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Q1 2021

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Company Overview

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- **Specialty insurance company** headquartered in Dallas, TX with **400+ employees**
- Targeting primarily **Excess & Surplus lines** for small to mid-sized enterprise (SME) risks in specialty and niche markets where there is an opportunity to achieve higher returns on capital
- Operating through several unique strategies and organized by product line, the Company is well-positioned to take advantage of the current market opportunities
- Company undertook a comprehensive **transformation**, starting in 2014:
 - ✓ Overhauled existing businesses
 - ✓ Organically developed new specialty products
 - ✓ Attracted new talent and expertise throughout the company
 - ✓ Modernized & centralized Claims, IT and Actuarial functions; strengthened the control environment

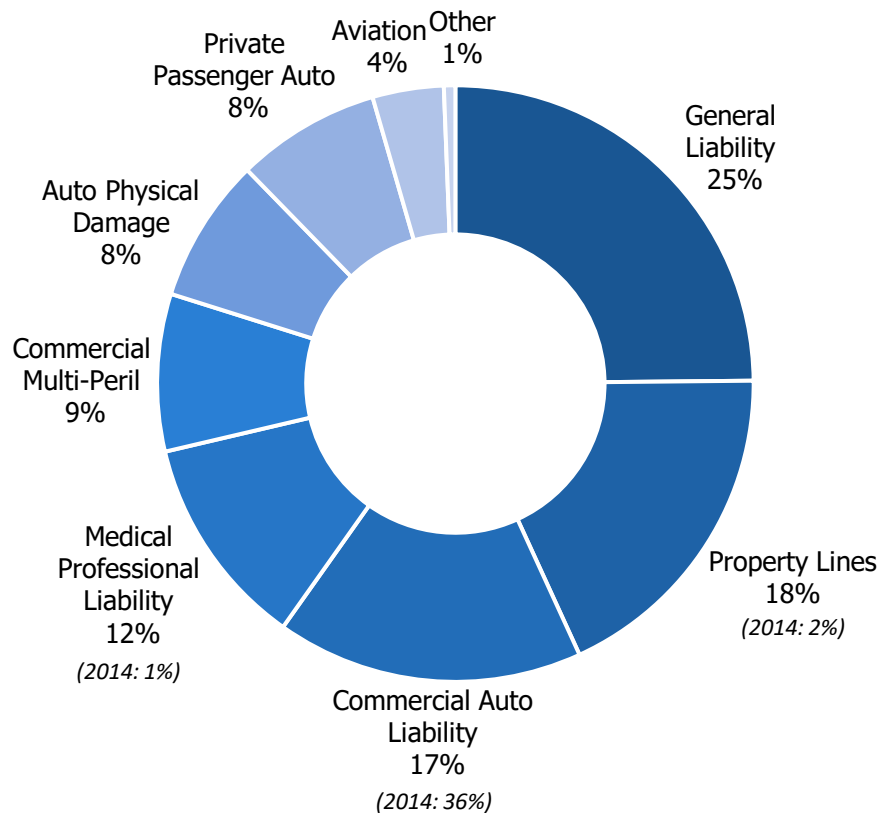
Business Strategy

- Maintain a **diversified portfolio** of products to reduce risk to severity in any one line of business, better weather market cycles, and be flexible and able to adjust capacity to positive rate environments
- Invest in **talent and expertise** with proven track records to drive market access and bring industry experience to bear on risk selection and pricing
- **Utilize technology** to enhance knowledge of insureds (our customers) to better price risks, and to provide better service to agents and brokers (our clients)
- Deploy a **disciplined investment approach** to maintain a conservative investment risk profile while maximizing long-term after-tax total returns
- Manage and maintain a **low expense ratio** as a competitive advantage when pricing risks and scaling the business

Business Profile

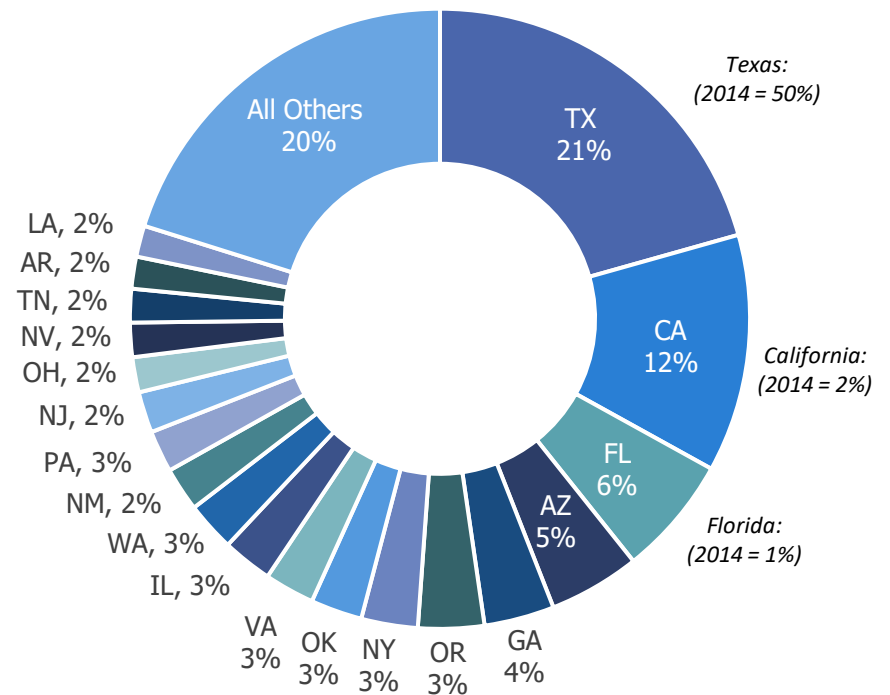
Hallmark Financial has a diversified portfolio with a balanced risk profile and a growing national footprint

Lines of Business



We are a casualty focused company and continue to diversify beyond Commercial and Personal Auto

Geography



We write business in all 50 states, and continue to grow our premium base nationally to capitalize on new opportunities and improve our geographic spread of risk

Product Groups

Our **Product Groups** are organized by products and distribution channel, led by experienced underwriting teams and supported by actuaries and data scientists

- The Company **targets primarily Excess & Surplus lines for small- to mid-sized enterprise (“SME”) risks** in specialty and niche markets where there is an opportunity for **higher returns on capital**
- The Company’s operations are **grouped into product-specific business units** that are **organized by product lines and distribution channels**. These business units are segregated into three industry segments
- Each product line is targeted based on profitability and market opportunity with a focus on underserved markets that require specialized underwriting skills

SPECIALTY COMMERCIAL								STANDARD COMMERCIAL	PERSONAL
Commercial Auto	E&S Casualty	E&S Contract Binding	E&S Property	Pro – Financial Lines	Pro – Healthcare	Specialty Aviation	Discontinued Lines	Commercial Accounts (CIS)	Personal Lines
Trucking (targeting specialty classes)	GL for SME risks with a focus on Construction, Light Mfg., Products & Premises Liability	Small E&S Accounts (GL & Commercial Package)	Shared & Layered Property Risks	D&O and E&O for SME risks	Medical Professional Liability for Hospitals, Medical Facilities and Physicians	Personal & Small Aircraft; Airport Liability	Binding Primary Auto; Business produced by MGAs	Commercial Package for SME risks within targeted specialties	Non-standard Auto & Renters
Wholesale	Wholesale	Wholesale	Wholesale	Wholesale	Wholesale	Retail Agents	N/A	Retail Agents	Retail Agents
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Q1 2021 Results

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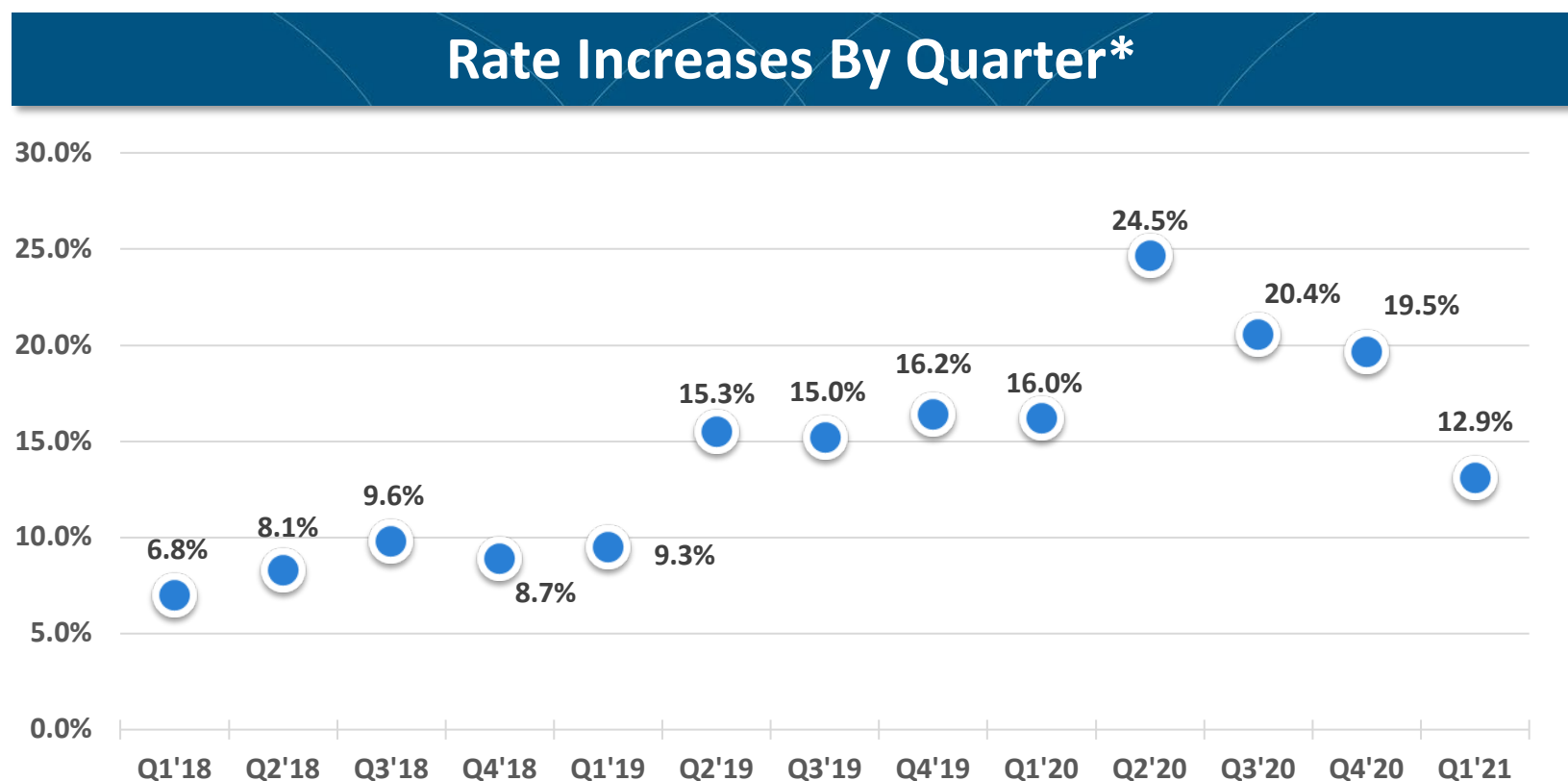
Net Income:	\$9.3 million or \$0.52 per share ¹
Operating Earnings²:	\$4.8 million or \$0.27 per share ¹
Combined Ratio:	96.1%
Gross Premiums Written:	-19%
Net Premiums Written:	-26%
Book Value Per Share	\$9.89

Impacting Q1 Results:

- Investment Return (Income + Gains) of **\$6.6M**
- Combined Ratio was 96.1 points (inclusive of 5.7 points from catastrophe losses)
- Favorable PYD of \$2.1M (reduced combined ratio by 2.0 points)
- Gross Premiums Written increased 1% over 4Q20

Specialty Commercial - Rate

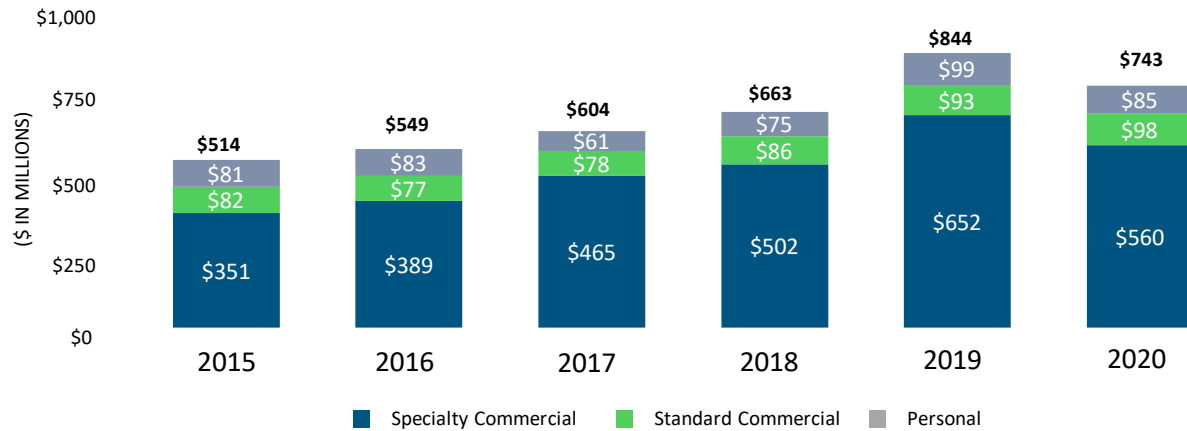
- We began to aggressively push for rate increases in our Specialty lines of business in 2018
- Achieved rate increase were +14.4% in 2019 and +19.9% in 2020*
- Q1 2021 rate increase of 12.9% is in excess of our planned rate change of 9.8%



Gross and Net Premiums

Gross Premiums Written

Hallmark Financial continues to achieve measured growth in Gross Premiums Written

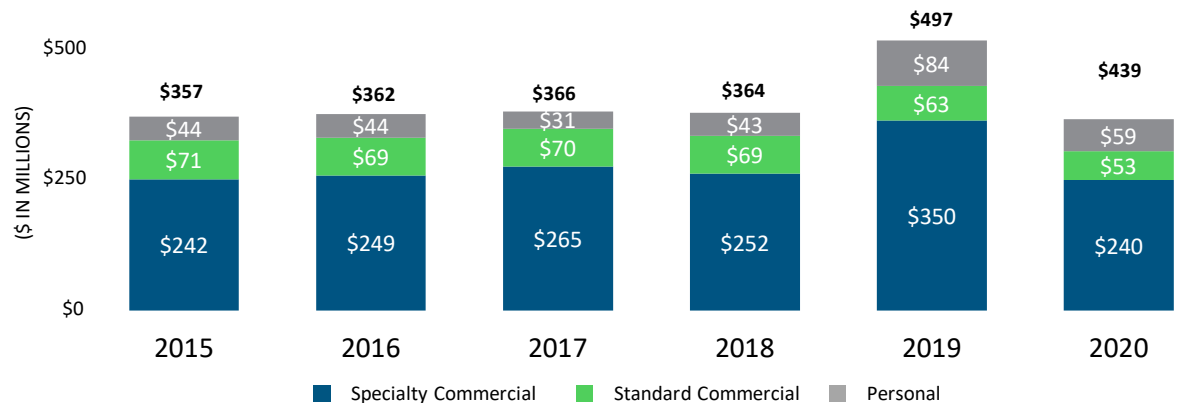


- Significant growth occurring in specialty product lines (10% CAGR since 2015). Premiums are increasing as a result of both new business and rate increases
- 2020 Premiums reducing due to Binding Commercial Auto exit and recalibration to be more in line with capital base

Net Premiums Written

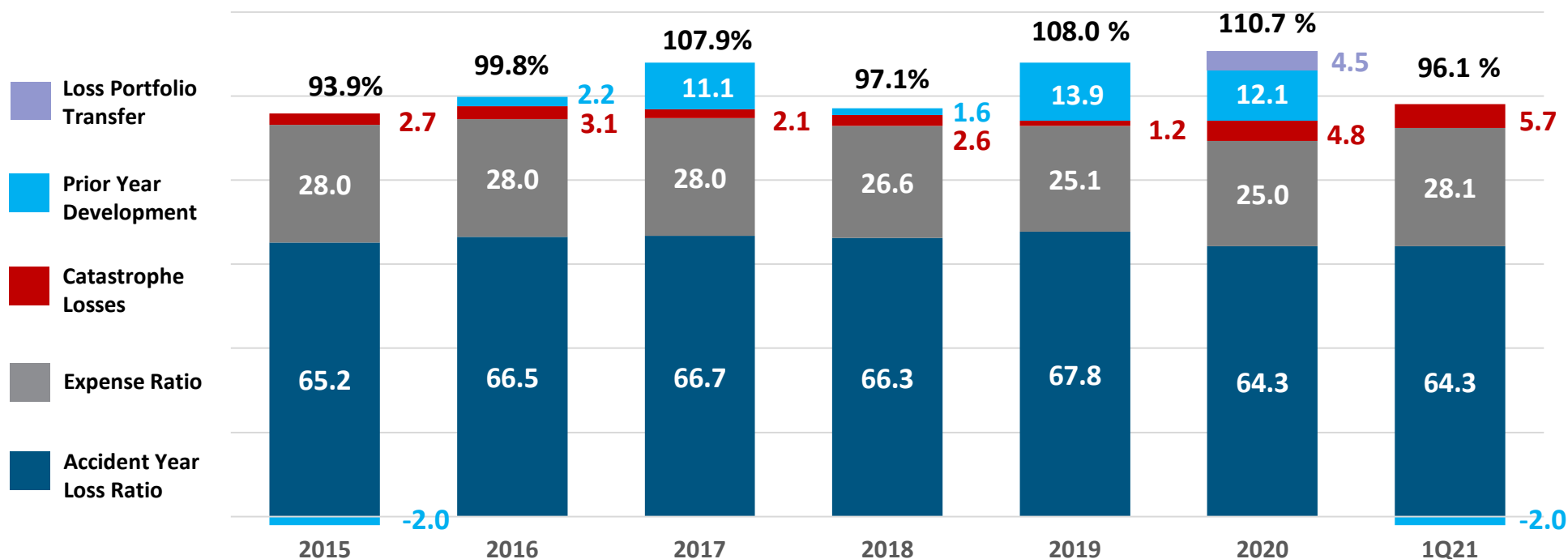
The Company is reinsuring about 40% of premiums in 2020, through a more balanced use of quota share, excess of loss, and Catastrophe coverage.

- Many of the specialty product lines were heavily reinsured as they seasoned and grew to scale
- Mix of net premiums has changed over time; casualty business is now part of a consolidated casualty reinsurance program
- CAT-focused property risks have both quota share and excess of loss reinsurance coverage



Operating Performance

Calendar Year Combined Ratio



Catastrophe Losses

1Q21 experienced \$5.9 million net CAT losses primarily from the winter storms which contributed 5.7 points to the combined ratio. This is above the 2 – 3 points the Company typically experiences

Prior Year Development

Adverse Prior Year Reserve Development added 12.1 points to the combined ratio in 2020. Approximately half of this was related to the Binding Commercial Auto business that the Company exited earlier this year and is subject to LPT reinsurance. The cost of the LPT transaction added an additional 4.5 points.

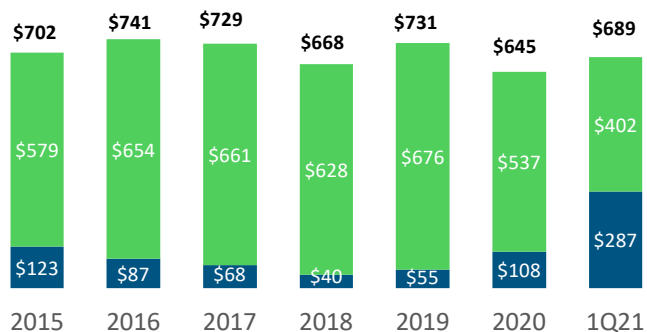
Investment Highlights: Liquidity and Short Duration

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- The portfolio has **significant liquidity** at **3/31/2021**
 - \$306 million in total cash and treasury bills/S-T Notes
 - 85% of debt securities having maturities of five years or less
 - No illiquid hedge funds, private equity investments, private placements
- A **short duration of 0.9 years** protects the balance sheet from the impact of interest rate increases

Total Cash & Investments

- Cash and invested assets reduced in 2020, due in part to the LPT transaction
- Cash and invested assets represented ~46% of total assets 1Q21



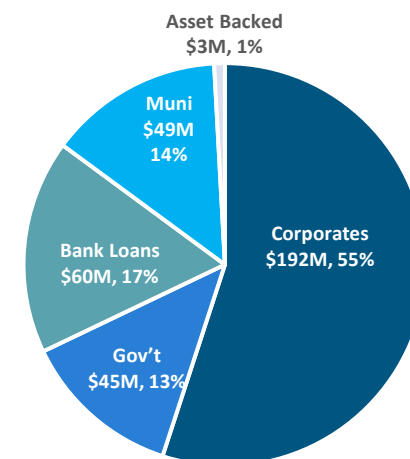
Debt Portfolio

As of 3/31/2021

Size:	\$349M
Duration:	0.9 yrs
Avg. Rating:	Baa1
Book Yield:	2.5%
Tax-Adj Yield:	2.6%

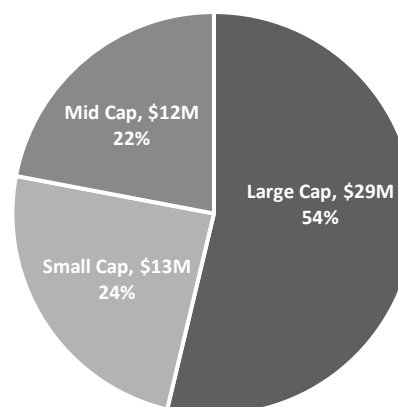
Debt By Classification

As of 3/31/2021



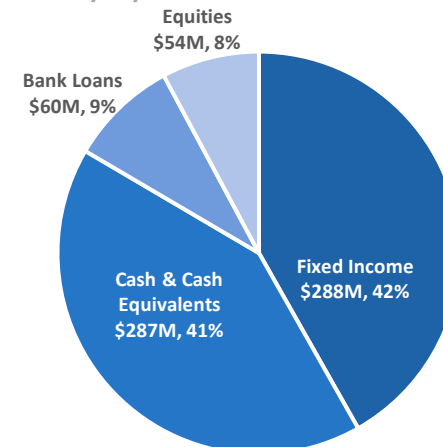
Equities By Type

As of 3/31/2021



Asset Allocation

As of 3/31/2021



Investment Strategy and Philosophy

Maximizing reported net investment income is secondary in importance to managing credit risk and optimizing after-tax total return through investments in tax-advantaged securities and securities with potential for significant capital appreciation

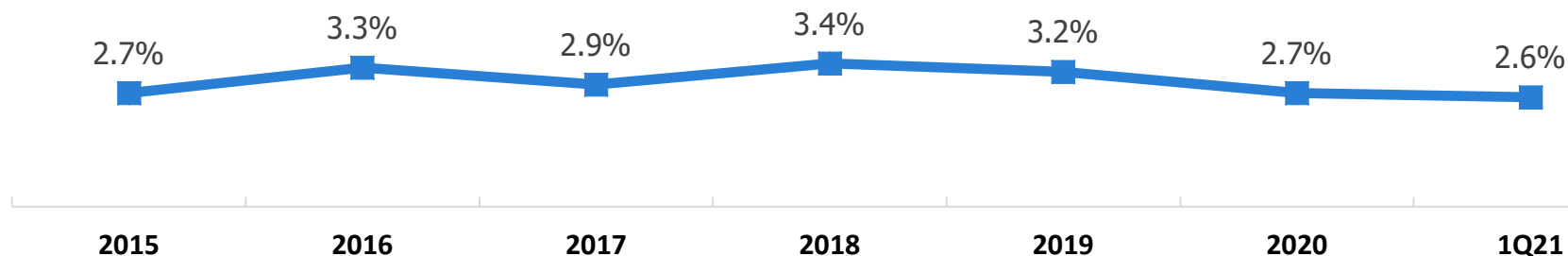
Debt Securities

- Broadly diversified selection of risks
- Primarily investment grade bonds; utilize tax-exempt securities to enhance after-tax returns
- Floating-rate bank loans provide protection against rising rates, first lien collateralization superior to unsecured senior bonds

Equity Securities

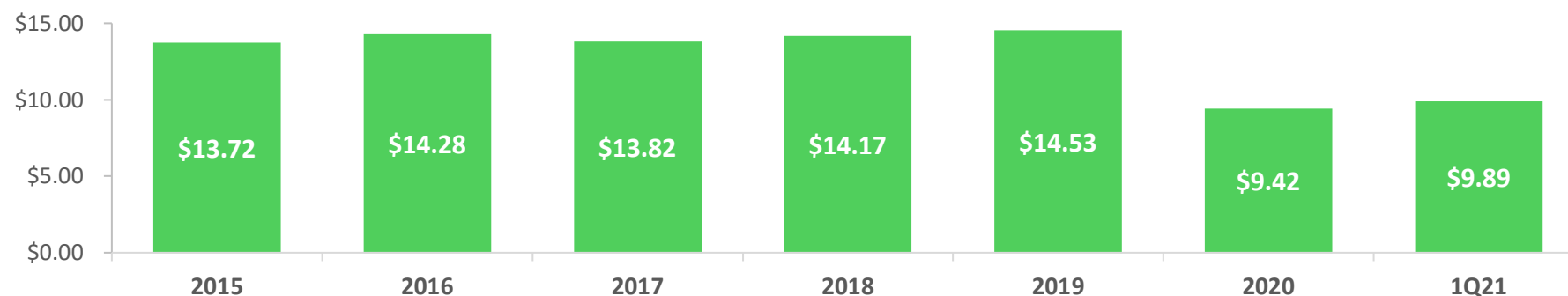
- Primarily long-term holdings with potential for significant capital appreciation
- Rigorous value-based investment discipline focused on individual security selection
- Opportunistic approach seeks to capture value resulting from market-related price dislocations and short-term orientation of market participants

Tax-Adjusted Yield



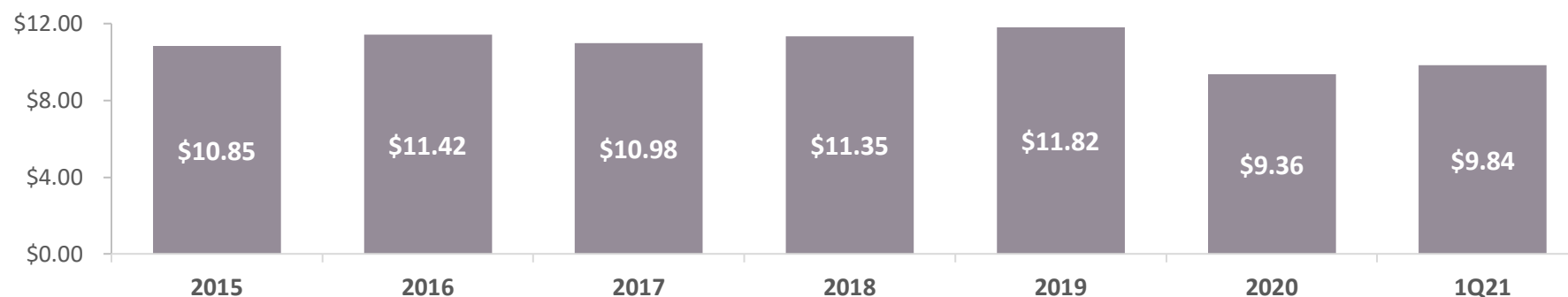
Book Value Per Share

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Book Value Per Share was \$9.42 at Q4 2020, a 35% decrease from year-end 2019. Approximately 50% of this decrease was due to the write down of Goodwill and intangible assets in Q1 2020, which reduced Book Value Per Share by \$2.52.

Tangible Book Value Per Share¹



Tangible Book Value Per Share decreased \$2.45 per share or 21% from year-end 2019. This reduction was driven by a combination of prior year reserve development and the cost of the LPT.

(1) Non-GAAP reconciliation provided in the appendix

Announcement of Exploration of Separation

(January 21, 2021)

- The Company announced that it is exploring a separation of its Specialty Commercial business
- Initial evaluations have indicated that this may unlock significant value by segregating the operational structures of the segments, achieving a more appropriate aggregate valuation and improving access to capital
- The Company's Board of Directors have engaged the executive search firm Reilly Partners, Inc. of Chicago to identify qualified candidates to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of a stand-alone Specialty Commercial company



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Supplemental Information

Historical Data

(\$ 000s)

	Gross Premiums Written	Investment Income	Net Income (2)	Operating Cash Flow	GAAP Equity (2)	GAAP BVPS (1)(2)	Period-end Stock Price (1)
2004	\$ 33,389	\$ 1,386	\$ 5,849	\$ 7,339	\$ 32,656	\$ 5.37 % Chg	\$ 7.20 % Chg
2005	\$ 89,467	\$ 3,836	\$ 9,186	\$ 29,654	\$ 85,188	\$ 5.89 10%	\$ 8.16 13%
2006	\$ 213,945	\$ 10,461	\$ 9,191	\$ 75,962	\$ 150,731	\$ 7.26 23%	\$ 9.91 21%
2007	\$ 249,472	\$ 13,180	\$ 27,863	\$ 85,684	\$ 179,621	\$ 8.65 19%	\$ 15.86 60%
2008	\$ 243,849	\$ 16,049	\$ 12,899	\$ 48,712	\$ 179,412	\$ 8.61 0%	\$ 8.77 (45%)
2009	\$ 287,558	\$ 14,947	\$ 24,575	\$ 61,698	\$ 226,517	\$ 11.26 31%	\$ 7.96 (9%)
2010	\$ 320,973	\$ 14,849	\$ 7,403	\$ 36,360	\$ 235,278	\$ 11.69 4%	\$ 9.10 14%
2011	\$ 354,881	\$ 15,880	\$ (10,891)	\$ 24,610	\$ 215,572	\$ 11.19 (4%)	\$ 6.99 (23%)
2012	\$ 389,842	\$ 15,293	\$ 3,524	\$ 33,682	\$ 220,537	\$ 11.45 2%	\$ 9.39 34%
2013	\$ 460,027	\$ 12,884	\$ 8,245	\$ 68,338	\$ 238,118	\$ 12.36 8%	\$ 8.89 (5%)
2014	\$ 473,218	\$ 12,383	\$ 13,429	\$ 33,684	\$ 252,037	\$ 13.11 6%	\$ 12.09 36%
2015	\$ 514,223	\$ 13,969	\$ 21,863	\$ 52,936	\$ 262,026	\$ 13.72 5%	\$ 11.69 (3%)
2016	\$ 549,077	\$ 16,342	\$ 6,526	\$ 30,854	\$ 265,736	\$ 14.28 4%	\$ 11.63 (1%)
2017	\$ 604,156	\$ 18,874	\$ (11,553)	\$ 7,199	\$ 251,118	\$ 13.82 (3%)	\$ 10.43 (10%)
2018	\$ 663,015	\$ 18,232	\$ 10,347	\$ (32,935)	\$ 255,532	\$ 14.17 3%	\$ 10.69 2%
2019	\$ 843,831	\$ 20,604	\$ (625)	\$ 27,670	\$ 263,282	\$ 14.53 3%	\$ 17.57 64%
2020	\$ 743,368	\$ 12,920	\$ (91,655)	\$ (69,327)	\$ 170,922	\$ 9.42 (35%)	\$ 3.56 (79%)
1Q21	\$ 163,018	\$ 3,010	\$ 9,345	\$ 29,476	\$ 179,752	\$ 9.89 5%	\$ 3.97 12%

(1) Stock prices and BVPS prior to 2006 have been adjusted for the one for six reverse stock split which took place during Q3 2006.

(2) FY2010 and FY2011 Net income, Equity and BVPS have been restated for change in accounting principle related to deferred acquisition costs.

Non-GAAP Reconciliation

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The Company's financial statements are prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). However, the Company also presents and discusses certain non-GAAP financial measures that it believes are useful to investors as measures of operating performance. Management may also use such non-GAAP financial measures in evaluating the effectiveness of business strategies and for planning and budgeting purposes. However, these non-GAAP financial measures should not be viewed as an alternative or substitute for the results reflected in the Company's GAAP financial statements. In addition, the Company's definitions of these items may not be comparable to the definitions used by other companies.

Operating earnings and operating earnings per share are calculated by excluding net investment gains and losses, impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets ("Impairments") and the cost of the loss portfolio transfer transaction ("LPT") entered into during the third quarter of 2020 from GAAP net income. The Impairments and LPT are unusual and infrequent charges for the Company. Management believes that operating earnings and operating earnings per share provide useful information to investors about the performance of and underlying trends in the Company's core insurance operations. Net income and net income per share are the GAAP measures that are most directly comparable to operating earnings and operating earnings per share. A reconciliation of operating earnings and operating earnings per share to the most comparable GAAP financial measures is presented below.

	Income (Loss) Before Tax	Less Tax Effect	Net After Tax	Weighted Average Shares Diluted	Diluted Per Share
<i>(\$ in thousands)</i>					
First Quarter 2021					
Reported GAAP measures	\$ 11,699	\$ 2,355	\$ 9,344	18,142	\$ 0.52
Excluded investment (gains)/losses	\$ (5,779)	\$ (1,214)	\$ (4,565)	18,142	\$ (0.25)
Operating income	\$ 5,920	\$ 1,141	\$ 4,779	18,142	\$ 0.27
First Quarter 2020					
Reported GAAP measures	\$ (69,586)	\$ (5,276)	\$ (64,310)	18,123	\$ (3.55)
Excluded impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets	\$ 45,996	\$ 273	\$ 45,723	18,123	\$ 2.52
Excluded investment (gains)/losses	\$ 29,330	\$ 6,159	\$ 23,171	18,123	\$ 1.28
Operating income	\$ 5,740	\$ 1,156	\$ 4,584	18,123	\$ 0.25

Tangible book value per share is calculated by dividing tangible stockholders' equity by common shares outstanding. Tangible stockholders' equity is calculated by excluding goodwill, net intangible assets, and related deferred tax liabilities from GAAP stockholders' equity. Management believes that tangible book value per share provide useful information to investors about the Company's per share equity value exclusive of goodwill and net intangible assets from prior acquisitions. Stockholder' equity is the GAAP measures that is most directly comparable to tangible shareholders' equity. A reconciliation of tangible stockholders' equity and tangible book value per share to the most comparable GAAP financial measures is presented below.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	1Q21
Reported GAAP Measure							
Stockholders' equity	\$ 262,026	\$ 265,736	\$ 251,118	\$ 255,532	\$ 263,282	\$ 170,922	\$ 179,752
Shares outstanding	19,097	18,612	18,169	18,027	18,123	18,142	18,171
Book value per share	\$ 13.72	\$ 14.28	\$ 13.82	\$ 14.17	\$ 14.53	\$ 9.42	\$ 9.89
Excluded Goodwill	44,695	44,695	44,695	44,695	44,695	-	-
Excluded Intangible assets, net	14,959	12,491	10,023	7,555	5,087	1,322	1,196
Excluded deferred tax impact	(4,781)	(3,917)	(3,053)	(1,314)	(795)	(278)	(251)
Total excluded intangible assets from stockholders' equity	54,873	53,269	51,665	50,936	48,987	1,044	945
Tangible stockholders' equity	\$ 207,153	\$ 212,467	\$ 199,453	\$ 204,596	\$ 214,295	\$ 169,878	\$ 178,807
Shares outstanding	19,097	18,612	18,169	18,027	18,123	18,142	18,171
Tangible Book value per share	\$ 10.85	\$ 11.42	\$ 10.98	\$ 11.35	\$ 11.82	\$ 9.36	\$ 9.84



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