

AUGUSTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Constellation Insurance, Inc.)
Statutory Financial Statements and Supplementary Information
December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021
(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)



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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Directors
AuguStar Life Insurance Company:

Opinions

We have audited the statutory financial statements of AuguStar Life Insurance Company (the Company), which comprise the statutory statements of admitted assets, liabilities, and capital and surplus as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statutory statements of operations, changes in capital and surplus, and cash flow for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the statutory financial statements.

Unmodified Opinion on Statutory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying statutory financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the admitted assets, liabilities, and surplus of the Company as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flow for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2023, in accordance with statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Ohio Department of Insurance described in Note 2.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the statutory financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, or the results of its operations or its cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2023.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Company and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 2 to the statutory financial statements, the statutory financial statements are prepared by the Company using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Ohio Department of Insurance, which is a basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, the statutory financial statements are not intended to be presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The effects on the statutory financial statements of the variances between the statutory accounting practices described in Note 2 and U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.



Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the statutory financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of statutory financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the statutory financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the statutory financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statutory financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the statutory financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the statutory financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the statutory financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the statutory financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the statutory financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information included in *Schedule 1 Supplemental Insurance Information, Schedule 2*



Investment Risks Interrogatories, Schedule 3 Summary of Investments and Schedule 4 Reinsurance Risk Interrogatories is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the statutory financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Ohio Department of Insurance. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the statutory financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the statutory financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the statutory financial statements or to the statutory financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the statutory financial statements as a whole.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Cincinnati, Ohio
March 28, 2024

AUGUSTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
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Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus

December 31, 2023 and 2022

(Dollars in thousands, except share amounts)

Admitted Assets	2023	2022
Investments:		
Bonds	\$ 6,082,185	6,126,737
Preferred stocks	16,551	16,335
Common stocks at fair value (cost \$52,641 in 2023 and \$42,991 in 2022)	52,408	43,007
Common stock of unconsolidated life insurance subsidiaries at statutory equity (cost \$475,760 in 2023 and \$363,819 in 2022)	636,453	480,230
Common stocks of nonlife insurance subsidiaries at statutory equity (cost \$10,830 in 2022)	—	12,100
Mortgage loans on real estate	1,197,158	1,118,912
Real estate, at cost less accumulated depreciation	23,593	22,803
Contract loans	926,013	900,976
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	735,778	286,470
Receivables for securities	2,050	938
Derivatives	60,886	78,598
Other invested assets	326,740	306,314
Securities lending reinvested collateral assets	162,366	113,940
Total investments	10,222,181	9,507,360
Premiums and other considerations deferred and uncollected	2,401	1,853
Accrued investment income	57,294	58,905
Current federal income tax recoverable	66,504	63,470
Deferred tax asset, net	83,317	51,971
Other assets	336,207	276,596
Separate Account assets	13,876,582	13,840,750
Total admitted assets	\$ 24,644,486	23,800,905
Liabilities and Capital and Surplus		
Reserves for future policy benefits:		
Life policies and contracts	\$ 2,944,954	1,806,998
Accident and health policies	19,497	20,642
Annuity and other deposit funds	861,109	654,043
Contract claims	19,650	21,686
Other policyholders' funds:		
Policyholders' dividend accumulations	24,730	26,250
Provision for policyholders' dividends payable in following year	3,675	3,981
Other	103	133
Payable to parent, subsidiaries and affiliates	218,748	202,079
Interest maintenance reserve	—	1,510
Asset valuation reserve	117,849	95,538
Transfers to Separate Accounts due or accrued, net	(422,242)	(39,336)
Payable for securities	—	4,000
Payable for securities lending	162,366	113,940
Reinsurance funds withheld due to affiliate, net	1,030,789	1,047,857
Reinsurance funds withheld due to third party, net	2,380,094	2,664,505
Policy loan liability	854,387	827,717
Other liabilities	599,347	542,690
Separate Account liabilities	13,876,582	13,840,748
Total liabilities	22,691,638	21,834,981
Capital and surplus:		
Class A common stock, \$1 par value. Authorized, issued, and outstanding 10,000,000 shares	10,000	10,000
Surplus notes	308,082	310,004
Gross paid in and contributed surplus	948,736	823,736
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	62,763	58,826
Unassigned surplus	623,267	763,358
Total capital and surplus	1,952,848	1,965,924
Total liabilities and capital and surplus	\$ 24,644,486	23,800,905

See accompanying notes to statutory financial statements.

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Statutory Statements of Operations

Years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021

(Dollars in thousands)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Premiums and other considerations:			
Life and annuity	\$ 1,185,777	146,622	854,610
Accident and health	4,335	4,677	5,052
MODCO reinsurance premiums	10,146,008	—	—
Total premiums and other considerations	<u>11,336,120</u>	<u>151,299</u>	<u>859,662</u>
Investment income:			
Interest on bonds	236,750	233,675	228,264
Dividends on stocks	4,048	2,820	1,707
Dividends from subsidiaries	8,700	30,300	9,400
Interest on mortgage loans	52,169	47,523	51,549
Real estate income	3,114	2,256	1,897
Interest on contract loans	38,646	40,058	39,717
Other income	70,828	37,165	302,665
Total investment income	<u>414,255</u>	<u>393,797</u>	<u>635,199</u>
Less investment expenses	<u>35,708</u>	<u>38,106</u>	<u>32,586</u>
Net investment income	<u>378,547</u>	<u>355,691</u>	<u>602,613</u>
Total income	<u>11,714,667</u>	<u>506,990</u>	<u>1,462,275</u>
Death and other benefits:			
Death benefits	35,973	59,943	70,679
Accident and health benefits	1,691	2,020	2,479
Annuity benefits, fund withdrawals, and other benefits to policyholders and beneficiaries	2,095,583	1,986,052	2,819,564
Total death and other benefits	<u>2,133,247</u>	<u>2,048,015</u>	<u>2,892,722</u>
Change in reserves for future policy benefits and other funds	1,160,312	(42,519)	295,282
MODCO reinsurance reserve adjustment	10,103,107	—	—
Commissions	346,430	113,566	151,968
General insurance expenses	148,126	169,404	142,815
Insurance taxes, licenses, and fees	12,204	13,233	22,056
Net transfers from Separate Accounts	(2,247,503)	(1,648,451)	(2,469,808)
Total expenses	<u>11,655,923</u>	<u>653,248</u>	<u>1,035,035</u>
Income (loss) before dividends to policyholders, (benefit) expense for federal income taxes, and net realized capital (losses) gains	<u>58,744</u>	<u>(146,258)</u>	<u>427,240</u>
Dividends to policyholders	<u>4,784</u>	<u>25,056</u>	<u>91,297</u>
Income (loss) before (benefit) expense for federal income taxes and net realized capital (losses) gains	<u>53,960</u>	<u>(171,314)</u>	<u>335,943</u>
(Benefit) expense for federal income taxes	<u>(46,018)</u>	<u>63,856</u>	<u>(55,188)</u>
Income (loss) before net realized capital (losses) gains	<u>99,978</u>	<u>(235,170)</u>	<u>391,131</u>
Net realized capital (losses) gains, net of interest maintenance reserve and income taxes	<u>(1,328)</u>	<u>(20,999)</u>	<u>27,978</u>
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 98,650</u>	<u>(256,169)</u>	<u>419,109</u>

See accompanying notes to statutory financial statements.

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Statutory Statements of Changes in Capital and Surplus

Years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021

(Dollars in thousands)

	Common stock	Surplus notes	Gross paid in and contributed surplus	Aggregate write-ins for special purpose funds	Unassigned surplus	Total capital and surplus
Balance at December 31, 2020	\$ 10,000	309,851	283,297	35,826	439,533	1,078,507
Net income	—	—	—	—	419,109	419,109
Amortization of surplus note	—	76	—	—	—	76
Change in net unrealized capital gains	—	—	—	—	(63,905)	(63,905)
Change in net unrealized foreign exchange capital gain	—	—	—	—	(325)	(325)
Change in net deferred income tax	—	—	—	—	(54,742)	(54,742)
Change in nonadmitted assets and related items	—	—	—	—	55,866	55,866
Change in asset valuation reserve	—	—	—	—	(2,959)	(2,959)
Correction of an error, net of tax	—	—	—	—	(3,925)	(3,925)
Deferred coinsurance gain	—	—	—	—	(15,023)	(15,023)
Benefit plan adjustment	—	—	—	—	20,513	20,513
Segregated special surplus for the benefit of affiliate	—	—	—	23,000	(23,000)	—
Paid in surplus	—	—	139,075	—	—	139,075
Change in surplus as a result of reinsurance	—	—	—	—	(1,731)	(1,731)
Dividends to stockholder	—	—	—	—	(115,000)	(115,000)
Balance at December 31, 2021	10,000	309,927	422,372	58,826	654,411	1,455,536
Net income	—	—	—	—	(256,169)	(256,169)
Amortization of surplus note	—	77	—	—	—	77
Change in net unrealized capital gains	—	—	—	—	74,400	74,400
Change in net deferred income tax	—	—	—	—	(33,561)	(33,561)
Change in nonadmitted assets and related items	—	—	—	—	(32,184)	(32,184)
Change in asset valuation reserve	—	—	—	—	(40,482)	(40,482)
Correction of an error, net of tax	—	—	—	—	921	921
Deferred coinsurance gain	—	—	—	—	807,410	807,410
Benefit plan adjustment	—	—	—	—	7,612	7,612
Paid in surplus	—	—	401,364	—	—	401,364
Dividends to stockholder	—	—	—	—	(419,000)	(419,000)
Balance at December 31, 2022	10,000	310,004	823,736	58,826	763,358	1,965,924
Net income	—	—	—	—	98,650	98,650
Amortization of surplus note	—	78	—	—	—	78
Repayment of surplus notes	—	(2,000)	—	—	—	(2,000)
Change in net unrealized capital gains	—	—	—	—	(11,081)	(11,081)
Change in net deferred income tax	—	—	—	—	(12,650)	(12,650)
Change in nonadmitted assets and related items	—	—	—	—	64,864	64,864
Change in asset valuation reserve	—	—	—	—	(22,311)	(22,311)
Deferred coinsurance gain	—	—	—	—	(57,769)	(57,769)
Benefit plan adjustment	—	—	—	—	733	733
IMR Disallowed	—	—	—	3,937	(3,937)	—
Paid in surplus	—	—	125,000	—	—	125,000
Dividends to stockholder	—	—	—	—	(196,590)	(196,590)
Balance at December 31, 2023	\$ 10,000	308,082	948,736	62,763	623,267	1,952,848

See accompanying notes to statutory financial statements.

AUGUSTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
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Statutory Statements of Cash Flow

Years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021

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	2023	2022	2021
Cash flow from operations:			
Premiums, other considerations, and fund deposits	\$ 1,353,447	647,344	540,311
Investment income	382,423	324,991	565,577
	1,735,870	972,335	1,105,888
Less:			
Death and other benefits	2,431,666	2,460,152	2,491,971
Commissions, taxes, and other expenses	465,522	433,361	320,346
Dividends paid to policyholders	58,726	84,170	105,315
Net transfers from separate accounts	(1,864,597)	(1,631,142)	(2,513,133)
	1,091,317	1,346,541	404,499
Net cash provided by (used in) operations	644,553	(374,206)	701,389
Cash flow from investing activities:			
Proceeds from investments sold, matured, or repaid:			
Bonds	538,346	919,225	1,545,048
Stocks	459	16,190	2,389
Mortgage loans on real estate	107,779	127,148	164,797
Other	42,494	142,742	64,961
Total investment proceeds	689,078	1,205,305	1,777,195
Less cost of investments acquired:			
Bonds	607,467	1,185,573	1,986,705
Stocks	125,051	10,822	15,249
Mortgage loans on real estate	186,025	187,097	252,984
Real estate	1,841	—	—
Other	117,559	72,593	234,715
Total investments acquired	1,037,943	1,456,085	2,489,653
Less increase (decrease) in contract loans	25,057	(7,539)	72,533
Net cash used in investing activities	(373,922)	(243,241)	(784,991)
Cash flow from financing and other miscellaneous sources:			
Repayment of surplus notes	(2,000)	—	—
Capital and paid in surplus, less treasury stock	125,000	401,364	—
Deposits on deposit-type contracts and other liabilities	327,665	280,381	136,598
Withdrawals on deposit-type contracts and other liabilities	(145,568)	(185,450)	(267,123)
Dividends to stockholder	(84,783)	(419,000)	(115,000)
Change in dividends receivable from subsidiaries	25,000	175,000	—
Change in payable to affiliates due to cash concentration program	21,704	97,147	—
Other, net	(88,341)	172,341	62,735
Net cash provided by (used in) financing	178,677	521,783	(182,790)
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	449,308	(95,664)	(266,392)
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments:			
Beginning of year	286,470	382,134	648,526
End of year	\$ 735,778	286,470	382,134
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information for non-cash transactions:			
Change in securities lending collateral	\$ 48,426	(173,898)	5,861
Amortization of deferred gain on reinsurance agreements	57,769	73,061	15,023
Funds held under fixed indexed annuity reinsurance agreement, net	(6,619)	(48,747)	(74,476)
Funds held under traditional life reinsurance agreement, net	—	(1,051)	—
Transfer of bonds for payment of dividends to parent	92,839	—	—
Transfer of subsidiary ownership for payment of dividends to parent	18,968	—	—
Initial reinsurance premiums payable	260,636	—	—
Settlement of reinsurance payable	(123,159)	—	—
Capital contribution from parent	—	—	(139,075)
Unpaid return of capital from affiliate	—	—	(169,973)
Dividend declared and unpaid from affiliate	—	(25,000)	(30,027)
Deferred gain on reinsurance agreements	—	(880,471)	—

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(1) Organization and Business

Organization

AuguStar Life Insurance Company (“ALIC” or the “Company”), formerly The Ohio National Life Insurance Company (“ONLIC”), is a stock life insurance company wholly owned by Constellation Insurance, Inc. (“CII”), formerly Ohio National Financial Services, Inc. (“ONFS”), a stock holding company. CII is 100% owned by Constellation Insurance Holdings, Inc. (“CIHI”), formerly Ohio National Holdings, Inc. (“ONHI”) and Ohio National Mutual Holdings, Inc. (“ONMH”), a stock holding company organized under Ohio insurance laws.

ALIC owns 100% of AuguStar Life Assurance Corporation (“ALAC”), formerly Ohio National Life Assurance Corporation (“ONLAC”), a stock life insurance subsidiary; National Security Life and Annuity Company (“NSLAC”), a stock life insurance subsidiary; Montgomery Re, Inc. (“MONT”), a special purpose financial captive life insurance company; Kenwood Re, Inc. (“KENW”), a special purpose financial captive life insurance company; Camargo Re Captive, Inc. (“CMGO”), a special purpose financial captive life insurance company; Sunrise Captive Re, LLC (“SUNR”), an Ohio authorized reinsurer.

ALIC owns 100% of ON Foreign Holdings, SMLLC (“ONFH”), a Delaware holding company. ONFH owns 100% of ON Overseas Holdings B.V. (“ONOH”), a Dutch holding company and 100% of AuguStar Lending, LLC (“ALL”), a Delaware financial lending institution. ONOH owns 100% of ON Netherlands B.V. (“ONNH”), a Dutch holding company. ONNH owns Ohio National Seguros de Vida S.A. (“ONSP”), a Peruvian insurance company, ON Global Holdings, SMLLC (“ONGH”), a Delaware holding company; and O.N. International do Brasil Participacoes, Ltda. (“OHIO”), which was formed to hold the equity method investment made when ONFS entered into a 50% joint venture agreement with a Brazilian insurance company. ONGH owns 92% of Ohio National Sudamerica S.A. (“ONSA”), a Chilean holding company; and ONNH owns 8%. ONSA owns 100% of Ohio National Seguros de Vida S.A. (“ONSV”), a Chilean insurance company. ALL was formed in 2023 to act as a lending institution to support leading activities both internally and externally.

ALIC owned Ohio National Investments, Inc. (“ONII”), an investment advisor; AuguStar Distributors, Inc. (“ADI”), formerly Ohio National Equities, Inc. (“ONEQ”), a broker dealer registered under the Securities and Exchange Commission Act of 1934; and The O.N. Equity Sales Company (“ONESCO”), a broker dealer registered under the Securities and Exchange Commission Act of 1934. During 2023, ALIC transferred its common stock holdings of ONII, ADI and ONESCO to its parent CII via a dividend.

On March 22, 2021, the Board of Directors of ONMH unanimously approved an agreement with Constellation Insurance, LP (“Constellation”), whereby Constellation would acquire ONMH. On March 31, 2022, ONMH demutualized, converted to a stock company, changed its name to ONHI and is owned directly by ONLH Holdings LP (“ONLHP”). ONLHP is an insurance holding company under the control of Constellation. Constellation is ultimately backed by Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (“CDPQ”) and Ontario Teachers’ Pension Plan Board (“Ontario Teachers”), two of the world’s largest, premier, long-term institutional investors. In November for 2022, ONHI changed its name to CIHI.

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All references to activity entered into while under the ONMH/ONHI, ONFS, ONLIC or ONLAC names impacting the Company throughout the remainder of these footnotes have been updated to the new names of CIHI, CII, ALIC and ALAC, respectively.

Business

ALIC is a life, health (disability) and annuity insurer licensed in 49 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The Company offers/services a full range of life, disability and annuity products through independent agents and other distribution channels and is subject to competition from other insurers throughout the United States. Over the past several years the Company has ceased accepting applications for certain variable annuities, retirement plans and disability products following a comprehensive review of the Company's businesses, taking into account the continuously changing regulatory landscape and increasing cost of doing business. The Company continues to service and support existing clients for all product lines. With the demutualization discussed in Note 1, the primary focus of ALIC is to sell fixed indexed annuities, single premium immediate annuities and multi-year guarantee annuities.

Over the last several years, the Company offered to buy-back certain variable annuity policies from policyholders with the guaranteed minimum income benefit ("GMIB") rider. The Company paid approximately \$32,000 related to the buy-back during 2021, which is included in benefits and claims on the corresponding Statutory Statements of Operations.

The Company is subject to regulation by the insurance departments of the states in which it is licensed and undergoes periodic examinations by those departments.

(2) Basis of Presentation

The Company prepares its statutory financial statements in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Ohio Department of Insurance (the "Department"), which is an other comprehensive basis of accounting that differs from U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The Department requires that insurance companies domiciled in the State of Ohio prepare their statutory basis financial statements in accordance with the Statement of Statutory Accounting Principles ("SSAP") that are described in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC") *Accounting Practices and Procedures Manual* (the "Manual") subject to any deviations prescribed or permitted by the state insurance commissioner.

ALIC does not have any permitted or prescribed statutory accounting practices as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. ALIC's wholly-owned Vermont subsidiaries have permitted accounting practices as disclosed in Note 3(c). The statutory financial statements presented represent the accounts of the Company and do not include the accounts of any of its subsidiaries.

The Company's subsidiary, SUNR, applies a prescribed practice which values assumed guaranteed minimum death benefit ("GMDB") and guaranteed lifetime withdrawal benefit ("GLWB") risks on variable annuity contracts from the Company using a separate alternative reserve basis pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3964 and approved by the Department. The prescribed practice related to the Company's guaranteed risks changed the Company's carrying value of SUNR, included in Other invested assets on the Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, Capital and Surplus, by \$255,626 and \$319,035 as of December

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31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. If the prescribed practices were not applied, the Company's risk-based capital would continue to be above regulatory action levels.

A reconciliation of the Company's net statutory loss and capital and surplus between NAIC SSAP and practices prescribed by the State of Ohio are shown below:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net Income (Loss)		
Company state basis	\$ 98,649	(256,169)
State prescribed practices that are an increase/(decrease) from NAIC SAP	—	—
NAIC SAP	<u>\$ 98,649</u>	<u>(256,169)</u>
Capital and surplus		
Company state basis	\$ 1,952,848	1,965,924
State prescribed practices that are an increase/(decrease) from NAIC SAP		
Subsidiary valuation - SUNR	255,626	319,035
NAIC SAP	<u>\$ 1,697,222</u>	<u>1,646,889</u>

Statutory accounting practices are different in some respects from financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP. The primary reasons for the differences between equity and net income (loss) on a GAAP basis versus capital and surplus and net income (loss) on a statutory basis are that, for GAAP reporting purposes:

- The costs related to acquiring business, principally commissions and certain policy issue expenses related to successful acquisition efforts, are amortized over the period benefited rather than charged to income in the year incurred;
- future policy benefit reserves are based on anticipated Company experience for lapses, mortality and investment yield, rather than statutory mortality and interest requirements, without consideration of withdrawals;
- investments in fixed maturity securities are carried at either amortized cost or fair value based on their classifications; investments in fixed maturity securities classified as available-for-sale are carried at estimated fair value with net unrealized holding gains and losses reported in other comprehensive income; fixed maturity securities designated as trading are carried at fair value with net unrealized holding gains and losses reported in income; under statutory accounting, investments in bonds are reported at the lower of amortized cost or fair value based on their NAIC rating and any adjustments to fair value are reported directly in surplus (see Note 3(c) for more information regarding bond valuation);
- investments in subsidiaries, controlled and other affiliated entities as defined in SSAP No. 97, *Investments in Subsidiary, Controlled and Affiliated Entities* are accounted for under the equity method. Under the equity method, domestic insurance subsidiaries are recorded at their underlying

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audited statutory surplus. Nonpublic non-insurance subsidiaries and other controlled entities are recorded at their underlying audited GAAP equity. Changes in the value of such investments are recorded as unrealized gains or losses. The earnings of such investments are recorded in net investment income only when dividends are declared. Under U.S. GAAP, these investments are consolidated;

- only contracts that have significant mortality or morbidity risk are classified as insurance contracts; otherwise, they are accounted for in a manner consistent with the accounting for interest bearing or other financial instruments; for statutory reporting, contracts that have any mortality or morbidity risk, regardless of significance, and contracts with life contingent annuity purchase rate guarantees are classified as insurance contracts;
- undistributed income and capital gains and losses for noncontrolling limited partnerships and limited liability companies investments are reported as unrealized gains and losses in earnings; for statutory reporting, the unrealized gains and losses are reported directly in surplus;
- the asset valuation reserve and interest maintenance reserve are not recorded;
- separate account seed money is classified as a trading security recorded at fair value as opposed to a component of separate account assets;
- under GAAP, “nonadmitted” assets do not exist, while for statutory reporting nonadmitted assets are excluded from capital and surplus (see Note 3(b) for more information regarding nonadmitted assets);
- changes in deferred taxes are recognized in either net income (loss) or other comprehensive income and not subject to the statutory limitation of 15% of capital and surplus;
- there is a presentation of other comprehensive income and comprehensive income;
- surplus notes are presented as part of notes payable within liabilities and are not presented as a component of capital and surplus;
- certain assets and liabilities are reported gross of ceded reinsurance balances;
- deposits to universal life contracts, investment contracts and limited payment contracts are not included in revenue;
- negative cash balances are reported as liabilities;
- certain annuity related contracts give rise to embedded derivatives for GAAP while STAT does not recognize these embedded derivatives; and
- on a statutory basis only, the correction of immaterial prior period errors are recorded directly to surplus.

The effects of the foregoing variances from GAAP on the accompanying statutory basis financial statements have not been determined, but are presumed to be material.

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(3) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies followed by the Company that materially affect statutory financial reporting are summarized below.

(a) Use of Estimates

In preparing the statutory financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the statutory financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses for the reporting period. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates.

The most significant estimates and assumptions include those used in determining the liability for future policy benefits and claims, contingencies, provision for income taxes, deferred taxes, uncertain income tax positions and contingencies, and valuation of and impairment losses on investments. Although some variability is inherent in these estimates, the recorded amounts reflect management's best estimates based on facts and circumstances as of the date of the statutory financial statements. Management believes the amounts provided are appropriate.

(b) Nonadmitted Assets

Certain assets designated as "nonadmitted assets" (principally furniture, equipment, certain deferred taxes, and certain receivables), along with statutory adjustments to the Company's common stock investment of affiliates carried at U.S. GAAP equity have been excluded from total admitted assets by a direct charge to surplus.

(c) Investments

Investment Income

Interest and dividends on investments is recorded within investment income. Realized capital gains and losses are reported net of federal income tax and transfers to the interest maintenance reserve ("IMR"). Realized gains (losses) on the sale of investments are determined on the basis of specific security identification on the trade date. Unrealized gains and losses on investments are charged or credited to unassigned surplus in accordance with NAIC rules.

Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date and interest is accrued as earned using an effective yield method giving effect to amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts.

Bonds

Bonds are valued as prescribed by the Securities Valuation Office ("SVO") of the NAIC Investment Analysis Office. Bonds are rated as "1" (highest quality), "2" (high quality), "3" (medium quality), "4" (low quality), "5" (lowest quality, not in or near default) or "6" (lowest quality, in or near default). Bonds rated as categories 1 through 5 are reported in the statutory financial statements at amortized cost using the modified scientific method. Bonds rated as category 6 are reported at the lower of amortized cost or fair value.

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Mortgage-backed securities are generally stated at amortized cost and are amortized using anticipated prepayment assumptions based on a retrospective adjustment method that estimates prepayment activity by utilizing certain factors, including seasonality, current levels of interest rates, economic activity, and the term and age of the underlying collateral.

All securities defined as hybrid securities by the SVO are reported as bonds and are carried at amortized cost.

Preferred and Common Stocks

Preferred stocks rated by the SVO as categories 1-3 are reported at amortized cost. Those rated as categories 4-6 are reported at the lower of amortized cost or fair value.

Common stocks of unaffiliated companies are carried at fair value based on information from the SVO or quoted market prices when information is not available from the SVO.

Investments in the Company's wholly owned insurance subsidiaries are carried at audited statutory equity with changes in net assets, other than dividends declared, recognized as net unrealized capital gains or losses through surplus. Investments in the Company's special purpose financial captive reinsurers are carried as follows: MONT and KENW are carried at zero due to the fact that the State of Vermont has granted a permitted practice to allow the recognition of an admitted asset related to recoverables from third party stop-loss reinsurance agreements. The investment in CMGO is carried at the amount of capital contributions made by the Company. If the value of CMGO's surplus were to fall below the level of all capital contributions then a dollar for dollar reduction of the carrying value would occur until the investment value reached zero. The investment in SUNR is carried at the value of SUNR's statutory surplus, adjusted for the prescribed practice described in Note 2. Investments in wholly owned noninsurance subsidiaries are carried at the value of their underlying audited GAAP basis equity, adjusted for nonadmitted assets, based on the significance of their operations beyond holding assets for the use of the Company. Prior to the dividend described in Note 1, the Company did not record the investment in ONII, a noninsurance subsidiary, as it did not have audited GAAP financial statements for 2022 and 2021.

Management reviews its investments in subsidiary, controlled, and affiliated entities for impairment based upon the probability that the Company will be able to recover the carrying amount of the investment or if there is evidence indicating the inability of the investee to sustain earnings, which would justify the carrying amount of the investment.

Management regularly reviews its bond and stock portfolios in order to evaluate the necessity to record impairment losses for other-than-temporary declines in estimated fair value of investments. See Note 6 for management's description and analysis of the portfolio.

Mortgage Loans on Real Estate

Mortgage loans on real estate are recorded at the unpaid principal balance of the loan, net of valuation allowance and unamortized discount. Management periodically reviews the portfolio for impairment and obtains updated valuations of the underlying collateral as needed. Significant changes (increase or decrease) in the net value of the collateral are adjusted through the valuation allowance; however, the net carrying value amount of the loan shall not exceed the recorded investment in the loan.

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Loans in foreclosure and loans considered impaired as of the date of the Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus are placed on nonaccrual status and written down to the estimated fair value, net of estimated selling costs, of the underlying property to derive a new cost basis. Interest received on nonaccrual status mortgage loans on real estate is included in net investment income in the period received.

Mortgage loans can be restructured in a troubled debt restructuring (“TDR”). The Company assesses loan modifications on a case by case basis to evaluate whether a TDR has occurred and will then establish a specific valuation allowance for the excess carrying value of the loan over the estimated fair value of the collateral.

Real Estate

Real estate, occupied by the Company and held for the production of income, is generally carried at depreciated cost, net of encumbrances. Accumulated depreciation was \$9,140 and \$8,088 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The Company occupies less than 50% of buildings held for the production of income.

Contract Loans

Contract loans, also referred to as policy loans, are stated at unpaid principal balances. Interest income on such loans is recorded as earned using the contractually agreed upon interest rate. Generally, interest is capitalized on the policy’s anniversary date. Majority of these loans are included in the reinsurance agreement with an external reinsurer as discussed in Note 13. A corresponding liability has been recognized of \$854,387 and \$827,717 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, for the portion of the loans owed to the reinsurer.

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Short-term Investments

Short-term investments are carried at amortized cost and cash equivalents are carried at fair value. Cash equivalents are short-term and highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and short-term investments include securities and other investments with remaining maturities of one year or less, but greater than three months, at time of purchase.

Derivatives

The Company enters into derivative transactions that do not meet the criteria for hedge accounting or have not been designated in hedging relationships by the Company. The Company purchases equity index put options, equity futures, currency futures, equity swaps and interest rate swaptions as hedges for certain riders that were sold with variable annuity products. The Company similarly purchases equity index call options as hedges for the fixed indexed annuity product. These transactions provide the Company with an economic hedge, which is used as part of its overall risk management strategies. These derivative instruments are carried at estimated fair value. The realized changes in fair value are recorded in net realized capital losses, net of interest maintenance reserve and income taxes. The unrealized changes in fair value are recorded in unassigned surplus.

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The Company enters into derivative transactions that meet the criteria for hedge accounting. The Company purchased a foreign currency swap that meets the criteria for hedge accounting and is accounted for consistent with the underlying hedged asset. The swap instrument is carried at estimated fair value, and changes in the estimated fair value of the swaps are recorded as unrealized capital gains or losses in unassigned surplus.

Other Invested Assets

Other invested assets primarily consist of the Company's investment in SUNR, external and inter-company surplus notes and investments in limited partnerships and limited liability companies. Surplus notes are accounted for at amortized cost for NAIC ratings 1 or 2 or the lesser of amortized cost or fair value for NAIC ratings 3 through 6. In February 2022, the \$75,000 inter-company surplus note issued to the Company was repaid. The transaction was completed in cash with a payoff amount of \$75,000 plus accrued interest of \$988.

The Company's investments in limited partnerships and limited liability companies are carried at the underlying audited GAAP equity of the investee using the equity method of accounting. The financial statements of these investments are usually not received in time for the Company to apply the equity method at each reporting period. Therefore, the equity pick-up on these investments has been recorded on a three-month lag. Income distributed from these investments are included in Net investment income on the Statutory Statements of Operations. The Company has no investments in limited partnerships or limited liability companies that exceed 10% of its admitted assets.

Other invested assets are evaluated and adjusted for any impairment in value that is determined to be other-than-temporary. The Company did not recognize any impairment write-down for these investments for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Securities Lending Program

The Company participates in an indemnified securities lending program administered by an unaffiliated agent in which certain portfolio holdings are loaned to third parties. The borrower must deliver to the Company's agent collateral having a market value equal to at least 102% and 105%, respectively, of the market value of the domestic and foreign securities loaned. The collateral received by the Company's agent from the borrower to secure loans on behalf of the Company must be in the form of cash, securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies, or a bank letter of credit or equivalent obligation as may be pre-approved by the Company. The Company monitors the estimated fair value of the loaned securities on a daily basis and additional collateral is obtained as necessary. Securities lending reinvested collateral assets and the corresponding liability, payables for securities lending, are recorded on the Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus. Income and expenses associated with securities lending transactions are reported within Net investment income in the Statutory Statements of Operations.

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(d) Segregated Special Surplus Fund

The Company has established a segregated special surplus fund for the benefit of SUNR, a subsidiary, in accordance with the SUNR Plan of Operations approved by the State of Ohio. The assets, along with capital within SUNR, are to be used to provide the protection to maintain SUNR’s statutory total adjusted capital at a level of at least 300% of its authorized control level (“ACL”) risk based capital. The segregated special surplus fund is held in a custodial account. Dividends (including amounts classified as return of capital) paid by SUNR to ALIC during the years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 were \$88,000 and \$200,000, respectively. Dividends (including amounts classified as return of capital) are placed in the segregated custodial account when paid. See additional details in Note 17 on dividends between SUNR and ALIC. As long as the surplus in SUNR plus the segregated special surplus fund is greater than 300% ACL, ALIC can withdraw excess capital from the segregated special surplus fund for it to use as unassigned surplus in the event at the end of the calendar quarter the segregated special surplus fund exceeds 100 % ACL. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the segregated special surplus fund was \$58,826, recorded in the Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds on the Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus and the Statutory Statements of Changes in Capital and Surplus. The value of the custodial account was \$56,134 and \$51,072 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, which was invested in the following:

		2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	8,706	6,041
Bonds		47,428	45,031
Total custodial account value	\$	56,134	51,072

(e) Separate Accounts

Separate account assets and liabilities represent contract holders’ funds, which have been segregated into accounts with specific investment objectives. Separate account assets are recorded at estimated fair value based primarily on market quotations of the underlying securities. The investment income and gains or losses of these accounts accrue directly to the contract holders. Separate account liabilities for individual annuities issued in 1992 and after represent contract holders’ funds adjusted for possible future surrender charges in accordance with the Commissioner’s Annuity Reserve Valuation Method (“CARVM”). The difference between full account value and CARVM is reflected in Transfers to separate accounts due or accrued, net, as prescribed by the NAIC, on the Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus. The annual change in the difference between full account value and CARVM is reflected in the Statutory Statements of Operations as part of the Net transfers from separate accounts. The Company’s revenue reflects fees charged to the separate accounts including administrative services and risks assumed and for the activity related to guaranteed contracts, which are riders to existing variable annuity contracts that are guaranteed by the Company’s general account assets. The Company’s expenses reflects benefits paid, changes in reserves and expense allowances.

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Under accounting procedures prescribed by the NAIC, the Company records seed money contributed to, or withdrawn from, variable annuity separate accounts through a direct charge or credit to surplus. Seed money held in separate accounts represents the difference between separate account assets and liabilities. The change in separate account surplus, developed through seed money contributions, withdrawals, and unrealized gains and losses generated thereon, is also recorded directly to surplus without providing for federal income tax or income tax reductions. Dividend and capital gain distributions on seed money are recorded as Other income in the Statutory Statements of Operations.

Premium income, benefits and expenses of the separate accounts are included in the Statutory Statements of Operations with the offset recorded in Net transfers from separate accounts in the Statutory Statements of Operations. Investment income and realized capital gains (losses) on the assets of separate accounts, other than seed money, accrue to contract holders and are not recorded in the Statutory Statements of Operations. Unrealized capital gains (losses) on assets of separate accounts accrue to contract holders and, accordingly, are reflected in the separate account liability to the contract holder.

(f) Revenues and Expenses

Premiums are credited to revenue over the premium paying period of the policies. Individual accident and health (disability) premiums are earned ratably over the terms of the related contracts or policies. Universal life and annuity premiums are recognized as revenue when received. Amounts received related to deposit contracts with mortality or morbidity risk, such as traditional life products and certain annuities with life contingencies, are recorded as premiums. Traditional life product revenues are recorded when due. Amounts received as payment for deposit contracts that do not incorporate any mortality or morbidity risk, including those annuities without life contingencies and guaranteed investment contracts, are not reported as revenue, but are recorded directly to the appropriate policy reserve account.

Expenses, including acquisition costs related to acquiring new business, are charged to operations as incurred.

(g) Reserves for Future Policy Benefits

Life Policies and Contracts

For traditional life policies issued prior to January 1, 2020, reserves are based on statutory mortality and interest requirements without consideration for withdrawals. The mortality table and interest assumptions used for the majority of new policies issued was the 2017 Commissioners Standard Ordinary (“CSO”) table with interest rates of 3.0% to 3.5%. With respect to in force policies, the mortality tables and interest assumptions used are primarily the 1941 CSO table with interest rates of 2.25% to 2.5%, the 1958 CSO table with interest rates of 1.75% to 4.5%, the 1980 CSO table with interest rates of 3.0% to 5.5%, the 2001 CSO table with interest rates of 3.0% to 4.0%, and the 2017 CSO table with interest rates of 3.0% to 3.5%. For policies issued on or after January 1, 2020, reserves are calculated as prescribed in section 20 of the Valuation Manual (“VM-20”) using principles based reserves (“PBR”). The assumptions used in the calculations are a combination of prescribed assumptions and company experience.

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The Company waives the deduction of deferred fractional premium at death and returns any portion of the final premium beyond the date of death. Surrender values are not promised in excess of the legally computed reserves. Reserves are computed using continuous functions to reflect these practices.

The method used in valuation of substandard policies is to hold 50% of the annual substandard premium as the substandard reserve in addition to the reserve calculated using standard mortality.

The Company had \$5,802,869 and \$6,667,866 of individual life insurance in force as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and \$1,594,670 and \$1,598,297 of related reserves as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, for which the gross premiums were less than the net premiums according to the standard valuation set by the Department.

Tabular interest, tabular less actual reserves released, and tabular cost for all life contracts are determined in accordance with NAIC Annual Statement instructions. Traditional life, permanent and term products use a formula that applies a weighted average interest rate, determined from a seriatim valuation file, to the mean average reserves.

Accident and Health (Disability) Policies

The aggregate reserves for individual accident and health (disability) policies consist of active life reserves, disabled life reserves and unearned premium reserves. The active life reserves are calculated on a two-year preliminary term basis at interest rates of 3.0% to 6.0%, using either the 1964 Commissioner's Disability Table (policies issued prior to 1990) or the 1985 Commissioner's Individual Disability Table A (policies issued after 1989). The disabled life reserves are calculated using either the 1985 Commissioner's Individual Disability Table C at interest rates of 3.5% to 5.5% (claims incurred after 1989) or the 1964 Commissioner's Disability Table at an interest rate of 3.5% (claims incurred prior to 1990). Beginning January 1, 2020, the disability reserve calculations for new policies also incorporate the 2013 Individual Disability Insurance table and its associated modifiers as required by Actuarial Guideline 50.

Annuity and Other Deposit Funds

The Company issued traditional variable annuity contracts through its separate accounts, for which investment income and gains and losses on investments accrue directly to, and investment risk is borne by, the contract holder.

The Company also issued nontraditional variable annuity contracts in which the Company provides various forms of guarantees/riders to benefit the related contract holders.

The Company has five main types of rider benefits offered with individual variable annuity contracts:

- GMDB;
- GMIB;
- GLWB;
- guaranteed minimum accumulation benefit ("GMAB"); and
- guaranteed minimum withdrawal benefit ("GMWB").

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The Company also offers a fixed indexed annuity with an optional GLWB rider. In 2023, the Company began offering a premium bonus on certain fixed indexed annuity base products. The bonus specifies a bonus rate, applied to the premium deposited, of 5 or 10 percent for the first policy year only. The premium bonus is allocated on day one when the contractholder's premium is deposited and vests over a number of years.

Effective January 1, 2020, the Company began reserving for variable annuity policies in force under section 21 of the Valuation Manual ("VM-21"). VM-21 sets forth requirements for the valuation of PBR for variable annuity and other contracts involving certain guaranteed benefits similar to those offered with variable annuities. VM-21 is a holistic reserve methodology, thus rider benefit reserves are not determined separately from the base reserve but rather on the policy as a whole. The requirement applies the principles of asset adequacy analysis directly to the risks associated with these products and guarantees. The VM-21 liability is evaluated with both company assumptions and prescribed assumptions under stochastic scenarios net of currently held applicable hedge asset cash flows. The Company holds the reserve liability valuation at the Conditional Tail Expectation ("CTE") 70 level of the company assumptions value plus any additional standard projection amount and is subject to a floor of cash surrender value. These guarantee reserves are included in the general account reserves. Prior to 2020, these policies were reserved under Actuarial Guideline 43 ("AG43").

Actuarial Guideline 35 ("AG35") interprets the standards for the valuation of reserves for fixed indexed annuities. AG35 is a holistic reserve methodology, thus rider benefit reserves are not determined separately from the base reserve but rather on the policy as a whole. The reserves for both the base policy and the rider guarantees are included in general account liabilities.

The reserves and deposit liabilities for individual deferred annuity products have been established based on the participants' net contributions, policy term, interest rates and various contract provisions. The average interest rate credited on these annuity policies was 2.26%, 2.98% and 2.88% for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The reserves for individual annuity policies issued after 1991 have been adjusted for possible future surrender charges in accordance with CARVM.

Reserves for ordinary (individual) immediate annuities are determined primarily using the 1937 Standard Annuity Table (interest rate of 11.25%), the 1971 Individual Annuity Mortality Table (interest rate of 11.25%), the 1983 Annuity Table (interest rates of 6.25% to 11.25%), the Annuity 2000 Table (interest rates of 4.00% to 7.00%), or the IAR2012 Mortality Table (interest rates of 1.00% to 5.00%). Group immediate annuity reserves are based primarily on the 1971 Group Annuity Mortality Table (interest rate of 11.25%), the 1983 Group Annuity Mortality Table (interest rates of 6.25% to 9.25%) or the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table (interest rates of 1.00% to 7.00%).

(h) Participating Business/Policyholders' Dividends

Participating business, which refers to policies that participate in profits through policyholders' dividends, represents 25.5% and 22.1% of the Company's ordinary life insurance in force at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The liability for policyholder dividends includes the estimated amount of annual dividends earned by policyholders and is recorded in Other policyholders' funds on the Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus. The policyholder dividends incurred are recorded in Dividends to policyholders in the Statutory Statements of Operations.

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Policyholder dividends are approved annually by the Company's board of directors based upon the amount of distributable surplus. The aggregate amount of policyholder dividends is related to actual interest, mortality, morbidity, and expense experience for the year, as well as management's judgment as to the appropriate level of statutory surplus to be retained by the Company.

(i) Asset Valuation Reserve/Interest Maintenance Reserve

In compliance with statutory requirements, the Company maintains an asset valuation reserve ("AVR") and an IMR as prescribed by the NAIC.

The AVR is a formula reserve, which addresses specific asset risk areas and consists of the default component and the equity component. The default component provides for future credit related losses on bonds, including corporate debt securities, preferred stocks, derivative instruments, net of reinsurance, and mortgages. The equity component covers all types of equity investments. The two components are designed to address the default and equity risks of the Company's assets by calculating maximum reserve targets and controlling the flow of the reserve from and into surplus. The change in AVR is charged or credited directly to unassigned surplus.

The IMR minimizes the Statutory Statements of Operations impact of interest rates related realized capital gains and losses. Realized capital gains and losses for all types of bonds that result from changes in the overall level of interest rates are removed from the net realized capital gains (losses) amount and credited or charged to the liability for IMR. This liability is amortized into income over the remaining life of each bond based on a seriatim method.

Credit related other-than-temporary impairment losses are recorded through the AVR; interest related other-than-temporary impairment losses are recorded through the IMR.

(j) Reinsurance

Reinsurance is an agreement by which a reporting entity transfers all or part of its risk under a contract to another reporting entity. For each of its reinsurance agreements, the Company determines whether the agreement provides indemnification against loss or liability relating to insurance risk in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The Company reviews all contractual features, including those that may limit the amount of insurance risk to which the reinsurer is subject or those that delay the timely reimbursement of claims.

Accounting for reinsurance requires the use of significant management estimates and assumptions, particularly related to the future performance of the underlying business and the potential impact of counterparty credit risk. The Company periodically reviews actual and anticipated experience compared to the assumptions used to establish assets and liabilities relating to ceded and assumed reinsurance and evaluates the strength of counterparties to its reinsurance agreements. Reinsurance does not discharge the Company from its primary liability to policyholders, and to the extent that a reinsurer were unable to meet its obligations, the Company would be liable to policyholders.

Premium income, reserves for future policy benefits, and liabilities for contract claims are stated net of reinsurance. Premiums, benefits and reserves related to reinsured business are accounted for on a basis

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consistent with those used in accounting for the original policies issued and the terms of the reinsurance agreements. The Company records a receivable for reinsured benefits paid and reduces policyholders' reserves for the portion of insurance liabilities that are reinsured. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance ceded are recorded as revenue.

Modified coinsurance ("MODCO") assumed and ceded is recorded based on the value, or change in value, of the underlying reserves. Assumed activity is recorded as premiums in MODCO reinsurance premiums with a corresponding expense recorded in MODCO reinsurance reserve adjustment on the Statutory Statements of Operations. Ceded activity for the change in value of the separate accounts MODCO reserves are recorded as premiums, along with the corresponding reserve adjustment, in MODCO reinsurance premiums on the Statutory Statements of Operations. Ceded activity for the change in value of the general account MODCO reserves is settled in cash with an offset to MODCO reinsurance premiums on the Statutory Statements of Operations.

(k) Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") Agreements

The Company is a member of the FHLB of Cincinnati. Through its membership, and by purchasing FHLB stock, the Company can enter into deposit contracts. The Company had outstanding deposit contracts of \$750,000 and \$510,000 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, which are included in Annuity and other deposit funds on the Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus. The Company uses the deposits for the purpose of additional spread income.

FHLB capital stock is included in Common stocks, at fair value, on the Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus. FHLB capital stock purchased at December 31 is indicated in the table below and is only in the general account:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Membership stock - Class B	\$ 19,041	20,000
Activity stock	33,000	21,825
Excess stock	—	373
Total	<u>\$ 52,041</u>	<u>42,198</u>
Actual or estimated borrowing capacity as determined by the insurer	\$ 750,002	518,278

Membership stock eligible and not eligible for redemption at December 31, 2023 is as follows:

<u>Membership stock</u>	<u>Current year total</u>	<u>Not eligible for redemption</u>	<u>Less than 6 months</u>	<u>6 months to less than 1</u>	<u>1 to less than 3 years</u>	<u>3 to 5 years</u>
Class B	\$ 19,041	19,041	—	—	—	—

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Total collateral pledged to FHLB as of December 31 is indicated in the table below and is only in the general account.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Total collateral pledged:		
Fair value	\$ 993,686	692,083
Carrying value	1,051,758	755,863
Total borrowing	750,000	510,000

The maximum amount pledged as of December 31 is as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Maximum amount pledged:		
Fair value	\$ 995,354	784,163
Carrying value	1,061,615	774,869
Total borrowing	750,000	510,000

Borrowing from FHLB as of December 31 is indicated in the table below and is only in the general account.

	<u>General account</u>	<u>Funding agreements reserves established</u>
2023		
Funding agreements \$	750,000	750,000
2022		
Funding agreements \$	510,000	510,000

The maximum amount available during the reporting period ended December 31, 2023 is \$750,000 and is only applicable to the general account.

The Company has no prepayment obligations under debt, funding agreements or other agreements.

(l) Income Taxes

Total federal income taxes are based upon the Company's best estimate of its current and deferred tax liabilities. Current tax expense is reported in the Statutory Statements of Operations as provision for federal income tax expenses if resulting from operations, and within net realized capital gains (losses) if resulting from capital transactions. Changes in the balance of deferred taxes, which provided for book versus tax temporary differences, are subject to limitations and are reported on various lines within capital and surplus. Limitations of deferred income taxes are recorded in the change in nonadmitted assets line, whereas, deferred

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taxes associated with net unrealized capital gains (losses) are shown within that caption on a net basis. Accordingly, the reporting of temporary differences, such as reserves and policy acquisition costs, and permanent differences, such as dividend received deduction and tax credits, results in effective tax rates that differ from the federal statutory tax rate.

The Company is included as part of the life/non-life consolidated federal income tax return of its ultimate parent, CIHI. The method of allocation of tax among the consolidated affiliates is subject to a written agreement and is based on the affiliates' separate company taxable income. Net operating losses and realized losses are settled when utilized. Intercompany tax balances are settled quarterly.

On August 16, 2022, the Inflation Reduction Act was enacted and signed into Law. The Act included a number of tax-related provisions including a new corporate alternative minimum tax ("CAMT"). The Act will be effective for tax years beginning after 2022. The Company is not subject to CAMT in 2023.

(m) Litigation Contingencies

The Company is a party in various legal actions arising in the normal course of business. Given the inherent unpredictability of these matters, it is difficult to estimate the impact on the Company's financial position. Liabilities are established when it is probable that a loss has been incurred, and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. Legal costs are recognized as incurred and for the estimated amount to be incurred. On a quarterly and annual basis, the Company reviews relevant information with respect to liabilities for litigation, regulatory investigations and litigation-related contingencies to be reflected in the Company's statutory financial statements.

(n) Employee Benefit Plans

The Company sponsors and/or administers various plans that provide defined benefit pension and other postretirement benefits covering eligible employees and sales representatives. Measurement dates used for all of the defined benefit pension and other postretirement benefit plans correspond with the year end of the Company. The Company recognizes the funded status of the projected benefit obligation ("PBO") less plan assets for pension benefits and the accumulated benefit obligation ("ABO") for other postretirement benefits for each of its plans.

The obligations and expenses associated with these plans require the use of assumptions such as discount rate, expected long-term return on plan assets, rate of compensation increases, healthcare cost trend rates, as well as participant demographics such as rate and age of retirements, withdrawal rates and mortality. Management determines these assumptions based upon a variety of factors such as historical performance of the plan and its assets, currently available market and industry data and mortality tables, and expected benefit payout streams. The assumptions used may differ materially from actual results due to, among other factors, changing market and economic conditions and changes in participant demographics. These differences may have an effect on the Company's statutory financial statements.

The Company sponsors a defined contribution plan for substantially all employees. The Company also sponsored a qualified contributory defined contribution profit-sharing plan for substantially all employees. Discretionary Company contributions were based on the net earnings of the Company. Accordingly, the

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Company recognized compensation cost for current contributions. During 2023, the profit-sharing plan was restructured, and the company ceased contributions.

(o) Equity and Undistributed Income of Subsidiaries

Dividends received by the Company from its affiliates are recognized in investment income provided that the dividend is not in excess of undistributed accumulated earnings.

(p) New Accounting Standards

In January 2024, the NAIC adopted INT 23-04, *Scottish Re Life Reinsurance Liquidation Questions*. The INT provides accounting and reporting guidance for ceding entities with reinsurance balances to or from Scottish Re, a U.S.-based life reinsurer in liquidation. The guidance focuses primarily on reinsurance recoverables. The INT states that “to the extent reinsurance amounts recoverable are secured by assets in trust...such amounts may be admitted to the extent the amounts are not in dispute.” The Company has recorded a receivable for its assets held in trust equal to the value of liabilities recaptured of \$51,049. The Company will continue to monitor the state of the receivership.

In October 2023, the NAIC issued revisions to SSAP No. 20, *Nonadmitted Assets* and SSAP No. 21, *Other Admitted Assets*, the update includes consistency revisions to SSAP No. 20. Revisions to SSAP No. 21R provide more detail on qualifying collateral, require information to support fair value of collateral to be available on request, and provide audit transition guidance for equity collateral from entities in the scope of SSAP No. 48, *Joint Ventures, Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies* and SSAP No. 97, *Investments to Subsidiary, Controlled and Affiliated Entities*. The adoption of this guidance did not impact the Company’s statutory financial statements.

In August 2023, the NAIC issued INT 23-03 to SSAP No. 4, *Assets and Nonadmitted Assets*, SSAP No. 9, *Subsequent Events* and, SSAP No. 101, *Income Taxes*. The INT provides guidance for CAMT reporting on or after year-end 2023 and addresses accounting, the statutory valuation allowance, admissibility, disclosures, and year-end 2023 transition. The adoption of this guidance did not impact the Company’s statutory financial statements.

In April 2020, May 2021, and August 2023, the NAIC adopted with modification ASU 2020-04, *Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting and ASU 2021-01, Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848)*, with an expiration date of December 31, 2022. The guidance provides temporary optional expedients and exceptions relating to contract modifications and hedging relationships that reference the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) or another reference rate expected to be discontinued. The adoption of this guidance did not impact the Company’s statutory financial statements.

In August 2023, the NAIC issued INT 23-01, *Negative IMR Admitted Asset*, effective August 13, 2023. The interpretation provides an optional, limited-time guidance, which allows the admittance of net negative (disallowed) IMR up to 10% of adjusted capital and surplus. INT 23-01: Net Negative (Disallowed) Interest Maintenance Reserve will be automatically nullified on January 1, 2026. The adoption of this guidance

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resulted in an increase to Other Assets and Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds of \$3,937 on the Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities and Capital and Surplus.

In August 2023, the NAIC issued revisions to SSAP No. 26R, *Bonds* and SSAP No. 43R, *Loan-Backed and Structured Securities*, effective January 1, 2025. These revisions adopt a new principles-based bond definition and the accounting for issuer credit obligations and asset-backed securities. The Company is in the process of assessing the impact of this standard on its statutory financial statements.

In August 2023, the NAIC issued revisions to SSAP No.43R, *Loan-Backed and Structured Securities*, effective December 31, 2023. These revisions incorporate changes to add collateralized loan obligations (“CLOs”) to the financial modeling guidance and to clarify that CLOs are not captured as legacy securities. The adoption of this guidance did not impact the Company’s statutory financial statements.

(q) Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through March 28, 2024, the date the statutory financial statements were available to be issued.

In March 2024, CII contributed \$125,000 in capital to ALIC in satisfaction of the second installment of the Transaction discussed in Note 1. See Note 17 for additional details.

In March 2024, ONFH returned contributed capital, as noted in Note 20, of \$98,500 to be redeployed at a date closer to the closing of the acquisition.

(4) Business Risks and Uncertainties

The Company participates in an industry where there are risk factors that could have material adverse effects on the business and operating results. The following is a description of the various risk factors:

Legal/Regulatory Risk is the risk that changes in the legal or regulatory environment in which the Company operates could result in increased competition, reduced demand for the Company’s products, or additional unanticipated expenses in the pricing of its products.

State insurance regulators and the NAIC regularly re-examine existing laws and regulations applicable to insurance companies and their products. Changes in these laws and regulations may be designed to protect or benefit policyholders and thus affect the Company’s operating results.

Increased assessments from guaranty associations may occur if there is an increase of impaired, insolvent or failed insurers in the jurisdictions in which the Company operates.

Changes in the regulatory environment and changes in laws in the countries of the Company’s international insurance operations could have a material adverse effect on its results of operations. The Company’s international insurance operations are principally regulated by insurance regulatory authorities in the jurisdictions in which they are located or operate.

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Concentration Risk is the risk that arises from the Company's reliance upon certain key business relationships. Based on policyholder account balances, the Company's largest distributor of individual (fixed and variable) annuity products accounted for approximately 8.4% and 14% of total individual annuity reserves as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. It is possible that a change in the Company's relationship with this distributor could result in the loss of existing business and a large outflow of the Company's general account assets along with the subsequent loss of the investment spread earned on those assets.

Mortality Risk is the risk that overall life expectancy assumptions used by the Company in the pricing of its life insurance and annuity products prove to be too aggressive. This situation may occur, for example, as a result of pandemics, terrorism, natural disasters, or acts of war. The Company attempts to reduce this risk through geographical diversification and the purchase of reinsurance.

Reinsurance Risk is the risk that the reinsurance companies, where the Company has ceded a portion of its underwriting risk, may default on their obligation. The Company has entered into reinsurance agreements to cede a portion of its life, annuity and health business. The Company attempts to mitigate this risk by monitoring the ratings of reinsurance companies to which it chooses to cede risk to, requiring collateral to support ceded reserves, and/or following up on any outstanding balances with reinsurance companies.

Ratings Risk is the risk that rating agencies change their outlook or rating of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company. If such ratings were lowered significantly relative to its competitors, the Company's ability to market products to new customers could be harmed, and the Company could potentially lose existing customers. The Company monitors its Risk-Based Capital ("RBC") and other ratios for adequacy and maintains regular communications with the rating agencies in its effort to minimize the adverse impact of this risk.

Cyber-security Risk is the potential for information and systems to be vulnerable to adverse events, such as breaches, thefts, compromised integrity, damage, fraud, or business disruption, caused by internal, external or third parties. The loss of confidentiality, integrity or availability for information and systems could disrupt operations, result in the loss of business, materially affect profitability and negatively impact the Company's reputation. The current working environment is unprecedented with wide-scale remote usage of the Company's networks and may expose the Company to increased cyber-security vulnerability. The Company utilizes a defense in depth approach to physically, administratively and technically mitigate cyber-security risk. Multiple layers of security controls provide redundancy in the event a security control fails, or a vulnerability is exploited. The Company continually monitors cyber-security risk and implements new processes, controls and technology to address risks as they are identified. Despite these efforts, there is still a risk a cyber-security incident could happen.

Credit Risk is the risk that issuers of investment securities, mortgagees on mortgage loans or other parties, including reinsurers and derivative counterparties, default on their contractual obligations or experience adverse changes that would affect the Company. The Company attempts to minimize the adverse impact of this risk by monitoring the portfolio diversification, the Company's exposure to impairment, collectability

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of the loans, and the credit quality of reinsurers and derivative counterparties, as well as, in many cases, requiring collateral, lines of credit or assets in trust to manage credit exposure.

Banking risk is the risk associated with the Company's concentrations of credit risk of its cash deposits and checking account balances, and risk of institutional failure. The Company maintains its cash deposits and checking account balances in various bank accounts that, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Company's cash deposits and checking account balances have been placed with high credit quality financial institutions. The Company has not experienced, nor does it anticipate, any losses with respect to such accounts. Subsequent to the balance sheet date, there have been prominent bank failures in the United States that resulted in a seizure by government agencies. The Company has no direct exposure to these failures, but as a result of these failures the Company is examining all of its bank relationships to ensure they are sufficiently protected from potential future failures. The Company will continue to monitor the ongoing situation.

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that interest rates will change and impact the valuation of the bond investments. A change in rates may cause certain interest-sensitive products to become uncompetitive or may cause disintermediation. To the extent that liabilities come due more quickly than assets mature, an insurer would have to borrow funds or sell assets prior to maturity and potentially recognize a gain or loss.

Equity Market Risk is the risk of loss due to declines in the equity markets in which the Company participates. A decline in the stock market will affect the value of equity securities and the contract value of the Company's individual variable annuity contracts, which offer guaranteed benefit riders as well as fixed indexed annuity contracts. Losses in the equity market could result in declines in separate account assets and assets under management, which could affect investment management fees revenue.

The Company attempts to minimize the adverse impact of equity market risk by monitoring the diversification of the Company's investment portfolio and through reinsurance arrangements with third parties. The Company uses equity index put options, equity index call options, equity swaps and interest rate swaptions to minimize exposure to the market risk associated with guarantees on certain underlying policyholder liabilities.

The Company does not have any direct exposure within its investment portfolio to businesses in Russia, Ukraine, Israel or Palestine. However, the ongoing conflicts in these areas are impacting global economic and financial markets exacerbating ongoing economic challenges. The Company is actively monitoring the impact of the conflict on its investment portfolio.

Inflation Risk is the risk that inflation will undermine the performance of investments. Times of rising inflation will cause interest rates to increase. As discussed above, interest will change and impact the valuation of the Company's investments. The Company has the ability to hold securities until maturity and has the ability to adjust product crediting rates allowing the Company to mitigate the potential of liabilities coming due more quickly than the assets mature. The long-term nature of the Company's business allows for the Company to manage through periods of change. The Company is monitoring the responsive monetary policy actions taken or anticipated to be taken by central banks to curb inflation and the corresponding impact on market interest rates.

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Liquidity Risk is the risk that the Company may not have the ability to sell certain investments to meet obligations of the Company.

If the tax treatment of existing Bank Owned Life Insurance (“BOLI”) policies is changed, there is the potential that a portion of the issued policies may be surrendered or allowed to lapse in a short period of time creating a liquidity strain. The Company has applied risk mitigation through diversifying BOLI sales to community banks and credit unions. Credit unions are tax exempt entities, thus eliminating the surrender risk due to any pending tax law changes. In addition, effective July 1, 2019, the Company has reinsured the majority of the block of business with a third party under a coinsurance agreement.

Investment Risk – see Note 6 for additional risks specific to the investment portfolio.

Civil Unrest and Political Risk is the risk that continued civil unrest and challenging political environments may cause significant volatility, declines in the value of investments, loss of life, property damage, additional disruption to commerce and reduce economic activity. Any significant civil unrest or political challenges could result in the decrease of the Company’s net income, revenue and assets under management and may adversely affect the Company’s investment portfolio.

(5) Fair Value Measurements

Included in various investment related line items in the statutory financial statements are certain financial instruments carried at fair value. Other financial instruments are periodically measured at fair value, such as when impaired, or for certain bonds and preferred stock when carried at the lower of cost or market.

Fair Value Hierarchy

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In determining fair value, the Company uses various methods including market, income and cost approaches. The market approach utilizes prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets and liabilities. The income approach uses discounted cash flows to determine fair value. When applying either approach, the Company maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in valuing a financial instrument based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Company. Unobservable inputs reflect the Company’s estimates about the assumptions market participants would use in valuing financial assets and financial liabilities based on the best information available in circumstances.

The Company is required to categorize its assets and liabilities that are carried at estimated fair value on the Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus into a three level hierarchy based on the priority of the inputs to the valuation technique in accordance with SSAP No. 100, *Fair Value Measurements*. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). If the inputs used to measure estimated fair value fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the category level is based on the lowest priority level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

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The levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- **Level 1** – Fair value is based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities in an active market at the measurement date. The types of assets and liabilities utilizing Level 1 valuations generally include cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, separate account assets and exchange traded derivatives.
- **Level 2** – Fair value is based on significant inputs, other than quoted prices included in Level 1, that are observable in active markets or that are derived principally from, or corroborated by, observable market data through correlation or other means for identical or similar assets and liabilities. The types of assets and liabilities utilizing Level 2 valuations generally include U.S. government agency securities; municipal bonds; foreign government debt; certain corporate debt; asset-backed, mortgage-backed, and private placement securities; unaffiliated surplus notes; other invested assets; derivatives; common stocks; securities lending reinvested collateral; and cash equivalent securities.
- **Level 3** – Fair value is based on unobservable inputs for the asset or liability for which there is little or no market activity at the measurement date. Unobservable inputs used in the valuation reflect management’s best estimate about the assumptions market participants would use to price the asset or liability. The types of assets and liabilities utilizing Level 3 valuations generally include certain corporate debt, asset-backed or mortgage-backed securities, common stocks, other invested assets and derivative securities.

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The following tables present the Company's hierarchy for its financial assets and liabilities measured at estimated fair value on a recurring basis at December 31:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
2023				
Assets:				
Investments:				
Bonds	\$ —	97	—	97
Preferred stock	—	6,551	—	6,551
Common stocks	—	52,074	334	52,408
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	735,778	—	—	735,778
Derivatives	—	60,886	—	60,886
Other invested assets	—	—	91,714	91,714
Securities lending reinvested collateral assets	—	162,365	—	162,365
Other assets:				
Separate account assets	13,876,582	—	—	13,876,582
Total assets	<u>\$ 14,612,360</u>	<u>281,973</u>	<u>92,048</u>	<u>14,986,381</u>
Liabilities:				
Other liabilities:				
Derivatives	\$ 17,280	—	—	17,280
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 17,280</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>17,280</u>
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
2022				
Assets:				
Investments:				
Bonds	\$ —	73	—	73
Preferred stock	—	6,335	—	6,335
Common stocks	—	42,229	778	43,007
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	286,470	—	—	286,470
Derivatives	8,138	70,460	—	78,598
Other invested assets	—	—	35,074	35,074
Securities lending reinvested collateral assets	—	113,961	—	113,961
Other assets:				
Separate account assets	13,840,750	—	—	13,840,750
Total assets	<u>\$ 14,135,358</u>	<u>233,058</u>	<u>35,852</u>	<u>14,404,268</u>

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The carrying amount and the NAIC estimated fair value of all financial instruments were as follows as of December 31. The valuation techniques used to estimate these fair values are described below.

2023	Carrying amount	NAIC estimated fair value	Fair value hierarchy level		
			Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:					
Investments:					
Bonds	\$ 6,082,185	5,294,986	56,721	5,140,822	97,443
Preferred stocks	16,551	15,757	—	6,551	9,206
Common stocks, other than investments in affiliates	52,408	52,408	—	52,074	334
Mortgage loans on real estate	1,197,158	1,114,161	—	—	1,114,161
Contract loans	926,013	925,615	—	—	925,615
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	735,778	735,778	735,778	—	—
Derivatives	60,886	60,886	—	60,886	—
Other invested assets	326,740	303,035	—	84,266	218,769
Securities lending reinvested collateral assets	162,366	162,365	—	162,365	—
Other assets:					
Separate account assets	13,876,582	13,876,582	13,876,582	—	—
Liabilities:					
Guaranteed investment contracts	\$ 750,000	750,833	—	750,833	—
Individual deferred annuities	293,420	287,776	—	287,776	—
Immediate and other annuity deposits	1,777,863	1,254,943	—	1,254,943	—
Other policyholder funds	28,405	28,405	28,405	—	—
Derivatives	17,280	17,280	17,280	—	—
Separate account liabilities	13,876,582	13,876,582	13,876,582	—	—

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2022	Carrying amount	NAIC estimated fair value	Fair value hierarchy level		
			Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:					
Investments:					
Bonds	\$ 6,126,737	5,116,211	9,219	5,058,385	48,607
Preferred stocks	16,335	15,351	—	6,335	9,016
Common stocks, other than investments in affiliates	43,007	43,007	—	42,229	778
Mortgage loans on real estate	1,118,912	1,017,875	—	—	1,017,875
Contract loans	900,976	923,587	—	—	923,587
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	286,470	286,470	286,470	—	—
Derivatives	78,598	78,598	8,138	70,460	—
Other invested assets	306,314	280,224	—	82,066	198,158
Securities lending reinvested collateral assets	113,940	113,961	—	113,961	—
Other assets:					
Separate account assets	13,840,750	13,840,750	13,840,750	—	—
Liabilities:					
Guaranteed investment contracts	\$ 530,147	529,700	—	529,700	—
Individual deferred annuities	154,264	148,637	—	148,637	—
Immediate and other annuity deposits	1,074,302	918,800	—	918,800	—
Other policyholder funds	30,231	30,231	30,231	—	—
Separate account liabilities	13,840,750	13,840,750	13,840,750	—	—

Determination of Fair Values

The valuation methodologies used to determine the estimated fair values of assets and liabilities under the exit price notion of SSAP No. 100, *Fair Value Measurements*, reflect market participant objectives and are based on the application of the fair value hierarchy that prioritizes observable market inputs over unobservable inputs. The Company determines the estimated fair values of certain financial assets and financial liabilities based on quoted market prices, where available. The Company also determines estimated fair value based on future cash flows discounted at the appropriate current market rate. Estimated fair values include adjustments for credit-related and liquidity issues of the underlying issuer of the investment.

The Company has policies and guidelines that establish valuation methodologies and consistent application of such methodologies. These policies and guidelines provide controls around the valuation process. These controls include appropriate review and analysis of investment prices against market activity or price variances, review of price source changes, and review of methodology changes.

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The following is a discussion of the methodologies used to determine estimated fair values for the financial instruments and policy reserves listed in the above tables:

Bonds – The estimated fair value of bonds is based on market prices published by the SVO, where available. Otherwise, the fair value of bonds is generally obtained from independent pricing services based on market quotations of reported trades for identical or similar securities. The Company classifies these bonds as Level 1 assets.

When there are no recent reported trades, the Company uses third party pricing services that use matrix or model processes to develop a security price using future cash flow expectations and collateral performance discounted at an estimated market rate. For the pricing of asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities, the models include estimates for future principal prepayments based on the characteristics of the underlying structure and prepayment speeds previously experienced at the interest rate levels projected for the underlying collateral. Since these securities have been priced using market observable inputs that are obtained by the independent pricing services, the Company has classified these bonds as Level 2 assets.

Bonds not priced by independent services are generally priced using an internal pricing matrix. The internal pricing matrix is developed by obtaining spreads for corporate securities with varying weighted average lives and bond ratings. The weighted average life and bond rating of a particular bond to be priced using the internal matrix are important inputs into the model and are used to determine a corresponding spread that is added to the appropriate U.S. Treasury yield to create an estimated market yield for that bond. The estimated market yield is then used to estimate the fair value of the particular bond. Since the inputs used for the internal pricing matrix are based on observable market data, the Company has classified these fair values as Level 2.

In some instances, the independent pricing service will price securities using independent broker quotations from market makers and other broker/dealers recognized to be market participants, which utilize inputs that may be difficult to corroborate with observable market data. These bonds are classified as Level 3 assets.

Preferred stocks – The estimated fair values of preferred stocks are determined from market prices published by the SVO. The Company has classified these fair values as Level 2 as they are priced using market observable inputs.

Common stocks – The Company's primary common stock holding is FHLB stock, which is carried at par and approximates fair value. The FHLB stock is not traded on an active market and is classified as a Level 2 asset.

In some instances, common stocks are being carried based on valuation metrics obtained from a third party valuation report. These common stocks are classified as Level 3 assets.

Common stocks of unaffiliated companies are carried at fair value based on information from the SVO or quoted market prices when fair market values are not available from the SVO. The Company has

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classified these other common stock fair values as Level 2 as they are priced using market observable inputs.

Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments – Cash is considered a Level 1 asset as it is the functional currency in the U.S. and is the most liquid form of an asset and not subject to valuation fluctuations. Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of money market funds, bank deposits, and commercial paper.

Short-term investments are considered Level 2 since they are short-term, highly liquid investments that are not traded on an active market but are both a) readily convertible to known amounts of cash, and b) so near their maturity that they present insignificant risk of changes in value because of changes in interest rates. These short-term investments are recorded at carrying value, which approximates fair value since they are so close to maturity.

Derivatives – The Company enters into long-term investments comprised of equity futures, currency futures, equity index put options, equity index call options, equity swaps and interest rate swaptions to economically hedge liabilities embedded in certain variable annuity and fixed indexed annuity products. The equity futures and currency futures are exchange traded derivatives, and the fair value is based on an active market quotation. The Company has classified the fair values of the exchange traded derivatives as Level 1. The equity index put options, equity index call options, equity swaps and interest rate swaptions are valued using pricing models with inputs that are observable in the market or can be derived principally from, or corroborated by, observable market data. These derivative assets are classified as Level 2 assets.

Securities lending reinvested collateral assets – Securities lending reinvested collateral is considered Level 2 for the purposes of fair value classification since they are short-term money market funds that are only available to securities lending customers and are not traded on an active market.

Separate account assets – Separate account assets are recorded at estimated fair value based primarily on market quotations of the underlying securities and reported as a summarized total on the Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus. The underlying securities are mutual funds that are valued using the reported net asset value, which is published daily. The Company has classified separate account assets as Level 1 assets.

Mortgage loans on real estate – The fair value of mortgage loans on real estate is estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, using interest rates currently being offered for similar loans to borrowers with similar credit ratings. Loans with similar characteristics are aggregated for purposes of the calculations. The Company has classified the fair value of mortgage loans using the discounted cash flow analysis as Level 3 since certain significant inputs, such as credit rating, are internal.

Contract loans – The fair value of contract loans is estimated using discounted cash flow calculations. The Company has classified these fair values as Level 3 since the expected life of the loan is based on internal assumptions.

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Other invested assets – The Company’s other invested assets include an affiliated surplus note. The fair value of the affiliated surplus note is determined by discounting the scheduled cash flows of the note using a market rate applicable to the yield, credit quality and maturity of similar debt instruments. The Company has classified the fair value generally as Level 2 since the valuation inputs are based on market observable information.

Included in other invested assets are unaffiliated surplus notes. Estimated fair values for these are determined from market prices published by the SVO. The Company has classified these fair values as Level 2 since the valuation inputs are based on market observable information.

The carrying amount reported in the statutory financial statements of limited partnership interests is based on quarterly GAAP financial statements provided by the partnership with annual adjustments to reconcile to the audited GAAP financial statements of the partnership. Limited partnership interests are classified as Level 3 assets.

The carrying amount reported in the statutory financial statements of the Company’s investment in SUNR, an affiliated subsidiary, was \$127,055 and \$163,084 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. This amount is included in other invested assets, and the Company has classified the fair value as Level 3 since the valuation inputs are not based on market observable information.

Deferred and immediate annuity and investment contracts – The fair value of the Company’s liabilities under investment contracts is disclosed using one of two methods. For investment contracts without defined maturities, fair value is the estimated amount payable on demand, net of certain surrender charges. For investment contracts with known or determined maturities, fair value is estimated using discounted cash flow analyses. Interest rates used are similar to currently offered contracts with maturities consistent with those remaining for the contracts being valued. The Company has classified these fair values as Level 2 since the inputs are market observable.

Policyholders’ dividend accumulations and other policyholder funds – The carrying amount reported in the statutory financial statements for these instruments approximates their estimated fair value. The Company has classified these amounts as Level 1 since these amounts can be converted to cash by the policyholder.

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Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)

The following tables summarize the reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances and related changes in fair value measurements for which significant unobservable inputs were used in determining the estimated fair value for the years ended December 31:

Assets	Common Stocks	Other Invested Assets	Total Assets
December 31, 2021	\$ —	10,150	10,150
Net investment gains/(losses):			
In earnings (realized and unrealized)	—	(636)	(636)
Purchases	778	28,549	29,327
Disposals	—	(2,989)	(2,989)
December 31, 2022	<u>778</u>	<u>35,074</u>	<u>35,852</u>
Net investment gains/(losses):			
In earnings (realized and unrealized)	(251)	2,376	2,125
Purchases	160	55,070	55,230
Disposals	(353)	(806)	(1,159)
December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 334</u>	<u>91,714</u>	<u>92,048</u>
Change in unrealized gains (losses):			
Still held at December 31:			
2022	\$ —	—	—
2023	\$ —	—	—

Asset Transfers Between Levels

The Company reviews its fair value hierarchy classifications annually. Changes in the observability of significant valuation inputs identified during these reviews may trigger reclassification of fair value hierarchy levels of financial assets and liabilities. Transfers into or out of Level 3 are primarily due to the availability of quoted market prices or changes in the market observability of valuation inputs that are significant to the fair value measurement.

There were no transfers between levels in 2023 or 2022.

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Common Stock of Subsidiaries

Common stock of unconsolidated non-life insurance subsidiaries at statutory equity were recorded on the Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus and consists of the statutory equity of ADI and ONESCO at December 31, 2022. During 2023, the Company's common stock of these subsidiaries was transferred, via a dividend, to CII. At December 31, 2022, no non-life insurance subsidiary's common stock exceeded 10% of the Company's admitted assets.

Common stock of unconsolidated life insurance subsidiaries at statutory equity recorded on the Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus consists of the statutory equity of ALAC, NSLAC, SUNR and ONFH. Investments in the Company's special purpose financial captive reinsurers are carried differently. MONT and KENW are carried at zero due to the fact that the State of Vermont has allowed the recognition of an admitted asset related to recoverables from third party stop-loss reinsurance agreements. The investment in CMGO is carried at the amount of capital contributions made by the Company. If the value of CMGO's surplus were to fall below the level of all capital contributions, then a dollar for dollar reduction of the carrying value would occur until the investment value reached zero. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, none of the Company's unconsolidated life insurance subsidiaries' common stock exceeded 10% of the Company's admitted assets.

(6) Investments

Investment Risks and Uncertainties

Investments are exposed to various risks and uncertainties that affect the determination of estimated fair values, the ability to sell certain investments during strained market conditions, the recognition of impairments, and the recognition of income on certain investments. These risks and uncertainties include:

- the risk that the Company's assessment of an issuer's ability to meet all of its contractual obligations will change based on changes in the credit characteristics of that issuer;
- the risk that the economic outlook, including fluctuations in interest rates and inflationary pressures, will be worse than expected or have more of an impact on the issuer than anticipated;
- the risk that the Company obtains inaccurate information for the determination of the estimated fair value estimates and other-than-temporary impairments; and
- the risk that new information or changes in other facts and circumstances lead the Company to change its intent to hold the security to maturity or until it recovers in value.

Any of these situations are reasonably possible and could result in a charge to income in a future period. During 2022, rising inflation led to increases in interest rates resulting in larger unrealized losses on the Company's investment portfolio. During 2023, inflation began to stabilize and reduction in interest rates resulted in a decrease in the Company's unrealized losses in its investment portfolio.

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The determination of impairments is highly subjective and is based upon periodic evaluations and assessments of known and inherent risks associated with each asset class. Such evaluations and assessments are revised as conditions change and new information becomes available.

The recognition of income on certain investments, including asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities, is dependent upon certain factors such as prepayments and defaults, and changes in factors could result in changes in amounts to be earned.

Bonds and Stocks

Bonds and Stocks by Sector

The carrying value, gross unrealized gains and losses, and estimated fair values of investments in bonds and stocks at December 31 are as follows:

	2023			
	Carrying value*	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses	NAIC estimated fair value
Bonds:				
U.S. government	\$ 152,934	6,825	(1,901)	157,858
All other governments	6,999	—	(1,203)	5,796
States, territories and possessions	895,352	1,247	(169,907)	726,692
Political subdivisions of states	2,730	—	(22)	2,708
Special revenue and assessment	143,403	2,398	(3,040)	142,761
Industrial and miscellaneous	4,877,767	27,066	(648,623)	4,256,210
Hybrid securities	3,000	—	(39)	2,961
Total bonds	<u>\$ 6,082,185</u>	<u>37,536</u>	<u>(824,735)</u>	<u>5,294,986</u>
Preferred stocks	<u>\$ 16,551</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(794)</u>	<u>15,757</u>
Common stocks	<u>\$ 52,641</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>(254)</u>	<u>52,408</u>

* Represents cost for Common stocks

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	2022			
	Carrying value*	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses	NAIC estimated fair value
Bonds:				
U.S. government	\$ 39,162	81	(1,809)	37,434
All other governments	6,999	—	(1,584)	5,415
States, territories and possessions	935,356	481	(212,886)	722,951
Political subdivisions of states	5,722	—	(90)	5,632
Special revenue and assessment	114,292	882	(4,292)	110,882
Industrial and miscellaneous	5,022,206	16,317	(807,438)	4,231,085
Hybrid securities	3,000	—	(188)	2,812
Total bonds	\$ 6,126,737	17,761	(1,028,287)	5,116,211
Preferred stocks	\$ 16,335	—	(984)	15,351
Common stocks	\$ 42,991	19	(3)	43,007

* Represents cost for Common stocks

Included in the tables above under the caption U.S. government are bonds that were issued by agencies not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government such as the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

Investments with an amortized cost of \$8,467 and \$8,138 were on deposit with various regulatory agencies as required by law as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Maturities of Bonds

The carrying value and the NAIC estimated fair value of bonds at December 31, 2023, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. Mortgage-backed securities are classified based on the last payment date of the underlying mortgage loans with the longest contractual duration.

	Carrying value	NAIC estimated fair value
Due in one year or less	\$ 286,224	249,179
Due after one year through five years	1,399,850	1,218,672
Due after five years through ten years	1,105,316	962,258
Due after ten years	3,290,795	2,864,877
Total	\$ 6,082,185	5,294,986

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Continuous Gross Unrealized Losses for Bonds and Stocks

The following tables present the NAIC estimated fair value and gross unrealized losses of the Company's bonds (aggregated by sector) and preferred and common stocks in an unrealized loss position, aggregated by length of time the securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at December 31:

	<u>Less than 12 months</u>		<u>12 months or longer</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>NAIC estimated fair value</u>	<u>Unrealized losses</u>	<u>NAIC estimated fair value</u>	<u>Unrealized losses</u>	<u>NAIC estimated fair value</u>	<u>Unrealized losses</u>
2023						
Bonds:						
U.S. government	\$ —	—	26,172	(1,901)	26,172	(1,901)
All other governments	—	—	5,795	(1,203)	5,795	(1,203)
States, territories and possessions	7,356	(207)	672,757	(169,700)	680,113	(169,907)
Political subdivisions of states	995	(5)	1,713	(17)	2,708	(22)
Special revenue and assessment	8,868	(146)	68,153	(2,894)	77,021	(3,040)
Industrial and miscellaneous	215,134	(8,562)	3,469,584	(640,061)	3,684,718	(648,623)
Hybrid securities	—	—	2,961	(39)	2,961	(39)
Total bonds	<u>232,353</u>	<u>(8,920)</u>	<u>4,247,135</u>	<u>(815,815)</u>	<u>4,479,488</u>	<u>(824,735)</u>
Preferred and common stocks	<u>334</u>	<u>(251)</u>	<u>9,206</u>	<u>(797)</u>	<u>9,540</u>	<u>(1,048)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 232,687</u>	<u>(9,171)</u>	<u>4,256,341</u>	<u>(816,612)</u>	<u>4,489,028</u>	<u>(825,783)</u>
2022						
Bonds:						
U.S. government	\$ 37,158	(1,809)	—	—	37,158	(1,809)
All other governments	5,415	(1,584)	—	—	5,415	(1,584)
States, territories and possessions	620,057	(174,520)	83,505	(38,366)	703,562	(212,886)
Political subdivisions of states	5,632	(90)	—	—	5,632	(90)
Special revenue and assessment	93,736	(4,292)	—	—	93,736	(4,292)
Industrial and miscellaneous	3,525,324	(669,154)	389,172	(138,284)	3,914,496	(807,438)
Hybrid securities	2,812	(188)	—	—	2,812	(188)
Total bonds	<u>4,290,134</u>	<u>(851,637)</u>	<u>472,677</u>	<u>(176,650)</u>	<u>4,762,811</u>	<u>#####</u>
Preferred and common stocks	<u>9,016</u>	<u>(984)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>9,017</u>	<u>(987)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,299,150</u>	<u>(852,621)</u>	<u>472,678</u>	<u>(176,653)</u>	<u>4,771,828</u>	<u>#####</u>

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The tables below summarize the bonds by sector in an unrealized loss position for less than and greater than twelve months as of December 31:

	<u>Less than 12 months</u>	<u>12 months or longer</u>	<u>Total</u>
2023			
99.9%-80%:			
U.S. government	\$ —	(1,901)	(1,901)
All other governments	—	(1,203)	(1,203)
States, territories and possessions	(207)	(42,134)	(42,341)
Political subdivisions of states	(5)	(17)	(22)
Special revenue and assessment	(146)	(2,894)	(3,040)
Industrial and miscellaneous	(6,267)	(218,239)	(224,506)
Hybrid	—	(39)	(39)
Below 80%:			
States, territories and possessions	—	(127,566)	(127,566)
Industrial and miscellaneous	(2,295)	(421,822)	(424,117)
Total	<u>\$ (8,920)</u>	<u>(815,815)</u>	<u>(824,735)</u>
2022			
99.9%-80%:			
U.S. government	\$ (1,809)	—	(1,809)
States, territories and possessions	(28,643)	(279)	(28,922)
Political subdivisions of states	(90)	—	(90)
Special revenue and assessment	(4,292)	—	(4,292)
Industrial and miscellaneous	(239,773)	(20,549)	(260,322)
Hybrid	(188)	—	(188)
Below 80%:			
U.S. government	(1,584)	—	(1,584)
States, territories and possessions	(145,877)	(38,087)	(183,964)
Industrial and miscellaneous	(429,381)	(117,735)	(547,116)
Total	<u>\$ (851,637)</u>	<u>(176,650)</u>	<u>(1,028,287)</u>

Evaluation of Other-Than-Temporarily Impaired Investments

Management regularly reviews its bond and stock portfolios to evaluate the necessity of recording impairment losses for other-than-temporary declines in fair value of investments.

An analysis is prepared which focuses on the issuer's ability to service its debts and the length of time and extent the bond has been valued below cost. This review process includes an assessment of the credit quality or an assessment of the future cash flows of the identified investment in the portfolio.

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For any securities identified in the review of the portfolio, the Company considers additional relevant facts and circumstances in evaluating whether the security is other-than-temporarily impaired (“OTTI”). Relevant facts and circumstances that may be considered include:

- comparison of current estimated fair value of the security to cost;
- length of time the estimated fair value has been below cost;
- financial position of the issuer, including the current and future impact of any specific events, including changes in management;
- analysis of issuer’s key financial ratios based upon the issuer’s financial statements;
- any items specifically pledged to support the credit along with any other security interests or collateral;
- the Company’s intent to sell the security or if it is more likely than not that it will be required to sell the security before it can recover the amortized cost or, for equity investments, the forecasted recovery of estimated fair value in a reasonable period of time;
- overall business climate, including litigation and government actions;
- rating agency downgrades;
- analysis of late payments, revenue forecasts and cash flow projections for use as indicators of credit issues; and
- other circumstances particular to an individual security.

In addition to the above, for certain securitized financial assets with contractual cash flows, including loan-backed and structured securities, the Company periodically evaluates the securities using the currently estimated cash flows, including new prepayment assumptions using the retrospective adjustment methodology. If the evaluation based on currently estimated cash flows results in discounted estimated future cash flows less than the book value, an OTTI is considered to have occurred. If the Company has the ability to hold and no intent to sell the security, the impairment amount recognized as a realized loss would be the difference between the amortized cost and the discounted cash flows.

For bonds that are OTTI and securities where the Company intends to sell or does not have the ability to hold the security, the realized loss would equal the difference between the amortized cost and its fair value at the Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus date.

For industrial and miscellaneous securities, the Company evaluates the financial performance of the issuer, based upon credit performance and investment ratings, and expects to recover the entire amortized cost of each security.

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As of December 31, 2023, investments in loan-backed and structured securities, for which an OTTI has not been recognized in earnings and which were in an unrealized loss position, had a fair value of \$683,572. Loan-backed and structured securities in an unrealized loss position for less than 12 months had a fair value of \$43,684 and unrealized losses of \$580. Loan-backed and structured securities in an unrealized loss position for greater than 12 months had a fair value of \$639,888 and unrealized losses of \$60,195. These loan-backed and structured securities were primarily categorized as industrial and miscellaneous.

Current Year Evaluation

Total unrealized losses decreased from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2023 due mainly to the decrease in intermediate term interest rates and lower credit spreads during the year. The Company has concluded that the majority of its securities in an unrealized loss position as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 reflect temporary fluctuations in economic factors (including interest related declines) that are not indicative of OTTI due to the Company's ability and intent to hold these investments until recovery of estimated fair value or amortized cost, and for equity investments, anticipate a forecasted recovery in a reasonable period of time. The Company has recorded OTTI losses when necessary on securities that the Company has deemed as being indicative of OTTI.

Mortgage Loans

Mortgage loans consist of commercial mortgage loans originated in the United States. Mortgage loans are collateralized by the underlying properties. Collateral on mortgage loans must meet or exceed 125% of the loan at the time the loan is made. The carrying amounts of the commercial mortgage loan portfolio as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 were \$1,197,158 and \$1,118,912, respectively.

The minimum and maximum gross lending rates for commercial mortgage loans for the years ended December 31 were:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Minimum	5.2%	3.5%
Maximum	7.3%	6.3%

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Company diversifies its mortgage loan portfolio by both geographic region and property type to reduce concentration risk. The Company's portfolio is collateralized by properties located in the United States. Total loans in any state did not exceed 15.3% of the total portfolio as of December 31, 2023 or 2022.

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The states that exceed 10% of the total loan portfolio were as follows as of December 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
California	\$ 183,192	153,711
Texas	144,355	137,423
Ohio	125,948	125,761

Portfolio Analysis

The Company performs an annual performance review of the commercial mortgage loan portfolio and assigns a rating based on the property's loan-to-value ("LTV"), age, mortgage debt service coverage ("DSC") and occupancy. This analysis helps identify loans that may experience difficulty. If a loan is not paying in accordance with contractual terms, it is placed on a watch list and monitored through inspections and contact with the property's local representative. In addition, as part of portfolio monitoring, the Company physically inspected nearly 100% of the properties in the portfolio. The LTV and DSC ratios are applied consistently across the entire commercial mortgage loan portfolio.

The following table summarizes the commercial mortgage loan portfolio, net of allowance, LTV ratios and DSC ratios using available data as of December 31. The ratios are updated as information becomes available.

<u>LTV</u>	<u>DSC</u>						<u>Total</u>
	<u>Greater than 2.0x</u>	<u>1.8x to 2.0x</u>	<u>1.5x to 1.8x</u>	<u>1.2x to 1.5x</u>	<u>1.0x to 1.2x</u>	<u>Less than 1.0x</u>	
2023							
0% - 50%	\$ 269,493	66,764	142,117	127,468	56,480	7,813	670,135
50% - 60%	57,928	20,398	63,494	91,124	35,612	11,983	280,539
60% - 70%	933	—	34,036	91,254	24,272	—	150,495
70% - 80%	—	—	6,395	9,420	22,032	9,417	47,264
80% and greater	—	—	—	12,723	17,008	18,994	48,725
Total	<u>\$ 328,354</u>	<u>87,162</u>	<u>246,042</u>	<u>331,989</u>	<u>155,404</u>	<u>48,207</u>	<u>1,197,158</u>
2022							
0% - 50%	\$ 258,876	85,637	153,579	107,092	17,918	9,378	632,480
50% - 60%	24,738	30,638	78,143	66,286	30,045	4,483	234,333
60% - 70%	1,218	4,296	23,652	57,676	18,775	7,130	112,747
70% - 80%	—	—	—	23,491	40,629	3,686	67,806
80% and greater	—	—	—	20,392	31,317	19,837	71,546
Total	<u>\$ 284,832</u>	<u>120,571</u>	<u>255,374</u>	<u>274,937</u>	<u>138,684</u>	<u>44,514</u>	<u>1,118,912</u>

LTV and DSC ratios are measures frequently used in commercial real estate to determine the quality of a mortgage loan. The LTV ratio is a comparison between the current loan balance and the value assigned to

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the property and is expressed as a percentage. If the LTV is greater than 100%, this would indicate that the loan amount exceeds the value of the property. It is preferred that the LTV be less than 100%. The Company's corporate policy directs that the LTV on new mortgages not exceed 75% for standard mortgages. The maximum percentage of any one loan to the value of security at the time of the loan, exclusive of insured or guaranteed or purchase money mortgages, was 75% in 2023 and 2022.

The DSC ratio compares the property's net operating income to its mortgage debt service payments. If the debt service coverage ratio is less than 1.0x, this would indicate that the property is not generating enough income after expenses to cover the mortgage payment. Therefore, a higher debt service coverage ratio could indicate a better quality loan.

Mortgage Loan Aging

The table below depicts the commercial mortgage loan portfolio exposure of the remaining balances (which equal the Company's recorded investment), by type, as of December 31:

	30-59 days past due	60-89 days past due	90 days or more past due	Total past due	Current	Total	Recorded investment > 90 days and accruing
2023 \$	—	—	—	—	1,197,158	1,197,158	—
2022 \$	—	—	—	—	1,118,912	1,118,912	—

Performance, Impairment and Foreclosures

The Company had no mortgage loans in the process of foreclosure at December 31, 2023 or 2022. There were no mortgage loan write-downs in 2023, 2022 or 2021. The Company did not have an allowance for credit losses at December 31, 2023 or 2022.

Commercial mortgage loans in foreclosure and mortgage loans considered to be impaired as of the Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus date are placed on a nonaccrual status if the payments are not current. Interest received on nonaccrual status mortgage loans is included in net investment income in the period received.

The Company had no mortgage loans on nonaccrual status as of December 31, 2023 or 2022.

The Company did not have any significant troubled debt restructurings of mortgage loans during 2023, 2022 or 2021.

The Company had no recorded investments in, or unpaid principal balance of, impaired commercial loans at December 31, 2023 or 2022.

No mortgages were sold to CII in 2023, 2022 or 2021.

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The Company has a mortgage loan receivable from CII of \$19,053 and \$19,962 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The Company has other financing receivables with contractual maturities of one year or less such as reinsurance recoverables and premiums receivables. The Company does not record a valuation allowance for these items since the Company has not had any significant collection issues related to these types of receivables. The Company writes off the receivable if it is deemed to be uncollectible.

Securities Lending

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company received \$162,366 and \$113,940, respectively, of cash collateral on securities lending. The cash collateral is invested in short-term investments, which are recorded in Securities lending reinvested collateral assets on the Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus with a corresponding liability of payable for securities lending to account for the Company's obligation to return the collateral. The Company had not received any non-cash collateral on securities lending as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. The estimated fair value of loaned securities was \$157,614 and \$110,578 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Insurer Self-Certified Securities

The following represents securities for which the Company does not have all the information required for the NAIC to provide an NAIC designation, but for which the Company is receiving timely payments of principal and interest. These securities are referred to as "5GI Securities."

	Number of 5GI Securities		Aggregate BACV		Aggregate Fair Value	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Bonds	\$ 1	1	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

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Net Realized Capital Gains (Losses) and Change in Unrealized Capital Gains (Losses)

The following is a summary of realized capital gains (losses) and the change in unrealized capital gains (losses), including realized losses for OTTI of investments, for the years ended December 31:

	Realized gains (losses)	Change in unrealized gains (losses)	Total investment gains (losses)
2023			
Bonds	\$ (18,807)	(18)	(18,825)
Preferred stocks	—	171	171
Common stocks	4,245	22,420	26,665
Derivative instruments ¹	—	(21,471)	(21,471)
Other	(217)	(12,183)	(12,400)
Total	(14,779)	(11,081)	(25,860)
Less amount credited to interest maintenance reserve	(14,338)	—	(14,338)
Net (losses) gains before tax	(441)	(11,081)	(11,522)
Taxes on investment losses/gains	(887)	12	(875)
Admitted deferred tax asset	—	(12)	(12)
Net losses after tax	\$ (1,328)	(11,081)	(12,409)

¹ Amount is net of funds withheld reinsurance activity

	Realized gains (losses)	Change in unrealized gains (losses)	Total investment gains (losses)
2022			
Bonds	\$ (18,950)	(5)	(18,955)
Preferred stocks	—	(605)	(605)
Common stocks	60	44,048	44,108
Derivative instruments ¹	(14,168)	5,418	(8,750)
Other	2	25,544	25,546
Total	(33,056)	74,400	41,344
Less amount credited to interest maintenance reserve	(15,281)	—	(15,281)
Net (losses) gains before tax	(17,775)	74,400	56,625
Taxes on investment losses/gains	(3,224)	(840)	(4,064)
Admitted deferred tax asset	—	840	840
Net (losses) gains after tax	\$ (20,999)	74,400	53,401

¹ Amount is net of funds withheld reinsurance activity

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	<u>Realized gains (losses)</u>	<u>Change in unrealized gains (losses)</u>	<u>Total investment gains (losses)</u>
2021			
Bonds	\$ 48,703	11	48,714
Common stocks	(492)	(919)	(1,411)
Derivative instruments ¹	10,470	(26,918)	(16,448)
Other	1,030	(36,404)	(35,374)
Total	59,711	(64,230)	(4,519)
Less amount credited to interest maintenance reserve	30,196	—	30,196
Net gains (losses) before tax	29,515	(64,230)	(34,715)
Taxes on investment losses/gains	(1,537)	4,007	2,470
Admitted deferred tax asset	—	(4,007)	(4,007)
Net gains (losses) after tax	\$ 27,978	(64,230)	(36,252)

¹ Amount is net of funds withheld reinsurance activity

Realized capital gains and losses, net of tax, for all types of bonds that result from changes in the overall level of interest rates are credited or charged to the IMR, and these capital gains or losses are amortized into income over the remaining period of time based on the original maturity date of the bond sold.

Realized capital losses on investments, as shown in the tables above, include write-downs for OTTI of \$219, \$3,126, and \$200, for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively. As of December 31, 2023, securities with a carrying value of \$12,864, which had a cumulative write-down of \$8,137 due to OTTI, remained in the Company's investment portfolio.

Included in the write-downs for OTTI are write-downs for OTTI on loan-backed and structured securities of \$219, \$153, and \$3 for 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The table below lists each security that recognized OTTI impairment in 2023 due to the fact that the present value of the cash flows expected to be collected was less than the amortized cost basis of the securities:

CUSIP	Book/adjusted carrying value amortized cost before current period OTTI	Projected cash flows	Recognized OTTI in current period	Amortized cost after OTTI	Fair value	Date of financial statement when reported
12669GC82	\$ 329	270	59	270	279	6/30/2023
92922FKX5	128	19	109	19	55	9/30/2023
759950CU0	2,546	2,495	51	2,495	2,509	12/31/2023
Total	\$ 3,003	2,784	219	2,784	2,843	

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Sales of Bonds

Proceeds from sales of investments in bonds, excluding calls, during 2023, 2022 and 2021 were \$528,084, \$784,360 and \$1,294,094, respectively. Gross gains of \$5,286, \$5,228 and \$53,072 and gross losses of \$23,880, \$21,323 and \$2,449 were realized on those transactions in 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

(7) Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company enters into derivative contracts to economically hedge guarantees on riders for certain insurance contracts. Although these contracts do not qualify for hedge accounting or have not been designated in hedging relationships by the Company, they provide the Company with an economic hedge, which is used as part of its overall risk management strategy. The Company enters into equity futures, currency futures, equity index put options, equity index call options, equity swaps and interest rate swaptions to economically hedge liabilities embedded in certain variable annuity products, such as the GMAB, GMWB, GMIB and GLWB, and in fixed indexed annuity products.

The following tables summarize the carrying value and notional amounts of the Company's derivative financial instruments as of December 31:

	<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>	
	<u>Carrying value*</u>	<u>Notional amount</u>	<u>Carrying value**</u>	<u>Notional amount</u>
2023				
Equity futures	\$ —	—	17,280	503,280
Equity puts	19,313	376,824	—	—
Equity index call options	40,271	2,038,093	—	—
Currency swap	1,302	9,038	—	—
Total	<u>\$ 60,886</u>	<u>2,423,955</u>	<u>17,280</u>	<u>503,280</u>
2022				
Currency futures	\$ 8,138	299,643	—	—
Equity puts	59,620	568,957	—	—
Equity index call options	9,256	1,729,343	—	—
Currency swap	1,584	9,038	—	—
	<u>\$ 78,598</u>	<u>2,606,981</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

* Included in derivatives

** Included in other liabilities

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Credit Risk

The Company may be exposed to credit-related losses in the event of nonperformance by counterparties to derivative financial instruments.

Because exchange traded futures are affected through regulated exchanges, and positions are marked to market on a daily basis, the Company has minimal exposure to credit-related losses in the event of nonperformance by counterparties to such derivative instruments. The Company manages its credit risk related to over-the-counter derivatives by only entering into transactions with creditworthy counterparties with long-standing performance records.

See Note 13 for additional details related to credit risks associated with reinsurance agreements.

For equity futures and currency futures, cash or an acceptable security is posted to the margin account whenever the Company has open derivatives positions to meet the initial margin maintenance requirement. Additional cash or securities are posted to the account if the margin balance is less than the maintenance margin requirement due to market movements. Conversely, the Company can request funds back if the Company has a margin surplus greater than the maintenance requirement.

(8) Deferred and Uncollected Life Insurance Premiums

Deferred and uncollected life insurance premiums are included in Premiums and other considerations deferred and uncollected in the Company's Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus. The table below summarizes these deferred and uncollected life insurance premiums, gross and net of loading for the years ended December 31:

	2023		2022	
	Gross	Net of loading	Gross	Net of loading
Ordinary new business	\$ 421	40	1,374	170
Ordinary renewal	2,996	2,361	1,999	1,683
Total	\$ 3,417	2,401	3,373	1,853

(9) Separate Accounts

The Company utilizes separate accounts to record and account for assets and liabilities for particular lines of business and/or transactions. For the current reporting year, the Company reported assets and liabilities from variable individual annuities and variable group annuities.

In accordance with the State of Ohio procedures on approving items within the separate account, the separate account classification of the product is supported by the Ohio Statute 3907.15.

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As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company's separate account statement included legally insulated assets of \$13,876,582 and \$13,840,748, respectively. The assets legally insulated from the general account as of December 31, are attributed to the following:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Variable individual annuities	\$ 13,436,712	13,415,806
Variable group annuities	373,187	387,614
Variable immediate annuities	66,683	37,328
Total	<u>\$ 13,876,582</u>	<u>13,840,748</u>

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no separate account securities lending arrangements.

In accordance with the products/transactions recorded within the separate account, some separate account liabilities are guaranteed by the general account. In accordance with the guarantees provided, if the investment proceeds are insufficient to cover the rate of return guaranteed for the product, the policyholder proceeds will be remitted by the general account.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the general account of the Company had a maximum guarantee for separate account liabilities of \$1,300 and \$3,782, respectively.

To compensate the general account for the risk taken, the separate account has paid risk charges as follows for the past five years:

	<u>Risk charges</u>
2023	\$ 203,654
2022	208,582
2021	216,358
2020	223,002
2019	230,543

As of December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, the general account of the Company had paid \$169,021, \$145,447 and \$120,309, respectively, towards separate account guarantees.

The Company does not guarantee a return of the contract holders' separate account. Information regarding the nonguaranteed separate accounts of the Company is as follows as of and for the years ended December 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Premiums, considerations or deposits at year end	<u>\$ 72,466</u>	<u>138,963</u>	<u>108,138</u>

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	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Reserves at year end for accounts with assets at:		
Market value	\$ 13,699,141	13,642,912
Amortized cost	155,471	158,500
Total reserves	<u>\$ 13,854,612</u>	<u>13,801,412</u>
By withdrawal characteristics:		
Subject to discretionary withdrawal:		
With market value adjustment	\$ —	—
At book value without market value adjustment and with current surrender charge of 5% or more	—	—
At market value	13,810,755	13,763,666
At book value without market value adjustment and with current surrender charge of less than 5%	—	—
Subtotal	<u>13,810,755</u>	<u>13,763,666</u>
Not subject to discretionary withdrawal	<u>43,857</u>	<u>37,746</u>
Total reserves	<u>\$ 13,854,612</u>	<u>13,801,412</u>

The following is a reconciliation of net transfers from separate accounts for the years ended December 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Transfers as reported in the summary of operations of the Separate Accounts Statement:			
Transfers to separate accounts	\$ 72,678	138,989	108,675
Transfers from separate accounts	<u>1,919,703</u>	<u>1,787,425</u>	<u>2,577,947</u>
Net transfers from separate accounts before reconciling adjustments	(1,847,025)	(1,648,436)	(2,469,272)
Reconciling adjustments:			
Processing income	(212)	(27)	(536)
CARVM allowance on reinsurance assumed	(400,273)	—	—
Other net	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>—</u>
Net transfers from separate accounts	<u>\$ (2,247,503)</u>	<u>(1,648,451)</u>	<u>(2,469,808)</u>

(10) Reserves for Future Policy Benefits

The reserves for future policy benefits are comprised of liabilities for life policies and contracts, accident and health (disability) policies, and annuity and other deposit funds including riders.

Associated with the demutualization transaction discussed in Note 1, the Company was obligated by Constellation to effectuate the increase in eligible member's policy account value as consideration for their

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membership interests. Consideration to extinguish membership interest is included in expense of the insurance company. As such, during 2022, the Company recorded the increase in policyholder account value as an expense in the Statutory Statements of Operations. Constellation was required to reimburse the Company for effectuating the increase in account value for eligible member policies through a capital contribution, as defined in the demutualization agreement (see Note 17).

The liability for future policy benefits for traditional life products has been established based upon the net level premium method using interest rates varying from 2.0% to 6.0%.

Reserves are calculated using withdrawal, discount, mortality, and morbidity rates. Withdrawal rates vary by issue age, type of coverage and policy duration and are based on Company experience. Mortality and morbidity rates which are guaranteed within insurance contracts are based on published tables and Company experience.

As discussed in Note 3, the Company has five main types of rider benefits offered with individual variable annuity contracts: GMDBs, GMIBs, GLWBs, GMABs and GMWBs. The Company also issues fixed indexed annuity contracts with a GLWB rider.

Variable Annuity Riders

GMDB Riders

Certain variable annuity contracts include GMDB riders with the base contract and offer additional death and income benefits through riders that can be added to the base contract. These GMDB riders typically provide that, upon the death of the annuitant, the beneficiaries could receive an amount in excess of the contract value. The GMDB rider benefit could be equal to the premiums paid into the contract, the highest contract value as of a particular time, e.g., every contract anniversary, or the premiums paid into the contract times an annual interest factor. The Company assesses a charge for the GMDB riders and prices the base contracts to allow the Company to recover a charge for any built-in death benefits.

GMIB Riders

Certain variable annuity contracts include GMIB riders with the base contract. These riders allow the policyholder to annuitize the contract after ten years and to receive a guaranteed minimum monthly income for life. The amount of the payout is based upon a guaranteed income base that is typically equal to the greater of the premiums paid increased by 5% annually (6% for riders sold before May 2009) or the highest contract value on any contract anniversary. In some instances, based upon the age of the annuitant, the terms of this rider may be less favorable for the contract purchaser. The amount of the monthly income is tied to annuitization tables that are built into the GMIB rider. In the event that the policyholder could receive a higher monthly income by annuitization based upon the Company's current annuitization rates, the annuitant will automatically receive the higher monthly income. This means that the contract value could be significantly less than the guaranteed income base, but it might not provide any benefit to the policyholder or any cost to the Company. In addition, some policyholders may not be willing to give up access to their contract value that occurs with annuitization under the rider. Effective May 1, 2010, the Company discontinued offering the GMIB rider.

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The Company's GMIB and GMDB riders issued prior to April 1, 2008 are reinsured with a non-affiliated reinsurer up to a certain level of coverage. The Company has reinsurance agreements in place with an affiliate for reinsurance coverage on the amounts in excess of the underlying non-affiliated reinsurance. Effective April 1, 2019, the Company has reinsured all amounts in excess of the non-affiliated reinsurance to an affiliate, SUNR.

GLWB Riders

The GLWB rider allows the owner to take withdrawals from the contract at a guaranteed percentage of the GLWB base every year even if the contract value goes to zero. Such guaranteed withdrawals may start any time after the annuitant reaches age 59 1/2. The percentage withdrawal amount guaranteed increases if the annuitant attains a higher age band before the owner starts taking withdrawals. In some versions of GLWB riders sold in 2013 and later, there is a guaranteed minimum percentage withdrawal amount for the first fifteen years of the contract; if the policyholder's account value goes to zero subsequent to the fifteen year guarantee period, the percentage withdrawal amount is then calculated per a specified formula based on the ten year treasury rate from the preceding ninety calendar days, with the calculated treasury linked rate subject to a specified cap and floor.

At policy inception, the GLWB base is set at the amount of the purchase payments, and it is increased by the amount of future purchase payments. It increases (roll-up) by up to 8% simple interest every year for the first ten years, as long as no withdrawal is made. If a withdrawal is made in any year during the first ten years, there is no roll-up at all for that year. If the contract value exceeds the GLWB base on any contract anniversary prior to the first contract anniversary after the annuitant reaches age 95, the GLWB base resets to the contract value and a new ten-year roll-up period begins.

The GLWB may also contain a step-up feature which preserves potential market gain by ratcheting up to the contract value, if higher, on each anniversary. If the contract has both a roll-up and step-up feature, the GLWB base will be the greater of 1) the GLWB base on the previous anniversary plus any additional purchase payments; 2) the step-up base; or 3) the roll-up base.

In addition to the roll-up feature, some versions of the GLWB rider also provide for a top-off of the GLWB base at the end of the tenth contract year, subject to attained age restrictions where applicable if the owner has not made any withdrawals in the first ten years. The top-off is equal to 200% of the first-year purchase payments. Policyholders are eligible for only one top-off during the contractual term. A reset to the contract value does not start a new top-off period. A top-off will typically not occur if there is any reset in the first ten years.

The initial GLWB riders (issued May 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010) had a built-in death benefit. This death benefit is reduced dollar for dollar for withdrawals. It differs from most of the other death benefits that decline pro rata for withdrawals. Thus, when the contract value is less than the death benefit, withdrawals will reduce the death benefit under the GLWB rider by a smaller amount than the reduction for other death benefits.

The Company also offers single life and joint life versions of the GLWB rider. Under the joint life version, if the annuitant dies after the owner has started taking withdrawals, the surviving spouse may elect a spousal

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continuation under the rider and continue to receive the same payment. Under the single life version, the guaranteed amount that may be withdrawn could decline either because 1) the contract value is less than the GLWB base, and under the single life GLWB rider the contract value then becomes the new GLWB base and/or 2) the surviving spouse is in a different age band.

The GLWB riders issued beginning January 1, 2011, are offered by the Company in both single-life and joint-life versions. In conjunction with the second generation GLWB riders, the Company also began selling new death benefit riders in both single life and joint life versions.

GMAB Riders

Certain variable annuity contracts include a GMAB rider. On the eighth or tenth anniversary, depending on the version of the rider, the policyholder's account value will increase to the amount of the initial deposit if the account value at that anniversary is less than the initial deposit.

GMWB Riders

Certain variable annuity contracts include a GMWB rider, which is similar to the GMAB rider noted above, except the policyholder is allowed to make periodic withdrawals instead of waiting for the benefit in a lump sum at the end of the tenth year. The Company discontinued the sale of its GMWB rider in 2009. The activity associated with GMWB riders is included with GMAB riders and labeled "GMAB."

The following tables summarize the net amount at risk, net of reinsurance, for variable annuity contracts with guarantees invested in both general and separate accounts as of December 31 (note that most contracts contain multiple guarantees):

	2023			
	Death benefits	Living benefits		
	GMDB	GMIB	GLWB	GMAB
Return of net deposit				
Net amount at risk ¹	\$ 144	—	—	—
Return of net deposits accrued at a stated rate				
Net amount at risk ¹	\$ 887	—	—	18
Highest of return of net deposits accrued at a stated rate and return of highest anniversary value				
Net amount at risk ¹	\$ —	—	—	—
Return of highest anniversary value				
Net amount at risk ¹	\$ 3,655	—	—	—
Total				
Net amount at risk ¹	\$ 4,686	—	—	18

¹ Death benefit net amount at risk and living benefit net amount at risk are not additive at the contract level.

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	2022			
	Death benefits	Living benefits		
	GMDB	GMIB	GLWB	GMAB
Return of net deposit				
Net amount at risk ¹	\$ 238	—	—	—
Return of net deposits accrued at a stated rate				
Net amount at risk ¹	\$ 1,174	—	—	113
Highest of return of net deposits accrued at a stated rate and return of highest anniversary value				
Net amount at risk ¹	\$ —	—	—	—
Return of highest anniversary value				
Net amount at risk ¹	\$ 6,413	—	—	—
Total				
Net amount at risk ¹	\$ 7,825	—	—	113

¹ Death benefit net amount at risk and living benefit net amount at risk are not additive at the contract level.

For guarantees of benefits that are payable in the event of death (GMDB), the net amount at risk is generally defined as the current guaranteed minimum death benefit in excess of the account balance as of the date of the Statement of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus.

For benefit guarantees that are payable at annuitization (GMIB), the net amount at risk is generally defined as the present value of the minimum guaranteed annuity payments available to the contract holder, determined in accordance with the terms of the contract and best estimate assumptions, where applicable, in excess of the account balance as of the date of the Statement of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus.

For benefit guarantees that are payable upon withdrawal (GLWB), the net amount at risk is generally defined as the present value of the current maximum guaranteed withdrawal available to or taken by the contract holder, determined in accordance with the terms of the contract and best estimate assumptions, where applicable, in excess of the account balance as of the date of the Statement of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus.

For accumulation guarantees (GMAB), the net amount at risk is generally defined as the guaranteed minimum accumulation balance in excess of the account balance as of the date of the Statement of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus.

All separate account assets associated with these contracts are invested in shares of various mutual funds offered by the Company and its sub advisors. Some riders require that separate account funds be invested in asset allocation models, managed volatility models, and/or have other investment restrictions. Net amount

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at risk represents the amount of death benefit in excess of the account balance that is subject to market fluctuations.

The Company did not transfer assets from the general account to the separate account for any of its variable annuity contracts during 2023, 2022 or 2021.

The following table summarizes account balances of variable annuity contracts with guarantees that were invested in separate accounts as of December 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Mutual funds:		
Bond	\$ 3,778,592	3,762,513
Equity	9,221,695	9,108,711
Money market	<u>457,905</u>	<u>544,560</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,458,192</u>	<u>13,415,784</u>

The reserves on guaranteed riders are held in the general accounts, and there are no guaranteed separate accounts.

Fixed Indexed Annuity Riders

GLWB Riders

Certain fixed indexed annuity contracts include a GLWB rider. The GLWB rider allows the owner to take withdrawals from the contract at a guaranteed percentage of the GLWB base every year even if the contract value goes to zero. There are two versions of GLWB rider offered: a single life GLWB with the annuitant as the covered person, and a joint life GLWB with the annuitant and the annuitant's spouse as the covered persons.

The rider provides for a guaranteed payment of the maximum allowable withdrawal ("MAW") each index year during the lifetime withdrawal period. Such guaranteed withdrawals may start any time after the annuitant/youngest covered spouse reaches age 59 1/2. The percentage withdrawal amount guaranteed increases if the annuitant/youngest covered spouse attains a higher age band before the guarantee is elected.

At the policy's initial sweep date, the GLWB base is set at the amount of the purchase payments. After the initial sweep date, the GLWB base will be the greater of the step-up GLWB base and the annual credit GLWB base. On each anniversary of the initial sweep date, except under excess withdrawal, the step-up GLWB base is equal to the greater of the GLWB base on the prior day, and the then current contract value, after deducting any applicable charges for the contract and credited interest. The annual credit base is the GLWB base just prior to the index year processing, plus the annual credit calculation base just prior to index processing, multiplied by an index or bonus credit rate. Upon a step-up, the annual credit calculation base will reset to the contract value at the time of step-up.

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For the period from January 2, 2018 through April 6, 2018, and for the period from June 4, 2018 through September 7, 2018, in the state of California, the Company offered an exchange program, which provided certain variable annuity policyholders with a GMIB rider the opportunity to exchange the policy and associated rider for a fixed indexed annuity policy with an enhanced GLWB rider. The notable difference of the enhanced GLWB rider is the calculation of the initial GLWB benefit base. At the policy's initial sweep date, the GLWB base is set to equal the contract value on the sweep date multiplied by the GLWB enhancement percentage, which is set based on the ratio of GMIB benefit base to account value at the time of exchange. After the initial sweep date, the GLWB base will be the greater of the step-up GLWB base and the annual credit GLWB base.

The total account value, net of reinsurance, of the fixed indexed annuities was over \$1,625,000 and \$640,000 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The account value, net of reinsurance, specific to the GLWB riders was over \$476,000 and \$70,000 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

(11) Annuity Reserves and Deposit Liabilities by Withdrawal Characteristics

Annuity reserves and deposit liabilities by withdrawal characteristics are shown below as of December 31, 2023:

Individual Annuities

	General account	Separate account non-guaranteed	Total	% of Total
Subject to discretionary withdrawal:				
With market value adjustment	\$ 1,755,060	—	1,755,060	8.8%
At book value less surrender charge of 5% or more	106,714	—	106,714	0.5%
At fair value*	—	13,436,712	13,436,712	67.2%
Total with adjustment or at market value	1,861,774	13,436,712	15,298,486	76.5%
At book value without adjustment	1,017,544	—	1,017,544	5.1%
Not subject to discretionary withdrawal	3,670,484	20,227	3,690,711	18.4%
Total, gross	6,549,802	13,456,939	20,006,741	100.0%
Reinsurance ceded	4,448,316	—	4,448,316	
Total, net	\$ 2,101,486	13,456,939	15,558,425	
Amount at book value less surrender charge of 5% or more that will move to at book value without adjustment in the year after the statement date	\$ 26,956	—	26,956	

* Includes \$17,963,134 of individual and variable deferred Annuity held in Separate Accounts that are surrenderable at market value less a surrender charge.

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Group Annuities

	General account	Separate account non-guaranteed	Total	% of Total
Subject to discretionary withdrawal:				
With market value adjustment	\$ 52,026	—	52,026	9.1%
At book value less surrender charge of 5% or more	—	—	—	0.0%
At fair value	—	373,186	373,186	65.3%
Total with adjustment or at market value	52,026	373,186	425,212	74.4%
At book value without adjustment	—	—	—	0.0%
Not subject to discretionary withdrawal	121,824	24,486	146,310	25.6%
Total, gross	173,850	397,672	571,522	100.0%
Reinsurance ceded	—	—	—	
Total, net	\$ 173,850	397,672	571,522	
Amount at book value less surrender charge of 5% or more that will move to at book value without adjustment in the year after the statement date	\$ —	—	—	

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Deposit-Type Contracts

	General account	Separate account non-guaranteed	Total	% of Total
Subject to discretionary withdrawal:				
With market value adjustment	\$ —	—	—	0.0%
At book value less surrender charge of 5% or more	—	—	—	0.0%
At fair value	—	—	—	0.0%
Total with adjustment or at market value	—	—	—	0.0%
At book value without adjustment	23,836	—	23,836	2.7%
Not subject to discretionary withdrawal	861,122	—	861,122	97.3%
Total, gross	884,958	—	884,958	100.0%
Reinsurance ceded	(881)	—	(881)	
Total, net	\$ 885,839	—	885,839	
Amount at book value less surrender charge of 5% or more that will move to at book value without adjustment in the year after the statement date	\$ —	—	—	

The following is the reconciliation of annuity reserves and deposit liabilities as of December 31, 2023:

Life, accident and health Annual Statement:

Annuities (excluding supplementary contracts with life contingencies), net	\$ 2,271,203
Supplementary contracts with life contingencies, net	4,133
Deposit-type contracts	885,839
Subtotal	3,161,175

Separate Accounts Annual Statement:

Annuities, net	13,854,611
Total annuity reserves and deposit liabilities, net	\$ 17,015,786

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As of December 31, 2023, withdrawal characteristics of life actuarial reserves were as follows:

	General account			Separate account - guaranteed and non-guaranteed		
	Account value	Cash value	Reserve	Account value	Cash value	Reserve
Subject to discretionary withdrawal, surrender values or policy loans:						
Term policies with cash value	\$ —	—	—	—	—	—
Universal life	847,804	847,804	850,430	—	—	—
Universal life with secondary guarantees	—	—	539	—	—	—
Indexed universal life with secondary guarantees	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other permanent cash value life insurance	4,346,005	4,346,005	4,834,700	—	—	—
Variable life	—	—	—	—	—	—
Variable universal life	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous reserves	—	—	5,663	—	—	—
Not subject to discretionary withdrawal or no cash values						
Term policies without cash value	XXX	XXX	12,961	XXX	XXX	—
Accidental death benefits	XXX	XXX	—	XXX	XXX	—
Disability - active lives	XXX	XXX	26,601	XXX	XXX	—
Disability - disabled lives	XXX	XXX	20,328	XXX	XXX	—
Miscellaneous reserves	XXX	XXX	152	XXX	XXX	—
Total, gross	5,193,809	5,193,809	5,751,374	—	—	—
Reinsurance ceded	4,527,202	4,527,202	5,081,757	—	—	—
Total, net	\$ 666,607	666,607	669,617	—	—	—

The following is the reconciliation of life actuarial reserves as of December 31, 2023:

Life, accident and health Annual Statement:

Life insurance, net \$ 669,617

Separate Accounts Annual Statement:

Life insurance, net —
Total life reserves, net \$ 669,617

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Annuity reserves and deposit liabilities by withdrawal characteristics are shown below as of December 31, 2022:

Individual Annuities

	<u>General account</u>	<u>Separate account non-guaranteed</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Subject to discretionary withdrawal:				
With market value adjustment	\$ 1,165,133	—	1,165,133	6.0%
At book value less surrender charge of 5% or more	3,755	—	3,755	0.0%
At fair value*	—	13,376,036	13,376,036	68.9%
Total with adjustment or at market value	1,168,888	13,376,036	14,544,924	74.9%
At book value without adjustment	1,272,538	—	1,272,538	6.6%
Not subject to discretionary withdrawal	3,570,031	13,939	3,583,970	18.5%
Total, gross	6,011,457	13,389,975	19,401,432	<u>100.0%</u>
Reinsurance ceded	5,085,098	—	5,085,098	
Total, net	\$ <u>926,359</u>	<u>13,389,975</u>	<u>14,316,334</u>	
Amount at book value less surrender charge of 5% or more that will move to at book value without adjustment in the year after the statement date	\$ <u>2,649</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2,649</u>	

* Includes \$13,376,036 of individual and variable deferred Annuity held in Separate Accounts that are surrenderable at market value less a surrender charge.

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Group Annuities

	General account	Separate account non-guaranteed	Total	% of Total
Subject to discretionary withdrawal:				
With market value adjustment	\$ 58,666	—	58,666	9.9%
At book value less surrender charge of 5% or more	—	—	—	0.0%
At fair value	—	387,614	387,614	65.6%
Total with adjustment or at market value	58,666	387,614	446,280	75.5%
At book value without adjustment	—	—	—	0.0%
Not subject to discretionary withdrawal	120,894	23,823	144,717	24.5%
Total, gross	179,560	411,437	590,997	100.0%
Reinsurance ceded	—	—	—	
Total, net	\$ 179,560	411,437	590,997	
Amount at book value less surrender charge of 5% or more that will move to at book value without adjustment in the year after the statement date	\$ —	—	—	

Deposit-Type Contracts

	General account	Separate account non-guaranteed	Total	% of Total
Subject to discretionary withdrawal:				
With market value adjustment	\$ 20,147	—	20,147	3.0%
At book value less surrender charge of 5% or more	—	—	—	0.0%
At fair value	—	—	—	0.0%
Total with adjustment or at market value	20,147	—	20,147	3.0%
At book value without adjustment	29,480	—	29,480	4.3%
Not subject to discretionary withdrawal	633,896	—	633,896	92.7%
Total, gross	683,523	—	683,523	100.0%
Reinsurance ceded	3,230	—	3,230	
Total, net	\$ 680,293	—	680,293	
Amount at book value less surrender charge of 5% or more that will move to at book value without adjustment in the year after the statement date	\$ —	—	—	

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The following is the reconciliation of annuity reserves and deposit liabilities as of December 31, 2022:

Life, accident and health Annual Statement:

Annuities (excluding supplementary contracts with life contingencies), net	\$ 1,101,328
Supplementary contracts with life contingencies, net	4,591
Deposit-type contracts	<u>680,293</u>
Subtotal	1,786,212

Separate Accounts Annual Statement:

Annuities, net	<u>13,801,412</u>
Total annuity reserves and deposit liabilities, net	<u>\$ 15,587,624</u>

As of December 31, 2022, withdrawal characteristics of life actuarial reserves were as follows:

	General account			Separate account - guaranteed and non-guaranteed		
	Account value	Cash value	Reserve	Account value	Cash value	Reserve
Subject to discretionary withdrawal, surrender values or policy loans:						
Term policies with cash value	\$ —	—	—	—	—	—
Universal life	910,396	910,396	913,154	—	—	—
Universal life with secondary guarantees	—	—	511	—	—	—
Indexed universal life with secondary guarantees	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other permanent cash value life insurance	4,744,367	4,744,367	5,126,514	—	—	—
Variable life	—	—	—	—	—	—
Variable universal life	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous reserves	—	—	7,886	—	—	—
Not subject to discretionary withdrawal or no cash values						
Term policies without cash value	XXX	XXX	13,074	XXX	XXX	—
Accidental death benefits	XXX	XXX	—	XXX	XXX	—
Disability - active lives	XXX	XXX	29,684	XXX	XXX	—
Disability - disabled lives	XXX	XXX	16,997	XXX	XXX	—
Miscellaneous reserves	XXX	XXX	149	XXX	XXX	—
Total, gross	<u>5,654,763</u>	<u>5,654,763</u>	<u>6,107,969</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Reinsurance ceded	774,618	774,618	5,406,890	—	—	—
Total, net	<u>\$ 4,880,145</u>	<u>4,880,145</u>	<u>701,079</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

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The following is the reconciliation of life actuarial reserves as of December 31, 2022:

Life, accident and health Annual Statement:

Life insurance, net \$ 701,079

Separate Accounts Annual Statement:

Life insurance, net —
Total life reserves, net \$ 701,079

(12) Unpaid Claim Reserves

The Company establishes unpaid claim reserves, which provide an estimated cost of paying claims made under individual disability accident and health policies. These reserves include estimates for claims that have been reported and claims that have been incurred but not reported. The amounts recorded for unpaid claim reserves are based on appropriate actuarial guidelines and techniques that represent the Company's best estimate based on current known facts and the actuarial guidelines. Accordingly, actual claim payouts may vary from present estimates.

The following table summarizes the disabled life unpaid claims for the years ended December 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Claim reserves, beginning of year	\$ 8,485	8,734	8,367
Less reinsurance recoverables	(768)	(1,137)	(970)
Net claim reserves, beginning of year	<u>7,717</u>	<u>7,597</u>	<u>7,397</u>
Claims paid related to:			
Current year	27	(14)	(45)
Prior years	(1,567)	(1,118)	(1,400)
Total claims paid	<u>(1,540)</u>	<u>(1,132)</u>	<u>(1,445)</u>
Incurred related to:			
Current year's incurred	968	789	1,037
Current year's interest	17	14	24
Prior years' incurred	(337)	127	190
Prior years' interest	310	322	394
Total incurred	<u>958</u>	<u>1,252</u>	<u>1,645</u>
Net claim reserves, end of year	7,135	7,717	7,597
Plus reinsurance recoverables	829	768	1,137
Claims reserves, end of year	<u>\$ 7,964</u>	<u>8,485</u>	<u>8,734</u>

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The change in claim reserves and liabilities for claims incurred in prior years is the result of the general maturing process of claims, including the normal fluctuation resulting from the relatively small size of the block and continuing claim analysis.

(13) Reinsurance

The Company participates in reinsurance activities in order to limit losses, minimize exposure to significant risks and provide additional capacity for future growth. The Company routinely enters into reinsurance transactions with other insurance companies, third parties, affiliates and subsidiaries. This reinsurance involves either ceding certain risks to, or assuming risks from, other insurance companies. The Company's statutory financial statements reflect the effects of assumed and ceded reinsurance transactions.

External Reinsurance

For the Company's life insurance products, the Company cedes a percentage of the mortality or morbidity risk on a quota share basis or on an excess of retention basis. The Company also cedes risk associated with its disability and health insurance policies. Ceded premiums approximated 103.7%, 73.3%, and 46.0% of gross earned life and accident and health premiums during 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

For the Company's individual variable annuity products, the Company cedes the various living and death benefit riders, including GMDB, GMIB, and GLWB. Effective October 1, 2021, the Company recaptured all ceded GLWB benefit riders from external reinsurers. As a result of this recapture, the Company received a recapture fee of \$87,500, which is included in Premiums and other considerations: Life and annuity in the Statutory Statements of Operations.

For the Company's fixed annuity products, the Company has coinsurance agreements in place to cede fixed annuity products sold between 2001 and 2006. Ceded amounts under these coinsurance agreements range from one-third to two-thirds of the business produced. Effective September 30, 2023, the Company recaptured certain ceded BOLI and SPDA blocks of business from an external reinsurer as part of a mandatory termination. The reinsurer held assets in trust to back the reserves associated with the SPDA block of business. At the time of recapture the Company's reserves increased \$51,049 and recorded a receivable from the trust for the same amount. No assets were held in trust related to the BOLI block business. At the time of recapture, the Company's BOLI reserves increased \$584. The ceded reserves attributable to external fixed annuity coinsurance agreements were \$0 and \$60,474 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Effective July 1, 2019, the Company entered into a reinsurance agreement to cede, on a coinsurance basis, 100% of its retained inforce BOLI and Single Premium Deferred Annuity ("SPDA") blocks of business with a third party reinsurer licensed as an authorized reinsurer in the State of Ohio. As a result of the transaction, bonds carried at the amount of \$1,554,453 were transferred to the reinsurer, resulting in a pre-tax realized gain of \$126,291 for the year ended December 31, 2019. This transaction resulted in IMR of \$109,964 being transferred to the reinsurer by the Company and a deferred reinsurance gain of \$52,844, which was recorded in surplus at the contract's inception. Effective October 1, 2021, the contract was amended to include SPDA contracts ceded under an older reinsurance agreement. All activity prior to the amendment was accounted

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for under the old terms, and activity from amendment date forward will be governed under the 2019 treaty. No other changes or consideration were involved.

Effective March 31, 2022, the Company entered into a funds withheld reinsurance agreement to cede, on a coinsurance basis, 100% of all open block Whole Life, including all Whole Life riders, net of existing external reinsurance issued from approximately August 1998 through December 2021 with a third-party reinsurer licensed as an authorized reinsurer in the State of Ohio. This transaction resulted in initial funds withheld balance of \$2,833,375 and a deferred gain of \$880,471, which was recorded in surplus at the contract's inception. The initial premium payable by the Company was equal to the initial consideration receivable from the reinsurer which resulted in no cash being exchanged between parties at execution of the agreement. The agreement includes a provision for the payment of a quarterly experience refund. If the calculated experience refund is positive, only the risk charge is paid to the Reinsurer. If experience refund is negative, the amount of the funds withheld account balance is reduced by the negative amount. A loss carry forward is triggered when the funds withheld account balance is reduced to zero and experience refund is still negative. The loss carry forward is paid back with interest using future experience.

Effective April 1, 2023, the Company entered into a reinsurance transaction with an external insurer in which the Company assumed a block of variable annuity business with a GLWB rider, with separate account liabilities assumed on a modified coinsurance basis and general account liabilities assumed on a coinsurance basis. The Company immediately entered into a reinsurance agreement to retrocede this block of business on a modified coinsurance basis to an affiliate. Due to the immediate retrocession of the activity, no gain or loss was recognized at the inception of the agreement.

The Company manages its risks related to certain reinsurance agreements by monitoring the credit ratings of the reinsurer. Reinsurance with unauthorized reinsurers is secured by either letter of credit or assets held in trust for the benefit of the Company in accordance with the requirements in Appendix A-785 of the NAIC Statutory Accounting Practices and Procedures Manual. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, a non-affiliated reinsurer held assets in trust with an estimated fair value of \$732,755 and \$708,031, respectively, and a letter of credit of \$42,401 and \$308,300, respectively.

Affiliate Reinsurance

As it relates to reinsurance among affiliates, to mitigate the volatility of its statutory surplus, the Company cedes variable annuity-related risks, living and death benefits to SUNR for the GMAB, GMIB, GMDB and GLWB riders, and from SUNR to SYRE for certain GMIB and GMDB riders. Effective July 1, 2021 certain variable annuity base contracts associated with the riders above were reinsured to SUNR and from SUNR to SYRE. Additionally, to consolidate the management of such living benefit risks, the Company assumes GMAB, GMIB, GMDB, and GLWB riders issued by NSLAC, which are correspondingly retroceded to SYRE. Certain base variable annuity contracts are retained by the Company, however the excess death benefit rider risk on the base contract is ceded to SUNR. Effective January 2018, ALIC cedes 100% of the exchange program fixed indexed annuities and associated GLWB riders to SYRE. The Company assumes BOLI policies issued by ALAC, but ceased reinsuring new policies in October 2016.

As noted above, the Company cedes to SYRE variable annuity-related risks, living and death benefits consisting of GMAB, GMIB, GMDB and GLWB riders assumed from NSLAC and fixed indexed annuity

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exchange policies and associated GLWB riders. Effective March 31, 2022, ALIC amended its existing 100% funds withheld coinsurance agreement with SYRE to cede the retained inforce fixed indexed annuity policies, along with new fixed indexed annuity business. The Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (“CIMA”) and the Department approved this transaction February 14, 2022 and March 22, 2022, respectively. SYRE applies a permitted practice prescribed by CIMA that allows SYRE to carry the assumed reserves of \$540,134 under the reinsurance arrangement utilizing a reserve methodology that is approved by CIMA. The approved reserve methodology is based upon U.S. GAAP. For all GMAB riders and some GLWB riders with net settlement provisions, the reserves are calculated using the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*. Topic 815 is a fair value or mark-to-market calculation required if the liability is deemed to be an embedded derivative. For all GMIB and GMDB riders, and the remaining GLWB riders without net settlement provisions, the reserves are calculated in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 944, *Financial Services - Insurance*. Topic 944 provides guidance for calculating reserves for contracts that provide additional benefits in excess of the account values and is similar to other GAAP reserve accounting methodologies. Topic 944 is a stochastic method that determines the percentage of the future rider charges required to fund the projected benefits. This percentage is recalculated at each valuation period. Under both of these GAAP calculations, the reserve calculation is measuring the reserve liability associated with the rider cash flows.

The following table is a summary of the reserves by product, rider type and valuation standard as of December 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
FASB ASC Topic 944:		
GMIB	\$ 3,147	4,189
GMDB	11	12
GLWB	46,275	43,495
GMIB payout	<u>1,438</u>	<u>144</u>
Subtotal	50,871	47,840
FASB ASC Topic 815:		
GMAB embedded derivatives	36	135
Fixed indexed annuities	<u>465,305</u>	<u>492,159</u>
Subtotal	<u>465,341</u>	<u>492,294</u>
Total reserves	<u>\$ 516,212</u>	<u>540,134</u>

As of December 31, 2023, the Company recorded a reserve credit of \$3,116,595 related to the rider benefits and fixed indexed annuities ceded to SUNR and SYRE. As of December 31, 2022, the Company recorded a reserve credit of \$3,405,092 related to the rider benefits and fixed indexed annuities ceded to SUNR and SYRE. CII secured letters of credit totaling \$75,000 and \$100,000 for SYRE, with ALIC as the beneficiary in order to recognize the reserve credit as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Company also established funds withheld accounts for the benefit of SYRE that have a total carrying value of \$1,030,790

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and \$1,047,857 and are recorded in Reinsurance funds withheld due to affiliate, net and Other liabilities on the Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus, and assets held in trust of \$94,620 and \$59,210 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

MONT, KENW and CMGO retrocede certain term life policies through yearly renewable term agreements to the Company on a quota share basis, which the Company then cedes to external reinsurers based on certain retention levels.

The Company assumes GMIB, GMAB and GMWB riders issued by NSLAC. As of 2015, the Company no longer assumes new business from NSLAC. As the Company was neither authorized nor accredited as a reinsurer in the State of New York, a reinsurance trust was created and funded by the Company. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, assets held in trust for the benefit of NSLAC are \$120,686 and \$112,003, respectively.

Amounts in the accompanying statutory financial statements related to reinsurance agreements with affiliates in which the Company is the assuming party, are as follows for the years ended as of December 31:

	2023	2022	2021
Statements of Operations:			
Premiums assumed	\$ 116,296	115,932	111,992
Benefits incurred	120,663	91,839	100,350
Commissions	4,335	4,476	4,445
	2023	2022	
Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus:			
Reserves for future policy benefits	\$ 925,774	994,691	
Policy and contract claims payable	24,387	21,127	

Variable Annuity Reinsurance Agreements with SYRE and SUNR

The details of the Company's annuity rider reinsurance agreements with SYRE and SUNR are detailed below. Effective July 1, 2021 a treaty amendment was executed with SUNR to reinsure certain base contracts associated with the riders already reinsured with SUNR. The separate account value of the base contracts are reinsured using modified coinsurance with assets and liabilities being retained by ALIC, but cashflows and impacts of the changes in assets and liabilities being ceded to SUNR.

GMIB and GMDB Riders Written After April 1, 2008

In December 2008, the Company entered into a reinsurance agreement with SYRE to reinsure Annual Reset Death Benefit Riders ("ARDBR") and GMIB riders associated with variable annuity products written between April, 2008 and August, 2012. The treaty was amended to include new products issued beginning April 1, 2009. Under the agreement for contracts issued between April 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009, the

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Company retained the first 15% and reinsured to SYRE on an excess of loss basis the remaining 85% of the risk under its GMIB rider and the related ARDBR rider. For the above contracts, the Company reinsured to SYRE 100% of the risk for all riders listed above up to \$5 million per annuitant. Furthermore, SYRE was to pay a single adjusted GMIB claim amount when a GMIB policy annuitized.

Effective July 31, 2010, a treaty addendum was executed which effectively resulted in the extinguishment of the treaty above and the establishment of a new treaty. The new treaty resulted in the removal of the adjusted GMIB claim calculation that contains the one-time net settlement payment and in its place, a GMIB claim amount that covers the monthly GMIB benefit during the annuity payout. SYRE now accepts 100% of the risk for all GMIB and ARDBR riders up to \$5 million per annuitant.

Effective April 1, 2019, a treaty amendment was executed to recapture all Company-issued business previously ceded to SYRE. Effective April 1, 2019, the Company entered into a reinsurance agreement with SUNR to reinsure this business – a simultaneous transaction.

GMIB and GMDB Riders Written Prior to April 1, 2008

Effective November 30, 2011, the Company entered into a reinsurance agreement with SYRE to reinsure the claims in excess of limits established in a non-affiliated reinsurance agreement (“cap coverage”) related to the GMIB riders associated with variable annuity products written on or after April 1, 2002 through March 31, 2008. Under the agreement, the cap coverage will have a deductible of \$100,000. The deductible will increase each year at the risk free rate defined by the one-year swap curve. The valuation date for the calculation of the fair value for the initial consideration was October 31, 2011.

Effective December 31, 2011, the Company entered into a reinsurance agreement with SYRE to reinsure the cap coverage related to the GMDB riders associated with variable annuity products written on or after July 1, 2005 but prior to April 1, 2008. Under the agreement, the cap coverage will have a deductible of \$35,000. The deductible will increase each year at the risk free rate defined by the one-year swap curve. The valuation date for the calculation of the fair value for the initial consideration was November 30, 2011.

Effective April 1, 2019, a treaty amendment was executed to recapture all Company-issued cap coverage previously ceded to SYRE. Effective April 1, 2019, the Company entered into a reinsurance agreement with SUNR to reinsure this business – a simultaneous transaction.

GLWB Riders

Effective May 1, 2010, the Company replaced its GMIB rider with a GLWB rider (see Note 10) in connection with its variable annuity products for all new business written from this date. The Company reinsures 100% of all GLWB riders with SYRE.

Effective April 1, 2019, a treaty amendment was executed to recapture all Company-issued business previously ceded to SYRE. Effective April 1, 2019, the Company entered into a reinsurance agreement with SUNR to reinsure this business – a simultaneous transaction.

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GMIB, GMDB, and GLWB Riders

During December 2011, amendments were made to the SYRE reinsurance treaties for pre April 1, 2008 GMIB riders, post April 1, 2008 GMIB riders, GLWB riders and pre April 1, 2008 GMDB riders. The amendments provided SYRE with the option to convert the reinsurance treaties into a funds withheld (“FWH”) arrangement in which the Company would engage in a hedging program under SYRE’s direction and for the benefit of SYRE. The hedging performed by the Company for SYRE’s benefit would be done in segregated FWH accounts. At the end of each quarter, SYRE will reimburse the Company for any hedging losses and expenses for operating the hedging program and SYRE will receive credit for any gains realized under the hedging program. The FWH amendments also state the responsibilities of the Company and SYRE as it relates to the margin requirements on the open derivative positions held in the FWH accounts. SYRE is responsible for reimbursing the Company for any cash held in a margin account related to a derivative program operated for the benefit of SYRE. The derivatives held by the Company for the benefit of SYRE in each segregated FWH account, as well as the cash held in a margin account related to the derivative program are considered the amounts withheld and are recorded as separate funds withheld liability (or asset if the derivative positions decrease) in Other liabilities (assets) on the Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus. The change in the value of the FWH related to the derivative positions were recorded within Derivative instruments in the Statutory Statements of Operations. As of December 31, 2011, the FWH option was elected by SYRE for the post April 1, 2008 GMIB riders and GLWB riders reinsurance treaties. As part of the initial FWH election, open derivative futures were sold from SYRE to the Company using the December 29, 2011 closing value of these positions of \$16,095.

Effective April 1, 2019, a treaty amendment was executed to recapture all Company-issued business previously ceded to SYRE. Effective April 1, 2019, the Company entered into a reinsurance agreement with SUNR to reinsure this business. These simultaneous transactions settled the remaining balances from the original SYRE treaty and amendments. The treaty between the Company and SUNR continues to contain a FWH arrangement.

GLWB Riders

Effective May 1, 2013, the Company began selling a new 2013 Interest Sensitive GLWB rider (IS GLWB). An amendment was made to the SYRE GLWB reinsurance agreement to add these riders to the coverage. The Company cedes 30% of the benefit for this rider to SYRE for policies issued before January 1, 2018.

Effective April 1, 2019, a treaty amendment was executed to recapture all Company-issued business previously ceded to SYRE.

Effective April 1, 2019, the Company entered into a reinsurance agreement with SUNR to reinsure 30% of the benefit for policies issued before January 1, 2018 and 100% of the benefit for policies issued on or after January 1, 2018.

Effective October 1, 2021, a treaty amendment was executed to cede to SUNR the remaining 70% of the benefits for policies issued before January 1, 2018 that were previously ceded to an external third party reinsurer. The recapture of GLWB benefit riders from external reinsurers is discussed above.

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GMDB Riders

Effective April 1, 2019, the Company entered into an agreement with SUNR to reinsure all death benefit riders associated with variable annuity products, issued on or after January 1, 2001 that were not previously mentioned above. This excludes the Gain Enhancement Benefit (GEB and GEB Plus) riders.

GMAB/GPP Riders

Certain variable annuity contracts include a GMAB rider. On the eighth or tenth anniversary, depending on the version of the rider, the policyholder's account value will increase to the amount of the initial deposit if the account value at that anniversary is less than the initial deposit.

Effective April 1, 2019, the Company entered into an agreement with SUNR to reinsure all Guaranteed Principal Protection Riders ("GPP") associated with variable annuity products.

Variable Annuity with GLWB assumed from third-party

Effective April 1, 2023, the Company entered into a 100% modified coinsurance agreement with SYRE to reinsure all assumed general and separate account activity from its variable annuity reinsurance agreement with a third-party. The block includes policies with a GLWB rider.

Amounts in the accompanying statutory financial statements related to ceded variable annuity business to SUNR were as follows for the years ended December 31:

	2023	2022	2021
Statements of Operations:			
Premiums and other considerations:			
Life and annuity	\$ 182,165	206,190	556,911
M&E fees ceded	172,570	193,500	116,334
Commission and expense allowance	(87,459)	(97,547)	(57,655)
MODCO reinsurance premiums:			
MODCO - Premiums ceded	56,641	(4,553,900)	17,847,442
MODCO - Reserve adjustment	(56,641)	4,553,900	(17,847,442)
Death and other benefits			
Annuity benefits	163,720	141,470	91,753
MODCO reinsurance reserve adjustment:			
MODCO - Benefits transfer	1,733,044	1,559,878	974,011
MODCO - Premiums transfer	(17,778)	(31,227)	(21,781)
MODCO - Net transfers	(1,715,266)	(1,528,651)	(952,230)

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	2023	2022
Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus:		
Other admitted assets:		
Reinsurance recoverable	\$ 15,765	19,592
Reserves for future policy benefits	1,932,055	2,200,528
Other liabilities:		
Premiums payable	13,533	14,136
Reinsurance payable	15,374	15,380
FWH under reinsurance:		
Margin account	70,169	106,334
Unrealized losses derivative instrument	(17,280)	8,138
Capital and surplus:		
Unassigned surplus:		
Unrealized losses (gains) derivative instruments	32,402	(17,138)

Amounts in the accompanying statutory financial statements related to affiliate ceded variable annuity business to SYRE were as follows for the years ended December 31:

	2023	2022	2021
Statements of Operations:			
Premiums and other considerations	\$ 2,619	2,631	2,620
Death and other benefits	54	(15)	37

	2023	2022
Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus:		
Other admitted assets:		
Reinsurance recoverable	\$ 2,410	1,107
Reserves for future policy benefits	35,531	39,431
Other liabilities:		
Premiums payable	218	219

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Amounts in the accompanying statutory financial statements related to MODCO variable annuity business retroceded to SYRE were as follows for the year ended December 31:

	2023
Statements of Operations:	
Premiums and other considerations:	
Life and annuity	\$ (277,930)
M&E fees ceded	(186,948)
Commission and expense allowance	195,878
MODCO reinsurance premiums:	
MODCO - Premiums ceded	(10,365,903)
MODCO - Reserve adjustment	10,408,804
Death and other benefits	
Annuity benefits	1,728
MODCO reinsurance reserve adjustment:	
MODCO - Benefits transferred	786,000
MODCO - Net transfers	(786,000)

	2023
Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus:	
Other admitted assets:	
Reinsurance recoverable	\$ 17,348
Reserves for future policy benefits	1,295
Contract claims	(3,357)
Other liabilities:	
Premiums payable	177,753

Fixed Indexed Annuity Reinsurance Agreements with SYRE

Effective January 2018, the Company entered into a 100% coinsurance funds withheld reinsurance agreement with SYRE to reinsure the exchange program fixed indexed annuities and associated GLWB riders offered to certain policyholders of variable annuities with the GMIB rider. This exchange program was available for the period from January 2, 2018 through April 6, 2018, and for the period from June 4, 2018 through September 7, 2018 in the state of California.

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Amounts in the accompanying statutory financial statements related to ceded fixed indexed annuity business to SYRE were as follows for the years ended December 31:

	2023	2022	2021
Statements of Operations:			
Premiums and other considerations			
Annuity fees	\$ 21,341	648,181	5,762
Commissions and expense allowances	(4,139)	(3,675)	(1,879)
Death and other benefits	86,057	60,062	35,026
	2023	2022	
Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus:			
Reserves for future policy benefits	\$ 1,149,009	1,165,133	
Other liabilities:			
Reinsurance payable	1,565	1,551	
FWH under reinsurance:			
Assets payable to affiliate	1,030,790	1,047,857	
Capital and surplus:			
Unassigned surplus:			
Unrealized losses (gains) derivative instruments	(4,710)	17,651	

(14) Bank Line of Credit

In April 2016, CII obtained a \$525,000 senior unsecured, syndicated credit facility. The credit facility was established for the purpose of issuing letters of credit and loans for general corporate purposes and matured in April 2021. In March 2017, CII increased this credit facility by \$50,000 to \$575,000. In March 2018, CII increased this credit facility by \$325,000 to \$900,000. The credit facility would have matured in March 2023. During 2021, this facility was closed.

On March 30, 2020, CII entered into a \$200,000, 364-day letter of credit facility with a group of banks in order to finance and support the reserve requirements of the Company, SYRE and SUNR. The Company and SUNR are the only beneficiaries of the related letters of credit. In June 2020, CII increased this facility by \$100,000 to \$300,000. This facility was not utilized by or for the benefit of the Company as of December 31, 2020. This facility was not renewed and terminated in 2021.

On December 31, 2019, CII entered into a \$50,000, 364-day letter of credit facility with two banks in order to finance and to support the reserve requirements of SYRE, ALIC and SUNR. ALIC and SUNR are the only beneficiaries of the related letters of credit. On December 28, 2020, this facility was renewed for ninety days and matures on March 29, 2021. This facility was not utilized by or for the benefit of the Company as of December 31, 2020. This facility was not renewed and terminated in 2021.

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On May 7, 2021, CII entered into a \$1,500,000 senior unsecured, syndicated credit facility. The credit facility is established for the purpose of issuing letters of credit and loans for general corporate purposes and will mature in May 2026. Letters of credit can be issued up to the maximum credit facility, however loans under the credit facility are limited to \$500,000 with total combined amounts not to exceed \$1,500,000. During 2023 and 2022, the Company borrowed \$150,000 and \$100,000, respectively, at various times against the facility and repaid all outstanding balances within the same calendar year.

CII utilized \$75,000 and \$100,000 of this facility as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, to secure a letter of credit for SYRE, with the Company as the beneficiary, in order to recognize reserve credit under statutory accounting principles.

There was no interest or fees paid by the Company on these lines of credit in 2023, 2022 or 2021.

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(15) Income Taxes

The Company provides for deferred tax assets in accordance with the NAIC issued guidance. The components of the net admitted deferred tax asset, including those certain deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities, recognized in the Company's Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus as of December 31 are as follows:

	<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Total</u>
2023			
Gross deferred tax assets	\$ 190,243	5,559	195,802
Statutory valuation allowance adjustments	<u>(1,263)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(1,263)</u>
Adjusted gross deferred tax assets	188,980	5,559	194,539
Nonadmitted deferred tax assets	<u>(8,510)</u>	<u>(3,589)</u>	<u>(12,099)</u>
Admitted deferred tax assets	180,470	1,970	182,440
Deferred tax liabilities	<u>(97,153)</u>	<u>(1,970)</u>	<u>(99,123)</u>
Admitted deferred tax assets, net	<u>\$ 83,317</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>83,317</u>
2022			
Gross deferred tax assets	\$ 134,377	2,132	136,509
Statutory valuation allowance adjustments	<u>(2,464)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(2,464)</u>
Adjusted gross deferred tax assets	131,913	2,132	134,045
Nonadmitted deferred tax assets	<u>(53,951)</u>	<u>(2,132)</u>	<u>(56,083)</u>
Admitted deferred tax assets	77,962	—	77,962
Deferred tax liabilities	<u>(25,991)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(25,991)</u>
Admitted deferred tax assets, net	<u>\$ 51,971</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>51,971</u>
Change			
Gross deferred tax assets	\$ 55,866	3,427	59,293
Statutory valuation allowance adjustments	<u>1,201</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,201</u>
Adjusted gross deferred tax assets	57,067	3,427	60,494
Nonadmitted deferred tax assets	<u>45,441</u>	<u>(1,457)</u>	<u>43,984</u>
Admitted deferred tax assets	102,508	1,970	104,478
Deferred tax liabilities	<u>(71,162)</u>	<u>(1,970)</u>	<u>(73,132)</u>
Admitted deferred tax assets, net	<u>\$ 31,346</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>31,346</u>

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The amount of gross deferred tax assets admitted under each component and the resulting increased amount by tax character as of December 31 are as follows:

	<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Total</u>
2023			
Federal income taxes paid in prior years recoverable through loss carrybacks	\$ —	—	—
Adjusted gross deferred tax assets expected to be realized after application of the threshold limitations:			
(1) Adjusted gross deferred tax assets expected to be realized following the balance sheet date	N/A	N/A	83,317
(2) Adjusted gross deferred tax assets allowed per limitation threshold	N/A	N/A	280,335
Lesser of (1) or (2)	83,317	—	83,317
Deferred tax liabilities	<u>97,153</u>	<u>1,970</u>	<u>99,123</u>
Admitted deferred tax assets	<u>\$ 180,470</u>	<u>1,970</u>	<u>182,440</u>
2022			
Federal income taxes paid in prior years recoverable through loss carrybacks	\$ —	—	—
Adjusted gross deferred tax assets expected to be realized after application of the threshold limitations:			
(1) Adjusted gross deferred tax assets expected to be realized following the balance sheet date	N/A	N/A	51,971
(2) Adjusted gross deferred tax assets allowed per limitation threshold	N/A	N/A	287,062
Lesser of (1) or (2)	51,971	—	51,971
Deferred tax liabilities	<u>25,991</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>25,991</u>
Admitted deferred tax assets	<u>\$ 77,962</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>77,962</u>
Change			
Federal income taxes paid in prior years recoverable through loss carrybacks	\$ —	—	—
Adjusted gross deferred tax assets expected to be realized after application of the threshold limitations:			
(1) Adjusted gross deferred tax assets expected to be realized following the balance sheet date	N/A	N/A	31,346
(2) Adjusted gross deferred tax assets allowed per limitation threshold	N/A	N/A	(6,727)
Lesser of (1) or (2)	31,346	—	31,346
Deferred tax liabilities	<u>71,162</u>	<u>1,970</u>	<u>73,132</u>
Admitted deferred tax assets	<u>\$ 102,508</u>	<u>1,970</u>	<u>104,478</u>

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The ratios used for threshold limitation (for SSAP 101 Paragraph 11b) as of December 31 are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Change</u>
Ratio percentage used to determine the recovery period and threshold limitation amount in above adjusted gross deferred tax assets	1,792.08%	1,763.24%	28.84%
Amount of adjusted capital and surplus used to determine the recovery period threshold limitation amount in above adjusted gross deferred tax assets	\$ 1,909,786	1,879,058	30,728

The impact of tax-planning strategies as a percentage of adjusted gross and net admitted deferred tax assets as of December 31 are as follows:

	<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Total</u>
2023			
Adjusted gross deferred tax assets: (Percentage of total adjusted gross deferred tax assets)	—%	—%	—%
Net admitted gross deferred tax assets: (Percentage of total net admitted adjusted gross deferred tax assets)	—%	—%	—%
2022			
Adjusted gross deferred tax assets: (Percentage of total adjusted gross deferred tax assets)	—%	—%	—%
Net admitted gross deferred tax assets: (Percentage of total net admitted adjusted gross deferred tax assets)	—%	—%	—%
Change			
Adjusted gross deferred tax assets: (Percentage of total adjusted gross deferred tax assets)	—%	—%	—%
Net admitted gross deferred tax assets: (Percentage of total net admitted adjusted gross deferred tax assets)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

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The Company's tax planning strategies do not include the use of reinsurance tax planning strategies.

There are no temporary differences for which deferred tax liabilities are not recognized.

The provisions for current tax expenses on earnings for years ended December 31 are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Current year federal tax (benefit) expense - ordinary income	\$ (46,018)	63,856	(55,188)
Current year foreign tax (benefit) expense - ordinary income	—	—	—
Subtotal	<u>(46,018)</u>	<u>63,856</u>	<u>(55,188)</u>
Current year tax expense - net realized capital (losses) gains	(2,124)	15	7,879
Utilization of capital loss carry forwards	—	—	—
Other	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Federal and foreign income taxes incurred	<u>\$ (48,142)</u>	<u>63,871</u>	<u>(47,309)</u>

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant components of the net deferred tax assets as of December 31 are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Change from 2022</u>	<u>Change from 2021</u>
Deferred tax assets:					
Ordinary:					
Policyholder reserves	\$ 50,552	21,317	85,101	29,235	(63,784)
Investments	1,552	6,248	2,148	(4,696)	4,100
Deferred acquisition costs	78,559	74,657	66,905	3,902	7,752
Policyholder dividends accrued	772	836	10,068	(64)	(9,232)
Compensation and benefit accruals	11,519	10,462	11,360	1,057	(898)
Tax credit carry-forward	3,160	6,127	2,324	(2,967)	3,803
Section 807(f) reserves	5,964	7,455	8,835	(1,491)	(1,380)
Pension accrual	—	2,588	—	(2,588)	2,588
Nonadmitted asset	5,351	2,532	3,091	2,819	(559)
Modco CARVM adjustment	28,870	—	—	28,870	—
Other	<u>3,944</u>	<u>2,155</u>	<u>4,266</u>	<u>1,789</u>	<u>(2,111)</u>
Ordinary deferred tax assets	190,243	134,377	194,098	55,866	(59,721)
Statutory valuation allowance adjustment	(1,263)	(2,464)	—	1,201	(2,464)
Nonadmitted ordinary deferred tax assets	<u>(8,510)</u>	<u>(53,951)</u>	<u>(22,478)</u>	<u>45,441</u>	<u>(31,473)</u>
Admitted ordinary deferred tax assets	<u>180,470</u>	<u>77,962</u>	<u>171,620</u>	<u>102,508</u>	<u>(93,658)</u>

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	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Change from 2022</u>	<u>Change from 2021</u>
Deferred tax assets (continued):					
Capital:					
Investments	\$ 3,593	1,571	714	2,022	857
Net capital loss carryforward	1,966	561	—	1,405	561
Capital deferred tax assets	5,559	2,132	714	3,427	1,418
Nonadmitted capital deferred tax assets	(3,589)	(2,132)	—	(1,457)	(2,132)
Admitted capital deferred tax assets	1,970	—	714	1,970	(714)
Admitted deferred tax assets	182,440	77,962	172,334	104,478	(94,372)
Deferred tax liabilities:					
Ordinary:					
Investments	2,485	8,056	3,481	(5,571)	4,575
Section 807(f) reserves	1,585	6,291	12,780	(4,706)	(6,489)
Deferred and uncollected premium	482	371	20,762	111	(20,391)
Policyholder reserves - tax reform transition	5,972	8,957	11,943	(2,985)	(2,986)
Modco CARVM adjustment	84,057	—	—	84,057	—
Other	2,572	2,316	840	256	1,476
Ordinary deferred tax liabilities	97,153	25,991	49,806	71,162	(23,815)
Capital:					
Investments	1,970	—	2,553	1,970	(2,553)
Subtotal	1,970	—	2,553	1,970	(2,553)
Deferred tax liabilities	99,123	25,991	52,359	73,132	(26,368)
Admitted deferred tax assets, net	\$ 83,317	51,971	119,975	31,346	(68,004)

There was a statutory valuation allowance adjustment to gross deferred tax assets of \$1,263 for the period ended December 31, 2023. There was a statutory valuation allowance adjustment to gross deferred tax assets of \$2,464 for the period ended December 31, 2022.

The realization of the deferred tax asset is dependent upon the Company's ability to generate sufficient taxable income in future periods. Based on historical results and the prospects for future operations, management anticipates that it is more likely than not that future taxable income will be sufficient for the realization of the remaining deferred tax assets.

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The change in the net deferred income taxes of December 31 is comprised of the following:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Change from 2022</u>	<u>Change from 2021</u>
Total deferred tax assets	\$ 195,802	136,509	194,812	59,293	(58,303)
Total deferred tax liabilities	<u>(99,123)</u>	<u>(25,991)</u>	<u>(52,359)</u>	<u>(73,132)</u>	<u>26,368</u>
Net deferred tax assets	96,679	110,518	142,453	(13,839)	(31,935)
Statutory valuation allowance adjustment	<u>(1,263)</u>	<u>(2,464)</u>	—	1,201	<u>(2,464)</u>
Net deferred tax assets	95,416	108,054	142,453	(12,638)	(34,399)
Tax effect of unrealized losses	342	354	(484)	(12)	838
Statutory valuation allowance adjustment allocated to unrealized	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Change in net deferred income taxes	<u>\$ 95,758</u>	<u>108,408</u>	<u>141,969</u>	<u>(12,650)</u>	<u>(33,561)</u>

The provision for federal income taxes incurred is different from that which would be obtained by applying the statutory federal income tax rate to income before income taxes. The significant tax effects causing this difference for the years ended December 31 are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Income (loss) before taxes	\$ 17,737	(36,298)	76,746
Dividends received deduction	(6,403)	(3,520)	(12,718)
Interest maintenance reserve	(3,342)	(4,310)	4,638
Change in equity of subsidiaries	(18,681)	(14,557)	(61,410)
Prior period adjustments	—	—	4,089
Change in non-admitted deferred tax assets	—	—	1,529
Transfer pricing	(4,512)	(10,746)	(4,903)
Tax credits	(9,338)	(5,484)	(3,878)
Reinsurance surplus adjustment	(12,132)	169,556	(3,155)
Statutory Reserve Adjustment	(1,202)	2,464	872
Other	2,381	327	5,623
Total statutory taxes	<u>\$ (35,492)</u>	<u>97,432</u>	<u>7,433</u>
Provision for federal income taxes	\$ (46,018)	63,856	(55,188)
Tax on capital gains	(2,124)	15	7,879
Change in net deferred income tax	<u>12,650</u>	<u>33,561</u>	<u>54,742</u>
Total statutory taxes	<u>\$ (35,492)</u>	<u>97,432</u>	<u>7,433</u>

The Company's policy for recording penalties associated with audits, claims, and adjustments is to record such amount as a component of income taxes.

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Total federal income taxes received (including tax on capital gains) were \$45,128 during the year ended December 31, 2023; total federal income taxes paid (including tax on capital gains) were \$125,210 during the year ended December 31, 2022; and total federal income taxes received (including tax on capital gains) were \$49,092 during the year ended December 31, 2021.

As of December 31, 2023, there are operating losses and capital loss carryforwards of \$9,361 available for tax purposes, which begin expiring in 2027. As of December 31, 2022, there are no net operating losses and capital loss carryforwards of \$2,673 available for tax purposes expiring in 2027. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company has valuation allowances of \$1,263 and \$2,464, respectively. A partial valuation allowance was established in 2022 related to limitation on the Company's ability to utilize loss carryforwards as a result of the Transaction. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company does not have any uncertain tax positions related to the Separate Account Dividends Receivable Deduction ("SA DRD") company share percentage(s) for tax return year 2017. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company has tax credit carryforwards of \$3,160 and \$6,127, respectively, which will start expiring in 2030.

There are no federal income taxes incurred that are available for recoupment in the event of future net losses.

The Company has no tax loss contingencies for which it is reasonably possible that the total liability will significantly increase within twelve months of reporting.

There are no aggregate federal income tax deposits under Internal Revenue Code Section 6603, and none are recorded as admitted assets.

The Company's federal income tax return is consolidated with the other life insurance companies ALAC, NSLAC, KENW, MONT, SYRE, CMGO and SUNR and then with its common parent, CIHI.

The Company is not under current examination with the Internal Revenue Service. The statute of limitations remains open for tax years 2020, 2021 and 2022 for the consolidated tax group.

The allocation of taxes between members of the federal consolidated income tax return is subject to written agreement approved by the Board of Directors. Allocations are based on separate company calculations with current credit for losses. Intercompany tax balances are settled quarterly.

(16) Pensions and Other Post-Retirement Benefit Plans

(a) Home Office Pension Plan

The Company sponsors a funded qualified defined benefit pension plan covering all home office employees hired prior to January 1, 1998. This plan was amended effective December 31, 2019 to freeze the accrual of future benefits. This plan includes participants who are employees of the Company and devote substantially all of their time to service for the Company. Retirement benefits are based on years of service and the highest average earnings in five of the last ten years.

The measurement dates were December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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(b) Home Office Post-Retirement Benefit Plan

The Company currently offers eligible retirees the opportunity to participate in a post-retirement health and group life plan. This plan was amended effective July 1, 2013, to provide participants younger than age 65 a fixed portion of the health insurance contract premium and for participants age 65 and older, a fixed dollar amount which the participant must use to independently purchase their own insurance. Previously, this plan provided all participants a fixed portion of the health insurance contract premium. The portion the Company pays is periodically increased and is a function of participant service. Only home office employees hired prior to January 1, 1998 may become eligible for these benefits provided that the employee meets the retirement age and years of service requirements.

This plan includes participants who are employees of the Company and devote substantially all of their time to service for the Company.

The post-retirement health plan does not provide benefits which are actuarially equivalent to Medicare Part D benefits. Therefore, the Company does not receive the associated federal Medicare subsidy.

The measurement dates were December 31, 2023 and 2022.

(c) General Agents' Pension Plan

The Company sponsors an unfunded, nonqualified defined benefit pension plan covering its general agents hired prior to January 1, 2005. This plan provides benefits based on years of service and average compensation during the final five and ten years of service.

The measurement dates were December 31, 2023 and 2022.

(d) Agents' Post-Retirement Benefits Plan

The Company sponsors a post-retirement health and group life plan. Only agents with contracts effective prior to January 1, 1998 who meet the retirement age and service requirements are eligible for these benefits. The health and group life plan is contributory, with retirees contributing approximately 50% of premium for coverage. As with all plan participants, the Company reserves the right to change the retiree premium contribution at renewal.

The post-retirement health plan does not provide benefits which are actuarially equivalent to Medicare Part D benefits. Therefore, the Company does not receive the associated federal Medicare subsidy. The Plan was terminated effective as of January 1, 2023. The impact of the curtailment is included below.

The measurement dates were December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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(e) Obligations and Funded Status

Information regarding the funded status of the pension plans as a whole and other benefit plans as a whole as of December 31 is as follows:

	<u>Pension benefits</u>		<u>Other benefits</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Change in projected benefit obligation:				
Projected benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 47,967	73,905	6,229	9,075
Service cost	—	12	19	34
Interest cost	2,382	2,161	320	244
Actuarial loss (gain)	2,200	(19,708)	68	(1,980)
Benefits paid *	(6,203)	(10,219)	(735)	(628)
Settlement/curtailment	576	1,816	—	(516)
Projected benefit obligation at end of year	<u>\$ 46,922</u>	<u>47,967</u>	<u>5,901</u>	<u>6,229</u>

* Benefits paid include amounts paid from both funded and unfunded benefit plans.

	<u>Pension benefits</u>		<u>Other benefits</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Change in plan assets:				
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$ 58,369	76,050	—	—
Actual return on plan assets	6,708	(9,267)	—	—
Benefits and expenses paid	(4,388)	(8,414)	—	—
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	<u>\$ 60,689</u>	<u>58,369</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Funded status	\$ 13,767	10,401	(5,901)	(6,229)
Unrecognized net actuarial loss (gain)	5,841	7,019	2,123	1,677
Unrecognized prior service cost	—	—	—	—
Net prepaid (accrued) amount recognized	<u>\$ 19,608</u>	<u>17,420</u>	<u>(3,778)</u>	<u>(4,552)</u>

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	<u>Pension benefits</u>		<u>Other benefits</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Funded Status:				
Overfunded				
Assets (nonadmitted)				
Prepaid benefit costs	\$ —	—	—	—
Overfunded plan assets	—	—	—	—
Total assets (nonadmitted)	\$ <u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Underfunded				
Liabilities recognized				
Net prepaid (accrued)				
amount recognized	\$ 19,608	17,420	(3,778)	(4,552)
Liabilities for benefits	<u>(5,841)</u>	<u>(7,019)</u>	<u>(2,123)</u>	<u>(1,677)</u>
Total liabilities recognized	\$ <u>13,767</u>	<u>10,401</u>	<u>(5,901)</u>	<u>(6,229)</u>
	<u>Pension benefits</u>		<u>Other benefits</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amounts recognized in the				
statutory statements of admitted				
assets, liabilities, and capital				
and surplus consist of:				
Prepaid benefit costs	\$ 20,214	19,309	—	—
Accrued benefit costs	(606)	(1,889)	(3,778)	(4,552)
Surplus	<u>(5,841)</u>	<u>(7,019)</u>	<u>(2,123)</u>	<u>(1,677)</u>
Total liabilities recognized	\$ <u>13,767</u>	<u>10,401</u>	<u>(5,901)</u>	<u>(6,229)</u>

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	Pension benefits		
	2023	2022	2021
Components of net periodic benefit cost:			
Service cost	\$ —	12	676
Interest cost	2,382	2,161	2,559
Expected return on plan assets	(3,816)	(5,049)	(5,067)
Amortization of net loss	195	604	2,820
Settlement	868	1,181	5,557
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ (371)	(1,091)	6,545

	Other benefits		
	2023	2022	2021
Components of net periodic benefit cost:			
Service cost	\$ 19	34	47
Interest cost	320	244	234
Amortization of prior service cost	—	(244)	(49)
Amortization of net (gain) loss	(378)	515	644
Curtailement	—	(516)	—
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ (39)	33	876

The following is attributable to pension plans whose accumulated benefit obligation exceeds plan assets as of December 31:

	Pension benefits	
	2023	2022
Projected benefit obligation	\$ 796	1,924
Accumulated benefit obligation	796	1,876
Prepaid pension cost	19,608	17,420

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(f) Assumptions

	<u>Pension benefits</u>		<u>Other benefits</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Weighted average assumptions used to determine net periodic cost at January 1:				
Discount rate	5.40%	3.10%	5.45%	2.99%
Expected long-term return on plan assets	7.00%	7.00%	—	—
Rate of compensation increase	3.50%	3.70%	4.25%	4.25%
Health care cost trend rate assumed for next year:				
Before 65	—	—	9.00%	8.80%
Age 65 and older	—	—	0.00%	0.40%
Rate to which the health cost trend rate is assumed to decline (the ultimate trend rate):				
Before 65	—	—	9.00%	8.70%
Age 65 and older	—	—	0.00%	0.30%
Year that the rate reaches the ultimate trend rate	—	—	2023	2025
Weighted average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations at December 31:				
Discount rate	5.05%	5.40%	5.05%	5.45%
Rate of compensation increase	3.50%	3.50%	4.25%	4.25%

Assumed health care cost trend rates have a significant effect on the amounts reported for the health care plans. A one percentage point change in assumed health care cost trend rates would have the following effects:

	<u>1 Percentage point increase</u>	<u>1 Percentage point decrease</u>
Effect on total of 2023 service cost and interest cost	\$ 16	(15)
Effect on 2023 other post-retirement benefit obligation	263	(264)

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(g) Plan Assets

The following table presents the hierarchy of the Company's qualified pension plan assets at fair value as of December 31:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
2023				
Bond funds	\$ 18,259	—	—	18,259
Stock funds	42,430	—	—	42,430
Total assets	<u>\$ 60,689</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>60,689</u>
2022				
Bond funds	\$ 20,757	—	—	20,757
Stock funds	37,611	—	—	37,611
Total assets	<u>\$ 58,368</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>58,368</u>

The Company categorizes pension benefit plan assets consistent with the Fair Value Hierarchy as described in Note 5.

The assets of the Company's Home Office Pension Plan ("the Plan") are invested in group variable annuity contracts issued by the Company offering specific investment choices from various asset classes providing diverse and professionally managed options. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, \$25,800 and \$43,095, respectively, of the Plan assets are funds that are affiliated with the Company. The assets are invested in a mix of stocks, bonds and real estate securities in allocations as determined from time to time by the Pension Plan Committee. The target allocations are designed to balance the Plan's short-term liquidity needs and its long-term liabilities. The target allocations are currently 70% stocks and 30% bonds.

For diversification and risk control purposes, where applicable, each asset class is further divided into sub classes such as large cap, mid cap and small cap and growth, core and value for stocks and U.S. domestic, global and high yield for bonds. To the extent possible, each sub asset class utilizes multiple fund choices and no single fund contains more than 25% of the Plan assets (exclusive of any short-term increases in assets due to any Plan funding). The Plan performance is measured by a weighted benchmark consisting of stock and bond benchmarks in weights determined by the Pension Plan committee.

The overall expected long-term rate of return on assets is determined by a weighted average return of bond and stock indexes. Bond securities (including cash) make up 30% of the weighted average return and stocks make up 70% of the weighted average return.

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The following table shows the weighted average asset allocation by class of the Plan's assets as of December 31:

	2023	2022
Stocks	70%	64%
Bonds	30	36
Total	100%	100%

(h) Cash Flows

Contributions

The minimum funding requirement under The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 for 2023 was zero. No contributions were made to the qualified pension plan for the years ended December 31, 2023 or 2022, respectively. There is no planned contribution to the qualified pension plan for the 2024 plan year.

Estimated Future Benefit Payments

The following benefit payments, which reflect expected future service, as appropriate, are expected to be paid:

		Pension benefits	Other benefits
2024	\$	5,723	708
2025		5,365	644
2026		4,217	612
2027		4,341	609
2028		4,824	577
2029-2033		13,350	2,281

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	<u>Pension benefits</u>		<u>Other benefits</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amounts in unassigned funds (surplus) recognized in the next fiscal year as components of periodic benefit cost:				
Items not yet recognized as a component of net periodic cost - prior year	\$ 7,020	12,381	1,677	3,928
Net prior service cost or credit recognized	—	—	—	244
Net gain and loss arising during the period	(116)	(3,576)	68	(1,980)
Net gain and loss recognized	<u>(1,063)</u>	<u>(1,785)</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>(515)</u>
Items not yet recognized as a component of net periodic cost - current year	<u>\$ 5,841</u>	<u>7,020</u>	<u>2,123</u>	<u>1,677</u>

	<u>Pension benefits</u>		<u>Other benefits</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amounts in unassigned funds (surplus) expected to be recognized in the next fiscal year as components of net periodic benefit cost:				
Net prior service cost or credit	\$ —	—	—	—
Net recognized gains and losses	14	180	266	(391)

	<u>Pension benefits</u>		<u>Other benefits</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amounts in unassigned funds (surplus) that have not yet been recognized as components of net periodic benefit cost:				
Net prior service cost or credit	\$ —	—	—	—
Net recognized gains and losses	5,841	7,020	2,123	1,677

(i) Other Plan Expenses

The Company also maintains a qualified contributory defined contribution profit-sharing plan covering substantially all employees. Company contributions to the profit-sharing plan are based on the net earnings of the Company and are payable at the sole discretion of management. During 2023, the profit-sharing plan was restructured, and the Company ceased contributions. The expense for contributions to the profit-sharing plan for 2023, 2022 and 2021 was \$1,599, \$4,026 and \$4,472, respectively.

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Employees hired on or after January 1, 1998 are covered by a defined contribution pension plan. The expense reported for this plan was \$2,650, \$2,906 and \$3,351 in 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

During 2020 the profit-sharing plan and the defined contribution pension plan were combined and are now being administered by a third party.

(j) CII Employees

The Company's qualified pension and post-retirement benefit plans include participants who are employees of CII. Participating CII employees are vice presidents and other executive officers of CII and devote substantially all of their time to service for the Company. Most of CII's employees were employees of the Company prior to January 1, 2001 and were participants in the benefit plan at that time.

(17) Capital and Surplus, Dividend Restrictions and Regulatory RBC

Capital and Surplus

The Company has 10,000,000 shares (\$1 par value) authorized, issued and outstanding of Class A common stock as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. The Company has no preferred stock issued or outstanding.

As part of the Transaction discussed in Note 1, on each of the first four anniversaries after the closing, Constellation will pay or cause to be paid an infusion of capital to ALIC. During 2023, the Company received a capital contribution of \$125,000 from CII in satisfaction of the first installment. Subsequent to the balance sheet date, CII contributed \$125,000 of capital to ALIC in satisfaction of the second installment.

During 2022, the Company received a capital contribution from its parent, CII, of \$401,364. This contribution was used to satisfy the Company's demutualization obligation to effectuate the increase in eligible member's policy account value as consideration for their membership interests.

Surplus notes outstanding are as follows as of December 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Surplus notes		
6.875% fixed rate due 2042	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
5.000% fixed rate due 2031	4,179	4,139
5.800% fixed rate due 2027	5,954	5,940
8.500% fixed rate due 2026	<u>47,949</u>	<u>49,925</u>
Total	<u>\$ 308,082</u>	<u>\$ 310,004</u>

In June 2012, ALIC issued a \$250,000, 6.875% fixed rate surplus note due June 15, 2042. Interest on this surplus note is payable semi-annually on June 15 and December 15. ALIC may redeem this surplus note at its option. This surplus note is unsecured and subordinated to all present and future indebtedness and policy claims of ALIC.

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In December 2011, ALIC issued a \$4,500, 5% fixed rate surplus note to Security Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York (“SML”), as payment for the purchase of the additional shares of NSLAC. This note matures on December 15, 2031. Interest on this surplus note is payable semi-annually on December 15 and June 15. ALIC may redeem this surplus note at its option. This surplus note is unsecured and subordinated to all present and future indebtedness and policy claims of ALIC.

In April 2007, ALIC issued a \$6,000, 5.8% fixed rate surplus note to SML, as payment for the purchase of a portion of the shares of NSLAC. This note matures on April 1, 2027. Interest on this surplus note is payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1. ALIC may redeem this surplus note at its option. This surplus note is unsecured and subordinated to all present and future indebtedness and policy claims of ALIC.

In May 1996, ALIC issued \$50,000, 8.5% fixed rate surplus notes due May 15, 2026. Interest on this surplus note is payable semi-annually on May 15 and November 15. ALIC may not redeem this surplus note at its option. This surplus note is unsecured and subordinated to all present and future indebtedness and policy claims of ALIC. In December 2023, ALIC purchased \$2,000 of the surplus note on the open market. The transaction was approved by the Department and obligation was retired with the trustee.

Except as provided in Section 3901.72 of the Ohio Revised Code, the notes are not part of the legal liabilities of the Company and are not a liability or claim against the Company or any of its assets. Interest payments, scheduled semi-annually, must be approved for payment by the Department. The Company paid \$22,011 in interest related to these notes in 2023, 2022 and 2021. Principal payments must also be approved by the Department. Interest expense for surplus notes is not recognized on the Statutory Statements of Operations until it has been approved by the Department.

Regulatory RBC

The NAIC has established RBC requirements to assist regulators in monitoring the financial strength and stability of life insurers and provides for an insurance commissioner to intervene if the insurer experiences financial difficulty. The RBC requirements instruct every life insurer to calculate its total adjusted capital and RBC position. The formula includes components for asset risk, liability risk, interest rate exposure, and other factors. Under the NAIC requirements, each insurer must maintain its total adjusted capital and surplus above a calculated minimum threshold or take corrective measures to achieve that threshold. Based upon the December 31, 2022 and 2021 statutory financial statements, the Company exceeded all required RBC levels.

Dividend Restrictions

The payment of dividends by ALIC to CII is limited by Ohio insurance laws. The maximum dividend that may be paid to CII without prior approval of the Director of Insurance is limited to the greater of ALIC’s statutory net income of the preceding calendar year or 10% of statutory surplus as of the preceding December 31. Any dividend that exceeds the earned surplus of the Company, even if it is within the above parameters, would be deemed extraordinary under Ohio law. Therefore, dividends of approximately \$195,000 may be paid by ALIC to CII in 2024 without prior approval. Dividends of \$196,590, \$419,000 and \$115,000 were declared and paid by ALIC to CII in 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Included in the dividend amount for 2023 was the Company’s common stock of its non-life insurance subsidiaries, ONII, ADI and ONESCO.

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Subsidiary Dividends

The following table details the dividends received from each of the Company's subsidiaries and included in investment income for the years:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
SUNR	\$ 88,000	30,027	253,000
ONII	8,700	10,300	9,400
ALAC	—	20,000	—
	<u>\$ 96,700</u>	<u>60,327</u>	<u>262,400</u>

The payment of dividends by ALAC to ALIC is limited by Ohio insurance laws. The maximum dividend that may be paid without prior approval of the Director of Insurance is limited to the greater of ALAC's statutory net income of the preceding calendar year or 10% of statutory surplus as of the preceding December 31. Any dividend that exceeds the earned surplus of ALAC, even if it is within the above parameters, would be deemed extraordinary under Ohio law. Therefore, dividends of approximately \$37,000 may be paid by ALAC to ALIC in 2024 without prior approval. ALAC declared and paid ordinary dividends to ALIC of \$0, \$20,000 and \$0 in 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively. No extraordinary dividends were declared or paid by ALAC to ALIC during 2023, 2022 or 2021.

The payment of dividends by CMGO to ALIC is limited by Ohio insurance laws. CMGO may pay to its stockholder, ALIC, a dividend from unassigned surplus at the end of any calendar quarter in which CMGO's unassigned surplus is equal to the amount required for CMGO to have company action level RBC of 200%, after adjusting its capital level and its RBC level for such dividend. No dividends were declared or paid by CMGO in 2023, 2022 or 2021.

The payment of dividends by SUNR to ALIC is limited by the SUNR plan of operations, which was approved by the Ohio Department of Insurance. SUNR declared and paid extraordinary dividends to ALIC of \$253,000 in 2021. SUNR declared an extraordinary dividend of \$200,000 to ALIC as of December 31, 2021 that was paid in March 2022. Due to dividend limitations, \$30,027 was classified as a dividend with the remaining \$169,973 classified as a return of capital. SUNR declared an extraordinary dividend to ALIC of \$25,000 on ALIC as of December 31, 2022 that was paid in February 2023. SUNR declared and paid an extraordinary dividend of \$63,000 to ALIC during 2023. Total extraordinary dividend payments to ALIC during 2023 were \$88,000. No ordinary dividends were paid by SUNR to ALIC during 2023, 2022 or 2021.

The payment of dividends by NSLAC to ALIC is limited by New York insurance laws. The maximum ordinary dividend that may be paid without prior approval of the Superintendent of Financial Services is limited to the lesser of 10% of NSLAC's statutory surplus (defined by New York Insurance Law, Section 4207a as page 3, line 37 of the Annual Statement) as of the immediate preceding calendar year or NSLAC's net gain from operations for the immediately preceding calendar year, not including realized capital gains. Therefore, dividends of approximately \$4,000 may be paid by NSLAC to ALIC in 2024 without prior approval. No dividends were declared or paid by NSLAC in 2023, 2022 or 2021.

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MONT and KENW are subject to limitations, imposed by the State of Vermont, on the payment of dividends to their stockholder, ALIC. Generally, dividends during any year may not be paid without prior regulatory approval. No dividends were declared or paid by MONT to ALIC in 2023, 2022 or 2021. No dividends were declared or paid by KENW to ALIC in 2023, 2022 or 2021.

(18) Additional Financial Instruments Disclosure

Financial Instruments with Off Balance Sheet Risk

The Company is a party to financial instruments with off balance sheet risk in the normal course of business through management of its investment portfolio. The Company had outstanding commitments to fund mortgage loans, bonds and limited partnerships of \$186,414 and \$173,011 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. These commitments involve, in varying degrees, elements of credit and market risk in excess of amounts recognized in the statutory financial statements. The credit risk of all financial instruments, whether on or off balance sheet, is controlled through credit approvals, limits, and monitoring procedures.

(19) Contingencies

The Company and all other solvent life insurance companies are periodically assessed by certain state guaranty funds to cover losses to policyholders of insolvent or rehabilitated companies. Some of these assessments are partially recoverable through a reduction in future premium taxes in some states. In addition, the Company is subject to legal and regulatory proceedings in the ordinary course of its business. These include proceedings specific to the Company and proceedings generally applicable to business practices in the industry in which the Company operates. The outcomes of these proceedings cannot be predicted due to their complexity, scope and uncertainties. The Company believes, however, that based on currently known information, the ultimate outcome of all pending legal and regulatory proceedings as well as state guaranty fund assessments are not likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

The Company, along with its affiliates, are a party to two court cases stemming from the strategic changes announced in September 2018, specifically the termination of certain variable annuity selling agreements with broker dealers related to the annuity business. The core issue in all of the cases is a disputed interpretation of certain language in ALIC's contracts with the broker dealers who sold ALIC's annuities. One of the two cases purports to be on behalf of a class, and a motion for class certification has been filed, but no class has been certified. Thirteen previously pending court cases and nine previously pending Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") arbitrations have been resolved. The Company expects to continue to vigorously defend itself against these allegations. However, litigation is inherently uncertain and the outcome thereof cannot be predicted. Accordingly, it is possible that the ultimate outcome in one or more of the proceedings may be material to the Company's results of operations for a particular period depending upon, among other factors, the size of the loss and the level of the Company's results of operations for the period.

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(20) Related-Party Transactions

During the year ended December 31, 2021, SUNR returned capital to the Company of \$169,973 (See Note 17 for additional information).

During 2023, the Company made capital contributions totaling \$111,941 to ONFH to fund capital initiatives and operating activities of its subsidiaries. The majority of the contributions were to ALL in support of future capital initiatives. ALL will lend the funds to ONSA to contribute to ONSV for the acquisition of a block of annuity business from Zurich Insurance Group.

During December 2023, the Company purchased \$26,300 of CII's outstanding senior notes on the open market. The Company intends to hold these notes until maturity. The Company purchased the notes for \$24,509. At December 31, 2023, the Company had Accrued investment income and unrealized gains within Unassigned surplus of \$477 and \$622, respectively, on the Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, and Capital and Surplus.

The Company has a written agreement to provide services for personnel, data processing and supplies to ALAC, which either party may terminate upon a thirty-day notice. ALIC primarily uses multiple bases (head counts, salaries, number of policies, field compensation, time, reserve account balances, transaction counts, etc.) and believes they are reasonable for determining the expense charges. This agreement was approved by the Department. Generally, the apportionment is based upon specifically identifying the expense to the incurring entity. Where this is not feasible, apportionment is based upon pertinent factors and ratios. The terms call for a cash settlement at least quarterly. There is no assurance that these costs would be similar if the Company had to obtain such services on its own. This agreement resulted in services charges totaling \$59,377, \$55,984 and \$53,403 in 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively. These amounts include pension costs for the personnel furnished to the Company. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, ALAC owed ALIC \$3,739, and ALIC owed ALAC \$762, respectively.

The Company paid \$4,550, \$4,943 and \$5,030 for rent and operating expenses of the home office to CII for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

CII provides services for executive management and data processing equipment placed in service after December 31, 2000, to ALIC. For the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, ALIC recorded expenses of \$32,131, \$24,676 and \$20,910, respectively, for these services.

The Company is a party to an agreement with CIHI and most of its direct and indirect subsidiaries whereby ALIC maintains a common checking account. It is ALIC's duty to maintain sufficient funds to meet the reasonable needs of each party on demand. ALIC must account for the balances of each party daily. Such funds are deemed to be held in escrow by ALIC for the other parties. Settlement is made daily for each party's needs to or from the common account. It is ALIC's duty to invest excess funds in an interest-bearing account and/or short-term highly liquid investments. ALIC will credit interest monthly at the average interest earned for positive cash balances during the period or charge interest on any negative balances. Interest credited for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021 was \$1,514, \$69 and \$0, respectively. The parties agree to indemnify one another for any losses of any nature relating to a party's breach of its duties

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under the terms of the agreement. The Company held the following balances for the participating entities in payable to parent, subsidiaries and affiliates as of December 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
CIHI	\$ 167	759
CII	74,156	22,084
ALAC	12,605	24,678
MONT	(5,677)	951
KENW	544	856
CMGO	4,847	5,578
SYRE	91,527	44,280
SUNR	20,284	78,692
ONII	7,344	7,023
ON Flight Inc.	—	80
ONTech, LLC	(1,433)	(4,181)
ON Foreign Holdings, LLC	(1,637)	(314)
Financial Way Realty, Inc.	329	18
Total	<u>\$ 203,056</u>	<u>180,504</u>

(21) Accounting Changes and Corrections of Errors

The Company's December 31, 2022 statutory financial statements reflect a prior period adjustment relating to the recording of premiums assumed from KENW. The events contributing to the adjustment impact surplus as follows:

Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts	\$ 1,165
Federal and foreign income taxes incurred (excluding taxes on capital gains)	<u>(244)</u>
Increase in surplus	<u>\$ 921</u>

The Company's December 31, 2021 statutory financial statements reflect a prior period adjustment relating to the recording of current income taxes. The events contributing to the understatement of taxes impact surplus as follows:

Federal and foreign income taxes incurred (excluding taxes on capital gains)	\$ <u>(4,089)</u>
Decrease in surplus	<u>\$ (4,089)</u>

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The Company's December 31, 2021 statutory financial statements reflect a prior period adjustment relating to the recording of disability income benefits. As of December 31, 2020, disability benefits were understated by \$1,984. As a result, surplus was overstated by \$1,567. The events contributing to the adjustment impact surplus as follows:

Disability benefits and benefits under accident and health contracts	\$ (1,984)
Federal and foreign income taxes incurred (excluding taxes on capital gains)	417
Decrease in surplus	<u>\$ (1,567)</u>

The Company's December 31, 2021 statutory financial statements reflect a prior period adjustment relating to the recording of a previously deferred gain on external reinsurance that should have been recognized in prior years. Surplus as a result of reinsurance as of December 31, 2020 was overstated by \$1,731. The net impact to 2021 surplus was zero. The events contributing to the adjustment impact surplus as follows:

Decrease in surplus as a result of reinsurance	\$ 1,731
Increase in surplus	(1,731)
	<u>\$ —</u>

The cumulative prior period surplus impact of these errors is shown as a direct adjustment to surplus within the Statutory Statements of Changes in Capital and Surplus. SSAP No. 3R, *Accounting Changes and Corrections of Errors*, prescribes that if a reporting entity becomes aware of a material accounting error in a previously filed financial statement after it has been submitted to the appropriate regulatory agency, the entity shall file an amended financial statement unless otherwise directed by the domiciliary regulator. Correction of all immaterial accounting errors in previously issued statutory financial statements, for which an amended financial statement was not filed, shall be reported as adjustments to unassigned funds (surplus) in the period an error is detected.

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The following is a summary of certain financial data.

Investment income earned:

Government bonds	\$ 2,423
Other bonds (unaffiliated)	234,327
Bonds of affiliates	—
Preferred stocks (unaffiliated)	739
Preferred stocks of affiliates	—
Common stocks (unaffiliated)	3,309
Common stocks of affiliates	8,700
Mortgage loans	52,169
Real estate	3,114
Contract loans	38,646
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	5,534
Other invested assets	68,903
Derivative instruments	202
Amortization of interest maintenance reserve	1,574
Aggregate write-ins for investment income	<u>(5,386)</u>
Total investment income earned	<u>\$ 414,254</u>

Real estate owned – book value less encumbrances \$ 23,593

Mortgage loans – book value:

Farm mortgages	\$ —
Residential mortgages	—
Commercial mortgages	<u>1,197,158</u>
Total mortgage loans – book value	<u>\$ 1,197,158</u>

Mortgage loans by standing – book value:

Good standing	\$ 1,197,158
Good standing with restructured terms	
Interest overdue more than three months, not in foreclosure	
Foreclosure in process	

Other long-term assets – statement value \$ 326,740

Contract Loans \$ 926,013

Bonds and stocks of parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates – book value:

Bonds	\$ —
Preferred stocks	—
Common stocks	636,453

Due within one year or less	\$ 286,224
Over 1 year through 5 years	1,399,850
Over 5 years through 10 years	1,105,316
Over 10 years through 20 years	1,248,265
Over 20 years	<u>2,042,530</u>

Total bonds, short-term investments, and certain cash equivalents by maturity - statement value \$ 6,082,185

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Bonds, short-term investments, and certain cash equivalents by class – statement value:	
Class 1	\$ 3,756,346
Class 2	2,196,911
Class 3	115,686
Class 4	8,836
Class 5	3,761
Class 6	645
	<u>6,082,185</u>
Total bonds, short-term investments, and certain cash equivalents by class – statement value	\$ 6,082,185
Total bonds and short-term investments publicly traded	\$ 3,830,755
Total bonds and short-term investments privately placed	\$ 2,251,430
Preferred stocks – statement value	\$ 16,551
Common stocks – market value	\$ 712,029
Short-term investments – book value	\$ —
Cash equivalents – book value	\$ 109,459
Financial options purchased – statement value	\$ 144,638
Financial options written and in force – statement value	\$ (85,054)
Financial Swaps - statement value	\$ 1,302
Financial futures contracts open – current price	\$ 17,280
Cash on deposit	\$ 626,319
Life insurance in force:	
Industrial	\$ —
Ordinary	13,564,377
Credit life	—
Group life	2,694
Amount of accidental death insurance in force under ordinary policies	\$ 46,690
Life insurance policies with disability provisions in force:	
Industrial	\$ —
Ordinary	20,679,152
Credit life	—
Group life	2,694
Supplementary contracts in force:	
Ordinary – not involving life contingencies:	
Amount on deposit	\$ —
Income payable	5,486
Ordinary – involving life contingencies:	
Income payable	527
Group – not involving life contingencies:	
Amount on deposit	—
Income payable	—
Group – involving life contingencies:	
Income payable	—

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Annuities:	
Ordinary:	
Immediate – amount of income payable	\$ 127,924
Deferred – fully paid account balance	2,583,486
Deferred – not fully paid – account balance	—
Group:	
Amount of income payable	\$ 13,383
Fully paid account balance	425,213
Not fully paid – account balance	—
Accident and health insurance – premiums in force:	
Ordinary	\$ 8,428
Group	—
Credit	—
Deposit funds and dividend accumulations:	
Deposit funds – account balance	\$ 820,817
Dividend accumulations – account balance	25,860
Claim payments:	
Group accident and health:	
2023 (incurred)	\$ —
2022 (incurred)	—
2021 (incurred)	—
2020 (incurred)	—
2019 (incurred)	—
Prior (incurred)	—
Other accident and health:	
2023 (incurred)	\$ (27)
2022 (incurred)	(68)
2021 (incurred)	77
2020 (incurred)	15
2019 (incurred)	11
Prior (incurred)	1,471
Other coverages that use developmental methods to calculate claims reserves:	
2023 (incurred)	\$ —
2022 (incurred)	—
2021 (incurred)	—
2020 (incurred)	—
2019 (incurred)	—
Prior (incurred)	—

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Answer the following interrogatories by reporting the applicable U.S. dollar amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in that category of investments.

1. Reporting entity's total admitted assets excluding separate accounts as reported on page two of the Annual Statement: \$10,767,904.
2. Ten largest exposures to a single issuer/borrower/investment.

	<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Description of exposure</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage of total admitted assets</u>
2.01	ON FOREIGN HOLDINGS LLC	LLC	\$ 297,165	2.760%
2.02	AUGUSTAR LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	EQUITY	256,692	2.384
2.03	SUNRISE CAPTIVE RE, LLC	LLC	127,055	1.180
2.04	FIDELITY DIRECT LENDING FUND I	BOND	57,920	0.538
2.05	NATIONAL SECURITY LIF & ANNUITY CO	EQUITY	57,346	0.533
2.06	FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK - CINTI	EQUITY	52,041	0.483
2.07	IBM CORP	BOND	29,062	0.270
2.08	APPLE INC	BOND	28,983	0.269
2.09	PEPSICO INC	BOND	28,652	0.266
2.10	COCA-COLA BOTTLING UNITED INC	BOND	27,202	0.253

3. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in bonds and preferred stocks by NAIC rating.

	<u>Bonds</u>				<u>Preferred stock</u>		
3.01	NAIC-1	\$ 3,756,346	34.885%	P/RP-1	\$ 10,000	0.093%	
3.02	NAIC-2	2,196,911	20.402	P/RP-2	6,551	0.061	
3.03	NAIC-3	115,686	1.074	P/RP-3	—	—	
3.04	NAIC-4	8,836	0.082	P/RP-4	—	—	
3.05	NAIC-5	3,761	0.035	P/RP-5	—	—	
3.06	NAIC-6	645	0.006	P/RP-6	—	—	

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4. Assets held in foreign investments:

4.01 Are assets held in foreign investments less than 2.5% of the reporting entity's total admitted assets?

Yes [] No [X]

4.02	Total admitted assets held in foreign investments	\$	676,470	6.282%
4.03	Foreign-currency-denominated investments		7,736	0.072
4.04	Insurance liabilities denominated in that same foreign currency		—	—

If response to 4.01 above is yes, responses are not required for interrogatories 5 – 10.

5. Aggregate foreign investment exposure categorized by NAIC sovereign rating:

		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
5.01	Countries rated NAIC – 1	\$ 639,964	5.943%
5.02	Countries rated NAIC – 2	29,598	0.275
5.03	Countries rated NAIC – 3 or below	6,908	0.064

6. Largest foreign investment exposures by country, categorized by NAIC sovereign rating:

		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
	Countries rated NAIC – 1:		
6.01	Country 1: CAYMAN ISLANDS	\$ 173,916	1.615%
6.02	Country 2: AUSTRALIA	143,598	1.334
	Countries rated NAIC – 2:		
6.03	Country 1: MEXICO	29,598	0.275
6.04	Country 2:	—	—
	Countries rated NAIC – 3 or below:		
6.05	Country 1: BAHAMAS	4,410	0.041
6.06	Country 2: BRAZIL	2,498	0.023

7. Aggregate unhedged foreign currency exposure:

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
\$	—	—%

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8. Aggregate unhedged foreign currency exposure categorized by NAIC sovereign rating:

		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
8.01	Countries rated NAIC – 1	\$ —	—%
8.02	Countries rated NAIC – 2	—	—
8.03	Countries rated NAIC – 3 or below	—	—

9. Largest unhedged foreign currency exposures by country, categorized by NAIC sovereign rating:

		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
	Countries rated NAIC – 1:		
9.01	Country:	\$ —	—%
9.02	Country:	—	—
	Countries rated NAIC – 2:		
9.03	Country:	—	—
9.04	Country:	—	—
	Countries rated NAIC – 3 or below:		
9.05	Country:	—	—
9.06	Country:	—	—

10. Ten largest non-sovereign (i.e. non-governmental) foreign issues:

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
	Issuer	NAIC rating		
10.01	SHV NEDERLAND B.V.	2	17,000	0.158%
10.02	GOLUB CAPITAL PARTNERS CLO LTD	1	17,000	0.158
10.03	STANDARD CHARTERED BANK	2	15,233	0.141
10.04	PILI 1 PORTFOLIO SCSP (PERMIRA	1	15,000	0.139
10.05	CSLB HOLDINGS INC	1	14,736	0.137
10.06	BAE SYSTEMS PLC	2	14,694	0.136
10.07	BABSON CLO LTD	1	14,000	0.130
10.08	SHELL INTERNATIONAL FINANCE	1	13,439	0.125
10.09	TOTALENERGIES CAPITAL INTL SA	1	13,158	0.122
10.10	LONSDALE FINANCE PTY LIMITED	2	12,000	0.111

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11. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in Canadian investments and unhedged Canadian currency exposure:

11.01 Are assets held in Canadian investments less than 2.5% of the reporting entity's total admitted assets?

Yes No

If response to 11.01 above is yes, detail is not required for remainder of Interrogatory 11.

12. Report aggregate amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in investments with contractual sales restrictions.

12.01 Are assets held in investments with contractual sales restrictions less than 2.5% of the reporting entity's total admitted assets?

Yes No

If response to 12.01 above is yes, responses are not required for the remainder of Interrogatory 12.

13. Amounts and percentages of admitted assets held in the ten largest equity interests:

13.01 Are assets held in equity interest less than 2.5% of the reporting entity's total admitted assets?

Yes No

If response to 13.01 above is yes, responses are not required for the remainder of Interrogatory 13.

	1	2	3
	Issuer		
13.02	ON FOREIGN HOLDINGS	\$ 297,165	2.760
13.03	AUGUSTAR LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	256,692	2.384
13.04	NATIONAL SECURITY LIFE & ANNUITY CO	57,346	0.533
13.05	FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK - CINTI	52,041	0.483
13.06	CAMARGO RE INC	25,250	0.234
13.07	CARLYLE TACTICAL PVT CRDT FUND	5,000	0.046
13.08	CION ARES	5,000	0.046
13.09	MORGAN STANLEY	4,952	0.046
13.10	PUBLIC STORAGE	1,494	0.014
13.11	RIESEL HOLDCO LLC	334	0.003

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14. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in nonaffiliated privately placed equities:

14.01 Are assets held in nonaffiliated, privately placed equities less than 2.5% of the reporting entity's total admitted assets?

Yes No

If response to 14.01 above is yes, responses are not required for the remainder of Interrogatory 14.

15. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in general partnership interests:

15.01 Are assets held in general partnership interests less than 2.5% of the reporting entity's total admitted assets?

Yes No

If response to 15.01 above is yes, responses are not required for the remainder of Interrogatory 15.

16. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in mortgage loans:

16.01 Are mortgage loans reported in Schedule B less than 2.5% of the reporting entity's total admitted assets?

Yes No

If response to 16.01 above is yes, responses are not required for the remainder of Interrogatory 16 and Interrogatory 17.

	1	2	3
	Type (residential, commercial, agricultural)		
16.02	COMMERCIAL	21,129	0.196%
16.03	COMMERCIAL	20,822	0.193
16.04	COMMERCIAL	19,053	0.177
16.05	COMMERCIAL	18,409	0.171
16.06	COMMERCIAL	18,000	0.167
16.07	COMMERCIAL	14,996	0.139
16.08	COMMERCIAL	14,860	0.138
16.09	COMMERCIAL	14,572	0.135
16.10	COMMERCIAL	13,905	0.129
16.11	COMMERCIAL	13,834	0.128

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Amount and percentage of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in the following categories of mortgage loans:

		Loans	
16.12 Construction loans	\$	—	—%
16.13 Mortgage loans over 90 days past due		—	—
16.14 Mortgage loans in the process of foreclosure		—	—
16.15 Mortgage loans foreclosed		—	—
16.16 Restructured mortgage loans		—	—

17. Aggregate mortgage loans having the following loan-to-value ratios as determined from the most current appraisal as of the annual statement date:

	Loan-to-value		Residential		Commercial		Agricultural	
17.01	Above 95%	\$	—	—%	\$ 21,738	0.202%	\$ —	—%
17.02	91% to 95%		—	—	5,444	0.051	—	—
17.03	81% to 90%		—	—	21,543	0.200	—	—
17.04	71% to 80%		—	—	47,264	0.439	—	—
17.05	Below 70%		—	—	1,101,169	10.226	—	—

18. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in each of the five largest investments in real estate:

18.01 Are assets held in real estate reported less than 2.5% of the reporting entity's total admitted assets?

Yes No

If response to 18.01 above is yes, responses are not required for the remainder of Interrogatory 18.

19. Report aggregate amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets held in investments held in mezzanine real estate loans:

19.01 Are assets held in investments held in mezzanine real estate loans less than 2.5% of the reporting entity's total admitted assets?

Yes No

If response to 19.01 above is yes, responses are not required for the remainder of Interrogatory 19.

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20. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets subject to the following types of agreements:

	At year-end		At end of each quarter		
			1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.
	1	2	3	4	5
20.01 Securities lending agreements (do not include assets held as collateral for such transactions)	\$ 156,430	1.453%	137,256	116,614	131,346
20.02 Repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	—
20.03 Reverse repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	—
20.04 Dollar repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	—
20.05 Dollar reverse repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	—

21. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets for warrants not attached to other financial instruments, options, caps, and floors:

	Owned		Written	
	1	2	3	4
21.01 Hedging	\$ —	—%	\$ —	—%
21.02 Income generation	—	—	—	—
21.03 Other	—	—	—	—

22. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets of potential exposure for collars, swaps, and forwards:

	At year-end		At end of each quarter		
			1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.
	1	2	3	4	5
22.01 Hedging	\$ 42	—%	\$ 57	53	48
22.02 Income generation	—	—	—	—	—
22.03 Replications	—	—	—	—	—
22.04 Other	—	—	—	—	—

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23. Amounts and percentages of the reporting entity's total admitted assets of potential exposure for future contracts:

	At year-end		At end of each quarter		
	1	2	1st Qtr. 3	2nd Qtr. 4	3rd Qtr. 5
	23.01 Hedging	\$ 25,488	0.237%	\$ 24,562	24,562
23.02 Income generation	—	—	—	—	—
23.03 Replications	—	—	—	—	—
23.04 Other	—	—	—	—	—

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Summary of Investments

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Investment categories	Gross investment holdings*		Admitted assets as reported in Annual Statement	
	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage
Bonds				
U.S. Governments	\$ 152,934	1.50 %	\$ 152,934	1.50 %
All Other Governments	6,999	0.07	6,999	0.07
U.S. States, Territories, and Possessions, etc., Guaranteed	895,352	8.76	895,352	8.76
U.S. Political Subdivisions of States, Territories and Possessions, Guaranteed	2,730	0.03	2,730	0.03
U.S. Special Revenue and Special Assessment Obligations, etc., Non-Guaranteed	143,403	1.40	143,403	1.40
Industrial and Miscellaneous	4,877,767	47.71	4,877,767	47.71
Hybrid Securities	3,000	0.03	3,000	0.03
Parent, Subsidiaries and Affiliates	—	—	—	—
SVO Identified Funds	—	—	—	—
Unaffiliated Bank Loans	—	—	—	—
Preferred Stocks				
Industrial and Misc. (Unaffiliated)	16,551	0.16	16,551	0.16
Parent, Subsidiaries and Affiliates	—	—	—	—
Common Stocks				
Industrial and Miscellaneous Publicly Traded (Unaffiliated)	33	—	33	—
Industrial and Miscellaneous Other (Unaffiliated)	52,375	0.51	52,375	0.51
Parent, Subsidiaries and Affiliates Publicly Traded	—	—	—	—
Parent, Subsidiaries and Affiliates Other	636,453	6.23	636,453	6.23
Mutual Funds	—	—	—	—
Unit Investment Trusts	—	—	—	—
Closed-End Funds	—	—	—	—
Mortgage loans:				
Farm Mortgages	—	—	—	—
Residential Mortgages	—	—	—	—
Commercial Mortgages	1,197,158	11.70	1,197,158	11.70
Mezzanine Real Estate Loans	—	—	—	—
Real Estate				
Properties Occupied by Company	—	—	—	—
Properties Held for Production of Income	23,593	0.23	23,593	0.23
Properties Held for Sale	—	—	—	—
Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Short-Term Investments				
Cash	626,319	6.13	626,319	6.13
Cash Equivalents	109,459	1.07	109,459	1.07
Short-Term Investments	—	—	—	—
Contract loans	926,013	9.06	926,013	9.06
Derivatives	60,886	0.60	60,886	0.60
Other Invested Assets	326,740	3.20	326,740	3.20
Receivables for Securities	2,050	0.02	2,050	0.02
Securities Lending	162,366	1.59	162,366	1.59
Other Invested Assets	—	—	—	—
Total invested assets	\$ 10,222,181	100.00 %	\$ 10,222,181	100.00 %

* Gross investment holdings as valued in compliance with NAIC accounting practices and procedures.

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Reinsurance Risk Interrogatories

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The following information regarding reinsurance agreements is presented to satisfy the disclosure requirements in SSAP No. 61R, *Life, Deposit-Type and Accident and Health Reinsurance*, which apply to reinsurance agreements entered into, renewed or amended on or after January 1, 1996.

1. Has ALIC ceded any reinsurance contracts (or multiple contracts with the same reinsurer or its affiliates) that is subject to Appendix A-791, Life and Health Reinsurance Agreements, and includes a provision that limits the reinsurer's assumption of significant risks identified in Appendix A-791?

Examples of risk-limiting features include provisions such as a deductible, a loss ratio corridor, a loss cap, an aggregate limit or other provisions that result in similar effects?

Yes No

If yes, indicate the number of reinsurance agreements to which such provisions apply: 2

If yes, indicate if deposit accounting was applied for all contracts subject to Appendix A-791 that limit significant risks.

Yes No N/A

2. Has ALIC ceded any risk with any other entity under a reinsurance contract (or multiple contracts with the same reinsurer or its affiliates) that is not subject to Appendix A-791, for which reinsurance accounting was applied and includes a provision that limits the reinsurer's assumption of risk?

Examples of risk-limiting features include provisions such as a deductible, a loss ratio corridor, a loss cap, an aggregate limit or other provisions that result in similar effects. Note that stop loss or excess loss reinsurance agreement with deductibles or loss caps which apply to the entire contract and are not adjustable based on other features, do not require disclosure under this paragraph.

Yes No

If yes, indicate the number of reinsurance agreements to which such provisions apply: _____

If yes, indicate whether the reinsurance credit was reduced for the risk-limiting features.

Yes No N/A

3. Does ALIC have any ceded reinsurance contracts (other than reinsurance agreements with a federal or state facility) that contain one or more of the following features which may result in delays in payment in form or in fact:

- (a) Provisions that permit the reporting of losses to be made less frequently than quarterly;
- (b) Provisions that permit settlements to be made less frequently than quarterly;
- (c) Provisions that permit payments due from the reinsurer to not be made in cash within ninety (90) days of the settlement date (unless there is no activity during the period); or
- (d) The existence of payment schedules, accumulating retentions from multiple years, or any features inherently designed to delay timing of the reimbursement to the ceding entity.

Yes No

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4. Has ALIC reflected reinsurance accounting credit for any agreements that are not subject to Appendix A-791 and not yearly renewable term reinsurance, which meet the risk transfer requirements of SSAP No. 61R?

Type of agreement:	Response:	Identify reinsurance agreement(s):	Has the insured event(s) triggering contract coverage been recognized?
Assumption reinsurance – new for the reporting period	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None	N/A

5. Has ALIC ceded any risk, which is not subject to Appendix A-791 and not yearly renewable term reinsurance, under any reinsurance agreement (or multiple agreements with the same reinsurer or its affiliates) during the period covered by the financial statements, and either:

(a) Accounted for that contract as reinsurance under statutory accounting principles (SAP) and as a deposit under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP); or

Yes No N/A

(b) Accounted for that contract as reinsurance under U.S. GAAP and as a deposit under SAP?

Yes No N/A

If the answer to item (a) or item (b) is yes, include relevant information regarding GAAP to SAP differences from the accounting policy footnote to the audited statutory-basis financial statements to explain why the agreement(s) is treated differently for GAAP and SAP below:

See accompanying independent auditors' report.