Combined ratio | 98.6% | 80.5% | 93.2% |

Notes:

- (1) Operating expenses exclude Corporate operating expenses, shown separately.
- (2) The net results from P&C and Corporate structured products includes net investment income, interest expense and operating expenses of \$21.1 million and \$5.4 million, \$8.7 million and \$1.5 million, and \$0.8 million and \$0.3 million, respectively.
- (3) Net fee income and other includes operating expenses from the Company's loss prevention consulting services business.
- (4) Interest expense excludes interest expense related to deposit liabilities recorded in the Insurance, Reinsurance, and Corporate segments.
- (5) Ratios are based on net premiums earned from property and casualty operations.

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(U.S. dollars in thousands, except ratios)

| (Unaudited) | Insurance | Reinsurance | Total P&C | Life Operations | Corporate | Total |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Gross premiums written | \$ 1,213,991 | \$ 685,984 | \$ 1,899,975 | \$ 156,148 | \$ | \$ 2,056,123 |
| Net premiums written | 839,788 | 418,126 | 1,257,914 | 145,741 | | 1,403,655 |
| Net premiums earned | 1,041,740 | 483,283 | 1,525,023 | 169,608 | | 1,694,631 |
| Net losses incurred | 830,789 | 378,776 | 1,209,565 | 199,861 | | 1,409,426 |
| Acquisition expenses | 112,175 | 79,205 | 191,380 | 25,499 | | 216,879 |
| Operating expenses (1) | 168,047 | 51,423 | 219,470 | 7,864 | | 227,334 |
| Underwriting profit (loss) | \$ (69,271) | \$ (26,121) | \$ (95,392) | \$ (63,616) | \$ | \$ (159,008) |
| Net investment income | | | 293,109 | 102,636 | | 395,745 |
| Net investment results structured products (2) | (14,591) | 7,699 | (6,892) | | 3,694 | (3,198) |
| Net fee income and other (3) | (1,980) | 7,606 | 5,626 | 75 | | 5,701 |
| Net realized gains (losses) on investments | | | (253,399) | (29,167) | (10,337) | (292,903) |
| Contribution from P&C and Life Operations | | | \$ (56,948) | \$ 9,928 | \$ (6,643) | \$ (53,663) |
| Corporate & other: | | | | | | |
| Net realized & unrealized gains (losses) on derivative instruments | | | | | \$ (58,454) | \$ (58,454) |
| Net income (loss) from financial, investment and other operating affiliates (4) | | | | | (1,459,185) | (1,459,185) |
| Exchange (gains) losses | | | | | (139,467) | (139,467) |
| Corporate operating expenses | | | | | 61,656 | 61,656 |
| Extinguishment of debt | | | | | 22,527 | 22,527 |
| Interest expense (5) | | | | | 51,277 | 51,277 |
| Income taxes and other | | | | | 49,229 | 49,229 |
| Net Income | | | | | \$ (1,569,504) | \$ (1,616,524) |

Ratios P&C operations: (6)

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Loss and loss expense ratio | 79.8% | 78.4% | 79.3% |
| Underwriting expense ratio | 26.8% | 27.0% | 27.0% |
| Combined ratio | 106.6% | 105.4% | 106.3% |

Notes:

(1) Operating expenses exclude Corporate operating expenses, shown separately.

(2)

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The net results from P&C and Corporate structured products includes net investment income, interest expense and operating expenses of \$27.4 million and \$13.1 million, \$19.4 million and \$7.4 million, and \$15.0 million and \$2.0 million, respectively.

- (3) Net fee income and other includes operating expenses from the Company's loss prevention consulting services business.
- (4) Net loss from investment fund and operating affiliates for the three months ended September 30, 2008 includes additional losses totaling \$1.4 billion related to the reinsurance and guarantee agreements with Syncora.
- (5) Interest expense excludes interest expense related to deposit liabilities recorded in the Insurance, Reinsurance, and Corporate segments.
- (6) Ratios are based on net premiums earned from property and casualty operations. The underwriting expense ratio excludes exchange gains and losses.

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(U.S. dollars in thousands, except ratios)

| (Unaudited) | Insurance | Reinsurance | Total P&C | Life Operations | Corporate | Total |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Gross premiums written | \$ 3,237,643 | \$ 1,725,984 | \$ 4,963,627 | \$ 442,693 | \$ | \$ 5,406,320 |
| Net premiums written | 2,417,018 | 1,361,690 | 3,778,708 | 409,200 | | 4,187,908 |
| Net premiums earned | 2,696,951 | 1,200,364 | 3,897,315 | 429,625 | | 4,326,940 |
| Net losses incurred | 1,844,322 | 543,827 | 2,388,149 | 517,614 | | 2,905,763 |
| Acquisition expenses | 324,850 | 262,997 | 587,847 | 66,490 | | 654,337 |
| Operating expenses (1) | 502,904 | 136,845 | 639,749 | 14,013 | | 653,762 |
| Underwriting profit (loss) | \$ 24,875 | \$ 256,695 | \$ 281,570 | \$ (168,492) | \$ | \$ 113,078 |
| Net investment income | | | 672,437 | 249,165 | | 921,602 |
| Net results structured products (2) | 11,066 | 22,325 | 33,391 | | 13,358 | 46,749 |
| Net fee income and other (3) | (10,114) | 3,174 | (6,940) | 236 | | (6,704) |
| Net realized gains (losses) on investments | | | (506,984) | (131,706) | (19,197) | (657,887) |
| Contribution from P&C and Life Operations | | | \$ 473,474 | \$ (50,797) | \$ (5,839) | \$ 416,838 |
| Corporate & other: | | | | | | |
| Net realized & unrealized gains (losses) on derivative instruments | | | | | \$ (9,571) | \$ (9,571) |
| Net income (loss) from financial, investment and other operating affiliates | | | | | 82,847 | 82,847 |
| Exchange losses | | | | | 103,754 | 103,754 |
| Corporate operating expenses | | | | | 73,886 | 73,886 |
| Interest expense (4) | | | | | 135,777 | 135,777 |
| Non-controlling interest in net income (loss) of subsidiary | | | | | (47) | (47) |
| Income taxes and other | | | | | 67,008 | 67,008 |
| Net Income | | | | | \$ (312,941) | \$ 109,736 |

Ratios P&C operations: (5)

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Loss and loss expense ratio | 68.4% | 45.3% | 61.3% |
| Underwriting expense ratio | 30.7% | 33.3% | 31.5% |
| Combined ratio | 99.1% | 78.6% | 92.8% |

Notes:

(1) Operating expenses exclude Corporate operating expenses, shown separately.

(2)

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The net results from P&C and Corporate structured products includes net investment income, interest expense and operating expenses of \$60.8 million and \$21.0 million, \$26.6 million and \$6.6 million, and \$0.8 million and \$1.0 million, respectively.

- (3) Net fee income and other includes operating expenses from the Company's loss prevention consulting services business.
- (4) Interest expense excludes interest expense related to deposit liabilities recorded in the Insurance, Reinsurance, and Corporate segments.
- (5) Ratios are based on net premiums earned from property and casualty operations.

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(U.S. dollars in thousands, except ratios)

| (Unaudited) | Insurance | Reinsurance | Total P&C | Life Operations | Corporate | Total |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Gross premiums written | \$ 4,231,111 | \$ 2,155,989 | \$ 6,387,100 | \$ 552,357 | \$ | \$ 6,939,457 |
| Net premiums written | 3,108,460 | 1,645,474 | 4,753,934 | 520,887 | | 5,274,821 |
| Net premiums earned | 3,068,492 | 1,518,098 | 4,586,590 | 502,125 | | 5,088,715 |
| Net losses incurred | 2,169,423 | 979,620 | 3,149,043 | 605,885 | | 3,754,928 |
| Acquisition expenses | 351,888 | 302,077 | 653,965 | 75,448 | | 729,413 |
| Operating expenses (1) | 500,822 | 141,940 | 642,762 | 25,246 | | 668,008 |
| Underwriting profit (loss) | \$ 46,359 | \$ 94,461 | \$ 140,820 | \$ (204,454) | \$ | \$ (63,634) |
| Net investment income | | | 899,278 | 297,829 | | 1,197,107 |
| Net investments results structured products (2) | (11,418) | 21,102 | 9,684 | | 17,620 | 27,304 |
| Net fee income and other (3) | (3,139) | 8,840 | 5,701 | 275 | | 5,976 |
| Net realized gains (losses) on investments | | | (296,149) | (22,419) | (74,546) | (393,114) |

Contribution from P&C and Life Operations

| | | | |
|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| \$ 759,334 | \$ 71,231 | \$ (56,926) | \$ 773,639 |
|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|

Corporate & other:

| | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|-------------|-------------|
| Net realized & unrealized gains (losses) on derivative instruments | | | | \$ (5,648) | \$ (5,648) |
| Net income (loss) from financial, investment and other operating affiliates (4) | | | | (1,516,169) | (1,516,169) |
| Exchange (gains) losses | | | | (63,786) | (63,786) |
| Corporate operating expenses | | | | 144,686 | 144,686 |
| Extinguishment of debt | | | | 22,527 | 22,527 |
| Interest expense (5) | | | | 150,719 | 150,719 |
| Income taxes & other | | | | 131,976 | 131,976 |

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|--|--|----------------|----------------|
| Net Income | | | | \$ (1,964,865) | \$ (1,134,300) |
|-------------------|--|--|--|----------------|----------------|

Ratios P&C operations: (6)

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Loss and loss expense ratio | 70.7% | 64.5% | 68.7% |
| Underwriting expense ratio | 27.8% | 29.3% | 28.2% |
| Combined ratio | 98.5% | 93.8% | 96.9% |

Notes:

(1) Operating expenses exclude Corporate operating expenses, shown separately.

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- (2) The net results from P&C and Corporate structured products includes net investment income, interest expense and operating expenses of \$86.6 million and \$92.2 million, \$50.7 million and \$66.2 million, and \$26.2 million and \$8.4, respectively.
- (3) Net fee income and other includes operating expenses from the Company's loss prevention consulting services business
- (4) Net loss from investment fund and operating affiliates for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 includes additional losses totaling \$1.4 billion related to the reinsurance and guarantee agreements with Syncora.
- (5) Interest expense excludes interest expense related to deposit liabilities recorded in the Insurance, Reinsurance, and Corporate segments.
- (6) Ratios are based on net premiums earned from property and casualty operations. The underwriting expense ratio excludes exchange gains and losses.

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The following tables summarize the Company's net premiums earned by line of business:

Three months ended September 30, 2009:

(U.S. dollars in thousands)

| (Unaudited) | Insurance | Reinsurance | Life Operations | Total |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| P&C Operations: | | | | |
| Casualty - professional lines | \$ 318,477 | \$ 46,127 | \$ | \$ 364,604 |
| Casualty - other lines | 177,349 | 55,561 | | 232,910 |
| Property catastrophe | (4) | 85,297 | | 85,293 |
| Other property | 110,780 | 134,802 | | 245,582 |
| Marine, energy, aviation and satellite | 143,929 | 22,397 | | 166,326 |
| Other specialty lines (1) | 151,245 | | | 151,245 |
| Other (2) | 3,874 | 39,482 | | 43,356 |
| Structured indemnity | (300) | 4,863 | | 4,563 |
| Total P&C Operations | \$ 905,350 | \$ 388,529 | \$ | \$ 1,293,879 |
| Life Operations: | | | | |
| Other Life | \$ | \$ | \$ 117,037 | \$ 117,037 |
| Annuity | | | 34,803 | 34,803 |
| Total Life Operations | \$ | \$ | \$ 151,840 | \$ 151,840 |
| Total | \$ 905,350 | \$ 388,529 | \$ 151,840 | \$ 1,445,719 |

Three months ended September 30, 2008:

(U.S. dollars in thousands)

| (Unaudited) | Insurance | Reinsurance | Life Operations | Total |
|--|------------|-------------|--------------------|------------|
| P&C Operations: | | | | |
| Casualty - professional lines | \$ 340,087 | \$ 64,157 | \$ | \$ 404,244 |
| Casualty - other lines | 220,503 | 105,936 | | 326,439 |
| Property catastrophe | 161 | 72,478 | | 72,639 |
| Other property | 131,315 | 149,233 | | 280,548 |
| Marine, energy, aviation and satellite | 157,909 | 34,849 | | 192,758 |
| Other specialty lines (1) | 167,413 | | | 167,413 |
| Other (2) | 7,175 | 54,214 | | 61,389 |
| Structured indemnity | 17,177 | 2,416 | | 19,593 |

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| | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Total P&C Operations | \$ 1,041,740 | \$ 483,283 | \$ | \$ 1,525,023 |
| Life Operations: | | | | |
| Other Life | \$ | \$ | \$ 129,943 | \$ 129,943 |
| Annuity | | | 39,665 | 39,665 |
| Total Life Operations | \$ | \$ | \$ 169,608 | \$ 169,608 |
| Total | \$ 1,041,740 | \$ 483,283 | \$ 169,608 | \$ 1,694,631 |

- (1) Other specialty lines within the Insurance segment includes: environmental, programs, equine, warranty, specie, middle markets and excess and surplus lines.
(2) Other includes employers liability, surety, political risk and other lines.

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The following tables summarize the Company's net premiums earned by line of business:

Nine months ended September 30, 2009:

(U.S. dollars in thousands)

| (Unaudited) | Insurance | Reinsurance | Life Operations | Total |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| P&C Operations: | | | | |
| Casualty – professional lines | \$ 945,737 | \$ 156,364 | \$ | \$ 1,102,101 |
| Casualty – other lines | 492,507 | 192,896 | | 685,403 |
| Property catastrophe | 1,758 | 231,471 | | 233,229 |
| Other property | 325,870 | 417,898 | | 743,768 |
| Marine, energy, aviation and satellite | 431,412 | 64,011 | | 495,423 |
| Other specialty lines (1) | 475,332 | | | 475,332 |
| Other (2) | 14,705 | 131,519 | | 146,224 |
| Structured indemnity | 9,630 | 6,205 | | 15,835 |
| Total P&C Operations | \$ 2,696,951 | \$ 1,200,364 | \$ | \$ 3,897,315 |
| Life Operations: | | | | |
| Other Life | \$ | \$ | \$ 332,004 | \$ 332,004 |
| Annuity | | | 97,621 | 97,621 |
| Total Life Operations | \$ | \$ | \$ 429,625 | \$ 429,625 |
| Total | \$ 2,696,951 | \$ 1,200,364 | \$ 429,625 | \$ 4,326,940 |

Nine months ended September 30, 2008:

(U.S. dollars in thousands)

| (Unaudited) | Insurance | Reinsurance | Life Operations | Total |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| P&C Operations: | | | | |
| Casualty – professional lines | \$ 1,028,254 | \$ 194,593 | \$ | \$ 1,222,847 |
| Casualty – other lines | 645,873 | 328,581 | | 974,454 |
| Property catastrophe | 268 | 243,988 | | 244,256 |
| Other property | 390,081 | 491,607 | | 881,688 |
| Marine, energy, aviation and satellite | 480,527 | 95,551 | | 576,078 |
| Other specialty lines (1) | 492,337 | | | 492,337 |
| Other (2) | (20,184) | 159,129 | | 138,945 |
| Structured indemnity | 51,336 | 4,649 | | 55,985 |
| Total P&C Operations | \$ 3,068,492 | \$ 1,518,098 | \$ | \$ 4,586,590 |
| Life Operations: | | | | |

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| | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Other Life | \$ | \$ | \$ 377,752 | \$ 377,752 |
| Annuity | | | 124,373 | 124,373 |
| Total Life Operations | \$ | \$ | \$ 502,125 | \$ 502,125 |
| Total | \$ 3,068,492 | \$ 1,518,098 | \$ 502,125 | \$ 5,088,715 |

- (1) Other specialty lines within the Insurance segment includes: environmental, programs, equine, warranty, specie, middle markets and excess and surplus lines.
(2) Other includes employers liability, surety, political risk and other lines.

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During the third quarter of 2008 and during the first quarter of 2009, expense reduction initiatives were implemented in order to reduce the Company's operating expenses. The goal of these initiatives was to achieve enhanced efficiency and an overall reduction in operating expenses by streamlining processes across all geographic locations, with a primary emphasis on corporate functions. To date, this has been achieved through redundancies, increased outsourcing and the cessation of certain projects and activities. Charges have been recognized and accrued as restructuring and asset impairment charges and allocated to the Company's reportable segments in accordance with authoritative guidance over accounting for costs associated with exit or disposal activities and guidance over accounting for the impairment or disposal of long-lived assets. Other costs that do not meet the criteria for accrual are being expensed as restructuring charges as they are incurred. Restructuring charges relate mainly to employee termination benefits as well as costs associated with ceasing to use certain leased property accounted for as operating leases. Asset impairment charges relate primarily to the write-off of certain IT system and equipment costs previously capitalized. The Company recognizes an asset impairment charge when net proceeds expected from disposition of an asset are less than the carrying value of the asset and reduces the carrying amount of the asset to its estimated fair value. Restructuring and asset impairment charges noted above have been recorded in the Company's income statement under Operating Expenses.

Total estimated costs the Company expects to incur in connection with the restructuring initiatives noted above as well as costs incurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and total cumulative costs incurred through September 30, 2009 are as follows:

| (U.S. dollars in millions) | Total Expected Costs | Costs Incurred During the Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 | Costs Incurred During the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 | Cumulative Costs Incurred through September 30, 2009 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|--|
| (Unaudited) | | | | |
| Employee Termination Benefits | \$ 89.8 | \$ 6.2 | \$ 33.7 | \$ 77.5 |
| Lease Termination and Other Costs | 15.7 | 1.1 | 8.1 | 14.7 |
| Asset Impairment | 22.1 | 1.4 | 17.3 | 17.7 |
| Total | \$ 127.6 | \$ 8.7 | \$ 59.1 | \$ 109.9 |

These costs are allocated to the Company's segments as follows:

| (U.S. dollars in millions) | Total Expected Costs | Costs Incurred During the Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 | Costs Incurred During the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 | Cumulative Costs Incurred through September 30, 2009 |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|--|
| (Unaudited) | | | | |
| Insurance (1) | \$ 83.0 | \$ 6.5 | \$ 41.7 | \$ 68.7 |
| Reinsurance (1) | 13.6 | 1.1 | 8.3 | 12.2 |
| Corporate | 31.0 | 1.1 | 9.1 | 29.0 |
| Total | \$ 127.6 | \$ 8.7 | \$ 59.1 | \$ 109.9 |

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(1) Includes allocated restructuring charges associated with eliminating the XL Financial Solutions business unit.
Activity related to restructuring and asset impairment charges for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 was as follows:

| (U.S. dollars in millions) | Accrual at December 31, 2008 | Costs Incurred During the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 | Amounts Paid and Assets Impaired During the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 | Balance of Liability at September 30, 2009 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| (Unaudited) | | | | |
| Employee Termination Benefits | \$ 4.4 | \$ 33.7 | \$ 29.5 | \$ 8.6 |
| Lease Termination and Other Costs | 5.3 | 8.1 | 9.4 | 4.0 |
| Asset Impairment | | 17.3 | 17.3 | |
| Total | \$ 9.7 | \$ 59.1 | \$ 56.2 | \$ 12.6 |

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The cost (amortized cost for fixed maturities and short-term investments), fair value, gross unrealized gains, gross unrealized (losses), and OTTI recorded in AOCI of the Company's investments at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 were as follows:

| September 30, 2009 (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Cost or Amortized Cost | Gross Unrealized Gains | Included in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (AOCI) Gross Unrealized Losses | | Fair Value |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|----------------------|
| | | | Related to changes in estimated fair value | OTTI included in other comprehensive income (Loss)(1) | |
| (Unaudited) | | | | | |
| Fixed maturities | | | | | |
| U.S. Government and Government agency | \$ 4,139,385 | \$ 132,065 | \$ (19,116) | \$ | \$ 4,252,334 |
| Corporate (2) | 10,603,610 | 330,399 | (673,444) | (126,485) | 10,134,080 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities Agency | 4,079,443 | 114,724 | (6,252) | | 4,187,915 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities Non-Agency | 2,416,324 | 11,006 | (593,880) | (221,276) | 1,612,174 |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities | 1,798,103 | 5,211 | (135,583) | (17,122) | 1,650,609 |
| Collateralized debt obligations | 1,042,179 | 8,499 | (486,029) | (10,744) | 553,905 |
| Other asset-backed securities | 1,017,113 | 20,312 | (78,957) | (10,983) | 947,485 |
| U.S. States and political subdivisions of the States | 612,709 | 23,719 | (9,124) | | 627,304 |
| Non-U.S. Sovereign Government | 3,876,734 | 169,149 | (46,279) | | 3,999,604 |
| Total fixed maturities | \$ 29,585,600 | \$ 815,084 | \$ (2,048,664) | \$ (386,610) | \$ 27,965,410 |
| Total short-term investments | \$ 1,973,189 | \$ 18,337 | \$ (1,296) | \$ | \$ 1,990,230 |
| Total equity securities | \$ 47,755 | \$ 7,480 | \$ (136) | \$ | \$ 55,099 |

(1) Represents the amount of OTTI losses in AOCI, which from April 1, 2009 was not included in earnings by authoritative accounting guidance.

(2) Included within Corporate are certain floating rate medium term notes supported primarily by pools of European corporate bonds with varying degrees of leverage. The notes have a fair value of \$565.3 million and an amortized cost of \$730.5 million. These notes allow the investor to participate in cash flows of the underlying bonds including certain residual values, which could serve to either decrease or increase the ultimate values of these notes.

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**Included in Accumulated Other Comprehensive
Income (AOCI)
Gross Unrealized Losses**

December 31, 2008

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Cost or Amortized Cost | Gross Unrealized Gains | Related to changes in estimated fair value | OTTI included in other comprehensive income (Loss) | Fair Value |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|----------------------|
| (Unaudited) | | | | | |
| Fixed maturities | | | | | |
| U.S. Government and Government agency | \$ 3,649,168 | \$ 334,302 | \$ (5,128) | \$ | \$ 3,978,342 |
| Corporate (1) | 11,187,246 | 80,049 | (1,978,692) | \$ | 9,288,603 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities Agency | 2,039,783 | 62,638 | (2,466) | \$ | 2,099,955 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities Non-Agency | 2,873,478 | 15,975 | (951,507) | \$ | 1,937,946 |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities | 2,505,698 | 1,200 | (365,330) | \$ | 2,141,568 |
| Collateralized debt obligations | 1,100,358 | 3,521 | (465,100) | \$ | 638,779 |
| Other asset-backed securities | 1,895,229 | 2,504 | (189,725) | \$ | 1,708,008 |
| U.S. States and political subdivisions of the States | 486,394 | 5,229 | (22,853) | \$ | 468,770 |
| Non-U.S. Sovereign Government | 3,253,123 | 224,094 | (102,820) | \$ | 3,374,397 |
| Total fixed maturities | \$ 28,990,477 | \$ 729,512 | \$ (4,083,621) | \$ | \$ 25,636,368 |
| Total short-term investments | \$ 1,500,767 | \$ 4,258 | \$ (38,702) | \$ | \$ 1,466,323 |
| Total equity securities | \$ 337,765 | \$ 31,632 | \$ (7,578) | \$ | \$ 361,819 |

(1) Included within Corporate are certain floating rate medium term notes supported primarily by pools of European corporate bonds with varying degrees of leverage. The notes have a fair value of \$491.9 million and an amortized cost of \$922.7 million. These notes allow the investor to participate in cash flows of the underlying bonds including certain residual values, which could serve to either decrease or increase the ultimate values of these notes.

The Company had gross unrealized losses and OTTI recorded in AOCI totaling \$2.4 billion at September 30, 2009. Individual security positions comprising this balance have been evaluated by management, based on specified criteria, to determine if these impairments should be considered other than temporary. These criteria include an assessment of the severity and length of time securities have been impaired, along with management's assessment as to whether it believes it can continue to hold such securities to recovery, among other factors included below.

At September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, approximately 4.9% and 2.5%, respectively, of the Company's fixed income investment portfolio at fair value was invested in securities which were below investment grade or not rated. The increase in below investment grade or not rated securities is primarily due to rating agency action on residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) and hybrids. Approximately 34.5% of the unrealized losses in the Company's fixed income securities portfolio at September 30, 2009 related to securities that were below investment grade or not rated. The information shown below about the unrealized losses on the Company's investments at September 30, 2009 relates to the potential effect upon future earnings and financial position should management later conclude that some of the current declines in the fair value

of these investments are other than temporary declines.

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The following is an analysis of how long each of those securities at September 30, 2009 had been in a continual unrealized loss position:

| September 30, 2009 | Less than 12 months | | Equal to or greater than 12 months | |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Gross Unrealized Losses | Gross Unrealized Losses | (U.S. dollars in thousands) |
| (Unaudited) | Fair Value | Losses | Fair Value | Losses |
| Fixed maturities and short-term investments: | | | | |
| U.S. Government and Government agency | \$ 523,520 | \$ 19,065 | \$ 25,392 | \$ 968 |
| Corporate (1) | 759,787 | 121,062 | 3,490,236 | 678,939 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities Agency | 210,054 | 6,040 | 1,334 | 212 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities Non-Agency | 237,295 | 88,946 | 1,299,283 | 726,210 |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities | 43,513 | 15,026 | 1,351,064 | 137,679 |
| Collateralized debt obligations | 48,829 | 20,652 | 505,622 | 476,121 |
| Other asset-backed securities | 78,958 | 21,108 | 456,374 | 68,832 |
| U.S. States and political subdivisions of the States | 37,139 | 1,166 | 57,521 | 7,958 |
| Non-U.S. Sovereign Government | 319,597 | 5,206 | 512,367 | 41,380 |
| Total fixed maturities and short-term investments | \$ 2,258,692 | \$ 298,271 | \$ 7,699,193 | \$ 2,138,299 |
| Total equity securities | \$ 1,864 | \$ 136 | \$ | \$ |

(1) Included within Corporate are certain floating rate medium term notes supported primarily by pools of European corporate bonds with varying degrees of leverage. The notes have a fair value of \$569.0 million and an amortized cost of \$729.5 million. These notes allow the investor to participate in cash flows of the underlying bonds including certain residual values, which could serve to either decrease or increase the ultimate values of these notes.

The following is an analysis of how long each of those securities at December 31, 2008 had been in a continual unrealized loss position:

| December 31, 2008 | Less than 12 months | | Equal to or greater than 12 months | |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Gross Unrealized Losses | Gross Unrealized Losses | (U.S. dollars in thousands) |
| (Unaudited) | Fair Value | Losses | Fair Value | Losses |
| Fixed maturities and short-term investments: | | | | |
| U.S. Government and Government agency | \$ 103,040 | \$ 7,214 | \$ | \$ |
| Corporate (1) | 3,641,376 | 633,371 | 4,005,267 | 1,363,661 |

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| | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Residential mortgage-backed securities Agency | 32,279 | 1,276 | 3,162 | 1,190 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities Non-Agency | 1,036,527 | 452,246 | 947,017 | 499,261 |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities | 961,040 | 155,279 | 832,537 | 210,051 |
| Collateralized debt obligations | 66,409 | 26,134 | 693,943 | 438,966 |
| Other asset-backed securities | 1,170,797 | 85,489 | 444,667 | 104,236 |
| U.S. States and political subdivisions of the States | 201,048 | 9,774 | 37,328 | 13,079 |
| Non-U.S. Sovereign Government | 612,380 | 92,676 | 168,834 | 28,420 |
| Total fixed maturities and short-term investments | \$ 7,824,896 | \$ 1,463,459 | \$ 7,132,755 | \$ 2,658,864 |
| Total equity securities | \$ 188,614 | \$ 7,578 | \$ | \$ |

- (1) Included within Corporate are certain floating rate medium term notes supported primarily by pools of European corporate bonds with varying degrees of leverage. The notes have a fair value of \$499.0 million and an amortized cost of \$922.7 million. These notes allow the investor to participate in cash flows of the underlying bonds including certain residual values, which could serve to either decrease or increase the ultimate values of these notes.

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The contractual maturities of fixed maturity securities are shown below. Actual maturities may differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | September 30, 2009 (1) | | December 31, 2008 (1) | |
|---|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| | Amortized Cost | Fair Value | Amortized Cost | Fair Value |
| (Unaudited) | | | | |
| Due after 1 through 5 years | \$ 8,990,361 | \$ 9,026,262 | \$ 7,451,243 | \$ 6,987,957 |
| Due after 5 through 10 years | 4,286,984 | 4,355,503 | 5,316,304 | 5,097,672 |
| Due after 10 years | 5,955,093 | 5,631,557 | 5,808,384 | 5,024,483 |
| | 19,232,438 | 19,013,322 | 18,575,931 | 17,110,112 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities Agency | 4,079,443 | 4,187,915 | 2,039,783 | 2,099,955 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities Non-Agency | 2,416,324 | 1,612,174 | 2,873,478 | 1,937,946 |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities | 1,798,103 | 1,650,609 | 2,505,698 | 2,141,568 |
| Collateralized debt obligations | 1,042,179 | 553,905 | 1,100,358 | 638,779 |
| Other asset-backed securities | 1,017,113 | 947,485 | 1,895,229 | 1,708,008 |
| Total mortgage and asset-backed securities | 10,353,162 | 8,952,088 | 10,414,546 | 8,526,256 |
| Total | \$ 29,585,600 | \$ 27,965,410 | \$ 28,990,477 | \$ 25,636,368 |

(1) Included in the table above are \$1.1 billion and \$980.6 million in Tier One and upper Tier Two securities, representing committed term debt and hybrid instruments senior to the common and preferred equities of the financial institutions, at fair value as at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. These securities have been distributed in the table based on their call date and have net unrealized losses of \$320.7 million and \$637.1 million as at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively.

Factors considered in determining that additional OTTI charges were not warranted include management's consideration of current and near term liquidity needs and other available sources, an evaluation of the factors and time necessary for recovery, and the results of on-going retrospective reviews of security sales and the basis for such sales.

Gross unrealized losses of \$2.4 billion at September 30, 2009 can be attributed to the following significant drivers:

gross unrealized losses of \$516.5 million related to the Company's Life Operations investment portfolio, which had a fair value of \$6.7 billion as at September 30, 2009. Of this, \$371.8 million of gross unrealized losses related to \$1.9 billion of exposures to corporate financial institutions including Tier One and Upper Tier Two securities. During the quarter ended September 30, 2009, as a result of a substantial rally on financial credit spreads, the gross unrealized loss position has declined substantially. At September 30, 2009, this portfolio had an average interest rate duration of 8.8 years, primarily denominated in U.K. Sterling and Euros. As a result of the long duration, significant gross losses have arisen as the fair values of these securities are more sensitive to prevailing government interest rates and credit spreads. This portfolio has limited turnover as it is matched to corresponding long duration

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liabilities. A hypothetical parallel increase in interest rates and credit spreads of 50 and 25 basis points, respectively, would increase the unrealized losses related to this portfolio at September 30, 2009 by approximately \$282 million and \$104 million, respectively. Credit spreads have improved significantly in the first three quarters of 2009. Given the long term nature of this portfolio, and the level of credit spreads as at September 30, 2009 relative to historical averages within the U.K. and Euro-zone as well as the Company's liquidity needs at September 30, 2009, the Company believes that these assets will continue to be held until such time as they mature, or credit spreads revert to levels more consistent with historical averages.

gross unrealized losses of \$354.4 million related to the corporate holdings within the Company's non-life operations fixed maturity portfolios, which had a fair value of \$7.2 billion as at September 30, 2009. During the quarter ended September 30, 2009, as a result of declining credit spreads, the gross unrealized losses on these holdings has declined substantially. The Company believes these unrealized losses are a function of the currently elevated levels of corporate credit spreads in the U.S. and globally, which spiked particularly during the third and fourth quarters of 2008 and have continued to be at elevated levels, resulting in a severely depressed level of valuations. Credit spreads have improved significantly in the first three quarters of 2009. Despite the recent rally, corporate credit spreads remain at elevated levels relative to historical averages. The Company continues to believe that the gross unrealized losses are a reflection of a severe premium being charged by the market for credit, rather than fundamental deterioration in the debt service capabilities of the issuers.

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Of the gross unrealized losses noted above, \$153.5 million relate to medium term notes primarily supported by pools of investment grade European corporate bonds leveraged by a factor of 0.41 (i.e. \$141 of bonds held for every \$100 of note). Management believes that expected cash flows from these bonds are sufficient to support the remaining reported amortized cost.

gross unrealized losses of \$607.9 million related to the Topical Asset portfolio (which consists of the Company's holdings of sub-prime non-agency securities, second liens, ABS CDOs with sub-prime collateral as well as Alt-A mortgage exposures (Topical Assets)), which had a fair value of \$774.0 million as at September 30, 2009. The Company undertook a security level review of these securities and recognized charges to the extent it believed the discounted cash flow value of any security was below its amortized cost. The Company has recognized realized losses on this portfolio, consisting of charges for OTTI and realized cumulative losses from sales, of approximately \$842.0 million since the beginning of 2007 and through September 30, 2009 on these asset classes. The Company purchased a number of these assets to support certain previously written GIC and funding agreement contracts and has previously announced its intention to reduce its exposure to these asset classes as part of its strategic portfolio realignment. The Company believes that based on market conditions and liquidity needs at September 30, 2009, this reduction will be realized through natural cash flows of the portfolio, and limited selective sales, rather than selling these assets into markets which continue to be illiquid and not reflective of the discounted cash flow value of these assets. The weighted average term-to-maturity of the sub-prime and Alt-A residential holdings within this portfolio at September 30, 2009 were 4.1 years and 4.2 years, respectively. The Company, based on current market conditions and liquidity needs as at September 30, 2009 as well as its assessment of the holdings, believes it will continue to hold these securities until either maturity, or a return of liquidity and valuations more reflective of the discounted cash flow value of these holdings.

gross unrealized losses of \$491.5 million related to the non-life portfolio of Core CDO holdings (defined by the Company as investments in non-mortgage collateralized debt obligations), which consisted primarily of CLOs and had a fair value of \$569.1 million as of September 30, 2009. The Company undertook a security level review of these securities and recognized charges to the extent it believed the discounted cash flow of the security was below the amortized cost. The Company believes that the level of impairment is primarily a function of historically wide spreads in the CLO market during the period, driven by the high level of illiquidity in this market. The Company purchased a number of these assets to support the previously written GIC and funding agreement contracts and has announced its intention to reduce its exposure to this asset class over time as a part of its strategic portfolio realignment. The Company, based on current market conditions and liquidity needs as well as its assessment of the holdings, believes it is likely that the Company will continue to hold these securities until either maturity or a recovery of value, following which the Company intends to reduce its exposure to this asset class.

gross unrealized losses of \$144.3 million related to the non-life portion of commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) holdings, which had a fair value of \$1.6 billion as at September 30, 2009. The Company's holdings in CMBS are 84.7% rated AAA. The Company believes that the currently depressed pricing, which represents approximately 89.7% of the par value of the securities, is directly related to the 783 basis point widening in credit spreads within this market since the beginning of 2008, as a result of the heightened risk premium attached to property collateral. Credit spreads have improved significantly in the first three quarters of 2009. The Company's portfolio is highly diversified, has limited delinquencies and has experienced limited downgrades.

gross unrealized losses of \$179.7 million related to the Company's holdings in non-agency RMBS secured by prime mortgages which had a fair value of \$730.9 at September 30, 2009. In the U.S., the average price on these securities declined to approximately 80.9% of par value at September 30, 2009, reflecting concerns over rising unemployment in the U.S. and the potential impact on previously

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high quality borrowers to meet their obligations. The Company undertook a security level review of these securities and recognized charges to the extent it believed the discounted cash flow of any security was below its amortized cost.

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Management, in its assessment of whether securities in a gross unrealized loss position are temporarily impaired, considers the significance of the impairments. The Company had securities with gross unrealized losses of \$705.1 million, with a fair value of \$339.2 million, which as at September 30, 2009 were impaired by greater than 50% of amortized costs. The Company has evaluated each of these securities in conjunction with its investment managers and believes it is probable that the issuer will be able to fund sufficient principal and interest payments to support the current amortized cost, and believes that the current levels of impairments are a function of the currently extremely elevated levels of credit spreads.

Structured credit securities with gross unrealized losses representing greater than 50% of amortized cost represent \$689.3 million of gross unrealized losses, with a fair value of \$326.7 million. Of these gross unrealized losses, \$238.0 million are rated investment grade. The Company has evaluated each of these holdings on a security-by-security basis in conjunction with its investments managers and utilizing additional corroborative modeling techniques, and believes these securities will fund sufficient principal and interest payments to exceed current amortized cost. These securities include \$192.5 million of Topical assets, \$100.7 million of Core CDOs, \$18.7 million of prime RMBS and \$7.6 million of CMBS holdings.

Corporate securities with gross unrealized losses representing greater than 50% of amortized cost represent \$15.8 million of gross unrealized losses, with a fair value of \$12.5 million. Of these gross unrealized losses, \$7.5 million are rated investment grade. Gross unrealized losses of \$11.3 million are related to holdings of financial issuers, with the majority (\$10.1 million) representing hybrid instruments. The Company believes these are high-grade issuers which will continue to service their principal and interest obligations.

The Company recorded net impairment charges of \$321.7 million and \$691.7 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively. The significant assumptions and inputs associated with these securities consist of:

For corporate securities, excluding medium term notes backed primarily by investment grade European corporate bonds, the Company recorded net impairments totaling \$12.5 million and \$146.6 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, excluding medium term notes. The impairment charges consisted of below-investment grade securities, where the Company believes the current fair value is representative of likely recoveries following default, below-investment grade hybrids, where the Company considered impairment factors consistent with an equity impairment model, along with a debt impairment model, and accordingly recorded impairment charges to fair value, or securities in an unrealized loss position that management intends to sell.

In addition the Company recorded impairments totaling \$209.5 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 in relation to medium term notes backed primarily by investment grade European corporate bonds. Management has concluded that, following recent credit spread movements during 2009, future yields within the supporting collateral were not sufficient to support the previously reported amortized cost.

For structured credit securities, the Company recorded net impairments of \$89.5 million and \$308.4 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively. The Company determined that the likely recovery on these securities was below the carrying value, and accordingly impaired the securities to the discounted value of the cash flows of these securities, or in certain instances fair value to the extent that the fair value was believed to be more representative of recoverable value given the extreme illiquidity within structured credit markets.

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For equity securities, the Company recorded net impairments of \$10.2 million and \$27.2 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, primarily representing securities in an unrealized loss position that management intends to sell.

Of the OTTI, there were no charges related to changes of intent-to-hold for the quarter ended September 30, 2009. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, \$147.7 million related to changes of intent-to-hold, primarily representing exchanges of hybrid securities, and as part of the fourth quarter 2008 restructuring charge.

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Included in the gross unrealized losses associated with the Company's corporate portfolio are gross unrealized losses of \$88.5 million related to Tier One and Upper Tier Two perpetual preferred securities that have been rated below investment grade by at least one major rating agency. Of this total, \$3.8 million have gross unrealized losses representing greater than 50% of amortized cost. The Company has completed its review of this portfolio and believes, at this time, that these impairments remain temporary in nature. The primary basis for this conclusion was the analysis of the fundamentals of these securities using a debt-based impairment model, which indicated these securities continue to meet their obligations, and the issuer has the ability to call these obligations at their call date. In addition, as these securities are below investment grade, the Company considered these securities using an equity-impairment model. Factors that were considered and supported that these impairments were temporary included that the vast majority of these securities had only recently been rated below-investment-grade beginning in first quarter of 2009, in certain cases alternative ratings were available that indicated these securities remained investment grade, or the securities were only slightly below investment-grade. At September 30, 2009, the Company believes that it is likely that the fair values of these securities will ultimately increase to equal the cost basis over a reasonable period of time. However, there is a high degree of judgment in reaching this conclusion, including an assessment of how various governments will treat the perpetual preferred shareholding in the event of governmental intervention in these institutions' operations or management's decision to defer calls or coupons. Management will closely monitor the developments related to these securities and will consider these developments as a part of OTTI assessments in future quarters.

The following represents an analysis of net realized gains (losses) on investments:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 (Unaudited) | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 (Unaudited) |
|---|--|---|
| Gross realized gains | \$ 52,537 | \$ 337,791 |
| Gross realized losses | (378,057) | (995,678) |
| Net realized (losses) on investments | (325,520) | (657,887) |

As discussed in Note 2, a portion of certain OTTI losses on fixed maturity securities and short term investments are recognized in Other comprehensive income (loss) (OCI). Under final authoritative accounting guidance effective April 1, 2009, the amount of the OTTI related to a credit loss is recognized in earnings, and the amount of the OTTI related to other factors (*i.e.*, interest rates, market conditions, etc.) is recorded as a component of other comprehensive income (loss). The net amount recognized in earnings (credit loss impairments) represents the difference between the amortized cost of the security and the net present value of its projected future cash flows discounted at the effective interest rate implicit in the debt security prior to impairment. Any remaining difference between the fair value and amortized cost is recognized in OCI. The following table sets forth the amount of credit loss impairments on fixed maturity securities held by the Company as of the dates indicated, and the corresponding changes in such amounts.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2009

(U.S. dollars and shares in thousands)

**OTTI related to
Credit Losses
recognized in
earnings**

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| (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) |
|--|--------------------|
| Balance, June 30, 2009 | \$ 225,178 |
| Credit loss impairment recognized in the current period on securities not previously impaired | 253,992 |
| Credit loss impairments previously recognized on securities which matured, paid down, prepaid or were sold during the period | (13,073) |
| Credit loss impairments previously recognized on securities impaired to fair value during the period | |
| Additional credit loss impairments recognized in the current period on securities previously impaired | 56,028 |
| Accretion of credit loss impairments previously recognized due to an increase in cash flows expected to be collected | 3,554 |
| Balance, September 30, 2009 | \$ 525,679 |

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| Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 | OTTI related to Credit Losses recognized in earnings (Unaudited) |
|--|---|
| (U.S. dollars and shares in thousands) | |
| (Unaudited) | |
| Balance, January 1, 2009 | \$ |
| Credit losses remaining in retained earnings related to adoption of new authoritative OTTI guidance | 187,773 |
| Credit loss impairment recognized in the current period on securities not previously impaired | 267,586 |
| Credit loss impairments previously recognized on securities which matured, paid down, prepaid or were sold during the period | (17,250) |
| Credit loss impairments previously recognized on securities impaired to fair value during the period | |
| Additional credit loss impairments recognized in the current period on securities previously impaired | 84,016 |
| Accretion of credit loss impairments previously recognized due to an increase in cash flows expected to be collected | 3,554 |
| Balance, September 30, 2009 | \$ 525,679 |

The Company previously participated in a securities lending program operated by a third party banking institution, whereby certain assets were loaned out and for which the Company earned an incremental return. During the second quarter of 2009, the Company discontinued its participation in this program, and no longer holds any collateral, has no remaining liabilities to the borrowers of the securities. Prior to discontinuation, for securities on loan, the lending agent received cash collateral generally worth 102 to 105% of the loaned securities which must be returned to the borrower upon return of the securities and which in the meantime is invested in a collateral pool managed by the banking institution. The collateral pool was subject to written investment guidelines with key objectives which included safeguard of principal and adequate liquidity to meet anticipated needs with a maximum weighted average maturity of ninety days. At September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, nil and \$238.5 million, respectively, of securities included in investments available for sale were loaned to various counterparties through the securities lending program. The cash collateral received as at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 was nil and \$242.8 million respectively. At September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the value of the Company's share of the collateral pool and investments available-for-sale held was nil and \$231.0 million, respectively, in connection with these loans, and is included in cash and cash equivalents and investments available-for-sale, with a corresponding liability reflected in net payable for investments purchased.

7. Other Investments

On June 9, 2009, XL Specialty Insurance Company (XL Specialty), a wholly-owned subsidiary of XL Capital Ltd, entered into an agreement with National Indemnity Company, an insurance company subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (National Indemnity). Under the agreement, and a related reinsurance agreement, National Indemnity will issue endorsements (Endorsements) to certain directors and officers liability insurance policies known as Side A coverage policies underwritten by XL Specialty (the Facility).

The Endorsements entitle policyholders to present claims under such D&O policies directly to National Indemnity in the event that XL Specialty is unable to meet its obligations due to an order of insolvency, liquidation or an injunction that prohibits XL Specialty from paying claims. Under the terms of the Facility, National Indemnity will issue Endorsements with aggregate premiums up to \$140 million. In addition, XL Specialty has an irrevocable option, which may be exercised during the first eleven months of the Facility, to require National Indemnity to issue Endorsements on D&O policies with additional aggregate premiums up to \$100 million (the Option). The Endorsements will terminate on the tenth anniversary of their issuance. The Facility provides that National Indemnity will be obligated to issue Endorsements on D&O policies issued during an eighteen month period that commenced on June 8, 2009.

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National Indemnity's obligations under the Facility to issue new Endorsements will terminate if XL Specialty's financial strength rating is downgraded to or below BBB+ by Standard & Poor's Corporation or to or below A- by A.M. Best. In connection with the Facility, XL Insurance (Bermuda) Ltd (XLIB) will purchase a payment obligation in an aggregate principal amount of \$150 million from National Indemnity. If XL Specialty elects to exercise the Option, XLIB will purchase a second obligation in an aggregate principal amount of \$100 million. In addition, XL Specialty will establish a trust to hold the premiums (net of commissions) on the D&O policies endorsed by National Indemnity. XL Specialty will also arrange to provide National Indemnity with a letter of credit in the event the assets in the trust are insufficient to meet XL Specialty's obligations under the Facility (the Letter of Credit). The trust, the Letter of Credit and the payment obligations collateralize XL Specialty's indemnity obligations under the Facility to National Indemnity for any payments National Indemnity is required to make under the Endorsements.

The outstanding payment obligation is recorded in Other Investments at an estimated fair value of \$128.1 million, pays a coupon of 3.5%, and will be accreted to \$150 million over the 11.5 year term of the payment obligation. The difference between the estimated fair value of the Obligation and the cost of that Obligation at the time of the transaction was approximately \$21.9 million and is recorded in Other Assets along with \$2.5 million in related fees. This difference is being amortized in relation to the earning of the underlying policies written. \$3.2 million of amortization was recorded during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, and accordingly \$21.2 million remains as at September 30, 2009.

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The Company enters into derivative instruments for both risk management and speculative purposes. The Company is exposed to potential loss from various market risks, and manages its market risks based on guidelines established by management. The Company recognizes all derivatives as either assets or liabilities in the balance sheet and measures those instruments at fair value with the changes in fair value of derivatives shown in the consolidated statement of income as net realized and unrealized gains and losses on derivative instruments unless the derivatives are designated as hedging instruments. The accounting for derivatives which are designated as hedging instruments is described in Note 2(c), Significant Accounting Policies - Derivative Instruments .

The following table summarizes information on the location and gross amounts of derivative fair values contained in the consolidated balance sheet as at September 30, 2009:

| As at September 30, 2009 (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Asset Derivatives | | | Liability Derivatives | | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | Balance Sheet Location | Notional Amount | Fair Value | Balance Sheet Location | Notional Amount | Fair Value |
| (Unaudited) | | | | | | |
| Derivatives designated as hedging instruments: | | | | | | |
| Interest rate contracts (1) | Other assets | \$ 2,169,642 | \$ 287,124 | Other Liabilities | \$ (96,948) | \$ (9,254) |
| Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments | | \$ 2,169,642 | \$ 287,124 | | \$ (96,948) | \$ (9,254) |
| Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments: | | | | | | |
| <i>Investment Related Derivatives:</i> | | | | | | |
| Interest rate exposure | Other assets | \$ 120,472 | \$ 11,102 | Other Liabilities | \$ | \$ |
| Foreign exchange exposure | Other assets | 267,199 | 7,603 | Other Liabilities | 156,370 | (8,180) |
| Credit exposure | Other assets | 304,850 | 15,670 | Other Liabilities | 662,116 | (13,899) |
| Financial market exposure | Other assets | 297,245 | 2,670 | Other Liabilities | 5,000 | (34) |
| <i>Financial Operations Derivatives:</i> | | | | | | |
| Credit exposure | Other assets | | | Other Liabilities | 279,191 | (12,224) |
| <i>Other Non-Investment Derivatives:</i> | | | | | | |
| Contingent capital facility | Other assets | 350,000 | | Other Liabilities | | |
| Guaranteed minimum income benefit contract | Other assets | | | Other Liabilities | 97,747 | (27,361) |
| Modified coinsurance funds withheld contract | Other assets | | | Other Liabilities | 75,964 | (208) |
| Foreign exchange exposure | Other assets | | | Other Liabilities | | |
| <i>Weather and Energy Derivatives:</i> | | | | | | |
| Structured weather risk management products | Other assets | | | Other Liabilities | | |
| Power generation outage contracts | Other assets | | | Other Liabilities | | |
| Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments | | \$ 1,339,766 | \$ 37,045 | | \$ 1,276,388 | \$ (61,906) |

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The company holds net cash collateral related to these derivative assets of \$201.6 million. The collateral balance is included within cash and cash equivalents and the corresponding liability to return the collateral has been offset against the derivative asset within the balance sheet as appropriate under the netting agreement.

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The Company designates certain of its derivative instruments as fair value hedges or cash flow hedges and formally and contemporaneously documents all relationships between the hedging instruments and hedged items and links the hedging derivative to specific assets and liabilities. The Company assesses the effectiveness of the hedge, both at inception and on an on-going basis and determines whether the hedge is highly effective in offsetting changes in fair value or cash flows of the linked hedged item.

As at September 30, 2009, a portion of the Company's liabilities are hedged against changes in the applicable designated benchmark interest rate. In addition, interest rate swaps are used to hedge the changes in fair value of certain fixed rate liabilities and fixed maturity securities due to changes in the designated benchmark interest rate.

The following table provides the total impact on earnings relating to derivative instruments formally designated as fair value hedges along with the impacts of the related hedged items for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009:

| Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| (Unaudited) | | | | |
| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income | Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative | Amount of Gain (Loss) on Hedged Item Recognized in Income Attributable to Risk Being Hedged | Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative (Ineffective Portion) |
| Derivatives designated as fair value hedges and related hedged items: | | | | |
| Interest rate exposure | Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives | \$ (26,826) | \$ | \$ (4,301) |
| Interest rate exposure | Net investment income | 3,373 | | |
| Interest rate exposure | Interest Expense | 8,422 | | |
| Deposit liabilities | Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives | | 37,275 | |
| Fixed maturity securities | Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives | | 742 | |
| Notes payable and debt | Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives | | (6,890) | |
| Total | | \$ (15,031) | \$ 31,127 | \$ (4,301) |

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009

(Unaudited)

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| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income | Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative | Amount of Gain (Loss) on Hedged Item Recognized in Income Attributable to Risk Being Hedged | Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative (Ineffective Portion) |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| Derivatives designated as fair value hedges and related hedged items: | | | | |
| Interest rate exposure | Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives | \$ 162,726 | \$ | \$ (1,460) |
| Interest rate exposure | Net investment income | 8,891 | | |
| Interest rate exposure | Interest Expense | 21,549 | | |
| Deposit liabilities | Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives | | (145,361) | |
| Fixed maturity securities | Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives | | (9,015) | |
| Notes payable and debt | Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives | | (6,890) | |
| Total | | \$ 193,166 | \$ (161,266) | \$ (1,460) |

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During March 2007, the Company entered into an interest rate swap agreement in anticipation of the issuance of the 2027 Senior Notes, as described in Note 16, Notes Payable and Debt Financing Arrangements of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008. This transaction, which met the requirements of a cash flow hedge of a forecasted transaction accounting guidance for derivative instruments and hedging activities, was entered into to mitigate the interest rate risk associated with the subsequent issuance of the 2027 Senior Notes. The gain on the settlement of the swap transaction on May 2, 2007 of \$3.8 million was credited to AOCI and is being amortized to interest expense over the 20-year term of the related debt. In addition, the Company entered into a treasury rate guarantee agreement in anticipation of the issuance of \$300.0 million of 5.25% Senior Notes due September 15, 2014 during 2004. The loss on the settlement of the treasury rate guarantee transaction on August 18, 2004 of \$6.3 million was charged to AOCI and is being amortized to interest expense over the 10-year term of the related debt. The impact on earnings relating to these derivative instruments formally designated as cash flow hedges for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 was an increase to interest expense of \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million, respectively.

(c) Derivative Instruments Not Formally Designated as Hedging Instruments

The following table provides the total impact on earnings relating to derivative instruments not formally designated as hedging instruments under authoritative accounting guidance. The impacts are all recorded through Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives in the income statement.

| (U.S. dollars and shares in thousands) | Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative | |
|---|---|---|
| | Three months ended September 30, 2009 | Nine months ended September 30, 2009 |
| (Unaudited) | | |
| Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments: | | |
| <i>Investment Related Derivatives:</i> | | |
| Interest rate exposure | \$ 13,515 | \$ 19,139 |
| Foreign exchange exposure | 1,666 | 10,180 |
| Credit exposure | (14,485) | (41,729) |
| Financial market exposure | 1,310 | 3,637 |
| <i>Financial Operations Derivatives:</i> | | |
| Credit exposure | (5,275) | 3,979 |
| <i>Other Non-Investment Derivatives:</i> | | |
| Contingent capital facility | (2,075) | (6,158) |
| Guaranteed minimum income benefit contract | 800 | 192 |
| Modified coinsurance funds withheld contract | (354) | (330) |
| <i>Weather and Energy Derivatives:</i> | | |
| Structured weather risk management products | 66 | 2,979 |
| Power generation outage contracts | | |
| Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments | (4,832) | (8,111) |
| Amount of gain (loss) recognized in income from ineffective portion of fair value hedges | (4,301) | (1,460) |

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| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on derivative instruments | \$ (9,133) | \$ (9,571) |
|--|------------|------------|

The Company's objectives in using these derivatives are explained in sections (c) and (d) of this note below.

Table of Contents**XL CAPITAL LTD****NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****8. Derivative Instruments (Continued)***(c)(i) Investment Related Derivatives*

The Company, either directly or through its investment managers, may use derivative instruments within its investment portfolio, including interest rate swaps, inflation swaps, credit derivatives (single name and index credit default swaps), options, forward contracts and financial futures (foreign exchange, bond and stock index futures), primarily as a means of economically hedging exposures to interest rate, credit spread, equity price changes and foreign currency risk or in limited instances for investment purposes. The Company is exposed to credit risk in the event of non-performance by the counterparties under any swap contracts although the Company generally seeks to use credit support arrangements with counterparties to help manage this risk.

Investment Related Derivatives Interest Rate Exposure

The Company utilizes risk management and overlay strategies that incorporate the use of derivative financial instruments, primarily to manage its fixed income portfolio duration and exposure to interest rate risks associated with certain of its assets and liabilities. The Company uses interest rate swaps to convert certain liabilities from a fixed rate to a variable rate of interest and may also use them to convert a variable rate of interest from one basis to another.

Investment Related Derivatives Foreign Exchange Exposure

The Company uses foreign exchange contracts to manage its exposure to the effects of fluctuating foreign currencies on the value of certain of its foreign currency fixed maturities and equity securities investments. These contracts are not designated as specific hedges for financial reporting purposes and therefore, realized and unrealized gains and losses on these contracts are recorded in income in the period in which they occur. These contracts generally have maturities of twelve months or less.

In addition, certain of the Company's investment managers may, subject to investment guidelines, enter into forward contracts where potential gains may exist. The Company has exposure to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations through its operations and in its investment portfolio.

Investment Related Derivatives Credit Exposure

Credit derivatives are purchased within the Company's investment portfolio in the form of single name and basket credit default swaps, which are used to mitigate credit exposure through a reduction in credit spread duration (i.e. macro credit strategies rather than single-name credit hedging) or exposure to selected issuers, including issuers that are not held in the underlying bond portfolio.

Investment Related Derivatives Financial Market Exposure

Stock index futures are purchased with the Company's investment portfolio in order to create synthetic equity exposure and to add value to the portfolio with overlay strategies where market inefficiencies are believed to exist. The Company previously wrote a number of resettable strike swaps contracts relating to an absolute return index and diversified baskets of funds. Finally, from time to time, the Company may enter into other financial market exposure derivative contracts on various indices including, but not limited to, inflation, commodity and correlation contracts.

(c)(ii) Financial Operations Derivatives Credit Exposure

The Company held credit derivative exposures through a limited number of contracts written as part of the Company's previous financial lines businesses, and through the Company's prior reinsurance agreements with Syncora, as described below. Following the secondary sale of Syncora common shares, the Company retained some credit derivative exposures written by Syncora and certain of its subsidiaries through reinsurance

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agreements that had certain derivatives exposures embedded within them. The change in value of the derivative portion of the financial guarantee reinsurance agreements the Company had with Syncora was included in Net (loss) income from operating affiliates. Following the closing of the Master Agreement during August 2008, as described in Note 4, Syncora Holdings Ltd. of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, which terminated certain reinsurance and other agreements, these credit derivative exposures were eliminated by virtue of the commutation of the relevant reinsurance agreements.

As of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 the remaining credit derivative exposures outside of the Company's investment portfolio consisted of 2 and 23 contracts, respectively, written by the Company that provide credit protection on senior tranches of structured finance transactions with total insured contractual payments outstanding of \$279.2 million (\$248.8 million principal and \$30.4 million interest), and \$639.5 million (\$499.5 million principal and \$140.0 million of interest), weighted average contractual term to maturity of 6.3 years and 5.7 years, a total liability recorded of \$12.2 million and \$28.6 million, respectively, and

Table of Contents**XL CAPITAL LTD****NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****8. Derivative Instruments (Continued)***(c)(iii) Financial Operations Derivatives – Credit Exposure (Continued)*

an average rating of AA underlying obligations at each of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008. As of September 30, 2009, there were no reported events of default on the underlying obligations. Credit derivatives are recorded at fair value, which is determined using either models developed by the Company or third party prices and are dependent upon a number of factors, including changes in interest rates, future default rates, credit spreads, changes in credit quality, future expected recovery rates and other market factors. The change resulting from movements in credit and credit quality spreads is unrealized as the credit derivatives are not traded to realize this resultant value.

(c)(iv) Other Non-Investment Derivatives

The Company enters into derivatives as part of its contingent capital facilities including put options, interest rate swaps, and asset return swaps. These derivatives are recorded at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in earnings.

The Company also has derivatives embedded in certain reinsurance contracts. For a particular life reinsurance contract, the Company pays the ceding company a fixed amount equal to the estimated present value of the excess of guaranteed benefit GMIB over the account balance upon the policyholder's election to take the income benefit. The fair value of this derivative is determined based on the present value of expected cash flows. In addition, the Company has modified coinsurance and funds withheld reinsurance agreements that provide for a return based on a portfolio of fixed income securities. As such, the agreements contain embedded derivatives. The embedded derivative is bifurcated from the funds withheld balance and recorded at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in earnings through net realized and unrealized gains and losses on derivative instrument.

(c)(v) Weather and Energy Derivatives

Prior to August 2008, the Company offered weather and energy risk management products in insurance or derivative form to end-users and managed the risks in the OTC and exchange traded derivative markets or through the use of quota share or excess of loss arrangements. However, as part of the Company's strategy to focus on its core lines of business within its Insurance and Reinsurance segments, the Company closed this unit in August 2008 and ceased writing such weather and energy risk management products. Weather and energy derivatives are recorded at fair value, which is determined through the use of quoted market prices where available. Where quoted market prices are unavailable, the fair values are estimated using available market data and internal pricing models based upon consistent statistical methodologies. Estimating fair value of instruments that do not have quoted market prices requires management's judgment in determining amounts that could reasonably be expected to be received from, or paid to, a third party in settlement of the contracts. The amounts could be materially different from the amounts that might be realized in an actual sale transaction. Fair values are subject to change in the near-term and reflect management's best estimate based on various factors including, but not limited to, actual and forecasted weather conditions, changes in commodity prices, changes in interest rates and other market factors. The majority of existing weather and energy contracts expired at the end of 2008 with the remainder expiring during the third quarter of 2009.

(d) Contingent Credit Features

Certain derivatives agreements entered into by the Company or its subsidiaries contain rating downgrade provisions that permit early termination of the agreement by the counterparty if collateral is not posted following failure to maintain certain credit ratings from one or more of the principal credit rating agencies. If the Company were required to early terminate such agreements due to rating downgrade, it could potentially be in a net liability position at time of settlement. The aggregate fair value of all derivatives agreements containing such rating downgrade provisions that were in a liability position on September 30, 2009 was \$16.8 million. The Company has not been required to post collateral under any of these agreements as of September 30, 2009.

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In December 2005, the Company issued 29.8 million 7.0% Equity Security Units (the 7.0% Units) in a public offering. Each 7.0% Unit had a stated amount of \$25.00 and consisted of (a) a purchase contract pursuant to which the holder agreed to purchase, for \$25.00, a variable number of shares of the Company's Class A ordinary shares on February 15, 2009 and (b) a one-fortieth, or 2.5% in the 2011 Senior Notes. The 2011 Senior Notes were pledged by the holders to secure their obligations under the purchase contracts. The number of shares issued under the purchase contracts was adjustable based on, among other things, the average share price of the Company for the twenty consecutive trading days ending on the third trading day immediately preceding the stock purchase date and the dividend rate of the Company. In mid-February 2009, the 2011 Senior Notes were remarketed whereby the interest rate was reset in order to generate sufficient remarketing proceeds to satisfy the 7.0% Unit holders' obligations under the purchase contracts. The Company purchased and retired the aggregate principle amount of the 2011 Senior Notes as a part of that remarketing. On February 15, 2009, the purchase contracts matured and the Company issued Class A ordinary shares in connection therewith. Each purchase contract provided for the sale by the Company of 0.38461 Class A Ordinary shares (the Shares) at a price of \$25.00. The settlement of the purchase contracts resulted in the Company's issuance of an aggregate of 11,461,080 Shares for net proceeds of approximately \$745.0 million, which was used to retire the 2011 Senior Notes.

10. Share Capital

In connection with the maturity of the purchase contracts associated with the 7.0% Units, the Company issued 11,461,080 shares for net proceeds of approximately \$745.0 million, which was used to retire the 2011 Senior Notes.

On March 26, 2009, the Company completed a cash tender offer for its outstanding Series C Preference Ordinary Shares that resulted in approximately 12.7 million Series C Preference Ordinary Shares with a liquidation value of \$317.3 million being purchased by the Company for approximately \$104.7 million plus accrued and unpaid dividends, combined with professional fees totaling \$0.8 million. As a result, a book value gain to ordinary shareholders of approximately \$211.8 million was recorded in the first quarter of 2009.

11. XL Capital Finance (Europe) plc

XL Capital Finance (Europe) plc (XLFE) is a wholly owned finance subsidiary of the Company. In January 2002, XLFE issued \$600.0 million par value 6.5% Guaranteed Senior Notes due January 2012. These Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Company. The Company's ability to obtain funds from its subsidiaries is subject to certain contractual restrictions, applicable laws and statutory requirements of the various countries in which the Company operates including Bermuda, the U.S. and the U.K., among others. Required statutory capital and surplus for the principal operating subsidiaries of the Company was \$7.2 billion as of December 31, 2008.

12. Related Party Transactions

At September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company owned non-controlling stakes in nine independent investment management companies (Investment Manager Affiliates) totaling \$204.5 million and \$211.7 million, respectively. The Company sought to develop relationships with specialty investment management organizations, generally acquiring an equity interest in the business. The Company also invests in certain of the funds and limited partnerships and other legal entities managed by these affiliates and through these funds and partnerships pay management and performance fees to the Company's Investment Manager Affiliates.

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into certain quota share reinsurance contracts with a subsidiary of one of its other strategic affiliates, ARX Holding Corporation. During the quarter ended September 30, 2009, these contracts resulted in reported net premiums written of \$1.0 million, net paid claims of \$0.1 million and reported acquisition costs of \$0.1 million. During the same period in 2008, these contracts resulted in reported net premiums written of \$3.3 million, net paid claims of \$8.2 million and reported acquisition costs of \$12.6 million. Management believes that these transactions are conducted at market rates consistent with negotiated arms-length contracts.

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into cost sharing and service level agreement transactions with certain other affiliates, which management believes to be conducted consistent with arms-length rates. Such transactions, individually and in the aggregate, are not material to the Company's financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

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The Company utilizes variable interest entities both indirectly and directly in the ordinary course of business. The Company invests in equity tranches (or similar instruments) of CDOs, collateralized bond obligations (CBOs) and other investment vehicles that are issued through variable interest entities as part of the Company's risk asset portfolio. Certain collateral facilities and contingent capital facilities are also structured using variable interest entities, in which the Company has a variable interest. The Company was not the primary beneficiary and therefore does not consolidate any of these entities. In addition, the Company does not believe that any of such interests would be characterized as significant to the Company. The Company considers the significance of its share of the entity's expected losses and expected residual returns in relation to the Company's consolidated results of operations, whether the Company holds a first loss portion in the entity, and the rating of its exposure and probability of loss.

14. Computation of Earnings Per Ordinary Share and Ordinary Share Equivalent

| | (Unaudited) Three Months Ended September 30, | | (Unaudited) Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|--|----------------|---|----------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 (1) | 2009 | 2008 (1) |
| Basic earnings per ordinary share and ordinary share equivalents: | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 21,098 | \$ (1,616,524) | \$ 109,736 | \$ (1,134,300) |
| Less: preference share dividends | (32,500) | (32,500) | (74,626) | (65,000) |
| Plus: gain on redemption of Series C Preference Ordinary shares | | | 211,816 | |
| Net income available to ordinary shareholders | \$ (11,402) | \$ (1,649,024) | \$ 246,926 | \$ (1,199,300) |
| Weighted average ordinary shares outstanding | 342,118 | 273,084 | 339,095 | 210,387 |
| Basic earnings per ordinary share & ordinary share equivalents outstanding | \$ (0.03) | \$ (6.04) | \$ 0.73 | \$ (5.70) |
| Diluted earnings per ordinary share and ordinary share equivalents: | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 21,098 | \$ (1,616,524) | \$ 109,736 | \$ (1,134,300) |
| Less: preference share dividends | (32,500) | (32,500) | (74,626) | (65,000) |
| Plus: gain on redemption of Series C Preference Ordinary shares | | | 211,816 | |
| Net income available to ordinary shareholders | \$ (11,402) | \$ (1,649,024) | \$ 246,926 | \$ (1,199,300) |
| Weighted average ordinary shares outstanding - basic | 342,118 | 273,084 | 339,095 | 210,387 |
| Impact of share based compensation and certain conversion features | 502 | | 254 | |
| Weighted average ordinary shares outstanding - diluted | 342,620 | 273,084 | 339,349 | 210,387 |
| Diluted earnings per ordinary share & ordinary share equivalents outstanding | \$ (0.03) | \$ (6.04) | \$ 0.73 | \$ (5.70) |
| Dividends per ordinary share | \$ 0.10 | \$ 0.19 | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.95 |

(1) Basic and diluted earnings per ordinary share was adjusted for 2008 as noted below.

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In June 2008, the FASB issued final authoritative guidance that addresses whether instruments granted in share-based payment transactions may be participating securities prior to vesting and, therefore, need to be included in the earnings allocation in computing basic EPS pursuant to the two-class method described in EPS guidance. A share-based payment award that contains a non-forfeitable right to receive cash when dividends are paid to ordinary shareholders irrespective of whether that award ultimately vests or remains unvested shall be considered a participating security as these rights to dividends provide a non-contingent transfer of value to the holder of the share-based payment award. Accordingly, these awards should be included in the computation of basic EPS pursuant to the two-class method. Under the terms of the Company's restricted stock awards, grantees are entitled to the right to receive dividends on the unvested portions of their awards. There is no requirement to return these dividends in the event the unvested awards are forfeited in the future. Accordingly, this guidance had an impact on the Company's EPS calculations. The guidance was effective for the Company as of January 1, 2009. All prior period EPS data presented has been adjusted retrospectively to conform to the provisions of this guidance.

Table of Contents**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS****General**

The following is a discussion of the Company's financial condition and liquidity and results of operations. Certain aspects of the Company's business have loss experience characterized as low frequency and high severity. This may result in volatility in both the Company's and an individual segment's results of operations and financial condition.

This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contains forward-looking statements that involve inherent risks and uncertainties. Statements that are not historical facts, including statements about the Company's beliefs and expectations, are forward-looking statements. These statements are based upon current plans, estimates and projections, all of which involve risk and uncertainty. Actual results may differ materially from those included in such forward-looking statements, and therefore undue reliance should not be placed on them. See Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements below for a non-exclusive list of factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement.

This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, and the audited Consolidated Financial Statements and notes thereto, presented under Item 7 and Item 8, respectively, of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Executive Overview

See Executive Overview in Item 7 of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Results of Operations

The following table presents an analysis of the Company's net income available to ordinary shareholders and other financial measures (described below) for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

| | (Unaudited) | |
|---|--------------------|----------------|
| | Three Months Ended | |
| | September 30, | |
| (U.S. dollars and shares in thousands, except per share amounts) | 2009 | 2008 (1) |
| Net income (loss) available to ordinary shareholders | \$ (11,402) | \$ (1,649,024) |
| Earnings (loss) per ordinary share - basic | \$ (0.03) | \$ (6.04) |
| Earnings (loss) per ordinary share - diluted | \$ (0.03) | \$ (6.04) |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares and ordinary share equivalents - basic | 342,118 | 273,084 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares and ordinary share equivalents - diluted | 342,620 | 273,084 |
| Change in fully diluted book value per share (2) | \$ 4.95 | \$ (21.74) |

The following table presents an analysis of the Company's net income available to ordinary shareholders and other financial measures (described below) for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

| | (Unaudited) | |
|---|-------------------|----------------|
| | Nine Months Ended | |
| | September 30, | |
| (U.S. dollars and shares in thousands, except per share amounts) | 2009 | 2008 (1) |
| Net income (loss) available to ordinary shareholders | \$ 246,926 | \$ (1,199,300) |
| Earnings per ordinary share - basic | \$ 0.73 | \$ (5.70) |
| Earnings per ordinary share - diluted | \$ 0.73 | \$ (5.70) |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares and ordinary share equivalents - basic | 339,095 | 210,387 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares and ordinary share equivalents - diluted | 330,349 | 210,387 |
| Change in fully diluted book value per share (2) | \$ 8.38 | \$ (28.64) |

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- (1) Basic and diluted earnings per ordinary share were adjusted for 2008. For further information, see Note 14 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Computation of Earnings per Ordinary Share and Ordinary Share Equivalents.
- (2) Fully diluted book value per ordinary share is a non-GAAP measure and represents book value per ordinary share combined with the impact from dilution of share based compensation including in-the-money stock options at any period end. The Company believes that fully diluted book value per ordinary share is a financial measure important to investors and other interested parties who benefit from having a consistent basis for comparison with other companies within the industry. However, this measure may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by companies either outside or inside of the insurance industry.

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The Company's net income and other financial measures as shown below for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 have been affected by, among other things, the following significant items:

- 1) Impact of credit market movements on the Company's investment portfolio;
- 2) Factors impacting the underwriting environment;
- 3) Favorable prior year reserve development; and
- 4) Redemption of a portion of the Company's Series C Preference Ordinary Shares.

1) Impact of credit market movements on the Company's investment portfolio

During the three months ended September 30, 2009, financial market conditions continued the significant improvement that started in the second quarter.

During the three month period ended September 30, 2009, credit spreads across most classes of fixed maturity investments tightened significantly combined with decreases in global interest rates. The net impact of the market conditions on the Company's investment portfolio for the quarter resulted in a decrease in net unrealized losses on available-for-sale investments of \$1.8 billion. This represents approximately a 3.6% appreciation on average assets for the quarter ended September 30, 2009. For the nine month period ended September 30, 2009, deterioration in the first three months was more than offset by large improvements for the remainder of the year to date. See Item 1A, Risk Factors,

Deterioration in the public debt and equity markets could lead to additional investment losses and We are exposed to significant capital markets risk related to changes in interest rates, credit spreads, equity prices and foreign exchange rates which may adversely affect the Company's results of operations, financial condition or cash flows, in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

The following table provides further detail regarding the current quarter movement in the global credit markets, as well as in government interest rates using some sample market indices:

| | Interest Rate Movement | Credit Spread Movement |
|----------------|--|--|
| | for the quarter ended | for the quarter ended |
| | September 30, 2009 (1) | September 30, 2009 (2) |
| | (+ / - represents an | (+ / - represents a |
| | increase/decreases in interest rates) | widening/narrowing of credit spreads) |
| United States | -24 basis points (5 year Treasury) | - 104 basis points (US Corporate A rated) - 9 basis points (US Agency RMBS, AAA rated) - 273 basis points (US CMBS, AAA rated) |
| United Kingdom | -10 basis points (10 year Gilt) | - 82 basis points (UK Corporate, AA rated) |
| Euro-zone | -9 basis points (5 year Bund) | - 95 basis points (Europe Corporate, A rated) |

(1) Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P.

(2) Source: Merrill Lynch Global Indices

Net realized losses on investments of \$325.5 million in the three months ended September 30, 2009 included net realized losses of approximately \$321.7 million related to the write-down of certain of the Company's fixed income, equity and other investments, where the Company determined that there was an other than temporary decline in the value of those investments. See below for further information.

\$209.5 million in net realized losses related to impairments of medium term notes backed primarily by investment grade European corporate bonds, \$5.6 million of impairments related to the impairments on certain Tier One and Upper Tier Two securities and \$51.1 million related to credit impairments on securities with sub-prime and Alt-A collateral following indications that recovery rates on underlying mortgages were

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lower than previously estimated. The remaining impairment during the third quarter of 2009 was spread across the portfolio including equities, structured credit and other fixed income investments. Consistent with prior quarters, management continues to evaluate the impairment of the portfolio and satisfy itself that the remaining gross unrealized losses are temporary in nature.

2) Factors Impacting the Underwriting Environment

Market concerns around the Company's financial condition continue to dissipate, although market conditions in general remain challenging due to general economic conditions and continuation of soft market pricing, seen over the last year.

Table of Contents**Insurance**

To date, 2009 renewal pricing in the Insurance segment has experienced a modest overall increase of 1% across the entire book as compared to a 6% decrease in rates for the same period a year ago. There has been a steady improvement in pricing throughout the year, resulting in full year increases in specialty lines of 2% and casualty lines of 1% being offset by a decrease of 1% in property lines while professional lines pricing has been flat. The impact of the ratings downgrade by Standard & Poors (S&P) in December 2008 has affected premiums particularly in certain longer tail lines, but this impact has continued to lessen throughout the year. Premium volumes have also been negatively impacted by global economic conditions, which drove ratable exposure bases down and reduced mergers and acquisitions activity. Additionally, the Company has exited certain lines of business and has been exposed to the ongoing efforts of risk managers to reduce concentrations of risk (limits) with all of their insurers. Partially offsetting these negative impacts has been the continued strengthening of retentions broadly in the Insurance segment during the third quarter, in particular in our professional lines and property books, coupled with solid new business growth.

The following table provides an analysis of gross premiums written, net premiums written and net premiums earned for the Insurance segment for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

| | (Unaudited) | | | (Unaudited) | | |
|---|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 | | |
| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Gross Premiums Written | Net Premiums Written | Net Premiums Earned | Gross Premiums Written | Net Premiums Written | Net Premiums Earned |
| Casualty professional lines | \$ 975,088 | \$ 911,130 | \$ 945,737 | \$ 1,076,150 | \$ 981,802 | \$ 1,028,254 |
| Casualty other lines | 772,826 | 463,732 | 492,507 | 1,076,292 | 671,775 | 645,873 |
| Property catastrophe | (30) | 1,758 | 1,758 | (72) | (2,177) | 268 |
| Other property | 519,105 | 262,110 | 325,870 | 765,042 | 411,413 | 390,081 |
| Marine, energy, aviation, and satellite | 508,039 | 402,215 | 431,412 | 594,577 | 472,630 | 480,527 |
| Other specialty lines (1) | 450,046 | 367,045 | 475,332 | 645,832 | 544,907 | 492,337 |
| Other (2) | 9,109 | 5,568 | 14,705 | 18,482 | (23,894) | (20,184) |
| Structured indemnity | 3,460 | 3,460 | 9,630 | 54,808 | 52,004 | 51,336 |
| Total | \$ 3,237,643 | \$ 2,417,018 | \$ 2,696,951 | \$ 4,231,111 | \$ 3,108,460 | \$ 3,068,492 |

(1) Other specialty lines within the Insurance segment includes: environmental, programs, equine, warranty, specie, middle markets, and excess and surplus lines.

(2) Other includes employers liability, surety, political risk and other lines.

Reinsurance

Across the Reinsurance segment, market conditions during the first nine months of 2009 remained stable, with the majority of classes experiencing flat rate movement. US property catastrophe margins improved as rates increased by 11% on an exposure adjusted basis. Non-US catastrophe rates were flat to up 5%, however Asia rates increased 25% following recent loss activity. Non-catastrophe property lines of business showed flat rates for the year to date. Loss activity provided momentum to increase aviation rates by 15% across the sector.

US casualty rates were flat to down 5%, while non-US casualty rates were flat where the market remained disciplined. July 1 is one of the main renewal periods for Latin American business and substantial capacity in the market for most lines, terms and conditions remained firm in the region.

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The following table provides an analysis of gross premiums written, net premiums written and net premiums earned for the Reinsurance segment for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 | | | (Unaudited) Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 | | |
|---|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Gross Premiums Written | Net Premiums Written | Net Premiums Earned | Gross Premiums Written | Net Premiums Written | Net Premiums Earned |
| Casualty professional lines | \$ 146,073 | \$ 146,073 | \$ 156,364 | \$ 205,409 | \$ 205,388 | \$ 194,593 |
| Casualty other lines | 190,567 | 185,197 | 192,896 | 317,083 | 308,310 | 328,581 |
| Property catastrophe | 353,073 | 301,346 | 231,471 | 390,943 | 275,948 | 243,988 |
| Other property | 797,309 | 516,981 | 417,898 | 878,114 | 527,322 | 491,607 |
| Marine, energy, aviation, and satellite | 83,821 | 80,062 | 64,011 | 105,984 | 99,467 | 95,551 |
| Other (1) | 147,741 | 124,631 | 131,519 | 220,827 | 191,410 | 159,129 |
| Structured indemnity | 7,400 | 7,400 | 6,205 | 37,629 | 37,629 | 4,649 |
| Total | \$ 1,725,984 | \$ 1,361,690 | \$ 1,200,364 | \$ 2,155,989 | \$ 1,645,474 | \$ 1,518,098 |

(1) Other includes employers liability, surety, political risk and other lines.

3) *Favorable prior year reserve development*

The Company incurred net favorable prior year reserve development in property and casualty operations for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2009 of \$74.3 million and \$254.0 million, respectively, compared to \$92.8 million and \$342.4 million, respectively, for the same periods in 2008. Reinsurance segment favorable development for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2009 accounted for \$65.9 million and \$204.5 million, respectively, of the favorable development in 2009, with the balance from the Insurance segment. For further details see the segment results in *Income Statement Analysis* below.

4) *Redemption of a portion of the Company's Series C Preference Ordinary Shares*

On March 26, 2009, the Company completed a cash tender offer for its outstanding Series C Preference Ordinary Shares that resulted in approximately 12.7 million Series C Preference Ordinary Shares with a liquidation value of \$317.3 million being purchased by the Company for approximately \$104.7 million plus accrued and unpaid dividends, combined with professional fees totaling \$0.8 million. As a result, a book value gain to ordinary shareholders of approximately \$211.8 million was recorded.

Financial Measures

The following are some of the financial measures management considers important in evaluating the Company's operating performance:

| (U.S. dollars and shares in thousands, except ratios and per share amounts) | (Unaudited) Three Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|--|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Underwriting profit (loss) property and casualty operations | \$ 88,279 | \$ (95,392) |
| Combined ratio property and casualty operations | 93.2% | 106.3% |
| Net investment income property and casualty operations (1) | \$ 211,781 | \$ 293,109 |
| Annualized return on average shareholders equity | (0.6)% | NM* |

* NM not meaningful

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| (U.S. dollars and shares in thousands, except ratios and per share amounts) | (Unaudited) Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|---|------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Underwriting profit property and casualty operations | \$ 281,570 | \$ 140,820 |
| Combined ratio property and casualty operations | 92.8% | 96.9% |
| Net investment income property and casualty operations (1) | \$ 672,437 | \$ 899,278 |
| Annualized return on average shareholders equity | 5.0% | NM* |

| | (Unaudited) September 30, | |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------|
| | 2009 | December 31, 2008 |
| Book value per ordinary share | \$ 23.88 | \$ 15.46 |
| Fully diluted book value per ordinary share (2) | \$ 23.84 | \$ 15.46 |

- (1) Net investment income relating to property and casualty operations does not include the net investment income related to the net results from structured products.
- (2) Fully diluted book value per ordinary share is a non-GAAP measure and represents book value per ordinary share combined with the impact from dilution of share based compensation including in-the-money stock options at any period end. The Company believes that fully diluted book value per ordinary share is a financial measure important to investors and other interested parties who benefit from having a consistent basis for comparison with other companies within the industry. However, this measure may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by companies either outside or inside of the insurance industry.

* NM not meaningful

Underwriting profit property and casualty operations

One way that the Company evaluates the performance of its insurance and reinsurance operations is the underwriting profit or loss. The Company does not measure performance based on the amount of gross premiums written. Underwriting profit or loss is calculated from premiums earned and fee income, less net losses incurred and expenses related to underwriting activities, plus unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses on underwriting balances. Underwriting profit in the nine month period ended September 30, 2009 is primarily reflective of the combined ratio discussed below.

Combined ratio property and casualty operations

The combined ratio for property and casualty operations is used by the Company and many other insurance and reinsurance companies as another measure of underwriting profitability. The combined ratio is calculated from the net losses incurred and underwriting expenses as a ratio of the net premiums earned for the Company's insurance and reinsurance operations. A combined ratio of less than 100% indicates an underwriting profit and greater than 100% reflects an underwriting loss. The Company's combined ratio for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, is slightly lower than the same period in the previous year, primarily as a result of a decrease in the loss and loss expense ratio, partially offset by an increase in the underwriting expense ratio. The loss and loss expense ratio has declined as a result of lower levels of catastrophe losses in both the insurance and reinsurance segments and lower current year professional lines losses in the insurance segment partially offset by larger prior year reserve releases reported in 2008. The increased underwriting expense ratio has been driven largely by increases in operating expenses against lower net premiums earned. Operating expenses increased mainly as a result of the Company's restructuring activities as described further below.

Net investment income property and casualty operations

Net investment income related to property and casualty operations is an important measure that affects the Company's overall profitability. The largest liability of the Company relates to its unpaid loss reserves, and the Company's investment portfolio provides liquidity for claims settlements of these reserves as they become due. Thus, a significant part of the portfolio is invested in fixed income securities. Net investment income is influenced by a number of factors, including the amounts and timing of inward and outward cash flows, the level of interest rates and credit spreads and changes in overall asset allocation. Net investment income related to property and casualty operations decreased by \$226.8 million during the first nine months of 2009 as compared to same period in the prior year. Overall, portfolio yields have decreased because the portfolio mix has changed as a result of the settlement of the Company's GIC liabilities during 2008. The property and casualty operations assumed a number of the floating rate securities that previously supported this business, which are more sensitive to the year-on-year decline in U.S. dollar short-term interest rates. In addition, the Company increased its allocation to lower yielding U.S. Treasuries, cash and agencies as a result of the continued de-risking of the portfolio and to increase liquidity.

Book value per ordinary share

Management also views the change in the Company's book value per ordinary share as an additional measure of the Company's performance. Book value per share is calculated by dividing ordinary shareholders' equity by the number of outstanding ordinary shares at any period end. Book value per ordinary share is affected primarily by the Company's net income (loss), by any changes in the net unrealized gains and losses on its investment portfolio, currency translation adjustments and also the impact of any share repurchase or issuance activity. Book value per ordinary share increased by \$8.38 in the first nine months of 2009 as compared to a decrease of \$28.64 in the first nine months of 2008. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, there was a decrease in net unrealized losses of \$2.1 billion, net of tax. Although there was significant quarter-to-quarter volatility, in aggregate the impact of tightening credit spreads combined with the benefit from declining interest rates resulted in overall increased book value. Book value was further increased by the issuance of 11,461,080 shares issued at \$65.0 per share upon the maturity of the purchase contracts associated with the 7.0% Units, as such issuance was accretive to book value. In addition, book value per ordinary share increased as a result of net income available to ordinary shareholders of \$246.9 million which included a \$211.8 million gain associated with the purchase of a portion of the Company's Series C Preference Ordinary Shares.

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Annualized return on average ordinary shareholders' equity

Annualized return on average ordinary shareholder's equity (ROE) is another financial measure that management considers important in evaluating the Company's operating performance. ROE is calculated by dividing the net income for any period by the average of the opening and closing ordinary shareholders' equity. The Company establishes minimum target ROEs for its total operations, segments and lines of business. If the Company's minimum ROE targets over the longer term are not met with respect to any line of business, the Company seeks to modify and/or exit these lines. In addition, the Company's compensation of its senior officers is significantly dependent on the achievement of the Company's performance goals to enhance shareholder value as measured by ROE (adjusted for certain items considered to be non-operating in nature). For the first nine months of 2009, ROE was 13.7%, significantly higher than the same period in the prior year when it was negative, mainly as a result of the closing of the Master Agreement in August 2008 as described above. Shareholders' equity increased over the past twelve months mainly as a result of the decreases in unrealized losses on investments and favorable foreign exchange translation adjustments during this period.

Other Key Focuses of Management

See the discussion of the Other Key Focuses of Management in Item 7 of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008. That discussion is updated with the disclosures set forth below.

Throughout the latter part of 2008 and into 2009, the Company remains focused on, among other things, simplifying the Company's business model to focus on core property and casualty business and enhancing its enterprise risk management capabilities. Details relating to these initiatives are highlighted below.

Simplify the Company's Business Model and Enhance Risk Management

In relation to these objectives, certain initiatives that have taken place or are underway include the following:

Focus on P&C Businesses: As previously announced, the Company is focusing on those lines of business within its Insurance and Reinsurance segments that provide the best return on capital. As such, the Company will continue to be highly selective on new business, emphasize short-tail lines, where applicable, in the Company's Reinsurance segment, exit other businesses (e.g., Casualty facultative business), and non-renew certain insurance programs. In addition, the Company completed a strategic review of its Life reinsurance business. In connection therewith, the Company announced that it sold renewal rights to a portion of its European life, accident and health reinsurance business, a relatively small block of business, and it will run-off its existing book of U.K. and Irish life and annuity business. In addition, during July 2009, the Company entered into an agreement to sell its U.S. life reinsurance business. The transaction is expected to close during the fourth quarter of 2009, subject to regulatory approvals and standard closing conditions.

Enterprise Risk Management: The Company is focused on enhancing its risk management capabilities throughout all facets of its operations. This initiative is led by the Company's Chief Enterprise Risk Officer and is supported by, among others, the Company's Enterprise Risk Management Committee (the ERM Committee) comprised of the most senior risk takers and managers of the Company. The ERM Committee will continue to assist with the efficient identification, assessment, monitoring and reporting of key risks across the Company.

Simplify Investment Portfolio Over Time: The Company has continued to reposition the Company's investment portfolio to one that supports a P&C focused operation so that a) book value volatility, particularly related to credit spreads arising from the portfolio, is reduced, b) a reduction in lower rated corporate securities and financial issuers is achieved, c) exposure to CMBS is reduced and d) a reduction in asset classes such as sub-prime, Alt-A and Core CDO's previously supporting the guaranteed investment contract and funding agreement businesses is achieved. Realignment will be achieved primarily through cash generated from bond maturities and coupon reinvestment, cash flow from business operations as well as certain opportunistic sales.

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During the fourth quarter of 2008, the Company announced a charge on its investment portfolio for OTTI of \$400.0 million in relation to impaired assets that it could no longer assert its intent to hold until recovery. During the first nine months of 2009, the Company has substantively completed the sales associated with this charge. These actions, combined with sales of securities at realized gains and natural cash flows and maturities from the portfolio, had the effect of reducing the Company's exposure to the previously mentioned asset classes, and alternative investments, by \$4.0 billion during the first nine months of 2009.

Reduction of Expenses to Reflect Simplified Business: In light of the changes in business strategy noted above and in response to the significant market and other events which impacted the Company throughout 2008, the Company implemented in the third quarter of 2008, and subsequently in the first quarter of 2009, expense reduction initiatives designed to streamline certain of its processes and functions and reduce the Company's expense across all major geographic locations, with primary emphasis on corporate functions. In 2009, the Company expects to record a total of \$2.7 million of restructuring charges associated with the restructuring efforts announced in the third quarter of 2008 and approximately \$73.9 million associated with the restructuring efforts announced in the first quarter of 2009. Restructuring charges relate mainly to employee termination benefits as well as costs associated with ceasing to use certain leased property accounted for as operating leases. For further details see Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Restructuring and Asset Impairment Charges .

Capital Management

Fundamental to supporting the Company's business model is its ability to underwrite business, which is largely dependent upon the quality of its claims paying and financial strength ratings as evaluated by independent rating agencies. As a result, in the event that the Company is further downgraded, its ability to write business, as well as its financial condition and/or results of operations, could be adversely affected. See Item 1, Business Ratings in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 for further information regarding recent rating actions by the various rating agencies, as well as details regarding the Company's financial strength and debt ratings.

In relation to the Company's capital position, the following activities have occurred in 2009:

On March 26, 2009, the Company completed a cash tender offer for its outstanding Series C Preference Ordinary Shares that resulted in approximately 12.7 million Series C Preference Ordinary Shares with a liquidation value of \$317.3 million being purchased by the Company for approximately \$104.7 million plus accrued and unpaid dividends, combined with professional fees totaling \$0.8 million. As a result, a book value gain of approximately \$211.8 million was recorded in the first quarter of 2009 to ordinary shareholders.

In February 2009, the Board of Directors approved a reduction in the quarterly dividend payable on the Company's Class A Ordinary Shares to \$0.10 per ordinary share beginning with the quarterly dividend paid in March 2009.

Following the settlement of the purchase contracts associated with the 7.0% Units in February 2009, the Company issued 11,461,080 Shares for net proceeds of approximately \$745.0 million, which was used to retire the senior notes previously due February 2011 which had a fixed coupon of 5.25% (the 2011 Senior Notes).

Catastrophe Risk Management

The Company manages its limits to a catastrophe risk from any single loss in a given region/peril at a 1% exceedance probability. Tier 1 limits which include natural catastrophe, terrorism and other realistic disaster scenario risks are targeted at a level not to exceed 15% of beginning of the year tangible shareholders' equity (adjusted, in 2009, for the issuance of Class A ordinary shares following maturity of the purchase contracts associated with the 7.0% Units for further information see Notes 9 and 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements above), where Tier 2 limits, which include pandemic, longevity, and country risk, are established at no more than half of Tier 1 limits. These target limits are established by a combination of commercially available models, internally developed probable maximum loss estimates and the judgment of management.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

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See the discussion of the Company's Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates in Item 7 of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

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At times, the Company has utilized variable interest entities (VIEs) both indirectly and directly in the ordinary course of the Company's business. The Company invests in CDOs, and other investment vehicles that are issued through VIEs as part of the Company's investment portfolio. The activities of these VIEs are generally limited to holding the underlying collateral used to service investments therein. Our involvement in these entities is passive in nature and we are not the arranger of these entities. The Company has not been involved in establishing these entities. The Company is not the primary beneficiary of these VIEs under paragraph 14 of ASC 810-10, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities (ASC 810-10).

In addition, the Company has utilized variable interest entities in certain instances as a means of accessing contingent capital. The Company has utilized unconsolidated entities in the formation of contingent capital facilities. The Company's interests in Stoneheath represents an interest in a variable interest entity under ASC 810-10, however, the Company is not the primary beneficiary under paragraph 14 of that guidance. Given that there are no contractual requirements or intentions to enter into additional variable interests in this entity; management considers the likelihood of consolidating Stoneheath in the future to be remote. For further information, see Note 18 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Segment Results for the three months ended September 30, 2009 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2008

Following a streamlining of the Company's operating segments in the first quarter of 2009, the Company is organized into three operating segments: Insurance, Reinsurance and Life Operations in addition to a Corporate segment that includes the general investment and financing operations of the Company.

The Company evaluates the performance for both the Insurance and Reinsurance segments based on underwriting profit and contribution from its Life Operations segment. Other items of revenue and expenditure of the Company are not evaluated at the segment level for reporting purposes. In addition, the Company does not allocate investment assets by segment for its property and casualty (P&C) operations. Investment assets related to the Company's Life Operations and certain structured products included in the Insurance, Reinsurance and Corporate segments are held in separately identified portfolios. As such, net investment income from these assets is included in the contribution from each of these segments.

Income Statement Analysis**Insurance**

Insurance business written includes risk management, professional and other specialty lines. Risk management products comprise global property and casualty insurance programs for large multinational companies, including excess and umbrella liability, products recall, U.S. workers' compensation, property catastrophe, and primary property and liability coverages. Specialty lines products include the following lines of business: environmental liability, aviation and satellite, marine and offshore energy insurance, fine art and specie, equine and other insurance coverages including program business. In addition, certain structured indemnity products previously structured by the XL Financial Solutions (XLFS) business, are included within the results of the Insurance segment, covering a range of insurance risks including property and casualty insurance, certain types of residual value exposures and other market risk management products.

The following table summarizes the underwriting results for this segment:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | |
| | 2009 | 2008 | % Change |
| Gross premiums written | \$ 1,022,178 | \$ 1,213,991 | (15.8)% |
| Net premiums written | 818,244 | 839,788 | (2.6)% |
| Net premiums earned | 905,350 | 1,041,740 | (13.1)% |
| Net losses and loss expenses | 630,324 | 830,789 | (24.1)% |
| Acquisition costs | 107,008 | 112,175 | (4.6)% |
| Operating expenses | 155,645 | 168,047 | (7.4)% |

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|---------------------------------|------------|-------------|-----|
| Underwriting profit | \$ 12,373 | \$ (69,271) | NM* |
| Net fee income and other (1) | \$ (5,894) | \$ (1,980) | NM* |
| Net results structured products | \$ 3,852 | \$ (14,591) | NM* |

(1) Net fee income and other includes operating expenses from the Company's loss prevention consulting services business.

* NM not meaningful

Gross premiums written decreased by 15.8% during the three months ended September 30, 2009 compared with the three months ended September 30, 2008. The decrease was seen across all lines of business, except professional lines, due to a combination of factors including poor market and economic conditions impacting retention and new business opportunities, strategic decisions to exit specific lines of business and two managing general agency (MGA) contracts, fewer long term agreements and unfavorable foreign exchange rate impacts. As 2009 has progressed both retentions and new business volume have seen quarter to quarter improvement.

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The increase in professional lines relates largely to US and European new business written in the third quarter, as well as retention ratios that were closer to historical levels. The decrease in casualty lines was driven primarily by lower retentions, a reduction in long term agreements and changes in terms and conditions. The decrease in specialty lines relates primarily to the decision to eliminate specific lines of business and two MGA contracts, partially offset by new business written in aerospace lines. Gross premiums written in property lines decreased both in Europe and the US due to lower retentions and a reduction in long term agreements, partially offset by new business opportunities.

Net premiums written decreased by 2.6% during the third quarter of 2009 as compared to same period in 2008 primarily as a result of the decrease in gross premiums written noted above, offset by the favorable effect of the timing of the renewal of ceded property treaties.

Net premiums earned decreased by 13.1% in the three month period ended September 30, 2009 compared with the three month period ended September 30, 2008. The decrease primarily resulted from the earn-out of overall lower net premiums written in the past twelve months.

The following table presents the ratios for this segment:

| | (Unaudited) Three Months Ended September 30, | |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Loss and loss expense ratio | 69.6% | 79.8% |
| Underwriting expense ratio | 29.0% | 26.8% |
| Combined ratio | 98.6% | 106.6% |

The loss and loss expense ratio includes net losses incurred for both the current year and any favorable or adverse prior year development of loss and loss expense reserves held at the beginning of the year. The following table summarizes the net (favorable) adverse prior year development relating to the Insurance segment for the three month periods ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

| (U.S. dollars in millions) | (Unaudited) Three Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|--|-----------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Property | \$ (23.1) | \$ (11.4) |
| Casualty and professional | 12.1 | 3.9 |
| Specialty and other | 2.6 | (2.6) |
| Structured indemnity | | 5.0 |
| Total | \$ (8.4) | \$ (5.1) |
| Loss and loss expense ratio excluding prior year development | 70.5% | 80.2% |
| Loss and loss expense ratio excluding catastrophe losses and prior year development | 68.9% | 73.7% |

Excluding prior year development, the loss ratio for the three months ended September 30, 2009 decreased by 9.7 loss percentage points as compared to the same period in 2008 due primarily to lower levels of large property risk and catastrophe losses occurring in the third quarter of 2009 and the impact of anticipated sub prime and credit related loss activity in 2008 partially offset by lower premium rate levels in certain lines.

Net favorable prior year development in the quarter ending September 30, 2009 totaled \$8.4 million. The corresponding development in the prior year quarter was \$5.1 million favorable.

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For property lines, net prior year development during the third quarter of 2009 was \$23.1 million favorable largely as a result of a lower than expected level of attritional claims across general property, energy and construction mostly from the European book of business.

For casualty lines, net prior year development during the third quarter of 2009 was \$8.2 million unfavorable due to an increase in unallocated loss adjustment expenses for primary and excess casualty.

For professional lines, net prior year development during the third quarter of 2009 was \$3.9 million unfavorable, primarily related to case reserve movements within US Errors and Omissions on both large and attritional losses.

For specialty lines, net prior year development during the third quarter is \$2.6 million unfavorable relating to adverse incurred loss movements on mature discontinued lines with limited case and incurred but not reported reserve.

The increase in the underwriting expense ratio in the three months ended September 30, 2009, compared to the same period in 2008 was due to an increase in the acquisition expense ratio of 1.0 points (11.8% as compared to 10.8%) combined with an increase in the operating expense ratio of 1.2 points (17.2% as compared to 16.0%). The increase in the acquisition expense ratio was primarily

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as a result of changes in the mix of business. Operating expenses incurred in the third quarter of 2009 decreased by \$12.4 million over the third quarter of 2008 as a result of the expense reduction initiatives announced in the third quarter of 2008 and first quarter of 2009, however the ratio increased due to a proportionately larger decrease in net premium earned.

Fee income decreased in the third quarter of 2009 as compared to the third quarter of 2008 primarily driven by a decline in engineering fees in property lines, coupled with other expenses related to professional lines due to certain costs associated with the National Indemnity facility entered into in June 2009.

Net results from structured insurance products include certain structured indemnity contracts that are accounted for as deposit contracts. Net results from these contracts for the three months ended September 30, 2009 increased compared to the same period in 2008 mainly due to lower operating expenses in the current quarter and unfavorable reserve development on a deposit contract in the prior year quarter.

Reinsurance

Reinsurance business written includes treaty and facultative reinsurance assumed from primary insurers of casualty and property risks, principally: general liability; professional liability; automobile and workers compensation; commercial and personal property risks; specialty risks including fidelity and surety and ocean marine; property catastrophe; property excess of loss; property pro-rata; marine and energy; aviation and satellite; and various other reinsurance to insurers on a worldwide basis. In addition, the results of certain transactions previously structured by XLFS that were generally written on an aggregate stop loss or excess of loss basis are included within the results of the Reinsurance segment.

The following table summarizes the underwriting results for this segment:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | |
| | 2009 | 2008 | % Change |
| Gross premiums written | \$ 562,031 | \$ 685,984 | (18.1)% |
| Net premiums written | 376,875 | 418,126 | (9.9)% |
| Net premiums earned | 388,529 | 483,283 | (19.6)% |
| Net losses and loss expenses | 187,914 | 378,776 | (50.4)% |
| Acquisition costs | 81,971 | 79,205 | 3.5% |
| Operating expenses | 42,738 | 51,423 | (16.9)% |
| Underwriting profit | \$ 75,906 | \$ (26,121) | NM* |
| Net fee income and other (1) | 578 | 7,606 | NM* |
| Net results structured products | \$ 7,729 | \$ 7,699 | 0.4% |

(1) Net fee income and other includes operating expenses from the Company's loss prevention consulting services business.

* NM not meaningful

Gross premiums written decreased by 18.1% in the third quarter of 2009 as compared to the third quarter of 2008. The decrease is a result of the Company's focus on short-tail lines, cancellations and lost shares on certain accounts particularly in the North American property and casualty lines, lower premiums on the US agricultural program due to lower commodity prices and the exiting of the XLFS structured indemnity business in the third quarter of 2008. Partially offsetting these decreases were rate increases in certain lines of business including property catastrophe, marine and aviation lines.

Ceded premiums written decreased by 30.9% in the third quarter of 2009 as compared to the same quarter of the 2008 primarily due to the premium decrease related to the US agricultural program noted above which is largely retroceded and the cancellation and non-renewal of Cyrus Re II at December 31, 2008. Cyrus Re II previously assumed a 10% cession of certain lines of property catastrophe reinsurance and retrocession business underwritten by certain operating subsidiaries of the Company.

Net premiums written decreased by 9.9% in the third quarter of 2009 as compared to the same quarter of the prior year due to the decrease in gross premiums and the decrease in ceded premiums, both explained above.

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Net premiums earned in the third quarter of 2009 decreased by 19.6% as compared to the third quarter of 2008. The decrease was a reflection of the overall reduction of net premiums written over the last 24 months.

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The following table presents the ratios for this segment:

| | (Unaudited) Three Months Ended September 30, | |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Loss and loss expense ratio | 48.4% | 78.4% |
| Underwriting expense ratio | 32.1% | 27.0% |
| Combined ratio | 80.5% | 105.4% |

The loss and loss expense ratio includes net losses incurred for both the current year and any favorable or adverse prior year development of loss and loss expense reserves held at the beginning of the year. The following table summarizes the net (favorable) adverse prior year development relating to the Reinsurance segment for the three month periods ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

| | (Unaudited) Three Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|--|------------------|
| (U.S. dollars in millions) | 2009 | 2008 |
| Property and other short-tail lines | \$ (30.5) | \$ (26.4) |
| Casualty and other | (35.4) | (61.3) |
| Total | \$ (65.9) | \$ (87.7) |
| Loss and loss expense ratio excluding prior year development | 65.3% | 96.5% |
| Loss and loss expense ratio excluding catastrophe losses and prior year development | 61.2% | 66.4% |

Excluding prior year development, the loss ratio for the three months ended September 30, 2009 decreased by 31.2 loss percentage points as compared to the same period in 2008 with 30.1 loss ratio points attributable primarily to the impact of catastrophe losses occurring in 2008 compared to the third quarter of 2009 (4.1 points), including Hailstorm Wolfgang and Sumatra Earthquake/Tsunami and Typhoon Ketsana. 2008 catastrophes included losses related to Hurricanes Ike & Gustav and Hailstorm Detmold.

Net favorable prior year development for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 totaled \$65.9 million. This represents less than 1% of the beginning net reserve. Gross prior year development was \$70.7 million favorable for the same period.

Net favorable prior year development of \$30.5 million for the short-tailed lines in the quarter and details of these by specific lines are as follows:

\$14.1 million in favorable property catastrophe development due to reported losses coming in better than expected for 2005 European floods and Windstorm Erwin and for underwriting years 2007 and 2008.

\$15.5 million in favorable property other development due to reported losses coming in better than expected across most underwriting years.

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No material changes for marine and aviation lines as losses generally developed as expected in the quarter.

Net favorable prior year development of \$35.4 million for the long-tailed lines in the quarter and details of these by specific lines are as follows:

\$18.6 million in favorable development primarily for US and European professional portfolios. The US portfolio had favorable development of \$8.6 million mainly due to favorable emergence in D&O non-proportional exposures in underwriting years 2003 through 2005. The European portfolio had releases of \$10.0 million from the reduction in the market loss estimate on Enron combined with better than expected Professional Indemnity attritional activity for underwriting years 2006 and prior.

\$10.6 million in releases for the other lines mainly from Latin America due to favorable emergence of Surety exposures and reserve reduction from underwriting year 2007.

\$7.1 million in favorable casualty development due to net favorable development related primarily to the reinsurance-to-close of the 2006 year of account.

The increase in the underwriting expense ratio in the three months ended September 30, 2009, as compared with the three months ended September 30, 2008, of 5.1 points (32.1% as compared to 27.0%) was due to an increase in the operating expense ratio of 0.4 points (11.0% as compared to 10.6%) and an increase in the acquisition expense ratio of 4.7 points (21.1% as compared to 16.4%). The increase in the operating expense ratio was primarily as a result of higher operating expenses due to charges associated with the Company's restructuring activities, against a lower level of net premiums earned. The increase in the acquisition expense ratio was primarily as a result of changes in the mix of business combined with higher profit-related commissions.

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Net results from structured reinsurance products include certain structured indemnity contracts that are accounted for as deposit contracts. Results from these products for the three months ended September 30, 2009 increased slightly compared to the same period in 2008 mainly due to lower operating expenses and favorable development in the liability interest rate hedges partially offset by adverse loss experience in the current quarter.

Life Operations

As noted above, the Company completed a strategic review of its Life reinsurance business which resulted in the Company selling the renewal rights to a portion of its European life, accident and health reinsurance business, a relatively small block of business, as well as ceasing to write new U.K. and Irish life and annuity business. In July 2009, the Company entered into an agreement to sell its U.S. life reinsurance business. The transaction is expected to close during the fourth quarter of 2009, subject to regulatory approvals and standard closing conditions. Business previously written by the Life Operations segment was primarily European life reinsurance and included term assurances, group life, critical illness cover, immediate annuities, disability income cover, and short-term life, accident and health business.

The following summarizes the contribution from this segment:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | |
| | 2009 | 2008 | % Change |
| Gross premiums written | \$ 156,870 | \$ 156,148 | 0.5% |
| Net premiums written | 146,941 | 145,741 | 0.8% |
| Net premiums earned | 151,840 | 169,608 | (10.5)% |
| Claims and policy benefits | 185,067 | 199,861 | (7.4)% |
| Acquisition costs | 23,867 | 25,499 | (6.4)% |
| Operating expenses | 5,903 | 7,864 | (24.9)% |
| Fee income and other | 62 | 75 | (17.3)% |
| Net investment income | 88,788 | 102,636 | (13.5)% |
| Net realized (losses) gains on investments | (5,393) | (29,167) | NM* |
| Contribution from Life Operations | \$ 20,460 | \$ 9,928 | NM* |

* NM Not meaningful

The following table is an analysis of the Life Operations gross premiums written, net premiums written and net premiums earned for the three month periods ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) | | | (Unaudited) | | |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 | | | Three Months Ended September 30, 2008 | | |
| | Gross Premiums Written | Net Premiums Written | Net Premiums Earned | Gross Premiums Written | Net Premiums Written | Net Premiums Earned |
| Other Life | \$ 114,414 | \$ 112,140 | \$ 117,037 | \$ 107,809 | \$ 106,076 | \$ 129,943 |
| Annuity | 42,456 | 34,801 | 34,803 | 48,339 | 39,665 | 39,665 |
| Total | \$ 156,870 | \$ 146,941 | \$ 151,840 | \$ 156,148 | \$ 145,741 | \$ 169,608 |

Gross premiums written relating to other life business increased by \$6.6 million in the three months ended September 30 2009 as compared to the same period in 2008. The increase is mainly driven by new business volumes in the term assurance treaties, partially offset by unfavorable

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foreign exchange rate movements. Ceded premiums written for other life business increased by \$0.5 million mainly as a result of short term life accident and health business, for which any residual 2009 renewals have been 100% retroceded in line with the sale of the renewal rights. There is also some impact from US business as more policies are above the retention. Gross premiums written relating to annuity business decreased by \$5.9 million in the three months ended September 30, 2009, mainly due to negative exchange rate movements. Ceded premiums written for annuities also decreased slightly by \$1.0 million, again due to exchange rate movements.

Net premiums earned in the third quarter of 2009 decreased 10.5% as compared to the third quarter of 2008. This decrease was consistent with the decrease in gross and net premiums written as described above, albeit impacted by the sale of the renewal rights to the European life, accident and health reinsurance business.

Claims and policy benefits decreased by \$14.8 million or 7.4% in the three months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2008, primarily as a result of favorable foreign exchange rate movements of \$12.9 million,

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combined with a decrease in incurred losses associated with the short-term life, accident and health business. Changes in claims and policy benefits include the movement in policy benefit reserves related to other contracts (such as immediate annuities) where investment assets were acquired with the assumption of the policy benefit reserves at the inception of the contract.

For the three months ended September 30, 2009, acquisition costs decreased by 6.4% as compared to the same period in 2008, largely as a result of a decrease in business written associated with the short-term life, accident and health business combined with favorable foreign exchange rate movements. Operating expenses decreased by 24.9% in the third quarter of 2009 as compared to the same period in the prior year due mainly to corporate expenses which have not been allocated to life business in 2009. There are also impacts from lower compensation expenses as a result of overall lower staffing levels as well as from favorable foreign exchange rate movements in the third quarter of 2009.

Net investment income is included in the calculation of contribution from Life Operations, as it relates to income earned on portfolios of separately identified and managed life investment assets and other allocated assets. Net investment income decreased by \$13.8 million or 13.5% in the three months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the same period in 2008, primarily as a result of lower investment yields, combined with foreign exchange movements offset by additional capital allocated to life operations.

See below for an analysis of the Company's total realized losses on investments during the three months ended September 30, 2009.

Investment Activities

The following table illustrates the change in net investment income from property and casualty operations, net income from investment fund affiliates, net realized (losses) gains on investments and net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investment derivative instruments for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | |
| | 2009 | 2008 | % Change |
| Net investment income property and casualty operations (1) | \$ 211,781 | \$ 293,109 | (27.7)% |
| Net income (loss) from investment fund affiliates (2) | 42,288 | (54,886) | NM* |
| Net realized (losses) gains on investments (3) | (325,520) | (292,903) | 11.1% |
| Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investment related and other derivative instruments | (9,133) | (58,454) | NM* |

- (1) Net investment income relating to property and casualty operations does not include the net investment income related to the net results from structured products.
- (2) The Company records the income related to alternative fund affiliates on a one month lag and the private investment fund affiliates on a three month lag in order for the Company to meet the accelerated filing deadlines.
- (3) Results up to March 31, 2009 include charges for OTTI related to the non-credit component of unrealized losses. From April 1, 2009, the non-credit component is excluded from realized losses.

* NM Not meaningful

Net investment income related to property and casualty operations declined in the third quarter of 2009 as compared to the third quarter of 2008 due primarily to declining portfolio yields. Portfolio yields decreased as yields earned on investment of cash flows and reinvestment of maturing or sold securities were generally lower than on securities previously held, as prevailing market interest rates, particularly in the U.S., decreased over the last year. In addition, the Company increased its holdings in lower-yielding cash, government and agency securities in connection with its portfolio de-risking efforts and to increase liquidity, and as a result of an allocation to floating rate securities previously supporting the GIC and funding agreement businesses which are sensitive to declines in short-term U.S. dollar interest rates.

Net income from investment fund affiliates increased in the third quarter of 2009 compared to the third quarter of 2008, due primarily to strong results from the Company's alternative funds compared to a significant loss in the same period of 2008, as well as strong results from the Company's private funds.

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The Company manages its investment grade fixed income securities using an asset/liability management framework. Due to the unique nature of the underlying liabilities, customized benchmarks are used to measure investment performance and comparison to standard market indices is not meaningful. Investment performance is not monitored for certain assets primarily consisting of operating cash and special regulatory deposits. The following is a summary of the investment portfolio returns for the fixed income portfolios and other portfolios for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

| | (Unaudited) Three Months Ended September 30, | |
|-----------------------------------|--|----------|
| | 2009 (1) | 2008 (1) |
| Fixed Income portfolios | | |
| USD fixed income portfolio | 4.7% | (3.7)% |
| GBP fixed income portfolio | 9.9% | (0.9)% |
| EUR fixed income portfolio | 5.9% | (0.4)% |
| Other portfolios | | |
| Alternative portfolio (2) | 5.2% | (4.2)% |
| Equity portfolio | 5.5% | (18.7)% |
| High-Yield fixed income portfolio | 12.4% | (5.8)% |

(1) Portfolio returns are calculated by dividing the sum of net investment income or net income from investment affiliates, realized gains (losses) and unrealized gains (losses) by the average market value of each portfolio. Performance is measured in either the underlying asset currency or the functional currency.

(2) Performance on the alternative portfolio reflects the three months ended August 31, 2009 and August 31, 2008, respectively.

Net Realized Gains and Losses and Other than Temporary Impairments in the Value of Investments

Net realized losses for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 can be summarized as follows:

| | (Unaudited) Three Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|--|--------------|
| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | 2009 | 2008 |
| Net realized gains (losses) on investments sold | \$ (3,829) | \$ (40,284) |
| Other-than-temporary impairments on investments | (459,344) | (252,619) |
| Other-than-temporary impairments on investments transferred to other comprehensive income | 137,653 | |
| Net impact from other-than-temporary impairments | (321,691) | (252,619) |
| Net realized gains (losses) on investments | \$ (325,520) | \$ (292,903) |

For the quarter ended September 30, 2009, the Company recorded net impairment charges of \$321.7 million. The significant assumptions and inputs associated with these securities consist of:

For corporate securities excluding medium term notes, the Company recorded net impairments totaling \$12.5 million. The impairment charges consisted of below-investment grade securities, where the Company believes the current fair value is representative of likely recoveries following default, below-investment grade hybrids, where the Company considered impairment factors consistent with an equity impairment model, along with a debt impairment model, and accordingly recorded impairment charges to fair value, or securities in an unrealized loss position that management intends to sell.

In addition the Company recorded impairments totaling \$209.5 million in relation to medium term notes backed primarily by investment grade European corporate bonds. Management has concluded that, following recent credit spread movements during 2009, future yields within the

supporting collateral were not sufficient to support the previously reported amortized cost.

For structured credit securities, the Company recorded net impairments of \$89.5 million. The Company determined that the likely recovery on these securities was below the carrying value, and accordingly impaired the securities to the discounted value of the cash flows of these securities, or in certain instances fair value to the extent that the fair value was believed to be more representative of recoverable value given the extreme illiquidity within structured credit markets.

For equity securities, the Company recorded net impairments of \$10.2 million.

Of the OTTI, there were no charges related to changes of intent-to-hold.

The Company's process for identifying declines in the fair value of investments that are other than temporary involves consideration of several factors. These primary factors include: (i) the time period during which there has been a significant decline in value; (ii) an analysis of the liquidity, business prospects and overall financial condition of the issuer; (iii) the significance of the decline; (iv) an analysis of the collateral structure and other credit support, as applicable, of the securities in question; (v) expected future interest rate movements; and (vi) the Company's intent and ability to hold the investment for a sufficient period of time for the value to recover. Where the Company's analysis of the above factors results in the conclusion that declines in fair values are other than temporary, the cost of the security is written down to fair value and the previously unrealized loss is therefore realized in the period such determination is made.

Table of Contents**Net Realized and Unrealized Gains and Losses on Derivatives**

Net realized and unrealized gains on investment derivatives for the three months ended September 30, 2009 resulted from the Company's investment strategy to manage interest rate risk, foreign exchange risk and credit risk, and to replicate permitted investments. For further information see Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Derivative Instruments .

Other Revenues and Expenses

The following table sets forth other revenues and expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) Three Months Ended September 30, | | % Change |
|---|--|----------------|----------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | |
| Net income (loss) from operating affiliates (1) | \$ 23,027 | \$ (1,404,299) | NM* |
| Exchange (gains) losses | (16,843) | (139,467) | NM* |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 465 | 1,386 | (66.5)% |
| Corporate operating expenses | 14,955 | 61,656 | (75.7)% |
| Interest expense (2) | 43,250 | 51,277 | (15.7)% |
| Income tax expense | 3,616 | 47,843 | NM* |

(1) The Company generally records the income related to certain operating affiliates on a three month lag.

(2) Interest expense does not include interest expense related structured products as reported within the Insurance, Reinsurance and Corporate segments.

* NM Not meaningful

The following table sets forth the net income (loss) from operating affiliates for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) Three Months Ended September 30, | | % Change |
|---|--|----------------|----------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | |
| Net income (loss) from financial operating affiliates | \$ (1,586) | \$ (1,417,526) | NM* |
| Net income from investment manager affiliates | 10,138 | 1,027 | NM* |
| Net income from other strategic operating affiliates | 14,475 | 12,200 | 18.6% |
| Total net income (loss) from operating affiliates | \$ 23,027 | \$ (1,404,299) | NM* |

* NM Not meaningful

Equity earnings from financial operating affiliates increased during the three months ended September 30, 2009 as a result of the Company no longer owning any interest in Syncora. During the three months ended September 30, 2008 the company reported \$1.42 billion in losses related to reinsurance and guarantee arrangements with Syncora.

Investment manager affiliate income increased during the third quarter of 2009 as compared to the same period in the prior year primarily as a result of the improved conditions for alternative asset managers in the second quarter of 2009 resulting in higher accrued fees.

Income from other strategic operating affiliates increased in the third quarter of 2009 as compared to the third quarter of 2008 mainly due to increased profits from the Company's investment in an affiliate which writes largely direct U.S. homeowners insurance.

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Foreign exchange gains in the quarter ended September 30, 2009 and September 30, 2008 were due primarily to the change in the value of the U.S. dollar against certain European currencies including the U.K. Sterling and the Euro on certain inter-company balances and net underwriting liability balances.

Corporate operating expenses in the three months ended September 30, 2009 decreased compared to the three months ended September 30, 2008 primarily as a result of cost savings achieved from restructuring activities implemented in 2008 and early 2009 as well as from lower professional fees recorded in the third quarter of 2008 associated with activities related to the Master Agreement that was executed in July 2008.

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Interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the same period in 2008 was lower mainly as a result of lower interest associated with the retirement of the 2011 Senior Notes in February 2009 partially offset by interest associated with 8.25% senior notes which represent part of the 10.75% Equity Security Units issued in August 2008. For more information on the Company's financial structure, see Liquidity and Capital Resources.

The decrease in the Company's income taxes arose principally from the decrease in the profitability of the Company's U.S. and European operations.

Segment Results for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2008**Insurance**

The following table summarizes the underwriting results for this segment:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
| | 2009 | 2008 | % Change |
| Gross premiums written | \$ 3,237,643 | \$ 4,231,111 | (23.5)% |
| Net premiums written | 2,417,018 | 3,108,460 | (22.2)% |
| Net premiums earned | 2,696,951 | 3,068,492 | (12.1)% |
| Net losses and loss expenses | 1,844,322 | 2,169,423 | (15.0)% |
| Acquisition costs | 324,850 | 351,888 | (7.7)% |
| Operating expenses | 502,904 | 500,822 | 0.4% |
| Underwriting profit | \$ 24,875 | \$ 46,359 | (46.3)% |
| Net fee income and other (1) | \$ (10,114) | \$ (3,139) | NM* |
| Net results structured products | \$ 11,066 | \$ (11,418) | NM* |

(1) Net fee income and other includes operating expenses from the Company's loss prevention consulting services business.

* NM not meaningful

Gross premiums written decreased by 23.5% during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 compared with the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The decrease was seen across all lines of business due to a combination of factors including poor market and economic conditions, impacts of the S&P downgrade in December 2008 which directly affected retention and new business opportunities, strategic decisions to exit specific lines of business and two MGA contracts, fewer long term agreements and unfavorable foreign exchange rate impacts. The renewal pricing has steadily improved throughout 2009, with an overall modest increase of 1% across the entire book.

Net premiums written decreased by 22.2% in the nine months ended September 30, 2009 compared with the nine months ended September 30, 2008 primarily as a result of the decrease in gross premiums written noted above, combined with an overall increase in ceded reinsurance rates.

Net premiums earned decreased by 12.1% in the nine months ended September 30, 2009 compared with the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The decrease primarily resulted from the factors affecting net premiums written noted above.

The following table presents the ratios for this segment:

| | (Unaudited) | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Loss and loss expense ratio | 68.4% | 70.7% |

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|----------------------------|-------|-------|
| Underwriting expense ratio | 30.7% | 27.8% |
| Combined ratio | 99.1% | 98.5% |

The loss and loss expense ratio includes net losses incurred for both the current year and any favorable or adverse prior year development of loss and loss expense reserves held at the beginning of the year.

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The following table summarizes the net (favorable) adverse prior year development relating to the Insurance segment for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

| | (Unaudited) | |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Property | \$ (37.7) | \$ (75.9) |
| Casualty and Professional | (43.7) | (58.0) |
| Specialty and Other | 32.0 | 6.8 |
| Structured Indemnity | | 5.0 |
| Total | \$ (49.4) | \$ (122.1) |
| Loss and loss expense ratio excluding prior year development | 70.2% | 74.7% |
| Loss and loss expense ratio excluding catastrophe losses and prior year development | 69.5% | 69.4% |

Net favorable period reserve release of \$49.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 occurred largely in the third quarter for property lines, already described above, and in the second quarter for professional, casualty and specialty lines. For casualty lines, net prior year development during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 was \$16.8 million unfavorable due to greater than expected reported loss activity relating to 2007 and 2008 years along with increases in unallocated loss adjustment expenses partially offset by favorable development in primary casualty lines from benign large loss experience on European business in the 2007 and 2008 years. For professional lines, net prior year development was \$60.5 million favorable, primarily as a result of lower incurred activity than expected based on the Company's prior valuation in US D&O lines, primarily for underwriting years 2003 to 2006. This release was partially offset by strengthening of reserves primarily in the 1999 to 2002 years to reflect the potential for more adverse claim activity in the non-U.S. business. For specialty lines, net prior year adverse development was \$32.0 million due to deterioration in various lines and from discontinued specialty lines where the result of a full review of the Lloyd's Accident & Health business incurred development was higher than implied by the Company's selected benchmarks.

Excluding prior year development, the loss ratio for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 decreased by 4.5 loss percentage points as compared to the same period in 2008 due primarily to lower levels of large property risk and catastrophe losses occurring in 2009 combined with the impact of anticipated sub prime and credit related losses in 2008.

The increase in the underwriting expense ratio in the nine months ended September 30, 2009, compared to the same period in 2008 was due to an increase in the acquisition expense ratio of 0.5 points (12.0% as compared to 11.5%) combined with an increase in the operating expense ratio of 2.4 points (18.7% as compared to 16.3%). The increase in the acquisition expense ratio was primarily as a result of changes in the mix of business given the decreases in property and casualty lines which carry the lowest levels of acquisition cost. The increase in the operating expense ratio is attributable to the lower level of earned premium combined with the costs associated with the Company's expense reduction initiatives announced in the third quarter of 2008 and first quarter of 2009 including changes to the Company's previously communicated operational transformation program.

Fee income declined in the first nine months of 2009 as compared to the same period in 2008 mainly as a result of lower engineering fee income associated with the Company's loss prevention consulting services business coupled with other expenses in professional lines due to the cost of the National Indemnity facility.

Net results from structured insurance products include certain structured indemnity contracts that are accounted for as deposit contracts. Net results from these products for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 increased slightly compared to the same period in 2008 mainly due to the lower operating expenses of this run off line of business and favorable development in the liability interest rate hedges in place partially offset by lower net investment income as a result of lower yields combined with a smaller investment base.

Table of Contents**Reinsurance**

The following table summarizes the underwriting results for this segment:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | % Change |
| | 2009 | 2008 | |
| Gross premiums written | \$ 1,725,984 | \$ 2,155,989 | (19.9)% |
| Net premiums written | 1,361,690 | 1,645,474 | (17.2)% |
| Net premiums earned | 1,200,364 | 1,518,098 | (20.9)% |
| Net losses and loss expenses | 543,827 | 979,620 | (44.5)% |
| Acquisition costs | 262,997 | 302,077 | (12.9)% |
| Operating expenses | 136,845 | 141,940 | (3.6)% |
| Underwriting profit | \$ 256,695 | \$ 94,461 | NM* |
| Net fee income and other (1) | \$ 3,174 | \$ 8,840 | (64.1)% |
| Net results structured products | \$ 22,325 | \$ 21,102 | 5.8% |

(1) Net fee income and other includes operating expenses from the Company's loss prevention consulting services business.

* NM not meaningful

Gross and net premiums written decreased by 19.9% and 17.2%, respectively, in the first nine months of 2009 as compared to the first nine months of 2008. The decrease in gross premiums written is mainly a result of the Company's focus on short-tail lines, certain lost renewals and reduced shares as a result of the S&P ratings downgrade in December 2008, strategic decisions to exit certain lines of business and unfavorable foreign exchange rate movements. Partially offsetting these decreases were rate increases in certain lines of business including property catastrophe, marine and aviation lines. The decrease in net premiums written was due to the decrease in gross premiums written noted above partially offset by a reduction in ceded premiums in the three months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the same period in 2008. This decrease was mainly as a result of the cancellation and non-renewal of Cyrus Re II at December 31, 2008 and a reduction in the ceded premium on the US agricultural program. Cyrus Re II previously assumed a 10% cession of certain lines of property catastrophe reinsurance and retrocession business underwritten by certain operating subsidiaries of the Company.

Net premiums earned decreased by 20.9% in the nine months ended September 30, 2009 compared with the nine months ended September 30, 2008 primarily as a result of the decrease in gross and net premiums written, as noted above.

The following table presents the ratios for this segment:

| | (Unaudited) | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Loss and loss expense ratio | 45.3% | 64.5% |
| Underwriting expense ratio | 33.3% | 29.3% |
| Combined ratio | 78.6% | 93.8% |

The loss and loss expense ratio includes net losses incurred for both the current year and any favorable or adverse prior year development of loss reserves held at the beginning of the year. The following table summarizes the net (favorable) adverse prior year development relating to the Reinsurance segment for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

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| (U.S. dollars in millions) | (Unaudited) | |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|
| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Property and other short-tail lines | \$ (124.7) | \$ (98.1) |
| Casualty and other | (80.8) | (120.8) |
| Structured Indemnity | 1.0 | (1.4) |
| Total | \$ (204.5) | \$ (220.3) |
| Loss and loss expense ratio excluding prior year development | 62.3% | 79.0% |
| Loss and loss expense ratio excluding catastrophe losses and prior year development | 59.0% | 65.2% |

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For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, property and other short-tail lines reserve releases were largely within property catastrophe and property risk portfolios while casualty reserve releases were largely within European casualty lines. Excluding prior year development, the loss ratio for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 decreased by 16.7% loss percentage points as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2008 mainly as a result of lower levels of property catastrophe, property risk and marine losses during 2009 as well as a change in the mix of business toward shorter-tail lines of business. For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, casualty reserve releases were primarily within European casualty lines, while property and other short-tail lines reserve releases were attributable to Bermuda and North American operations, partially offset by unfavorable reserve development in Latin American operations.

The increase in the underwriting expense ratio in the nine months ended September 30, 2009, as compared with the nine months ended September 30, 2008, was due to an increase in both operating expense and acquisition expense ratios to 11.4% and 21.9%, respectively, as compared with 9.4% and 19.9%, in the nine months ended September 30, 2008. Despite the decrease in operating expenses, there was an increase in the operating expense ratio due to a greater percentage decrease in net premiums earned. The increase in the acquisition expense ratio relates to changes in the mix of business, increased commissions associated with the U.S. agricultural program as well as increased profit related commissions associated with certain Bermuda-based property catastrophe business.

Net results from structured reinsurance products include certain structured indemnity contracts that are accounted for as deposit contracts. Net results from these products for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, increased slightly compared to the same period in 2008 mainly due to lower operating expenses of this run off line of business and favorable development in the liability interest rate hedges in place partially offset by lower net investment income as a result of lower yields combined with a smaller investment base.

Life Operations

The following summarizes the contribution from this segment:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) | | |
|--|-------------------|------------|----------|
| | Nine Months Ended | | |
| | September 30, | | |
| | 2009 | 2008 | % Change |
| Gross premiums written | \$ 442,693 | \$ 552,357 | (19.9)% |
| Net premiums written | 409,200 | 520,887 | (21.4)% |
| Net premiums earned | 429,625 | 502,125 | (14.4)% |
| Claims and policy benefits | 517,614 | 605,885 | (14.6)% |
| Acquisition costs | 66,490 | 75,448 | (11.9)% |
| Operating expenses | 14,013 | 25,246 | (44.5)% |
| Net investment income | 249,165 | 297,829 | (16.3)% |
| Net fee income and other | 236 | 275 | (14.2)% |
| Net realized (losses) gains on investments | (131,706) | (22,419) | NM* |
| Contribution from Life operations | \$ (50,797) | \$ 71,231 | NM* |

* NM not meaningful

The following table is an analysis of the Life Operations gross premiums written, net premiums written and net premiums earned for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) | | | (Unaudited) | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Nine Months Ended | | | Nine Months Ended | | |
| | September 30, 2009 | | | September 30, 2008 | | |
| | Gross Premiums | Net Premiums | Net Premiums | Gross Premiums | Net Premiums | Net Premiums |

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| | Written | Written | Earned | Written | Written | Earned |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Other Life | \$ 322,985 | \$ 311,580 | \$ 332,004 | \$ 400,287 | \$ 396,514 | \$ 377,752 |
| Annuity | 119,708 | 97,620 | 97,621 | 152,070 | 124,373 | 124,373 |
| Total | \$ 442,693 | \$ 409,200 | \$ 429,625 | \$ 552,357 | \$ 520,887 | \$ 502,125 |

Gross premiums written relating to total life business decreased by \$109.7 million in the nine months to September 30, 2009 as compared to the same period in 2008 mainly due to \$81.4 million of lower renewal premiums associated with the short-term life, accident and health business as the renewal rights for this business were sold in late 2008. In addition, while premium growth of \$25.7 million was experienced in the core underlying book of term assurance and critical illness business, unfavorable foreign exchange rate

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movements of \$56.6 million more than offset such growth during the nine months to September 30, 2009. Partially offsetting these decreases was premium growth of \$5.7 million related to U.S. life business. While gross premiums written decreased during the nine months ended September 30, 2009, ceded premiums written increased slightly by \$2.0 million mainly as a result of a higher retrocession ratio associated with short-term life, accident and health business underwritten in the 2009 underwriting year, which occurred as part of the sale of the renewal rights as noted above.

Net premiums earned in the first nine months of 2009 decreased 14.4% as compared to the first nine months of 2008. This decrease was consistent with the decrease in gross and net premiums written as described above.

Claims and policy benefit reserves decreased by \$88.3 million or 14.6% in the nine months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2008, primarily as a result of favorable foreign exchange rate movements of \$73.1 million combined with a decrease in incurred losses associated with the short-term life, accident and health business and consistent with the decrease in gross premiums written associated with this business as noted above. Changes in claims and policy benefits include the movement in policy benefit reserves related to other contracts (such as immediate annuities) where investment assets were acquired with the assumption of the policy benefit reserves at the inception of the contract.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, acquisition costs decreased by 11.9% as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2008, largely as a result of a decrease in business written associated with the short-term life, accident and health business combined with favorable foreign exchange rate movements. Operating expenses decreased by 44.5% in the first nine months of 2009 as compared to the first nine months of 2008 due mainly to corporate expenses that have not been allocated to life business in 2009, combined with lower compensation expenses as a result of overall lower staffing levels and favorable foreign exchange rate movements in 2009.

Net investment income is included in the calculation of contribution from Life Operations, as it relates to income earned on portfolios of separately identified and managed life investment assets and other allocated assets.

Net investment income decreased by \$48.7 million or 16.3% in the nine months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the same period in 2008, primarily as a result of unfavorable foreign exchange rate movements combined with lower investment yields offset by additional capital allocation to life operations.

See below for an analysis of the Company's total realized losses on investments during the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

Investment Activities

The following table illustrates the change in net investment income from property and casualty operations, net income from investment affiliates, net realized gains on investments and net realized and unrealized gains on investment and other derivative instruments from property and casualty operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) | | |
|---|-------------------|------------|----------|
| | Nine Months Ended | | |
| | September 30 | | |
| | 2009 | 2008 | % Change |
| Net investment income - property and casualty operations (1) | \$ 672,437 | \$ 899,278 | (25.2)% |
| Net income (loss) from investment affiliates (2) | 52,481 | (63,522) | NM* |
| Net realized gains (losses) on investments (3) | (657,887) | (393,114) | NM* |
| Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investment and other derivative instruments | (9,571) | (5,648) | NM* |

- (1) Net investment income relating to property and casualty operations does not include the net investment income related to the net results from structured products.
- (2) The Company records the income related to alternative fund affiliates on a one month lag and the private investment affiliates on a three month lag in order for the Company to meet the accelerated filing deadlines.
- (3) Results up to March 31, 2009 include charges for OTTI related to the non-credit component of unrealized losses. From April 1, 2009, the non-credit component is excluded from realized losses.

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* NM Not meaningful

Net investment income related to property and casualty operations decreased in the nine months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the same period in 2008 due primarily to declining portfolio yields. Portfolio yields decreased as yields earned on investment of cash flows and reinvestment of maturing or sold securities were generally lower than on securities previously held, as prevailing market interest rates, particularly in the U.S., decreased over the last year. In addition, the Company increased its holdings in lower-yielding cash, government and agency securities in connection with its portfolio de-risking efforts and to increase liquidity, and as a result of an allocation to floating rate securities previously supporting the GIC and funding agreement businesses which are sensitive to declines in short-term U.S. dollar interest rates.

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Net income from investment fund affiliates increased in the first nine months of 2009 compared to the first nine months of 2008, due primarily to strong results from the Company's alternative funds, in the first nine months of 2009 as compared to negative results in the same period of the prior year. These results were offset by a decline in the Company's results from private investment funds, which reflect an aggregate deterioration in valuation in the first half of 2009 and fourth quarter of 2008.

The Company manages its investment grade fixed income securities using an asset/liability management framework. Due to the unique nature of the underlying liabilities, customized benchmarks are used to measure investment performance and comparison to standard market indices is not meaningful. Investment performance is not monitored for certain assets primarily consisting of operating cash and special regulatory deposits. The following is a summary of the investment portfolio returns for the fixed income portfolios and other portfolios:

| | (Unaudited) Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|-----------------------------------|---|----------|
| | 2009 (1) | 2008 (1) |
| Fixed income portfolios | | |
| USD fixed income portfolio | 6.9% | (7.0)% |
| GBP fixed income portfolio | 11.0% | (5.7)% |
| EUR fixed income portfolio | 7.3% | (2.2)% |
| Other portfolios | | |
| Alternative portfolio (2) | 13.0% | (0.1)% |
| Equity portfolio | (9.1)% | (27.8)% |
| High-Yield fixed income portfolio | 41.9% | (9.2)% |

- (1) Portfolio returns are calculated by dividing the sum of net investment income or net income from investment affiliates, realized gains (losses) and unrealized gains (losses) by the average market value of each portfolio. Performance is measured in either the underlying asset currency or the functional currency.
- (2) Performance on the alternative portfolio reflects the six months ended August 31, 2009 and August 31, 2008, respectively.

Net Realized Gains and Losses and Other than Temporary Impairments in the Value of Investments

Net realized losses for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 can be summarized as follows:

| | (Unaudited) Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|---|--------------|
| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | 2009 | 2008 |
| Net realized gains (losses) on investments sold | \$ 33,794 | \$ 21,958 |
| Other-than-temporary impairments on investments | (860,004) | (415,072) |
| Other-than-temporary impairments on investments transferred to other comprehensive income | 168,323 | |
| Net impact from other-than-temporary impairments | (691,681)) | (415,072) |
| Net realized gains (losses) on investments | \$ (657,887) | \$ (393,114) |

For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the Company recorded net impairment charges of \$691.7 million. The significant assumptions and inputs associated with these securities consist of:

The Company recorded net impairments in relation to corporate securities totaling \$146.6 million excluding medium term notes. The impairment charges consisted either of below-investment grade securities, where the Company believes the current fair value is

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representative of likely recoveries following default, below-investment grade hybrids, where the Company considered impairment factors consistent with an equity impairment model, along with a debt impairment model, and accordingly recorded impairment charges to fair value, or securities in an unrealized loss position that management intends to sell.

In addition the Company recorded impairments totaling \$209.5 million in relation to medium term notes backed primarily by investment grade European corporate bonds. Management has concluded that, following recent credit spread movements during 2009, future yields within the supporting collateral were not sufficient to support the previously reported amortized cost.

The Company recorded net impairments in relation to structured credit securities totaling \$308.4 million. The Company determined that the likely recovery on these securities was below the carrying value, and accordingly impaired the securities to the discounted cash flows of the cash flows of these securities, or in certain instances fair value to the extent that the fair value was believed to be more representative of recoverable value given the extreme illiquidity within structured credit markets.

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The Company recorded net impairments in relation to equity securities totaling \$27.2 million, primarily representing securities in an unrealized loss position that management intends to sell.

Of the impairments, \$147.7 million related to changes of intent-to-hold, primarily representing exchanges of hybrid securities, and as part of the fourth quarter 2008 restructuring charge.

Net realized losses on investments in the first nine months of 2009 included net realized losses of \$691.7 million related to the write-down of certain of the Company's fixed income, equity and other investments where the Company determined that there was an other than temporary decline in the value of those investments as well as net realized gains of \$33.8 million from sales of investments. Included in the balances noted above are realized losses and impairments in Topical Assets totaling \$178.8 million.

Net realized gains on investments in the first nine months of 2008 included net realized gains of \$22.0 million from sales of investments and net realized losses of \$415.1 million related to the write-down of certain of the Company's fixed income and equity investments where the Company determined that there was an other than temporary decline in the value of those investments.

Net Realized Gains and Unrealized Gains and Losses on Derivatives

Net realized and unrealized gains on investment derivatives for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 resulted from the Company's investment strategy to manage interest rate risk, foreign exchange risk, credit risk and to replicate permitted investments. For further information see Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Derivative Instruments.

Other Revenues and Expenses

The following table sets forth other revenues and expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) | | |
|---|-------------------|----------------|----------|
| | Nine Months Ended | | % Change |
| | September 30, | | |
| | 2009 | 2008 | |
| Net income (loss) from operating affiliates (1) | \$ 30,366 | \$ (1,452,647) | NM* |
| Exchange (gains) losses | 103,754 | (63,786) | NM* |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 1,394 | 2,226 | (37.4)% |
| Corporate operating expenses | 73,886 | 144,686 | (48.9)% |
| Interest expense (2) | 135,777 | 150,719 | (9.9)% |
| Income tax expense | 65,614 | 129,750 | (49.4)% |

(1) The Company records the income related to its operating affiliates on a three month lag in order for the Company to meet the accelerated filing deadlines.

(2) Interest expense does not include interest expense related structured products as reported within the Insurance and Reinsurance segments.

* NM Not meaningful

The following table sets forth the net income (loss) from operating affiliates for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) | | |
|---|-------------------|----------------|----------|
| | Nine Months Ended | | % Change |
| | September 30, | | |
| | 2009 | 2008 | |
| Net (loss) income from financial operating affiliates | \$ 2,297 | \$ (1,503,474) | NM* |
| Net income from investment manager affiliates | (994) | 15,647 | NM* |
| Net income from other strategic operating affiliates | 29,063 | 35,180 | (17.4)% |
| Total net income (loss) from operating affiliates | \$ 30,366 | \$ (1,452,647) | NM* |

* NM Not meaningful

Equity earnings from financial operating affiliates increased during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 as a result of the Company no longer owning any interest in Syncora. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008 the Company recorded \$1.4 billion in losses related to reinsurance and guarantee arrangements with Syncora.

Investment manager affiliate income decreased during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the same period in the prior year primarily as a result of the challenging conditions for alternative asset managers.

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Foreign exchange losses in the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 were due primarily to the change in the value of the U.S. dollar against certain European currencies including the U.K. Sterling and Euro on certain inter-company balances.

Income from other strategic operating affiliates decreased in the first nine months of 2009 as compared to the same period of 2008 mainly due to lower earnings relating to an insurance affiliate which writes largely direct U.S. homeowners insurance.

Corporate operating expenses in the nine months ended September 30, 2009 decreased compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2008 primarily as a result of cost savings achieved from restructuring activities implemented in 2008 and early 2009 as well as from higher professional fees recorded in 2008 associated with activities related to the Master Agreement that was executed in July 2008.

Interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the same period in 2008 was lower mainly as a result of lower interest associated with the retirement of the 2011 Senior Notes in February 2009 partially offset by interest associated with 8.25% senior notes which are part of the 10.75% Equity Security Units issued in August 2008. For more information, see Liquidity and Capital Resources.

The decrease in the Company's income taxes arose principally from the decrease in the profitability of the Company's U.S. and European operations.

Balance Sheet Analysis**Investments**

The primary objectives of the investment strategy are to support the liabilities arising from the operations of the Company, generate stable investment income and to build book value for the Company over the longer term. The strategy strives to balance investment returns against market and credit risk. The Company's overall investment portfolio is structured to take into account a number of variables including local regulatory requirements, business needs, collateral management and risk tolerance.

At September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, total investments, cash and cash equivalents, accrued investment income and net receivable from investments sold were \$36.1 billion and \$34.3 billion, respectively. The following table summarizes the composition of the Company's invested assets at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) Fair Value at September 30, 2009 | Percent of Total | Fair Value at December 31, 2008 | Percent of Total |
|--|---|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 3,906,277 | 10.8% | \$ 4,353,826 | 12.7% |
| Net receivable for investments sold | (224,658) | (0.6)% | 125,991 | 0.4% |
| Net payable for investments purchased | | | (26,536) | (0.1)% |
| Accrued investment income | 366,853 | 1.0% | 363,376 | 1.1% |
| Short-term investments | 1,990,230 | 5.5% | 1,466,323 | 4.3% |
| Fixed maturities: | | | | |
| U.S. Government and Government agency | \$ 4,252,334 | 11.8% | \$ 3,978,342 | 11.6% |
| Corporate | 10,134,080 | 28.1% | 9,288,603 | 27.1% |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities Agency | 4,187,915 | 11.6% | 2,099,955 | 6.1% |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities Non-Agency | 1,612,174 | 4.5% | 1,937,946 | 5.6% |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities | 1,650,609 | 4.6% | 2,141,568 | 6.2% |
| Collateralized debt obligations | 553,905 | 1.5% | 638,779 | 2.0% |
| Other asset-backed securities | 947,485 | 2.6% | 1,708,008 | 5.0% |
| U.S. States and political subdivisions of the States | 627,304 | 1.7% | 468,770 | 1.4% |
| Non-U.S. Sovereign Government | 3,999,604 | 11.1% | 3,374,397 | 9.8% |
| Total fixed maturities | \$ 27,965,410 | 77.5% | \$ 25,636,368 | 74.8% |
| Equity securities | 55,099 | 0.2% | 361,819 | 1.0% |
| Investments in affiliates | 1,193,917 | 3.3% | 1,552,789 | 4.5% |
| Other investments | 822,759 | 2.3% | 459,481 | 1.3% |

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|---|---------------|------|---------------|--------|
| Total investments and cash and cash equivalents | \$ 36,075,887 | 100% | \$ 34,293,437 | 100.0% |
|---|---------------|------|---------------|--------|

The Company reviews on a regular basis its corporate debt concentration, credit quality and compliance with established guidelines. At both September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the average credit quality of the Company's total fixed income portfolio (including fixed maturities, short-term investments, cash and cash equivalents and net payable for investment purchased) was AA. As at September 30, 2009, approximately 55.5% of the fixed income portfolio had an average rating of AAA from the principal rating agencies. Approximately 4.9% was below investment grade or not rated.

Refer to Results of Operations for further discussion surrounding the impact of credit market movements on the Company's investment portfolio and exposure to sub-prime related assets.

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At September 30, 2009, the Company had net unrealized losses on fixed maturities and short-term investments of \$1.6 billion and net unrealized gain on equities of \$0.7 million. Of these amounts, gross unrealized losses on fixed maturities and short term investments and equities were \$2.4 billion and \$0.1 million, respectively. The information presented below for the gross unrealized losses on the Company's investments at September 30, 2009 shows the potential effect upon future earnings and financial position should management later conclude that some of the current declines in the fair value of these investments are other than temporary. Realized losses or impairments, depending on their magnitude, may have a material adverse effect on the Company's operations. The decrease in net unrealized losses on investments during the three months ended September 30, 2009 was primarily due to a continued narrowing of credit spreads. See Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk - Credit Risk.

The following is an analysis of how long each of those securities with a gross unrealized loss at September 30, 2009 had been in a continual gross unrealized loss position:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Length of time in a continual gross unrealized loss position | (Unaudited) Amount of gross unrealized loss at September 30, 2009 | (Unaudited) Fair Value of Securities in a gross unrealized loss position at September 30, 2009 |
|---|--|--|---|
| Type of Securities | | | |
| Fixed Maturities and Short-Term Investments | Less than six months | \$ 69,038 | \$ 1,023,413 |
| | At least 6 months but less than 12 months | 229,233 | 1,235,279 |
| | At least 12 months but less than 2 years | 643,380 | 2,852,572 |
| | 2 years and over | 1,494,919 | 4,846,621 |
| | Total | \$ 2,436,570 | \$ 9,957,885 |
| Equities | Less than six months | \$ 136 | \$ 1,864 |
| | At least 6 months but less than 12 months | | |
| | Total | \$ 136 | \$ 1,864 |

The following is the maturity profile of the fixed income securities that were in a gross unrealized loss position at September 30, 2009:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) Amount of gross unrealized loss at September 30, 2009 | (Unaudited) Fair value of securities in a gross unrealized loss position at September 30, 2009 |
|--|--|---|
| Maturity profile in years of fixed maturities in a continual gross unrealized loss position | | |
| Less than 1 year remaining | \$ 1,296 | \$ 247,188 |
| At least 1 year but less than 5 years remaining (1) | 225,301 | 1,767,702 |
| At least 5 years but less than 10 years remaining (1) | 118,339 | 1,135,778 |
| At least 10 years but less than 20 years remaining (1) | 98,921 | 732,164 |
| At least 20 years or more remaining (1) | 431,887 | 1,853,271 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities - Agency | 6,252 | 211,323 |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities - Non-Agency | 815,156 | 1,536,328 |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities | 152,705 | 1,394,259 |

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Collateralized debt obligations | 496,773 | 549,735 |
| Other asset-backed securities | 89,940 | 530,137 |
| Total | \$ 2,436,570 | \$ 9,957,885 |

(1) Hybrids are allocated based on the call date and medium term notes are allocated on contractual maturity.

Factors considered in determining that additional OTTI charges were not warranted include management's consideration of current and near term liquidity needs and other available sources, an evaluation of the factors and time necessary for recovery, and the results of on-going retrospective reviews of security sales and the basis for such sales.

Gross unrealized losses of \$2.4 billion at September 30, 2009 can be attributed to the following significant drivers:

gross unrealized losses of \$516.5 million related to the Company's Life Operations investment portfolio, which had a fair value of \$6.7 billion as at September 30, 2009. Of this, \$371.8 million of gross unrealized losses related to \$1.9 billion of exposures to corporate financial institutions including Tier One and Upper Tier Two securities. During the quarter ended September 30, 2009, as a result of a substantial rally on financial credit spreads, the gross unrealized loss position has declined substantially. At September 30, 2009, this portfolio had average interest rate duration 8.8 years, primarily denominated in U.K. Sterling and Euros. As a result of the long duration, significant gross losses have arisen as

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the fair values of these securities are more sensitive to prevailing government interest rates and credit spreads. This portfolio has limited turnover as it is matched to corresponding long duration liabilities. A hypothetical parallel increase in interest rates and credit spreads of 50 and 25 basis points, respectively, would increase the unrealized losses related to this portfolio at September 30, 2009 by approximately \$282 million and \$104 million, respectively. Credit spreads have improved significantly in the first three quarters of 2009. Given the long term nature of this portfolio, and the level of credit spreads as at September 30, 2009 relative to historical averages within the U.K. and Euro-zone as well as the Company's liquidity needs at September 30, 2009, the Company believes that these assets will continue to be held until such time as they mature, or credit spreads revert to levels more consistent with historical averages.

gross unrealized losses of \$354.4 million related to the corporate holdings within the Company's non-life operations fixed maturity portfolios, which had a fair value of \$7.2 billion as at September 30, 2009. During the quarter ended September 30, 2009, as a result of declining credit spreads, the gross unrealized losses on these holdings has declined substantially. The Company believes these impairments are a function of the currently elevated levels of corporate credit spreads in the U.S. and globally, which spiked particularly during the third and fourth quarters of 2008 and continued to be at elevated levels, resulting in a severely depressed level of valuations. Credit spreads have improved significantly in the first three quarters of 2009. Despite the recent rally, corporate credit spreads remain at elevated levels relative to historical averages. The Company continues to believe that the gross unrealized losses are a reflection of a severe premium being charged by the market for credit, rather than fundamental deterioration in the debt service capabilities of the issuers.

Of the gross unrealized losses noted above \$153.5 million relate to medium term notes primarily supported by pools of investment grade European corporate bonds with varying degrees of leverage. Management believes that expected cash flows from these bonds is sufficient to support the remaining reported amortized cost.

gross unrealized losses of \$607.9 million related to the Topical Asset portfolio, which had a fair value of \$774.0 million as at September 30, 2009. The Company undertook a security level review of these securities and recognized charges to the extent it believed the discounted cash flow value of any security was below its amortized cost. The Company has recognized realized losses on this portfolio, consisting of charges for OTTI and realized cumulative losses from sales, of approximately \$842.0 million since the beginning of 2007 and through September 30, 2009 on these asset classes. The Company purchased a number of these assets to support certain previously written GIC and funding agreement contracts and has previously announced its intention to reduce its exposure to these asset classes as part of its strategic portfolio realignment. The Company believes that based on market conditions and liquidity needs at September 30, 2009, this reduction will be realized through natural cash flows of the portfolio, and limited selective sales, rather than selling these assets into markets which continue to be illiquid and not reflective of the discounted cash flow value of these assets. The weighted average term-to-maturity of the sub-prime and Alt-A residential holdings within this portfolio at September 30, 2009 were 4.1 years and 4.2 years, respectively. The Company, based on current market conditions and liquidity needs as at September 30, 2009 as well as its assessment of the holdings, believes it will continue to hold these securities until either maturity, or a return of liquidity and valuations more reflective of the discounted cash flow of these holdings.

gross unrealized losses of \$491.5 million related to the non-life portfolio of Core CDO holdings, which consisted primarily of collateralized loan obligations and had a fair value of \$569.1 million as of September 30, 2009. The Company undertook a security level review of these securities and recognized charges to the extent it believed the discounted cash flow of the security was below the amortized cost. The Company believes that the level of impairment is primarily a function of historically wide spreads in the CLO market during the period, driven by the high level of illiquidity in this market. The Company purchased a number of these assets to support the previously written GIC and funding agreement contracts and has announced its intention to reduce its exposure to this asset class over time as a part of its strategic portfolio realignment. The Company, based on current market conditions and liquidity needs as well as its assessment of the holdings, believes it is likely that the Company will continue to hold these securities until either maturity or a recovery of value, following which the Company intends to reduce its exposure to this asset class.

gross unrealized losses of \$144.3 million related to the non-life portion of CMBS holdings, which had a fair value of \$1.6 billion as at September 30, 2009. The Company's holdings in CMBS are 84.7% rated AAA. The Company believes that the currently depressed pricing, which represents approximately 89.7% of the par value of the securities, is directly related to the 783 basis point widening in credit spreads within this market since the beginning of 2008, as a result of the heightened risk premium attached to property collateral. Credit spreads have improved significantly in the first three quarters of 2009. The Company's portfolio is highly

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diversified, has limited delinquencies and has experienced limited downgrades.

gross unrealized losses of \$179.7 million related to the Company's holdings in non-agency RMBS secured by prime mortgages which had a fair value of \$730.9 at September 30, 2009. In the U.S., the average price on these securities declined to approximately 80.9% of par value at September 30, 2009, reflecting concerns over rising unemployment in the U.S. and the potential impact on previously high quality borrowers to meet their obligations. The Company undertook a security level review of these securities and recognized charges to the extent it believed the discounted cash flow of any security was below its amortized cost.

Table of Contents**Gross Unrealized Gains and Losses**

The following table summarizes the fair value, gross unrealized losses, credit rating and asset class of securities in a gross unrealized loss position within the Company's structured credit and corporate portfolios, which comprised \$2.3 billion of the Company's total gross unrealized loss position of \$2.4 billion at September 30, 2009:

(U.S. dollars in millions)

| Corporates: | AAA | AA | A | BBB | BB & Below | Total |
|---|------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Financials (1) | | | | | | |
| Fair value | \$ 179.5 | \$ 207.6 | \$ 1,396.7 | \$ 518.0 | \$ 185.1 | \$ 2,486.9 |
| Gross unrealized loss | \$ 12.4 | \$ 18.1 | \$ 235.0 | \$ 149.1 | \$ 96.1 | \$ 510.7 |
| Non-Financials (2) | | | | | | |
| Fair value | \$ 5.7 | \$ 228.7 | \$ 608.9 | \$ 571.9 | \$ 418.0 | \$ 1,833.2 |
| Gross unrealized loss | \$ | \$ 30.1 | \$ 79.2 | \$ 115.7 | \$ 57.6 | \$ 282.6 |
| Total | | | | | | |
| Fair value | \$ 185.2 | \$ 436.3 | \$ 2,005.6 | \$ 1,089.9 | \$ 603.1 | \$ 4,320.1 |
| Gross unrealized loss | \$ 12.4 | \$ 48.2 | \$ 314.2 | \$ 264.8 | \$ 153.7 | \$ 793.3 |
| % Impaired (of amortized cost) (3) | (6.4)% | (10.1)% | (13.8)% | (19.9)% | (20.6)% | (15.8)% |
| Structured Credit: | | | | | | |
| CMBS | | | | | | |
| Fair value | \$ 1,153.5 | \$ 211.5 | \$ 15.6 | \$ 8.2 | \$ 12.1 | \$ 1,400.9 |
| Gross unrealized loss | \$ 87.4 | \$ 37.2 | \$ 7.6 | \$ 1.8 | \$ 16.6 | \$ 150.6 |
| Prime RMBS | | | | | | |
| Fair value | \$ 150.9 | \$ 122.4 | \$ 36.2 | \$ 59.9 | \$ 305.3 | \$ 674.7 |
| Gross unrealized loss | \$ 17.3 | \$ 42.7 | \$ 15.9 | \$ 14.2 | \$ 89.7 | \$ 179.8 |
| Topical Assets | | | | | | |
| Fair value | \$ 144.3 | \$ 96.6 | \$ 76.8 | \$ 90.8 | \$ 343.9 | \$ 752.4 |
| Gross unrealized loss | \$ 55.6 | \$ 60.6 | \$ 74.6 | \$ 63.6 | \$ 353.5 | \$ 607.9 |
| Core CDOs (4) | | | | | | |
| Fair value | \$ 87.5 | \$ 151.1 | \$ 193.3 | \$ 45.7 | \$ 79.2 | \$ 556.8 |
| Gross unrealized loss | \$ 21.9 | \$ 71.6 | \$ 132.0 | \$ 70.3 | \$ 195.7 | \$ 491.5 |
| Other Asset & Mortgage Backed Securities | | | | | | |
| Fair value | \$ 261.7 | \$ 110.8 | \$ 136.9 | \$ 108.4 | \$ 35.5 | \$ 653.3 |
| Gross unrealized loss | \$ 25.8 | \$ 13.4 | \$ 15.7 | \$ 25.7 | \$ 24.2 | \$ 104.8 |
| Agency RMBS | | | | | | |
| Fair value | \$ 212.2 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 212.2 |
| Gross unrealized loss | \$ 6.2 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 6.2 |
| Total | | | | | | |
| Fair Value | \$ 2,010.1 | \$ 692.4 | \$ 458.8 | \$ 313.0 | \$ 776.0 | \$ 4,250.3 |
| Gross unrealized loss | \$ 214.2 | \$ 225.5 | \$ 245.8 | \$ 175.6 | \$ 679.7 | \$ 1,540.8 |
| % Impaired (of amortized cost) (3) | (9.7)% | (24.6)% | (34.9)% | (36.0)% | (46.8)% | (26.7)% |

- (1) Included in the gross unrealized losses on corporate financials are gross unrealized losses of \$342.0 million on Tier One and upper Tier Two securities of financial institutions (Hybrids), as well as \$95.5 million of subordinated debt.
- (2) Included within Corporate are certain floating rate medium term notes supported primarily by pools of European corporate bonds with varying degrees of leverage. The notes have a fair value of \$569.0 million and an amortized cost of \$729.5 million. These securities have been allocated ratings of the underlying pool of collateral. These notes allow the investor to participate in cash flows of the underlying bonds including certain residual values, which could serve to either decrease or increase the ultimate values of these notes.
- (3) Management considers these impairments to be temporary.
- (4) The Company defines Core CDOs as investments in non-residential mortgage collateralized debt obligations, which primarily consisted of collateralized loan obligations.

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Management, in its assessment of whether securities in a gross unrealized loss position are temporarily impaired, considers the significance of the impairments. The Company had securities with gross unrealized losses of \$705.1 million, with a fair value of \$339.2 million, which as at September 30, 2009 were impaired by greater than 50% of amortized costs. The Company has evaluated each of these securities in conjunction with its investment managers and believes it is probable that the issuer will be able to fund sufficient principal and interest payments to exceed current amortized cost, and believes that the current levels of impairments are a function of the currently extremely elevated levels of credit spreads.

Structured credit securities with gross unrealized losses representing greater than 50% of amortized cost represent \$689.3 million of gross unrealized losses, with a fair value of \$326.7 million. Of these gross unrealized losses, \$238.0 million are rated investment grade. The Company has evaluated each of these holdings on a security-by-security basis in conjunction with its investments managers and utilizing additional corroborative modeling techniques, and believes these securities will fund sufficient principal and interest payments to exceed current amortized cost. These securities include \$192.5 million of Topical assets, \$100.7 million of Core CDOs, \$18.7 million of prime RMBS and \$7.6 million of CMBS holdings.

Corporate securities with gross unrealized losses representing greater than 50% of amortized cost represent \$15.8 million of gross unrealized losses, with a fair value of \$12.5 million. Of these gross unrealized losses, \$7.5 million are rated investment grade. Gross unrealized losses of \$11.3 million are related to holdings of financial issuers, with the majority (\$10.1 million) representing hybrid instruments. The Company believes these are high-grade issuers which will continue to service their principal and interest obligations.

Included in the gross unrealized losses associated with the Company's corporate portfolio are gross unrealized losses of \$88.5 million related to Tier One and Upper Tier Two perpetual preferred securities that have been rated below investment grade by at least one major rating agency. Of this total \$3.8 million have gross unrealized losses representing greater than 50% of amortized cost. The Company has completed its review of this portfolio and believes, at this time, that these impairments remain temporary in nature. The primary basis for this conclusion was the analysis of the fundamentals of these securities using a debt-based impairment model, which indicated these securities continue to meet their obligations, and the issuer has the ability to call these obligations at their call date. In addition, as these securities are below investment grade, the Company considered these securities using an equity-impairment model. Factors that were considered and supported that these impairments were temporary included that the vast majority of these securities had only recently been rated below investment grade beginning in first quarter of 2009, in certain cases alternative ratings were available that indicated these securities remained investment grade, or the securities were only slightly below investment grade. At September 30, 2009, the Company believes that it is likely that the fair values of these securities will ultimately increase to equal the cost basis over a reasonable period of time. However, there is a high degree of judgment in reaching this conclusion, including an assessment of how various governments will treat the perpetual preferred shareholding in the event of governmental intervention in these institutions' operations or management's decision to defer calls or coupons. Management will closely monitor the developments related to these securities and will consider these developments as part of OTTI assessments in future quarters.

Net Unrealized Gains and Losses

The following table details the Company's corporate credit exposures by certain asset classes as well as ratings levels within the Company's fixed maturity portfolio and the current net unrealized (loss) position as at September 30, 2009:

(U.S. dollars in millions)

| | AAA | AA | A | BBB | BB & Below | Total |
|-----------------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Corporates: | | | | | | |
| Financials | | | | | | |
| Fair value | \$ 572.8 | \$ 995.4 | \$ 2,237.8 | \$ 563.6 | \$ 212.1 | \$ 4,581.7 |
| Net unrealized (loss) | \$ (0.3) | \$ 13.8 | \$ (202.9) | \$ (146.5) | \$ (91.7) | \$ (427.6) |
| Non-Financials | | | | | | |
| Fair value | \$ 115.0 | \$ 1,253.6 | \$ 2,966.8 | \$ 1,374.8 | \$ 650.1 | \$ 6,360.3 |
| Net unrealized (loss) | \$ 4.3 | \$ 17.3 | \$ 52.5 | \$ (68.1) | \$ (30.6) | \$ (24.6) |
| Total | | | | | | |
| Fair value | \$ 687.8 | \$ 2,249.0 | \$ 5,204.6 | \$ 1,938.4 | \$ 862.2 | \$ 10,942.0 |
| Net unrealized (loss) | \$ 4.0 | \$ 31.1 | \$ (150.4) | \$ (214.6) | \$ (122.3) | \$ (452.2) |

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At September 30, 2009, approximately \$3.7 billion of the Company's \$10.9 billion in corporate financial sector securities was held in the portfolios supporting the Company's Life Reinsurance Operations. The assets associated with that business are more heavily weighted towards longer term securities from financial institutions, including a significant portion of the Company's Tier 1 and Upper Tier 2 securities, representing committed term debt and hybrid instruments senior to the common and preferred equity of the financial institutions. Financials held in Life portfolios accounted for \$351.1 million of the Company's net unrealized loss as at September 30, 2009. As at September 30, 2009 approximately 44.5% of the overall sensitivity to interest rate risk and 36.2% to credit risk was related to the life reinsurance portfolio, despite these portfolios accounting for only 19.6% of the fixed income portfolio.

The following table details the Company's structured credit exposures by certain asset classes as well as ratings levels within the Company's fixed maturity portfolio and the current net unrealized gain (loss) position as at September 30, 2009:

(U.S. dollars in millions)

| Structured Credit: | AAA | AA | A | BBB | BB & Below | Total |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| CMBS | | | | | | |
| Fair value | \$ 1,405.2 | \$ 213.9 | \$ 17.9 | \$ 8.7 | \$ 13.4 | \$ 1,659.1 |
| Net unrealized (loss) | \$ (83.0) | \$ (37.1) | \$ (7.3) | \$ (1.7) | \$ (16.3) | \$ (145.4) |
| Prime RMBS | | | | | | |
| Fair value | \$ 192.2 | \$ 124.5 | \$ 37.4 | \$ 61.4 | \$ 315.4 | \$ 730.9 |
| Net unrealized (loss) | \$ (16.0) | \$ (42.0) | \$ (15.8) | \$ (14.0) | \$ (87.8) | \$ (175.6) |
| Topical Assets | | | | | | |
| Fair value | \$ 144.8 | \$ 96.7 | \$ 77.4 | \$ 97.3 | \$ 357.8 | \$ 774.0 |
| Net unrealized (loss) | \$ (55.6) | \$ (60.6) | \$ (74.6) | \$ (63.2) | \$ (350.9) | \$ (604.9) |
| Core CDOs (1) | | | | | | |
| Fair value | \$ 87.5 | \$ 152.6 | \$ 199.6 | \$ 46.5 | \$ 82.9 | \$ 569.1 |
| Net unrealized (loss) | \$ (21.9) | \$ (71.6) | \$ (131.9) | \$ (70.1) | \$ (193.4) | \$ (488.9) |
| Other Asset & Mortgage Backed Securities | | | | | | |
| Fair value | \$ 623.5 | \$ 128.6 | \$ 163.9 | \$ 122.2 | \$ 36.7 | \$ 1,074.9 |
| Net unrealized (loss) | \$ (12.5) | \$ (12.9) | \$ (15.1) | \$ (25.0) | \$ (24.0) | \$ (89.5) |
| Agency RMBS | | | | | | |
| Fair value | \$ 4,206.3 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 4,206.3 |
| Net unrealized gain | \$ 113.3 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 113.3 |
| Total | | | | | | |
| Fair value | \$ 6,659.5 | \$ 716.3 | \$ 496.2 | \$ 336.1 | \$ 806.2 | \$ 9,014.3 |
| Net unrealized (loss) | \$ (75.7) | \$ (224.2) | \$ (244.7) | \$ (174.0) | \$ (672.4) | \$ (1,391.0) |

(1) The Company defines Core CDOs as investments in non-residential mortgage collateralized debt obligations, primarily consisting of collateralized loan obligations.

The following table details the current exposures to Topical Assets within the Company's fixed income portfolio as well as the current net unrealized (loss) gain position as at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

| | As at September 30, 2009 | | | As at December 31, 2008 | | |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Holding at Fair Value | Percent of Fixed Income Portfolio | Net Unrealized (Loss) Gain | Holding at Fair Value | Percent of Fixed Income Portfolio | Net Unrealized (Loss) Gain |
| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | | | | | | |
| Topical Assets: | | | | | | |
| Sub-prime first lien mortgages | \$ 393,267 | 1.2% | \$ (328,920) | \$ 487,659 | 1.5% | \$ (311,435) |
| Alt-A mortgages | 334,357 | 1.0% | (249,684) | 406,098 | 1.3% | (270,486) |
| Second lien mortgages (including sub-prime second lien mortgages) | 40,821 | 0.1% | (25,957) | 58,903 | 0.2% | (5,313) |
| ABS CDOs with sub-prime collateral | 5,527 | % | (440) | 10,595 | 0.0% | (7,308) |

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|---|------------|------|--------------|------------|------|--------------|
| Total exposure to Topical Assets | \$ 773,972 | 2.3% | \$ (605,001) | \$ 963,255 | 3.0% | \$ (594,542) |
|---|------------|------|--------------|------------|------|--------------|

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Of the total Topical Assets with fair value exposure as at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 of \$774.0 million and \$963.3 million, respectively, approximately \$31.4 million and \$40.5 million, respectively, of the related securities had ratings dependent on guarantees issued by third party guarantors (i.e., monoline insurers). Decreases in the ratings of such third party guarantors would typically decrease the fair value of guaranteed securities; however, at September 30, 2009, in the event of non-performance at such date on the part of these third party guarantors, the Company estimated that the average credit quality of this portfolio would be A and that approximately 91.5% would have remained investment grade at such date. In addition, of the total fixed income portfolio as at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, of \$34.0 billion and \$31.9 billion, respectively, less than 2% were guaranteed by such third parties with no individual third party representing more than 1%.

At September 30, 2009, the Company's sub-prime and Alt-A exposures remained primarily investment grade, had adequate underlying loan characteristics and the Company believed at such date that the current amortized cost levels were at or below the discounted cash flow value of the holdings, based on an analysis of subordination levels relative to current expectations of house price declines, loss severities and default levels. The Company had approximately \$329.0 million of Topical Assets downgraded during the quarter ended September 30, 2009. However, 53.8% of the Company's holdings remain rated investment grade at September 30, 2009.

Liquidations necessary to fund the repayment of the GIC liabilities and the maturity of certain funding agreements in 2008 and 2009 were funded through sales of assets in the former Other Financial Lines segment investment portfolios as well as the general investment portfolio. Management's approach was to avoid the sale of assets where current market prices did not reflect intrinsic values or where transaction costs for liquidation were excessive. As a result, the Company continues to hold approximately \$0.9 billion of Topical Assets and core CDOs.

Refer to Results of Operations for further discussion surrounding the impact of credit market movements on the Company's investment portfolio and exposure to sub-prime related assets.

As noted in Item 8, Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Significant Accounting Policies, in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, the determination of the amount of OTTI varies by investment type and is based upon management's periodic evaluation and assessment of known and inherent risks associated with the respective asset class. Such evaluations and assessments are revised as conditions change and new information becomes available. Management considers a wide range of factors about the security issuer and uses their best judgment in evaluating the cause of the decline in the estimated fair value of the security and in assessing the prospects for near-term recovery. Inherent in management's evaluation of the security are assumptions and estimates about the operations of the issuer and its future earnings potential. Management updates its evaluations regularly and reflects additional impairments in net income as determinations are made. Management's determination of the amount of the impairment taken on investments is highly subjective and could adversely impact the Company's results of operations. There can be no assurance that management has accurately assessed the level of OTTI taken and reflected in the Company's financial statements. Furthermore, additional impairments may need to be taken in the future. Historical trends may not be indicative of future impairments.

Levels of write down or OTTI are also impacted by the Company's assessment of the intent and ability to hold securities which have declined in value until recovery. If, due to changes in circumstances, the Company determines to reposition or realign portions of the portfolio where the Company determines not to hold certain securities in an unrealized loss position to recovery, then the Company will incur OTTI charges, which charges could be significant.

Unpaid Losses and Loss Expenses

The Company establishes reserves to provide for estimated claims, the general expenses of administering the claims adjustment process and for losses incurred but not reported. These reserves are calculated using actuarial and other reserving techniques to project the estimated ultimate net liability for losses and loss expenses. The Company's reserving practices and the establishment of any particular reserve reflects management's judgment concerning sound financial practice and do not represent any admission of liability with respect to any claims made against the Company.

Unpaid losses and loss expenses totaled \$21.2 billion at September 30, 2009, and \$21.7 billion at December 31, 2008.

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The table below represents a reconciliation of the Company's unpaid losses and loss expenses for non-life businesses for the nine months ended September 30, 2009:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) Gross unpaid losses and loss expenses | (Unaudited) Unpaid losses and loss expenses recoverable | (Unaudited) Net unpaid losses and loss expenses |
|---|--|---|---|
| Balance as at December 31, 2008 | \$ 21,650,315 | \$ (3,964,836) | \$ 17,685,479 |
| Losses and loss expenses incurred | 3,126,027 | (737,878) | 2,388,149 |
| Losses and loss expenses paid/recovered | (3,952,605) | 950,308 | (3,002,297) |
| Foreign exchange and other | 378,606 | (40,922) | 337,684 |
| Balance as at September 30, 2009 | \$ 21,202,343 | \$ (3,793,328) | \$ 17,409,015 |

While the Company reviews the adequacy of established reserves for unpaid losses and loss expenses regularly, no assurance can be given that actual claims made and payments related thereto will not be in excess of the amounts reserved. In the future, if such reserves develop adversely, such deficiency would have a negative impact on future results of operations. See "Unpaid Losses and Loss Expenses" in Item 1, "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" in Item 7 and Item 8, Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, each in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 for further discussion.

Unpaid Losses and Loss Expenses Recoverable and Reinsurance Balances Receivable

As a significant portion of the Company's net premiums written incept in the first six months of the year, certain assets and liabilities have increased at September 30, 2009 compared to December 31, 2008. This includes deferred acquisition costs, unearned premiums, premiums receivable and prepaid reinsurance premiums.

In the normal course of business, the Company seeks to reduce the potential amount of loss arising from claims events by reinsuring certain levels of risk assumed in various areas of exposure with other insurers or reinsurers. While reinsurance agreements are designed to limit the Company's losses from large exposures and permit recovery of a portion of direct unpaid losses, reinsurance does not relieve the Company of its ultimate liability to its insureds. Accordingly, the loss and loss expense reserves on the balance sheet represent the Company's total unpaid gross losses. Unpaid losses and loss expenses recoverable relate to estimated reinsurance recoveries on the unpaid loss and loss expense reserves.

Unpaid losses and loss expense recoverables were \$3.8 billion and \$4.0 billion at September 30, 2009, and December 31, 2008, respectively. At September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, reinsurance balances receivable were \$0.5 billion and \$0.6 billion, respectively. The table below presents the Company's net paid and unpaid losses and loss expenses recoverable and reinsurance balances receivable at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008.

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | (Unaudited) September 30, 2009 | December 31, 2008 |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Reinsurance balances receivable | \$ 527,512 | \$ 636,284 |
| Reinsurance recoverable on future policy benefits | 34,015 | 32,886 |
| Reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses and loss expenses | 3,905,913 | 4,079,860 |
| Bad debt reserve on unpaid losses and loss expenses recoverable and reinsurance balances receivable | (181,830) | (187,614) |
| Net paid and unpaid losses and loss expenses recoverable and reinsurance balances receivable | \$ 4,285,610 | \$ 4,561,416 |

Fair Value Measurements of Assets and Liabilities

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As disclosed in Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Fair Value Measurements, effective January 1, 2008, the Company adopted authoritative fair value measurement guidance and has accordingly provided required disclosures by level within the fair value hierarchy of the Company's assets and liabilities that are carried at fair value. As defined in the hierarchy, those assets and liabilities categorized as Level 3 have valuations determined using unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs may include the entity's own assumptions about market participant assumptions, applied to a modeled valuation, however, this is not the case with respect to the Company's Level 3 assets and liabilities. The vast majority of the assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 are made up of those securities for which the values were obtained from brokers where either significant inputs were utilized in determining the value that were difficult to corroborate with observable market data, or sufficient information regarding the specific inputs utilized by the broker was not obtained to support a Level 2 classification or the Company utilized internal valuation models.

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At September 30, 2009, certain assets which were previously classified as Level 3 assets due to a lack of observable market data are now classified as Level 2 assets due to sufficient market data now being available to determine a price and to allow the use of broker quotes.

At June 30, 2009, the Company utilized internal valuation models for CDO holdings with a fair value of \$450.5 million and a par value of \$807.5 million. Up to June 30, 2009, the Company had determined that internal models were more appropriate and better representative of the fair value of these securities. However, as a result of numerous market factors, including increased volumes of trading the Company believes that transactions in this market are no longer distressed. Accordingly the Company has reverted to third party vendor pricing sources where available for these securities at September 30, 2009, and where not available based the valuation on broker quotes. Accordingly, as at September 30, 2009, for those CDO holdings which were previously valued using internal models, the Company now carries these assets at a fair value of \$407.2 million and a par value of \$793.1 million. Of these holdings, \$326.1 million were valued by third party vendors and accordingly are now classified as Level 2, and \$81.1 million were valued using broker quotations and accordingly remain classified as Level 3.

The remainder of the Level 3 assets relate to private equity investments where the nature of the underlying assets held by the investee include positions such as private business ventures and are such that significant Level 3 inputs are utilized in the valuation, and certain derivative positions.

Controls over Valuation of Financial Instruments

The Company performs quarterly reviews of the prices received from its third party valuation sources to assess if the prices represent a reasonable estimate of the fair value. This process is completed by investment and accounting personnel who are independent of those responsible for providing the valuations. These reviews include, but are not limited to, valuation comparisons between external sources and completing recurring reviews of third party pricing services methodologies. As a result of this analysis, if the Company determines there is a more appropriate fair value based upon available market data, the price received from one third party may be substituted for another or, in limited circumstances, management may determine that an adjustment is required to a third party value. In addition, similar valuation controls are followed by external parties responsible for sourcing appropriate valuations from third parties on the Company's behalf which provides additional support regarding the reasonableness of the fair values recorded in the Company's financial statements.

Valuation Methodology of Level 3 Assets and Liabilities

Refer to Notes 2 and 3 of the Consolidated Financial Statements, Significant Accounting Policies and Fair Value Measurements for a description of the valuation methodology utilized to value Level 3 assets and liabilities, how the valuation methodology is validated as well as further details associated with various assets classified as Level 3. As at September 30, 2009, the Company did not have any liabilities that were carried at fair value based on Level 3 inputs other than derivative instruments in a liability position at September 30, 2009.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As a holding company, the Company's assets consist primarily of its investments in subsidiaries, and the Company's future cash flows depend on the availability of dividends or other statutorily permissible payments from its regulated subsidiaries. The ability to pay such dividends is limited by the applicable laws and regulations of the various countries the Company operates in including, among others, Bermuda, the United States, Ireland, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, and those of the Society of Lloyd's and certain contractual provisions. No assurance can be given that the Company or its subsidiaries will be permitted to pay dividends or other payments in the future.

The Company and its subsidiaries provide no guarantees or other commitments (express or implied) of financial support to the Company's subsidiaries or affiliates, except for where such guarantees are in writing.

Liquidity

Liquidity is a measure of the Company's ability to generate sufficient cash flows to meet the short-and long-term cash requirements of the Company's business operations.

As a holding company, XL Capital Ltd has no operations of its own and its assets consist primarily of its investments in its subsidiaries. Accordingly, XL Capital Ltd's future cash flows depend on the availability of dividends or other statutorily permissible payments from its subsidiaries. The ability to pay such dividends is limited by the applicable laws and regulations of the various countries and states in which XL Capital Ltd's subsidiaries operate, including, among others, Bermuda, Delaware, New York, Ireland, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. See Risk Factors - Risks Related to the Company - Because we are a holding company, if the Company's subsidiaries do not make dividend and other payments to XL Capital Ltd, the Company may not be able to pay dividends or make payments on its debt securities and other obligations in

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Item 1A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008. The ability to pay such dividends is also limited by the regulations of the Society of Lloyd's and certain contractual provisions. No assurance can be given that the Company's subsidiaries will pay dividends in the future to XL Capital Ltd.

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XL Capital Ltd's principal uses of liquidity are for dividend payments to holders of its ordinary shares and preferred shares, interest and principal payments on debt, capital investments in its subsidiaries and corporate operating expenses.

Historically, cash receipts from operations, consisting of premiums and investment income, generally have provided sufficient funds to pay losses as well as operating expenses of the Company's subsidiaries and to fund dividends to XL Capital Ltd. Cash receipts from operations is generally derived from the receipt of investment income on the Company's total investment portfolio as well as the net receipt of premiums less claims and expenses related to the Company's underwriting activities in its property and casualty operations as well as its Life Operations segment. The Company's operating subsidiaries provide liquidity in that premiums are generally received months or even years before losses are paid under the policies related to such premiums.

As at September 30, 2009, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$3.9 billion as compared to approximately \$4.4 billion at December 31, 2008. In addition, the Company maintains credit facilities which provide additional liquidity. Details of these facilities are described below in [Capital Resources](#).

In February 2009, the Board of Directors approved a reduction in the quarterly dividend payable on the Company's Class A Ordinary Shares to \$0.10 per ordinary share beginning with the quarterly dividend paid in March 2009.

The Company's liquidity needs may change. For instance, in the event of certain ratings downgrades, the Company may be required to post cash collateral in connection with its letters of credit and revolving credit facilities, to return premiums to clients in the case of the cancellation of certain reinsurance agreements and to return cash or assets to settle certain derivative transactions. See [Ratings](#) below.

Capital Resources

At September 30, 2009, the Company had total shareholders' equity of \$9.2 billion. In addition to ordinary and preferred share capital, the Company depends on external sources of financing such as debt, credit facilities and contingent capital to support its underwriting activities.

In connection with the maturity of the purchase contracts associated with the 7.0% Units, the Company issued 11,461,080 Class A ordinary shares for net proceeds of approximately \$745.0 million, which was used to retire the 2011 Senior Notes.

On March 26, 2009, the Company completed a cash tender offer for its outstanding Series C Preference Ordinary Shares that resulted in approximately 12.7 million Series C Preference Ordinary Shares with a liquidation value of \$317.3 million being purchased by the Company for approximately \$104.7 million plus accrued and unpaid dividends, combined with professional fees totaling \$0.8 million. As a result, a book value gain of approximately \$211.8 million was recorded in the first quarter of 2009 to ordinary shareholders.

Debt

The following table presents the Company's indebtedness under outstanding debt securities and lenders' commitments as at September 30, 2009:

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Commitment | In Use | Year of Expiry | Payments Due by Period | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | | | Less than 1 Year | 1 to 3 Years | 3 to 5 Years | After 5 Years |
| Notes Payable and Debt | | | | | | | |
| 5-year revolvers (1) | \$ 1,000,000 | \$ | 2010/2012 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 5-year revolver | 100,000 | | 2010 | | | | |
| 6.50% Guaranteed Senior Notes | 599,270 | 599,270 | 2012 | | 600,000 | | |
| 5.25% Senior Notes | 596,771 | 596,771 | 2014 | | | 600,000 | |
| 8.25% Senior Notes | 575,000 | 575,000 | 2021 | | | | 575,000 |
| 6.375% Senior Notes | 350,000 | 350,000 | 2024 | | | | 350,000 |
| 6.25% Senior Notes | 324,442 | 324,442 | 2027 | | | | 325,000 |
| | \$ 3,545,483 | \$ 2,445,483 | | \$ | \$ 600,000 | \$ 600,000 | \$ 1,250,000 |
| | | 6,890 | | | | | |

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Carrying Value \$ 2,452,373

Commitment and In Use data represent September 30, 2009 accreted values. Payments Due by Period data represent ultimate redemption values.

(1) The 2010 and 2012 5-year revolving credit facilities share a \$1.0 billion revolving credit sublimit.

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At September 30, 2009, the Company had six letter of credit facilities in place with total availability of \$7.0 billion, of which \$3.3 billion was utilized.

| (U.S. dollars in thousands) | Amount of Commitment Expiration per period | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | Commitment | In Use | Year of Expiry | Less than 1 Year | 1 to 3 Years | 3 to 5 Years | After 5 Years |
| Other Commercial Commitments | | | | | | | |
| Letter of Credit Facility | \$ 250,000 | \$ 196,209 | Continuous | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Letter of Credit Facility (1) | 2,250,000 | | 2010 | 2,250,000 | | | |
| Letter of Credit Facility (1) | 4,000,000 | 2,613,437 | 2012 | | 4,000,000 | | |
| Letter of Credit Facility | 137 | 137 | 2009 | 137 | | | |
| Letter of Credit Facility | 93 | 93 | 2009 | 93 | | | |
| Letter of Credit Facility | 483,388 | 483,388 | 2009 | 483,388 | | | |
| Six letter of credit facilities | \$ 6,983,618 | \$ 3,293,264 | | \$ 2,733,618 | \$ 4,000,000 | \$ | \$ |

(1) Of the total letter of credit facilities above, \$1.0 billion is also included in the revolvers under notes payable and debt.

The Company has several letter of credit facilities provided on a syndicated and bilateral basis from commercial banks. The value of letters of credit required is driven by, among other things, loss development of existing reserves, the payment pattern of such reserves, the expansion of business written by the Company and loss experience of such business. These facilities are principally utilized to support non-admitted insurance and reinsurance operations in the United States and capital requirements at Lloyd's. In addition to letters of credit, the Company has established insurance trusts in the U.S. that provide cedants with statutory relief under state insurance regulations in the U.S. It is anticipated that the commercial facilities will be renewed on expiry but such renewals are subject to the availability of credit from banks utilized by the Company. In the event that such credit support is insufficient, the Company could be required to provide alternative security to cedants. This could take the form of additional insurance trusts supported by the Company's investment portfolio or funds withheld using the Company's cash resources or combinations thereof.

In addition, the Company has previously entered into contingent capital transactions where no up-front proceeds were received by the Company, however, in the event that the associated irrevocable put and/or contingent put option agreements are exercised, proceeds previously raised from investors from the issuance of pass-through trust securities would be received in return for the issuance of preferred shares by the Company as applicable. As at September 30, 2009, the Company's remaining contingent capital facility was the \$350 million Stoneheath Re facility. For further information, see Note 18 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Ratings

The Company's ability to underwrite business is dependent upon the quality of its claims paying and financial strength ratings as evaluated by independent rating agencies. As a result, in the event that the Company is downgraded, its ability to write business as well as its financial condition and/or results of operations could be adversely affected. The Company regularly evaluates its capital needs to support the volume of business written in order to maintain its claims paying and financial strength ratings.

A downgrade below A- of the Company's principal insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries by either S&P or A.M. Best Company (A.M. Best), which is two notches below the current S&P financial strength rating of A (Negative) and two notches below the current A.M. Best financial strength rating of A (Stable) of these subsidiaries, may trigger termination provisions in a significant amount of the Company's assumed reinsurance agreements and may potentially require the Company to return unearned premium to cedants. Whether a client would exercise its termination rights after such a downgrade would likely depend on, among other things, the reasons for the downgrade, the extent of the downgrade, prevailing market conditions, the degree of unexpired coverage, and the pricing and availability of replacement reinsurance coverage. In the event of such a downgrade, the Company cannot predict whether or how many of its clients would actually exercise such termination rights or the extent to which any such terminations would have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of

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operations or future prospects and could have a significant adverse effect on the market price for the Company's securities. In addition, due to collateral posting requirements under the Company's letter of credit and revolving credit facility agreements, such a downgrade may require the posting of cash collateral in support of certain in use portions of these facilities. Specifically, a downgrade below A- by A.M. Best would trigger such collateral requirements for the Company's two largest credit facilities. In certain limited instances, such downgrades may require the Company to return cash or assets to counterparties or to settle derivative and/or other transactions with the respective counterparties. For further information, see the Risk Factor titled A downgrade or potential downgrade in the Company's financial strength and credit ratings by one or more rating agencies could materially and negatively impact the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations and/or liquidity in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

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The following are the financial strength and claims paying ratings as at October 1st, 2009 from internationally recognized rating agencies in relation to the Company's principal insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries and pools:

| Rating agency | Rating |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Standard & Poor's | A (Negative) |
| Fitch | A (Negative) |
| A.M. Best | A (Stable) |
| Moody's Investor Services | A2 (Negative) |

In addition, as at October 1st XL Capital Ltd had the following long-term debt ratings: bbb (Stable) from A.M. Best, BBB+ (Negative) from S&P, Baa2 (Negative) from Moody's and BBB+ (Negative) from Fitch.

Other

For information regarding cross-default and certain other provisions in the Company's debt and convertible securities documents, see Item 7 of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

See Part II, Item 2 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds, below.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (PSLRA) provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements. Any prospectus, prospectus supplement, the Company's Annual Report to ordinary shareholders, any proxy statement, any other Form 10-K, Form 10-Q or Form 8-K of the Company or any other written or oral statements made by or on behalf of the Company may include forward-looking statements that reflect the Company's current views with respect to future events and financial performance. Such statements include forward-looking statements both with respect to the Company in general, and to the insurance and reinsurance sectors in particular (both as to underwriting and investment matters). Statements that include the words expect, intend, plan, believe, project, anticipate, will, may, and similar statements of a forward-looking nature identify forward-looking statements for purposes of the PSLRA or otherwise.

All forward-looking statements address matters that involve risks and uncertainties. Accordingly, there are or will be important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in such statements. The Company believes that these factors include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) changes in ratings, rating agency policies or practices; (ii) changes in the size of the Company's claims relating to natural catastrophe losses due to the preliminary nature of some reports and estimates of loss and damage to date; (iii) trends in rates for property and casualty insurance and reinsurance; (iv) the timely and full recoverability of reinsurance placed by the Company with third parties, or other amounts due to the Company; (v) the projected amount of ceded reinsurance recoverables and the ratings and creditworthiness of reinsurers may change; (vi) the timing of claims payments being faster or the receipt of reinsurance recoverables being slower than anticipated by the Company; (vii) ineffectiveness or obsolescence of the Company's business strategy due to changes in current or future market conditions; (viii) increased competition on the basis of pricing, capacity, coverage terms or other factors; (ix) greater frequency or severity of claims and loss activity than the Company's underwriting, reserving or investment practices anticipate based on historical experience or industry data; (x) the effects of inflation on our business, including on pricing and reserving; (xi) developments, including uncertainties related to the depth and duration of the current recession, and future volatility in the world's credit, financial and capital markets that adversely affect the performance and valuation of XL's investments or access to such markets; (xii) the potential impact on the Company from government-mandated insurance coverage for acts of terrorism; (xiii) the potential for changes to methodologies, estimations and assumptions that underlie the valuation of the Company's financial instruments that could result in changes to investment valuations; (xiv) to the Company's assumptions as to whether it does not have the intent to sell and it is more likely than not it will not be required to sell its available-for-sale securities before recovery; (xv) developments in bankruptcy proceedings or other developments related to bankruptcies of companies insofar as they affect property and casualty insurance and reinsurance coverages or claims that the Company may have as a counterparty; (xvi) availability of borrowings and letters of credit under the Company's credit facilities; (xvii) the ability of the Company's subsidiaries to pay dividends to the holding company, XL Capital Ltd.; (xviii) the potential effect of domestic and foreign regulatory developments, including those which could increase the Company's business costs and required capital levels; (xix) changes in regulation or tax laws applicable to the Company or its subsidiaries, brokers or customers; (xx) acceptance of the Company's products and services, including new products and services; (xxi) changes in the availability, cost or

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quality of reinsurance; (xxii) changes in the distribution or placement of risks due to increased consolidation of insurance and reinsurance brokers; (xxiii) loss of key personnel; (xxiv) the effects of mergers, acquisitions and divestitures; (xxv) changes in accounting policies or practices or the application thereof; (xxvi) legislative or regulatory developments including, but not limited to, changes in regulatory capital balances that must be maintained by the Company's operating subsidiaries and recent governmental actions for the purpose of stabilizing the financial markets; (xxvii) other changes in general economic conditions, including changes in interest rates, credit spreads, foreign currency exchange rates, inflation and other factors; (xxviii) the effects of business disruption or economic contraction due to war, terrorism or other hostilities; and (xxix) the other factors set forth in the Company's other documents on file with the SEC. The foregoing review of important factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included herein or elsewhere. The Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

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Except as described below, there have been no material changes in the Company's market risk exposures or how those exposures are managed, since December 31, 2008. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk, presented under Item 7A of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Market risk represents the potential for loss due to adverse changes in the fair value of financial instruments. The Company is principally exposed to the following market risks: interest rate risk; foreign currency exchange rate risk; equity price risk; credit risk; and other related market risks.

The Company's investment market risk arises from its investment portfolio which consists of fixed income securities, alternative investments, public equities, private investments, derivatives, other investments, and cash, denominated in both U.S. and foreign currencies, which are sensitive to changes in interest rates, credit spreads, equity prices, foreign currency exchange rates and other related market risks. The Company's fixed income and equity securities are classified as available-for-sale, and as such changes in interest rates, credit spreads on corporate and structured credit, equity prices, foreign currency exchange rates or other related market instruments will have an immediate effect on comprehensive income and shareholders' equity but will not ordinarily have an immediate effect on net income. Nevertheless, changes in interest rates, credit spreads, equity prices and other related market instruments effect consolidated net income when, and if, a security is sold or impaired.

On a limited basis the Company enters into derivatives and other financial instruments primarily for risk management purposes. From time to time, the Company also uses investment derivative instruments such as futures, options, interest rate swaps, credit default swaps and foreign currency forward contracts to manage the duration of its investment portfolio and foreign currency exposures and also to obtain exposure to a particular financial market. Historically the Company entered into credit derivatives outside of the investment portfolio in conjunction with the financial guarantee and financial products operations. The Company attempts to manage the risks associated with derivative use with guidelines established by senior management. Derivative instruments are carried at fair value with the resulting changes in fair value recognized in income in the period in which they occur.

This risk management discussion and the estimated amounts generated from the sensitivity and value at risk (VaR) analyses presented in this document are forward-looking statements of market risk assuming certain adverse market conditions occur. Actual results in the future may differ materially from these estimated results due to, among other things, actual developments in the global financial markets and changes in the composition of the Company's investment portfolio. The results of analysis used by the Company to assess and mitigate risk should not be considered projections of future events or losses. See generally Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements in Item 2.

Interest Rate Risk

The Company's fixed income portfolio is exposed to interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the price sensitivity of a fixed income security to changes in interest rates. The Company manages interest rate risk within the context of its overall asset liability management strategy by setting duration targets for its investment portfolio in line with the estimated duration of its liabilities, thus mitigating the overall economic effect of interest rate risk. The Company remains nevertheless exposed to accounting interest rate risk since the assets are marked to market, thus subject to market conditions, while liabilities are accrued at a static rate. The hypothetical case of an immediate 100 basis point adverse parallel shift in global bond curves as at September 30, 2009, would decrease the fair value of the Company's fixed income portfolio by approximately 4% or \$1.3 billion.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk

Many of the Company's non-U.S. subsidiaries maintain both assets and liabilities in local currencies. Foreign currency exchange rate gains and losses arise for accounting purposes where net assets or liabilities are denominated in foreign currencies that differ from the functional currency of those subsidiaries. In addition, the Company's shareholders' equity is impacted by movements in currency exchange rates through both the foreign exchange component of realized and unrealized gains and losses within the Company's investment portfolio, and the cumulative translation adjustments resulting from the translation of foreign subsidiary results.

The principal currencies creating foreign exchange risk for us are the British pound sterling, the Euro, the Swiss Franc, and the Canadian dollar. The Company's net notional foreign currency denominated exposure on foreign exchange contracts was \$423.6 million and \$186.2 million as at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 respectively, with a net unrealized loss of \$0.6 million and \$3.2 million as at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively.

Equity Price Risk

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The Company's equity portfolio as well as other investments, primarily representing certain derivatives and certain affiliate investments, are exposed to equity price risk. Equity price risk is the potential loss arising from changes in the market value of equities. An immediate hypothetical 10% change in the value of each equity position in the Company's equity portfolio would affect the fair value of the portfolio by approximately \$4.9 million as at September 30, 2009. This excludes exposures to equities in the Company's affiliate investments.

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As at September 30, 2009, the Company's equity portfolio was approximately \$49 million as compared to \$330 million as at December 31, 2008. This excludes fixed income fund investments that generally do not have the risk characteristics of equity investments. As at September 30, 2009, the Company's allocation to equity securities was approximately 0.1% of the total investment portfolio (including cash and cash equivalents, accrued investment income and net payable for investments purchased) as compared to approximately 1.1% as at December 31, 2008.

As at September 30, 2009, approximately 99.7% of the equity holdings was invested in U.S. companies as compared to approximately 10.5% as at December 31, 2008. As at September 30, 2009, the top ten equity holdings represented approximately 29.9% of the Company's total equity portfolio as compared to approximately 10.4% as at December 31, 2008.

Credit Risk

The Company's exposure to credit spreads primarily relates to market price and cash flow variability associated with changes in credit spreads. A widening of credit spreads will increase the net unrealized loss position of the investment portfolio, will increase losses associated with credit based non-qualifying derivatives where the Company assumes credit exposure, and, if issuer credit spreads increase significantly or for an extended period of time, would likely result in higher other-than-temporary impairments. Credit spread tightening will reduce net investment income associated with new purchases of fixed maturities. In addition, market volatility can make it difficult to value certain of the Company's securities if trading becomes less frequent. As such, valuations may include assumptions or estimates that may have significant period to period changes which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated results of operations or financial condition. Credit spreads on both corporate and structured securities tightened during the quarter ended September 30, 2009, resulting in a recovery of market values. Continuing challenges include continued weakness in the U.S. real estate market and increased mortgage delinquencies, investor anxiety over the U.S. economy, rating agency downgrades of various structured products and financial issuers, unresolved issues with structured investment vehicles and monolines, deleveraging of financial institutions and alternative funds and a serious dislocation in the inter-bank market. If significant, continued volatility, changes in interest rates, changes in credit spreads and defaults, a lack of pricing transparency, market liquidity, declines in equity prices, and the strengthening or weakening of foreign currencies against the U.S. dollar, individually or in tandem, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated results of operations, financial condition or cash flows through realized losses, impairments, and changes in unrealized positions.

The Company's exposure to market movements related to credit risk is primarily due to its investment portfolio, receivable and ceded reinsurance balances. Within the investment portfolio, credit risk is the exposure to adverse changes in the creditworthiness of individual investment holdings, issuers, groups of issuers, industries or countries. In addition, credit risk pertains to adverse change in the creditworthiness of the Company's reinsurers and retrocessionaires, and their ability to pay certain reinsurance receivable and recoverable balances. The hypothetical case of an immediate 25 basis point increase in all the global corporate and structured credit spreads to which the Company's fixed income portfolio is exposed to at September 30, 2009 would decrease the fair value of the Company's fixed income portfolio by approximately \$369 million. This excludes exposure to credit in the Company's alternative investments and counterparty exposure.

The table below shows the Company's fixed income portfolio by credit rating in percentage terms of the Company's total fixed income exposure (including fixed maturities, short-term investments, cash and cash equivalents, accrued investment income and net payable for investments purchased) as at September 30, 2009:

| | |
|------------------|----------------|
| | Total |
| AAA | 55.5 % |
| AA | 14.9 % |
| A | 17.3 % |
| BBB | 7.4 % |
| BB & below | 4.9 % |
| Total (1) | 100.0 % |

(1) Included in the above are \$569.0 million, or 1.7% of the portfolio which represents medium term notes rated at the average credit rating of the underlying asset pools backing the notes.

At September 30, 2009, the average credit quality of the Company's total fixed income portfolio was AA.

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The Company is closely monitoring its corporate financial bond holdings in light of the current credit market conditions. The table below summarizes the Company's significant exposures (defined as bonds issued by financial institutions with an amortized cost in excess of \$50.0 million) to corporate bonds of financial issuers held within its available for sale investment portfolio at September 30, 2009, representing both amortized cost and unrealized gains (losses):

| (U.S. dollars in millions) | Amortized Cost at September 30, 2009 | Unrealized gain (loss) at September 30, 2009 |
|--|--|---|
| Issuer (by Global Ultimate Parent) (1) | | |
| Lloyds Banking Group, Plc | \$ 347.0 | \$ (43.9) |
| Bank of America Corporation. | 307.3 | (16.7) |
| The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. | 188.5 | 0.1 |
| Citigroup Inc | 185.5 | (12.9) |
| Banco Santander, S.A | 144.7 | (28.4) |
| Wells Fargo & Company | 142.3 | 1.1 |
| HSBC Holdings Plc | 140.0 | (3.7) |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co | 114.6 | (8.7) |
| Barclays Plc | 114.6 | (27.1) |
| Nationwide Building Society | 106.8 | (6.5) |
| Morgan Stanley | 104.2 | 2.1 |
| American International Group, Inc | 93.3 | (16.9) |
| RFS Holdings B.V. | 89.3 | (4.3) |
| Caisse Nationale des Caisses D'Epargne et de Prevoyance (CNCEP) | 85.4 | (12.7) |
| Aviva Plc | 82.5 | (15.1) |
| Northern Rock plc | 72.8 | (7.4) |
| UBS AG | 71.1 | (10.8) |
| Royal Bank of Canada | 66.6 | 1.3 |
| Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd | 64.6 | 1.8 |
| Assicurazioni Generali SPA | 62.3 | (9.5) |
| BNP Paribas | 62.3 | (8.9) |
| Credit Agricole SA | 60.3 | (5.7) |
| Legal and General Group Plc | 60.1 | (12.1) |
| Credit Suisse Group AG | 59.4 | 0.4 |
| Unicredit S.P.A | 58.3 | (12.9) |
| Danske Bank A/S | 55.7 | (11.4) |
| Metlife, Inc. | 53.0 | (0.4) |

Within the Company's corporate financial bond holdings, the Company is further monitoring its exposures to hybrid securities, representing Tier One and Upper Tier Two securities of various financial institutions. The following table summarizes the top ten exposures to hybrid securities, representing both amortized cost and unrealized (losses) as September 30, 2009:

| (U.S. dollars in millions) | Tier One Amortized Cost at September 30, 2009 | Upper Tier Two Amortized Cost at September 30, 2009 | Total Amortized Cost at September 30, 2009 | Net Unrealized (Loss) at September 30, 2009 |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| Issuer (by Global Ultimate Parent) | | | | |
| Barclays, Plc | \$ 54.9 | \$ 59.7 | \$ 114.6 | \$ (27.1) |
| Lloyds TSB Group, Plc. | 102.4 | 8.6 | 111.0 | (45.3) |
| Banco Santander, S.A | 48.7 | 61.6 | 110.3 | (27.8) |
| Assicurazioni Generali S.P.A | 62.3 | | 62.3 | (9.5) |
| Aviva, Plc. | 5.8 | 55.3 | 61.1 | (12.6) |
| Danske Bank A/S | 35.0 | 20.7 | 55.7 | (11.4) |
| Credit Agricole SA | 12.3 | 42.2 | 54.5 | (5.8) |

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|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Unicredit S.P.A | 46.5 | 1.9 | 48.4 | (13.1) |
| BNP Paribas | 43.1 | | 43.1 | (9.2) |
| Caisse Nationale des Caisses D Epargne et de Prevoyance (CNCEP) | 36.5 | | 36.5 | (14.3) |
| Total | \$ 447.5 | \$ 250.0 | \$ 697.5 | \$ (176.1) |

As at September 30, 2009, the top 10 corporate holdings, which exclude government guaranteed and government sponsored enterprises, represented approximately 5.4% of the total fixed income portfolio and approximately 16.7% of all corporate holdings.

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The top 10 corporate holdings listed below represent the direct exposure to the corporations listed below, including their subsidiaries, and excludes any securitized, credit enhanced and collateralized asset or mortgage backed securities, cash and cash equivalents, pooled notes and any OTC derivative counterparty exposure, if applicable.

| Top 10 Corporate Holdings | Percentage of Total Fixed Income Portfolio (1) |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Lloyds Banking Group plc | 0.91% |
| Bank of America Corporation | 0.87% |
| General Electric Company | 0.61% |
| The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc | 0.57% |
| Citigroup Inc | 0.51% |
| Wells Fargo & Company | 0.43% |
| HSBC Holdings plc | 0.41% |
| AT&T Inc | 0.38% |
| Banco Santander, S.A. | 0.35% |
| The Proctor & Gamble Company | 0.33% |

(1) Including fixed maturities, short-term investments, cash and cash equivalents, accrued investment income and net payable for investments purchased. As at September 30, 2009, the top 5 corporate sector exposures represented 22.0% of the total fixed income portfolio and 68.1% of all corporate holdings.

| (U.S. dollars in millions) | | Fair Value | Percent of Fixed Income Portfolio |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|--|
| Top 5 Sector Exposures | | | |
| Financials | Banks | \$ 3,394.7 | 10.0% |
| Consumer, Non-Cyclical | | 1,383.7 | 4.1% |
| Communications | | 961.8 | 2.8% |
| Utilities | | 951.3 | 2.8% |
| Industrials | | 765.5 | 2.3% |
| Total | | \$ 7,457.0 | 22.0% |

The Company also has exposure to market movement related to credit risk associated with its mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities. The table below shows the breakdown of the \$9.0 billion structured credit portfolio as at September 30, 2009, of which approximately 73.9% is AAA rated:

| (U.S. dollars in millions) | | Fair Value | Percent of Portfolio |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| CMBS | | \$ 1,659.1 | 18.3% |
| Agency | | 4,206.3 | 46.6% |
| Prime RMBS | | 730.9 | 8.1% |
| Core CDO (non-ABS CDOs and CLOs) | | 569.1 | 6.3% |
| Other ABS: | | | |
| ABS | Auto | 168.4 | 1.9% |
| ABS | Credit Cards | 206.1 | 2.3% |
| ABS | Other | 700.4 | 7.8% |
| Topical: | | | |
| Sub-prime | first lien | 393.3 | 4.4% |

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|---|-------------------|---------------|
| Alt-A | 334.4 | 3.7% |
| Second lien (including sub-prime second lien mortgages) | 40.8 | 0.5% |
| ABS CDO s with sub-prime collateral | 5.5 | 0.1% |
| Total | \$ 9,014.3 | 100.0% |

For further discussion of the exposure to credit market movements in the Company's investment portfolio see the Investment Value-at-Risk section below.

Credit derivatives are purchased within the Company's investment portfolio and have been sold through a limited number of contracts written as part of the Company's previous financial businesses. The Company may purchase credit default swaps to hedge an existing position or concentration of its holdings. The credit derivatives are recorded at fair value.

As of September 30, 2009, the remaining credit derivative exposure outside of the Company's investment portfolio consisted of two contracts written by the Company that provide credit protection on senior tranches of structured finance transactions with total insured contractual payments outstanding of \$279.2 million, a weighted average contractual term to maturity of 6.3 years and a total liability recorded of \$12.2 million.

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The Company has exposure to many different industries and counterparties, and routinely executes transactions with counterparties in the financial services industry, including brokers and dealers, commercial banks, investment banks, hedge funds and other investment funds and other institutions. Many of these transactions expose the Company to credit risk in the event of default of the Company's counterparty. In addition, with respect to secured transactions, the Company's credit risk may be exacerbated when the collateral held by the Company cannot be realized upon or is liquidated at prices not sufficient to recover the full amount of the loan or derivative exposure that is due. The Company also has exposure to financial institutions in the form of unsecured debt instruments, derivative transactions, revolving credit facility and letter of credit commitments and equity investments. There can be no assurance that any such losses or impairments to the carrying value of these assets would not materially and adversely affect the Company's business and results of operations.

With regard to unpaid losses and loss expenses recoverable and reinsurance balances receivable, the Company has credit risk should any of its reinsurers be unable or unwilling to settle amounts due to the Company; however, these exposures are not marked to market. For further information relating to reinsurer credit risk, see Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Unpaid Losses and Loss Expenses Recoverable and Reinsurance Balances Receivable.

The Company is exposed to credit risk in the event of non-performance by the other parties to its derivative instruments in general, however the Company does not anticipate non-performance. The difference between the notional principal amounts and the associated market value is the Company's maximum credit exposure.

Weather and Energy Risk

Prior to August 2008, the Company previously offered weather and contingent energy risk management products in insurance or derivative form to end-users and managed the risks in the OTC and exchange traded derivatives markets or through the use of quota share or excess of loss arrangements. However, as part of the Company's strategy to focus on its core Insurance and Reinsurance P&C operations, the Company, in August 2008, closed this unit and ceased writing such weather and energy risk management products.

Previously, when the Company offered weather and contingent energy risk management products, the Company managed its portfolio of such products through the employment of a variety of strategies. These included geographical and directional diversification of risk exposures and direct hedging within the capital and reinsurance markets. As at September 30, 2009, the Company's VaR related to these risks did not exceed \$20.0 million in any one season. The remaining weather and energy contracts are expired during the third quarter of 2009.

Other Market Risks

The Company's private investment portfolio is invested in limited partnerships and other entities which are not publicly traded. In addition to normal market risks, these positions may also be exposed to liquidity risk, risks related to distressed investments, and risks specific to startup or small companies. As at September 30, 2009, the Company's exposure to private investments was \$308.9 million, as compared to \$404.8 million as at December 31, 2008.

The Company's alternative investment portfolio, which is exposed to equity and credit risk as well as certain other market risks, had a total exposure of \$868.5 million making up approximately 2.6% of the total investment portfolio (including cash and cash equivalents, accrued investment income and net payable for investments purchased) at September 30, 2009, as compared to December 31, 2008, where the Company had a total exposure of \$1.1 billion representing approximately 3.2% of the total investment portfolio. The VaR associated with the alternative investment portfolio at September 30, 2009 based on a 95% confidence level with a one month holding period, excluding foreign exchange risk, was approximately \$31.2 million.

At September 30, 2009, bond and stock index futures outstanding had a net long position of \$92.9 million as compared to a net long position of \$101.7 million at December 31, 2008. A 10% appreciation or depreciation of the underlying exposure to these derivative instruments would have resulted in realized gains or realized losses of \$9.3 million as at September 30, 2009 and \$10.2 million as at December 31, 2008, respectively. The Company may reduce its exposure to these futures through offsetting transactions, including options and forwards.

The Company invests a portion of its invested assets in investment funds, many of which make private equity investments. The amount and timing of income from such investment funds tends to be uneven as a result of the performance of the underlying investments, including private equity investments. As a result, the amount of income that the Company records from these investments can vary substantially from quarter to quarter. Recent equity and credit market volatility may reduce net income from investment affiliates for these type of investments. The timing of distributions from the funds, which depends on particular events relating to the underlying investments, as well as the funds' schedules for making distributions and their needs for cash, can be difficult to predict.

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Investment Value-at-Risk

The VaR of the investment portfolio at September 30, 2009, based on a 95% confidence level with a one month holding period, excluding foreign exchange risk, was approximately \$422.6 million as compared to \$892.4 million at December 31, 2008. The VaR of all investment related derivatives excluding investments in affiliates and other investments was approximately \$22.2 million as at September 30, 2009 as compared to \$42.9 million at December 31, 2008. The Company's investment portfolio VaR as at September 30, 2009 is not necessarily indicative of future VaR levels.

To complement the VaR analysis based on normal market environments, the Company considers the impact on the investment portfolio of several different historical stress periods to analyze the effect of unusual market conditions. The Company establishes certain historical stress test scenarios which are applied to the actual investment portfolio. As these stress tests and estimated gains and losses are based on historical events, they will not necessarily reflect future stress events or gains and losses from such events. The results of the stress test scenarios are reviewed on a regular basis to ensure they are appropriate, based on current shareholders equity, market conditions and the Company's total risk tolerance.

Given the investment portfolio allocations as at September 30, 2009, the Company would expect to lose approximately 5.2% of the portfolio excluding foreign exchange movements, if the most damaging event stress tested was repeated, all other things held equal, as compared to 4.2% at December 31, 2008. Given the investment portfolio allocations as at September 30, 2009, the Company would expect to gain approximately 11.6% of the portfolio if the most favorable event stress tested was repeated, all other things held equal, as compared to 14.0% at December 31, 2008. The Company assumes that no action is taken during the stress period to either liquidate or rebalance the portfolio. The Company believes that this fairly reflects the potential decreased liquidity that is often associated with distressed market environments.

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The Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures are effective to provide reasonable assurance that all material information relating to the Company required to be filed in this report has been made known to them in a timely fashion.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the Company's evaluation required pursuant to Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that occurred during the most recent fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION**ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

In November 2006, a subsidiary of the Company received a grand jury subpoena from the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and a subpoena from the SEC, both of which sought documents in connection with an investigation into the municipal GICs market and related products. In June 2008, subsidiaries of the Company also received a subpoena from the Connecticut Attorney General and an Antitrust Civil Investigative Demand from the Office of the Florida Attorney General in connection with a coordinated multi-state Attorneys General investigation into the matters referenced in the DOJ and SEC subpoenas. The Company is fully cooperating with these investigations.

Commencing in March 2008, the Company and two of its subsidiaries were named, along with approximately 20 other providers and insurers of municipal Guaranteed Investment Contracts and similar derivative products in the U.S. (collectively Municipal Derivatives) as well as fourteen brokers of such products, in several purported federal antitrust class actions. The Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ordered that these be consolidated for pretrial purposes and assigned them to the Southern District of New York. The consolidated amended complaint filed in August 2008 alleges that there was a conspiracy among the defendants during the period from January 1, 1992 to the present to rig bids and otherwise unlawfully decrease the yield for Municipal Derivative products. The purported class of plaintiffs consists of purchasers of Municipal Derivatives. On October 21, 2008 most of the defendants filed motions to dismiss the consolidated amended complaint. The District Judge granted the motions by order dated April 29, 2009, but allowed plaintiffs leave to file a second amended complaint within 20 days of the order. Plaintiffs filed a Second Consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint on June 18, 2009, but did not include the Company or any subsidiaries as a defendant. In addition, the same two subsidiaries of the Company were named in a number of similar actions filed by various municipalities in California state courts. The Defendants removed those cases to federal court and the cases were then transferred to the Southern District of New York by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation. Two subsidiaries of the Company have been named in amended complaints filed in five of the California actions. The Company intends to vigorously defend these actions.

From time to time, the Company has also received and responded to additional requests from Attorneys General, state insurance regulators and federal regulators for information relating to the Company's contingent commission arrangements with brokers and agents and/or the Company's insurance and reinsurance practices in connection with certain finite-risk and loss mitigation products. Similarly, the Company's affiliates outside the U.S. have, from time to time, received and responded to requests from regulators relating to the Company's insurance and reinsurance practices regarding contingent commissions or finite-risk and loss mitigation products. The Company has fully cooperated with the regulators in these matters.

In August 2005, plaintiffs in a proposed class action (the Class Action) that was consolidated into a multidistrict litigation in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, captioned In re Brokerage Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 1663, Civil Action No. 04-5184 (the MDL), filed a consolidated amended complaint (the Amended Complaint), which named as new defendants approximately 30 entities, including Greenwich Insurance Company, Indian Harbor Insurance Company and XL Capital Ltd. In the MDL, the Class Action plaintiffs asserted various claims purportedly on behalf of a class of commercial insureds against approximately 113 insurance companies and insurance brokers through which the named plaintiffs allegedly purchased insurance. The Amended Complaint alleged that the defendant insurance companies and insurance brokers conspired to manipulate bidding practices for insurance policies in certain insurance lines and failed to disclose certain commission arrangements and asserted

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statutory claims under the Sherman Act, various state antitrust laws and the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), as well as common law claims alleging breach of fiduciary duty, aiding and abetting a breach of fiduciary duty and unjust enrichment. By Opinion and Order dated August 31, 2007, the Court dismissed the Sherman Act claims with prejudice and, by Opinion and Order dated September 28, 2007, the Court dismissed the RICO claims with prejudice. The plaintiffs then appealed both Orders to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Oral argument before the appellate court was held on April 21, 2009. In accordance with the Third Circuit's April 23, 2009 directive, the parties submitted on May 13, 2009 their respective supplemental letter briefs addressing a question raised by the Court.

Various XL entities have been named as defendants in three of the many tag-along actions that have been consolidated into the MDL for pretrial purposes. These tag-along actions make allegations similar to the Amended Complaint but do not purport to be class actions. On April 4, 2006, a tag-along Complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia on behalf of New Cingular Wireless Headquarters LLC and several other corporations against approximately 100 defendants, including Greenwich Insurance Company, XL Specialty Insurance Company, XL Insurance America, Inc., XL Insurance Company Limited, Lloyd's syndicates 861, 588 and 1209 and XL Capital Ltd. (the New Cingular Lawsuit). On or about May 21, 2007, a tag-along Complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey on behalf of Henley Management Company, Big Bear Properties, Inc., Northbrook Properties, Inc., RCK Properties, Inc., Kitchens, Inc., Aberfeldy LP and Payroll and Insurance Group, Inc. against multiple defendants, including XL Winterthur International (the Henley Lawsuit). On October 12, 2007, a Complaint in a third tag-along action, captioned Sears Roebuck & Co. v. Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc., et al., No. 1:07-CV-2535 (the Sears Lawsuit), was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia by Sears, Roebuck & Co., Sears Holdings Corporation, Kmart Corporation and Lands' End Inc. Among the many named defendants are X.L. America, Inc., XL Insurance America, Inc., XL Specialty Insurance Company and XL Insurance (Bermuda) Ltd. The three tag-along actions are currently stayed. The Judge presiding over the MDL has set a conference for December 14, 2009 to review whether he should recommend to the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation that the remaining tag-along actions be remanded to the respective courts in which they were originally filed.

Three purported class actions on behalf of shareholders of Syncora have been filed in the Southern District of New York against the Company and one of its subsidiaries (collectively XL), Syncora, four Syncora officers, and various underwriters of Syncora securities. The Judge ordered that these be consolidated. The consolidated amended complaint, filed in August 2008, alleges violations of the Securities Act of 1933 arising out of the secondary public offering of Syncora common shares held by XL on June 6, 2007 and sales/exchanges by Syncora of certain preferred shares as well as under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 arising out of trading in Syncora securities during the asserted class period of March 15, 2007 to March 17, 2008. The principal allegations are that Syncora failed to appropriately and timely disclose its exposures under certain derivative contracts and insurance of tranches of structured securities. XL is named as a party that purportedly controlled Syncora during the relevant time period. In October, 2008, XL and other defendants filed motions to dismiss the consolidated amended complaint, which motions have been fully briefed. The Company intends to vigorously defend these actions.

In connection with the secondary offering of the Company's Syncora shares, the Company and Syncora each agreed to indemnify the several underwriters of that offering against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933 for payment of legal fees and expenses, settlements and judgments incurred with respect to litigation such as this. The Company and Syncora have agreed to each bear 50% of this indemnity obligation.

The Company is subject to litigation and arbitration in the normal course of its business. These lawsuits and arbitrations principally involve claims on policies of insurance and contracts of reinsurance and are typical for the Company and for the property and casualty insurance and reinsurance industry in general. Such legal proceedings are considered in connection with the Company's loss and loss expense reserves. Reserves in varying amounts may or may not be established in respect of particular claims proceedings based on many factors, including the legal merits thereof. In addition to litigation relating to insurance and reinsurance claims, the Company and its subsidiaries are subject to lawsuits and regulatory actions in the normal course of business that do not arise from or directly relate to claims on insurance or reinsurance policies. This category of business litigation typically involves, among other things, allegations of underwriting errors or misconduct, employment claims, regulatory activity, shareholder disputes or disputes arising from business ventures. The status of these legal actions is actively monitored by management. If management believed, based on available information, that an adverse outcome upon resolution of a given legal action was probable and the amount of that adverse outcome was reasonable to estimate, a loss would be recognized and a related liability recorded. The Company believes that the expected ultimate outcome of all outstanding litigation and arbitration will not have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial condition, operating results and/or liquidity, although an adverse resolution of one or more of these items could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations in a particular fiscal quarter or year.

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Refer to Item 1A. Risk Factors in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 for further information.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS**(c) Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliate Purchasers**

The following table provides information about purchases by the Company during the three months ended September 30, 2009 of equity securities that are registered by the Company pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act:

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased (1) | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (2) |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| July 1-31, 2009 | 1,988 | \$ 11.50 | | \$ 375.5 million |
| August 1-31, 2009 | 862 | \$ 13.92 | | \$ 375.5 million |
| September 1-30, 2009 | | \$ | | \$ 375.5 million |
| Total | 2,850 | \$ 12.23 | | \$ 375.5 million |

- (1) All share purchased were purchased in connection with the vesting of restricted shares granted under the Company's restricted stock plan. All of these purchases were made in connection with satisfying tax withholding obligations of those employees. These shares were not purchased as part of the Company's share repurchase program noted below.
- (2) On September 24, 2007, the Board of Directors of the Company approved a share repurchase program, authorizing the Company to repurchase up to \$500.0 million of its Class A ordinary shares. During the quarter ended September 30, 2009, no share repurchases were made under the share repurchase program. As at September 30, 2009, the Company could repurchase \$375.5 million of its equity securities under the share repurchase program.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

On November 3, 2009, the Company entered into an agreement and release (the "Agreement and Release") with Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer Brian Nocco, who as previously announced will be departing the Company. On September 14, 2009 the Company announced that it had reached an agreement with Mr. Nocco that he would depart from the Company at the end of the year.

The Company entered into the Agreement and Release with Mr. Nocco pursuant to which Mr. Nocco's employment with the Company will terminate on December 31, 2009 (the "Termination Date"). The Agreement and Release provides that, no later than the Termination Date, Mr. Nocco will resign from all officer positions with the Company and its affiliates as well as his membership on all boards of directors and committees of the Company and its affiliates. The Agreement and Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

The Agreement and Release provides for: (i) payment of base salary through the Termination Date; (ii) provided Mr. Nocco reexecutes a general release of claims against the Registrant and its affiliates, (x) a lump sum cash payment of \$2,008,333, and (y) an annual bonus for 2009 of not less than \$1,000,000; (iii) reimbursement for business expenses incurred prior to the Termination Date; (iv) medical benefit plan coverage for Mr. Nocco and his dependents until the earlier of (A) 24 months from the Termination Date or (B) the date Mr. Nocco becomes eligible to receive medical benefits from another employer; (v) a payment of \$500,000 representing the amount payable under the Registrant's Long-Term Incentive Plan; (vi) payment of Mr. Nocco's award amount for 2009 under the Registrant's 2009 Cash Long-Term Program in accordance with the terms of that program; (vii) the cost of preparation of Mr. Nocco's tax returns for 2009 and 2010; (viii) payment of or reimbursement for Mr. Nocco's reasonable moving expenses in relocating from Bermuda to Ohio; and (ix) assumption of responsibility for Mr. Nocco's housing lease in Bermuda. Mr. Nocco's benefits under the retirement plans of the Registrant will be paid in accordance with the terms of the plans and his elections made thereunder. The Agreement and Release contains Mr. Nocco's release of claims against the Registrant and its affiliates as well as

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confidentiality and non-disparagement provisions.

The Agreement and Release provides that all stock options and restricted stock granted to Mr. Nocco under the Registrant's equity-based incentive compensation plans will, to the extent unvested, become vested on the Termination Date. All of the Registrant stock options held by Mr. Nocco will be exercisable for five years following the Termination Date (but in no event beyond the full ten year term of the options), after which time they will terminate.

The Agreement and Release also provides for indemnification of Mr. Nocco by the Registrant to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law and the Registrant's charter documents with respect to claims based on actions or failures to act by him in his capacity as an officer, director or employee of the Registrant or its affiliates or in any other capacity in which he served at the request of the Registrant or an affiliate. The Registrant is also required to maintain directors' and officers' liability coverage in an amount equal to at least \$75,000,000 for a period of six years following the Termination Date.

The payments and benefits provided for in the Agreement and Release are substantially the same as those required under Mr. Nocco's employment agreement, including the terms of the applicable plans and requirements of Bermuda law, with the exception of the annual bonus for 2009 and the stock option and restricted stock provisions which have been agreed in consideration for Mr. Nocco's extraordinary efforts during his tenure as well as his agreement to manage through the transition through year end.

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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

| Exhibit | Description |
|----------------|--|
| 10.1** | Agreement and Release between XL Capital Ltd and Brian W. Nocco, dated as of November 3, 2009. |
| 31** | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications. |
| 32** | Section 1350 Certification. |

** filed herewith

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 5, 2009

XL CAPITAL LTD
(Registrant)

/s/ MICHAEL S. MCGAVICK
Michael S. McGavick
Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 5, 2009

/s/ BRIAN W. NOCCO
Brian W. Nocco
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer