

EVEREST REINSURANCE (BERMUDA), LTD.

(a wholly owned subsidiary of Everest Re Group, Ltd.)

GAAP Financial Statements

For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016



Report of Independent Auditors

To the Board of Directors and Shareholder of Everest Reinsurance (Bermuda), Ltd.:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Everest Reinsurance (Bermuda), Ltd., which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss), changes in shareholder's equity, and cash flows for the years then ended.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the Company's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Everest Reinsurance (Bermuda), Ltd. as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 14 to the financial statements, the Company has entered into significant transactions with related parties. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matter

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the information about incurred and paid claims development for the years ended December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2016 on pages 20 and 21 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Financial Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
April 25, 2018

EVEREST REINSURANCE (BERMUDA), LTD.
BALANCE SHEETS

	December 31,	
	2017	2016
(Dollars in thousands, except par value per share)		
ASSETS:		
Fixed maturities - available for sale, at market value (amortized cost: 2017, \$7,946,572; 2016, \$6,517,412)	\$ 7,990,830	\$ 6,616,464
Equity securities - available for sale, at market value (cost: 2017, \$121,235; 2016, \$122,086)	120,269	111,401
Short-term investments	96,826	85,666
Other invested assets (cost: 2017, \$647,257; 2016, \$517,546)	647,257	517,546
Cash	160,012	66,166
Total investments and cash	9,015,194	7,397,243
Accrued investment income	49,881	44,496
Premiums receivable	834,081	934,818
Reinsurance receivables - unaffiliated	174,244	142,715
Reinsurance receivables - affiliated	537,524	416,934
Income taxes	683	-
Funds held by reinsureds	90,406	158,487
Deferred acquisition costs	96,024	259,514
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	96,193	23,698
Other assets	11,098	8,321
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 10,905,328	\$ 9,386,226
LIABILITIES:		
Reserve for losses and loss adjustment expenses	\$ 6,921,652	\$ 5,136,952
Future policy benefit reserve	51,014	55,074
Unearned premium reserve	433,872	810,326
Funds held under reinsurance treaties	23,935	29,475
Losses in course of payment	218,200	335,752
Income taxes	-	11,642
Other net payable to reinsurers	103,108	39,908
Equity index put option liability	12,477	22,059
Deferred gain on retroactive reinsurance	22,903	-
Other liabilities	32,198	34,224
Total liabilities	7,819,359	6,475,412
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 13)		
SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY:		
Common shares, par value: \$1.00; 1.25 million shares authorized, issued and outstanding (2017 and 2016)	1,250	1,250
Additional paid-in capital	1,331,801	1,331,801
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of deferred income tax expense (benefit) of \$11,011 at 2017 and \$20,952 at 2016	(91,139)	(89,469)
Retained earnings	1,844,057	1,667,232
Total shareholder's equity	3,085,969	2,910,814
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY	\$ 10,905,328	\$ 9,386,226

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

EVEREST REINSURANCE (BERMUDA), LTD.
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(Dollars in thousands)	Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
REVENUES:		
Premiums earned	\$ 3,544,424	\$ 2,911,951
Net investment income	250,134	208,326
Net realized capital gains (losses):		
Other-than-temporary impairments on fixed maturity securities	(1,016)	(5,916)
Other-than-temporary impairments on fixed maturity securities transferred to other comprehensive income (loss)	-	-
Other net realized capital gains (losses)	16,202	8,908
Total net realized capital gains (losses)	15,186	2,992
Net derivative gain (loss)	9,581	18,647
Other income (expense)	(50,992)	(34,827)
Total revenues	3,768,333	3,107,089
CLAIMS AND EXPENSES:		
Incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses	2,162,797	1,586,441
Commission, brokerage, taxes and fees	1,003,293	835,285
Other underwriting expenses	27,131	26,455
Total claims and expenses	3,193,221	2,448,181
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TAXES	575,112	658,908
Income tax expense (benefit)	(1,713)	1,312
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 576,825	\$ 657,596
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:		
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) ("URA(D)") on securities arising during the period	(21,051)	80,994
Less: reclassification adjustment for realized losses (gains) included in net income (loss)	(14,085)	(1,678)
Total URA(D) on securities arising during the period	(35,136)	79,316
Foreign currency translation adjustments	33,466	(43,073)
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	(1,670)	36,243
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 575,155	\$ 693,839

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EVEREST REINSURANCE (BERMUDA), LTD.
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
(Dollars in thousands, except share amounts)		
COMMON SHARES (shares outstanding):		
Balance, beginning of period	1,250,000	1,250,000
Balance, end of period	1,250,000	1,250,000
COMMON SHARES (par value):		
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250
Balance, end of period	1,250	1,250
ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL:		
Balance, beginning of period	1,331,801	1,331,054
Share-based compensation plans	-	747
Balance, end of period	1,331,801	1,331,801
ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS), NET OF DEFERRED INCOME TAXES:		
Balance, beginning of period	(89,469)	(125,712)
Net increase (decrease) during the period	(1,670)	36,243
Balance, end of period	(91,139)	(89,469)
RETAINED EARNINGS:		
Balance, beginning of period	1,667,232	1,659,636
Net income (loss)	576,825	657,596
Dividends paid	(400,000)	(650,000)
Balance, end of period	1,844,057	1,667,232
TOTAL SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY, END OF PERIOD	\$ 3,085,969	\$ 2,910,814

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EVEREST REINSURANCE (BERMUDA), LTD.
STATEMENTS CASH FLOWS

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
(Dollars in thousands)		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income (loss)	\$ 576,825	\$ 657,596
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Decrease (increase) in premiums receivable	106,033	390,423
Decrease (increase) in funds held by reinsureds, net	65,187	(10,014)
Decrease (increase) in reinsurance receivables	(107,842)	(52,933)
Increase (decrease) in reserve for losses and loss adjustment expenses	889,713	353,526
Increase (decrease) in future policy benefit reserve	(4,060)	(3,836)
Increase (decrease) in unearned premiums	(382,249)	(53,570)
Increase (decrease) in losses in course of payment	(117,031)	(216,312)
Increase (decrease) in other net payable to reinsurer	59,988	14,733
Change in equity adjustments in limited partnerships	(46,945)	(17,869)
Distribution of limited partnership income	17,196	29,395
Change in other assets and liabilities, net	121,266	(73,663)
Amortization of bond premium (accrual of bond discount)	22,220	25,060
Net realized capital (gains) losses	(15,186)	(2,992)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>1,185,115</u>	<u>1,039,544</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from fixed maturities matured/called - available for sale, at market value	1,008,251	913,034
Proceeds from fixed maturities sold - available for sale, at market value	602,917	476,394
Proceeds from equity securities sold - available for sale, at market value	18,802	4,381
Distributions from other invested assets	2,470,784	2,132,874
Cost of fixed maturities acquired - available for sale, at market value	(2,172,887)	(1,700,954)
Cost of equity securities acquired - available for sale, at market value	(20,824)	(9,652)
Cost of other invested assets acquired	(2,558,639)	(2,348,471)
Net change in short-term investments	(9,529)	113,151
Net change in unsettled securities transactions	6,020	(36)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(655,105)</u>	<u>(419,279)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Common shares issued during the period for share-based compensation, net of expense	(275)	-
Dividends paid to shareholder	(400,000)	(650,000)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>(400,275)</u>	<u>(650,000)</u>
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH	<u>(35,889)</u>	<u>62,363</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	93,846	32,628
Cash, beginning of period	66,166	33,538
Cash, end of period	<u>\$ 160,012</u>	<u>\$ 66,166</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Income taxes paid (recovered)	\$ (792)	\$ 9,010
NON-CASH TRANSACTION:		
Transfer of fixed maturities, available for sale, at market value from Everest Reinsurance Company as part of the settlement for loss portfolio transfer agreement as of 12/31/17	\$ 790,583	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Business and Basis of Presentation.

Everest Reinsurance (Bermuda) Ltd. (the "Company" or "Bermuda Re"), a Bermuda insurance company and direct wholly owned subsidiary of Everest Re Group, Ltd. ("Group"), is registered as a Class 4 insurer and long-term insurer and underwrites property and casualty reinsurance and insurance and life and annuity business. The Company's U.K. branch writes property and casualty reinsurance for the United Kingdom and European markets.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). All amounts are reported in U.S. dollars.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities (and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities) at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Ultimate actual results could differ, possibly materially, from those estimates.

Certain reclassifications and format changes have been made to prior years' amounts to conform to the 2017 presentation.

B. Investments.

Fixed maturity and equity security investments available for sale, at market value, reflect unrealized appreciation and depreciation, as a result of temporary changes in market value during the period, in shareholders' equity, net of income taxes in "accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)" in the balance sheets. The Company records changes in fair value for its fixed maturities and equities available for sale, at market value through shareholders' equity, net of taxes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) since cash flows from these investments will be primarily used to settle its reserve for losses and loss adjustment expense liabilities. The Company anticipates holding these investments for an extended period as the cash flow from interest and maturities will fund the projected payout of these liabilities. Most of the Company's equity securities are mutual fund investments whose underlying investments are comprised of fixed maturity securities. Interest income on all fixed maturities and dividend income on all equity securities are included as part of net investment income in the statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). Unrealized losses on fixed maturities, which are deemed other-than-temporary and related to the credit quality of a security, are charged to net income (loss) as net realized capital losses. Short-term investments are stated at cost, which approximates market value. Realized gains or losses on sales of investments are determined on the basis of identified cost. For some non-publicly traded securities, market prices are determined through the use of pricing models that evaluate securities relative to the U.S. Treasury yield curve, taking into account the issue type, credit quality, and cash flow characteristics of each security. For other non-publicly traded securities, an investment manager's valuation committee will estimate fair value, which is reviewed by the Company for reasonableness. For publicly traded securities, market value is based on quoted market prices or valuation models that use observable market inputs. When a sector of the financial markets is inactive or illiquid, the Company may use its own assumptions about future cash flows and risk-adjusted discount rates to determine fair value. Retrospective adjustments are employed to recalculate the values of asset-backed securities. Each acquisition lot is reviewed to recalculate the effective yield. The recalculated effective yield is used to derive a book value as if the new yield were applied at the time of acquisition. Outstanding principal factors from the time of acquisition to the adjustment date are used to calculate the prepayment history for all applicable securities. Conditional prepayment rates, computed with life to date factor histories and weighted average maturities, are used to effect the calculation of projected and prepayments for pass-through security types. Other invested assets include limited partnership investments, which are accounted for under the equity method of accounting and recorded on a quarterly lag and a private placement liquidity sweep facility. Cash contributions to and cash

distributions from the sweep facility are reported gross in cash flows from investing activities in the statements of cash flows.

C. Uncollectible Receivable Balances.

The Company provides reserves for uncollectible reinsurance recoverable and premium receivable balances based on management's assessment of the collectability of the outstanding balances. Such reserves are presented in the table below for the periods indicated.

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
(Dollars in thousands)		
Reinsurance recoverable and premium receivables	\$ 339	\$ 295

D. Deferred Acquisition Costs.

Acquisition costs, consisting principally of commissions and brokerage expenses and certain premium taxes and fees incurred at the time a contract or policy is issued and that vary with and are directly related to the Company's reinsurance and insurance business, are deferred and amortized over the period in which the related premiums are earned. Deferred acquisition costs are limited to their estimated realizable value by line of business based on the related unearned premiums, anticipated claims and claim expenses and anticipated investment income. Deferred acquisition costs amortized to income are presented in the table below for the periods indicated.

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
(Dollars in thousands)		
Deferred acquisition costs	\$ 1,003,293	\$ 835,285

E. Reserve for Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses.

The reserve for losses and loss adjustment expenses ("LAE") is based on individual case estimates and reports received from ceding companies. A provision is included for losses and LAE incurred but not reported ("IBNR") based on past experience. A provision is also included for certain potential liabilities relating to asbestos and environmental ("A&E") exposures, which liabilities cannot be estimated using traditional reserving techniques. See also Note 4. The reserves are reviewed periodically and any changes in estimates are reflected in earnings in the period the adjustment is made. The Company's loss and LAE reserves represent management's best estimate of the ultimate liability. Loss and LAE reserves are presented gross of reinsurance receivables and incurred losses and LAE are presented net of reinsurance.

Accruals for commissions are established for reinsurance contracts that provide for the stated commission percentage to increase or decrease based on the loss experience of the contract. Changes in estimates for such arrangements are recorded as commission expense. Commission accruals for contracts with adjustable features are estimated based on expected loss and LAE.

F. Future Policy Benefit Reserve.

Liabilities for future policy benefits on annuity policies are carried at their accumulated values. Reserves for policy benefits include mortality claims in the process of settlement and IBNR claims. Actual experience in a particular period may fluctuate from expected results.

G. Premium Revenues.

Written premiums are earned ratably over the periods of the related insurance and reinsurance contracts. Unearned premium reserves are established relative to the unexpired contract period. Such reserves are established based upon reports received from ceding companies or estimated using pro rata methods based on statistical data. Reinstatement premiums represent additional premium received on reinsurance coverages, most prevalently catastrophe related, when limits have been depleted under the original reinsurance contract and additional coverage is granted. Written and earned premiums and the related costs, which have not yet been reported to the Company, are estimated and accrued. Premiums are net of ceded reinsurance.

Payout annuity premiums are recognized as revenue over the premium-paying period of the policies.

H. Prepaid Reinsurance Premiums.

Prepaid reinsurance premiums represent unearned premium reserves ceded to other reinsurers.

I. Income Taxes.

The U.K. branch of Bermuda Re files a U.K. income tax return. Income taxes have been recorded to recognize the tax effect of temporary differences between the financial reporting and income tax bases of assets and liabilities, which arise because of differences between GAAP and U.K. income tax accounting rules.

J. Foreign Currency.

Assets and liabilities relating to foreign operations are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date; revenues and expenses are translated into U.S. dollars using average exchange rates in effect during the reporting period. Gains and losses resulting from translating foreign currency financial statements, net of deferred income taxes, are excluded from net income (loss) and accumulated in shareholder's equity. Gains and losses resulting from foreign currency transactions, other than debt securities available for sale, are recorded through the statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) in other income (expense). Gains and losses resulting from changes in the foreign currency exchange rates on debt securities, available for sale at market value, are recorded in the balance sheets in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) as unrealized appreciation (depreciation) and any losses which are deemed other-than-temporary are charged to net income (loss) as net realized capital loss.

K. Derivatives.

The Company sold seven equity index put option contracts, based on two indices, in 2001 and 2005. The Company sold these equity index put options as insurance products with the intent of achieving a profit. These equity index put option contracts meet the definition of a derivative under FASB guidance and the Company's position in these equity index put option contracts is unhedged. Accordingly, these equity index put option contracts are carried at fair value in the balance sheets with changes in fair value recorded in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). One of these contracts expired on June 9, 2017, with no liability due under the terms of the contract.

The fair value of the equity index put options can be found in the Company's balance sheets as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)		At December 31,	
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments	Location of fair value in balance sheet	2017	2016
Equity index put option contracts	Equity index put option liability	\$ 12,477	\$ 22,059
Total		\$ 12,477	\$ 22,059

The change in fair value of the equity index put option contracts can be found in the Company's statement of operations and comprehensive income (loss) as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)		For the Years Ended December 31,	
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments	Location of gain (loss) in statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss)	2017	2016
Equity index put option contracts	Net derivative gain (loss)	\$ 9,581	\$ 18,647
Total		\$ 9,581	\$ 18,647

L. Deposit Assets and Liabilities.

In the normal course of its operations, the Company may enter into contracts that do not meet risk transfer provisions. Such contracts are accounted for using the deposit accounting method and are included in other liabilities in the Company's balance sheets. For such contracts, the Company originally records deposit liabilities for an amount equivalent to the assets received. Actuarial studies are used to estimate the final liabilities under such contracts with any change reflected in the statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

M. Retroactive Reinsurance.

The gains on assumed retroactive contracts are deferred and amortized into income based on cash payouts. Losses on assumed retroactive contracts are recognized immediately into income.

N. Application of Recently Issued Accounting Standard Changes.

Amortization of Bond Premium. In March 2017, FASB issued ASU 2017-08 which outlines guidance on the amortization period for premium on callable debt securities. The new guidance requires that the premium on callable debt securities be amortized through the earliest call date rather than through the maturity date of the callable security. The guidance is effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. The Company does not expect the adoption of ASU 2017-08 to have a material impact on its financial statements.

Valuation of Financial Instruments. In June 2016, FASB issued ASU 2016-13 which outlines guidance on the valuation of and accounting for assets measured at amortized cost and available for sale debt securities. The carrying value of assets measured at amortized cost will now be presented as the amount expected to be collected on the financial asset (amortized cost less an allowance for credit losses valuation account). Available for sale debt securities will now record credit losses through an allowance for credit losses, which will be limited to the amount by which fair value is below amortized cost. The guidance is effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of ASU 2016-13 on its financial statements.

Leases. In February 2016, FASB issued ASU 2016-02 which outlines new guidance on the accounting for leases. The new guidance requires the recognition of lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheets for most leases that were previously deemed operating leases and required only lease expense presentation in the statements of operations. The guidance is effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of ASU 2016-02 on its financial statements.

Recognition and Measurement of Financial Instruments. In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-01 which outlines revised guidance on the accounting for equity investments. The new guidance states that all equity investments in unconsolidated entities will be measured at fair value, with the change in value being recorded through the income statement rather than being recorded within other comprehensive income. The updated guidance is effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company does not expect the adoption of ASU 2016-01 to have a material impact on its financial statements.

Disclosures about Short-Duration Contracts. In May 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-09, authoritative guidance regarding required disclosures associated with short duration insurance contracts. The new disclosure requirements focus on information about initial claim estimates and subsequent claim estimate adjustment, methodologies in estimating claims and the timing, frequency and severity of claims related to short duration insurance contracts. This guidance is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016 and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company implemented this guidance effective in the fourth quarter of 2017.

Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities that Calculate Net Asset Value Per Share. In May 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-07, which removes the requirement to categorize, within the fair value hierarchy, investments for which fair values are estimated using the net asset value practical expedient provided by Accounting Standards Codification 820, Fair Value Measurement. The updated guidance is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The Company implemented this guidance effective in the fourth quarter of 2016. The adoption did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

Revenue Recognition. In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09 which outlines revised guidance on the recognition of revenue arising from contracts with customers. The new guidance states that reporting entities should apply certain steps to determine when revenue should be recognized, based upon fulfillment of performance obligations to complete contracts. The updated guidance is effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company does not expect the adoption of ASU 2014-09 to have a material impact on its financial statements.

2. REVISIONS TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In preparing its current period GAAP financial statements, Bermuda Re altered its process of assuming certain commissions and deferred acquisition costs under an affiliated quota share agreement. In previous reporting periods, these commissions and deferred acquisition costs were assumed based upon a quarter lag. In the current reporting period, the quarter lag was eliminated and these expenses are now recorded on a current period basis. Although management determined that the impact of the assumed lag was not material to prior period financial statements, the effect of eliminating the assumed lag would have significantly impacted results within the current period. As a result, management has revised the affected line item balances within the financial statements to eliminate the impact of the previous recording lag.

In accordance with guidance provided by the Bermuda Monetary Authority ("BMA"), management has treated these GAAP revisions consistent with U.S. GAAP accounting standards. Management assessed the materiality of this change within prior period financial statements based upon SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin Number 99, Materiality, which is codified in Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 250, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections. In accordance with ASC 250, the prior period comparative financial statements that are presented herein have been revised.

The following tables present line items for prior period financial statements that have been affected by the revision. For these line items, the tables detail the amounts as previously reported, the impact upon those line items due to the revision, and the amounts as currently revised within the financial statements.

BALANCE SHEETS	December 31, 2016		
	As Previously Reported	Impact of Revisions	As Revised
(Dollars in thousands)			
ASSETS:			
Premiums receivable	\$ 979,911	\$ (45,093)	\$ 934,818
Deferred acquisition costs	254,211	5,303	259,514
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 9,426,016	\$ (39,790)	\$ 9,386,226
STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY:			
Retained earnings	\$ 1,707,022	\$ (39,790)	\$ 1,667,232
Total stockholder's equity	2,950,604	(39,790)	2,910,814
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	\$ 9,426,016	\$ (39,790)	\$ 9,386,226
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS):	Year Ended December 31, 2016		
	As Previously Reported	Impact of Revisions	As Revised
(Dollars in thousands)			
CLAIMS AND EXPENSES:			
Commission, brokerage, taxes and fees	\$ 826,726	\$ 8,559	\$ 835,285
Total claims and expenses	2,439,622	8,559	2,448,181
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TAXES	667,467	(8,559)	658,908
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 666,155	\$ (8,559)	\$ 657,596
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 702,398	\$ (8,559)	\$ 693,839

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN
STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

	Year Ended December 31, 2016		
	As Previously Reported	Impact of Revisions	As Revised
(Dollars in thousands)			
RETAINED EARNINGS:			
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 1,690,867	\$ (31,231)	\$ 1,659,636
Net income (loss)	666,155	(8,559)	657,596
Balance, end of period	1,707,022	(39,790)	1,667,232
TOTAL STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY, END OF PERIOD	\$ 2,950,604	\$ (39,790)	\$ 2,910,814

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Year Ended December 31, 2016		
	As Previously Reported	Impact of Revisions	As Revised
(Dollars in thousands)			
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net income (loss)	\$ 666,155	\$ (8,559)	\$ 657,596
Decrease (increase) in premiums receivable	382,810	7,613	390,423
Change in other assets and liabilities, net	(75,355)	946	(74,409)

3. INVESTMENTS

The amortized cost, market value and gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of available for sale, fixed maturity, equity security investments, carried at market value and other-than-temporary impairments ("OTTI") in accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI") are as follows for the periods indicated:

	At December 31, 2017				
	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Appreciation	Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	OTTI in AOCI (a)
(Dollars in thousands)					
Fixed maturity securities					
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of					
U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$ 432,683	\$ 7,657	\$ (2,578)	\$ 437,762	\$ -
U.S. Corporate securities	3,164,793	48,518	(17,002)	3,196,309	-
Asset-backed securities	327,635	638	(1,334)	326,939	2,320
Mortgage-backed securities					
Commercial	162,522	500	(1,591)	161,431	-
Agency residential	1,914,054	6,183	(23,353)	1,896,884	-
Non-agency residential	251	2	-	253	-
Foreign government securities	625,019	21,601	(19,142)	627,478	178
Foreign corporate securities	1,319,615	42,319	(18,160)	1,343,774	574
Total fixed maturity securities	<u>\$ 7,946,572</u>	<u>\$ 127,418</u>	<u>\$ (83,160)</u>	<u>\$ 7,990,830</u>	<u>\$ 3,072</u>
Equity securities	<u>\$ 121,235</u>	<u>\$ 2,406</u>	<u>\$ (3,372)</u>	<u>\$ 120,269</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

(Dollars in thousands)	At December 31, 2016				
	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Appreciation	Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	OTTI in AOCI (a)
Fixed maturity securities					
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of					
U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$ 89,193	\$ 12,590	\$ (686)	\$ 101,097	\$ -
U.S. Corporate securities	2,582,610	69,029	(13,854)	2,637,785	-
Asset-backed securities	290,384	466	(1,061)	289,789	3,016
Mortgage-backed securities					
Commercial	210,339	1,584	(2,848)	209,075	-
Agency residential	1,520,333	10,981	(16,477)	1,514,837	-
Non-agency residential	319	2	(1)	320	-
Foreign government securities	593,448	30,343	(31,930)	591,861	115
Foreign corporate securities	1,230,786	68,618	(27,704)	1,271,700	1,009
Total fixed maturity securities	\$ 6,517,412	\$ 193,613	\$ (94,561)	\$ 6,616,464	\$ 4,140
Equity securities	\$ 122,086	\$ 2,099	\$ (12,784)	\$ 111,401	\$ -

(a) Represents the amount of OTTI recognized in AOCI. Amount includes unrealized gains and losses on impaired securities relating to changes in the value of such securities subsequent to the impairment measurement date.

The amortized cost and market value of fixed maturity securities are shown in the following table by contractual maturity. Mortgage-backed securities are generally more likely to be prepaid than other fixed maturity securities. As the stated maturity of such securities may not be indicative of actual maturities, the totals for mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities are shown separately.

(Dollars in thousands)	At December 31, 2017		At December 31, 2016	
	Amortized Cost	Market Value	Amortized Cost	Market Value
Fixed maturity securities – available for sale:				
Due in one year or less	\$ 645,511	\$ 653,204	\$ 473,775	\$ 486,205
Due after one year through five years	3,782,594	3,807,096	2,941,649	3,002,335
Due after five years through ten years	907,197	911,342	908,667	921,302
Due after ten years	206,808	233,681	171,946	192,601
Asset-backed securities	327,635	326,939	290,384	289,789
Mortgage-backed securities:				
Commercial	162,522	161,431	210,339	209,075
Agency residential	1,914,054	1,896,884	1,520,333	1,514,837
Non-agency residential	251	253	319	320
Total fixed maturity securities	\$ 7,946,572	\$ 7,990,830	\$ 6,517,412	\$ 6,616,464

The changes in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the Company's investments are derived from the following sources for the periods indicated:

(Dollars in thousands)	Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Increase during the period between the market value and cost of investments carried at market value, and income taxes thereon:		
Fixed maturity securities	\$ (53,728)	\$ 85,769
Fixed maturity securities, other-than-temporary impairment	(1,067)	2,637
Equity securities	9,719	2,676
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation), pre-tax	(45,076)	91,082
Income tax benefit (expense)	9,940	(11,766)
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation), net of income taxes, included in shareholder's equity	\$ (35,136)	\$ 79,316

The Company frequently reviews all of its fixed maturity, available for sale securities for declines in market value and focuses its attention on securities whose fair value has fallen below 80% of their amortized cost at the time of review. The Company then assesses whether the decline in value is temporary or other-than-temporary. In making its assessment, the Company evaluates the current market and interest rate environment as well as specific issuer information. Generally, a change in a security's value caused by a change in the market, interest rate or foreign exchange environment does not constitute an other-than-temporary impairment, but rather a temporary decline in market value. Temporary declines in market value are recorded as unrealized losses in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). If the Company determines that the decline is other-than-temporary and the Company does not have the intent to sell the security; and it is more likely than not that the Company will not have to sell the security before recovery of its cost basis, the carrying value of the investment is written down to fair value. The fair value adjustment that is credit or foreign exchange related is recorded in net realized capital gains (losses) in the Company's statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). The fair value adjustment that is non-credit related is recorded as a component of other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, and is included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in the Company's balance sheets.

The Company's assessments are based on the issuers' current and expected future financial position, timeliness with respect to interest and/or principal payments, speed of repayments and any applicable credit enhancements or breakeven constant default rates on mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, as well as relevant information provided by rating agencies, investment advisors and analysts.

The majority of the Company's equity securities available for sale at market value are primarily comprised of mutual fund investments whose underlying securities consist of fixed maturity securities. When a fund's value reflects an unrealized loss, the Company assesses whether the decline in value is temporary or other-than-temporary. In making its assessment, the Company considers the composition of its portfolios and their related markets, reports received from the portfolio managers and discussions with portfolio managers. If the Company determines that the declines are temporary and it has the ability and intent to continue to hold the investments, then the declines are recorded as unrealized losses in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). If declines are deemed to be other-than-temporary, then the carrying value of the investment is written down to fair value and recorded in net realized capital gains (losses) in the Company's statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

Retrospective adjustments are employed to recalculate the values of asset-backed securities. All of the Company's asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities have a pass-through structure. Each acquisition lot is reviewed to recalculate the effective yield. The recalculated effective yield is used to derive a book value as if the new yield were applied at the time of acquisition. Outstanding principal factors from the time of acquisition to the adjustment date are used to calculate the prepayment history for all applicable securities. Conditional prepayment rates, computed with life to date factor histories and weighted average maturities, are used in the calculation of projected prepayments for pass-through security types.

The tables below display the aggregate market value and gross unrealized depreciation of fixed maturity and equity securities, by security type and contractual maturity, in each case subdivided according to length of time that individual securities had been in a continuous unrealized loss position for the period indicated:

Duration of Unrealized Loss at December 31, 2017 By Security Type						
(Dollars in thousands)	Less than 12 months		Greater than 12 months		Total	
	Gross		Gross		Gross	
	Market Value	Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	Unrealized Depreciation
Fixed maturity securities - available for sale						
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of						
U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$ 269,222	\$ (1,965)	\$ 22,639	\$ (613)	\$ 291,861	\$ (2,578)
U.S. Corporate securities	1,163,401	(10,206)	375,287	(6,796)	1,538,688	(17,002)
Asset-backed securities	189,785	(966)	47,085	(368)	236,870	(1,334)
Mortgage-backed securities						
Commercial	61,488	(246)	51,124	(1,345)	112,612	(1,591)
Agency residential	485,668	(3,507)	956,643	(19,846)	1,442,311	(23,353)
Non-agency residential	-	-	44	-	44	-
Foreign government securities	125,770	(7,870)	167,360	(11,272)	293,130	(19,142)
Foreign corporate securities	340,969	(7,784)	247,870	(10,376)	588,839	(18,160)
Total fixed maturity securities	\$ 2,636,303	\$ (32,544)	\$ 1,868,052	\$ (50,616)	\$ 4,504,355	\$ (83,160)
Equity Securities	-	-	113,506	(3,372)	113,506	(3,372)
Total	\$ 2,636,303	\$ (32,544)	\$ 1,981,558	\$ (53,988)	\$ 4,617,861	\$ (86,532)

Duration of Unrealized Loss at December 31, 2017 By Maturity						
(Dollars in thousands)	Less than 12 months		Greater than 12 months		Total	
	Gross		Gross		Gross	
	Market Value	Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	Unrealized Depreciation
Fixed maturity securities						
Due in one year or less	\$ 133,143	\$ (149)	\$ 134,035	\$ (2,797)	\$ 267,178	\$ (2,946)
Due in one year through five years	1,450,081	(18,237)	526,145	(20,076)	1,976,226	(38,313)
Due in five years through ten years	294,076	(8,873)	148,150	(5,736)	442,226	(14,609)
Due after ten years	22,062	(566)	4,826	(448)	26,888	(1,014)
Asset-backed securities	189,785	(966)	47,085	(368)	236,870	(1,334)
Mortgage-backed securities	547,156	(3,753)	1,007,811	(21,191)	1,554,967	(24,944)
Total fixed maturity securities	\$ 2,636,303	\$ (32,544)	\$ 1,868,052	\$ (50,616)	\$ 4,504,355	\$ (83,160)

The aggregate market value and gross unrealized losses related to investments in an unrealized loss position at December 31, 2017 were \$4,617,861 thousand and \$86,532 thousand, respectively. The market value of securities for the single issuer whose securities comprised the largest unrealized loss position at December 31, 2017, did not exceed 1.1% of the overall market value of the Company's fixed maturity securities. In addition, as indicated on the above table, there was no significant concentration of unrealized losses in any one market sector. The \$32,544 thousand of unrealized losses related to fixed maturity securities that have been in an unrealized loss position for less than one year were generally comprised of U.S. corporate securities, foreign government and corporate securities and agency residential mortgage-backed securities. Of these unrealized losses, \$31,944 thousand were related to securities that were rated investment grade by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating agency. The \$50,616 thousand of unrealized losses related to fixed maturity securities in an unrealized loss position for more than one year related primarily to foreign government and corporate securities, agency residential mortgage-backed securities and U.S. corporate securities. Of these unrealized losses, \$49,650 thousand were related to securities that were rated investment grade by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating agency. There was no gross unrealized depreciation for mortgage-backed securities related to sub-prime and alt-A loans. In all instances, there were no projected cash flow shortfalls to recover the full book value of the

investments and the related interest obligations. The mortgage-backed securities still have excess credit coverage and are current on interest and principal payments.

The Company, given the size of its investment portfolio and capital position, does not have the intent to sell these securities; and it is more likely than not that the Company will not have to sell the security before recovery of its cost basis. In addition, all securities currently in an unrealized loss position are current with respect to principal and interest payments.

The tables below display the aggregate market value and gross unrealized depreciation of fixed maturity and equity securities, by security type and contractual maturity, in each case subdivided according to length of time that individual securities had been in a continuous unrealized loss position for the period indicated:

Duration of Unrealized Loss at December 31, 2016 By Security Type						
	Less than 12 months		Greater than 12 months		Total	
	Gross		Gross		Gross	
	Market Value	Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	Unrealized Depreciation
(Dollars in thousands)						
Fixed maturity securities - available for sale						
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of						
U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$ 42,467	\$ (686)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,467	\$ (686)
U.S. Corporate securities	759,488	(10,951)	38,651	(2,903)	798,139	(13,854)
Asset-backed securities	92,673	(350)	11,481	(711)	104,154	(1,061)
Mortgage-backed securities						
Commercial	99,341	(2,378)	2,241	(470)	101,582	(2,848)
Agency residential	1,011,708	(14,352)	85,396	(2,125)	1,097,104	(16,477)
Non-agency residential	-	-	71	(1)	71	(1)
Foreign government securities	110,414	(7,051)	136,771	(24,879)	247,185	(31,930)
Foreign corporate securities	376,186	(6,262)	134,186	(21,442)	510,372	(27,704)
Total fixed maturity securities	\$ 2,492,277	\$ (42,030)	\$ 408,797	\$ (52,531)	\$ 2,901,074	\$ (94,561)
Equity Securities	-	-	105,507	(12,784)	105,507	(12,784)
Total	\$ 2,492,277	\$ (42,030)	\$ 514,304	\$ (65,315)	\$ 3,006,581	\$ (107,345)

Duration of Unrealized Loss at December 31, 2016 By Maturity						
	Less than 12 months		Greater than 12 months		Total	
	Gross		Gross		Gross	
	Market Value	Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	Unrealized Depreciation	Market Value	Unrealized Depreciation
(Dollars in thousands)						
Fixed maturity securities						
Due in one year or less	\$ 58,842	\$ (60)	\$ 35,325	\$ (5,950)	\$ 94,167	\$ (6,010)
Due in one year through five years	819,675	(12,009)	229,398	(36,858)	1,049,073	(48,867)
Due in five years through ten years	362,016	(9,902)	39,506	(5,328)	401,522	(15,230)
Due after ten years	48,022	(2,979)	5,379	(1,088)	53,401	(4,067)
Asset-backed securities	92,673	(350)	11,481	(711)	104,154	(1,061)
Mortgage-backed securities	1,111,049	(16,730)	87,708	(2,596)	1,198,757	(19,326)
Total fixed maturity securities	\$ 2,492,277	\$ (42,030)	\$ 408,797	\$ (52,531)	\$ 2,901,074	\$ (94,561)

The aggregate market value and gross unrealized losses related to investments in an unrealized loss position at December 31, 2016 were \$3,006,581 thousand and \$107,345 thousand, respectively. The market value of securities for the single issuer whose securities comprised the largest unrealized loss position at December 31, 2016, did not exceed 1.1% of the overall market value of the Company's fixed maturity securities. In addition, as indicated on the above table, there was no significant concentration of unrealized losses in any one market sector. The \$42,030 thousand of unrealized losses related to fixed maturity securities that have been in an unrealized loss position for less than one year were generally comprised of agency residential mortgage-backed securities, U.S. corporate securities, and foreign government and corporate securities. Of these unrealized losses, \$39,327 thousand were related to

securities that were rated investment grade by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating agency. The \$52,531 thousand of unrealized losses related to fixed maturity securities in an unrealized loss position for more than one year related primarily to foreign government and corporate securities. Of these unrealized losses, \$47,121 thousand is attributable to net unrealized foreign exchange losses, as the U.S. dollar has strengthened against other currencies. There was no gross unrealized depreciation for mortgage-backed securities related to sub-prime and alt-A loans. In all instances, there were no projected cash flow shortfalls to recover the full book value of the investments and the related interest obligations. The mortgage-backed securities still have excess credit coverage and are current on interest and principal payments.

The components of net investment income are presented in the table below for the periods indicated:

(Dollars in thousands)	Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Fixed maturities	\$ 195,627	\$ 191,317
Equity securities	5,912	5,495
Short-term investments and cash	797	331
Other invested assets:		
Limited partnerships	46,945	17,869
Other	2,082	933
Gross investment income before adjustments	251,363	215,945
Funds held interest income (expense)	6,668	1,721
Future policy benefit reserve income (expense)	(1,282)	(1,633)
Gross investment income	256,749	216,033
Investment expenses	(6,615)	(7,707)
Net investment income	\$ 250,134	\$ 208,326

The Company records results from limited partnership investments on the equity method of accounting with changes in value reported through net investment income. Due to the timing of receiving financial information from these partnerships, the results are generally reported on a one month or quarter lag. If the Company determines there has been a significant decline in value of a limited partnership during this lag period, a loss will be recorded in the period in which the Company identifies the decline.

The Company had contractual commitments to invest up to an additional \$328,255 thousand in limited partnerships at December 31, 2017. These commitments will be funded when called in accordance with the partnership agreements, which have investment periods that expire, unless extended, through 2023 for new investments. Following the investment period, these capital commitments may be called by the partnerships for follow on investments, management fees and operating expenses.

The Company's other invested assets at December 31, 2017 and 2016 included \$187,343 thousand and \$136,451 thousand, respectively, related to a private placement liquidity sweep facility. The primary purpose of the facility is to enhance the Company's return on its short-term investments and cash positions. The facility invests in high quality, short-duration securities and permits daily liquidity.

The components of net realized capital gains (losses) are presented in the table below for the periods indicated:

(Dollars in thousands)	Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Fixed maturity securities, market value:		
Other-than-temporary impairments	\$ (1,016)	\$ (5,916)
Gains (losses) from sales	19,643	7,480
Equity securities, market value:		
Gains (losses) from sales	(3,436)	1,427
Short-term investments gains (losses)	(5)	-
Total net realized capital gains (losses)	<u>\$ 15,186</u>	<u>\$ 2,992</u>

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

The Company recorded as net realized capital gains (losses) in the statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) write-downs in the value of securities deemed to be impaired on an other-than-temporary basis as displayed in the table above. The Company had no other-than-temporary impaired securities where the impairment had both a credit and non-credit component.

The proceeds and split between gross gains and losses, from sales of fixed maturity and equity securities, are presented in the table below for the periods indicated:

(Dollars in thousands)	Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Proceeds from sales of fixed maturity securities	\$ 602,917	\$ 476,394
Gross gains from sales	22,820	17,893
Gross losses from sales	(3,177)	(10,413)
Proceeds from sales of equity securities	\$ 18,802	\$ 4,381
Gross gains from sales	-	1,427
Gross losses from sales	(3,436)	-

4. RESERVE FOR LOSSES, LAE AND FUTURE POLICY BENEFIT RESERVE

Reserves for losses and LAE.

Activity in the reserve for losses and LAE is summarized for the periods indicated:

(Dollars in thousands)	At December 31,	
	2017	2016
Gross reserves at January 1	\$ 5,136,952	\$ 4,964,200
Less reinsurance recoverables	(559,403)	(582,373)
Net reserves at January 1	<u>4,577,549</u>	<u>4,381,827</u>
Incurring related to:		
Current year	2,334,560	1,792,916
Prior years	(171,763)	(206,475)
Total incurred losses and LAE	<u>2,162,797</u>	<u>1,586,441</u>
Paid related to:		
Current year	(361,572)	297,569
Prior years	986,155	1,028,155
Total paid losses and LAE	<u>624,583</u>	<u>1,325,724</u>
Foreign exchange/translation adjustment	<u>95,688</u>	<u>(64,995)</u>
Net reserves at December 31	6,211,451	4,577,549
Plus reinsurance recoverables	710,201	559,403
Gross reserves at December 31	<u>\$ 6,921,652</u>	<u>\$ 5,136,952</u>

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

Prior years' reserves decreased by \$171,763 thousand and \$206,475 thousand for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The 2017 decrease was primarily attributable to assumed affiliated quota share reinsurance business related primarily to property and short-tailed business in the U.S. as well as property business in Canada, Latin America, Middle East and Africa.

The 2016 decrease was primarily attributable to assumed affiliated quota share reinsurance business related primarily to property and short-tailed business in the U.S. as well as property business in Canada, Latin America, Middle East and Africa. Favorable net development on the reinsurance business was partially offset by assumed affiliated quota share insurance business with unfavorable development on run-off construction liability and umbrella program business.

The following is information about incurred and paid claims development as of December 31, 2017, net of reinsurance, as well as cumulative claim frequency and the total of incurred but not reported liabilities (IBNR) plus expected development on reported claims included within the net incurred claims amounts. The Company's loss activity has been disaggregated into casualty and property business. The casualty and property segregation results in groups that have homogeneous loss development characteristics and are large enough to represent credible trends. Generally, casualty claims take longer to be reported and settled, resulting in longer payout patterns and increased volatility. Property claims on the other hand, tend to be reported and settled quicker and therefore tend to exhibit less volatility. The property business is more exposed to catastrophe losses, which can result in year over year fluctuations in incurred claims depending on the frequency and severity of catastrophes claims in any one accident year.

The information about incurred and paid claims development for the years ended December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2016 is presented as supplementary information.

These tables present six years of incurred and paid claims development as it is impracticable to retrospectively create the tables for ten years. For the years prior to 2012, the total of IBNR plus expected development on reported claims was not prepared on an accident year basis. The Company calculated these IBNR amounts in the aggregate as of prior year end points in time. As a result of not being able to present the information prior to 2012, prospectively an additional year will be added to the tables each reporting year until a ten year table is presented.

The Cumulative Number of Reported Claims is not shown as it is impracticable to provide the information. The loss activity includes pro rata contracts for which ceding companies provide only summary information via a bordereau. This summary information does not include the number of reported claims underlying the paid and reported losses. Therefore, it is not possible to provide this information.

The following tables present the ultimate loss and ALAE and the paid loss and ALAE, net of reinsurance for casualty and property, as well as the average annual percentage payout of incurred claims by age, net of reinsurance for each of our disclosed lines of business.

Casualty Business

Accident Year (Dollars in thousands)	Incurred Claims and Allocated Claim Adjustment Expenses, Net of Reinsurance						At December 31, 2017	
	Years Ended December 31,						Total of	
							IBNR Liabilities	
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Plus Expected	Cumulative
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)		Development	Number of
							on Reported	Reported Claims
							Claims	
2012	\$ 596,499	\$ 638,037	\$ 618,286	\$ 600,486	\$ 577,592	\$ 577,249	88,857	N/A
2013		611,296	683,881	672,471	650,320	632,261	159,369	N/A
2014			641,452	721,327	696,774	691,073	256,647	N/A
2015				695,983	722,093	741,548	327,303	N/A
2016					614,824	702,373	371,259	N/A
2017						835,478	1,082,552	N/A
						\$ 4,179,982		

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

Accident Year (Dollars in thousands)	Cumulative Paid Claims and Allocated Claim Adjustment Expenses, Net of Reinsurance					
	Years Ended December 31,					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
2012	\$ 42,600	\$ 108,092	\$ 191,496	\$ 272,996	\$ 338,849	\$ 395,187
2013		47,205	129,205	211,909	292,704	354,096
2014			58,457	131,053	219,158	297,574
2015				56,248	141,997	244,082
2016					63,049	155,625
2017						(339,097)
						\$ 1,107,466
All outstanding liabilities prior to 2012, net of reinsurance						740,032
Liabilities for claims and claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance						\$ 3,812,548

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

Years	Average Annual Percentage Payout of Incurred Claims by Age, Net of Reinsurance (unaudited)					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Casualty	-1.7%	11.9%	13.5%	12.7%	10.5%	9.8%

Property Business

							At December 31, 2017	
Incurred Claims and Allocated Claim Adjustment Expenses, Net of reinsurance							Total of	
Years Ended December 31,							IBNR Liabilities	
							Plus Expected	
Accident Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Development	Cumulative
(Dollars in thousands)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)		on Reported	Number of
							Claims	Reported Claims
2012	\$ 870,332	\$ 682,449	\$ 659,658	\$ 646,285	\$ 662,077	\$ 658,865	17,262	N/A
2013		827,403	640,940	581,057	570,089	566,072	4,703	N/A
2014			770,103	685,654	656,816	604,714	16,148	N/A
2015				877,233	724,539	671,888	62,251	N/A
2016					1,146,352	928,524	117,902	N/A
2017						1,675,278	1,083,028	N/A
						\$ 5,105,341		

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

Cumulative Paid Claims and Allocated Claim Adjustment Expenses, Net of Reinsurance								
Years Ended December 31,								
Accident Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		
(Dollars in thousands)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)			
2012	\$ 287,362	\$ 446,623	\$ 542,790	\$ 591,297	\$ 611,087	\$ 622,284		
2013		251,033	402,318	496,666	526,678	540,490		
2014			265,456	426,958	501,827	549,261		
2015				273,885	422,679	518,634		
2016					331,785	606,759		
2017						(18,553)		
						\$ 2,818,874		
All outstanding liabilities prior to 2012, net of reinsurance						81,461		
Liabilities for claims and claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance						\$ 2,367,928		

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

Average Annual Percentage Payout of Incurred Claims by Age, Net of Reinsurance (unaudited)						
Years	1	2	3	4	5	6
Property	27.2%	26.1%	14.4%	6.9%	2.7%	1.7%

Reconciliation of the Disclosure of Incurred and Paid Claims Development to the Liability for Unpaid Claims and Claim Adjustment Expenses

The reconciliation of the net incurred and paid claims development tables to the liability for claims and claim adjustment expenses in the consolidated statement of financial position is as follows.

	December 31, 2017
(Dollars in thousands)	
Net outstanding liabilities	
Casualty	\$ 3,812,548
Property	2,367,928
Liabilities for unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance	<u>6,180,476</u>
Reinsurance recoverable on unpaid claims	
Casualty	596,043
Property	114,158
Total reinsurance recoverable on unpaid claims	<u>710,201</u>
Insurance lines other than short-duration	-
Unallocated claims adjustment expenses	19,475
Other	11,500
	<u>30,975</u>
Total gross liability for unpaid claims and claim adjustment expense	\$ 6,921,652
(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)	

Reserving Methodology

The Company maintains reserves equal to our estimated ultimate liability for losses and loss adjustment expense (LAE) for reported and unreported claims. Because reserves are based on estimates of ultimate losses and LAE by underwriting or accident year, the Company uses a variety of statistical and actuarial techniques to monitor reserve adequacy over time, evaluate new information as it becomes known, and adjust reserves whenever an adjustment appears warranted. The Company considers many factors when setting reserves including: (1) exposure base and projected ultimate premium; (2) expected loss ratios by product and class of business, which are developed collaboratively by underwriters and actuaries; (3) actuarial methodologies which analyze loss reporting and payment experience, reports from ceding companies and historical trends, such as reserving patterns, loss payments, and product mix; (4) current legal interpretations of coverage and liability; and (5) economic conditions. Insurance and reinsurance loss and LAE reserves represent the Company's best estimate of its ultimate liability. Actual loss and LAE ultimately paid may deviate, perhaps substantially, from such reserves. Net income (gain or loss) will be impacted in a period in which the change in estimated ultimate loss and LAE is recorded.

Reserving for reinsurance requires evaluation of loss information received from ceding companies. Ceding companies report losses in many forms depending on the type of contract and the agreed or contractual reporting requirements. Generally, pro rata contracts require the submission of a monthly/quarterly account, which includes premium and loss activity for the period with corresponding reserves as established by the ceding company. This information is recorded into the Company's records. For certain pro rata contracts, the Company may require a detailed loss report for claims that exceed a certain dollar threshold or relate to a particular type of loss. Excess of loss and facultative contracts generally require individual loss reporting with precautionary notices provided when a loss reaches a significant percentage of the attachment point of the contract or when certain causes of loss or types of injury occur. Experienced claims staff handles individual loss reports and supporting claim information. Based on evaluation of a claim, the Company may establish additional case reserves in addition to the case reserves reported by the ceding company. To ensure ceding companies are submitting required and accurate data, the Company performs various reviews of ceding companies, particularly larger ceding companies.

The Company assigns business to exposure groupings so that the underlying exposures have reasonably homogeneous loss development characteristics and are large enough to facilitate credible estimation of ultimate losses. The Company periodically reviews its exposure groupings and may change groupings over time as business changes. The Company currently uses approximately 200 exposure groupings to develop reserve estimates. One of the key selection characteristics for the exposure groupings is the historical duration of the claims settlement process. Business in which claims are reported and settled relatively quickly are commonly referred to as short tail lines, principally property lines. On the other hand, casualty claims tend to take longer to be reported and settled and casualty lines are generally referred to as long tail lines. Estimates of ultimate losses for shorter tail lines, with the exception of loss estimates for large catastrophic events, generally exhibit less volatility than those for the longer tail lines.

The Company uses a variety of actuarial methodologies, such as the expected loss ratio method, chain ladder methods, and Bornhuetter-Ferguson methods, supplemented by judgment where appropriate, to estimate ultimate loss and LAE for each exposure group.

Expected Loss Ratio Method: The expected loss ratio method uses earned premium times an expected loss ratio to calculate ultimate losses for a given underwriting or accident year. This method relies entirely on expectation to project ultimate losses with no consideration given to actual losses. As such, it may be appropriate for an immature underwriting or accident year where few, if any, losses have been reported or paid, but less appropriate for a more mature year.

Chain Ladder Method: Chain ladder methods use a standard loss development triangle to project ultimate losses. Age-to-age development factors are selected for each development period and combined to calculate age-to-ultimate development factors which are then applied to paid or reported losses to project ultimate losses. This method relies entirely on actual paid or reported losses to project ultimate losses. No other factors such as changes in pricing or other expectations are taken into account. It is most appropriate for groups with homogeneous, stable experience where past development patterns are expected to continue in the future. It is least appropriate for groups which have changed significantly over time or which are more volatile.

Bornhuetter-Ferguson Method: The Bornhuetter-Ferguson method is a combination of the expected loss ratio method and the chain ladder method. Ultimate losses are projected based partly on actual paid or reported losses and partly on expectation. Incurred but not reported (IBNR) reserves are calculated using earned premium, an a priori loss ratio, and selected age-to-age development factors and added to actual reported (paid) losses to determine ultimate losses. It is more responsive to actual reported or paid development than the expected loss ratio method but less responsive than the chain ladder method. The reliability of the method depends on the accuracy of the selected a priori loss ratio.

Although the Company uses similar actuarial methods for both short tail and long tail lines, the faster reporting of experience for the short tail lines allows the Company to have greater confidence in its estimates of ultimate losses for short tail lines at an earlier stage than for long tail lines. As a result, the Company utilizes, as well, exposure-based methods to estimate its ultimate losses for longer tail lines, especially for immature underwriting or accident years. For both short and long tail lines, the Company supplements these general approaches with analytically based judgments.

Key actuarial assumptions contain no explicit provisions for reserve uncertainty nor does the Company supplement the actuarially determined reserves for uncertainty.

Carried reserves at each reporting date are the Company's best estimate of ultimate unpaid losses and LAE at that date. The Company completes detailed reserve studies for each exposure group annually. The completed annual reserve studies are "rolled-forward" for each accounting period until the subsequent reserve study is completed. Analyzing the roll-forward process involves comparing actual reported losses to expected losses based on the most recent reserve study. The Company analyzes significant variances between actual and expected losses and post adjustments to its reserves as warranted.

The Company continues to receive claims under expired insurance and reinsurance contracts asserting injuries and/or damages relating to or resulting from environmental pollution and hazardous substances, including asbestos. Environmental claims typically assert liability for (a) the mitigation or remediation of environmental contamination or (b) bodily injury or property damage caused by the release of hazardous substances into the land, air or water. Asbestos claims typically assert liability for bodily injury from exposure to asbestos or for property damage resulting from asbestos or products containing asbestos.

The Company's reserves include an estimate of the Company's ultimate liability for A&E claims. The Company's A&E liabilities emanate from Mt. McKinley's direct insurance business and Everest Re's assumed reinsurance business. All of the contracts of insurance and reinsurance, under which the Company has received claims during the past three years, expired more than 20 years ago. There are significant uncertainties surrounding the Company's reserves for its A&E losses.

A&E exposures represent a separate exposure group for monitoring and evaluating reserve adequacy. The following table summarizes incurred losses with respect to A&E reserves on both a gross and net of reinsurance basis for the periods indicated:

(Dollars in thousands)	At December 31,	
	2017	2016
Gross basis:		
Beginning of period reserves	\$ 44,662	\$ 43,080
Incurred losses	11,943	8,241
Paid losses	(7,677)	(6,659)
End of period reserves	\$ 48,928	\$ 44,662
Net basis:		
Beginning of period reserves	\$ 44,662	\$ 43,080
Incurred losses	11,943	8,241
Paid losses	(7,677)	(6,659)
End of period reserves	\$ 48,928	\$ 44,662

On July 13, 2015, Everest Reinsurance Holdings, Inc., an affiliate of the Company, sold Mt. McKinley to Clearwater Insurance Company, a Delaware domiciled insurance company. Concurrently with the closing, the Company entered into a retrocession treaty with an affiliate of Clearwater Insurance Company. Per the retrocession treaty, the Company retroceded 100% of the liabilities associated with certain Mt. McKinley policies. As consideration for entering into the retrocession treaty, the Company transferred cash of \$140,279 thousand, an amount equal to the net loss reserves as of the closing date. The maximum liability retroceded under the retrocession treaty will be \$440,279 thousand, equal to the retrocession payment plus \$300,000 thousand. The Company will retain liability for any amounts exceeding the maximum liability retroceded under the retrocession treaty.

Reinsurance Receivables. Reinsurance receivables for both paid and unpaid losses were \$711,768 thousand and \$559,649 thousand at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. At December 31, 2017, \$507,191 thousand, or 71.3%, was receivable from Everest International Reinsurance, Ltd. ("Everest International"), an affiliated entity; \$128,194 thousand, or 18.0% was receivable from Resolution Group Reinsurance (Barbados) Limited ("Resolution Group") and \$42,314 thousand, or 5.9%, was receivable from Mt. Logan Reinsurance Limited ("Mt. Logan Re"), an affiliated entity. No other retrocessionaire accounted for more than 5% of reinsurance receivables.

Future Policy Benefit Reserve.

Activity in the reserve for future policy benefit is summarized for the periods indicated:

	At December 31,	
	2017	2016
(Dollars in thousands)		
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 55,074	\$ 58,910
Liabilities assumed	115	175
Adjustments to reserves	(437)	303
Benefits paid in the current year	(3,738)	(4,315)
Balance at end of year	\$ 51,014	\$ 55,074

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

5. FAIR VALUE

GAAP guidance regarding fair value measurements address how companies should measure fair value when they are required to use fair value measures for recognition or disclosure purposes under GAAP and provides a common definition of fair value to be used throughout GAAP. It defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly fashion between market participants at the measurement date. In addition, it establishes a three-level valuation hierarchy for the disclosure of fair value measurements. The valuation hierarchy is based on the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability. The level in the hierarchy within which a given fair value measurement falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the measurement, with Level 1 being the highest priority and Level 3 being the lowest priority.

The levels in the hierarchy are defined as follows:

- Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are observable inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market;
- Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument;
- Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The Company's fixed maturity and equity securities are primarily managed by third party investment asset managers. The investment asset managers obtain prices from nationally recognized pricing services. These services seek to utilize market data and observations in their evaluation process. They use pricing applications that vary by asset class and incorporate available market information and when fixed maturity securities do not trade on a daily basis the services will apply available information through processes such as benchmark curves, benchmarking of like securities, sector groupings and matrix pricing. In addition, they use model processes, such as the Option Adjusted Spread model to develop prepayment and interest rate scenarios for securities that have prepayment features.

In limited instances where prices are not provided by pricing services or in rare instances when a manager may not agree with the pricing service, price quotes on a non-binding basis are obtained from investment brokers. The investment asset managers do not make any changes to prices received from either the pricing services or the investment brokers. In addition, the investment asset managers have procedures in place to review the reasonableness of the prices from the service providers and may request verification of the prices. In addition, the Company continually performs analytical reviews of price changes and tests the prices on a random basis to an independent pricing source. No material variances were noted during these price validation procedures. In limited situations, where financial markets are inactive or illiquid, the Company may use its own assumptions about future cash flows and risk-adjusted discount rates to determine fair value. The Company made no such adjustments at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Equity securities denominated in U.S. currency with quoted prices in active markets for identical assets are categorized as level 1 since the quoted prices are directly observable. Equity securities traded on foreign exchanges are categorized as level 2 due to the added input of a foreign exchange conversion rate to determine fair or market value. The Company uses foreign currency exchange rates published by nationally recognized sources.

All categories of fixed maturity securities listed in the tables below are generally categorized as level 2, since a particular security may not have traded but the pricing services are able to use valuation models with observable market inputs such as interest rate yield curves and prices for similar fixed maturity securities in terms of issuer, maturity and seniority. For foreign government securities and foreign corporate securities, the fair values provided by the third party pricing services in local currencies, and where applicable, are converted to U.S. dollars using currency exchange rates from nationally recognized sources.

The fixed maturities with fair values categorized as level 3 result when prices are not available from the nationally recognized pricing services. The asset managers will then obtain non-binding price quotes for the securities from brokers. The single broker quotes are provided by market makers or broker-dealers who are recognized as market participants in the markets in which they are providing the quotes. The prices received from brokers are reviewed for reasonableness by the third party asset managers and the Company. If the broker quotes are for foreign denominated securities, the quotes are converted to U.S. dollars using currency exchange rates from nationally recognized sources. In limited circumstances when broker prices are not available for private placements, the Company will value the securities using comparable market information.

The composition and valuation inputs for the presented fixed maturities categories are as follows:

- U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government agencies and corporations are primarily comprised of U.S. Treasury bonds and the fair value is based on observable market inputs such as quoted prices, reported trades, quoted prices for similar issuances or benchmark yields;
- Corporate securities are primarily comprised of U.S. corporate and public utility bond issuances and the fair values are based on observable market inputs such as quoted market prices, quoted prices for similar securities, benchmark yields and credit spreads;
- Asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities fair values are based on observable inputs such as quoted prices, reported trades, quoted prices for similar issuances or benchmark yields and cash flow models using observable inputs such as prepayment speeds, collateral performance and default spreads;
- Foreign government securities are comprised of global non-U.S. sovereign bond issuances and the fair values are based on observable market inputs such as quoted market prices, quoted prices for similar securities and models with observable inputs such as benchmark yields and credit spreads and then, where applicable, converted to U.S. dollars using an exchange rate from a nationally recognized source;
- Foreign corporate securities are comprised of global non-U.S. corporate bond issuances and the fair values are based on observable market inputs such as quoted market prices, quoted prices for similar securities and models with observable inputs such as benchmark yields and credit spreads and then, where applicable, converted to U.S. dollars using an exchange rate from a nationally recognized source.

The Company sold seven equity index put option contracts, based on two indices, in 2001 and 2005. The Company sold these equity index put options as insurance products with the intent of achieving a profit. These equity index put option contracts meet the definition of a derivative under FASB guidance and the Company's position in these equity index put option contracts is unhedged. Accordingly, these equity index put option contracts are carried at fair value in the consolidated balance sheets with changes in fair value recorded in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). One of these contracts expired on June 9, 2017, with no liability due under the terms of the contract.

The Company has five remaining equity index put option contracts, based on the Standard & Poor's 500 ("S&P 500") index. Based on historical index volatilities and trends and the December 31, 2017 S&P 500 index value, the Company estimates the probability that each equity index put option contract of the S&P 500 index falling below the strike price on the exercise date to be less than 2%. The theoretical maximum payouts under these five equity index put option contracts would occur if on each of the exercise dates the S&P 500 index value were zero. At December 31, 2017, the present value of these theoretical maximum payouts using a 3% discount factor was \$400,534 thousand. Conversely, if the contracts had all expired on December 31, 2017, with the S&P index at \$2,673.61, there would have been no settlement amount.

The Company has one equity index put option contract based on the FTSE 100 index. Based on historical index volatilities and trends and the December 31, 2017 FTSE 100 index value, the Company estimates the probability that the equity index put option contract of the FTSE 100 index will fall below the strike price on the exercise date to be less than 11%. The theoretical maximum payout under the equity index put option contract would occur if on the exercise date the FTSE 100 index value was zero. At December 31, 2017, the present value of the theoretical maximum payout using a 3% discount factor and current exchange rate was \$41,212 thousand. Conversely, if the contract had expired on December 31, 2017, with the FTSE index at £7,687.77, there would have been no settlement amount.

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the fair value for these equity put options was \$12,477 thousand and \$22,059 thousand, respectively.

The Company's liability for equity index put options is categorized as level 3 since there is no active market for these equity put options. The fair values for these options are calculated by the Company using an industry accepted pricing model, Black-Scholes. The model inputs and assumptions are: risk free interest rates, equity market indexes values, volatilities and dividend yields and duration. The model results are then adjusted for the Company's credit default swap rate. All of these inputs and assumptions are updated quarterly. One of the option contracts is in British Pound Sterling so the fair value for this contract is converted to U.S. dollars using an exchange rate from a nationally recognized source.

The following table presents the fair value measurement levels for all assets and liabilities, which the Company has recorded at fair value (fair and market values) as of the periods indicated:

		Fair Value Measurement Using:		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
(Dollars in thousands)	December 31, 2017			
Assets:				
Fixed maturities, market value				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of				
U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$ 437,762	\$ -	\$ 437,762	\$ -
U.S. Corporate securities	3,196,309	-	3,144,344	51,965
Asset-backed securities	326,939	-	326,939	-
Mortgage-backed securities				
Commercial	161,431	-	161,431	-
Agency residential	1,896,884	-	1,896,884	-
Non-agency residential	253	-	253	-
Foreign government securities	627,478	-	627,478	-
Foreign corporate securities	1,343,774	-	1,343,774	-
Total fixed maturities, market value	7,990,830	-	7,938,865	51,965
Equity securities, market value	120,269	113,506	6,763	-
Liabilities:				
Equity index put option contracts	\$ 12,477	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,477

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2017.

The following table presents the fair value measurement levels for all assets and liabilities, which the Company has recorded at fair value (fair and market values) as of the periods indicated:

		Fair Value Measurement Using:		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
(Dollars in thousands)	December 31, 2016			
Assets:				
Fixed maturities, market value				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of				
U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$ 101,097	\$ -	\$ 101,097	\$ -
U.S. Corporate securities	2,637,785	-	2,637,785	-
Asset-backed securities	289,789	-	289,789	-
Mortgage-backed securities				
Commercial	209,075	-	209,075	-
Agency residential	1,514,837	-	1,514,837	-
Non-agency residential	320	-	320	-
Foreign government securities	591,861	-	591,861	-
Foreign corporate securities	1,271,700	-	1,271,700	-
Total fixed maturities, market value	6,616,464	-	6,616,464	-
Equity securities, market value	111,401	105,507	5,894	-
Liabilities:				
Equity index put option contracts	\$ 22,059	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,059

The following table presents the activity under Level 3, fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs by asset type, for the periods indicated:

	December 31, 2017		December 31, 2016	
	Corporate Securities	Total	CMBS	Total
(Dollars in thousands)				
Beginning balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total gains or (losses) (realized/unrealized)				
Included in earnings	-	-	-	-
Included in other comprehensive income (loss)	46	46	2	2
Purchases, issuances and settlements	52,707	52,707	(5)	(5)
Transfers in and/or (out) of Level 3	(788)	(788)	3	3
Ending balance	\$ 51,965	\$ 51,965	\$ -	\$ -
The amount of total gains or losses for the period included in earnings (or changes in net assets) attributable to the change in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets still held at the reporting date	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

The (\$788) thousand of transfers from level 3 during 2017 primarily related to securities that were priced using single non-binding broker quotes as of December 31, 2016. The securities were subsequently priced using a recognized pricing service as of December 31, 2017 and were classified as level 2 as of those dates.

The following table presents the activity under Level 3, fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs for equity index put option contracts, for the periods indicated:

(Dollars in thousands)	Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Liabilities:		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 22,059	\$ 40,705
Total (gains) or losses (realized/unrealized)		
Included in earnings	(9,582)	(18,647)
Included in other comprehensive income (loss)	-	-
Purchases, issuances and settlements	-	-
Transfers in and/or (out) of Level 3	-	-
Balance, end of year	\$ 12,477	\$ 22,059
The amount of total gains or losses for the period included in earnings		
(or changes in net assets) attributable to the change in unrealized		
gains or losses relating to liabilities still held at the reporting date		
	\$ -	\$ -
(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)		

6. CREDIT FACILITY

The following table presents the costs incurred in connection with the Group and Bermuda Re Credit Facilities for the periods indicated:

(Dollars in thousands)	Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Credit facility fees incurred	\$ 420	\$ 793

Group Credit Facility

Effective May 26, 2016, Group, Bermuda Re and Everest International, both direct subsidiaries of Group, entered into a five year, \$800,000 thousand senior credit facility with a syndicate of lenders, which amended and restated in its entirety the June 22, 2012, four year, \$800,000 thousand senior credit facility. Both the May 26, 2016 and June 22, 2012 senior credit facilities, which have similar terms, are referred to as the "Group Credit Facility". Wells Fargo Corporation ("Wells Fargo Bank") is the administrative agent for the Group Credit Facility, which consists of two tranches. Tranche one provides up to \$200,000 thousand of unsecured revolving credit for liquidity and general corporate purposes, and for the issuance of unsecured standby letters of credit. The interest on the revolving loans shall, at the Company's option, be either (1) the Base Rate (as defined below) or (2) an adjusted London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus a margin. The Base Rate is the higher of (a) the prime commercial lending rate established by Wells Fargo Bank, (b) the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.5% per annum or (c) the one month LIBOR Rate plus 1.0% per annum. The amount of margin and the fees payable for the Group Credit Facility depends on Group's senior unsecured debt rating. Tranche two exclusively provides up to \$600,000 thousand for the issuance of standby letters of credit on a collateralized basis.

The Group Credit Facility requires Group to maintain a debt to capital ratio of not greater than 0.35 to 1 and to maintain a minimum net worth. Minimum net worth is an amount equal to the sum of \$5,370,979 thousand plus 25% of consolidated net income for each of Group's fiscal quarters, for which statements are available ending on or after March 31, 2016 and for which consolidated net income is positive, plus 25% of any increase in consolidated net worth during such period attributable to the issuance of ordinary and preferred shares, which at December 31, 2017, was \$5,867,715 thousand. As of December 31, 2017, the Company was in compliance with all Group Credit Facility covenants.

The following table summarizes the outstanding letters of credit and/or borrowings for the periods indicated:

(Dollars in thousands)		At December 31, 2017			At December 31, 2016		
Bank		Commitment	In Use	Date of Expiry	Commitment	In Use	Date of Expiry
Wells Fargo Bank Group Credit Facility	Tranche One	\$ 200,000	\$ -		\$ 200,000	\$ -	
	Tranche Two	600,000	538,214	12/31/2018	600,000	478,233	12/31/2017
Total Wells Fargo Bank Group Credit Facility		<u>\$ 800,000</u>	<u>\$ 538,214</u>		<u>\$ 800,000</u>	<u>\$ 478,233</u>	

Bermuda Re Letter of Credit Facility

Effective December 29, 2017, Bermuda Re renewed its letter of credit issuance facility with Citibank N.A. referred to as the "Bermuda Re Letter of Credit Facility", which commitment is reconfirmed annually with updated fees. The current renewal of the Bermuda Re Letter of Credit Facility provides for the issuance of up to \$250,000 thousand of secured letters of credit to collateralize reinsurance obligations as a non-admitted reinsurer. The interest on drawn letters of credit shall be (A) 0.35% per annum of the principal amount of issued standard letters of credit (expiry of 15 months or less) and (B) 0.45% per annum of the principal amount of issued extended tenor letters of credit (expiry maximum of up to 60 months). The commitment fee on undrawn credit shall be 0.15% per annum.

The following table summarizes the outstanding letters of credit for the periods indicated:

(Dollars in thousands)		At December 31, 2017			At December 31, 2016		
Bank		Commitment	In Use	Date of Expiry	Commitment	In Use	Date of Expiry
Citibank Bilateral Letter of Credit Agreement		\$ 250,000	\$ 3,297	2/28/2018	\$ 200,000	\$ 4,058	2/28/2017
			3,672	11/24/2018		3,672	11/24/2017
			73,626	12/31/2018		69,404	12/31/2017
			344	8/30/2019		269	8/30/2018
			93,855	12/30/2021		1,163	12/31/2018
			-			93,180	12/30/2020
Total Citibank Bilateral Agreement		<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 174,794</u>		<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$ 171,746</u>	

7. TRUST AGREEMENTS

The Company has established trust agreements, which effectively use the Company's investments as collateral, as security for assumed losses payable to certain non-affiliated ceding companies. At December 31, 2017 the total amount on deposit in trust accounts was \$134,993 thousand.

8. OPERATING LEASE AGREEMENTS

The future minimum rental commitments, exclusive of cost escalation clauses, at December 31, 2017 for all of the Company's operating leases with remaining non-cancelable terms in excess of one year are as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	
2018	\$ 289
2019	289
2020	121
Thereafter	-
Net commitments	<u>\$ 699</u>

(Some amounts may not reconcile due to rounding.)

This lease, which will expire in 2020, is for the rental of office space. Rental expense was \$289 thousand and \$296 thousand for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

9. INCOME TAXES

Under Bermuda law, no income or capital gains taxes are imposed on Group and its Bermuda subsidiaries. The Minister of Finance of Bermuda has assured Group and its Bermuda subsidiaries that, pursuant to The Exempted Undertakings Tax Protection Amendment Act of 2011, they will be exempt until 2035 from imposition of any such taxes. However, the UK Branch of Bermuda Re is subject to UK income taxes on its income.

The provision for income taxes in the statement of operations and comprehensive income (loss) has been determined by reference to the applicable tax laws of jurisdictions in which the income of Bermuda Re is subject to tax. It reflects the permanent differences between financial and taxable income. The significant components of the provision are as follows for the periods indicated:

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
(Dollars in thousands)		
Current foreign tax expense (benefit)	\$ (1,713)	\$ 1,312
Total income tax expense (benefit)	\$ (1,713)	\$ 1,312

The weighted average expected tax provision has been calculated using the pre-tax income (loss) in each jurisdiction multiplied by that jurisdiction's applicable statutory tax rate. Reconciliation of the difference between the provision for income taxes and the expected tax provision at the weighted average tax rate for the periods indicated is provided below:

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
(Dollars in thousands)		
Expected tax provision at weighted average rate	\$ 7,422	\$ 1,405
2017 and prior year benefit related to the UK APA	(12,265)	\$ -
Prior year true up	3,130	(93)
Total income tax provision	\$ (1,713)	\$ 1,312

On October 20, 2017, Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs ("HMRC") signed an Advance Pricing Agreement ("APA") covering tax years 2016 – 2020 with regard to the pricing of the quota share agreement between the UK Branch of Bermuda Re and Everest International. The 2017 tax provision benefit related to the APA includes \$8,679 thousand for tax years 2014 to 2015 and \$3,586 thousand for 2017. Cash tax refunds were received as a result of the agreement for years 2014 to 2016 during 2017 in the aggregate amount of \$9,510 thousand.

10. REINSURANCE

The Company engages in reinsurance transactions, including agreements with affiliates Everest Re, Everest National Insurance Company ("Everest National"), Everest International, Everest Reinsurance Company (Ireland), Ltd. ("Ireland Re"), Mt. Logan Re and Mt. McKinley, primarily driven by enterprise risk and capital management considerations under which business is assumed or ceded at market rates and terms. These agreements provide for recovery from reinsurers of a portion of losses and LAE under certain circumstances without relieving the ceding company of its obligations to the policyholders. Losses and LAE incurred and premiums earned are reported after deduction for reinsurance. In the event that one or more of the reinsurers were unable to meet their obligations under these reinsurance agreements, the Company would not realize the full value of the reinsurance recoverable balances. The Company may hold partial collateral, including letters of credit and funds held, under these agreements. See also Note 1C and Note 4.

Premiums written and earned and incurred losses and LAE are comprised of the following for the periods indicated:

(Dollars in thousands)	Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Written premiums:		
Direct	\$ 2,870	\$ 843
Assumed	3,343,670	3,060,648
Ceded	(253,917)	(195,871)
Net written premiums	\$ 3,092,623	\$ 2,865,620
Premiums earned:		
Direct	\$ 484	\$ 642
Assumed	3,788,514	3,116,076
Ceded	(244,574)	(204,767)
Net premiums earned	\$ 3,544,424	\$ 2,911,951
Incurred losses and LAE:		
Direct	\$ 3,857	\$ 4,059
Assumed	2,408,433	1,686,736
Ceded	(249,493)	(104,354)
Net incurred losses and LAE	\$ 2,162,797	\$ 1,586,441

The table below represents affiliated quota share reinsurance agreements ("whole account quota share") for all new and renewal business for the indicated coverage period:

(Dollars in thousands)						
Coverage Period	Ceding Company	Percent Ceded	Assuming Company	Type of Business	Single Occurrence Limit	Aggregate Limit
01/01/2010-12/31/2010	Everest Re	44.0%	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	150,000	325,000
01/01/2011-12/31/2011	Everest Re	50.0%	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	150,000	300,000
01/01/2012-12/31/2014	Everest Re	50.0%	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	100,000	200,000
01/01/2015-12/31/2016	Everest Re	50.0%	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	162,500	325,000
01/01/2017-12/31/2017	Everest Re	60.0%	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	219,000	438,000
01/01/2010-12/31/2011	Bermuda Re (U.K. Branch)	50.0%	Everest International	property / casualty business	€ 80,000	-
01/01/2012-12/31/2012	Bermuda Re (U.K. Branch)	50.0%	Everest International	property / casualty business	€ 70,000	-
01/01/2013	Bermuda Re (U.K. Branch)	59.5%	Everest International	property business	€ 41,650	-
01/01/2010-12/31/2010	Everest Re- Canadian Branch	60.0%	Bermuda Re	property business	350,000 ⁽¹⁾	-
01/01/2011-12/31/2011	Everest Re- Canadian Branch	60.0%	Bermuda Re	property business	350,000 ⁽¹⁾	-
01/01/2012-12/31/2012	Everest Re- Canadian Branch	75.0%	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	206,250 ⁽¹⁾	412,500
01/01/2013-12/31/2013	Everest Re- Canadian Branch	75.0%	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	150,000 ⁽¹⁾	412,500
01/01/2014-12/31/2017	Everest Re- Canadian Branch	75.0%	Bermuda Re	property / casualty business	262,500 ⁽¹⁾	412,500

⁽¹⁾ Amounts shown are Canadian dollars.

As of December 31, 2017, the quota share reinsurance agreements between Everest Re and the Company and between the Everest Re-Canadian Branch and the Company were not renewed.

The table below represents loss portfolio transfer reinsurance agreements whereby net insurance exposures and reserves were transferred from an affiliate.

(Dollars in thousands)

Effective Date	Transferring Company	Assuming Company	% of Business or Amount of Transfer	Covered Period of Transfer
09/19/2000	Mt. McKinley	Bermuda Re	100%	All years
10/01/2001	Everest Re (Belgium Branch)	Bermuda Re	100%	All years
10/01/2008	Everest Re	Bermuda Re	\$ 747,022	01/01/2002-12/31/2007
12/31/2017	Everest Re	Bermuda Re	\$ 970,000	All years

On December 31, 2017, the Company entered into a loss portfolio transfer ("LPT") agreement with Everest Re. The LPT agreement covers Everest Re loss reserves of \$3,070,383 thousand for accident years 2017 and prior. As a result of the LPT agreement, the Company received \$1,000,000 thousand of cash and fixed maturity securities from Everest Re and assumed \$970,000 thousand of loss reserves to Everest Re. The Company has recorded a deferred gain of \$30,000 thousand on the LPT transaction. As part of the LPT agreement, the Company will provide an additional \$500,000 thousand of adverse development coverage on the subject loss reserves.

On July 13, 2015, Everest Reinsurance Holdings, Inc., an affiliate of the Company, sold Mt. McKinley to Clearwater Insurance Company, a Delaware domiciled insurance company. Concurrently with the closing, the Company entered into a retrocession treaty with an affiliate of Clearwater Insurance Company. Per the retrocession treaty, the Company retroceded 100% of the liabilities associated with certain Mt. McKinley policies. As consideration for entering into the retrocession treaty, the Company transferred cash of \$140,279 thousand, an amount equal to the net loss reserves as of the closing date. The maximum liability retroceded under the retrocession treaty will be \$440,279 thousand, equal to the retrocession payment plus \$300,000 thousand. The Company will retain liability for any amounts exceeding the maximum liability retroceded under the retrocession treaty.

Bermuda Re has entered into catastrophe excess of loss reinsurance contracts with Ireland Re beginning in 2010. The table below represents Bermuda Re's liability limits for any losses per one occurrence and for aggregate losses under each contract.

(Euros in thousands)	Liability Limits	
	Exceeding	Not to Exceed
01/01/2010 - 12/31/2010		
Losses per one occurrence	€ 45,000	€ 50,000
Aggregate losses	€ -	€ 100,000
01/01/2011 - 12/31/2011		
Losses per one occurrence	€ 75,000	€ 50,000
Aggregate losses	€ -	€ 100,000
01/01/2012 - 12/31/2012		
Losses per one occurrence	€ 75,000	€ 25,000
Aggregate losses	€ -	€ 50,000
01/01/2013 -		
Losses per one occurrence	€ 75,000	€ 50,000
Aggregate losses	€ -	€ 100,000

The following tables summarize the premiums and losses assumed and ceded by the Company to and from its affiliates for the periods indicated:

Everest Re and subsidiaries

(Dollars in thousands)

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Assumed written premiums	\$ 2,219,352	\$ 2,324,314
Assumed earned premiums	2,796,939	2,353,801
Assumed losses and LAE	1,717,655	1,307,693

Everest International

(Dollars in thousands)

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Ceded written premiums	\$ 249,273	\$ 135,586
Ceded earned premiums	181,735	132,972
Ceded losses and LAE	137,644	70,398

Mt. Logan Re

(Dollars in thousands)

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Ceded written premiums	\$ 31,801	\$ 33,204
Ceded earned premiums	30,434	32,604
Ceded losses and LAE	39,466	3,944

Everest Re sold the net assets of its UK branch to Bermuda Re and provided Bermuda Re with a reserve indemnity agreement allowing for indemnity payments of up to 90% of £25,000 thousand of the excess of 2002 and prior reserves, provided that any recognition of profit from the reserves for 2002 and prior underwriting years are taken into account.

11. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

The following table presents the components of other comprehensive income (loss) in the statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) for the periods indicated:

	Years Ended December 31,					
	2017			2016		
	Before Tax	Tax Effect	Net of Tax	Before Tax	Tax Effect	Net of Tax
(Dollars in thousands)						
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) ("URA(D)") on securities - temporary	\$ (28,818)	\$ 8,834	\$ (19,984)	\$ 91,436	\$ (13,079)	\$ 78,357
URA(D) on securities - OTTI	(1,067)	-	(1,067)	2,637	-	2,637
Reclassification of net realized losses (gains) included in net income (loss)	(15,191)	1,106	(14,085)	(2,991)	1,313	(1,678)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	33,466	-	33,466	(43,073)	-	(43,073)
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (11,610)	\$ 9,940	\$ (1,670)	\$ 48,009	\$ (11,766)	\$ 36,243

The following table presents details of the amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI") for the periods indicated:

AOCI component	Years Ended December 31,		Affected line item within the statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss)
	2017	2016	
(Dollars in thousands)			
URA(D) on securities	\$ (15,191)	\$ (2,991)	Other net realized capital gains (losses)
	1,106	1,313	Income tax expense (benefit)
	\$ (14,085)	\$ (1,678)	Net income (loss)

The following table shows the components of the change in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for the periods indicated:

(Dollars in thousands)	Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Beginning balance of URA (D) on securities	\$ 67,415	\$ (11,901)
Current period change in URA (D) of investments - temporary	(34,069)	76,679
Current period change in URA (D) of investments - non-credit OTTI	(1,067)	2,637
Ending balance of URA (D) on securities	32,279	67,415
Beginning balance of foreign currency translation adjustments	(156,884)	(113,811)
Current period change in foreign currency translation adjustments	33,466	(43,073)
Ending balance of foreign currency translation adjustments	(123,418)	(156,884)
Ending balance of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (91,139)	\$ (89,469)

12. DIVIDEND RESTRICTIONS AND STATUTORY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Dividend Restrictions.

Under Bermuda law, Bermuda Re is prohibited from declaring or making payment of a dividend if it fails to meet its minimum solvency margin or minimum liquidity ratio. As a long term insurer, Bermuda Re is also unable to declare or pay a dividend to anyone who is not a policyholder unless, after payment of the dividend, the value of the assets in its long term business fund, as certified by its approved actuary, exceeds its liabilities for long term business by at least the \$250 thousand minimum solvency margin. Prior approval of the BMA is required if Bermuda Re's dividend payments would exceed 25% of its prior year-end total statutory capital and surplus.

Statutory Financial Information.

Bermuda Re prepares its statutory financial statements in conformity with the accounting principles set forth in Bermuda in The Insurance Act 1978, amendments thereto and related regulations. The statutory capital and surplus of Bermuda Re was \$3,085,882 thousand and \$2,950,517 thousand at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The statutory net income of Bermuda Re was \$582,128 thousand and \$666,155 thousand for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Capital Restrictions.

In Bermuda, Bermuda Re is subject to the BSCR administered by the BMA. No regulatory action is taken if an insurer's capital and surplus is equal to or in excess of their enhanced capital requirement determined by the BSCR model. In addition, the BMA has established a target capital level for each insurer, which is 120% of the enhanced capital requirement.

The regulatory targeted capital and the actual statutory capital for Bermuda Re was as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Bermuda Re ⁽¹⁾ At December 31,	
	2017	2016
Regulatory targeted capital	\$ 2,368,620	\$ 2,025,717
Actual capital	3,085,882	2,950,517

⁽¹⁾ Regulatory targeted capital represents the target capital level from the applicable year's BSCR calculation.

13. CONTINGENCIES

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is involved in lawsuits, arbitrations and other formal and informal dispute resolution procedures, the outcomes of which will determine the Company's rights and obligations under insurance and reinsurance agreements. In some disputes, the Company seeks to enforce its rights under an agreement or to collect funds owing to it. In other matters, the Company is resisting attempts by others to collect funds or enforce alleged rights. These disputes arise from time to time and are ultimately resolved through both informal and formal means, including negotiated resolution, arbitration and litigation. In all such matters, the Company believes that its positions are legally and commercially reasonable. The Company considers the statuses of these proceedings when determining its reserves for unpaid loss and loss adjustment expenses.

Aside from litigation and arbitrations related to these insurance and reinsurance agreements, the Company is not a party to any other material litigation or arbitration.

On April 1, 2009, the Company entered into a guaranty agreement with Ireland Re, an affiliate, for an annual fee. The guaranty agreement states that if Ireland Re's surplus at the end of any fiscal quarter is less than €150,000 thousand, the Company will guarantee Ireland Re's commercial payment obligations to the extent that such payment obligations are not disputed or contested and have not been discharged or commuted. At December 31, 2017, Ireland Re's surplus was €345,306 thousand.

14. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has engaged in reinsurance transactions with Everest Re, Everest National, Everest Security, Ireland Re and Mt. McKinley under which business is assumed and Everest International and Mt. Logan Re under which business is ceded. See also Note 10.

Everest Global Services, Inc. ("Everest Global"), an affiliate of Bermuda Re, provides centralized management and home office services, through a management agreement. Services provided by Everest Global include executive managerial services, legal services, actuarial services, accounting services, information technology services and others.

The following table presents the expenses incurred by Bermuda Re from services provided by Everest Global for the periods indicated.

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
(Dollars in thousands)		
Expenses incurred	\$ 10,470	\$ 9,430

15. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has evaluated known recognized and non-recognized subsequent events. The Company does not have any subsequent events to report.