

WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD

Form 10-K

February 28, 2014

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013

OR

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

For the transition period from to

Commission file number 1-8993

WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP, LTD.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

80 South Main Street

Hanover, New Hampshire

(Address of principal executive offices)

94-2708455

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

03755-2053

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (603) 640-2200

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Common Shares, par value \$1.00

per share

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

Name of each exchange on which registered

New York Stock Exchange

Bermuda Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Yes  No

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

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

(§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

The aggregate market value of voting shares (based on the closing price of those shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange and the consideration received for those shares not listed on a national or regional exchange) held by non-affiliates of the Registrant as of June 30, 2013, was \$3,324,933,214.

As of February 28, 2014, 6,179,986 common shares, par value of \$1.00 per share, were outstanding (which includes 81,325 restricted common shares that were not vested at such date).

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), relating to the Registrant's Annual General Meeting of Members scheduled to be held May 22, 2014 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K. With the exception of the portions of the Proxy Statement specifically incorporated herein by reference, the Proxy Statement is not deemed to be filed as part of this Form 10-K.

---

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

	<u>PART I</u>	
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Business</u> .....	<u>1</u>
<u>1.</u>	<u>General</u> .....	<u>1</u>
	<u>OneBeacon</u> .....	<u>2</u>
	<u>Sirius Group</u> .....	<u>12</u>
	<u>HG Global/BAM</u> .....	<u>21</u>
	<u>Other Operations</u> .....	<u>24</u>
	<u>Discontinued Operations</u> .....	<u>25</u>
	<u>Investments</u> .....	<u>26</u>
	<u>Regulation</u> .....	<u>27</u>
	<u>Ratings</u> .....	<u>33</u>
	<u>Employees</u> .....	<u>33</u>
	<u>Available Information</u> .....	<u>33</u>
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Risk Factors</u> .....	<u>34</u>
<u>1A.</u>		
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Unresolved Staff Comments</u> .....	<u>41</u>
<u>1B.</u>		
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Properties</u> .....	<u>41</u>
<u>2.</u>		
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Legal Proceedings</u> .....	<u>42</u>
<u>3.</u>		
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Mine Safety Disclosures</u> .....	<u>42</u>
<u>4.</u>		
	<u>Executive Officers of the Registrant and its Subsidiaries</u> .....	<u>43</u>
	<u>PART II</u>	
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Market for the Company’s Common Equity, Related Shareholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity</u>	
<u>5.</u>	<u>Securities</u> .....	<u>44</u>
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Selected Financial Data</u> .....	<u>45</u>
<u>6.</u>		
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u> .....	<u>46</u>
<u>7.</u>		
	<u>Results of Operations</u> .....	<u>46</u>
	<u>Liquidity and Capital Resources</u> .....	<u>67</u>
	<u>Non-GAAP Financial Measures</u> .....	<u>78</u>
	<u>Critical Accounting Estimates</u> .....	<u>78</u>
	<u>Forward Looking Statements</u> .....	<u>108</u>
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk</u> .....	<u>108</u>
<u>7A.</u>		
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Financial Statements and Supplementary Data</u> .....	<u>111</u>
<u>8.</u>		
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Changes in and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure</u> .....	<u>111</u>
<u>9.</u>		
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Controls and Procedures</u> .....	<u>112</u>
<u>9A.</u>		
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Other Information</u> .....	<u>112</u>
<u>9B.</u>		
	<u>PART III</u>	

<u>ITEM</u> <u>10.</u>	<u>Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance</u> .....	<u>112</u>
<u>ITEM</u> <u>11.</u>	<u>Executive Compensation</u> .....	<u>112</u>
<u>ITEM</u> <u>12.</u>	<u>Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters</u> .....	<u>112</u>
<u>ITEM</u> <u>13.</u>	<u>Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence</u> .....	<u>112</u>
<u>ITEM</u> <u>14.</u>	<u>Principal Accountant Fees and Services</u> .....	<u>112</u>
	<u>PART IV</u>	
<u>ITEM</u> <u>15.</u>	<u>Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules</u> .....	<u>113</u>
	<u>CERTIFICATIONS</u> .....	<u>C-1</u>

---

## PART I

### Item 1. Business

#### GENERAL

White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd. (the “Company” or the “Registrant”) is an exempted Bermuda limited liability company whose principal businesses are conducted through its insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries and affiliates. Within this report, the term “White Mountains” is used to refer to one or more entities within the consolidated organization, as the context requires. The Company’s headquarters is located at 14 Wesley Street, Hamilton, Bermuda HM 11, its principal executive office is located at 80 South Main Street, Hanover, New Hampshire 03755-2053 and its registered office is located at Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton, Bermuda HM 11. White Mountains’ reportable segments are OneBeacon, Sirius Group, HG Global/BAM and Other Operations.

The OneBeacon segment consists of OneBeacon Insurance Group, Ltd. (“OneBeacon Ltd.”), an exempted Bermuda limited liability company that owns a family of property and casualty insurance companies (collectively, “OneBeacon”). OneBeacon is a specialty property and casualty insurance writer that offers a wide range of insurance products in the United States primarily through independent agencies, regional and national brokers, wholesalers and managing general agencies. During the third quarter of 2013, OneBeacon formed Split Rock Insurance, Ltd. (“Split Rock”), a Bermuda-based reinsurance company. As of December 31, 2013, White Mountains owned 75.2% of OneBeacon Ltd.’s outstanding common shares. OneBeacon entered into a definitive agreement to sell its runoff business in October 2012 (the “Runoff Transaction”) and sold its AutoOne Insurance business (“AutoOne”) in February 2012. Accordingly, the runoff business and AutoOne are presented as discontinued operations in White Mountains’ financial statements.

The Sirius Group segment consists of Sirius International Insurance Group, Ltd., an exempted Bermuda limited liability company, and its subsidiaries (collectively, “Sirius Group”). Sirius Group provides insurance and reinsurance products for property, accident and health, aviation and space, trade credit, marine, agriculture and certain other exposures on a worldwide basis through its primary subsidiaries, Sirius International Insurance Corporation (“Sirius International”), Sirius America Insurance Company (“Sirius America”) and Lloyd’s Syndicate 1945 (“Syndicate 1945”). Sirius Group also specializes in the acquisition and management of runoff insurance and reinsurance companies both in the United States and internationally through its White Mountains Solutions division.

The HG Global/BAM segment consists of White Mountains’ investment in HG Global Ltd. (“HG Global”) and the consolidated results of Build America Mutual Assurance Company (“BAM”). BAM is a municipal bond insurer domiciled in New York that was established in 2012 to provide insurance on bonds issued to support essential U.S. public purposes such as schools, utilities, core governmental functions and existing transportation facilities. HG Global, together with its subsidiaries, provided the initial capitalization of BAM through the purchase of \$503 million of surplus notes issued by BAM (the “BAM Surplus Notes”). HG Global, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, HG Re Ltd. (“HG Re”), also provides 15%-of-par, first loss reinsurance protection for policies underwritten by BAM. As of December 31, 2013, White Mountains owned 97.3% of HG Global’s preferred equity and 88.7% of its common equity. White Mountains does not have an ownership interest in BAM, which is a mutual insurance company owned by its members. However, generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (“GAAP”) require White Mountains to consolidate BAM’s results in its financial statements. BAM’s results do not affect White Mountains’ adjusted book value per share and are attributed to non-controlling interests.

White Mountains’ Other Operations segment consists of the Company and its intermediate holding companies, its wholly-owned investment management subsidiary, White Mountains Advisors LLC (“WM Advisors”), White Mountains’ variable annuity reinsurance business, White Mountains Life Reinsurance (Bermuda) Ltd. (“Life Re Bermuda”), which is in runoff, and Life Re Bermuda’s U.S.-based service provider, White Mountains Financial Services LLC (collectively, “WM Life Re”), as well as various other entities and investments not included in other segments.

In October 2011, White Mountains completed its sale of Esurance Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries (“Esurance Insurance”) and Answer Financial Inc. and its subsidiaries (“AFI”) (collectively, “Esurance”). Accordingly, Esurance is no longer a reportable segment and is included in discontinued operations in White Mountains’ financial statements.



## White Mountains' Operating Principles

White Mountains strives to operate within the spirit of four operating principles. These are:

**Underwriting Comes First.** An insurance enterprise must respect the fundamentals of insurance. There must be a realistic expectation of underwriting profit on all business written, and demonstrated fulfillment of that expectation over time, with focused attention to the loss ratio and to all the professional insurance disciplines of pricing, underwriting and claims management.

**Maintain a Disciplined Balance Sheet.** The first concern here is that insurance liabilities must always be fully recognized. Loss reserves and expense reserves must be solid before any other aspect of the business can be solid. Pricing, marketing and underwriting all depend on informed judgment of ultimate loss costs and that can be managed effectively only with a disciplined balance sheet.

**Invest for Total Return.** Historically, GAAP accounting has tended to hide unrealized gains and losses on the investment portfolio and over reward reported investment income (interest and dividends). Regardless of the accounting, White Mountains must invest for the best growth in value over time. In addition to investing our bond portfolios for total after-tax return, that will mean prudent investment in equities consistent with leverage and insurance risk considerations.

**Think Like Owners.** Thinking like owners has a value all its own. There are stakeholders in a business enterprise and doing good work requires more than this quarter's profit. But thinking like an owner embraces all that without losing the touchstone of a capitalist enterprise.

## ONEBEACON

OneBeacon, with its U.S. corporate headquarters in Minnetonka, Minnesota, is a specialty property and casualty insurance writer that offers a wide range of insurance products in the United States primarily through independent agencies, regional and national brokers, wholesalers and managing general agencies. As a specialty underwriter, OneBeacon believes that it will generate superior returns as compared to an underwriter that takes a more "generalist" underwriting approach and that its knowledge regarding its specialized insurance products, targeted industries, classes of business and risk characteristics provides it with a competitive edge when determining the terms and conditions on individual accounts.

During 2013, OneBeacon received approval to provide multiple peril crop insurance through the federal crop insurance program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency. OneBeacon has entered into an exclusive agreement with a managing general agency, Climate Crop Insurance Agency, LLC ("The Climate Corporation"), to provide coverages through the federal program and other supplemental coverages, including crop-hail. OneBeacon began writing crop business in the fourth quarter of 2013.

At December 31, 2013 and 2012, OneBeacon had \$5.2 billion and \$5.4 billion of total assets and \$1.1 billion and \$1.0 billion of common shareholders' equity, respectively. At December 31, 2013 and 2012, White Mountains reported \$274 million and \$251 million of non-controlling interest related to its ownership in OneBeacon. As of both December 31, 2013 and 2012, White Mountains owned 75.2% of OneBeacon Ltd.'s outstanding common shares.

OneBeacon wrote \$1.1 billion and \$1.2 billion in net written premiums in 2013 and 2012, respectively.

OneBeacon also has assets, liabilities and capital related to non-specialty business that it no longer writes, principally non-specialty commercial lines and certain other runoff business, including the vast majority of its asbestos and environmental reserves ("Runoff Business"). In October 2012, OneBeacon entered into a definitive agreement (as amended, the "Runoff SPA") to sell the Runoff Business. Upon completion of the Runoff Transaction, which is expected to close in mid-2014, subject to regulatory approval, OneBeacon will be focused exclusively on specialty business. See Discontinued Operations on page 25 for a description of the Runoff Transaction.





The following table presents the financial strength ratings assigned to OneBeacon's principal insurance operating subsidiaries that support its ongoing specialty insurance operations (the "Ongoing Subsidiaries"), and OneBeacon's subsidiaries that contain the assets, liabilities (including gross and ceded loss reserves) and capital supporting the Runoff Business (the "Runoff Subsidiaries") as of February 28, 2014:

	A.M. Best <sup>(1)</sup>	Fitch <sup>(2)</sup>	Moody's <sup>(3)</sup>	Standard & Poor's <sup>(4)</sup>
<b>Ongoing Subsidiaries:</b>				
Rating	"A" (Excellent)	"A" (Strong)	"A2" (Good)	"A-" (Strong)
Outlook	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable
<b>Runoff Subsidiaries:</b>				
Rating	"A" (Excellent)	"A" (Strong)	"A2" (Good)	Unrated
Outlook	Under Review - Negative	Rating Watch - Negative	Negative	N/A

(1) "A" is the third highest of sixteen financial strength ratings assigned by A.M. Best Company ("A.M. Best").

(2) "A" is the sixth highest of nineteen international financial strength ratings assigned by Fitch Ratings ("Fitch").

(3) "A2" is the sixth highest of twenty-one financial strength ratings assigned by Moody's Investor Service ("Moody's").

(4) "A-" is the seventh highest of twenty-one financial strength ratings assigned by Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("Standard & Poor's").

#### Property and Casualty Insurance Overview

Generally, property and casualty insurance companies write insurance policies in exchange for premiums paid by their customers (the insured). An insurance policy is a contract between the insurance company and the insured where the insurance company agrees to pay for losses suffered by the insured or a third party claimant that are covered under the contract. Such contracts often are subject to subsequent legal interpretation by courts, legislative action and arbitration.

OneBeacon writes both property insurance and casualty insurance. Property insurance generally covers the financial consequences of accidental losses to the insured's property, such as a business' building, inventory and equipment or personal property. Casualty insurance (often referred to as liability insurance) generally covers the financial consequences of a legal liability of an individual or an organization resulting from negligent acts and omissions causing bodily injury and/or property damage to a third party. Premiums from ocean and inland marine, certain commercial multiple peril, fire and allied lines and private passenger auto policies generally represent OneBeacon's property lines of business, and claims from such business are typically reported and settled in a relatively short period of time. Premiums from general liability, workers compensation, commercial and personal auto liability and certain commercial multiple peril policies generally represent OneBeacon's casualty lines of business, and claims from such business can take years, even decades, to settle.

OneBeacon's net written premiums by line of business for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 consist of the following:

Net written premiums by line of business Millions	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
<b>Property lines:</b>			
Ocean and inland marine	\$ 187.1	\$ 214.2	\$ 210.7
Commercial multi-peril and auto	70.1	52.7	39.7
Fire and allied	51.9	50.5	57.7
Private passenger auto <sup>(1)</sup>	2.4	99.7	92.8
Total property lines	311.5	417.1	400.9
<b>Casualty lines:</b>			
General liability	428.6	418.1	372.7
Workers compensation	79.4	71.9	50.8
Automobile liability	55.8	74.8	63.9

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

Other casualty	53.1	38.2	30.7
Total casualty lines	616.9	603.0	518.1

Other lines			
Accident and health	104.6	105.8	92.4
Credit and other	55.6	53.3	51.3
Total other lines	160.2	159.1	143.7
Total	\$ 1,088.6	\$ 1,179.2	\$ 1,062.7

<sup>(1)</sup> The decline in Private Passenger Auto net written premiums in 2013 is due to OneBeacon's exit from the collector car and boat business on January 1, 2013.

OneBeacon derives substantially all of its revenues from earned premiums, investment income and net realized and unrealized investment gains and losses on investment securities. Earned premiums represent premiums received from insureds, which are recognized as revenue over the period of time that insurance coverage is provided (i.e., ratably over the life of the policy). A significant period of time normally elapses between the receipt of insurance premiums and the payment of insurance claims. During this time, OneBeacon invests the premiums, earns investment income and generates net realized and unrealized gains and losses on investment activities.

Insurance companies incur a significant amount of their total expenses from policyholder losses, which are commonly referred to as claims. In settling policyholder losses, various loss adjustment expenses (“LAE”) are incurred such as insurance adjusters’ fees and litigation expenses. In addition, insurance companies incur policy acquisition expenses, such as commissions paid to agents and premium taxes, and other expenses related to the underwriting process, including their employees’ compensation and benefits. The key measure of relative underwriting performance for an insurance company is the combined ratio. An insurance company’s combined ratio under GAAP is calculated by adding the ratio of incurred loss and LAE to earned premiums (the “loss and LAE ratio”) and the ratio of policy acquisition and other underwriting expenses to earned premiums (the “expense ratio”). A combined ratio under 100% indicates that an insurance company is generating an underwriting profit. However, when considering investment income and investment gains or losses, insurance companies operating at a combined ratio of greater than 100% can be profitable.

#### Insurance Business

OneBeacon’s insurance business is comprised of fourteen underwriting units that are aggregated into two insurance divisions: Specialty Products and Specialty Industries. OneBeacon’s Specialty Products division offers distinct products and tailors coverages and services to a broad customer base across the United States. OneBeacon’s Specialty Industries division focuses on solving the unique needs of targeted industry groups on a national scale. OneBeacon has added, and expects to continue to add, new businesses both organically and through acquisition, guided by its focus on profitable growth while prudently managing underwriting risk. OneBeacon’s net written premiums by division for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 consist of the following:

Division	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Millions			
Specialty Products	\$509.6	\$630.9	\$571.2
Specialty Industries	579.0	548.3	491.5
Total	\$1,088.6	\$1,179.2	\$1,062.7

#### Specialty Products

For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, OneBeacon’s Specialty Products net written premiums by underwriting unit were as follows:

Underwriting Unit	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Millions			
Professional Insurance	\$348.9	\$340.7	\$314.9
Tuition Reimbursement	65.9	65.1	60.6
Specialty Property	40.4	34.0	25.6
Programs	20.5	.3	—
Collector Cars and Boats	(.6	) 179.7	166.6
Other Specialty Products	34.5	11.1	3.5
Total Specialty Products	\$509.6	\$630.9	\$571.2

A description of business written by each underwriting unit in OneBeacon's Specialty Products follows:

**OneBeacon Professional Insurance ("Professional Insurance")**

Professional Insurance specializes in professional liability products for a specialized customer base, including hospitals, managed care organizations, long-term care facilities, medical facilities, physician groups, media organizations, lawyers, design professionals, financial services and technology providers. Additionally, Professional Insurance provides employment practices liability, management liability and other tailored products for complex organizations including health care provider excess insurance and HMO reinsurance. General liability, property and workers compensation coverages are also available for financial institutions. Professional Insurance policies are primarily issued on a "claims made" basis, which generally covers claims that are made against an insured during the time period when a liability policy is in effect, regardless of when the event causing the loss occurred. This coverage differs from "claims occurrence" basis policies, which generally cover losses on events that occur during a period specified in the policy, regardless of when the claim is reported.

**Tuition Reimbursement**

A.W.G. Dewar, Inc. ("Dewar") has been a leading provider of tuition reimbursement insurance since 1930. Dewar's product, classified as credit insurance, protects both schools and parents from the financial consequences of a student's withdrawal or dismissal from school. OneBeacon owns 82% of Dewar.

**OneBeacon Specialty Property ("Specialty Property")**

Specialty Property provides excess property and inland marine solutions that augment primary policies or provide coverage in excess of self-insured retentions. Target classes of business include apartments and condominiums, commercial real estate, small-to-medium manufacturing, retail/wholesale, education and public entities. Specialty Property products are sold primarily through surplus lines wholesalers.

**OneBeacon Program Group ("Programs")**

Formed in 2012, Programs provides multi-line package insurance for select specialty programs overseen by dedicated agencies that perform all policy administration functions. Products are available on an admitted and nonadmitted basis with sufficient capacity to match most programs. Programs works primarily with managing general agents and managing general underwriters, commonly referred to as program administrators.

**Collector Cars and Boats**

Prior to January 1, 2013, OneBeacon offered tailored coverages for collectible vehicles and wooden boats, automotive museums and restoration shops through an exclusive partnership with Hagerty. Notable features included agreed value for the insured vehicle or boat, flexible usage, and overseas shipping/foreign touring coverage supported by in-house claims expertise. In January 2013, OneBeacon and Hagerty terminated their relationship and OneBeacon sold Essentia Insurance Company ("Essentia"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary that wrote OneBeacon's Hagerty collector cars and boats business, to Markel Corporation. OneBeacon recognized a \$23 million pre-tax gain on sale (\$15 million after-tax) in the first quarter of 2013.

**Other Specialty Products:**

**OneBeacon Environmental ("Environmental")**

Environmental specializes in environmental risk solutions designed to address a variety of exposures for a broad range of businesses, including multiline casualty placements for the environmental industry. The product suite includes commercial general liability, contractors environmental liability, professional services liability, environmental premises liability, products pollution liability, follow-form excess and business auto.

**OneBeacon Surety Group ("Surety")**

Surety offers a broad range of commercial bonds targeting Fortune 2500 companies and large private companies written through a network of independent agencies, brokers and wholesalers. Business is serviced through eight regions throughout the United States.

OneBeacon Crop Insurance (“Crop”)

Beginning in 2013, through OneBeacon’s exclusive relationship with The Climate Corporation, Crop offers multi-peril crop insurance through the federal crop insurance program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Risk Management Agency. OneBeacon and The Climate Corporation also offer crop-hail products to supplement the federal crop insurance program.

## Specialty Industries

For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, OneBeacon's Specialty Industries net written premiums by underwriting unit were as follows:

Underwriting Unit Millions	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
International Marine Underwriters	\$181.0	\$160.1	\$180.0
Technology	131.8	121.0	94.3
Accident	105.9	102.0	86.8
Government Risks	83.4	62.3	48.8
Entertainment	76.8	71.4	61.2
Energy	.1	31.5	20.4
Total Specialty Industries	\$579.0	\$548.3	\$491.5

A description of business written by each underwriting unit in OneBeacon's Specialty Industries follows:

## International Marine Underwriters ("IMU")

IMU traces its roots to the early 1900s, and offers a full range of ocean and inland marine insurance solutions. Ocean marine products include, but are not limited to, commercial hull and marine liabilities at both the primary and excess levels; ocean and air cargo with coverage extensions such as inland transit, warehousing and processing; yachts; and several marine "package" products with comprehensive property, auto and liability coverage. Inland marine solutions include builders' risks, contractors' equipment, energy, installation floaters, fine arts, motor truck cargo, transportation, miscellaneous articles floaters, warehousemen's legal liability and other inland marine opportunities. During 2012, OneBeacon merged its Property Inland Marine underwriting unit into IMU.

## OneBeacon Technology Insurance ("Technology")

OneBeacon's Technology unit provides insurance solutions for specific technology segments including: information technology, telecommunications, electronic manufacturing, integration contractors, instrument manufacturers and clean tech/solar. Tailored products and coverages include property, general liability, business auto, commercial umbrella, workers compensation, international, technology errors or omissions, data privacy and communications liability. Specialized technology insurance expertise, innovation and service are delivered through dedicated underwriting, risk control and claims staff.

## OneBeacon Accident Group ("Accident")

OneBeacon Accident focuses on analyzing and developing unique accident solutions for the transportation, non-subscription and corporate accident marketplace, while also developing specialized accident insurance programs. The Accident product suite includes accidental death and dismemberment, occupational accident, sports accident, non-truckers liability, vehicle physical damage and other accident coverages. Accident also provides employers and affinity groups with access to unique services including a discounted prescription drug program, identity theft management services and travel assistance services.

## OneBeacon Government Risks ("Government Risks")

Government Risks provides solutions for mid-sized municipalities and counties, special districts including water and sanitation, non-rail transit authorities and other publicly funded agencies. Government Risks products include property, casualty, and professional liability (comprised of law enforcement, public officials and employment practices liability coverages) offered on a fully insured, deductible, self-insured retention or assumed reinsurance basis.

## OneBeacon Entertainment ("Entertainment")

Entertainment provides specialized commercial insurance, including professional liability protection, for the entertainment, sports and leisure industries. Coverages include film and television portfolio, producers portfolio,

theatrical package, event cancellation, premises liability, event liability and participant liability.

6

---

### OneBeacon Energy Group (“Energy”)

Energy, a business OneBeacon exited (except for certain inland marine accounts that were transferred to IMU) in the fourth quarter of 2012, focused on middle-market upstream and midstream conventional energy businesses, alternative and renewable energy producers, alternative fuel producers and related service and manufacturing enterprises. Energy offered a full array of property, inland marine and casualty insurance, including property damage, boiler and machinery breakdown, general liability, auto liability and umbrella liability. Energy did not offer offshore energy products.

### Geographic Concentration

Substantially all of OneBeacon’s net written premiums are derived from business produced in the United States. For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, business was produced in the following states:

Net written premiums by state	Year Ended December 31,			
	2013	2012	2011	
California	16	% 16	% 14	%
New York	10	9	9	
Texas	7	7	7	
District of Columbia	6	5	4	
Florida	5	5	5	
Massachusetts	4	4	5	
Other	52	54	56	
Total	100	% 100	% 100	%

### Marketing and Distribution

OneBeacon offers its products and services through a network of approximately 2,500 independent agents, regional and national brokers, wholesalers and managing general agencies. OneBeacon selectively enters these relationships with producers who demonstrate an understanding of OneBeacon’s target markets, capabilities and the specialized needs of clients. OneBeacon believes this selective distribution approach creates greater insight into the underwriting and management of the risks associated with OneBeacon’s particular lines of business. Further, OneBeacon believes that agents and brokers will continue to represent a significant share of the business OneBeacon desires going forward.

### Underwriting and Pricing

OneBeacon believes there must be a realistic expectation of attaining an underwriting profit on all the business it writes, as well as a demonstrated fulfillment of that expectation over time. Consistent with the “underwriting comes first” operating principle, adequate pricing is a critical component for achieving an underwriting profit. OneBeacon underwrites its book with a disciplined approach towards pricing its insurance products and is willing to forgo a business opportunity if it believes it is not priced appropriately to the exposure.

OneBeacon actively monitors pricing activity and measures usage of tiers, credits, debits and limits. In addition, OneBeacon regularly updates base rates to achieve targeted returns on capital and attempts to shift writings away from lines and classes where pricing is inadequate. To the extent changes in premium rates, policy forms or other matters are subject to regulatory approval (see “REGULATION—United States” on page 27 and “Risk Factors—Regulation may restrict our ability to operate” on page 39), OneBeacon proactively monitors its pending regulatory filings to facilitate, to the extent possible, their prompt processing and approval. Lastly, OneBeacon expends considerable effort to measure and verify exposures and insured values.

### Competition

Property and casualty insurance is highly competitive. OneBeacon’s businesses each compete against a different subset of companies. In general terms, OneBeacon competes in one or more of its businesses with most of the large multi-line insurance companies, such as ACE, AIG, Chubb Group, CNA, Liberty Mutual, Travelers and Zurich Insurance Group. OneBeacon also competes with most of the specialty companies, such as Allied World Assurance



Company, HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc., The Navigators Group, Inc., Ironshore Inc., Markel Corporation, RLI Corp. and W.R. Berkley Corporation. Lastly, OneBeacon competes in certain of its businesses with various local and regional insurance companies.

The more significant competitive factors for most insurance products OneBeacon offers are price, product terms and conditions, agency and broker relationships and claims service. OneBeacon's underwriting principles and dedication to independent distribution partners are unlikely to make it the low-cost provider in most markets. While it is often difficult for insurance companies to differentiate their products, OneBeacon believes that by providing superior specialty products to satisfy market needs and relying on agents and brokers who value its targeted expertise, superior claims service, and disciplined underwriting, it establishes a competitive advantage.

### Claims Management

Effective claims management is a critical factor in achieving satisfactory underwriting results. OneBeacon maintains an experienced staff of claims handlers and managers strategically located throughout its operating territories. OneBeacon also maintains a special investigative unit designed to detect insurance fraud and abuse and support efforts by regulatory bodies and trade associations to curtail fraud.

OneBeacon's claims operations are organized into ongoing claims and runoff claims, with specific claims resources supporting the respective operations. This approach allows OneBeacon to better identify and manage claims handling costs. In addition, a shared claims service unit manages costs related to all claims staff and vendors. OneBeacon has adopted a total claims cost management approach that gives equal importance to controlling claims handling expenses, legal expenses and claims payments, enabling it to lower the sum of the three. This approach requires the utilization of a considerable number of conventional metrics to monitor the effectiveness of various programs implemented to lower total loss costs. OneBeacon utilizes the metrics to prevent the implementation of expense containment programs that will cost more than it expects to save.

OneBeacon's claims department utilizes a claims workstation to record reserves, payments and adjuster activity and, with support from expert tools, assists each claim handler in identifying recovery potential, estimating property damage, evaluating claims and identifying fraud. OneBeacon's commitment and performance in fighting insurance fraud has reduced claim costs and aided law enforcement investigations.

### Catastrophe Risk Management and Reinsurance Protection

In the normal course of business, OneBeacon seeks to limit losses that may arise from catastrophes or other events by reinsuring with third-party reinsurers. OneBeacon remains liable for risks reinsured even if the reinsurer does not honor its obligations under reinsurance contracts.

The timing and size of catastrophe losses are unpredictable and the level of losses experienced in any year could be material to OneBeacon's operating results and financial condition. Examples of catastrophes include losses caused by earthquakes, wildfires, hurricanes and other types of storms and terrorist acts. The extent of losses caused by catastrophes is a function of the amount and type of insured exposure in the area affected by the event as well as the severity of the event. OneBeacon uses models (primarily AIR Worldwide ("AIR") Classic/2 version 15.0) to estimate the potential losses from catastrophes. OneBeacon uses this model output in conjunction with other data to manage its exposure to catastrophe losses through individual risk selection and by limiting its concentration of insurance written in catastrophe-prone areas such as coastal regions. In addition, OneBeacon imposes wind deductibles on existing coastal windstorm exposures.

OneBeacon seeks to further reduce its potential loss from catastrophe exposures through the purchase of catastrophe reinsurance. Effective May 1, 2013, OneBeacon renewed its property catastrophe reinsurance program through April 30, 2014. The program provides coverage for OneBeacon's property business as well as certain acts of terrorism. Under the program, the first \$20 million of losses resulting from any single catastrophe are retained and \$117 million of the next \$130 million of losses resulting from the catastrophe are reinsured in three layers. OneBeacon retains 50% of losses from \$20 million to \$30 million, 10% of losses from \$30 million to \$70 million, and 5% of losses from \$70 million to \$150 million. Thus, for a \$150 million loss, OneBeacon would retain \$33 million. Losses above \$150 million are not covered by the property catastrophe program. In the event of a catastrophe, OneBeacon's property catastrophe reinsurance program is reinstated for the remainder of the original contract term by paying a reinstatement premium that is based on the percentage of coverage reinstated and the original property catastrophe coverage premium. OneBeacon anticipates that the \$150 million limit is more than sufficient to cover the maximum hurricane and earthquake losses with a modeled 0.4% probability of occurrence (1-in-250-year). This \$150 million limit was reduced from the \$180 million limit that our previous catastrophe reinsurance program provided, as a result of lower catastrophe exposure as a specialty-focused company.

OneBeacon's property catastrophe reinsurance program does not cover property losses resulting from any nuclear events or biological, chemical or radiological terrorist attacks. Also excluded are losses resulting from acts of terrorism committed by an individual or individuals acting on behalf of any foreign person or foreign interest as defined under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (the "Terrorism Act", or "TRIPRA"), as amended. See "Terrorism" on page 9.

In addition to the corporate catastrophe reinsurance protection, OneBeacon also purchases dedicated reinsurance protection for certain specific lines of business and property-per-risk reinsurance coverage to reduce large loss volatility. The property-per-risk reinsurance program reinsures losses in excess of \$10 million up to \$100 million on certain risks. Individual risk facultative reinsurance is purchased above \$100 million. OneBeacon retains 5% of losses in excess of \$20 million up to \$40 million and 10% of losses in excess of \$40 million. The property-per-risk treaty also provides one limit of reinsurance protection for losses in excess of \$10 million up to \$100 million for acts of foreign terrorism. However, any nuclear events, or biological, chemical or radiological terrorist attacks are not covered.

OneBeacon also maintains a casualty reinsurance program that provides protection for individual policies involving general liability, automobile liability, professional liability or umbrella liability. OneBeacon's healthcare professional liability treaty covers losses in excess of \$5 million up to \$20 million in two layers. The first layer, \$5 million in excess of \$5 million, has a 10% co-participation. All other casualty business is covered in a separate treaty covering losses in excess of \$5 million up to \$21 million. This treaty has a 10% co-participation in the first layer (\$6 million in excess of \$5 million) as well as a \$3 million annual aggregate deductible, and a 5% co-participation in the second layer (\$10 million in excess of \$11 million). OneBeacon also purchases a treaty to protect against large workers compensation losses that covers 100% of the loss in excess of \$1 million up to \$10 million per occurrence. Additionally, for casualty and/or workers compensation catastrophe losses, OneBeacon maintains a dedicated clash treaty, which provides coverage in the event that one loss event results in two or more claims, that covers up to \$60 million in excess of a \$10 million retention.

OneBeacon purchases a per occurrence treaty for inland and ocean marine business that protects against large occurrences, whether a single large claim or a catastrophe. The marine treaty attaches at \$2 million per occurrence. The first layer of the marine treaty is \$5 million in excess of \$2 million, with annual aggregate deductibles of \$2 million for individual ocean marine large claims, \$2 million for individual inland marine large claims and \$5 million for catastrophe losses. OneBeacon retains 60% of the loss from \$2 million up to \$7 million. Catastrophe coverage is provided up to \$60 million. Retained catastrophe losses are subject to the corporate catastrophe treaty. Individual risk losses from inland marine exceeding \$20 million are subject to the corporate property per risk treaty. Reinstatement premiums are paid in full or in part depending on the layer and the occurrence if the coverage is attached. OneBeacon also purchases reinsurance for the Surety underwriting unit, which covers 100% of losses in excess of \$5 million up to \$30 million per bond and up to \$60 million in aggregate.

Reinsurance contracts do not relieve OneBeacon of its obligation to its policyholders. Therefore, collectibility of balances due from reinsurers is critical to OneBeacon's financial strength. See Note 4—"Third-Party Reinsurance" of the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

#### Terrorism

Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, OneBeacon has sought to mitigate the risk associated with any future terrorist attacks by limiting the aggregate insured value of policies in geographic areas with exposure to losses from terrorist attacks. This is accomplished by either limiting the total insured values exposed, or, where applicable, through the use of terrorism exclusions.

In December 2007, the U.S. government extended the Terrorism Act until December 31, 2014. The Terrorism Act established a federal "backstop" for commercial property and casualty losses, including workers compensation, resulting from acts of terrorism by or on behalf of any foreign person or foreign interest. As extended, the law now also covers domestic acts of terrorism. The law limits the industry's aggregate liability by requiring the federal government to share 85% of certified losses once a company meets a specific retention or deductible as determined by its prior year's direct written premiums and limits the aggregate liability to be paid by the government and industry without further action by Congress at \$100 billion. In exchange for this "backstop," primary insurers are required to make coverage available to commercial insureds for losses from acts of terrorism as specified in the Terrorism Act. The following types of coverage are excluded from the Terrorism Act: commercial automobile, burglary and theft, surety, farmowners multi-peril and all professional liability coverage except directors and officers coverage.

OneBeacon estimates its individual retention level for commercial policies subject to the Terrorism Act to be approximately \$100 million in 2014. The federal government will pay 85% of covered terrorism losses that exceed OneBeacon's or the industry's retention levels in 2014, up to a total of \$100 billion.

OneBeacon's current reinsurance programs provide varying degrees of coverage for "certified" and "non-certified" terrorism events as defined under the Terrorism Act. All losses that result from a nuclear, biological, chemical or radiological terrorist attack are excluded. OneBeacon's property catastrophe treaty also excludes "certified" acts of terrorism committed by an individual or individuals acting on behalf of any foreign person or foreign interest.

OneBeacon's casualty clash treaty provides coverage for both "certified" and "non-certified" terrorism losses on an aggregated basis, subject to a maximum of one full treaty limit. OneBeacon's property per risk, casualty and workers compensation treaties each provide full coverage for "certified" acts of terrorism on behalf of a non-foreign person or

interest, but are sublimited to one full treaty limit for “certified” acts of terrorism committed on behalf of any foreign person or foreign interest. OneBeacon’s healthcare treaty is sublimited to one full treaty limit of coverage for all acts of terrorism. See “Catastrophe Risk Management and Reinsurance Protection” on page 8.

OneBeacon closely monitors and manages its concentration of risk by geographic area. OneBeacon's guideline is to control its exposures so that its total maximum expected loss from a terrorism event within any half-mile radius in a metropolitan area or around a target risk will not exceed \$200 million, or \$300 million in all other areas, before considering the Terrorism Act. Reports monitoring OneBeacon's terrorism exposures are generated quarterly. The exposure of potential new business located in areas of existing concentration or that individually present significant exposure is evaluated during the underwriting process. As a result, OneBeacon believes that it has taken appropriate actions to limit its exposure to losses from terrorist attacks and will continue to monitor its terrorism exposure in the future. Nonetheless, risks insured by OneBeacon, including those covered by the Terrorism Act, remain exposed to terrorist attacks and the possibility remains that losses resulting from future terrorist attacks could prove to be material.

#### Loss and Loss Adjustment Expense Reserves

OneBeacon establishes loss and LAE reserves that are estimates of future amounts needed to pay claims and related expenses for insured events that have already occurred. The process of estimating reserves involves a considerable degree of judgment by management and, as of any given date, is inherently uncertain. See "CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES — Loss and LAE Reserves — OneBeacon" on page 80 for a full discussion regarding OneBeacon's loss reserving process.

The following information presents (1) OneBeacon's reserve development over the preceding ten years and (2) a reconciliation of reserves on a regulatory basis to reserves determined in accordance with GAAP, each as prescribed by Securities Act Industry Guide No. 6.

Section I of the 10 year table shows the estimated liability that was recorded at the end of each of the indicated years for all current and prior accident year unpaid loss and LAE. The liability represents the estimated amount of loss and LAE for claims that were unpaid at the balance sheet date, including incurred but not reported ("IBNR") reserves. In accordance with GAAP, the liability for unpaid loss and LAE is recorded in the balance sheet gross of the effects of reinsurance with an estimate of reinsurance recoverables arising from reinsurance contracts reported separately as an asset. The net balance represents the estimated amount of unpaid loss and LAE outstanding as of the balance sheet date, reduced by estimates of amounts recoverable under reinsurance contracts.

Section II shows the cumulative amount of net loss and LAE paid relating to recorded liabilities as of the end of each succeeding year. Section III shows the re-estimated amount of the previously recorded net liability as of the end of each succeeding year. Estimates of the liability for unpaid loss and LAE are increased or decreased as payments are made and more information regarding individual claims and trends, such as overall frequency (the average number of claims submitted per policy during a given period of time) and severity (the average value per claim during a given period of time) patterns, becomes known. Section IV shows the cumulative net (deficiency)/redundancy representing the aggregate change in the liability from original balance sheet dates and the re-estimated liability through December 31, 2013. Section V shows the re-estimated gross liability and re-estimated reinsurance recoverables through December 31, 2013. Section VI shows the cumulative gross (deficiency)/redundancy representing the aggregate change in the liability from original balance sheet dates and the re-estimated liability through December 31, 2013.

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

(\$ in millions)	OneBeacon Loss and LAE <sup>(1)</sup>									
	Year Ended December 31,									
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
I. Liability for unpaid loss and LAE:										
Gross balance	\$130.3	\$211.4	\$376.7	\$436.1	\$480.2	\$627.1	\$702.1	\$835.1	\$868.5	\$1,000.0
Less reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses and LAE	(15.7 )	(14.5 )	(46.8 )	(30.6 )	(24.3 )	(49.6 )	(43.8 )	(53.6 )	(61.6 )	(107.3 )
Net balance	\$114.6	\$196.9	\$329.9	\$405.5	\$455.9	\$577.5	\$658.3	\$781.5	\$806.9	\$892.7
II. Cumulative amount of net liability paid through:										
1 year later	48.7	58.1	126.8	96.6	97.8	154.8	219.4	306.3	339.0	332.7
2 years later	62.3	76.6	168.7	132.3	159.4	235.2	357.0	474.4	505.7	
3 years later	74.3	95.4	185.4	167.2	197.3	294.4	436.3	560.1		
4 years later	81.2	101.2	205.1	183.9	230.3	331.4	477.1			
5 years later	82.5	105.0	214.1	195.3	244.7	346.8				
6 years later	84.1	106.6	218.7	199.6	252.6					
7 years later	84.5	106.9	221.4	201.9						
8 years later	84.3	108.7	222.2							
9 years later	82.8	109.0								
10 years later	83.1									
III. Net Liability re-estimated as of:										
1 year later	109.7	179.9	325.9	308.1	391.1	492.9	630.2	751.7	799.5	892.7
2 years later	102.3	152.4	269.6	267.8	335.4	459.3	595.8	743.8	806.9	
3 years later	100.0	128.1	243.1	243.2	318.8	416.1	589.6	733.2		
4 years later	91.7	119.1	238.8	227.1	297.4	413.5	576.9			
5 years later	87.2	118.2	228.8	224.8	294.3	396.9				
6 years later	86.2	111.8	229.5	221.6	280.8					
7 years later	86.3	110.1	230.2	216.0						
8 years later	86.1	111.2	227.6							
9 years later	84.5	109.9								
10 years later	83.7									
IV. Cumulative net redundancy/ (deficiency)	\$30.9	\$87.0	\$102.3	\$189.5	\$175.1	\$180.6	\$81.4	\$48.3	\$—	\$—
Percent redundant/(deficient)	27.0	% 44.2	% 31.0	% 46.7	% 38.4	% 31.3	% 12.4	% 6.2	% —	% —
V. Reconciliation of net liability re-estimated as of the end of the latest re-estimation period (see III above):										
	\$102.9	\$129.4	\$303.0	\$245.5	\$316.7	\$443.4	\$618.3	\$776.0	\$849.4	\$1,016.1

Gross re-estimated liability											
Less: gross re-estimated reinsurance recoverable	(19.2 )	(19.5 )	(75.4 )	(29.5 )	(35.9 )	(46.5 )	(41.4 )	(42.8 )	(42.5 )	(123.4 )	
Net re-estimated liability	\$83.7	\$109.9	\$227.6	\$216.0	\$280.8	\$396.9	\$576.9	\$733.2	\$806.9	\$892.7	
VI. Cumulative gross (deficiency)/redundancy	\$27.4	\$82.0	\$73.7	\$190.6	\$163.5	\$183.7	\$83.8	\$59.1	\$19.1	(\$16.1 )	
Percent (deficient)/redundant	21.0 %	38.8 %	19.6 %	43.7 %	34.0 %	29.3 %	11.9 %	7.1 %	2.2 %	(1.6 )%	

(1) The 10-year table consists of activity related to OneBeacon's loss and LAE reserves from Specialty Products and Specialty Industries. As a result, the 10-year table excludes the Runoff Business, AutoOne and loss and LAE reserves related to the personal lines business that OneBeacon sold in 2010, which are treated as Discontinued Operations in the GAAP financial statements.

The following table reconciles loss and LAE reserves determined on a regulatory basis to loss and LAE reserves determined in accordance with GAAP at December 31, as follows:

Millions	December 31,	
	2013	2012
Regulatory reserves	\$2,199.9	\$2,299.1
Reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses and LAE <sup>(1)</sup>	80.2	107.3
Runoff Business <sup>(2)</sup>	(1,225.8	) (1,406.4
GAAP reserves	\$1,054.3	\$1,000.0

(1) Represents adjustments made to add back reinsurance recoverables included with the presentation of reserves under regulatory accounting.

(2) Represents loss and LAE reserves related to the Runoff Business which are presented as liabilities held for sale in the December 31, 2013 and 2012 balance sheets and have been excluded from this table and the 10-year table to conform to the current presentation. Also includes adjustments made for certain reinsurance recoverables on unpaid losses that have a different presentation for statutory than for GAAP.



## OneBeacon's Senior Notes

## 2012 OBH Senior Notes

In November 2012, OneBeacon U.S. Holdings, Inc. ("OBH"), an intermediate holding company of OneBeacon, issued \$275 million face value of senior unsecured notes (the "2012 OBH Senior Notes") through a public offering, at an issue price of 99.9%. The net proceeds from the issuance of the 2012 OBH Senior Notes were used to repurchase OBH's existing outstanding senior notes that were issued in May 2003. The OBH 2012 Senior Notes, which are fully and unconditionally guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest by OneBeacon Ltd., bear an annual interest rate of 4.6%, payable semi-annually in arrears on May 9 and November 9 until maturity on November 9, 2022. See Note 6 - "Debt" for more details regarding the 2012 OBH Senior Notes.

## SIRIUS GROUP

Sirius Group provides insurance and reinsurance products for property, accident and health, aviation and space, trade credit, marine, agriculture, and certain other exposures on a worldwide basis through its subsidiary, Sirius International. Sirius International, which is the largest reinsurance company domiciled in Scandinavia based on gross written premiums, owns Sirius America and sponsors Syndicate 1945. Sirius Group also specializes in the acquisition and management of runoff liabilities for insurance and reinsurance companies both in the United States and internationally through its White Mountains Solutions division. See "White Mountains Solutions" on page 14. In 2013, Sirius Group formed a dedicated team to lead its strategic initiative in the Insurance Linked Securities ("ILS") and reinsurance capital markets convergence arena. See "Sirius Capital Markets" on page 15.

Sirius Group has offices in Australia, Belgium, Bermuda, Connecticut, Copenhagen, Hamburg, London, Miami, New York, Singapore, Stockholm, Toronto and Zurich. At December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Sirius Group segment had \$5.1 billion and \$6.0 billion of total assets and \$1.5 billion and \$1.6 billion of common shareholder's equity, respectively. The Sirius Group segment wrote \$877 million and \$948 million in net written premiums in 2013 and 2012, respectively.

The following table presents the financial strength ratings assigned to Sirius Group's principal reinsurance operating subsidiaries as of February 28, 2014:

	A.M. Best <sup>(1)</sup>	Fitch <sup>(2)</sup>	Moody's <sup>(3)</sup>	Standard & Poor's <sup>(4)</sup>
Rating	"A" (Excellent)	"A" (Strong)	"A3" (Good)	"A-" (Strong)
Outlook	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable

(1) "A" is the third highest of sixteen financial strength ratings assigned by A.M. Best.

(2) "A" is the sixth highest of nineteen international financial strength ratings assigned by Fitch.

(3) "A3" is the seventh highest of twenty-one financial strength ratings assigned by Moody's.

(4) "A-" is the seventh highest of twenty-one financial strength ratings assigned by Standard & Poor's.

## Reinsurance Overview

Reinsurance is an arrangement in which a reinsurance company (the "reinsurer") agrees to indemnify an insurance company (the "ceding company") for insurance risks underwritten by the ceding company. Reinsurance can benefit a ceding company in a number of ways, including reducing exposure on individual risks, providing catastrophe protections from large or multiple losses, and assisting in maintaining acceptable capital levels as well as financial and operating leverage ratios. Reinsurance can also provide a ceding company with additional underwriting capacity by permitting it to accept larger risks and underwrite a greater number of risks without a corresponding increase in its capital. Reinsurers may also purchase reinsurance, known as retrocessional reinsurance, to cover risks assumed from ceding companies. Reinsurance companies often enter into retrocessional agreements for many of the same reasons that ceding companies enter into reinsurance agreements.

Reinsurance is generally written on a treaty or facultative basis. Treaty reinsurance is an agreement whereby the reinsurer assumes a specified portion or category of risk under all qualifying policies issued by the ceding company during the term of the agreement, usually one year. When underwriting treaty reinsurance, the reinsurer does not

evaluate each individual risk and generally accepts the original underwriting decisions made by the ceding company. Treaty reinsurance is typically written on either a proportional or excess of loss basis. A proportional reinsurance treaty is an arrangement whereby a reinsurer assumes a predetermined proportional share of the premiums and losses generated on specified business. An excess of loss treaty is an arrangement whereby a reinsurer assumes losses that exceed a specific retention of loss by the ceding company. Facultative reinsurance, on the other hand, is underwritten on a risk-by-risk basis, which allows the reinsurer to determine pricing for each exposure.

Sirius Group writes treaty and facultative reinsurance, as well as primary direct business. The majority of Sirius Group's premiums are derived from excess of loss and proportional reinsurance contracts, which in 2013 amounted to 63% and 17%, respectively, of its total net written premiums, while primary direct business represented 20% of total net written premiums. In 2013, Sirius Group obtained \$120 million, or 11%, of its gross written premiums through International Medical Group, Inc. ("IMG"), which is the largest agent writing medical business on Sirius Group's behalf. A significant period of time normally elapses between the receipt of reinsurance premiums and the payment of reinsurance claims. While premiums are generally paid to the reinsurer following inception of the underlying coverage, the claims process is delayed and generally begins upon the occurrence of an event causing an insured loss followed by: (1) the reporting of the loss by the insured to its broker or agent; (2) the reporting by the broker or agent to the ceding company; (3) the reporting by the ceding company to its reinsurance intermediary or agent; (4) the reporting by the reinsurance intermediary or agent to the reinsurer; (5) the ceding company's adjustment and payment of the loss; and (6) the payment to the ceding company by the reinsurer. During this time, reinsurers invest the premiums and earn investment income and generate net realized and unrealized investment gains and losses on investments. The period of time between the receipt of premiums and the payment of claims is typically longer for a reinsurer than for a primary insurer.

#### Classes of Business

The following table shows Sirius Group's net written premiums by class of business for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011:

Business class Millions	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Other property	\$275.2	\$248.5	\$216.8
Property catastrophe excess	231.3	236.5	201.5
Accident and health	203.1	270.0	245.8
Trade credit	50.4	62.5	79.6
Aviation and space	46.4	53.8	60.8
Marine	45.3	42.2	45.3
Agriculture	13.9	21.5	32.8
Contingency	8.8	11.3	15.1
Casualty	2.2	1.4	18.0
Total	\$876.6	\$947.7	\$915.7

For each of the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, 80%, 82%, and 85%, respectively, of Sirius Group's net written premiums were for reinsurance products, with the remainder being insurance products. Sirius Group expanded its primary direct business capabilities in the United States for the accident and health line, which could result in increased direct insurance business beginning in 2014.

#### Other Property

Sirius Group is a leader in the broker market for property treaties written on a proportional and excess of loss basis. For its international business, the book consists of treaty, written on both a proportional and excess of loss basis, facultative, and direct business, primarily in Europe. In the United States, the book predominantly centers on significant participations on proportional and excess of loss treaties for carefully chosen partners in the excess & surplus lines segment of the market.

#### Property Catastrophe Excess

Property catastrophe excess of loss treaties cover losses from catastrophic events. Sirius Group writes a worldwide portfolio with the largest concentration of exposure in Europe and the United States, and seeks to set prices and terms on treaties wherever possible. The U.S. book written in Bermuda has a national account focus supporting principally the lower and/or middle layers of large capacity programs. Additionally, Stockholm writes a U.S. portfolio mainly consisting of select small regional and standard lines carriers. The exposures written in the international portfolio are

diversified across many countries, regions, perils and layers.

#### Accident and Health

Sirius Group is an insurer of accident and health (“A&H”) insurance business in the United States, either on an admitted or surplus lines basis, as well as international business written through IMG. Sirius Group also writes proportional and excess treaties covering employer medical stop loss for per person (specific) and per employer (aggregate) exposures. In addition, Sirius Group writes some medical, health and personal accident coverages written on a treaty and facultative basis.

#### Trade Credit

Sirius Group writes credit and bond reinsurance, mostly on companies with worldwide operations. Most debtors are based in Europe, representing approximately 57% of Sirius Group's net exposure. The bulk of the business is traditional short term commercial credit insurance, covering pre-agreed domestic and export sales of goods and services with typical coverage periods of 60 to 120 days. Losses under these policies (protection of undisputed debts against declared insolvency and protracted default) are correlated to adverse changes in a respective country's gross national product.

#### Aviation and Space

Aviation insurance covers loss of or damage to an aircraft and the aircraft operations' liability to passengers, cargo and hull as well as to third parties. Additionally, liability arising out of non-aircraft operations such as hangars, airports and aircraft products can be covered. Space insurance covers loss of or damage to a satellite during launch and in orbit. The book consists of treaty, written on both on a proportional and excess of loss basis, facultative, and direct business.

#### Marine

Sirius Group provides marine reinsurance, primarily written on an excess of loss and proportional basis. Coverage offered includes damage to ships and goods in transit, marine liability lines, and offshore energy industry insurance. Sirius Group also writes yacht business, both on a reinsurance and a direct basis. The marine portfolio is diversified across many countries and regions.

#### Agriculture

Sirius Group primarily provides stop loss coverage to companies writing U.S. government-sponsored Multi-Peril Crop Insurance ("MPCI"). Sirius Group's participation is net of the government's stop loss reinsurance protection. Sirius Group also provides coverage for crop-hail and certain named perils when bundled with MPCI business. Sirius Group also writes some agriculture business outside of the United States.

#### Contingency

Sirius Group underwrites contingency insurance, primarily for event cancellation and non-appearance, primarily on a direct policy and facultative reinsurance basis. Additionally, coverage for liabilities arising from contractual bonus, prize redemption and over-redemption is also offered. The contingency portfolio is diversified across many countries and regions.

#### Casualty

Through 2011, Sirius Group's casualty treaty division accepted reinsurance submissions for all lines of general casualty and professional liability business. Due to insufficient U.S. casualty premium rates and the low global interest rates, the overall casualty book of business had decreased over time and effective January 1, 2012, Sirius Group no longer writes casualty business other than incidental exposures. Sirius Group could resume writing casualty business if premium rates and contract terms improve to favorable levels.

#### Lloyd's Syndicate 1945

Sirius Group established Syndicate 1945 in 2011, with licenses for writing accident and health and contingency business. Effective in 2013, Syndicate 1945 licenses were expanded to include property and marine business. Syndicate 1945 began writing business effective July 1, 2011 and had gross written premiums net of commissions of \$80 million, \$58 million and \$5 million in 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Syndicate 1945 has Lloyd's approved net capacity for 2014 of \$150 million and the license has been further expanded to include both the bloodstock (which principally covers the value of an animal if it dies as a result of accident, disease or illness) and terrorism lines. Sirius Group expects that the Syndicate 1945 will have its own Managing Agency in 2014 with a planned commencement date of July 1, 2014, subject to Lloyd's and UK regulatory approval.

White Mountains Solutions

White Mountains Solutions is a Connecticut-based division of Sirius Group specializing in the acquisition and management of runoff liabilities for insurance and reinsurance companies both in the United States and internationally. The White Mountains Solutions team is comprised of a dedicated group of financial, actuarial and claims professionals experienced in the management and resolution of complex insurance liabilities as well as the structuring of transactions designed to enable owners to exit an insurance business and extract trapped capital. Acquisitions typically involve purchases at a significant discount to book value and undergo an extensive due diligence process. Sirius Group can derive value from these acquisitions not only from the discounted purchase price, but also from the investment income on insurance float, the potential settlement of claims below the carried level of reserves and the harvesting of other embedded assets, including the value of shell companies and licenses.

Since its formation in 2000, White Mountains Solutions has executed thirteen transactions, which have resulted in approximately \$178 million of cumulative after-tax income through December 31, 2013. A description of the transactions that White Mountains Solutions has executed since January 1, 2009 follows below.

In 2013, White Mountains Solutions completed the acquisitions of Ashmere Insurance Company (“Ashmere”, formerly known as American Fuji Fire and Marine Insurance Company) from American International Group, Inc. (“AIG”) for an after-tax gain of \$7 million and Empire Insurance Company (“Empire”) from Leucadia National Corporation for an after-tax gain of \$7 million.

In 2012, White Mountains Solutions completed the acquisitions of four runoff entities, including the acquisition of 100% of the stock of Physicians Insurance Company of Ohio (“PICO”) and Citation Insurance Company (“Citation”) from PICO Holdings for \$15 million and the acquisition of 100% of the stock of two AIG runoff subsidiaries, Woodridge Insurance Company (“Woodridge”, formerly known as American General Indemnity Company) and Oakwood Insurance Company (“Oakwood”, formerly known as American General Property Insurance Company) for \$35 million.

In 2013, the net assets of PICO were transferred to Oakwood and PICO was subsequently dissolved. In July 2013, White Mountains Solutions entered into an agreement to sell Citation as a “shell company” to CopperPoint Mutual Insurance Company for \$1 million in excess of statutory surplus. The sale was completed on January 2, 2014 following the transfer of the Citation reserves to a Sirius Group affiliate.

In 2011, Sirius Group completed a transaction led by White Mountains Solutions to acquire the runoff loss reserve portfolio of Old Lyme Insurance Company Ltd. (“Old Lyme”), a Bermuda reinsurer in runoff since 2008. Old Lyme's loss reserves of approximately \$23 million were transferred via novation agreements into White Shoals Re Ltd. (“White Shoals”), a wholly-owned Bermuda reinsurance company established by Sirius Group earlier in 2011. The transaction resulted in an after-tax gain of \$7 million.

In 2010, White Mountains Solutions completed the acquisition of Central National Insurance Company of Omaha (“Central National”) from Drum Financial Corporation for \$5 million. Central National ceased writing business in 1989 and had operated under the control of the Nebraska Department of Insurance since 1990. The transaction resulted in an after-tax gain of \$13 million.

#### Sirius Capital Markets

In response to the growing trend of capital markets participation in business traditionally written by the reinsurance industry, in May 2013, Sirius Group formed Sirius Capital Markets to offer products linked to property catastrophe risk to institutional investors. Sirius Capital Markets (Bermuda) Ltd., (the “Investment Manager”) was licensed in August 2013 as an insurance manager under Section 10 of the Bermuda Insurance Act. The Investment Manager is responsible for managing the investment portfolio of certain ILS funds and also serves as the insurance manager for Alstead Reinsurance (SAC) Ltd., a Bermuda exempted company through which the ILS funds will transact collateralized reinsurance and retrocessional transactions. The ILS funds may also invest directly in risk-linked securities such as catastrophe bonds, principal-at-risk event-linked notes, and/or swaps and derivatives linked to catastrophe insurance risk. Sirius Capital Markets, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “Advisor”) that together with the Investment Manager is registered as an investment adviser with the SEC (with effect in November 2013), provides portfolio, investment and strategic advice and other services to the Investment Manager. Both the Investment Manager and the Advisor are indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of Sirius Group.

The Investment Manager and Advisor, as affiliates of Sirius International, will have access to and rely on the resources of Sirius International, seeking to leverage its market access expertise, proprietary modeling processes and tools and active risk management in furtherance of their execution of the ILS funds investment strategy. The Investment Manager was seeded with \$25 million of capital in December 2013.

#### Geographic Concentration

The following table shows Sirius Group’s net written premiums by geographic region based on the location of the ceding company or reinsurer for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011:

Geographic region Millions	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
United States	\$371.9	\$433.2	\$436.3

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

Europe	313.0	293.4	271.8
Canada, the Caribbean, Bermuda and Latin America	94.9	104.7	100.7
Asia and Other	96.8	116.4	106.9
Total	\$876.6	\$947.7	\$915.7

15

---



### Marketing and Distribution

Sirius Group obtains most of its reinsurance submissions from reinsurance intermediaries that represent the ceding company. The process of placing an intermediary reinsurance program typically begins when a ceding company enlists the aid of a reinsurance intermediary in structuring a reinsurance program. The ceding company and the reinsurance intermediary will often consult with one or more lead reinsurers as to the pricing and contract terms for the reinsurance protection being sought. Once the ceding company has approved the terms quoted by the lead reinsurer, the reinsurance intermediary will offer participation to qualified reinsurers until the program is fully subscribed. Sirius Group considers both the reinsurance intermediary and the ceding company to be its clients. Sirius Group has developed strong business relationships over a long period of time with the management of many of its ceding companies and reinsurance intermediaries.

Sirius Group pays ceding companies a ceding commission under most proportional reinsurance treaties and some excess of loss reinsurance treaties. The ceding commission is generally based on the ceding company's cost of acquiring and administering the business being reinsured (e.g., agent commissions, premium taxes and certain miscellaneous expenses). The ceding commissions paid to ceding companies constitute the majority of Sirius Group's total acquisition costs. Additionally, Sirius Group pays reinsurance intermediaries commissions based on negotiated percentages of the premium they produce on a per treaty or certificate basis.

During the year ended December 31, 2013, Sirius Group obtained \$120 million, or 11%, of its gross written premiums through IMG. During the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, Sirius Group received no more than 10% of its gross written premiums from any individual ceding company. During the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, Sirius Group received a majority of its gross reinsurance premiums written from three major, third-party reinsurance intermediaries as detailed in the following table:

Gross written premium by intermediary	Year Ended December 31,			
	2013	2012	2011	
AON Re/Benfield	29	% 32	% 31	%
Guy Carpenter	20	19	19	
Willis Re	11	8	10	
	60	% 59	% 60	%

### Underwriting and Pricing

Sirius Group maintains a disciplined underwriting strategy which, while considering overall exposure, focuses on writing more business when market terms and conditions are favorable and reducing business volume during soft markets when terms and conditions become less favorable. Sirius Group offers clients a wide range of reinsurance products across multiple lines of business to satisfy their risk management needs.

Sirius Group derives its reinsurance business from a broad spectrum of ceding companies, including national, regional, specialty, and excess and surplus lines writers, both internationally and in the United States. Sirius Group prices its products by assessing the desired return on the expected capital needed to write a given contract and on the expected underwriting results of the contract. Sirius Group's pricing indications are based on a number of underwriting factors including historical results, analysis of exposure and estimates of future loss costs, a review of other programs displaying similar exposure characteristics and the ceding company's underwriting and claims experience.

Additionally, in the United States, Sirius Group's underwriters, actuaries and claims personnel perform audits of certain ceding companies. Generally, ceding company audits are not customary outside the United States.

Additionally, Sirius Group's staff reviews the financial stability and creditworthiness of ceding companies. Such reviews provide important input to support underwriting decisions.

Reinsurers do not have the stringent regulations with respect to contract terms and policy exclusions that are generally imposed on primary insurers. For example, the Terrorism Act is not applicable to reinsurers. As a result, terrorism exclusions on reinsurance contracts are dictated by the marketplace. Sirius Group evaluates terrorism exposure from its ceding companies and applies exclusions as it deems appropriate and as are permitted by market conditions.

Reinsurance on U.S. commercial risks written by Sirius Group subsequent to the terrorist acts of September 11, 2001 generally contains clauses that exclude acts of terrorism certified under the Terrorism Act. Reinsurance on personal risks written by Sirius Group subsequent to the terrorist acts of September 11, 2001 generally contains exclusions

related to nuclear, biological, radiological and chemical attacks.

### Competition

The worldwide insurance and reinsurance markets are highly competitive. Competition is influenced by a variety of factors, including price charged and other terms and conditions offered, financial strength ratings, prior history and relationships, as well as expertise and the speed at which the company has historically paid claims.

Sirius Group competes for business in Europe, Bermuda, the United States, and other international markets with numerous global competitors. Sirius Group's competitors include other insurance and reinsurance companies and underwriting syndicates at Lloyd's of London. Some of the companies that Sirius Group competes directly with include Alleghany Corporation, Allied World Assurance Company Holdings AG, Arch Capital Group Ltd., Aspen Insurance Holdings Ltd., Axis Capital Holdings, Ltd., Endurance Specialty Holdings Ltd., Everest Re Group, Ltd., General Reinsurance Corporation, Hannover Ruckversicherung AG, Montpelier Re Holdings, Ltd., Munich Re Group, Odyssey Re Holdings Corp., PartnerRe Ltd., Platinum Underwriters Holdings Ltd., Renaissance Re Holdings Ltd., Scor Global P&C, Swiss Re Group, Validus Holdings, Ltd., and XL Capital Ltd.

In addition, in recent years the persistent low interest rate environment and ease of entry into the reinsurance sector has led to increased third-party alternative capital competition in the property catastrophe excess reinsurance line. This alternative capital provides collateralized property catastrophe protection in the form of catastrophe bonds, industry loss warranties, sidecars and other vehicles that facilitate the ability for non-reinsurance entities, such as hedge funds and pension funds, to compete for property catastrophe excess reinsurance business outside of the traditional treaty market. Sirius Group has observed reduced pricing and/or reduced shares in certain property catastrophe excess reinsurance markets as a result. This alternative capacity may expand into lines of business other than property catastrophe.

### Claims Management

Sirius Group maintains a staff of experienced insurance and reinsurance claim specialists. Its reinsurance claims specialists work closely with intermediaries to obtain specific claims information from ceding companies. Where customary and appropriate, Sirius Group's claims staff performs selective on-site claim reviews to assess ceding companies' claim handling abilities and reserve techniques. In addition, Sirius Group's claims specialists review loss information provided by ceding companies for adequacy and accuracy. The results of these claim reviews are shared with the underwriters and actuaries to assist them in pricing products and establishing loss reserves.

Sirius Group also uses third-party administrators ("TPAs") for certain claims, including claims arising from certain of Sirius Group's runoff claims related to certain acquired companies. In addition, Sirius Group uses agents that manage the administration for direct accident and health claims. Sirius Group's claims staff performs on-site claim audits of certain TPAs to ensure the propriety of the controls and processes over claims serviced by the TPAs.

### Catastrophe Risk Management

Sirius Group has exposure to losses caused by hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, winter storms, windstorms, floods, tsunamis, terrorist acts and other catastrophic events. In the normal course of business, Sirius Group regularly manages its concentration of exposures to catastrophic events, primarily by limiting concentrations of exposure to what it deems acceptable levels and, if necessary, purchasing reinsurance. In addition, Sirius Group seeks to limit losses that might arise from acts of terrorism in its insurance and reinsurance contracts by exclusionary provisions where available.

Sirius Group licenses third-party global property catastrophe models from AIR, EQECAT, Inc. ("EQE") and Risk Management Solutions Inc. ("RMS"), which are three of the leading vendors of industry-standard catastrophe modeling software, as well as utilizing its own proprietary models to calculate expected probable maximum loss ("PML") from various property natural catastrophe scenarios. Sirius Group prices its property catastrophe contracts using the aforementioned third-party software and internal models and other methods. In 2012, Sirius Group started using a new proprietary property underwriting and pricing tool ("GPI"), which consolidates and reports on all its worldwide property exposures. GPI is used to calculate individual and aggregate PMLs by statistically blending multiple third-party and proprietary models for property, A&H and marine. For business that Sirius Group determines to have exposure to natural catastrophic perils, as part of its underwriting process it models and assesses the exposure to assess whether there is an appropriate premium for the exposure.



The following table provides an estimate of Sirius Group's three largest PML zones on a per occurrence basis for 1-in-100 and 1-in-250 year events at January 2014 as measured by net after-tax exposure:

(\$ in millions)	Sirius Group Net After-Tax Loss						
	Modeled Industry Loss	Sirius Group Gross Loss	Net After Reinsurance and Reinstatements	Net After Tax	Net After-Tax as % of Adjusted GAAP Capital <sup>(1)</sup>	Net After-Tax as % of Adjusted GAAP Common Shareholder's Equity <sup>(1)</sup>	
	1-in-100 year event						
Southeast U.S.	\$59,477	\$382	\$349	\$263	10	%	16 %
West Coast U.S.	\$43,123	\$254	\$235	\$175	7	%	11 %
Europe	\$45,550	\$474	\$220	\$172	6	%	10 %
	1-in-250 year event						
Southeast U.S.	\$338,713	\$511	\$477	\$361	14	%	22 %
West Coast U.S.	\$76,867	\$432	\$408	\$306	11	%	18 %
Northeast U.S.	\$72,612	\$440	\$376	\$288	11	%	17 %

Adjusted GAAP capital and common shareholder's equity at December 31, 2013 for Sirius Group is determined on <sup>(1)</sup> a legal-entity basis and excludes \$36 of equity in net unrealized losses from Symetra's fixed maturity portfolio, net of taxes.

In addition to the above, Sirius Group also has significant exposure to United States Gulf Coast windstorms (i.e., Florida to Texas), New Madrid earthquakes, and, to a lesser extent, Japanese, Latin American, Canadian and Chinese windstorms and earthquakes.

AIR, EQE and RMS provide new versions of their models on a periodic basis, usually annually or every other year, which Sirius Group may implement for use after having engaged in appropriate testing and achieving comfort with the model enhancements. With GPI, Sirius Group's PML reporting methodology for exposures in the United States approximates an averaging of AIR and RMS, further adjusted for each treaty by underwriting judgment regarding the specific exposures underlying each cedent's portfolio. For exposures in countries other than the United States, Sirius Group chooses either AIR, EQE, or RMS for PML reporting based on underwriting and actuarial assessment as to the integrity of the model by territory and underlying data availability. The model of choice is then further adjusted in GPI for each treaty by underwriting judgment regarding the specific exposures underlying each cedent's portfolio.

Catastrophe modeling is dependent upon several broad economic and scientific assumptions, such as storm surge (the water that is pushed toward the shore by the force of a windstorm), demand surge (the localized increase in prices of goods and services that often follows a catastrophe) and zone density (the percentage of insured perils that would be affected in a region by a catastrophe). Third-party modeling software also does not provide information for all territories or perils (e.g. tsunami) for which Sirius Group writes business.

Catastrophe modeling is inherently uncertain due to process risk (i.e. the probability and magnitude of the underlying event) and parameter risk (i.e. the probability of making inaccurate model assumptions). In particular, obtaining geographic and policy coverage data on the primary policies reinsured by Sirius Group is essential. Accordingly, Sirius Group's ability to develop its catastrophe exposure is dependent on the quality and accuracy of data obtained from its clients.

If Sirius Group's assumptions about any of the above variables are incorrect, the potential incurred losses from an actual catastrophe could be materially higher than the expectation of losses generated from modeled catastrophe scenarios; as a result, Sirius Group's results of operations and financial condition could be materially adversely affected.

Sirius Group does not believe that it can rely solely upon catastrophe modeling to measure its exposure to natural catastrophe risk. For example, the losses arising from hurricane Katrina for both Sirius Group and the industry were substantially in excess of losses previously predicted by third-party models from such an event. This was due to issues

such as inadequate storm surge and demand surge assumptions in the models, as well as flooding from levees breaking which was not fully contemplated in these models. Sirius Group monitors gross and net property catastrophe occurrence limits by country and region globally. Occurrence limits for peak zones in Europe, Japan, and the United States are assessed versus modeled catastrophe risk as another measure in understanding total property catastrophe exposure to large events.

### Reinsurance Protection

Sirius Group's reinsurance protection primarily consists of pro-rata and excess of loss protections to cover A&H, aviation, trade credit, and certain property exposures. Sirius Group's core proportional property reinsurance programs provide protection for parts of the non-proportional treaty accounts written in Europe, the Americas, Asia, the Middle East, and Australia. These reinsurance protections are designed to increase underwriting capacity where appropriate, and to reduce exposure both to large catastrophe losses and to a frequency of smaller loss events. Attachment points and coverage limits vary by region around the world. In addition to its proportional reinsurance, Sirius Group also purchases excess of loss reinsurance protection for \$15 million in excess of a retention of \$5 million for the facultative and direct property portfolios written by the Stockholm, Hamburg and London branches (excluding business written in the United States). An additional \$15 million of reinsurance protection in excess of the \$20 million coverage is in place for the facultative and direct property portfolios written by the Hamburg and Stockholm branches. In addition, Syndicate 1945 has a reinsurance cover of \$10 million in excess of \$5 million for the facultative and direct property portfolio. At January 1, 2014, an additional \$3 million of second loss coverage was purchased for the facultative and direct property portfolios written by the Hamburg, Stockholm, and London branches in excess of a retention of \$3 million. Sirius Group also has \$5 million of protection in excess of a retention of \$5 million for the London branch and Syndicate 1945 for facultative and direct U.S.-catastrophe exposed business, which was renewed through June 30, 2014.

Sirius Group has in place excess of loss retrocessional coverage for its non-U.S. and non-Japan earthquake-related exposures. This cover was renewed for one year at April 1, 2013, providing \$40 million of reinsurance protection in excess of Sirius Group's retention of \$35 million and a further \$16 million of partially placed coverage in excess of \$75 million.

In addition, Sirius Group periodically purchases industry loss warranty ("ILW") contracts to augment its overall retrocessional program. A European windstorm and flood ILW totaling \$8 million in coverage and attaching at a market event level of €5 billion or greater (\$7 billion based on the December 31, 2012 EUR to USD exchange rate) was purchased in October 2013 and remains in force throughout 2014. Two additional ILWs were purchased at January 1, 2014, in force through March 31, 2014, totaling \$10 million in coverage for European windstorm and flood attaching at a market event level of \$8 billion.

Sirius Group's aviation reinsurance program is intended to reduce exposure to a frequency of small losses, a single large loss, or a combination of both. In 2014, for the proportional and facultative aviation portfolios, reinsurance protection purchases were generally for coverage on losses from events that cause a market loss in excess of \$150 million up to a full policy limit of \$2 billion. This program is in effect through November 2014. For the non-proportional aviation portfolio, reinsurance protection includes a 15% quota share treaty. In addition, the non-proportional portfolio is protected by ILWs with a limit of \$31 million. The ILWs attach at industry loss levels between \$350 million and \$1 billion.

For the marine yacht portfolio written by the London branch and Syndicate 1945, reinsurance coverage is in place for \$10 million in excess of a retention of \$0.3 million.

For accident and health, Sirius Group has excess of loss protection covering personal accident and life of €10 million (\$14 million based on the December 31, 2013 EUR to USD exchange rate) of protection in excess of a €5 million (\$7 million based on the December 31, 2013 EUR to USD exchange rate) retention for the Stockholm, Hamburg, Liege and Singapore branches. In addition, the Sirius America's direct insurance portfolio includes quota share reinsurance of various percentages.

For 2013, Sirius Group ceded 20% and 50% of its trade credit and bond business, respectively, under a quota share retrocession, which supported growth in this line. The treaty was renewed for 2014 at the same cession percentages.

For 2013, Sirius Group also ceded 30% of the direct contingency business written by the London branch and Syndicate 1945 on a proportional basis. The treaty was renewed at January 1, 2014.

Almost all of Sirius Group's excess of loss reinsurance protections, excluding ILWs which tend to only cover one loss event, include provisions that reinstate coverage at a cost of 100% or more of the original reinsurance premium.

At December 31, 2013, Sirius Group had \$16 million of reinsurance recoverables on paid losses and \$348 million of reinsurance recoverables on unpaid losses that will become recoverable if claims are paid in accordance with current reserve estimates. Because retrocessional reinsurance contracts do not relieve Sirius Group of its obligation to its

insureds, the collectability of balances due from Sirius Group's reinsurers is critical to its financial strength. Sirius Group monitors the financial strength and ratings of retrocessionaires on an ongoing basis. See Note 4 - "Third-party Reinsurance" to the accompanying consolidated financial statements for a discussion of Sirius Group's top reinsurers.

#### Loss and Loss Adjustment Expense Reserves

Sirius Group establishes loss and LAE reserves that are estimates of future amounts needed to pay claims and related expenses for insured events that have already occurred. The process of estimating reserves involves a considerable degree of judgment by management and, as of any given date, is inherently uncertain. See "CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES — Loss and LAE Reserves — Sirius Group" on page 90 for a full discussion regarding Sirius Group's loss reserving process.

The following information presents (1) Sirius Group's reserve development over the preceding ten years and (2) a reconciliation of reserves on a regulatory basis to reserves determined in accordance with GAAP, each as prescribed by Securities Act Industry Guide No. 6.



Section I of the 10 year table shows the estimated liability that was recorded at the end of each of the indicated years for all current and prior accident year unpaid loss and LAE. The liability represents the estimated amount of loss and LAE for claims that were unpaid at the balance sheet date, including IBNR reserves. In accordance with GAAP, the liability for unpaid loss and LAE is recorded in the balance sheet gross of the effects of reinsurance with an estimate of reinsurance recoverables arising from reinsurance contracts reported separately as an asset. The net balance represents the estimated amount of unpaid loss and LAE outstanding as of the balance sheet date, reduced by estimates of amounts recoverable under reinsurance contracts.

Section II shows the cumulative amount of net loss and LAE paid relating to recorded liabilities as of the end of each succeeding year. Section III shows the re-estimated amount of the previously recorded net liability as of the end of each succeeding year. Estimates of the liability for unpaid loss and LAE are increased or decreased as payments are made and more information regarding individual claims and trends, such as overall frequency and severity patterns, becomes known. Section IV shows the cumulative net (deficiency)/redundancy representing the aggregate change in the liability from original balance sheet dates and the re-estimated liability through December 31, 2013. Section V shows the re-estimated gross liability and re-estimated reinsurance recoverables through December 31, 2013. Section VI shows the cumulative gross (deficiency)/redundancy representing the aggregate change in the liability from original balance sheet dates and the re-estimated liability through December 31, 2013.

Sirius Group Loss and LAE								
Year Ended December 31,								
(\$ in millions)	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
I. Liability for unpaid loss and LAE:								
Gross balance	\$1,699.4	\$3,864.3	\$4,308.8	\$3,708.8	\$3,252.3	\$2,735.5	\$2,444.4	\$2,441.3
Less reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses and LAE	(741.1 )	(1,149.8 )	(1,633.6 )	(1,142.5 )	(806.4 )	(555.0 )	(578.6 )	(450.5 )
Net balance	\$958.3	\$2,714.5	\$2,675.2	\$2,566.3	\$2,445.9	\$2,180.5	\$1,865.8	\$1,990.8
II. Cumulative amount of net liability paid through:								
1 year later	321.5	941.0	949.4	721.7	726.2	637.4	276.2	475.3
2 years later	521.8	1,369.4	1,442.9	1,302.0	1,164.5	760.8	533.0	794.6
3 years later	710.8	1,684.9	1,942.5	1,645.2	1,207.4	972.5	789.2	945.1
4 years later	834.7	2,052.4	2,225.6	1,649.2	1,486.6	1,200.3	910.6	
5 years later	941.0	2,246.0	2,192.3	1,804.3	1,693.8	1,307.0		
6 years later	1,015.7	2,170.9	2,325.5	1,997.3	1,784.8			
7 years later	901.6	2,265.1	2,499.2	2,077.8				
8 years later	910.7	2,430.7	2,570.5					
9 years later	997.3	2,495.5						
10 years later	1,049.1							
III. Net Liability re-estimated as of:								
1 year later	984.9	2,771.9	2,893.2	2,575.4	2,525.7	2,159.4	1,808.5	1,943.9
2 years later	1,059.6	2,802.9	3,032.5	2,775.8	2,539.8	2,140.6	1,797.5	1,966.8
3 years later	1,148.1	2,917.9	3,164.9	2,749.3	2,517.2	2,124.6	1,790.4	1,965.0
4 years later	1,270.2	3,063.6	3,133.3	2,743.4	2,510.7	2,129.6	1,795.2	
5 years later	1,425.0	3,021.4	3,124.8	2,741.7	2,527.0	2,136.5		

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

6 years later	1,382.7	3,013.1	3,134.3	2,774.4	2,533.2				
7 years later	1,379.8	3,017.9	3,174.0	2,782.9					
8 years later	1,383.3	3,065.0	3,184.6						
9 years later	1,437.6	3,076.3							
10 years later	1,449.0								
IV. Cumulative net (deficiency)/ redundancy	(\$490.7)	(\$361.8 )	(\$509.4)	(\$216.6)	(\$87.3 )	\$44.0	\$70.6	\$25.8	
Percent (deficient)/redundant	(51.2 )%	(13.3 )%	(19.0 )%	(8.4 )%	(3.6 )%	2.0	% 3.8	% 1.3	% 9
V. Reconciliation of net liability re-estimated as of the end of the latest re-estimation period (see III above):									
Gross re-estimated liability	\$2,338.2	\$4,437.7	\$5,054.0	\$3,945.6	\$3,353.2	\$2,696.0	\$2,353.2	\$2,368.2	
Less: gross re-estimated reinsurance recoverable	(889.2 )	(1,361.4 )	(1,869.4 )	(1,162.8 )	(820.0 )	(559.5 )	(558.0 )	(403.3 )	
Net re-estimated liability	\$1,449.0	\$3,076.3	\$3,184.6	\$2,782.8	\$2,533.2	\$2,136.5	\$1,795.2	\$1,964.9	
VI. Cumulative gross (deficiency)/ redundancy	\$(638.8 )	\$(573.4 )	\$(745.2 )	\$(236.8 )	\$(100.9 )	\$39.5	\$91.2	\$73.1	
Percent (deficient)/redundant	(37.6 )%	(14.8 )%	(17.3 )%	(6.4 )%	(3.1 )%	1.4	% 3.7	% 3.0	% 9

The cumulative net (deficiency)/redundancy in the table above includes adverse development from asbestos and environmental (“A&E”) claims. Sirius Group’s exposure to A&E claims results mainly from asbestos claims arising from treaty and facultative contracts written prior to 1985 at two companies acquired by Sirius America—MONY Reinsurance Corporation in 1991 and Christiania General Insurance Corporation in 1996. As a result, the table above reflects reserve development on A&E business that was not underwritten by Sirius Group.

Sirius Group’s net incurred losses from A&E claims have totaled \$230 million over the past ten years. Although losses arising from A&E claims were on contracts that were not underwritten by Sirius Group, Sirius Group is liable for any additional losses arising from such contracts. Accordingly, Sirius Group cannot guarantee that it will not incur additional A&E losses in the future. Refer to “CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES” in “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” for further details of Sirius Group’s A&E reserves.

The following table reconciles loss and LAE reserves determined on a regulatory basis to loss and LAE reserves determined in accordance with GAAP at December 31, as follows:

Millions	December 31,	
	2013	2012
Regulatory reserves	\$1,673.4	\$1,847.0
Reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses and LAE <sup>(1)</sup>	349.3	760.4
Discount on loss reserves	2.5	3.5
WM Life Re reserves <sup>(2)</sup>	—	(437.8
Purchase accounting and other	(.2	) (4.2
GAAP reserves	\$2,025.0	\$2,168.9

Represents adjustments made to add back reinsurance recoverables included with the presentation of reserves

<sup>(1)</sup> under regulatory accounting. Includes recoverables from WM Life Re business in 2012 and recoverables on intercompany treaties that are eliminated in consolidation.

Sirius Group fronted the reinsurance contracts for, and was 100% reinsured by, WM Life Re until October 17, 2013, at which time White Mountains and Tokio Marine completed a novation whereby Sirius Group’s obligations

<sup>(2)</sup> under these contracts were transferred to WM Life Re. These instruments were reported as reinsurance contracts under Swedish statutory regulations. For GAAP purposes, the liabilities were transferred to WM Life Re and are reported as derivative instruments.

#### Sirius Group’s Preference Shares and Senior Notes

In May 2007, Sirius International Group, Ltd. (“SIG”), an intermediate holding company of Sirius Group, issued \$250 million non-cumulative perpetual preference shares, with a \$1,000 per share liquidation preference (the “SIG Preference Shares”), and received \$246 million of proceeds, net of \$4 million of issuance costs and commissions. These shares were issued in an offering that was exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933. Holders of the SIG Preference Shares receive dividends on a non-cumulative basis when and if declared by SIG. See Note 1 - “Significant Accounting Policies - Non-controlling Interest” for more details regarding the SIG Preference Shares.

The SIG Preference Shares included an initial fixed annual dividend rate of 7.506%. In June 2017, the fixed rate will move to a floating rate equal to the greater of (i) 7.506% and (ii) 3-month LIBOR plus 320 bps. In July 2013, SIG executed a 5-year forward LIBOR cap (the “Interest Rate Cap”) for the period from June 2017 to June 2022 to protect against a significant increase in interest rates during that 5-year period. The Interest Rate Cap economically fixes the annual dividend rate on the SIG Preference Shares from June 2017 to June 2022 at 8.30%. The cost of the Interest Rate Cap was an upfront premium of 395 bps of the \$250 million notional value, or \$10 million for the full notional amount. See Note 8 - “Derivatives - Interest Rate Cap” for more details regarding the Interest Rate Cap.

In March 2007, SIG issued \$400 million face value of senior unsecured notes (the “SIG Senior Notes”) at an issue price of 99.715%. The SIG Senior Notes, which were issued in an offering that was exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, bear an annual interest rate of 6.375%, payable semi-annually in arrears on March 20 and September 20, until maturity in March 2017. See Note 6 - “Debt” for more details regarding the SIG Senior Notes.

HG GLOBAL/BAM

BAM is domiciled in New York and was established to provide insurance on municipal bonds issued to support essential U.S. public purposes such as schools, utilities, core governmental functions and existing transportation facilities. Members of BAM's senior management team have more than 25 years on average of experience in the municipal bond insurance industry.

HG Global is domiciled in Bermuda and was established to fund the startup of BAM, and through its subsidiary, HG Re, to provide reinsurance to BAM. In 2012, HG Global was capitalized with \$609 million to purchase surplus notes from BAM and to fund HG Re.

White Mountains believes that municipal bonds insured by BAM have strong appeal to retail investors, who buy smaller, less liquid issues, have less portfolio diversification and have fewer credit differentiation skills and analytical resources. BAM focuses on underwriting small-to-medium sized investment grade bonds, primarily in the AA-, A and BBB categories. BAM seeks to provide insurance to the municipal bond market while building a relatively low risk insurance portfolio with conservative single risk limits (initially the aggregate par value of the insured bonds with a common revenue stream is limited to \$100 million or less, depending on rating).

BAM launched in July 2012 after securing an “AA/stable” rating from Standard & Poor's (“AA” is the third highest of twenty-one financial strength ratings assigned by Standard & Poor's). HG Global, together with its subsidiaries, funded the initial capitalization of BAM through the purchase of \$503 million of BAM Surplus Notes. BAM and HG Re entered into a first loss reinsurance treaty (“FLRT”), under which HG Re will provide first loss protection up to 15% of par outstanding on each bond insured by BAM in exchange for 60% of the risk premium, net of a ceding commission, charged by BAM.

HG Re's obligations under the FLRT are satisfied by the assets in two collateral trusts: a Regulation 114 Trust and a Supplemental Trust. Losses required to be reimbursed to BAM by HG Re are subject to an aggregate limit equal to the assets held in the collateral trusts at any point in time. The Regulation 114 Trust target balance is equal to ceded unearned premiums and unpaid ceded loss and LAE expenses, if any. The Supplemental Trust target balance is equal to approximately \$400 million. The collateral trust balances must be at target levels before excess capital can be distributed out of the Supplemental Trust to HG Re. At any point in time, if the sum of the Regulation 114 Trust balance and the Supplemental Trust balance equal zero, BAM may choose to terminate the FLRT on a runoff basis. However, HG Re can elect to continue the FLRT by depositing into the Regulation 114 Trust assets with a fair market value not less than the greater of (i) \$100 million or (ii) 10% of the then Regulation 114 Trust target balance. At inception, the Supplemental Trust contained \$300 million of BAM Surplus Notes and \$100 million of cash and fixed income securities. As the BAM Surplus Notes are repaid over time, the BAM Surplus Notes will be replaced in the Supplemental Trust by cash and fixed income securities.

The FLRT is perpetual with an initial term of 10 years. The FLRT can be amended after the first 10-year period and after each subsequent 5-year period on a prospective basis. If the parties are unable to mutually agree to amended terms, the dispute is resolved through arbitration, with the arbitrator determining amendments that would best achieve BAM and HG Global's joint expectation of certain basic principles including maintenance of BAM's rating, the provision to BAM of reliable first loss reinsurance, and HG Global achieving an equitable rate of return. Amended contract terms must be approved by the New York State Department of Financial Services (“NYDFS”). Should BAM consider the amended terms to be unacceptable, it has the option to purchase HG Re, or cause another reinsurer to purchase HG Re, at fair value. Pursuant to the FLRT, BAM's underwriting guidelines may only be amended with the consent of HG Re. In addition, HG Global has the right to designate two directors for election to BAM's board of directors.

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, White Mountains owned 97.3% of HG Global's preferred equity and 88.7% of its common equity. At December 31, 2013 and 2012, HG Global had \$675 million and \$624 million of total assets and \$606 million and \$623 million of shareholders' equity, \$17 million and \$17 million of which is included in non-controlling interest. At December 31, 2013 and 2012, BAM had \$486 million and \$493 million of total assets and \$(98) million and \$(36) million of members' equity, all of which is included in non-controlling interest.

#### Insured Portfolio

The following tables present BAM's insured portfolio by asset class. It includes all financial guaranty insurance contracts outstanding as of December 31, 2013 and 2012:

##### Gross Par Outstanding and Average Credit Rating by Asset Class

Millions	December 31, 2013		December 31, 2012	
	Gross Par Outstanding	Average Credit Rating <sup>(1)</sup>	Gross Par Outstanding	Average Credit Rating <sup>(1)</sup>
General Obligation	\$3,191.8	A	\$20.0	A
Utility	671.9	A	5.8	BBB
General Fund	388.6	A+	—	

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

Dedicated Tax	192.4	A-	—	
Transportation	154.9	A-	—	
Public Higher Education	73.6	A	—	
Other Public Finance	30.5	A	—	
Total gross par outstanding	\$4,703.7	A	\$25.8	A-

(1) The average credit ratings are based on Standard & Poor's credit ratings, or if unrated by Standard & Poor's, the Standard & Poor's equivalent of credit ratings provided by Moody's

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

The following tables presents BAM's ten largest direct exposures based upon gross par outstanding, the percentage of total gross par outstanding, and Standard & Poor's credit ratings, or if unrated by Standard & Poor's, credit ratings provided by Moody's, as of December 31, 2013:

Millions	Gross Par Outstanding	Percent of Total Gross Par Outstanding	Credit Rating
Sweetwater Union High School District Public Financing Authority, CA, (San Diego County)	\$ 72.1	1.5	% A <sup>(1)</sup>
Plum Borough SD, PA (Allegheny County)	67.4	1.4	% A+ <sup>(1)</sup>
Allegheny County Sanitary Authority, PA, (Allegheny County), Sewer Revenue	64.8	1.4	% A <sup>(1)</sup>
Roosevelt UFSD, NY (Nassau County)	59.4	1.3	% A+ <sup>(1)</sup>
Chicago Board of Education, IL (Cook County)	58.6	1.2	% A+ <sup>(1)</sup>
Tehachapi Valley Healthcare District, CA (Kern County)	57.9	1.2	% A2 <sup>(2)</sup>
Texas Southern University System, TX (state-wide)	54.8	1.2	% Baa1 <sup>(2)</sup>
Hesperia USD, CA (San Bernardino County)	52.7	1.1	% A- <sup>(1)</sup>
Polk County, FL, (Polk County), Combined Water & Sewer	51.1	1.1	% A+ <sup>(1)</sup>
Palmdale SD, CA (Los Angeles County)	45.1	1.0	% A+ <sup>(1)</sup>
Total of top ten exposures	\$ 583.9	12.4	%

<sup>(1)</sup> "A+" is the fifth highest, "A" is the sixth highest and "A-" is the seventh highest of twenty-eight credit ratings assigned by Standard & Poor's.

<sup>(2)</sup> "A2" is the sixth highest and "Baa1" is the eighth highest of twenty-one credit ratings assigned by Moody's.

The following table presents the geographic distribution of the BAM's insured portfolio as of December 31, 2013:

Millions	Number of Risks	Gross Par Outstanding	Percent of Total Gross Par Outstanding	
California	85	\$ 1,231.6	26.2	%
Texas	157	1,010.4	21.5	%
Pennsylvania	99	912.0	19.4	%
New York	62	550.2	11.7	%
Illinois	17	220.9	4.7	%
Michigan	10	110.4	2.3	%
Florida	2	86.3	1.8	%
Arizona	8	81.6	1.7	%
Alabama	6	70.1	1.5	%
New Jersey	7	65.2	1.4	%
Other states	40	365.0	7.8	%
Total insured portfolio	493	\$ 4,703.7	100.0	%

The following table sets forth BAM's insured portfolio by issue size of exposure as of December 31, 2013:

Original Par Amount Per Issue	Number of Risks	Gross Par Outstanding	Percent of Total Gross Par Outstanding	
Less than \$5 million	193	\$ 595.3	12.6	%
\$5 to \$10 million	178	1,325.6	28.2	%
\$10 to \$50 million	113	2,244.1	47.7	%
\$50 to \$100 million	9	538.7	11.5	%
Total insured portfolio	493	\$ 4,703.7	100.0	%





## OTHER OPERATIONS

White Mountains' Other Operations segment consists of the Company and its intermediate holding companies, its wholly-owned investment management subsidiary (WM Advisors) and its variable annuity reinsurance business (WM Life Re), which is in runoff, as well as various other entities not included in other segments.

### WM Advisors

WM Advisors is a registered investment adviser that manages White Mountains' investments in fixed income and equity securities, including hedge funds and private equities. WM Advisors also has investment management agreements with third parties, most notably with Symetra Financial Corporation ("Symetra"). At December 31, 2013, WM Advisors had approximately \$34 billion in assets under management, \$6 billion of which related to consolidated subsidiaries of White Mountains.

WM Advisors has a sub-advisory agreement with Prospector Partners LLC ("Prospector"), a registered investment adviser, under which Prospector manages a majority of White Mountains' publicly-traded common equity securities and convertible fixed maturity securities. At December 31, 2013, the value of White Mountains' common equity and convertible fixed maturity securities managed by Prospector totaled approximately \$900 million, which represented 73% of White Mountains' total common equity and convertible fixed maturity portfolio. Prospector also provides consulting and advisory services to White Mountains through a separate agreement on matters such as asset allocation, hedge fund and private equity investments, capital management, and mergers and acquisitions.

### WM Life Re

WM Life Re reinsures death and living benefit guarantees associated with certain variable annuities issued in Japan. Sirius Group fronted the reinsurance contracts for and was 100% reinsured by WM Life Re until October 17, 2013, when White Mountains and Tokio Marine completed a novation whereby Sirius Group's obligations on the reinsurance contracts were transferred to WM Life Re. As a result, Sirius Group no longer has any obligation or liability relating to these agreements. In connection with this novation, White Mountains and Life Re Bermuda entered into a keep-well agreement, which obligates White Mountains to make capital contributions to Life Re Bermuda in the event that Life Re Bermuda's shareholder's equity falls below \$75 million, provided however that in no event shall the amount of all capital contributions made by White Mountains under this agreement exceed \$127 million. At December 31, 2013, Life Re Bermuda had \$86 million of shareholder's equity and White Mountains' maximum capital commitment under the keep-well agreement was \$118 million. WM Life Re is in runoff and all of its contracts will have matured by June 30, 2016.

WM Life Re has assumed the risk related to a shortfall between the account value and the guaranteed value that must be paid by the ceding company to an annuitant or to an annuitant's beneficiary in accordance with the underlying annuity contracts. The guaranteed value of the annuity contracts is equal to the initial single premium paid by the annuitant. The annuity accounts are invested in four index funds: a Japanese government bond fund indexed to the Nomura Bond Performance Index ("Nomura BPI") (roughly 35%), a foreign government bond fund indexed to the Citi World Group Government Bond Index, excluding Japan ("WGBI") (roughly 35%), a Japanese equity fund indexed to the TOPIX Total Return Index (roughly 15%) and a foreign equity fund indexed to the MSCI Kokusai Total Return Index (roughly 15%). The account is rebalanced monthly to maintain these same investment allocations. As of December 31, 2013, annuity contracts mature within 2 years on average (with a maximum of 2½ years and a minimum of 1½ years remaining). The guarantee made by the ceding company to its annuitants was economically equivalent to guaranteeing that the underlying investment accounts would earn a return of approximately 2.7% per annum. The average account value of annuity contracts covered by WM Life Re was approximately 104% of their guarantee value at the inception of the reinsurance contracts. Accordingly, the guarantee made in WM Life Re's contracts was economically equivalent to guaranteeing that the underlying investment accounts would earn a return of approximately 2.3% per annum.

WM Life Re reinsured ¥200 billion (approximately \$1.7 billion at the then current exchange rate) of guarantees in September 2006 and an additional ¥56 billion (approximately \$0.5 billion at the then current exchange rate) in March 2007. WM Life Re has not subsequently written any additional business and the last policy reinsured under

WM Life Re's existing contract will mature on June 30, 2016. As of December 31, 2013, the total guarantee value was approximately ¥204 billion (approximately \$1.9 billion at exchange rates on that date). The average annual premium charged by WM Life Re under these contracts is equal to 1.13% times the total guarantee value.

WM Life Re uses derivative instruments, including put options, interest rate swaps, total return swaps on bond and equity indices, forward contracts and futures contracts on major equity indices, currency pairs and government bonds, to mitigate the market risks associated with changes in the fair value of the reinsured variable annuity guarantees. WM Life Re measures its net exposure to changes in relevant interest rates, foreign exchange rates, implied volatilities and equity markets on a daily basis and adjusts its economic hedge positions within risk guidelines established by a risk committee that contains members of White Mountains' and WM Life Re's senior management. WM Life Re continually fair values its liability and the related hedge assets. The guarantee is economically substantially similar to having sold put options on a basket of the four index funds. WM Life Re also monitors the effects of annuitant related experience against actuarial assumptions (surrender and mortality rates) on a weekly basis and adjusts relevant assumptions and economic hedge positions if required.

Under the terms of its reinsurance contracts, WM Life Re is required to hold eligible assets (generally cash, short-term investments, fixed income securities, and hedge assets such as options and futures) equal to the fair value of the liability, as defined in the reinsurance contracts, for the benefit of the cedent. Increases in the fair value of the liability in excess of the increase in value of the hedge assets, such as occurs in the case of decreases in surrender assumptions or underperformance of the hedging portfolio, must therefore be funded on a current basis while the actual amounts that must be paid to settle the contracts may not be known and generally will not become payable for a number of years. White Mountains contributed \$70 million, \$25 million and \$20 million into WM Life Re during 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively, to fulfill this requirement.

See "CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES - Fair Value Measurements" on page 96 for a discussion of the sensitivity of WM Life Re's results to changes in market and annuitant-related variables.

## DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

### OneBeacon

In October 2012, one of OneBeacon's indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries, OneBeacon Insurance Group LLC, entered into the Runoff Transaction to sell the Runoff Business to Trebuchet US Holdings, Inc. ("Trebuchet"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Armour Group Holdings Limited (together with Trebuchet, "Armour"). Pursuant to the terms of the Runoff SPA, at closing, OneBeacon will transfer to Trebuchet all of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock of certain legal entities that will contain the assets, liabilities (including gross and ceded loss reserves) and capital supporting the Runoff Business as well as certain elements of the Runoff Business infrastructure, including staff and office space. Additionally, as part of the Runoff Transaction, OneBeacon may provide financing in the form of surplus notes. The transaction is subject to regulatory approvals and is expected to close in mid-2014. As a result of the Runoff Transaction, the Runoff Business is reported as discontinued operations in White Mountains' financial statements.

On February 22, 2012, OneBeacon completed the sale of AutoOne to Interboro Holdings, Inc. ("Interboro"). OneBeacon formed AutoOne in 2001 to provide products and services to automobile assigned risk markets primarily in New York and New Jersey. OneBeacon transferred to the buyer AutoOne Insurance Company and AutoOne Select Insurance Company, which contained the assets, liabilities, including loss reserves and unearned premiums, and capital supporting the AutoOne business, and transferred substantially all of the AutoOne infrastructure including systems and office space as well as certain staff. As a result of the sale, AutoOne is reported as discontinued operations in White Mountains' financial statements.

### Esurance

On October 7, 2011, White Mountains completed the sale of Esurance to The Allstate Corporation ("Allstate") for a cash payment of \$1.01 billion, which was equal to \$700 million plus the estimated pro forma tangible book value at closing of the legal entities sold of approximately \$310 million. As a result of the sale, Esurance is reported as discontinued operations in White Mountains' financial statements.

Esurance Insurance wrote personal auto insurance in 30 states through its website and over the phone and also sold other lines of personal insurance for unaffiliated insurance companies. Esurance Insurance also wrote personal auto policies through select on-line agents and provided other insurance products through partnerships with industry

leading online providers. The 30 states in which Esurance Insurance wrote business represent approximately 87% of the premium volume for the entire U.S. personal auto insurance market. AFI earned commissions by selling personal auto, homeowners, renters and condo insurance policies online and over the phone using a comparison quoting platform. AFI sold policies in 50 states and the District of Columbia for many insurance companies, including Esurance Insurance.

See Note 21—"Discontinued Operations" of the accompanying consolidated financial statements for details of amounts included in net assets held for sale, net income (loss) from discontinued operations and gains (losses) from sales of discontinued operations.

## INVESTMENTS

White Mountains' investment philosophy is to maximize long-term total returns (after-tax) while taking prudent levels of risk and maintaining a diversified portfolio. Under White Mountains' philosophy, each dollar of after-tax investment income or investment gains (realized or unrealized) is valued equally.

White Mountains' investment portfolio mix as of December 31, 2013 consisted in large part of high-quality, short-duration, fixed maturity investments and short-term investments, but also included common equity securities, convertible fixed maturity securities and other long-term investments, such as hedge funds and private equities. White Mountains' management believes that prudent levels of investments in common equity securities, convertible fixed maturity securities and other long-term investments are likely to enhance long-term after-tax total returns. See "Portfolio Composition" on page 64.

White Mountains' overall fixed maturity investment strategy is to purchase securities that are attractively priced in relation to their investment risks. White Mountains also actively manages the average duration of the portfolio. Duration was about 2.1 years including short-term investments and about 2.4 years excluding short-term investments at December 31, 2013.

White Mountains' overall equity investment strategy is to maximize risk-adjusted absolute return through investments in a variety of equity and equity-related instruments, using a bottom-up, value investing approach. Preservation of capital is of the utmost importance. White Mountains' equity sub-advisors, most notably Prospector, invest predominantly in the United States and other developed markets.

### Prospector Funds

White Mountains owns approximately 72% of the limited partnership interests in Prospector Offshore Fund, Ltd. and approximately 69% of the limited partnership interests in Prospector Turtle Fund (collectively, the "Prospector Funds"). These funds are managed by Prospector, a registered investment adviser, and are consolidated within White Mountains' financial statements. The Prospector Funds are hedge funds that pursue investment opportunities in a variety of equity and equity-related instruments, chiefly in the financial services sector.

At December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Prospector Funds had \$249 million and \$239 million of total assets and accounted for \$112 million and \$103 million of White Mountains' net assets.

### Symetra

In 2004, White Mountains, Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. ("Berkshire") and several other private investors capitalized Symetra in order to purchase the life and investment operations of Safeco Corporation for \$1.35 billion. The acquired companies focus mainly on group insurance, individual life insurance, structured settlements and retirement services. Symetra had an initial capitalization of approximately \$1.4 billion, consisting of \$1,065 million of common equity and \$315 million of debt. White Mountains invested \$195 million in Symetra in exchange for 17.4 million common shares, as adjusted for stock splits, of Symetra. In addition, White Mountains and Berkshire each received warrants to acquire an additional 9.5 million common shares of Symetra at \$11.49 per share, as adjusted for stock splits.

In 2010, Symetra completed an initial public offering at a price of \$12 per share, whereby 25.3 million primary shares were sold to the public and 9.7 million secondary shares were sold by existing shareholders. White Mountains did not sell any of its shares of Symetra in the offering. In June 2013, White Mountains executed a cashless exercise of its Symetra warrants, which resulted in the net issuance of 2.65 million common shares of Symetra in exchange for the warrants. As of December 31, 2013, White Mountains owned 20.05 million, or 17%, of Symetra's outstanding common shares.

One White Mountains designee and one member of White Mountains' Board of Directors currently serve on Symetra's seven member board of directors. White Mountains accounts for its investment in common shares of Symetra under the equity method.

The following table presents the financial strength ratings assigned to Symetra's principal insurance operating subsidiaries as of February 28, 2014:

	A.M. Best <sup>(1)</sup>	Fitch <sup>(2)</sup>	Moody <sup>(3)</sup>	Standard & Poor <sup>(4)</sup>
Rating	"A" (Excellent)	"A+" (Strong)	"A3" (Good)	"A" (Strong)



Symetra's total revenues and net income for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 were \$2,104 million and \$221 million, \$2,101 million and \$205 million, and \$1,999 million and \$200 million. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, Symetra had total assets of \$30.1 billion and \$29.5 billion and shareholders' equity of \$2.9 billion and \$3.6 billion. Symetra's shareholders' equity excluding unrealized gains (losses) from its fixed maturity investments was \$2.3 billion at both December 31, 2013 and 2012.

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, White Mountains' investment in Symetra common shares was \$361 million and \$288 million, excluding \$(44) million and \$63 million of pre-tax equity in unrealized (losses)/gains from Symetra's fixed maturity investments. As of December 31, 2012, White Mountains' investment in Symetra warrants was \$30 million. Since inception, White Mountains has received cash dividends from Symetra of \$65 million on its common share investment and \$33 million on its warrant investment.

During the fourth quarter of 2011, White Mountains recorded a GAAP other-than-temporary impairment write-down on its investment in Symetra common shares. White Mountains concluded that the accounting impairment on its investment in Symetra common shares arose due to the prolonged low interest rate environment in which life insurance companies were operating and not due to reasons specific to Symetra. As a result, White Mountains does not believe that the accounting impairment equates to an impairment in Symetra's long-term intrinsic business value. See "CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES — White Mountains' Investment in Symetra Common Shares" on page 106 for a complete discussion of the methodology used to determine the GAAP other-than-temporary impairment on Symetra at December 31, 2011.

## REGULATION

### United States

White Mountains' U.S.-based insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries are subject to regulation and supervision in each of the states where they are domiciled and licensed to conduct business. Generally, state regulatory authorities have broad supervisory and administrative powers over such matters as licenses, standards of solvency, premium rates, policy forms, investments, security deposits, methods of accounting, form and content of financial statements, reserves for unpaid loss and LAE, reinsurance, minimum capital and surplus requirements, dividends and other distributions to shareholders, periodic examinations and annual and other report filings. In general, such regulation is for the protection of policyholders rather than shareholders. White Mountains believes that it is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to its business that would have a material effect on its financial position in the event of non-compliance.

All states have laws establishing standards than an insurer must meet. In addition, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC") has risk-based capital ("RBC") standards for property and casualty insurers as a means of monitoring certain aspects affecting the overall financial condition of insurance companies. The current RBC ratios of White Mountains' active U.S.-based insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries are satisfactory and such ratios are not expected to result in any adverse regulatory action. White Mountains is not aware of any current recommendations by regulatory authorities that would be expected to have a material effect on its results of operations or liquidity.

The NAIC's Annual Financial Reporting Model Regulation, or the Model Audit Rule ("MAR"), which includes provisions that are similar to certain Sarbanes-Oxley requirements for public companies, requires certain insurance companies to appoint audit committees to oversee accounting and financial reporting processes as well as oversee the audit of the insurer's statutory financial statements. Audit committees also are required to appoint independent auditors, among other things. The appointed audit committee receives reports regarding significant deficiencies, material weaknesses and solvency concerns at the insurance company level. Certain insurance companies are also required to annually file a management report on internal control over financial reporting.

Regulators in states that adopted the NAIC's 2010 amendment to the Model Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act (the "Model Holding Company Act") have enhanced authority to regulate insurers as well as their affiliated entities. The amendment to the Model Holding Company Act requires the ultimate controlling person in an insurer's holding company structure to identify and report to state insurance regulators material risks within the structure that could pose enterprise risk to the insurer. While some states have substantially adopted the Model

Holding Company Act, others have not yet passed the legislation.

27

---



State regulators also continue to adopt measures related to the NAIC's Solvency Modernization Initiative ("SMI"). Initiated in 2008 with the goal of modernizing the U.S. insurance solvency framework, SMI focuses on capital requirements, governance and risk management, group supervision, statutory accounting and financial reporting, and reinsurance. One key regulatory change that emerged from SMI is a requirement that insurers summarize their key risks and risk management strategies in a report to regulators. This insurer-created, risk-focused summary report is called the Own Risk Solvency Assessment ("ORSA"). The ORSA is defined by the NAIC's Risk Management and ORSA Model Act (the "ORSA Model Act") and a related ORSA Guidance Manual, both of which were adopted by the NAIC in 2012. The ORSA Model Act requires an insurer, reinsurer and/or the insurance group to complete an ORSA "at least annually to assess the adequacy of its risk management and current, and likely future, solvency position." The ORSA requirement will apply to individual U.S. insurers and reinsurers that write more than \$500 million of annual direct written and assumed premium, and/or insurance groups that collectively write more than \$1 billion of annual direct written and assumed premium. The ORSA Model Act requires insurers and reinsurers to first provide their ORSAs to regulators in 2015, so it is expected that all states will adopt the ORSA Model Act before the end of 2014. OneBeacon and Sirius America are assessing the potential for ORSA implementation and determining the overall impact of this regulation.

As a condition of its license to do business in certain states, White Mountains' U.S.-based insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries are required to participate in mandatory shared market mechanisms. Each state dictates the types of insurance and the level of coverage that must be provided. The most common type of shared market mechanism in which White Mountains is required to participate is an assigned risk plan. Many states operate assigned risk plans. These plans require insurers licensed within the applicable state to accept the applications for insurance policies of customers who are unable to obtain insurance in the voluntary market. The total number of such policies an insurer is required to accept is based on its market share of voluntary business in the state. Underwriting results related to assigned risk plans are typically adverse. Accordingly, White Mountains may be required to underwrite policies with a higher risk of loss than it would otherwise accept.

Reinsurance facilities are another type of shared market mechanism. Reinsurance facilities require an insurance company to accept all applications submitted by certain state designated agents. The reinsurance facility then allows the insurer to cede some of its business to the reinsurance facility so that the facility will reimburse the insurer for claims paid on ceded business. Typically, however, reinsurance facilities operate at a deficit, which is funded through assessments against the same insurers. As a result, White Mountains could be required to underwrite policies with a higher risk of loss than it would otherwise voluntarily accept.

Many states have laws and regulations that limit an insurer's ability to exit a market. For example, certain states prohibit an insurer from withdrawing from one or more lines of insurance business in the state, unless the state regulators approve the company's withdrawal plans. State regulators may refuse to approve such plans on the grounds that they could lead to market disruption. Such laws and regulations may restrict White Mountains' ability to exit unprofitable markets.

Nearly all states have insurance laws requiring property and casualty insurance companies to file price schedules, policy or coverage forms, and other information with the state's regulatory authority. In most cases, such price schedules and/or policy forms must be approved prior to use. While pricing laws vary from state to state, their objectives are generally to ensure that prices are adequate, not excessive and not discriminatory.

White Mountains' U.S.-based insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries are subject to state laws and regulations that require investment portfolio diversification and that limit the amount of investment in certain categories.

Non-compliance may cause non-conforming investments to be non-admitted in measuring statutory surplus and, in some instances, may require divestiture. White Mountains' investment portfolio at December 31, 2013 complied with such laws and regulations in all material respects.

One of the primary sources of cash inflows for the Company and certain of its intermediate holding companies is dividends received from its insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries. Under the insurance laws of the states under which White Mountains' U.S.-based insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries are domiciled, an insurer is restricted with respect to the timing or the amount of dividends it may pay without prior approval by regulatory authorities. See "Dividend Capacity" on page 68 for further discussion.

White Mountains is subject to regulation under certain state insurance holding company acts. These regulations contain reporting requirements relating to the capital structure, ownership, financial condition and general business operations of White Mountains' insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries. These regulations also contain special reporting and prior approval requirements with respect to certain transactions among affiliates. Since the Company is an insurance holding company, the domiciliary states of its insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries impose regulatory application and approval requirements on acquisitions of White Mountains' common shares which may be deemed to confer control over those subsidiaries, as that concept is defined under the applicable state laws. Acquisition of 10% of White Mountains' common shares, or in some states as little as 5%, may be deemed to confer control under the insurance laws of some jurisdictions, and the application process for approval can be extensive and time consuming.

While the federal government does not directly regulate the insurance business, federal legislation and administrative policies affect the insurance industry. In addition, legislation has been introduced from time to time in recent years that, if enacted, could result in the federal government assuming a more direct role in the regulation of the insurance industry. For example, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Dodd-Frank Act”) was enacted in 2010 and created the Federal Insurance Office (“FIO”) within the Treasury Department, which is responsible for gathering information and monitoring the insurance industry to identify gaps in the regulation of insurers that could contribute to a systemic crisis in the insurance industry or U.S. financial system. The FIO also provides advice to the Financial Stability Oversight Council (“FSOC”) and represents the United States on international insurance matters. On December 12, 2013, the FIO released its report on “How to Modernize and Improve the System of Insurance Regulation in the United States” (“FIO Report”). The FIO Report, which was mandated by the Dodd-Frank Act, examined all segments of the insurance industry (except health insurance) and contained recommendations for improvement in the current state regulatory system (e.g., capital adequacy, market regulation) as well as opportunities for direct federal intervention (e.g., oversight over mortgage insurers, reforms related to market conduct examination, and oversight over rate related practices and other issues affecting consumers). White Mountains will continue to monitor reaction to and implementation of the recommendations in the FIO Report and its potential impact, if any, on White Mountains.

In addition, the U.S. government enacted the Terrorism Act in 2002 and established a federal “backstop” for commercial property and casualty losses, including workers compensation, resulting from acts of terrorism by or on behalf of any foreign person or foreign interest. In December of 2007, the Terrorism Act was extended until December 31, 2014. As extended, the law now covers domestic acts of terrorism. In exchange for this “backstop”, primary insurers are required to make coverage available to commercial insureds for losses from acts of terrorism as specified in the Terrorism Act. OneBeacon is actively complying with the requirements of the Terrorism Act in order to ensure its ability to be reimbursed by the federal government for any losses it may incur as a result of future terrorist acts. (See “ONEBEACON — Terrorism” on page 9 for a further discussion of the Terrorism Act). The Terrorism Act expires December 31, 2014, and, while there is an on-going debate to extend the Act “as is” or with modifications, there can be no assurance that Congress will take any action before it expires. A number of additional enacted and pending legislative measures could lead to increased consolidation and increased competition for business and for capital in the financial services industry. White Mountains cannot predict whether any state or federal measures will be adopted to change the nature or scope of the regulation of the insurance business or what effect such measures may have on its insurance and reinsurance operations.

Given that OneBeacon is now authorized to write federal crop insurance, White Mountains could be impacted by regulatory and legislative developments affecting the federal crop insurance program. For example, the generally applicable levels of reinsurance support that the federal government provides to authorized carriers could be reduced by legislation re-authorizing the federal crop insurance program.

Environmental cleanup of polluted waste sites is subject to both federal and state regulation. The Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (“Superfund”) and comparable state statutes govern the cleanup and restoration of waste sites by potentially responsible parties (“PRPs”). These laws can impose liability for the entire cost of clean-up upon any PRP, regardless of fault. The insurance industry in general is involved in extensive litigation regarding coverage issues arising out of the cleanup of waste sites by insured PRPs and as a result has disputed many such claims. From time to time, comprehensive Superfund reform proposals are introduced in Congress, but none has yet been enacted. At this time, it remains unclear as to whether Superfund reform legislation will be enacted or that any such legislation will provide for a fair, effective and cost-efficient system for settlement of Superfund related claims. The NICO Cover (as defined in “Critical Accounting Estimates—1. Loss and LAE” in Item 7) includes coverage for such exposures at OneBeacon; however, there can be no assurance that the coverage provided under the NICO Cover will ultimately prove to be adequate.

WM Advisors is a registered investment adviser and is regulated by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission under the United States Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

Europe

Sweden

Sirius International is subject to regulation and supervision by the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authorities (the “Swedish FSA”). As Sweden is a member of the European Union (the “EU”), the Swedish FSA supervision is recognized across all locations within the EU. Generally, the Swedish FSA has broad supervisory and administrative powers over such matters as licenses, standards of solvency, investments, methods of accounting, form and content of financial statements, minimum capital and surplus requirements, and annual and other report filings. In general, such regulation is for the protection of policyholders rather than shareholders. White Mountains believes that it is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to its business that would have a material effect on its financial position in the event of non-compliance.

Subject to certain limitations under Swedish law, Sirius International is permitted to transfer pre-tax income amounts into an untaxed reserve referred to as a safety reserve. At December 31, 2013, Sirius International's safety reserve amounted to SEK 10.4 billion, or \$1.6 billion (based on the December 31, 2013 SEK to USD exchange rate). Under GAAP, an amount equal to the safety reserve, net of a related deferred tax liability established at the Swedish tax rate of 22.0%, is classified as shareholders' equity. Generally, this deferred tax liability is only required to be paid by Sirius International if it fails to maintain prescribed levels of premium writings and loss reserves in future years. As a result of the indefinite deferral of these taxes, Swedish regulatory authorities apply no taxes to the safety reserve when calculating solvency capital under Swedish insurance regulations. Accordingly, under local statutory requirements, an amount equal to the deferred tax liability on Sirius International's safety reserve (\$357 million at December 31, 2013) is included in solvency capital. Access to the safety reserve is restricted to coverage of reinsurance losses. Access for any other purpose requires the approval of Swedish regulatory authorities. Similar to the approach taken by Swedish regulatory authorities, most major rating agencies generally include the \$1.6 billion balance of the safety reserve, without any provision for deferred taxes, in Sirius International's regulatory capital when assessing Sirius International's financial strength.

#### United Kingdom

The financial services industry in the United Kingdom is dual-regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority (collectively, the "UK Regulators"). The UK Regulators regulate insurers, insurance intermediaries and Lloyd's. The UK Regulators and Lloyd's have common objectives in ensuring that the Lloyd's market is appropriately regulated. Lloyd's is required to implement certain rules prescribed by the UK Regulators by the powers it has under the Lloyd's Act of 1982 ("Lloyd's Act") relating to the operation of the Lloyd's market. In addition, each year the UK Regulators require Lloyd's to satisfy an annual solvency test that measures whether Lloyd's has sufficient assets in the aggregate to meet all the outstanding liabilities of its members.

Lloyd's permits its corporate and individual members ("Members") to underwrite insurance risks through Lloyd's syndicates. Members of Lloyd's may participate in a syndicate for one or more underwriting years by providing capital to support the syndicate's underwriting. All syndicates are managed by Lloyd's approved managing agents. Managing agents receive fees and profit commissions in respect of the underwriting and administrative services they provide to the syndicates. Lloyd's prescribes, in respect of its managing agents and Members, certain minimum standards relating to their management and control, solvency and various other requirements.

Sirius Group participates in the Lloyd's market through the 100% ownership of White Mountains Re Sirius Capital Ltd., a Lloyd's corporate Member, which in turn provides underwriting capacity to Syndicate 1945. Syndicate 1945 commenced underwriting on July 1, 2011 and Asta Capital Ltd. is its managing agent. Effective July 1, 2014, Sirius Group will establish its own Lloyd's managing agent. The Syndicate 1945 stamp capacity for 2014 is \$150 million. Stamp capacity is a measure of the amount of net premium (premiums written less acquisition costs) that a syndicate is authorized by Lloyd's to write.

A corporate Member of Lloyd's is bound by the rules of the Society of Lloyd's which are prescribed by the by-laws and requirements of the Council of Lloyd's under powers conferred by the Lloyd's Act. These rules govern Sirius Group's corporate Member participation in Syndicate 1945 and among other things prescribe Syndicate 1945's membership subscription and level of contribution to the Lloyd's Central Fund ("Central Fund").

The underwriting capacity of a Member of Lloyd's must be supported by providing a deposit in the form of cash, securities or letters of credit ("Funds at Lloyd's") in an amount to be determined pursuant to the capital adequacy requirements set by the UK Regulators. The amount of such deposit is calculated for each member through the completion of an annual capital adequacy exercise. Pursuant to these requirements Lloyd's must demonstrate that each Member has sufficient assets to meet its underwriting liabilities plus a required solvency margin.

At the syndicate level, managing agents are required to calculate the capital resources requirement of the members of each syndicate they manage. They perform an Individual Capital Assessment ("ICA") in accordance with the UK Regulators' criteria. During the ICA process the managing agent evaluates the risks faced by the syndicate, including insurance, operational, market, liquidity, and credit risks and assesses the amount of capital syndicate Members should hold against that risk. The ICA is reviewed annually by Lloyd's. Each syndicate is also required to submit a business plan to Lloyd's on an annual basis, which is subject to the review and approval of the Lloyd's Performance

Management Directorate.

Lloyd's has wide discretionary powers to regulate a Member's underwriting. For example, Lloyd's may change the way that syndicate expenses are allocated or vary the Funds at Lloyd's investment criteria. Any such change may affect the Member's return on investment. If a Member is unable to pay its obligations to policyholders, such obligations may be payable by the Central Fund, which, in many ways, resembles a state guaranty fund in the United States. If Lloyd's determines that the Central Fund needs to be increased, it may levy premiums on current Lloyd's Members. The Council of Lloyd's has discretion to assess up to 3% of a Member's underwriting capacity in any one year as a Central Fund contribution.

## Solvency II

The European Commission, which is the executive body of the European Union, has proposed a directive on insurance regulation and solvency requirements known as Solvency II. Solvency II has set the framework for the next generation of supervisory rules for insurance and reinsurance companies in the EU, and will impose economic risk-based solvency requirements across all EU Member States. The aim of the Solvency II framework is to ensure that insurance and reinsurance undertakings are financially sound and can withstand adverse events in order to protect policyholders and the stability of the financial system as a whole. In addition to quantitative requirements, such as capital requirements (Pillar 1), insurance and reinsurance companies will be required to meet qualitative requirements relating to governance and risk-management (Pillar 2), as well as to regularly disclose information to supervisors and to the public (Pillar 3). Sirius International and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Sirius America will be required, when and where applicable, to comply with Solvency II requirements.

The European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (“EIOPA”) is an independent advisory body to the European Parliament, the European Union, and the European Commission. EIOPA is drafting the guidelines and technical standards to support the implementation of Solvency II. In October 2013, the European Commission issued a draft directive where January 1, 2016 was established as the application date of Solvency II. In addition, in October 2013, EIOPA issued guidelines for preparation for Solvency II, which aim to ensure that local and regional regulators and insurance companies take active steps towards implementation of key elements of Solvency II. The guidelines became effective on January 1, 2014 and they address an insurer’s system of governance, assessment of its own risk and solvency (“ORSA”), standards for appropriate submission of information, and the process for pre-application for internal solvency models.

## European Markets Infrastructure Regulation (“EMIR”)

During 2012, the European Commission adopted the European Markets Infrastructure Regulation (“EMIR”) related to over-the-counter derivatives, central counterparties, and trade repositories. In 2013, EMIR was implemented through a number of secondary measures, which are expected to continue into 2014. The main objectives under EMIR are: (a) central clearing for certain classes of over the counter (“OTC”) derivatives; (b) the application of risk mitigation techniques for non-centrally cleared OTC derivatives; (c) reporting to trade repositories; (d) the application of appropriate conduct of business and requirements for central counterparties, and (e) the application of requirements for trade repositories, including the duty to make certain data available to the public and relevant authorities. Risk mitigation techniques that may apply, depending upon the size and attributes of the derivatives and counterparties include:

- timely confirmation
- portfolio reconciliation
- dispute resolution
- portfolio compression
- daily mark-to-market valuation
- exchange of collateral obligations

Sirius Group is completing its EMIR implementation and determining the overall impact of this regulation.

## Bermuda

### Insurance Regulation

The Insurance Act 1978 of Bermuda and related regulations, as amended (the “Insurance Act”), regulates the insurance businesses of the Bermuda branch of Sirius International, Star Re Ltd., White Shoals, Split Rock, Life Re Bermuda and HG Re, and provides that no person may carry on any insurance business in or from within Bermuda unless registered as an insurer under the Insurance Act by the Bermuda Monetary Authority (“BMA”). The BMA, in deciding whether to grant registration, has broad discretion to act as it thinks fit in the public interest. The BMA is required by the Insurance Act to determine whether the applicant is a fit and proper body to be engaged in the insurance business

and, in particular, whether it has, or has available to it, adequate knowledge and expertise to operate an insurance business. In addition, the BMA is required by the Insurance Act to determine whether a person who proposes to control 10 percent, 20 percent, 33 percent or 50 percent (as applicable) of the voting powers of a Bermuda registered insurer or its parent company is a fit and proper person to exercise such degree of control.

The continued registration of an applicant as an insurer is subject to the applicant complying with the terms of its registration and such other conditions as the BMA may impose from time to time. The Insurance Act also grants to the BMA powers to supervise, investigate and intervene in the affairs of insurance companies.

The Insurance Act imposes solvency and liquidity standards on Bermuda insurance companies, as well as auditing and reporting requirements. White Mountains believes that it is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to its business that would have a material effect on its financial position in the event of non-compliance.



#### Certain Other Bermuda Law Considerations

The Company is an exempted company organized under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (the “Companies Act”). As a result, the Company is required to comply with the provisions of the Companies Act regulating the payment of dividends and making of distributions from contributed surplus. A company is prohibited from declaring or paying a dividend, or making a distribution out of contributed surplus, if there are reasonable grounds for believing that:

- (1) the company is, or would after the payment be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due; or
- (2) the realizable value of the company’s assets would thereby be less than its liabilities.

Under the Company’s bye-laws, each common share is entitled to dividends if, and when, dividends are declared by its board of directors, subject to any preferred dividend rights of the holders of any preference shares. Issued share capital is the aggregate par value of the company’s issued shares, and the share premium account is the aggregate amount paid for issued shares over and above their par value. Share premium accounts may be reduced in certain limited circumstances. In addition, the Companies Act regulates return of capital, reduction of capital and any purchase or redemption of shares by the Company.

Although the Company is incorporated in Bermuda, it has been designated as a non-resident of Bermuda for exchange control purposes by the BMA. Pursuant to its non-resident status, the Company may hold any currency other than Bermuda dollars and convert that currency into any other currency, other than Bermuda dollars, without restriction. Shares may be offered or sold in Bermuda only in compliance with the provisions of the Investment Business Act 2003 and the Exchange Control Act 1972, and related regulations of Bermuda which regulate the sale of securities in Bermuda. In addition, specific permission is required from the BMA pursuant to the provisions of the Exchange Control Act 1972 and related regulations, for all issuances and transfers of securities of Bermuda companies, other than in cases where the BMA has granted a general permission. The BMA in its policy dated June 1, 2005 provides that where any equity securities, including the Company’s common shares, of a Bermuda company are listed on an appointed stock exchange, general permission is given for the issue and subsequent transfer of any securities of a company from and/or to a non-resident, for as long as any equity securities of such company remain so listed. The New York Stock Exchange is deemed to be an appointed stock exchange under Bermuda law. Notwithstanding the above general permission, the BMA has granted the Company permission to, subject to its common shares being listed on an appointed stock exchange, (a) issue and transfer its shares, up to the amount of its authorized capital from time to time, to persons resident and non-resident of Bermuda for exchange control purposes; (b) issue and transfer options, warrants, depositary receipts, rights, and other securities; and (c) issue and transfer loan notes and other debt instruments and options, warrants, receipts, rights over loan notes and other debt instruments to persons resident and non-resident of Bermuda for exchange control purposes.

Under Bermuda law, exempted companies are companies formed for the purpose of conducting business outside Bermuda from a principal place in Bermuda. As an exempted company, the Company may not, without the express authorization of the Bermuda legislature or under a license granted by the Bermuda Minister of Finance, participate in various specified business transactions, including

- the acquisition or holding of land in Bermuda, except land held by way of lease or tenancy agreement which is required for the Company’s business and held for a term not exceeding 50 years, or which is used to provide accommodation or recreational facilities for the Company’s officers and employees and held with the consent of the Bermuda Minister of Finance, for a term not exceeding 21 years;
- the taking of mortgages on land in Bermuda in excess of \$50,000;
- the acquisition of any bonds or debentures secured by any land in Bermuda, other than certain types of Bermuda government or public authority securities; or
- subject to some exceptions, the carrying on of business of any kind in Bermuda for which the Company is not licensed in Bermuda.

Under Bermuda law, non-Bermudians (other than spouses of Bermudians, holders of permanent resident certificates and holders of working resident certificates) may not engage in any gainful occupation in Bermuda without an

appropriate governmental work permit. Work permits may be granted or extended by the Bermuda government upon showing that, after proper public advertisement in most cases, no Bermudian (or spouse of a Bermudian or a holder of a permanent resident's certificate or holder of a working resident's certificate) is available who meets the minimum standard requirements for the advertised position. The Bermuda government's policy limits the duration of work permits to six years, with certain exemptions for key employees.

### Sirius Capital Markets

Sirius Capital Markets LLC and Sirius Capital Markets (Bermuda) Ltd. are both registered investment advisers and are regulated by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission under the United States Investment Advisers Act of 1940. Sirius Capital Markets (Bermuda) Ltd. is also regulated as a Bermuda insurance manager pursuant to section 10 of the Insurance Act. Sirius Capital Markets (Bermuda) Ltd. provides insurance management services to its affiliate, Alstead Reinsurance (SAC) Ltd., a Bermuda exempted company and a Class 3 insurer under section 10 of the Insurance Act and is a registered segregated accounts company under the Segregated Accounts Companies Act of 2000 (“SAC Act”). The Sirius Capital Markets funds that were established in 2013 are Bermuda exempted mutual fund companies incorporated under the laws of Bermuda and are segregated accounts companies under the SAC Act.

### RATINGS

Insurance and reinsurance companies are evaluated by various rating agencies in order to measure each company’s financial strength. Higher ratings generally indicate financial stability and a stronger ability to pay claims. White Mountains believes that strong ratings are important factors in the marketing of insurance and reinsurance products and services to agents and consumers and ceding companies.

The following table presents the financial strength ratings assigned to White Mountains’ principal insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries as of February 28, 2014:

	A.M. Best <sup>(1)</sup>	Fitch <sup>(2)</sup>	Moody’ <sup>(3)</sup>	Standard & Poor’ <sup>(4)</sup>
OneBeacon Ongoing Subsidiaries				
Rating	“A” (Excellent)	“A” (Strong)	“A2” (Good)	“A-” (Strong)
Outlook	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable
OneBeacon Runoff Subsidiaries				
Rating	“A” (Excellent)	“A” (Strong)	“A2” (Good)	Unrated
Outlook	Under Review - Negative	Rating Watch - Negative	Negative	N/A
Sirius Group				
Rating	“A” (Excellent)	“A” (Strong)	“A3” (Good)	“A-” (Strong)
Outlook	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable

(1) “A” is the third highest of sixteen financial strength ratings assigned by A.M. Best.

(2) “A” is the sixth highest of nineteen international financial strength ratings assigned by Fitch.

(3) “A2” is the sixth highest and “A3” is the seventh highest of twenty-one financial strength ratings assigned by Moody’s.

(4) “A-” is the seventh highest of twenty-one financial strength ratings assigned by Standard & Poor’s.

### EMPLOYEES

As of December 31, 2013, White Mountains employed approximately 1,700 people (consisting of 46 people at the Company, its intermediate holding companies, and HG Global, 1,200 people at OneBeacon, 428 people at Sirius Group, 43 people at WM Advisors and 6 people at WM Life Re). Management believes that White Mountains has satisfactory relations with its employees.

### AVAILABLE INFORMATION

The Company is subject to the informational reporting requirements of the Exchange Act. In accordance therewith, the Company files reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. These documents are available at [www.whitemountains.com](http://www.whitemountains.com) shortly after such material is electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC. In addition, the Company’s code of business conduct and ethics as well as the various charters governing the actions of certain of the Company’s Committees of its Board of Directors, including its Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Governance Committee, are available at [www.whitemountains.com](http://www.whitemountains.com).

The Company will provide to any shareholder, upon request and without charge, copies of these documents (excluding any applicable exhibits unless specifically requested). Written or telephone requests should be directed to the Corporate Secretary, White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd., 14 Wesley Street, Hamilton, HM 11 Bermuda, telephone number (441) 278-3160. Additionally, all such documents are physically available at the Company's registered office at Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton, HM 11 Bermuda.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

The information contained in this report may contain “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. See “FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS” (page 108) for specific important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements. The Company’s actual future results and trends may differ materially depending on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, the risks and uncertainties discussed below.

Our investment portfolio may suffer reduced returns or losses which could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. Adverse changes in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, equity markets, debt markets or market volatility could result in significant losses to the fair value of our investment portfolio and could generate significant losses in our life reinsurance business.

Our investment portfolio consists of fixed maturity securities, convertible fixed maturity securities, short-term investments, common equity securities and other long-term investments such as hedge funds and private equities. We invest to maximize long-term after-tax total risk-adjusted return subject to our investment guidelines and various regulatory restrictions. However, investing entails substantial risks. We may not achieve our investment objectives, and our investment performance may vary substantially over time. Investment returns are an important part of our strategy to grow adjusted book value per share, and fluctuations in the fixed income or equity markets could impair our results of operations and financial condition.

Both the investment income we generate and the fair market value of our investment portfolio are affected by general economic and market conditions, including fluctuations in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, debt market levels, equity market levels and market volatility. Interest rates are highly sensitive to many factors, including governmental monetary policies, domestic and international economic and political conditions and other factors beyond our control. In particular, a significant increase in interest rates could result in significant losses in the fair value of our investment portfolio and, consequently, could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. We are exposed to changes in equity markets. A significant decline in the equity markets such as that experienced from September 2008 to March 2009 could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition. Because a portion of our investment portfolio is invested in securities denominated in currencies other than U.S. dollar, the value of our portfolio is sensitive to changes in foreign currency rates. We are also exposed to changes in the volatility levels of various investment markets. The underlying conditions prompting such changes are outside of our control and could adversely affect the value of our investments and our results of operations and financial condition.

Our life reinsurance business has reinsured the risk related to a shortfall between the account value and the guaranteed value that must be paid in respect of certain Japanese variable annuity contracts. We use derivative instruments to mitigate the market risks associated with changes in the fair value of these guarantees. These derivative instruments include put options, interest rate swaps, total return swaps and futures contracts on major equity indices, currency pairs and government bonds. However, these derivatives may not fully mitigate our exposure to the changes in the fair value of the guarantees. For example, WM Life Re reported significant losses in 2008 because the increase in the fair value of its liabilities exceeded the increase in the fair value of the related derivative instruments.

The fair value of our life reinsurance contracts and the related derivative instruments is significantly affected by general economic and market conditions such as equity market returns and volatility, interest rate fluctuations and foreign currency exchange rates. These conditions are outside of our control and could generate significant losses that would adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

Unpredictable catastrophic events could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. We write insurance and reinsurance policies that cover unpredictable catastrophic events. Covered unpredictable catastrophic events include natural and other disasters, such as hurricanes, windstorms, earthquakes, floods, wildfires and severe winter weather. Catastrophes can also include terrorist attacks, explosions and infrastructure failures. We have significant exposure to a major earthquake or series of earthquakes in California, the Midwestern United States, Japan or Latin America and to windstorm damage in Northern Europe, the Northeast United States, the United States Atlantic Coast (i.e., Massachusetts to Florida) and the United States Gulf Coast (i.e., Florida to Texas) regions. In addition, we are exposed to losses from terrorist attacks, such as the attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001. We are also exposed to losses caused by the same types of catastrophic events in other lines of business such as marine, aviation, trade credit and accident and health.

The extent of catastrophe losses is a function of both the severity of the event and total amount of insured exposure affected by the event. Increases in the value and concentration of insured property or insured employees, the effects of inflation, changes in weather patterns and increased terrorism could increase the future frequency and/or severity of claims from catastrophic events. Claims from catastrophic events could materially adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. Our ability to write new insurance and reinsurance policies could also be impacted as a result of corresponding reductions in our capital levels.

We seek to manage our exposure to catastrophic losses by limiting the aggregate insured value of policies in geographic areas with exposure to catastrophic events by estimating a PML for many different catastrophe scenarios and by buying reinsurance. To manage and analyze aggregate insured values and PML, we use a variety of tools, including external and internal catastrophe modeling software packages. Our estimates of PML are dependent on many variables, including assumptions about the demand surge and storm surge, loss adjustment expenses, insurance-to-value and storm intensity in the aftermath of weather-related catastrophes utilized to model the event, the relationship of the actual event to the modeled event and the quality of data provided to us by ceding companies (in the case of our reinsurance operations). Accordingly, if our assumptions about the variables are incorrect, the losses we might incur from an actual catastrophe could be materially higher than our expectation of losses generated from modeled catastrophe scenarios and our results of operations and financial condition could be materially adversely affected.

We may not maintain favorable financial strength or creditworthiness ratings which could adversely affect our ability to conduct business.

Third-party rating agencies assess and rate the financial strength, including claims-paying ability, of insurers and reinsurers. These ratings are based upon criteria established by the rating agencies and are subject to revision at any time at the sole discretion of the agencies. Some of the criteria relate to general economic conditions and other circumstances outside the rated company's control. These financial strength ratings are used by policyholders, agents and brokers to assess the suitability of insurers and reinsurers as business counterparties and are an important factor in establishing the competitive position of insurance and reinsurance companies.

The maintenance of an "A-" or better financial strength rating from A.M. Best and/or Standard & Poor's is particularly important to our ability to write new or renewal property and casualty insurance and reinsurance business in most markets, while the maintenance of an "AA" or better financial strength rating from Standard & Poor's is particularly important to BAM's ability to write municipal bond insurance. General creditworthiness ratings are used by existing or potential investors to assess the likelihood of repayment on a particular debt issue. The maintenance of an investment grade creditworthiness rating (e.g., "BBB-" or better from Standard & Poor's, "Baa3" or better from Moody's and "BBB-" or better from Fitch) is particularly important to our ability to raise new debt with acceptable terms. We believe that strong creditworthiness ratings are important factors that provide better financial flexibility when issuing new debt or restructuring existing debt.

Rating agencies periodically evaluate us to confirm that we continue to meet the criteria of the ratings previously assigned to us. See "RATINGS" on page 33 for a summary of financial strength ratings on our significant insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries. A downgrade, withdrawal or negative watch/outlook of our financial strength ratings could severely limit or prevent our operating subsidiaries from writing new policies or renewing existing policies, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition. A downgrade,

withdrawal or negative watch/outlook of our creditworthiness ratings could limit our ability to raise new debt or could make new debt more costly and/or have more restrictive conditions.

Additionally, some of Sirius Group's assumed reinsurance contracts contain optional cancellation, commutation and/or funding provisions that would be triggered if A.M. Best and/or Standard & Poor's were to downgrade the financial strength ratings of Sirius Group's principal reinsurance operating subsidiaries ratings below "A-". A client may choose to exercise these rights depending on, among other things, the reasons for such a downgrade, the extent of the downgrade, the prevailing market conditions, the degree of unexpired coverage, and the pricing and availability of replacement reinsurance coverage. We cannot predict in advance how many of our clients would actually exercise such rights in the event of such a downgrade but widespread exercise of these options could be materially adverse.

There is no certainty that the Runoff Transaction will close.

Completion of the sale of the OneBeacon's Runoff Business is subject to conditions, primarily regulatory approval, that are outside of the control of the parties. There can be no assurance as to whether or when the regulatory approval might be obtained and a closing would occur.

The property and casualty insurance and reinsurance industries are highly competitive and cyclical and we may not be able to compete effectively in the future.

The property and casualty insurance and reinsurance industries are highly competitive and have historically been cyclical, experiencing periods of severe price competition and less selective underwriting standards ("soft markets") followed by periods of relatively high prices and more selective underwriting standards ("hard markets"). In general terms, OneBeacon competes in one or more of its businesses with most of the large multi-line insurance companies, most of the specialty companies and various local and regional insurance companies. Sirius Group competes with numerous reinsurance companies throughout the world, including Alleghany Corporation, Allied World Assurance Company Holdings AG, Arch Capital Group Ltd., Aspen Insurance Holdings Ltd., Axis Capital Holdings, Ltd., Endurance Specialty Holdings Ltd., Everest Re Group, Ltd., General Reinsurance Corporation, Hannover Ruckversicherung AG, Montpelier Re Holdings, Ltd., Munich Re Group, Odyssey Re Holdings Corporation, Partner Re Ltd., Platinum Underwriters Holdings Ltd., Renaissance Re Holdings Ltd., Scor Global P&C, Swiss Re Group, Validus Holdings, Ltd. and XL Capital Ltd. Many of these competitors have greater resources than we do, have established long-term and continuing business relationships throughout the insurance and reinsurance industries and may have higher financial strength ratings, which can be a significant competitive advantage for them.

OneBeacon could fail to build and sustain the kind of business relationships, including distribution relationships, that are necessary to compete. To compete, OneBeacon offers its products through a select network of independent agents, regional and national brokers, wholesalers and managing general agencies, or MGAs. Additionally, OneBeacon's distribution partners compete with other independent agents, regional and national brokers, wholesalers and MGAs to place insurance products. If OneBeacon's distribution partners place more of their business with OneBeacon's competitors as a result of price competition, commission rates or other factors, or if OneBeacon's distribution partners are unable to maintain a competitive position in their respective markets, our results of operations and financial condition could be adversely impacted.

Soft primary insurance market conditions could lead to a significant reduction in reinsurance premium rates, less favorable contract terms and fewer submissions for our reinsurance underwriting capacity. The supply of reinsurance is also related to the level of reinsured losses and the level of industry capital which, in turn, may fluctuate in response to changes in rates of return earned in the reinsurance industry. As a result, the reinsurance business historically has been a cyclical industry characterized by periods of intense price competition due to excess underwriting capacity as well as periods when shortages of capacity permitted improvements in reinsurance rate levels and terms and conditions. For example, the industry experienced soft casualty market conditions of lower prices and less favorable terms from 1997 to 2001 during which profitability suffered, while the losses incurred from the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and the 2005 U.S. hurricanes triggered price increases. In addition, in recent years the persistent low interest rate environment and ease of entry into the reinsurance sector has led to increased competition from third party capital in the property catastrophe excess reinsurance line. This alternative capital provides collateralized property catastrophe protection in the form of catastrophe bonds, industry loss warranties, sidecars and other vehicles that facilitate the ability for non-reinsurance entities, such as hedge funds and pension funds, to compete for property catastrophe excess reinsurance business outside of the traditional treaty market. We have observed reduced pricing and/or reduced shares in certain property catastrophe excess reinsurance markets as a result.

We expect to continue to experience the effects of the insurance and reinsurance industries' cyclicity. If we are unable to maintain our competitive position throughout soft and hard market cycles, our insurance and reinsurance businesses may be adversely affected and we may not be able to compete effectively in the future.

Our loss and loss adjustment expense reserves may be inadequate to cover our ultimate liability for losses and as a result our financial results could be adversely affected.



We must maintain reserves adequate to cover our estimated ultimate liabilities for loss and loss adjustment expenses. Loss and LAE reserves are typically comprised of (1) case reserves for claims reported and (2) IBNR reserves for losses that have occurred but for which claims have not yet been reported and for expected future development on case reserves. These reserves are estimates based on actuarial, claims and underwriting assessments of what we believe the settlement and administration of claims will cost based on facts and circumstances then known to us. Because of uncertainties associated with estimating ultimate loss and LAE reserves, we cannot be certain that our reserves are adequate. In the event that our reserves become insufficient to cover our actual losses and LAE, we may need to add to our reserves, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition. For further discussion of our loss and LAE reserves, including our asbestos and environmental reserves, see “CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES - Loss and LAE Reserves” on page 79.

We may not successfully alleviate risk through reinsurance and retrocessional arrangements. Additionally, we may not collect all amounts due from our reinsurers under our existing reinsurance and retrocessional arrangements.

We attempt to limit our risk of loss through reinsurance and retrocessional arrangements. Retrocessional arrangements refer to reinsurance purchased by a reinsurer to cover its own risks assumed from ceding companies. The availability and cost of reinsurance and retrocessional protection is subject to market conditions, which are outside of our control. In addition, the coverage provided by our reinsurance and retrocessional arrangements may be inadequate to cover our future liabilities. As a result, we may not be able to successfully alleviate risk through these arrangements, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

Purchasing reinsurance does not relieve us of our underlying obligations to policyholders or ceding companies, so any inability to collect amounts due from reinsurers could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. Inability to collect amounts due from reinsurers can result from a number of scenarios, including: (1) reinsurers choosing to withhold payment due to a dispute or other factors beyond our control; and (2) reinsurers becoming unable to pay amounts owed to us as a result of a deterioration in their financial condition. While we regularly review the financial condition of our reinsurers and currently believe their condition is strong, it is possible that one or more of our reinsurers will be adversely affected by future significant losses or economic events, causing them to be unable or unwilling to pay amounts owed to us.

In addition, based on factors such as the price or availability of reinsurance coverage, we sometimes decide to increase the amount of risk we retain by purchasing less reinsurance. Such determinations have the effect of increasing our financial exposure to losses associated with such risks and, in the event of significant losses associated with a given risk, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

If BAM does not pay some or all of the interest and principal due on the BAM Surplus Notes, our adjusted book value per share, results of operations and financial condition could be materially adversely affected.

At December 31, 2013, White Mountains owns \$503 million in BAM Surplus Notes and has accrued \$59 million in interest due thereon. No payment of the interest or principal on the BAM Surplus Notes may be made without the approval of the New York State Department of Financial Services. In addition, BAM's ability to pay the interest and principal on the BAM Surplus Notes is dependent upon, among other things, whether BAM collects sufficient premiums and member surplus contributions ("MSC"). Interest payments on the BAM Surplus Notes are due quarterly but are subject to deferral, without penalty or default and without compounding, for repayment in the future. No principal is due on the BAM Surplus Notes prior to their stated maturity of 2042. BAM has the right at any time to prepay principal in whole or in part.

BAM's premiums and MSC are dependent on several factors, many of which are beyond BAM's control. In particular, BAM's premiums and MSC are dependent upon the size of the primary municipal bond market, investors' demand for municipal bond insurance, which generally fluctuates with changes in credit spreads, and BAM's share of the municipal bond insurance market. Credit spread is the difference between interest rates for highly rated bonds and interest rates for lower rated bonds. When credit spreads are narrow, as has been the case in recent years, municipal bond insurance provides a lower interest cost savings to issuers than it would during periods of relatively wider credit spreads, which results in decreased demand and/or lower premium levels for municipal bond insurance.

During 2013, its first full year of operations, BAM's gross written premiums were \$14 million and MSC were \$17 million. BAM must grow these amounts in the future to be able to pay all of the amounts due on the BAM Surplus Notes. If BAM does not pay some or all of the amounts due on the BAM Surplus Notes for any reason, our adjusted book value per share, results of operations and financial condition could be materially adversely impacted.

Our reinsurance operations are largely dependent upon ceding companies' evaluation of risk.

Sirius Group, like other reinsurance companies that write treaty reinsurance, generally does not evaluate separately each of the assumed individual insurance risks under our reinsurance contracts. As such, we are largely dependent upon the cedents' original underwriting decisions. We are subject to the risk that the cedents may not have adequately or accurately evaluated the risks that they have insured, and we have reinsured, and that the premiums ceded may not adequately compensate us for the risks we assume. If our reserves are insufficient to cover our actual loss and LAE arising from our treaty reinsurance business, we would have to strengthen our reserves and incur charges to our

earnings. These charges could be significant and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

We have significant foreign operations that expose us to certain additional risks, including foreign currency risks and political risk.

Sirius Group conducts a significant portion of its business outside of the United States. As a result, a significant portion of our assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar and are therefore subject to foreign currency risk. Our foreign currency risk cannot be eliminated entirely and significant changes in foreign exchange rates may adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

Our foreign operations are also subject to legal, political and operational risks that may be greater than those present in the United States. As a result, our operations at these foreign locations could be temporarily or permanently disrupted.

Our debt, preferred stock and related service obligations could adversely affect our business.

As of December 31, 2013, we had approximately \$677 million face value of indebtedness and \$250 million face value of non-cumulative perpetual preference shares outstanding.

Our ability to meet our debt, preferred stock and related service obligations will depend on our future performance, which will be affected by financial, business, economic, regulatory and other factors, many of which are beyond our control. We are also subject to restrictive financial covenants contained in our revolving credit facility that require us to maintain specified financial ratios and to satisfy financial condition tests. These covenants can restrict us in several ways, including our ability to incur additional indebtedness. A breach of these covenants could result in an event of default under our revolving credit facility which would allow lenders to declare any amounts owed under the revolving credit facility to be immediately due and payable. A failure by certain of our subsidiaries to pay principal and interest on a credit facility, mortgage or similar debt agreement (“covered debt”), where such a default results in the acceleration of at least \$75 million principal amount of covered debt, could trigger a cross acceleration provision contained in our revolving credit facility. A failure by OneBeacon Ltd. subsidiaries to pay principal and interest on covered debt, where such failure results in the acceleration of at least \$75 million principal amount of covered debt, could trigger the acceleration of the 2012 OBH Senior Notes. A failure by SIG subsidiaries to pay principal and interest on covered debt, where such failure results in the acceleration of at least \$25 million principal amount of covered debt, could trigger the acceleration of the SIG Senior Notes. If we do not have enough cash to repay accelerated debt, we may be required to refinance all or part of our existing debt, sell assets, borrow more cash or sell equity. We cannot assure you that we will be able to accomplish any of these alternatives on terms acceptable to us, if at all.

We could incur additional indebtedness and issue additional preferred stock in the future. To the extent new debt, new preferred stock and other obligations are added to our and our subsidiaries’ current debt and preferred stock levels, the risks described in the previous paragraph would increase.

We are a holding company with no direct operations, and our insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries’ ability to pay dividends and other distributions to us is restricted by law.

As a holding company with no direct operations, we rely on net investment income and dividends, tax sharing payments and other permitted payments from our subsidiaries to pay our expenses. Our subsidiaries may not be able to generate cash flow sufficient to pay a dividend or distribute funds to us. In addition, under the insurance laws of the jurisdictions in which our insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries are domiciled, an insurer or reinsurer is restricted with respect to the timing or the amount of dividends it may pay without prior approval by regulatory authorities. Our top tier regulated insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries have the ability to pay approximately \$0.8 billion of dividends and group contributions to us without prior approval of regulatory authorities during 2014. At December 31, 2013, the Company and its intermediate holding companies had \$231 million of net unrestricted cash, short-term investments and fixed maturity investments and \$629 million of common equity securities and other long-term investments outside of OneBeacon and Sirius Group and \$425 million available to be drawn from White Mountains’ revolving credit facility. In addition, at December 31, 2013, OneBeacon Ltd. and its intermediate holding companies had \$218 million of net unrestricted cash, short-term investments and fixed maturity investments and \$90 million of common equity securities and convertible fixed maturity investments outside of its regulated and unregulated insurance operating subsidiaries; Sirius Group and its intermediate holding companies had \$67 million of net unrestricted cash, short-term investments and fixed maturity investments and \$20 million of other long-term investments outside of its regulated and unregulated insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries. See “Dividend Capacity” on page 68. Management believes that our cash balances, cash flows from operations and cash flows from investments are adequate to meet expected cash requirements for the foreseeable future on both a holding company and operating subsidiary level. However, if our insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries cannot pay dividends in future periods or if we contribute additional funds to fulfill our obligations under our life reinsurance contracts, we may have difficulty servicing our debt, paying dividends on our common and preferred shares and meeting our holding company expenses. For additional information relating to insurance and reinsurance regulations governing our operations, see “Regulation” on page 27.

We may suffer losses from unfavorable outcomes from litigation and other legal proceedings.

In the ordinary course of business, we are subject to litigation and other legal proceedings as part of the claims process, the outcomes of which are uncertain. We maintain reserves for claims-related legal proceedings as part of our loss and LAE reserves. Adverse outcomes are possible and could negatively impact our financial condition. We also maintain separate reserves for legal proceedings that are not related to the claims process. Additionally, we have agreed to indemnify Allstate in respect of certain litigation and other matters arising out of the operations of Esurance prior to the closing of the Esurance Sale. In the event of an unfavorable outcome in one or more non-claims legal matters, our ultimate liability may be in excess of amounts we have currently reserved and such additional amounts may be material to our results of operations and financial condition. For a description of our significant ongoing non-claims related legal proceedings, see “Legal Proceedings” on page 42 and Note 20 - “Commitments and Contingencies”.

As industry practices and legal, judicial, social and other conditions change, unexpected issues related to claims and coverage may emerge. For example, our claims exposure is subject to new theories of liability and disputes regarding medical causation with respect to certain diseases. These issues may adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition by either extending coverage beyond our underwriting intent or by increasing the number and size of claims. In some instances, these changes may not become apparent until sometime after we have issued the affected insurance contracts.

Regulation may restrict our ability to operate.

Our insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries are subject to extensive regulation under the laws of the jurisdictions in which they operate. The primary goal of the regulation is the protection of policyholders rather than shareholders. For example, in order to protect insurer solvency, state insurance regulations impose restrictions on the amount and type of investments, establish detail minimum capital standards and require the maintenance of reserves. Our insurance underwriting is heavily dependent on information gathered from third parties such as highly regulated credit report agencies and other data aggregators. Regulatory changes related to the availability or use of this information could materially affect how we underwrite and price premiums.

Changes in laws and regulations may restrict our ability to operate and/or have an adverse effect upon the profitability of our business within a given jurisdiction. In addition, U.S. Federal and state legislation has been proposed to establish catastrophe funds and underwriting in coastal areas which could impact our business.

In addition, the U.S. Federal Insurance Office recently released a report that recommended ways to “modernize” the state-based system for regulating insurance, which among other things, could pressure states to alter or harmonize regulations regarding insurer solvency.

Our non-U.S. reinsurance companies are subject to foreign regulations, including Solvency II which regulates insurance firms that operate in the EU. A definitive effective date for Solvency II regulation has not yet been established, but implementation could occur in the next few years. In October 2013, the European Commission issued a draft directive where January 1, 2016 was established as the application date of the Solvency II. Solvency II was enacted to reduce the risk that insurers would not be able to pay claims to policyholders as well as promote financial stability through minimum capital requirements as well as other requirements for the governance and risk management of insurers and the supervision of insurers. We cannot predict what regulations will be adopted to implement Solvency II nor the impact of such regulation upon our non-U.S. reinsurers or their wholly owned subsidiaries. In addition, it is possible that the NAIC could adopt part or all of Solvency II including minimum capital requirements that could be in excess of our current minimum capital requirements established by state regulations. If the NAIC adopted Solvency II including additional capital requirements, our business and results of operations could be materially impacted.

We could be subject to litigation, regulatory enforcement action and damage to our reputation if confidential personally identifiable information is mishandled or stolen.

Our operating entities collect and store personally identifiable information from consumers. If our data security measures fail and personally identifiable information is mishandled or stolen, we could be subject to litigation and regulatory enforcement action. Further, such a failure could damage our reputation, which could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Our profitability may be adversely impacted by inflation, legislative actions and judicial decisions.

The effects of inflation could cause claim costs to rise in the future. In addition, legislative actions and judicial decisions continue to broaden liability and policy definitions and increase the severity of claim payments. To the extent inflation and these legislative actions and judicial decisions cause claim costs to increase above reserves established for these claims, we will be required to increase our loss and LAE reserves with a corresponding reduction in our net income in the period in which the deficiency is identified.

Legislative actions can also negatively impact non-claims parts of our business. For example, given that one of our insurance company subsidiaries is now authorized to write federal crop insurance, we could be impacted by legislative developments affecting the federal crop insurance program, including provisions in the recently enacted Agricultural

Act of 2014 (the “Farm Bill”). For example, the Farm Bill requires authorized carriers to offer new federal crop insurance coverage options, which can affect potential liabilities. Future legislation could also alter or reduce the generally applicable levels of reinsurance support that the federal government provides to authorized insurers. These and other legislative actions could materially and adversely impact our results of operations and financial condition.

We have successfully created shareholder value through acquisitions and dispositions of insurance and reinsurance entities. We may not be able to continue to create shareholder value through such transactions in the future.

In past years, we have completed numerous acquisitions and dispositions of insurance and reinsurance entities, many of which have contributed significantly to our growth in adjusted book value. Failure to identify and complete future acquisition and disposition opportunities could limit our ability to achieve our target returns. Even if we were to identify and complete future acquisition or disposition opportunities, there is no assurance that such opportunities will ultimately achieve their anticipated benefits.

We have significant deferred tax assets which we may be unable to utilize if we do not generate sufficient future taxable income.

We have a deferred tax asset of \$109 million (net of a valuation allowance of \$62 million) related to net operating loss carryforwards, capital loss carryforwards and tax credit carryforwards at December 31, 2013 that is subject to carryforward limitations in the United States. We also have a deferred tax asset of \$316 million (net of a valuation allowance of \$196 million) related to net operating loss carryforwards in Luxembourg at December 31, 2013 that is not subject to limitation. Utilization of these assets and other assets included in our worldwide net deferred tax asset of \$156 million (net of a valuation allowance of \$290 million) is dependent on generating sufficient future taxable income of the appropriate character (i.e. ordinary income or capital gains) in the appropriate jurisdiction. If it is determined that it is more likely than not that sufficient future taxable income will not be generated, we would be required to increase the valuation allowance in future periods, which would have an adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

We have significant deferred tax assets which we may be unable to utilize pursuant to newly enacted Swedish tax legislation.

On January 1, 2013, new tax legislation became effective in Sweden that limits the deductibility of interest paid on certain intra-group debt instruments. Uncertainty exists with respect to the interpretation of the legislation. Adverse interpretation of the legislation could cause us to write down some or all of the \$51 million in deferred tax assets related to intra-group debt instruments in our internal capital structure, which would have an adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

Changes in tax laws or tax treaties may cause more of the income of certain non-U.S. companies in our group to become subject to taxes in the United States.

The taxable income of our U.S. subsidiaries is subject to U.S. federal, state and local income tax and other taxes. The income of the non-U.S. companies in our group is generally subject to a lower effective tax rate than that imposed by the United States. Certain of our non-U.S. companies are eligible for the benefits of tax treaties between the United States and other countries. We believe our non-U.S. companies will continue to be eligible for treaty benefits. However, it is possible that factual changes or changes to U.S. tax laws or changes to tax treaties that presently apply to our non-U.S. companies could increase income subject to tax, or the tax rate on income, in the United States. Similarly, changes to the applicable tax laws, treaties or regulations of other countries could subject the income of members of our group to higher rates of tax outside the United States.

The Company and our non-U.S. subsidiaries may become subject to U.S. tax, which may have an adverse effect on our results of operations and our shareholders' investments.

The Company and our non-U.S. subsidiaries operate in a manner so that none of these companies should be subject to U.S. tax (other than U.S. excise tax on insurance and reinsurance premium income attributable to insuring or reinsuring U.S. risks and U.S. withholding tax on some types of U.S. source investment income), because none of these companies should be treated as engaged in a trade or business within the United States. However, because there is considerable uncertainty as to the activities that constitute being engaged in a trade or business within the United States, we cannot be certain that the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") will not contend successfully that the Company or its non-U.S. subsidiaries are engaged in a trade or business in the United States. If the Company or any of its non-U.S. subsidiaries were considered to be engaged in a trade or business in the United States, such entity could be subject to



U.S. corporate income and branch profits taxes on the portion of its earnings effectively connected to such U.S. business, which could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

We depend on our key personnel to manage our business effectively and they may be difficult to replace. Our performance substantially depends on the efforts and abilities of our management team and other executive officers and key employees. Furthermore, much of our competitive advantage is based on the expertise, experience and know-how of our key management personnel. We do not have fixed term employment agreements with any of our key employees nor key man life insurance and the loss of one or more of these key employees could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. Our success also depends on the ability to hire and retain additional personnel. Difficulty in hiring or retaining personnel could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

Bermuda law differs from the laws in effect in the United States and may afford less protection to shareholders. We are organized under the laws of Bermuda, and a portion of our assets are located outside the United States. As a result, it may not be possible for our shareholders to enforce court judgments obtained in the United States against us based on the civil liability provisions of the federal or state securities laws of the United States, either in Bermuda or in countries other than the United States where we will have assets. In addition, there is some doubt as to whether the courts of Bermuda and other countries would recognize or enforce judgments of U.S. courts obtained against us or our directors or officers based on the civil liabilities provisions of the federal or state securities laws of the United States or would hear actions against us or those persons based on those laws.

Our corporate affairs are governed by the Companies Act. The Companies Act differs in some material respects from laws generally applicable to U.S. corporations and shareholders, including the provisions relating to interested directors, amalgamations, mergers and acquisitions, takeovers, shareholder lawsuits and indemnification of directors. Generally, the duties of directors and officers of a Bermuda company are owed to the company only. Shareholders of Bermuda companies generally do not have rights to take action against directors or officers of the company and may only do so in limited circumstances. Class actions and derivative actions are generally not available to shareholders under Bermuda law. The Bermuda courts, however, would ordinarily be expected to permit a shareholder to commence an action in the name of a company to remedy a wrong to the company where the act complained of is alleged to be beyond the corporate power of the company or illegal, or would result in the violation of the company's memorandum of association or bye-laws. Furthermore, consideration would be given by a Bermuda court to acts that are alleged to constitute a fraud against non-controlling shareholders or, for instance, where an act requires the approval of a greater percentage of the company's shareholders than that which actually approved it.

When the affairs of a company are being conducted in a manner that is oppressive or prejudicial to the interests of some part of the shareholders, one or more shareholders may apply to the Supreme Court of Bermuda, which may make such order as it sees fit, including an order regulating the conduct of the company's affairs in the future or ordering the purchase of the shares of any shareholders by other shareholders or by the company. Additionally, under our bye-laws and as permitted by Bermuda law, each shareholder has waived any claim or right of action against our directors or officers for any action taken by directors or officers in the performance of their duties, except for actions involving fraud or dishonesty. In addition, the rights of our shareholders and the fiduciary responsibilities of our directors under Bermuda law are not as clearly established as under statutes or judicial precedent in existence in jurisdictions in the United States, particularly the State of Delaware. Therefore, our shareholders may have more difficulty protecting their interests than would shareholders of a corporation incorporated in a jurisdiction within the United States.

#### 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

As of the date of this report, the Company had no unresolved comments from the Commission staff regarding its periodic or current reports under the Exchange Act.

#### Item 2. Properties

The Company maintains two professional offices in Hamilton, Bermuda which serve as its headquarters and its registered office. The Company's principal executive office is in Hanover, New Hampshire. In addition, White Mountains maintains professional offices in Guilford, Connecticut, which house its investment and corporate finance functions, and Boston, Massachusetts, which house its corporate accounting, reporting and internal audit functions. OneBeacon Ltd.'s headquarters are located in Hamilton, Bermuda and the headquarters of its U.S. operations and principal executive office are located in Minnetonka, Minnesota. OneBeacon also maintains branch offices in various cities throughout the United States.

Sirius International Insurance Group Ltd.'s headquarters are located in Hamilton, Bermuda and its principal executive office is located in New York, New York. Sirius International is headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden with various branch offices in Europe, Australia, Asia and Bermuda. Sirius America is headquartered in New York, New York with various offices in the United States and in Toronto, Canada.

The Company's headquarters, registered office, principal executive office, and corporate accounting, reporting and internal audit offices are leased. White Mountains owns its investment and corporate finance office in Connecticut. Sirius Group's home offices and substantially all of its branch offices are leased. OneBeacon owns a building in Canton, Massachusetts that houses certain of its shared services functions, while its principal executive office and branch offices are leased. Management considers its office facilities suitable and adequate for its current level of operations.

### Item 3. Legal Proceedings

White Mountains, and the insurance and reinsurance industry in general, are routinely subject to claims-related litigation and arbitration in the normal course of business, as well as litigation and arbitration that do not arise from, or are directly related to, claims activity. Other than those items listed below, White Mountains was not a party to any material litigation or arbitration other than as routinely encountered in claims activity, none of which is expected by management to have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

#### Tribune Company

In June 2011, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, Law Debenture Company of New York and Wilmington Trust Company (collectively referred to as “Plaintiffs”), in their capacity as trustees for certain senior notes issued by the Tribune Company (“Tribune”), filed lawsuits in various jurisdictions (the “Noteholder Actions”) against numerous defendants including OneBeacon, OneBeacon-sponsored benefit plans and other affiliates of White Mountains in their capacity as former shareholders of Tribune seeking recovery of the proceeds from the sale of common stock of Tribune in connection with Tribune's leveraged buyout in 2007 (the “LBO”). Tribune filed for bankruptcy in 2008 in the Delaware bankruptcy court (the “Bankruptcy Court”). The Bankruptcy Court granted Plaintiffs permission to commence these LBO-related actions, and in 2011, the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation granted a motion to consolidate the actions for pretrial matters and transferred all such proceedings to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Plaintiffs seek recovery of the proceeds received by the former Tribune shareholders on a theory of constructive fraudulent transfer asserting that Tribune purchased or repurchased its common shares without receiving fair consideration at a time when it was, or as a result of the purchases of shares, was rendered, insolvent. OneBeacon has entered into a joint defense agreement with other affiliates of White Mountains that are defendants in the action. Certain subsidiaries of White Mountains received approximately \$39 million for Tribune common stock tendered in connection with the LBO.

The Court granted an omnibus motion to dismiss the Noteholder Actions in September 2013 and Plaintiffs have filed a notice of appeal.

In addition, OneBeacon, OneBeacon-sponsored benefit plans and other affiliates of White Mountains in their capacity as former shareholders of Tribune, along with thousands of former Tribune shareholders, have been named as defendants in an adversary proceeding brought by the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of the Tribune Company (the “Committee”), on behalf of the Tribune Company, which seeks to avoid the repurchase of shares by Tribune in the LBO on a theory of intentional fraudulent transfer (the “Committee Action”). Tribune emerged from bankruptcy in 2012, and a litigation trustee replaced the Committee as plaintiff in the Committee Action. This matter was consolidated for pretrial matters with the Noteholder Actions in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and was stayed pending the motion to dismiss in the Noteholder Action. The Committee Action will proceed upon the lifting of the stay and a scheduling order from the court.

### Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

None.

## Executive Officers of the Registrant and its Subsidiaries (As of February 28, 2014)

Name	Position	Age	Executive officer since
Raymond Barrette	Chairman and CEO	63	2007
Reid T. Campbell	Managing Director of White Mountains Capital, Inc.	46	2007
David T. Foy	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	47	2003
T. Michael Miller	President and CEO of OneBeacon Ltd.	55	2005
Kernan V. Oberting	Managing Director of White Mountains Capital, Inc.	44	2013
J. Brian Palmer	Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer	41	2001
G. Manning Rountree	Managing Director of White Mountains Capital, Inc. and President of WM Advisors	41	2009
Robert L. Seelig	Managing Director and General Counsel	45	2002
Allan L. Waters	President and CEO of Sirius International Insurance Group, Ltd.	56	2007

All executive officers of the Company and its subsidiaries are elected by the Board for a term of one year or until their successors have been elected and have duly qualified. Information with respect to the principal occupation and relevant business experience of the Executive Officers follows:

Mr. Barrette has served as Chairman and CEO of the Company since January 2007. He served as a director of the Company from 2000 to 2005 and was re-appointed as a director in August 2006. He previously served as President and CEO of the Company from 2003 to 2005, as CEO of OneBeacon from 2001 to 2002, as President of the Company from 2000 to 2001 and as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company from 1997 to 2000. Mr. Barrette also serves as a director of OneBeacon Ltd.

Mr. Campbell has served as a Managing Director of White Mountains Capital, Inc. since January 2004. He joined White Mountains in 1994 and has served in a variety of financial management positions with White Mountains. Prior to joining White Mountains, Mr. Campbell spent three years with KPMG LLP. Mr. Campbell also serves as a director of OneBeacon Ltd.

Mr. Foy was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company in April 2003. Prior to joining White Mountains in 2003, Mr. Foy served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Hartford Life Inc. and joined that company in 1993. Prior to joining Hartford Life, Mr. Foy was with Milliman and Robertson, an actuarial consulting firm. Mr. Foy also serves as a director of OneBeacon Ltd. and Symetra.

Mr. Miller was appointed President and CEO of OneBeacon in July 2005 and joined OneBeacon as its Chief Operating Officer in April 2005. Mr. Miller also serves as a director of OneBeacon Ltd. Prior to joining White Mountains, Mr. Miller spent 10 years at St. Paul Travelers, most recently as Co-Chief Operating Officer. Prior to joining St. Paul Travelers, Mr. Miller spent 14 years with The Chubb Corporation.

Mr. Oberting has served as a Managing Director of White Mountains Capital, Inc. since July 2012. From 2008 to 2012, Mr. Oberting was the founder and Managing Member of Oakum Bay Capital (f/k/a KVO Capital Management). From 2004 to 2008, Mr. Oberting served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Montpelier Re Holdings, Ltd. Mr. Oberting previously worked for White Mountains entities from 1995 to 2004 in various capacities. Prior to White Mountains, Mr. Oberting was a trader at CS First Boston (Japan) from 1993 to 1995.

Mr. Palmer has served as Chief Accounting Officer of the Company since 2001 and previously served as Controller of a subsidiary of White Mountains from 1999 to 2001. Prior to joining White Mountains in 1999, Mr. Palmer was with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

Mr. Rountree is a Managing Director of White Mountains Capital, Inc. and President of WM Advisors. He joined White Mountains in 2004. Prior to joining White Mountains, Mr. Rountree worked with both Putnam Investments and McKinsey & Company.

Mr. Seelig is Managing Director and General Counsel of the Company. Prior to joining White Mountains in September 2002, Mr. Seelig was with the law firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore.

Mr. Waters was appointed President and CEO of Sirius Group in March 2007. Mr. Waters served as a director of White Mountains from 2003 to 2004 and was re-elected as a director in November 2005. From 1998 to 2007, Mr. Waters was the founder and Managing Member of Mulherrin Capital Advisors, LLC. Mr. Waters formerly served

as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of White Mountains from 1993 to 1997, and originally joined the Company in 1985.

## PART II

## Item 5. Market for the Company's Common Equity, Related Shareholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

White Mountains' common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (symbol "WTM") and the Bermuda Stock Exchange (symbol "WTM-BH"). As of February 27, 2014, there were 305 registered holders of White Mountains common shares, par value \$1.00 per share. The quarterly range of the high and low sales price for common shares during 2013 and 2012 is presented below:

Quarter ended:	2013		2012	
	High	Low	High	Low
December 31	\$606.94	\$566.30	\$526.49	\$505.20
September 30	615.88	555.51	538.81	504.06
June 30	615.00	561.79	549.98	495.05
March 31	581.44	515.03	518.80	436.54

For information on securities authorized for issuance under the Company's equity compensation plans, see "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters" on page 112.

The following graph shows the five-year cumulative total return for a shareholder who invested \$100 in common shares as of January 1, 2008, assuming re-investment of dividends. Cumulative returns for the five-year period ended December 31, 2013 are also shown for the Standard & Poor's 500 Stocks (Property & Casualty) Capitalization Weighted Index ("S&P P&C") and the Standard & Poor's 500 Stocks Capitalization Weighted Index ("S&P 500") for comparison.

## Item 6. Selected Financial Data

Selected consolidated income statement data and ending balance sheet data for each of the five years ended through December 31, 2013, follows:

\$ in millions, except share and per share amounts	Year Ended December 31,				
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
<b>Income Statement Data:</b>					
Revenues	\$2,317	\$2,436	\$2,173	\$2,334	\$2,926
Expenses	1,972	2,173	2,075	2,145	2,143
Pre-tax income	345	263	98	189	783
Income tax (expense) benefit	(77)	) 16	110	(30)	) (209)
Non-controlling interest	12	14	(42)	) (53)	) (110)
Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated affiliates	37	29	(20)	) 11	24
Discontinued operations, net of tax <sup>(a)</sup>	5	(115)	) 622	(30)	) (18)
Net income attributable to White Mountains' common shareholders	\$322	\$207	\$768	\$87	\$470
<b>Earnings (loss) attributable to White Mountains' common shareholders per share:</b>					
Basic — continuing operations	\$51.15	\$47.41	\$18.56	\$13.63	\$55.13
Basic — discontinued operations	.74	(16.91)	) 78.88	(3.51)	) (2.02)
Diluted — continuing operations	\$51.15	\$47.41	\$18.56	\$13.63	\$55.13
Diluted — discontinued operations	.74	(16.91)	) 78.88	(3.51)	) (2.02)
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>					
Total assets	\$12,144	\$12,895	\$14,064	\$14,534	\$15,443
Debt <sup>(b)</sup>	676	751	678	819	1,051
Non-controlling interest—OneBeacon Ltd.	274	251	273	295	351
Non-controlling interest—SIG Preference Shares	250	250	250	250	250
Non-controlling interest—HG Global	17	17	—	—	—
Non-controlling interest—BAM	(98)	) (36)	) —	—	—
Non-controlling interest—consolidated limited partnerships and A.W.G. Dewar	49	44	57	63	83
White Mountains' common shareholders' equity	3,906	3,732	4,088	3,653	3,657
Book value per share <sup>(d)</sup>	\$632.30	\$593.20	\$539.43	\$445.76	\$412.73
Adjusted book value per share <sup>(e)</sup>	\$642.27	\$587.63	\$542.11	\$440.59	\$416.52
<b>Share Data:</b>					
Cash dividends paid per common share	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Ending common shares (000's) <sup>(f)</sup>	6,177	6,291	7,578	8,195	8,860
Ending equivalent common shares (000's) <sup>(g)</sup>	(33)	) (39)	) (38)	) (37)	) (57)
Ending common and equivalent common shares (000's)	6,144	6,252	7,540	8,158	8,803

As a result of the Esurance Sale, the AutoOne Sale, and the Runoff Transaction, White Mountains has reclassified the results from these businesses for the past five years in the table above to discontinued operations, net of tax. In 2013, discontinued operations, net of tax, includes a \$47 gain related to the sale of the Runoff Business and a net <sup>(a)</sup> loss of \$42 related to the operations of the Runoff Business. In 2012, discontinued operations, net of tax, includes a \$91 loss related to the sale of the Runoff Business and a net loss of \$24 related to the operations of the Runoff Business. In 2011, discontinued operations, net of tax, includes a \$678 gain related to the Esurance Sale, a \$19 loss related to the AutoOne Sale, and a \$37 net loss related to the Runoff Business.

<sup>(b)</sup> At December 31, 2012, White Mountains had \$75 outstanding under its credit facility, which was repaid in January 2013. During 2011 and 2010, OneBeacon repurchased \$150 and \$187 face value of the OBH Senior Notes.

<sup>(c)</sup> During 2012, White Mountains capitalized HG Global to fund the start-up of BAM. At December 31, 2013 and 2012, White Mountains owned 97.3% of HG Global's preferred equity and 88.7% of its common equity. White



Mountains does not have an ownership interest in BAM, which is a mutual insurance company owned by its members. Accordingly, all of BAM's results are attributed to non-controlling interest.

(d) Includes the dilutive effects of outstanding incentive options to acquire common shares, the last of which were exercised in 2010. Non-qualified options were not included in the diluted earnings per share denominator as their inclusion would be anti-dilutive for the periods presented.

(e) Adjusted book value per share is a non-GAAP measure which is derived by expanding the GAAP book value per share calculation to include the effects of assumed conversion of all in-the-money convertible securities and to exclude the net unrealized gains (losses) from Symetra's fixed maturity portfolio and unearned restricted common shares. See the reconciliation of adjusted book value per share to book value per share on page 47.

(f) During 2013, 2012, 2011 and 2010, White Mountains repurchased 141,535, 1,329,640, 646,502 and 687,871, respectively, of its common shares through a combination of tender offers, open market transactions and other transactions.

(g) Includes outstanding options to acquire common shares, when applicable, and excludes unearned shares of restricted stock, the compensation of which, at the date of calculation, has yet to be amortized.

## Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion contains "forward-looking statements". White Mountains intends statements that are not historical in nature, which are hereby identified as forward-looking statements, to be covered by the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. White Mountains cannot promise that its expectations in such forward-looking statements will turn out to be correct. White Mountains' actual results could be materially different from and worse than its expectations. See "FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS" on page 108 for specific important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements.

The following discussion also includes three non-GAAP financial measures, adjusted comprehensive income, adjusted book value per share and adjusted capital, that have been reconciled to their most comparable GAAP financial measures (see page 78). White Mountains believes these measures to be more relevant than comparable GAAP measures in evaluating White Mountains' financial performance and condition.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011

## Overview—Year Ended December 31, 2013 versus Year Ended December 31, 2012

White Mountains ended 2013 with an adjusted book value per share of \$642, an increase of 9.5% during the year, including dividends, compared to an increase of 8.6% during 2012, including dividends. White Mountains reported adjusted comprehensive income of \$340 million in 2013 compared to adjusted comprehensive income of \$245 million in 2012. Good investment results driven by the effects of a rising stock market and White Mountains' high-quality, short-duration fixed income portfolio, which performed well as interest rates rose in 2013, as well as solid underwriting performance at both OneBeacon and Sirius Group, contributed to growth in adjusted book value per share for 2013.

OneBeacon's book value per share increased 17.3% during 2013, including dividends, compared to a decrease of 0.8% during 2012, including dividends. OneBeacon's GAAP combined ratio was 92% for 2013 compared to 98% for 2012. The combined ratio for 2013 reflects lower catastrophe losses, which were negligible in 2013 while contributing 5 points to OneBeacon's combined ratio in 2012, and a lower expense ratio. Sirius Group's GAAP combined ratio was 82% for 2013 compared to 90% for 2012. The improvement in the combined ratio for 2013 was driven by lower catastrophe losses and higher favorable loss reserve development. Sirius Group's combined ratio includes 10 points of catastrophe losses in 2013 compared to 13 points in 2012 and includes 6 points of favorable loss reserve development in 2013 compared to 4 points in 2012.

White Mountains' total net written premiums decreased 7% to \$1,979 million in 2013, primarily related to OneBeacon's exit from the collector car and boat and energy businesses and lower premiums in the accident and health and trade credit lines at Sirius Group, partially offset by growth in all of OneBeacon's ongoing specialty lines and an increase in property lines at Sirius Group. OneBeacon's net written premiums decreased 8% to \$1,089 million in 2013. Excluding the \$206 million of net premiums written in 2012 from the exited businesses, White Mountains' net written premiums decreased 3% and OneBeacon's net written premiums increased 12% in 2013. Sirius Group's net written premiums decreased 8% to \$877 million in 2013.

White Mountains' GAAP total return on invested assets was 4.1% in 2013, compared to 4.9% in 2012. Currency translation did not meaningfully impact investment returns in 2013, while 2012 included 0.5% of foreign currency gains. White Mountains' fixed income portfolio was up 0.4% in U.S. dollars (0.5% in local currencies) in 2013, outperforming the longer duration Barclay's Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index of (1.0)% as interest rates rose during 2013. White Mountains' fixed income portfolio returned 4.4% in U.S. dollars (3.8% in local currencies) in 2012, compared to the Barclays U.S. Intermediate Aggregate return of 3.6%.

White Mountains' value-oriented equity portfolio returned 18.9% in 2013, which includes the effect of a 23.2% return on its common stock portfolio, compared to the S&P 500 Index return of 32.4%. White Mountains' equity portfolio underperformed the S&P 500 Index due to an overweight position in gold mining, an underweight position in the consumer discretionary and industrial sectors and the impact of convertible fixed maturity positions (as opposed to common equity securities), which tend to lag the index in strong up markets.



## Overview—Year Ended December 31, 2012 versus Year Ended December 31, 2011

White Mountains ended 2012 with an adjusted book value per share of \$588, an increase of 8.6% during the year, including dividends, compared to an increase of 23.3% during 2011, including dividends. White Mountains reported adjusted comprehensive income of \$245 million in 2012 compared to adjusted comprehensive income of \$745 million in 2011, which included an after-tax gain of \$678 million from the Esurance Sale.

OneBeacon's book value per share decreased 0.8% during 2012, including dividends, compared to an increase of 3% during 2011, including dividends. OneBeacon's 2012 results included \$101 million of after-tax GAAP losses related to the sale of the Runoff Business, which resulted in a decrease of \$12 to White Mountains' adjusted book value per share (net of non-controlling interest). OneBeacon's GAAP combined ratio was 98% for 2012 compared to 92% for 2011. The increase was primarily driven by higher catastrophe losses, mainly from hurricane Sandy, lower favorable loss reserve development and higher expenses. Sirius Group's GAAP combined ratio was 90% for 2012 compared to 100% for 2011. Sirius Group's combined ratio for 2012 included 13 points of catastrophe losses, 11 points of which were from hurricane Sandy, compared to 24 points of catastrophe losses for 2011. Additionally, Sirius Group's combined ratio for 2012 included 3 points of losses from its agricultural line of business, primarily as a result of the drought in the midwestern United States.

Total net written premiums increased 8% to \$2,127 million in 2012, due to higher net written premiums at both OneBeacon and Sirius Group. OneBeacon's net written premiums increased 11% to \$1,179 million in 2012, primarily due to new business and improved retention in several lines, particularly within the accident, government risk, energy and technology businesses. Sirius Group's net written premiums increased 3% to \$948 million in 2012, primarily due to increases in the accident and health and property lines of business, partially offset by a decrease in the trade credit line of business.

White Mountains' GAAP total return on invested assets was 4.9% in 2012, compared to 2.9% for 2011. The fixed income portfolio return (in local currencies) of 3.8% was higher than the Barclay's Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index return of 3.6%, despite significantly less duration risk, while the equity portfolio return was 7.7%, which includes the effect of a 9.8% return on the common stock portfolio, compared to the S&P 500 Index return of 16.0%. In addition, adjusted book value per share increased \$10 in 2012 from share repurchases and \$3 from foreign currency translation. Effective January 1, 2013, Sweden reduced its corporate tax rate from 26.3% to 22.0%, and Luxembourg increased its corporate tax rate from 28.8% to 29.2%. This resulted in a reduction in Sirius Group's net deferred tax liabilities in Sweden and an increase in Sirius Group's net deferred tax assets in Luxembourg at December 31, 2012. In addition, during the quarter Sirius Group had a net release of valuation allowances on deferred tax assets in Luxembourg and White Mountains established a valuation allowance on deferred tax assets of a group of U.S. companies reported in the Other Operations segment. In total, these changes resulted in an increase to adjusted book value per share of \$13 in the fourth quarter of 2012.

## Adjusted Book Value Per Share

The following table presents White Mountains' adjusted book value per share, a non-GAAP financial measure, for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 and reconciles this non-GAAP measure to the most comparable GAAP measure. (See "NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES" on page 78.)

	December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Book value per share numerators (in millions):			
White Mountains' common shareholders' equity <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 3,905.5	\$ 3,731.8	\$ 4,087.7
Equity in net unrealized losses (gains) from Symetra's fixed maturity portfolio	40.4	(57.7	) —
Adjusted book value per share numerator <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 3,945.9	\$ 3,674.1	\$ 4,087.7
Book value per share denominators (in thousands of shares):			
Common shares outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	6,176.7	6,291.0	7,577.9
Unearned restricted shares	(33.0	) (38.7	) (37.6
Adjusted book value per share denominator <sup>(1)</sup>	6,143.7	6,252.3	7,540.3
Book value per share	\$ 632.30	\$ 593.20	\$ 539.43

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

Adjusted book value per share	\$ 642.27	\$ 587.63	\$ 542.11
Dividends paid per share	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00

(1) Excludes out-of-the-money stock options.

## Review of Consolidated Results

A summary of White Mountains' consolidated financial results for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 follows:

Millions	Year Ended December 31,			
	2013	2012	2011	
Gross written premiums	\$2,296.9	\$2,438.0	\$2,256.4	
Net written premiums	\$1,978.8	\$2,126.9	\$1,978.4	
Revenues				
Earned insurance and reinsurance premiums	\$1,987.3	\$2,063.6	\$1,924.5	
Net investment income	110.9	153.6	184.5	
Net realized and unrealized investment gains	161.7	118.2	74.1	
Other revenue — foreign currency translation (losses) gains	(1.0	) 39.9	(5.5	)
Other revenue — Tuckerman Fund <sup>(1)</sup>	—	24.1	24.3	
Other revenue — Symetra warrants	10.8	17.7	(24.5	)
Other revenue — other	47.7	18.6	(4.3	)
Other revenue (losses)	57.5	100.3	(10.0	)
Total revenues	2,317.4	2,435.7	2,173.1	
Expenses				
Losses and LAE	1,040.5	1,193.9	1,174.3	
Insurance and reinsurance acquisition expenses	376.9	430.2	402.2	
Other underwriting expenses	331.3	321.8	268.1	
General and administrative expenses	179.6	150.6	143.5	
General and administrative expenses — Tuckerman Fund <sup>(1)</sup>	—	21.0	23.5	
Accretion of fair value adjustment to loss and LAE reserves	1.7	10.6	8.3	
Interest expense on debt	42.5	44.8	55.2	
Total expenses	1,972.5	2,172.9	2,075.1	
Pre-tax income	344.9	262.8	98.0	
Income tax (expense) benefit	(76.6	) 15.7	110.0	
Net income from continuing operations	268.3	278.5	208.0	
Net gain (loss) on sale of discontinued operations, net of tax	46.6	(91.0	) 658.3	
Net loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	(42.1	) (24.0	) (36.7	)
Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated affiliates	36.6	29.9	(20.2	)
Net income	309.4	193.4	809.4	
Net loss (income) attributable to non-controlling interests	12.4	14.0	(41.5	)
Net income attributable to White Mountains' common shareholders	321.8	207.4	767.9	
Change in equity in net unrealized (losses) gains from investments in unconsolidated affiliates	(98.1	) 57.7	(58.5	)
Change in foreign currency translation and other	23.5	36.7	(26.0	)
Comprehensive income	247.2	301.8	683.4	
Comprehensive (income) loss attributable to non-controlling interests	(5.2	) .8	2.8	
Comprehensive income attributable to White Mountains' common shareholders	242.0	302.6	686.2	
Change in net unrealized losses (gains) from Symetra's fixed maturity portfolio	98.1	(57.7	) 58.5	
Adjusted comprehensive income <sup>(2)</sup>	\$340.1	\$244.9	\$744.7	

On December 31, 2011, Tuckerman Fund I was dissolved and all of the net assets of the fund, which consisted of (1) the LLC units of Hamer and Bri-Mar, two small manufacturing companies, were distributed. As of October 1, 2012, Hamer and Bri-Mar are no longer consolidated and are accounted for as investments in unconsolidated affiliates.

- (2) Adjusted comprehensive income is a non-GAAP measure. For a reconciliation to the most comparable GAAP measure (see NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES on page 78).

**Consolidated Results—Year Ended December 31, 2013 versus Year Ended December 31, 2012**

White Mountains' total revenues decreased 5% to \$2,317 million in 2013, primarily due to lower earned insurance and reinsurance premiums, net investment income and other revenues, partially offset by higher net realized and unrealized investment gains. Earned insurance and reinsurance premiums decreased 4% to \$1,987 million in 2013. Net investment income was down 28% to \$111 million in 2013, primarily from a lower invested asset base, resulting from \$749 million of share repurchases since January 2012, and lower investment yields. White Mountains reported net realized and unrealized investment gains of \$162 million in 2013, which included \$1 million of net realized and unrealized foreign currency gains, compared to \$118 million of gains in 2012, which included \$57 million of net realized and unrealized foreign currency losses. Most of the net realized and unrealized foreign currency gains (losses) on investments are related to GAAP foreign currency translation and are offset by amounts recognized in other comprehensive income (see "Foreign Currency Translation" on page 63). Other revenue decreased to \$58 million in 2013 from \$100 million in 2012. Other revenue in 2013 included transaction gains of \$42 million, compared to \$28 million of net transaction gains in 2012. Transaction gains in 2013 included a \$23 million gain on OneBeacon's sale of Essentia, a \$7 million gain on Sirius Group's acquisition of Empire, a \$7 million gain on Sirius Group's acquisition of Ashmere and a \$4 million gain from the extension of the transition service agreement for services provided by OneBeacon on business sold to Tower in the personal lines transaction in 2010, while 2012 included a \$15 million gain on Sirius Group's sale of IMG, \$14 million of gains from Sirius Group's acquisitions that closed in 2012, a \$5 million gain on OneBeacon's sale of a shell company and a \$6 million loss from OneBeacon's repurchase of its remaining 2003 OBH Senior Notes. Other revenue in 2013 also included \$1 million in foreign currency translation losses, compared to \$40 million in foreign currency translation gains in 2012. In addition, 2013 included \$11 million of mark-to-market gains on the Symetra warrants compared to \$18 million of gains in 2012. Other revenue included a \$17 million loss from WM Life Re in 2013 compared to a \$25 million loss in 2012. See Note 8 - "Derivatives" for details regarding WM Life Re's total impact on White Mountains' statement of operations. In 2012, White Mountains reported other revenue of \$24 million related to the consolidation of Hamer and Bri-Mar. Effective October 1, 2012, the results of Hamer and Bri-Mar are no longer consolidated in White Mountains' financial statements. White Mountains' total expenses decreased 9% to \$1,973 million in 2013. Losses and LAE decreased 13% in 2013, exceeding the 4% decrease in earned insurance and reinsurance premiums primarily as a result of lower catastrophe losses and higher favorable loss reserve development in 2013. Insurance and reinsurance acquisition expenses decreased 12% in 2013, exceeding the 9% decrease in net written premiums primarily due to changes in business mix at OneBeacon driven by the termination of the underwriting arrangement with Hagerty Insurance Agency and higher profit commissions accrued at Sirius Group on ceded European property business, while other underwriting expenses increased 3%, primarily due to higher incentive compensation expenses at Sirius Group.

**Consolidated Results—Year Ended December 31, 2012 versus Year Ended December 31, 2011**

White Mountains' total revenues increased 12% to \$2,436 million in 2012, primarily due to higher earned insurance and reinsurance premiums, foreign currency translation gains, higher net realized and unrealized investment gains and an improvement of the mark-to-market performance of the Symetra warrants, partially offset by lower net investment income. Earned premiums increased 7% to \$2,064 million in 2012, with an 11% increase at OneBeacon and a 3% increase at Sirius Group. Net investment income was down 17% to \$154 million in 2012, principally due to a lower invested asset base driven by share repurchases and lower fixed maturity yields. White Mountains reported net realized and unrealized investment gains of \$118 million in 2012 compared to \$74 million in 2011. Net realized and unrealized investment gains for both periods were impacted by foreign currency translation on U.S. dollar-denominated investments at Sirius International, the effects of which are offset in other comprehensive income (see "Foreign Currency Translation" on page 63). Other revenue increased to a gain of \$100 million in 2012 from a loss of \$10 million in 2011, due primarily to \$40 million in foreign currency translation gains and \$18 million in mark-to-market gains on the Symetra warrants in 2012, compared to \$6 million in foreign currency translation losses and \$25 million in mark-to-market losses on the Symetra warrants in 2011. Other revenue included a \$25 million loss from WM Life Re in 2012 compared to a \$16 million loss in 2011. Other revenue in 2012 also included a \$15 million pre-tax gain on Sirius Group's sale of IMG, \$14 million in pre-tax transaction gains from White Mountains Solutions' acquisitions that closed in 2012, a \$5 million pre-tax gain on OneBeacon's sale of a shell company and a \$6 million



pre-tax loss from OneBeacon's repurchase of its remaining 2003 OBH Senior Notes. Other revenue in 2011 included a \$7 million pre-tax gain from Sirius Group's acquisition of Old Lyme.

White Mountains' total expenses increased 5% to \$2,173 million in 2012. Losses and LAE expenses increased 2% and insurance and reinsurance acquisition expenses increased by 7%, driven by increased business volume. The increase in loss and LAE expenses was partially offset by lower catastrophe losses. Other underwriting expenses increased 20%, driven by increased business volume, start-up costs for new specialty businesses at OneBeacon and the migration of OneBeacon's corporate functions to Minnesota. General and administrative expenses were \$172 million in 2012, which includes \$20 million in expenses from the consolidation of BAM, compared to \$167 million in 2011. Excluding the \$20 million of expenses related to BAM, general and administrative expenses decreased 9% in 2012, primarily due to lower incentive compensation expenses. 2011 included a higher level of incentive compensation expenses as a result of the gain from the Esurance Sale and a 35% increase in White Mountains' stock price during 2011 compared to a 14% increase in 2012. Interest expense on debt decreased 19% to \$45 million in 2012, primarily due to reductions of outstanding debt resulting from repurchases of the 2003 OBH Senior Notes.

#### Income Taxes

The Company and its Bermuda-domiciled subsidiaries are not subject to Bermuda income tax under current Bermuda law. In the event there is a change in the current law such that taxes are imposed, the Company and its Bermuda-domiciled subsidiaries would be exempt from such tax until March 31, 2035, pursuant to the Bermuda Exempted Undertakings Tax Protection Act of 1966. The Company has subsidiaries and branches that operate in various other jurisdictions around the world that are subject to tax in the jurisdictions in which they operate. The jurisdictions in which the Company's subsidiaries and branches are subject to tax are Australia, Belgium, Canada, Germany, Gibraltar, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States.

White Mountains reported income tax expense of \$77 million in 2013 on pre-tax income of \$345 million. White Mountains effective tax rate for 2013 was 22%, which was lower than the U.S. statutory rate of 35% due primarily to income generated in jurisdictions other than the United States. In addition, the effective tax rate reflects a \$7 million release of a valuation allowance at OneBeacon related to the restructuring of a surplus note issued to a consolidated insurance reciprocal exchange.

White Mountains reported an income tax benefit of \$16 million in 2012 on pre-tax income of \$263 million. Effective January 1, 2013, Sweden reduced its corporate tax rate from 26.3% to 22.0% and Luxembourg increased its corporate tax rate from 28.8% to 29.2%. This resulted in a reduction in deferred tax liabilities in Sweden and an increase in deferred tax assets in Luxembourg at December 31, 2012. As a result, Sirius Group recognized \$73 million in tax benefits from these changes. During 2012, Sirius Group also had a net release of valuation allowances on deferred tax assets in Luxembourg, resulting in a tax benefit of \$41 million, and White Mountains established a valuation allowance on deferred tax assets of a group of U.S. companies reported in the Other Operations segment, resulting in a tax expense of \$38 million. In total, White Mountains recognized \$76 million in overall net tax benefits from these changes. Excluding the impact of these changes, White Mountains effective tax rate for 2012 was 23%, which was lower than the U.S. statutory rate of 35% due primarily to income generated in jurisdictions other than the United States.

White Mountains reported an income tax benefit of \$110 million in 2011 on pre-tax income of \$98 million, due primarily to a \$130 million tax benefit from the release of a valuation allowance against certain deferred tax assets as a result of the reorganization of Sirius Group. In connection with the reorganization, which included Sirius Group's acquisition of a Luxembourg holding company from OneBeacon in January 2012, internal debt was contributed to holding companies that had large deferred tax assets offset by full valuation allowances. Because the reorganization created a future stream of income for these holding companies, White Mountains was required to reduce the valuation allowances by \$130 million in the fourth quarter of 2011. White Mountains also recorded a reclassification of \$3 million of equity from White Mountains' common shareholders' equity to non-controlling interest, which represents OneBeacon's minority shareholders' portion of the excess of the purchase price over the net assets of the Luxembourg holding company. Excluding the valuation allowance reduction, White Mountains effective tax rate for 2011 was 20%, which was lower than the U.S. statutory rate of 35% due primarily to income generated in jurisdictions other than the United States.



### Discontinued Operations

In October 2012, OneBeacon entered into an agreement to sell the Runoff Business to Armour and recorded \$101 million in after-tax losses related to the Runoff Transaction in 2012. These losses are composed of a \$92 million after-tax loss on sale and a \$9 million after-tax loss related to a reduction in the workers compensation loss reserve discount rate on reserves being transferred as part of the sale. During the fourth quarter of 2013, OneBeacon completed additional analysis of its runoff loss reserves. As a result of its analysis, OneBeacon increased its runoff loss reserves by \$72 million (\$47 million after tax), which was offset by an equal reduction of the estimated loss on sale, both reported within discontinued operations. The sale of the Runoff Business is pending the completion of regulatory review and is anticipated to close in mid-2014 (See Runoff Transaction on page 53). On October 7, 2011, White Mountains completed the sale of Esurance to Allstate for cash equal to \$700 million plus the tangible book value at closing of the entities being sold and recorded a gain of \$678 million. In 2011, OneBeacon agreed to sell its AutoOne business to Interboro and recorded a charge of \$19 million after tax for the estimated loss on the sale. The AutoOne transaction closed in February 2012.

As a result of these transactions, the results of the Runoff Business, the Esurance and AutoOne businesses and related transaction gains and losses are reported in discontinued operations in White Mountains' GAAP financial statements.

### I. Summary of Operations By Segment

White Mountains conducts its operations through four segments: (1) OneBeacon, (2) Sirius Group, (3) HG Global/BAM and (4) Other Operations. While investment results are included in these segments, because White Mountains manages the majority of its investments through its wholly-owned subsidiary, WM Advisors, a discussion of White Mountains' consolidated investment operations is included after the discussion of operations by segment. White Mountains' segment information is presented in Note 15 — "Segment Information" to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### OneBeacon

Financial results and GAAP combined ratios for OneBeacon for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 follow:

Millions	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Gross written premiums	\$1,162.9	\$1,259.2	\$1,128.3
Net written premiums	\$1,088.6	\$1,179.2	\$1,062.7
Earned insurance and reinsurance premiums	\$1,120.4	\$1,132.0	\$1,012.2
Net investment income	41.1	53.6	71.4
Net realized and unrealized investment gains	49.4	55.7	10.6
Other revenue	31.2	(.5	) (12.4
Total revenues	1,242.1	1,240.8	1,081.8
Losses and LAE	622.1	650.0	548.3
Insurance and reinsurance acquisition expenses	208.9	249.4	221.2
Other underwriting expenses	204.8	205.2	162.3
General and administrative expenses	12.0	13.4	9.8
Interest expense on debt	13.0	16.9	20.5
Total expenses	1,060.8	1,134.9	962.1
Pre-tax income	\$181.3	\$105.9	\$119.7
GAAP Ratios:			
Loss and LAE	56	% 58	% 54
Expense	36	40	38

Combined	92	% 98	% 92	%
----------	----	------	------	---

51

---

The following table presents OneBeacon's book value per share.

(Millions, except per share amounts)	December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
OneBeacon common shareholders' equity	\$1,104.3	\$1,014.5	\$1,099.8
OneBeacon common shares outstanding	95.4	95.4	95.1
OneBeacon book value per common share	\$11.58	\$10.63	\$11.56
Dividends paid per common share	\$.84	\$.84	\$1.84

#### OneBeacon Results—Year Ended December 31, 2013 versus Year Ended December 31, 2012

OneBeacon ended 2013 with a book value per share of \$11.58, an increase of 17.3% during 2013, including dividends, compared to a decrease of 0.8% during 2012, including dividends. Investment and underwriting results both contributed to the increase in OneBeacon's book value per share for 2013. OneBeacon's 2013 results also included a \$23 million pre-tax (\$15 million after-tax) gain from the sale of Essentia Insurance Company ("Essentia"), a \$7 million tax benefit related to the release of a valuation allowance at OneBeacon related to the restructuring of a surplus note issued to a consolidated insurance reciprocal exchange and a \$4 million pre-tax (\$3 million after-tax) benefit from the extension of the transition service agreement for services provided by OneBeacon on business sold to Tower in the personal lines transaction in 2010. OneBeacon's GAAP return on investments was 3.8% for 2013, compared to a return of 4.4% for 2012.

OneBeacon's GAAP combined ratio decreased to 92% for 2013 from 98% for 2012, which reflects both lower loss and expense ratios as compared to 2012. The decrease in the loss ratio was driven by a decrease in catastrophe losses which were negligible in 2013 compared to 5 points of net catastrophe losses (\$56 million, including \$8 million of ceded reinstatement premiums) for 2012, due primarily to the impact of hurricane Sandy. Favorable loss reserve development for 2013 was negligible, compared to 1 point (\$7 million) for 2012. The decrease in the expense ratio for 2013 was primarily from lower insurance acquisition expenses due to changes in business mix driven by the termination of the underwriting arrangement with Hagerty Insurance Agency, partially offset by higher non-claims litigation expenses.

OneBeacon's net written premiums decreased 8% in 2013 to \$1,089 million, primarily due to the exit from the collector car and boat and energy businesses, partially offset by growth in nearly all of OneBeacon's ongoing specialty lines. In January 2013, OneBeacon terminated its relationship with Hagerty and sold Essentia, the wholly owned subsidiary that wrote OneBeacon's Hagerty collector car and boat business, to Markel Corporation. Excluding the \$206 million of net written premiums from the exited businesses in 2012, net written premiums increased 12%.

OneBeacon's other revenue in 2013 included a \$23 million gain from the sale of Essentia and a \$4 million benefit from the extension of the transition service agreement.

OneBeacon's losses and LAE expenses decreased 4%, driven by lower catastrophe losses and lower earned premiums, while insurance and reinsurance acquisition expenses decreased 16%, primarily due to changes in business mix and lower net written premiums driven by the termination of the underwriting arrangement with Hagerty Insurance Agency. Other underwriting expenses were consistent with prior year. Interest expense decreased 23% to \$13 million in 2013, reflecting a lower interest rate on outstanding debt.

**Reinsurance protection.** OneBeacon purchases reinsurance in order to minimize loss from large risks or catastrophic events. OneBeacon also purchases individual property reinsurance coverage for certain risks to reduce large loss volatility through property-per-risk excess of loss reinsurance programs and individual risk facultative reinsurance. OneBeacon also maintains excess of loss casualty reinsurance programs that provide protection for individual risk or catastrophe losses involving workers compensation, general liability, automobile liability, professional liability or umbrella liability. The availability and cost of reinsurance protection is subject to market conditions, which are outside of management's control. Limiting risk of loss through reinsurance arrangements serves to mitigate the impact of large losses; however, the cost of this protection in an individual period may exceed the benefit.

OneBeacon's net combined ratio was higher than the gross combined ratio by 2 points for 2013 as a result of the cost of the reinsurance programs more than offsetting the benefits from ceded losses. OneBeacon's net combined ratio for 2012 was lower than its gross combined ratio by 1 point, primarily due to the significant amount of reinsurance cessions related to hurricane Sandy, which were partially offset by the impact of the cost of facultative reinsurance

and property reinsurance, and also the cost of catastrophe reinsurance and marine reinsurance.

OneBeacon Results—Year Ended December 31, 2012 versus Year Ended December 31, 2011

OneBeacon ended 2012 with a book value per share of \$10.63, a decrease of 0.8% during 2012, including dividends, compared to an increase of 3% during 2011, including dividends. The decrease in book value was driven by a \$92 million estimated after-tax loss on the Runoff Transaction and \$24 million of net after-tax operating losses from discontinued operations, which included a \$9 million after-tax charge related to the Runoff Transaction from a reduction in the workers compensation loss reserve discount rate. This negative impact to book value was partially offset by a \$14 million increase from the sale of OneBeacon Holdings (Luxembourg) S.à r.l. to Sirius Group. The transaction was recorded as an increase in OneBeacon's equity and was eliminated in White Mountains' consolidated financial statements. OneBeacon's GAAP return on investments was 4.4% for 2012, compared to a return of 3.0% for 2011.

OneBeacon's GAAP combined ratio increased to 98% for 2012 from 92% for 2011, primarily driven by lower favorable loss reserve development, higher catastrophe losses and higher expenses. Favorable loss reserve development for 2012 was \$7 million, or 1 point, compared to \$30 million, or 3 points, for 2011. The favorable reserve development for 2012 was primarily in the workers' compensation, multiple peril liability and general liability lines, mostly offset by adverse loss reserve development on excess property claims. The combined ratio for 2012 included 5 points of net catastrophe losses (\$56 million, including \$8 million of ceded reinstatement premiums), due primarily to the impact of hurricane Sandy, compared to 4 points (\$37 million) of catastrophe losses for 2011, primarily related to hurricane Irene, tornados in the southeastern and midwestern United States as well as storms and freezing weather in the northeastern and southwestern United States. The increase in the expense ratio is primarily the result of startup costs for new specialty businesses and costs associated with actions taken to migrate certain corporate functions to Minnesota in 2012.

OneBeacon's net written premiums increased 11% in 2012 to \$1,179 million, compared to \$1,063 million in 2011, primarily due to the growth in several underwriting units, particularly within the Professional Insurance, Technology and Accident units.

OneBeacon's other revenues in 2012 included a \$6 million loss related to the repurchase of its 2003 OBH Senior Notes, offset in part by a \$5 million gain on the sale of a shell company, Pennsylvania General Insurance.

OneBeacon's other revenues in 2011 included a \$12 million loss related to the partial redemption of a portion of the 2003 OBH Senior Notes.

OneBeacon's losses and LAE expenses increased 19% and insurance and reinsurance acquisition expenses increased by 13%, driven by increased business volume. The increase in loss and LAE expenses was also partially due to higher catastrophe losses, driven by hurricane Sandy. Other underwriting expenses increased 26%, driven by increased business volume, start-up costs for new specialty businesses at OneBeacon and the migration of OneBeacon's corporate functions to Minnesota. Interest expense decreased 18% to \$17 million in 2012, reflecting lower outstanding debt.

Reinsurance protection. OneBeacon's net combined ratio for 2012 was lower than its gross combined ratio by 1 point, primarily due to the significant amount of reinsurance cessions related to hurricane Sandy, which were partially off-set by the impact of the cost of facultative reinsurance and property reinsurance, and also the cost of catastrophe reinsurance and marine reinsurance. OneBeacon's net combined ratio for 2011 was higher than its gross combined ratio by 4 points, primarily due to the impact of the cost of facultative reinsurance and property reinsurance, and also the cost of catastrophe reinsurance and marine reinsurance.

OneBeacon Discontinued Operations - Runoff Transaction

In October 2012, OneBeacon entered into a definitive agreement to sell its Runoff Business to Armour. The Pennsylvania Insurance Department ("PID") is required to conduct an examination of the Runoff Business as part of its regulatory review of the Runoff Transaction. Pursuant to this examination, the PID required a third party actuarial review to provide an independent actuarial assessment of the loss reserves associated with the Runoff Business, which is a normal requirement associated with such examinations. The independent actuarial review was completed in September 2013, at which time the PID posted the summary review to its website. The independent actuarial review produced a range of total statutory net loss and LAE reserves of \$215 million to \$668 million as of March 31, 2013, compared to OneBeacon's recorded statutory net loss and LAE reserves of \$166 million as of March 31, 2013. Since



March 31, 2013, and as discussed further below, OneBeacon has increased the Runoff Business loss and LAE reserves by \$79 million.

During the fourth quarter of 2013, and as part of its annual actuarial certification process, OneBeacon completed a comprehensive actuarial analysis of the non-A&E loss and LAE reserves associated with the Runoff Business. In addition to OneBeacon's internal actuaries taking into account the differing assumptions, methods, and analyses produced by the independent actuarial review and other factors, management considered other sources of information, including runoff claims staffing models and related costs. For A&E reserve estimates associated with the Runoff Business, OneBeacon primarily relies on the internal study of its legacy A&E exposures completed in 2011 and on subsequent monitoring of quarterly A&E activity, including the comparison of that activity against what was assumed in that most recent study.

As a result of the comprehensive actuarial analysis conducted by OneBeacon during the fourth quarter of 2013, OneBeacon recorded \$72 million of unfavorable prior year non-A&E loss and LAE development related to the Runoff Business. The increase in loss reserves was concentrated in the workers compensation, personal auto liability and excess liability lines of business. In addition, OneBeacon increased its estimate of adjusting and other expenses, a component of LAE reserves. OneBeacon has not revised its estimate of net ultimate A&E payments.

Workers compensation unpaid loss reserves increased by \$37 million due to changes in how OneBeacon evaluates various estimated settlement rates, mortality and medical inflation assumptions. These three key assumptions, which were previously evaluated implicitly as part of overall case incurred activity, were separately analyzed and then reviewed under varying assumptions and an array of resulting reserve estimates to generate an actuarial indication that management selected for its best estimate. For personal auto liability, a \$17 million loss provision was recorded based on a ground-up analysis of unlimited medical automobile no-fault claims from the 1970s and 1980s, which produced a range of estimates at varying medical inflation rates. The remaining \$5 million loss reserve increase was driven by adverse prior year loss development recorded on a few large excess liability claims. Finally, OneBeacon recorded a provision to increase its LAE reserves by \$13 million for adjusting and other expenses due to a change in assumptions of staff efficiency associated with handling and settling runoff claims.

For the full year 2013, OneBeacon recorded a \$79 million loss and LAE provision for the Runoff Business. The \$79 million loss and LAE adverse development recorded in 2013 was partially offset by other revenue of \$8 million associated with a settlement award in the second quarter of 2013 in the *Safeco v. American International Group, Inc.* (“AIG”) class action related to AIG’s alleged underreporting of workers’ compensation premiums to the National Workers’ Compensation Reinsurance Pool.

As of December 31, 2013, the recorded net unpaid loss and LAE reserves associated with the Runoff Business totaled \$188 million. Management believes that the recorded net loss and LAE reserves reflect a reasonable provision for expected future loss and LAE payments and represent management’s best estimate within a range of reasonable estimates.

The \$72 million (\$47 million after-tax) increase in Runoff Business loss and LAE reserves was recorded in the fourth quarter of 2013 as a component of discontinued operations and offset by an equal after-tax amount which decreased the estimated ultimate loss on sale of the Runoff Business. The terms of the Runoff SPA prescribe that the buyer has assumed the risk that loss and LAE reserves develop unfavorably from September 30, 2012 onward, resulting in the offset.

During the fourth quarter of 2013, OneBeacon also increased the estimated pre-tax transaction costs associated with the Runoff Transaction, which was partially offset by the accretion of interest on the original sales price and, coupled with the \$47 million after-tax provision for loss and LAE, resulted in a \$46 million after-tax reduction in the ultimate loss on sale from discontinued operations. This reduction in the ultimate loss on sale was essentially offset by a \$46 million after-tax loss from discontinued operations, driven by the unfavorable loss reserve development, that was also recorded in OneBeacon’s fourth quarter and full year results. The current estimated ultimate loss on sale of the Runoff Business is \$69 million pre-tax, or \$45 million after-tax.

Although the Runoff SPA stipulates the amount of reserves and surplus to be transferred to Armour at closing, the PID may require additional reserves and/or surplus as a closing condition. In that event, and to respond to such a closing condition, the Runoff SPA provides that OneBeacon would invest in surplus notes issued by the transferring companies, subject to certain limits on the amount of surplus notes issued. OneBeacon believes that the transferred reserves and surplus plus the funding requirements/limitations agreed to in the Runoff SPA cover the full range of claim projections produced in the independent actuarial review. Currently, OneBeacon expects to provide financing by way of surplus notes in an amount that falls within the provisions of the Runoff SPA.

In October 2013, OneBeacon and Armour amended the Runoff SPA to extend the date at which either party may terminate the Runoff SPA to July 31, 2014. If the required regulatory approval to close the Runoff Transaction has not been obtained on or prior to July 31, 2014, either OneBeacon or Armour may unilaterally extend the termination date of the Runoff SPA by up to 90 days. OneBeacon expects the Runoff Transaction to close in mid-2014.



## Sirius Group

Financial results and GAAP combined ratios for Sirius Group for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 follows:

Millions	Year Ended December 31,			
	2013	2012	2011	
Gross written premiums	\$1,120.4	\$1,178.8	\$1,128.1	
Net written premiums	\$876.6	\$947.7	\$915.7	
Earned insurance and reinsurance premiums	\$866.4	\$931.6	\$912.3	
Net investment income	48.8	65.0	89.9	
Net realized and unrealized investment gains	26.7	17.3	53.2	
Other revenue—foreign currency translation (losses) gains	(1.0 )	39.9	(5.5 )	
Other revenue	17.8	30.7	9.6	
Total revenues	958.7	1,084.5	1,059.5	
Losses and LAE	418.4	543.9	626.0	
Insurance and reinsurance acquisition expenses	166.5	180.8	181.0	
Other underwriting expenses	126.1	116.4	105.8	
General and administrative expenses	30.5	35.3	25.8	
Accretion of fair value adjustment to loss and LAE reserves	1.7	10.6	8.3	
Interest expense on debt	26.3	26.2	31.6	
Total expenses	769.5	913.2	978.5	
Pre-tax income	\$189.2	\$171.3	\$81.0	
GAAP Ratios:				
Loss and LAE	48	% 58	% 69	%
Expense	34	32	31	
Combined	82	% 90	% 100	%

## Sirius Group Results—Year Ended December 31, 2013 versus Year Ended December 31, 2012

Sirius Group's GAAP combined ratio was 82% for 2013 compared to 90% for 2012. The decrease was primarily due to lower catastrophe losses, higher favorable loss reserve development and lower agricultural losses. The 2013 combined ratio included 10 points (\$85 million) of catastrophe losses, net of reinsurance and reinstatement premiums, primarily comprised of \$27 million of flood losses in Central Europe, \$20 million of hail storm losses in Germany and France, and \$8 million of losses from typhoon Fitow in China, while the 2012 combined ratio included 13 points (\$117 million) of catastrophe losses, comprised mainly of \$98 million of losses from hurricane Sandy. Favorable loss reserve development was 6 points (\$48 million) in 2013, which included \$24 million of favorable loss reserve development on prior year's catastrophe losses. Other major reductions in loss reserve estimates recognized included property (\$17 million), aviation/space (\$10 million) and accident and health (\$9 million), partially offset by a \$12 million increase in asbestos loss reserves. Favorable loss reserve development was 4 points (\$34 million) for 2012, primarily attributable to favorable development in property and casualty lines, offset by a \$46 million increase in asbestos reserves. Additionally, the combined ratio for 2012 included 3 points of agricultural losses, primarily as a result of a drought in the Midwestern United States.

Sirius Group's gross written premiums decreased 5% for 2013 to \$1,120 million, while net written premiums decreased 8% for 2013 to \$877 million. These decreases were primarily from the accident and health and trade credit lines of business, partially offset by increases in the property lines. Net earned premiums decreased 7% for 2013 to \$866 million due to lower accident and health and trade credit premiums. The effects of foreign currency translation on premiums were not material in 2013.

In 2013, Sirius Group's other revenue primarily consisted of pre-tax transaction gains of \$14 million from White Mountains Solutions' acquisitions of Ashmere and Empire compared to pre-tax transaction gains of \$14 million in

2012 from White Mountains Solutions' acquisitions of PICO, Citation, Woodridge and Oakwood. Other revenues in 2012 also included \$15 million on the sale of Sirius Group's interest in an affiliate, IMG, a managing general underwriter in the medical and travel business. Additionally, Sirius Group recorded \$1 million of foreign currency translation losses in 2013 compared to \$40 million of foreign currency translation gains in 2012. (See "Foreign Currency Translation" on page 63.)

55

---

Sirius Group's insurance and reinsurance acquisition expenses decreased \$14 million in 2013, primarily due to lower business volume and higher profit commissions earned on ceded European property treaties. Sirius Group's other underwriting expenses increased \$10 million in 2013, primarily due to increased incentive compensation expenses and higher professional fees, primarily related to Lloyd's Syndicate 1945. General and administrative expenses decreased by \$5 million, primarily due to lower severance and separation costs in 2013 as a result of reductions in staff in 2012. Accretion of fair value adjustment to losses and LAE reserves decreased by \$9 million due to the acceleration of the amortization of the purchase accounting established for the acquisition of Scandinavian Reinsurance Company Ltd. ("Scandinavian Re") due to a treaty commutation in the first quarter of 2012.

Reinsurance protection. Sirius Group's reinsurance protection primarily consists of pro-rata and excess of loss protections to cover aviation, trade credit, and certain accident and health and property exposures. Sirius Group's proportional reinsurance programs provide protection for part of the non-proportional treaty accounts written in Europe, the Americas, Asia, the Middle East and Australia. This reinsurance is designed to increase underwriting capacity where appropriate, and to reduce exposure both to large catastrophe losses and to a frequency of smaller loss events. Attachment points and coverage limits vary by region around the world.

Sirius Group's net combined ratio equaled the gross combined ratio for 2013 and was 6 points higher than the gross combined ratio for 2012. The net and gross combined ratios were the same for 2013 as the cost of property retrocessions was offset by loss recoveries on catastrophe losses in Europe and Asia and profit commissions on ceded business. In 2012, the gross combined ratio was lower than the net combined ratio primarily due to the cost of property retrocessions with limited ceded property loss recoveries.

#### Sirius Group Results—Year Ended December 31, 2012 versus Year Ended December 31, 2011

Sirius Group's GAAP combined ratio was 90% for 2012 compared to 100% for 2011. The decrease was primarily due to lower catastrophe losses, as the 2012 combined ratio included 13 points (\$117 million) of catastrophe losses net of reinsurance and reinstatement premiums, primarily due to \$98 million of losses from hurricane Sandy, compared to 24 points (\$218 million) in 2011, primarily due to the Japan earthquake and tsunami, the New Zealand earthquakes and the floods in Thailand. Additionally, the 2012 combined ratio included 3 points of agricultural losses principally as a result of the drought in the midwestern United States. Favorable loss reserve development was 4 points (\$34 million) for 2012. The major reductions in loss reserve estimates were recognized in casualty runoff (\$32 million), property (\$28 million), marine/energy (\$12 million), trade credit (\$7 million) and aviation/space (\$5 million) lines, partially offset by a \$46 million increase in asbestos and environmental loss reserves and a \$4 million increase in accident and health. Favorable loss reserve development was 5 points (\$47 million) for 2011 and was primarily attributable to \$41 million of favorable development on property lines, partially offset by asbestos and environmental increases of \$12 million.

Sirius Group's gross written premiums increased 4% (6% in local currencies) to \$1,179 million in 2012 from \$1,128 million for 2011, while net written premiums increased 3% (5% in local currencies) to \$948 million for 2012 from \$916 million in 2011. These increases were primarily from the property and accident and health lines of business, partially offset by decreases in the casualty and trade credit lines. Net written premiums for 2012 increased less than gross written premiums due to increased retrocessions on the property and accident and health lines of business. Net earned premiums increased 2% (4% in local currencies) to \$932 million for 2012 from \$912 million in 2011.

Sirius Group's other revenues primarily consisted of \$40 million of foreign currency translation gains recorded in 2012 compared to foreign currency translation losses of \$6 million in 2011. (See "Foreign Currency Translation" on page 63.) Additionally, Sirius Group recorded pre-tax transaction gains of \$14 million from White Mountains Solutions' acquisitions of PICO, Citation, Woodridge and Oakwood and \$15 million on the sale of its interest in IMG. In 2011, Sirius Group recorded a \$7 million pre-tax gain from White Mountains Solutions' acquisition of the loss reserve portfolio of Old Lyme.

Sirius Group's other underwriting expenses increased \$11 million in 2012, primarily due to higher incentive compensation costs and professional fees. General and administrative expenses increased \$10 million in 2012, primarily due to higher incentive compensation costs in addition to severance and separation costs as a result of a reduction in staff.

Reinsurance protection. Sirius Group's gross combined ratio was lower than the net combined ratio by 6 points for 2012 and 7 points for 2011. The higher net combined ratio for 2012 was primarily due to the cost of property retrocessions with limited ceded property loss recoveries. The higher net combined ratio for 2011 was due to the Japan and New Zealand earthquake losses, very little of which were ceded under Sirius Group's retrocessional reinsurance coverage, in addition to the cost of the property retrocessions.

## HG Global/BAM

The following table presents the components of pre-tax income included in White Mountains' HG Global/BAM segment related to the consolidation of HG Global, which includes HG Re and its other wholly-owned subsidiaries, and BAM for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012:

Millions	Year Ended December 31, 2013			
	HG Global	BAM	Eliminations	Total
Gross written premiums	\$—	\$13.6	\$—	\$13.6
Assumed (ceded) written premiums	10.6	(10.6	) —	—
Net written premiums	\$10.6	\$3.0	\$—	\$13.6
Earned insurance and reinsurance premiums	\$.4	\$.1	\$—	\$.5
Net investment income	1.0	4.7	—	5.7
Net investment income - BAM Surplus Notes	40.2	—	(40.2	) —
Net realized and unrealized investment losses	(2.0	) (9.3	) —	(11.3
Other revenue	—	.4	—	.4
Total revenues	39.6	(4.1	) (40.2	) (4.7
Insurance and reinsurance acquisition expenses	.1	1.4	—	1.5
Other underwriting expenses	—	.4	—	.4
General and administrative expenses	1.4	32.5	—	33.9
Interest expense - BAM surplus notes	—	40.2	(40.2	) —
Total expenses	1.5	74.5	(40.2	) 35.8
Pre-tax income (loss)	\$38.1	\$(78.6	) \$—	\$(40.5
				)
Millions	Year Ended December 31, 2012			
	HG Global	BAM	Eliminations	Total
Gross written premiums	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
Assumed (ceded) written premiums	—	—	—	—
Net written premiums	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
Earned insurance and reinsurance premiums	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
Net investment income	.3	1.9	—	2.2
Net investment income - BAM Surplus Notes	18.4	—	(18.4	) —
Net realized and unrealized investment gains	—	—	—	—
Other revenue	—	—	—	—
Total revenues	18.7	1.9	(18.4	) 2.2
Insurance and reinsurance acquisition expenses	—	—	—	—
Other underwriting expenses	—	.2	—	.2
General and administrative expenses	4.5	19.6	—	24.1
Interest expense - BAM surplus notes	—	18.4	(18.4	) —
Total expenses	4.5	38.2	(18.4	) 24.3
Pre-tax income (loss)	\$14.2	\$(36.3	) \$—	\$(22.1
				)



## HG Global/BAM Results—Year Ended December 31, 2013 versus Year Ended December 31, 2012

HG Global reported pre-tax income of \$38 million in 2013, which was driven by \$40 million of interest income on the BAM Surplus Notes, compared to \$14 million in 2012, which was driven by \$18 million of interest income on the BAM Surplus Notes, partially offset by startup and operational costs.

BAM reported pre-tax losses of \$79 million in 2013, driven by \$40 million of interest expense on the BAM Surplus Notes and \$33 million of operating expenses, compared to \$36 million in pre-tax losses in 2012 that were driven by \$18 million of interest expense on the BAM Surplus Notes and startup and operational costs. BAM's results for 2013 were also impacted by \$9 million of unrealized investment losses, most of which were reported in the second quarter due to an increase in interest rates. (See LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES, HG Global/BAM, on page 70.) Since BAM is a mutual insurance company owned by its members, BAM's results do not affect White Mountains' adjusted book value per share as they are attributed to non-controlling interests.

The following table presents amounts from HG Global, which includes HG Re and its other wholly-owned subsidiaries, and BAM that are contained within White Mountains' consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2013:

Millions	As of December 31, 2013			
	HG Global	BAM	Eliminations	Total
<b>Assets</b>				
Fixed maturity investments	\$96.7	\$441.7	\$—	\$538.4
Short-term investments	11.2	26.9	—	38.1
Total investments	107.9	468.6	—	576.5
Cash	.6	6.7	—	7.3
BAM Surplus Notes	503.0	—	(503.0)	) —
Accrued interest receivable on BAM Surplus Notes	58.6	—	(58.6)	) —
Other assets	4.9	11.0	(2.6)	) 13.3
Total assets	\$675.0	\$486.3	\$(564.2)	) \$597.1
<b>Liabilities</b>				
BAM Surplus Notes <sup>(1)</sup>	\$—	\$503.0	\$(503.0)	) \$—
Accrued interest payable on BAM Surplus Notes <sup>(2)</sup>	—	58.6	(58.6)	) —
Preferred dividends payable to White Mountains' subsidiaries <sup>(3)</sup>	53.7	—	—	53.7
Preferred dividends payable to non-controlling interests	1.5	—	—	1.5
Other liabilities	13.7	22.3	(2.6)	) 33.4
Total liabilities	68.9	583.9	(564.2)	) 88.6
<b>Equity</b>				
White Mountains' common shareholders' equity	589.5	—	—	589.5
Non-controlling interests	16.6	(97.6)	) —	(81.0)
Total equity	606.1	(97.6)	) —	508.5
Total liabilities and equity	\$675.0	\$486.3	\$(564.2)	) \$597.1

(1) Under GAAP, the BAM Surplus Notes are classified as debt by the issuer. Under U.S. Statutory accounting, they are classified as Surplus.

(2) Under GAAP, interest accrues daily on the BAM Surplus Notes. Under U.S. Statutory accounting, interest is not accrued on the BAM Surplus Notes until it has been approved for payment by insurance regulators.

(3) Dividends on HG Global preferred shares payable to White Mountains' subsidiaries are eliminated in White Mountains' consolidated financial statements.

The following table presents the gross par value of policies priced and closed by BAM for the year ended December 31, 2013:

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

	Year Ended	
	December 31, 2013	
Gross par value of primary market policies priced	\$4,451.5	
Gross par value of secondary market policies priced	351.0	
Total gross par value of market policies priced	4,802.5	
Less: Gross par value of policies priced yet to close	(97.6	)
Gross par value of policies closed in 2013 that were priced in 2012	3.3	
Total gross par value of market policies closed	\$4,708.2	

58

---

## Other Operations

A summary of White Mountains' financial results from its Other Operations segment for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 follows:

Millions	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Net investment income	\$ 15.3	\$ 32.8	\$ 23.2
Net realized and unrealized investment gains	96.9	45.2	10.3
Other revenue—Tuckerman Fund <sup>(1)</sup>	—	24.1	24.3
Other revenue—Symetra warrants	10.8	17.7	(24.5 )
Other revenue	(1.7 )	(11.6 )	(1.5 )
Total revenues	121.3	108.2	31.8
General and administrative expenses—Tuckerman Fund <sup>(1)</sup>	—	21.0	23.5
General and administrative expenses	103.2	77.8	107.9
Interest expense on debt	3.2	1.7	3.1
Total expenses	106.4	100.5	134.5
Pre-tax income (loss)	\$ 14.9	\$ 7.7	\$(102.7 )

On December 31, 2011, Tuckerman Fund I was dissolved and all of the net assets of the fund, which consisted of (1) the LLC units of Hamer and Bri-Mar, two small manufacturing companies, were distributed. As of October 1, 2012, Hamer and Bri-Mar are no longer consolidated and are accounted for as investments in unconsolidated affiliates.

## Other Operations Results—Year Ended December 31, 2013 versus Year Ended December 31, 2012

White Mountains' Other Operations segment reported pre-tax income of \$15 million in 2013 compared to pre-tax income of \$8 million in 2012. White Mountains' Other Operations segment reported net realized and unrealized investment gains of \$97 million in 2013 compared to \$45 million in 2012. (See Summary of Investment Results on page 60.) The Other Operations segment reported net investment income of \$15 million in 2013 compared to \$33 million in 2012, primarily due to a lower average invested asset base, mainly a result of White Mountains' investment of approximately \$600 million in HG Global in July 2012 and share repurchases, and a shift in the investment portfolio from fixed maturities towards common equity securities. The value of White Mountains' investment in Symetra warrants prior to their exercise during the second quarter of 2013 increased \$11 million in 2013 compared to an increase of \$18 million in 2012. (See Investment in Symetra Common Shares on page 62.) WM Life Re reported losses of \$17 million in 2013 compared to \$19 million in 2012. The improvement in WM Life Re's results was primarily due to \$7 million of gains in 2013 associated with changes in projected surrender assumptions, partially offset by increased trading expenses. See Note 8 - "Derivatives" for details regarding WM Life Re's total impact on White Mountains' statement of operations.

Share repurchases. White Mountains repurchased and retired 141,535 of its common shares for \$80 million in 2013 at an average price per share of \$563.91, or approximately 88% of White Mountains' December 31, 2013 adjusted book value per share.

## Other Operations Results—Year Ended December 31, 2012 versus Year Ended December 31, 2011

White Mountains' Other Operations segment reported pre-tax income of \$8 million in 2012 compared to a pre-tax loss of \$103 million in 2011. The improvement in the 2012 results was driven by an improvement in the mark-to-market performance of the Symetra warrants, higher pre-tax income from investments, lower incentive compensation expenses and lower losses from WM Life Re. 2011 included a higher level of incentive compensation expenses as a result of the gain from the Esurance Sale and a 35% increase in White Mountains' stock price during 2011 compared to a 14% increase in 2012. The value of White Mountains' investment in Symetra warrants increased \$18 million in 2012 compared to a decrease of \$25 million in 2011. WM Life Re reported pre-tax loss of \$19 million in 2012 compared to pre-tax loss of \$27 million in 2011. See Note 8 - "Derivatives" for details regarding WM Life Re's total impact on White Mountains' statement of operations.

Share repurchases. White Mountains repurchased and retired 1,329,640 of its common shares for \$669 million in 2012 at an average price per share of \$503.09, or approximately 86% of White Mountains' December 31, 2012 adjusted book value per share.

## II. Summary of Investment Results

For purposes of discussing rates of return, all percentages are presented gross of management fees and trading expenses in order to produce a better comparison to benchmark returns, while all dollar amounts are presented net of any management fees and trading expenses. A summary of White Mountains' consolidated pre-tax investment results for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 follows:

Pre-tax investment results Millions	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Net investment income	\$ 110.9	\$ 153.6	\$ 184.5
Net realized and unrealized investment gains <sup>(1)</sup>	161.7	118.2	74.1
Change in foreign currency translation on investments recognized through other comprehensive income <sup>(2)</sup>	11.3	95.5	(41.7 )
Pre-tax investment gains included in discontinued operations	—	—	12.7
Total GAAP pre-tax investment gains	\$ 283.9	\$ 367.3	\$ 229.6

<sup>(1)</sup>Includes foreign currency gains (losses) of \$1.0, \$(57.2) and \$20.7.

<sup>(2)</sup>Excludes non-investment related foreign currency (losses) gains that are also recognized through other comprehensive income of \$(8.7), \$(55.9) and \$26.5.

## Gross investment returns and benchmarks returns

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2013	2012	2011	
Fixed maturity investments	0.5	% 4.9	% 3.4	%
Short-term investments	0.1	% 0.3	% 1.0	%
Total fixed income investments	0.4	% 4.4	% 3.1	%
Barclays U.S. Intermediate Aggregate Index	(1.0 )	% 3.6	% 6.0	%
Common equity securities	23.2	% 9.8	% 0.7	%
Convertible fixed maturity investments	7.8	% 6.0	% (6.2 )	%
Other long-term investments	6.9	% 2.4	% 6.2	%
Total common equity securities, convertible securities, and other long-term investments	18.9	% 7.7	% 1.4	%
S&P 500 Index (total return)	32.4	% 16.0	% 2.1	%
Total consolidated portfolio	4.1	% 4.9	% 2.9	%

## Investment Returns—Year Ended December 31, 2013 versus Year Ended December 31, 2012

White Mountains' GAAP pre-tax total return on invested assets was 4.1% for 2013 compared to 4.9% for 2012. Currency translation did not meaningfully impact total investment returns in 2013, while 2012 included 0.5% of foreign currency gains.

## Fixed income results

White Mountains maintains a high-quality, short-duration fixed income portfolio. At December 31, 2013, the fixed income portfolio duration was approximately 2.1 years, including short term investments, compared to 2.4 years at December 31, 2012. White Mountains' fixed income portfolio returned 0.4% in U.S. dollars (0.5% in local currencies) in 2013, outperforming the longer duration Barclay's Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index of (1.0)%, as interest rates rose during the year. White Mountains' fixed income portfolio returned 4.4% in U.S. dollars (3.8% in local currencies) in 2012, compared to the Barclays U.S. Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index return of 3.6%.

## Common equity securities, convertibles and other long-term investments results

White Mountains maintains an equity portfolio that consists of common equity securities, convertible fixed maturity investments and other long-term investments and represents approximately 20% of GAAP invested assets at December 31, 2013. White Mountains' total equity portfolio returned 18.9% for 2013, lagging the S&P 500 Index return of 32.4%. White Mountains' total equity portfolio, which represented approximately 20% of GAAP invested assets at December 31, 2012, returned 7.7% for 2012, lagging the S&P 500 Index return of 16.0%.

WM Advisors has a sub-advisory agreement with Prospector, a registered investment adviser, under which Prospector manages the majority of White Mountains' publicly-traded common equity securities and convertible fixed maturity securities. White Mountains also has separate equity portfolios managed by Lateef Investment Management ("Lateef") and Silchester International Investors ("Silchester"). The following table summarizes the performance in local currencies of each of White Mountains' separately managed equity portfolios for 2013, 2012 and 2011:

Separate Accounts <sup>(1)</sup>	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Prospector Capital Appreciation	21.2%	6.5%	(1.1)%
Prospector All Cap Value	29.0%	14.6%	(0.3)%
Lateef Multi-Cap Growth Equity <sup>(2)</sup>	30.5%	7.0%	-
Silchester International Equities	32.6%	16.5%	(3.5)%
S&P 500 Index	32.4%	16.0%	2.1%

(1) Separate account portfolios include common equity securities, convertible fixed maturity investments and cash available for reinvestment.

(2) Lateef commenced managing a portion of White Mountains' equity portfolio in May 2012 and performance is measured from that point forward in the table above.

Relative to the 2013 and 2012 S&P 500 Index returns, Prospector's performance for both periods reflects an overweight position in gold mining, an underweight position in the consumer discretionary, technology and industrial sectors and the impact of convertible fixed maturity investments (as opposed to common equity securities), which tend to lag the index in strong up markets.

Total annualized returns for White Mountains' separate accounts managed by Prospector compared to the annualized total returns of the S&P 500 Index are as follows:

Annualized returns	Periods ending December 31, 2013			
	1-year	3-years	5-years	Since Inception <sup>(1)</sup>
Prospector separate accounts	23.2%	9.4%	12.5%	8.1%
S&P 500 Index	32.4%	16.2%	17.9%	7.0%

(1) Annualized total returns since the inception of the Prospector separate account in the beginning of 2005, which was established in connection with an investment management agreement between Prospector and White Mountains

whereby Prospector serves as a discretionary adviser with respect to specified assets, primarily equity securities.

The Lateef separate account is a highly concentrated portfolio, and relative performance is often influenced positively or negatively by one or two positions. Lateef's performance in 2013 reflects specific positions in the industrial, technology and consumer discretionary sectors.

White Mountains maintains a portfolio of other long-term investments, mainly investments in hedge funds (primarily equity long/short) and private equity funds. The portfolio is positioned to underperform in up markets and outperform in down markets. White Mountains' other long-term investments returned 6.9% for 2013, which outperformed the HFRX Equal Weighted Strategies Index return of 6.3% for 2013. White Mountains' other long-term investments returned 2.4% for 2012 which was in line with the HFRX Equal Weighted Strategies Index return of 2.5% for 2012.

Investment Returns—Year Ended December 31, 2012 versus Year Ended December 31, 2011

White Mountains' GAAP pre-tax total return on invested assets was 4.9% for 2012, which includes 0.5% of foreign currency gains, compared to 2.9% for 2011, which includes 0.2% of foreign currency losses.

#### Fixed income results

At December 31, 2012, the fixed income portfolio duration was approximately 2.4 years, including short term investments, compared to 2.2 years at December 31, 2011. White Mountains fixed income portfolio returned 4.4% (3.8% in local currencies) for 2012, outperforming the longer duration Barclays U.S. Intermediate Aggregate Index return of 3.6%. White Mountains' fixed income portfolio returned 3.1% for 2011 (3.3% in local currencies), trailing the benchmark return of 6.0%, as interest rates declined during 2011.

#### Common equity securities, convertibles and other long-term investments results

White Mountains' total equity portfolio, which represented approximately 20% of GAAP invested assets at December 31, 2012, returned 7.7% for 2012, compared to the S&P 500 Index return of 16.0%, while the total equity portfolio returned 1.4% in 2011, compared to the S&P 500 Index return of 2.1%. The underperformance against the benchmark in both periods reflects large positions in convertible fixed maturity investments (as opposed to common equity securities) and other long-term investments, which tend to lag the index in strong markets. It also reflects underweight exposure in common equity securities and convertible fixed maturity investments to the technology, consumer discretionary, and industrial sectors and an overweight position in materials, in particular gold mining stocks, relative to the S&P 500 Index.

White Mountains' other long-term investments returned 2.4% for 2012, in line with the HFRX Equal Weighted Strategies Index which returned 2.5% for the period, compared to other long-term investment returns of 6.2% in 2011.

#### Investment in Symetra Common Shares

During the second quarter of 2013, White Mountains executed a cashless exercise of its Symetra warrants. The warrants were marked up to their fair value of \$41 million at the date of exercise, June 20, 2013, resulting in a \$15 million realized gain reported in the second quarter of 2013. The cashless exercise resulted in the net issuance of 2,648,879 additional common shares of Symetra in exchange for the warrants to purchase 9,487,872 Symetra common shares.

During 2013, 2012 and 2011, White Mountains recorded \$35 million, \$30 million and \$26 million in after-tax equity in earnings from its investment in Symetra's common shares. The table below illustrates (1) the per-Symetra common share value of the investment in Symetra's common shares used in the calculation of White Mountains' adjusted book value per share (2) Symetra's quoted stock price and (3) Symetra's book value per common share excluding unrealized gains and losses from its fixed maturity investment portfolio:

	As of December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Value per Symetra Common Share			
Value of the investment in Symetra's common shares used in the calculation of White Mountains' adjusted book value per share	\$18.00	\$16.58	\$15.00
Symetra's quoted stock price	\$18.96	\$12.98	\$9.07



Symetra's book value per common share excluding unrealized gains and losses from its fixed maturity investment portfolio	\$19.95	\$18.97	\$17.87
--	---------	---------	---------

White Mountains accounts for its investment in common shares of Symetra using the equity method. Prior to December 31, 2011, the GAAP carrying value of White Mountains' investment in Symetra common shares was equal to the percentage of Symetra's GAAP book value represented by White Mountains' common share ownership. At December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, White Mountains' common share ownership was 17%, 15% and 15%. At December 31, 2011, White Mountains concluded that its investment in Symetra common shares was other-than-temporarily impaired and wrote down the GAAP book value of the investment to its estimated fair value of \$261 million, or \$15 per share at December 31, 2011, which resulted in \$46 million of after-tax equity in losses of unconsolidated affiliates and \$137 million of after-tax equity in net unrealized losses of unconsolidated affiliates. The write-down reduced adjusted book value per share by approximately \$6. Under GAAP, a decline in the fair value of an investment is considered to be other-than-temporary when the fair value of the investment is not expected to recover to its GAAP carrying value in the near term. White Mountains concluded that the accounting impairment on its investment in Symetra common shares existed due to the prolonged low interest rate environment in which life insurance companies currently operate and not from reasons specific to Symetra itself. As a result, White Mountains does not believe that the accounting impairment equates to an impairment in Symetra's long-term intrinsic business value. See "White Mountains' Investment in Symetra Common Shares" under "CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES" on page 106.

#### Foreign Currency Translation

White Mountains' foreign assets and liabilities are valued using period-end exchange rates, and its foreign revenues and expenses are valued using average exchange rates over the period. Foreign currency exchange rate risk is the risk that White Mountains will incur losses on a U.S. dollar basis due to adverse changes in foreign currency exchange rates. See "Foreign Currency Exchange Risk" on page 111.

A summary of the impact of foreign currency translation on White Mountains' consolidated financial results for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 follows:

Millions	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Net unrealized investment gains (losses) — foreign currency <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 18.3	\$(48.6)	\$69.4
Net realized investment (losses) gains — foreign currency <sup>(1)</sup>	(17.3)	(8.6)	(48.7)
Net realized and unrealized investment gains (losses) — foreign currency <sup>(1)</sup>	1.0	(57.2)	20.7
Other revenue - foreign currency translation (losses) gains	(1.0)	39.9	(5.5)
Income tax (expense)	(2.4)	(3.1)	(4.8)
Total foreign currency translation (losses) gains recognized through net income, after tax	(2.4)	(20.4)	10.4
Change in foreign currency translation on investments recognized through other comprehensive income, after tax	11.3	95.5	(41.7)
Change in foreign currency translation on non-investment net liabilities recognized through other comprehensive income, after tax	(8.7)	(55.9)	26.5
Total foreign currency translation gains (losses) recognized through other comprehensive income, after tax	2.6	39.6	(15.2)
Total foreign currency gains (losses) recognized through comprehensive income, after tax	\$.2	\$19.2	\$(4.8)

<sup>(1)</sup> Component of net realized and unrealized investments gains on the income statement.

At December 31, 2013, White Mountains' investment portfolio included approximately \$1.1 billion in non-U.S. dollar-denominated investments, most of which are held at Sirius International and are denominated in Swedish kronor or euros. The value of the investments in this portfolio is impacted by changes in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the kronor and between the U.S. dollar and the euro. During 2013, the U.S. dollar weakened 1% against the kronor and 4% against the euro. These currency movements resulted in approximately \$12 million of pre-tax foreign currency investment gains for the year ended December 31, 2013, which are recorded as components of net realized and unrealized investment gains (recognized in pre-tax income) and change in foreign currency translation on investments (recognized in other comprehensive income). During 2012, the U.S. dollar weakened 6% against the kronor and 2% against the euro, which resulted in \$38 million of pre-tax foreign currency gains for the year. During 2011, the U.S. dollar strengthened 3% against the kronor and 3% against the euro, which resulted in \$21 million of pre-tax foreign currency losses for the year.

Sirius International holds a large portfolio of investments that are denominated in U.S. dollars, but its functional currency is the Swedish kronor. When Sirius International prepares its stand-alone GAAP financial statements, it translates its U.S. dollar-denominated investments to Swedish kronor and recognizes the related foreign currency translation gains or losses through pre-tax income. When White Mountains consolidates Sirius International, it translates Sirius International's stand-alone GAAP financial statements to U.S. dollars and recognizes the foreign currency gains or losses arising from this translation, including those associated with Sirius International's U.S. dollar-denominated investments, through other comprehensive income. Since White Mountains reports its financial statements in U.S. dollars, there is no net effect to adjusted book value per share or to investment returns from foreign currency translation on its U.S. dollar-denominated investments at Sirius International. However, net realized and unrealized investment gains, other revenues and other comprehensive income can be significantly affected during periods of high volatility in the foreign exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and other currencies, especially the Swedish kronor.

The amount of foreign currency translation on Sirius International's U.S. dollar denominated investments recognized as an increase of other comprehensive income and a decrease of net income was \$10 million in 2013. The amount of foreign currency translation on Sirius International's U.S. dollar denominated investments recognized as an increase of other comprehensive income and a decrease of net income was \$40 million in 2012. The amount of foreign currency translation on Sirius International's U.S. dollar denominated investments recognized as a decrease of other comprehensive income and an increase of net income was \$25 million in 2011.

#### Portfolio Composition

The following table presents the composition of White Mountains' investment portfolio as of December 31, 2013 and 2012:

\$ in millions	As of December 31, 2013		As of December 31, 2012	
	Carrying value	% of total	Carrying value	% of total
Fixed maturity investments <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 5,266.8	71	\$ 5,534.3	73
Short-term investments	635.9	9	630.6	8
Common equity securities	1,156.8	16	1,029.7	13
Convertible fixed maturity investments	80.5	1	127.4	2
Other long-term investments	288.9	3	294.2	4
Total investments	\$ 7,428.9	100	\$ 7,616.2	100

(1) Carrying value includes \$236.3 and \$338.1 as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 that is classified as assets held for sale relating to discontinued operations.

The breakdown of White Mountains' fixed maturity and convertible fixed maturity investments at December 31, 2013 by credit class, based upon issue credit ratings provided by Standard & Poor's, or if unrated by Standard & Poor's, long term obligation ratings provided by Moody's, is as follows:

\$ in millions	As of December 31, 2013				
	Amortized cost	% of total	Carrying <sup>(1)</sup> Value	% of total	
U.S. government and government-sponsored entities <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 1,058.1	20	% \$ 1,047.4	20	%
AAA/Aaa	1,138.2	22	1,136.3	21	
AA/Aa	537.3	10	529.5	10	
A/A	1,250.5	23	1,252.0	23	
BBB/Baa	1,124.3	21	1,140.5	21	
Other/not rated	229.2	4	241.6	5	
Total fixed maturity and convertible fixed maturity investments	\$ 5,337.6	100	% \$ 5,347.3	100	%

(1) Carrying value includes \$236.3 that is classified as assets held for sale relating to discontinued operations.

(2) Includes mortgage-backed securities which carry the full faith and credit guaranty of the U.S. government (i.e., GNMA) or are guaranteed by a government sponsored entity (i.e., FNMA, FHLMC).

White Mountains' overall fixed maturity investment strategy is to purchase securities that are attractively priced in relation to their investment risks. White Mountains also actively manages the average duration of the portfolio. The weighted average duration of White Mountains' fixed income portfolio at December 31, 2013 was approximately 2.1 years, including short-term investments, and approximately 2.4 years excluding short-term investments.

The cost or amortized cost and carrying value of White Mountains' fixed maturity and convertible fixed maturity investments at December 31, 2013 is presented below by contractual maturity. Actual maturities could differ from contractual maturities because certain borrowers may call or prepay their obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

Millions	As of December 31, 2013	
	Amortized cost	Carrying Value
Due in one year or less	\$491.2	\$490.7
Due after one year through five years	2,376.7	2,389.3
Due after five years through ten years	321.0	322.2
Due after ten years	41.5	45.8
Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities	2,027.3	2,014.5
Preferred stocks	79.9	84.8
Total fixed maturity and convertible fixed maturity investments	\$ 5,337.6	\$ 5,347.3

#### Investments by Country of Issue

White Mountains' investment portfolio consists of debt and equity securities issued in over 30 countries worldwide. The United States represents the country of issue for 79% of White Mountains' fixed maturity, common equity security and convertible fixed maturity investment portfolios. White Mountains has minimal sovereign risk exposure to European peripheral countries such as Ireland, Greece, Portugal, Spain and Italy ("peripheral countries"). White Mountains' portfolio includes 0.7% of total fixed maturity, convertible fixed maturity and common equity security investments issued from these peripheral countries at December 31, 2013. However, White Mountains may have indirect exposure to peripheral countries through securities issued from non-peripheral countries as the issuers of those securities could have exposure to peripheral countries.

The following tables list White Mountains' investments in fixed maturity investments, common equity securities and convertible fixed maturity investments at December 31, 2013 categorized as financial or non-financial investments and by country of issue:

Millions	December 31, 2013 Fair value
Debt securities issued by corporations:	
Non-financial	
Australia	\$3.5
Canada	157.7
France	45.1
Greece	—
Ireland	7.9
Italy	10.3
Netherlands	126.7
Portugal	—
Spain	8.2
Sweden	26.7
United Kingdom	90.7
United States	1,345.9
Other	90.1
Total non-financial debt	1,912.8
Financial	
Australia	15.8
Greece	—
Ireland	—
Italy	1.7
Netherlands	10.5
Portugal	—
Spain	—
United Kingdom	9.3
United States	376.0
Other	21.1
Total financial debt	434.4
Total debt securities issued by corporations	2,347.2
Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities:	
Luxembourg	20.6
Netherlands	14.2
Sweden	72.4
United Kingdom	3.8
United States	1,899.1
Other	4.4
Total mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities	2,014.5
Foreign government, agency and provincial obligations:	
Canada	44.6
Germany	27.7
Greece	—
France	51.5
Ireland	—
Italy	—
Japan	23.2

Portugal	—
Spain	—
Sweden	279.9
United Kingdom	6.1
Other	6.9
Total foreign government, agency and provincial obligations	439.9
U.S. Government and agency obligations <sup>(1)</sup>	362.5
Municipal obligations <sup>(1)</sup>	17.9
Preferred stocks <sup>(1)</sup>	84.8
Total fixed maturity investments	\$5,266.8
Convertible fixed maturity investments:	
Canada	\$2.7
United States	77.8
Total convertible fixed maturity investments	\$80.5
Total fixed maturity and convertible fixed maturity investments	\$5,347.3

<sup>(1)</sup>All securities were issued in the United States.

	December 31, 2013
Millions	Fair value
Common equity securities:	
Non-financial	
Canada	\$19.2
France	12.9
Greece	1.5
Ireland	9.4
Italy	1.0
Japan	18.1
Portugal	.7
South Africa	4.7
Spain	.5
Switzerland	22.1
United Kingdom	14.3
United States	667.9
Other	24.1
Total non-financial common equity securities	796.4
Financial	
Bermuda	51.4
Cayman Islands	4.4
Ireland	4.5
United Kingdom	9.8
United States	288.9
Other	1.4
Total financial common equity securities	360.4
Total common equity securities	\$1,156.8

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

### Operating Cash and Short-term Investments

Holding company level. The primary sources of cash for the Company and certain of its intermediate holding companies are expected to be distributions and tax sharing payments received from its insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries, capital raising activities, net investment income, proceeds from sales and maturities of investments and, from time to time, proceeds from the sales of operating subsidiaries. The primary uses of cash are expected to be repurchases of the Company's common shares, payments on and repurchases/retirements of its debt obligations, dividend payments to holders of the Company's common shares, to non-controlling interest holders of OneBeacon Ltd.'s common shares and to holders of the SIG Preference Shares, purchases of investments, payments to tax authorities, contributions to operating subsidiaries, operating expenses and, from time to time, purchases of operating subsidiaries.

Operating subsidiary level. The primary sources of cash for White Mountains' insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries are expected to be premium collections, net investment income, proceeds from sales and maturities of investments, contributions from holding companies, capital raising activities and, from time to time, proceeds from the sales of operating subsidiaries. The primary uses of cash are expected to be claim payments, policy acquisition costs, purchases of investments, payments on and repurchases/retirements of its debt obligations, distributions and tax sharing payments made to holding companies and operating expenses and, from time to time, purchases of operating subsidiaries.

Both internal and external forces influence White Mountains' financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. Claim settlements, premium levels and investment returns may be impacted by changing rates of inflation and other

economic conditions. In many cases, significant periods of time, sometimes several years or more, may lapse between the occurrence of an insured loss, the reporting of the loss to White Mountains and the settlement of the liability for that loss. The exact timing of the payment of claims and benefits cannot be predicted with certainty. White Mountains' insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries maintain portfolios of invested assets with varying maturities and a substantial amount of cash and short-term investments to provide adequate liquidity for the payment of claims. Management believes that White Mountains' cash balances, cash flows from operations, routine sales and maturities of investments and the liquidity provided by the WTM Bank Facility are adequate to meet expected cash requirements for the foreseeable future on both a holding company and insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiary level.



## Dividend Capacity

Under the insurance laws of the states and jurisdictions that White Mountains' insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries are domiciled, an insurer is restricted with respect to the timing and the amount of dividends it may pay without prior approval by regulatory authorities. Accordingly, there can be no assurance regarding the amount of such dividends that may be paid by such subsidiaries in the future. Following is a description of the dividend capacity of White Mountains' insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries:

### OneBeacon:

OneBeacon's combined statutory surplus (including U.S. statutory surplus and Bermuda statutory capital and surplus for Split Rock) was \$1.0 billion and \$0.9 billion as of December 31, 2013 and 2012. OneBeacon's combined U.S. statutory surplus as of both December 31, 2013 and 2012 was \$0.9 billion. Split Rock's statutory capital and surplus was \$96.4 million as of December 31, 2013.

OneBeacon Insurance Company ("OBIC"), OneBeacon's primary top tier regulated U.S. insurance operating subsidiary, has the ability to pay dividends during any 12-month period without the prior approval of regulatory authorities in an amount set by formula based on the greater of prior year statutory net income or 10% of prior year end statutory surplus, subject to the availability of unassigned funds. OBIC has the ability to pay \$87 million of dividends during 2014 without prior approval of regulatory authorities, subject to the availability of unassigned funds. The amount of dividends available to be paid by OBIC in any given year is also subject to cash flow and earnings generated by OBIC's business, which now just comprises the Runoff Business, as well as to dividends received from its subsidiaries, including Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company ("ASIC"), the lead U.S. insurance operating subsidiary for the Ongoing Business. At December 31, 2013, OBIC had \$0.6 billion of unassigned funds and \$0.9 billion of statutory surplus.

As disclosed in Note 21 - "Discontinued Operations" of the accompanying consolidated financial statements, during the fourth quarter of 2012, OneBeacon executed various intercompany reinsurance agreements which, along with other internal capital transactions among its regulated U.S. insurance operating subsidiaries, resulted in ASIC becoming the lead insurance company for the ongoing specialty business and OBIC becoming the lead insurance company for the Runoff Business. Notwithstanding these restructuring transactions, OneBeacon continues to manage its statutory capital on a combined basis. Although OBIC remains the primary top tier regulated U.S. insurance operating subsidiary and maintains sufficient statutory capital to support the Runoff Business, the majority of the group's statutory capital is now included in ASIC, which is currently a subsidiary of OBIC, to support the ongoing specialty business. Prior to the closing of the Runoff Transaction and subject to regulatory approval, OBIC will distribute ASIC to its immediate parent, OneBeacon LLC.

ASIC has the ability to pay dividends during any 12-month period without the prior approval of regulatory authorities in an amount set by formula based on the lesser of net investment income, as defined by statute, or 10% of statutory surplus, in both cases as most recently reported to regulatory authorities, subject to the availability of earned surplus and subject to dividends paid in prior periods. ASIC has the ability to pay \$24 million of dividends during 2014 without prior approval of regulatory authorities, subject to the availability of earned surplus. Given the changes in structure noted above, and in order for ASIC to pay dividends consistent with being the lead insurance company for the Ongoing Business, ASIC may require prior approval by regulatory authorities in order to make additional distributions until it builds up a historical net investment income stream and earned surplus balance under its new structure. At December 31, 2013, ASIC had \$95 million of earned surplus and \$0.7 billion of statutory surplus. During 2013, ASIC paid a \$190 million extraordinary return of capital to OBIC, which, in turn, distributed the \$190 million to its immediate parent. During 2013, OneBeacon also contributed \$35.0 million to OBIC.

Split Rock has the ability to declare or pay dividends during any 12-month period without the prior approval of Bermuda regulatory authorities on condition that any such declaration or payment of dividends does not cause a breach of any of its regulatory solvency and liquidity requirements. If Split Rock fails to meet its regulatory solvency or liquidity requirements on the last day of any financial year, it is prohibited from declaring or paying any dividends during the next financial year without the approval of the BMA.

In addition, under the Companies Act, Split Rock is prohibited from declaring or paying a dividend or making a distribution out of contributed surplus if there are reasonable grounds for believing that after such payment is made,

Split Rock would be unable to pay its liabilities as they become due or the realizable value of the its assets would be less than its liabilities.

During 2014, Split Rock has the ability to make capital distributions without the prior approval of regulatory authorities, subject to meeting all appropriate liquidity and solvency requirements, of up to \$20 million, which is equal to 15% of its December 31, 2013 statutory capital, excluding earned surplus. During 2013, OneBeacon contributed \$135 million to Split Rock. Split Rock did not pay any dividends in 2013.

During 2013, OneBeacon's unregulated insurance operating subsidiaries paid \$17 million of dividends to their immediate parent. At December 31, 2013, OneBeacon's unregulated insurance operating subsidiaries had \$58 million of net unrestricted cash, short-term investments and fixed maturity investments.

During 2013, OneBeacon Ltd. paid \$80 million of regular quarterly dividends to its common shareholders. White Mountains received \$60 million of these dividends.

At December 31, 2013, OneBeacon Ltd. and its intermediate holding companies held \$218 million of net unrestricted cash, short-term investments and fixed maturity investments and \$90 million of common equity securities and convertible fixed maturity investments outside of its regulated and unregulated insurance operating subsidiaries.

#### Sirius Group:

Subject to certain limitations under Swedish law, Sirius International is permitted to transfer a portion of its pre-tax income to its Swedish parent companies to minimize taxes (referred to as a group contribution). In 2013, Sirius International transferred \$102 million of its 2012 pre-tax income to its Swedish parent companies as a group contribution.

Sirius International has the ability to pay dividends subject to the availability of unrestricted statutory surplus. Historically, Sirius International has allocated the majority of its pre-tax income, after group contributions to its Swedish parent companies, to the Safety Reserve (see "Safety Reserve" below). At December 31, 2013, Sirius International had \$587 million (based on the December 31, 2013 SEK to USD exchange rate) of unrestricted statutory surplus, which is available for distribution in 2014. The amount of dividends available to be paid by Sirius International in any given year is also subject to cash flow and earnings generated by Sirius International's business, as well as to dividends received from its subsidiaries, including Sirius America. During 2013, Sirius International distributed \$326 million of dividends to its immediate parent, \$75 million of which had been declared and accrued in December 2012.

Sirius America has the ability to pay dividends during any twelve-month period without the prior approval of regulatory authorities in an amount set by formula based on the lesser of net investment income, as defined by statute, or 10% of statutory surplus, in both cases as most recently reported to regulatory authorities, subject to the availability of earned surplus and subject to dividends paid in prior periods. Based upon 2013 statutory net investment income and dividends paid in 2013, Sirius America has no ability to pay any dividends during 2014 without prior approval of regulatory authorities. At December 31, 2013, Sirius America had \$548 million of statutory surplus and \$33 million of earned surplus. In 2013, Sirius America paid \$75 million of dividends to its immediate parent.

During 2013, Sirius Group distributed \$250 million to its immediate parent, \$75 million of which had been declared and accrued in December 2012.

At December 31, 2013, Sirius Group and its intermediate holding companies held \$67 million of net unrestricted cash, short-term investments and fixed maturity investments and \$20 million of other long-term investments outside of its regulated and unregulated insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries.

#### Capital Maintenance

There is a capital maintenance agreement between Sirius International and Sirius America which obligates Sirius International to make contributions to Sirius America's surplus in order for Sirius America to maintain surplus equal to at least 125% of the company action level risk based capital as defined in the NAIC Property/Casualty Risk-Based Capital Report. The agreement provides for a maximum contribution to Sirius America of \$200 million. Sirius International also provides Sirius America with accident year stop loss reinsurance, which protects Sirius America's accident year loss and allocated loss adjustment expense ratio in excess of 70%, with a limit of \$90 million. This stop loss contract was in effect for all of 2013 and has been renewed for all of 2014 with the same terms.

#### Safety Reserve

Subject to certain limitations under Swedish law, Sirius International is permitted to transfer pre-tax income amounts into an untaxed reserve referred to as a safety reserve. At December 31, 2013, Sirius International's safety reserve amounted to SEK 10.4 billion, or \$1.6 billion (based on the December 31, 2013 SEK to USD exchange rate). Under GAAP, an amount equal to the safety reserve, net of a related deferred tax liability established at the Swedish tax rate of 22.0%, is classified as shareholders' equity. Generally, this deferred tax liability is only required to be paid by Sirius International if it fails to maintain prescribed levels of premium writings and loss reserves in future years. As a result of the indefinite deferral of these taxes, Swedish regulatory authorities apply no taxes to the safety reserve when calculating solvency capital under Swedish insurance regulations. Accordingly, under local statutory requirements, an amount equal to the deferred tax liability on Sirius International's safety reserve (\$357 million at December 31, 2013)

is included in solvency capital. Access to the safety reserve is restricted to coverage of reinsurance losses. Access for any other purpose requires the approval of Swedish regulatory authorities. Similar to the approach taken by Swedish regulatory authorities, most major rating agencies generally include the \$1.6 billion balance of the safety reserve, without any provision for deferred taxes, in Sirius International's regulatory capital when assessing Sirius International's financial strength.

HG Global/BAM:

At December 31, 2013, HG Global had \$613 million face value of preferred shares outstanding, of which White Mountains owned 97.3%. Holders of the HG Global preferred shares receive cumulative dividends at a fixed annual rate of 6.0% on a quarterly basis, when and if declared by HG Global. HG Global did not declare or pay any preferred dividends in 2013. As of December 31, 2013, HG Global has accrued \$55 million of dividends payable to holders of its preferred shares, \$54 million of which is payable to White Mountains and eliminated in consolidation.

HG Re is a Special Purpose Insurer subject to regulation and supervision by the BMA, but does not require regulatory approval to pay dividends. However, HG Re's dividend capacity is limited by amounts held in the collateral trusts pursuant to the FLRT with BAM. As of December 31, 2013, HG Re had statutory capital of \$437 million, of which \$35 million primarily relates to accrued interest on the BAM Surplus Notes held by HG Re, and \$400 million was held as collateral in the Supplemental Trust pursuant to the FLRT with BAM.

Interest on the BAM Surplus Notes is payable quarterly at a fixed annual rate of 8.0%. BAM manages its affairs on a statutory accounting basis. BAM's statutory surplus includes surplus notes and is not reduced by accruals of interest expense on the surplus notes. Interest and principal payments are subject to approval of the NYDFS. Interest expense on the BAM Surplus Notes does not reduce BAM's statutory surplus until the payment of the interest is approved by the NYDFS. BAM did not pay any interest on the BAM Surplus Notes in 2013. BAM's members' surplus, as reported to regulatory authorities as of December 31, 2013 was \$469 million.

Other Operations:

During 2013, WM Advisors did not pay any dividends to its immediate parent. At December 31, 2013, WM Advisors held \$17 million of net unrestricted cash, short-term investments and fixed maturity investments.

At December 31, 2013, the Company and its intermediate holding companies held \$231 million of net unrestricted cash, short-term investments and fixed maturity investments, \$490 million of common equity securities and \$139 million of other long-term investments included in its Other Operations segment. During 2013, White Mountains paid a \$6 million common share dividend.

WM Life Re Keep-Well Agreement

Sirius Group initially fronted the reinsurance contracts covering guaranteed living and death benefits of Japanese variable annuity contracts for, and was 100% reinsured by, WM Life Re. In October 2013, White Mountains and Tokio Marine completed a novation whereby Sirius Group's obligations on the reinsurance contracts were transferred to WM Life Re. As a result, Sirius Group no longer has any obligation or liability relating to these agreements. In connection with this novation agreement, White Mountains and Life Re Bermuda entered into a keep-well agreement, which obligates White Mountains to make capital contributions to Life Re Bermuda in the event that Life Re Bermuda's shareholder's equity falls below \$75 million, provided however that in no event shall the amount of all capital contributions made by White Mountains under this agreement exceed \$127 million. At December 31, 2013, Life Re Bermuda had \$86 million of shareholder's equity and White Mountains' maximum capital commitment under the keep-well agreement was \$118 million. White Mountains made capital contributions totaling \$70 million to Life Re Bermuda during 2013, of which \$20 million was contributed prior to the execution of the keep-well agreement.

The balance sheet below presents Life Re Bermuda's net assets at December 31, 2013 reported to Tokio Marine as required under the terms of the novation agreement:

Millions	December 31, 2013
Cash and short-term investments	\$75.8
Direct obligations of the government of Japan	23.2
Reinsurance premium receivable	1.8
Settlements due from brokers and dealers	—
Derivative instruments	69.2
Total assets	170.0
Variable annuity liabilities	52.8
Death benefit payable	—
Counterparty collateral held	.8
Intercompany line of credit outstanding	30.0
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	.5
Total liabilities	84.1
Total shareholder's equity	\$85.9

#### Insurance Float

Insurance float is an important aspect of White Mountains' insurance operations. Insurance float represents funds that an insurance or reinsurance company holds for a limited time. In an insurance or reinsurance operation, float arises because premiums are collected before losses are paid. This interval can extend over many years. During that time, the insurer or reinsurer invests the funds. When the premiums that an insurer or reinsurer collects do not cover the losses and expenses it eventually must pay, the result is an underwriting loss, which is considered to be the cost of insurance float. One manner in which White Mountains calculates its insurance float is by taking its net investment assets and subtracting its total adjusted capital. Although insurance float can be calculated using numbers determined under GAAP, insurance float is not a GAAP concept and, therefore, there is no comparable GAAP measure.

Insurance float can increase in a number of ways, including through acquisitions of insurance and reinsurance operations, organic growth in existing insurance and reinsurance operations and recognition of losses that do not cause a corresponding reduction in investment assets. Conversely, insurance float can decrease in a number of other ways, including sales of insurance and reinsurance operations, shrinking or runoff of existing insurance and reinsurance operations, the acquisition of operations that do not have substantial investment assets (e.g., an agency) and the recognition of gains that do not cause a corresponding increase in investment assets. White Mountains has historically obtained its insurance float primarily through acquisitions, as opposed to organic growth. It is White Mountains' intention to generate low-cost float over time through a combination of acquisitions and organic growth in its existing insurance and reinsurance operations. However, White Mountains will seek to increase its insurance float organically only when market conditions allow for an expectation of generating underwriting profits.

Certain operational leverage metrics can be measured with ratios that are calculated using insurance float. There are many activities that do not change the amount of insurance float at an insurance company but can have a significant impact on the company's operational leverage metrics. For example, investment gains and losses, foreign currency gains and losses, debt issuances and repurchases/repayments, common and preferred share issuances and repurchases and dividends paid to shareholders are all activities that do not change insurance float but that can meaningfully impact operational leverage metrics.

The following table illustrates White Mountains' consolidated insurance float position as of December 31, 2013 and 2012:

(\$ in millions)	December 31,	
	2013	2012
Total investments	\$7,192.6	\$7,278.1
BAM total cash and investments	(475.3 )	(488.4 )
BAM Surplus Notes held by HG Global	503.0	503.0
Consolidated limited partnership investments <sup>(1)</sup>	(73.1 )	(91.2 )
Cash	382.8	462.4
Net investment assets classified within assets held for sale	236.3	338.1
Investments in unconsolidated affiliates	321.4	387.9
Equity in net unrealized losses (gains) from Symetra's fixed maturity portfolio	43.6	(62.8 )
Cash and investments posted as collateral by WM Life Re <sup>(2)</sup>	(81.3 )	(393.6 )
Accounts receivable on unsettled investment sales	12.1	3.9
Accounts payable on unsettled investment purchases	(20.5 )	(11.4 )
Interest-bearing funds held by ceding companies <sup>(3)</sup>	78.1	85.1
Interest-bearing funds held under insurance and reinsurance contracts <sup>(4)</sup>	(31.1 )	(17.7 )
Net investment assets	\$8,088.6	\$7,993.4
Total White Mountains' common shareholders' equity	\$3,905.5	\$3,731.8
Non-controlling interest—OneBeacon Ltd.	273.7	251.4
Non-controlling interest—SIG Preference Shares	250.0	250.0
Non-controlling interest—HG Global	16.6	16.6
Debt	676.4	751.2
Total capital <sup>(1)</sup>	5,122.2	5,001.0
Equity in net unrealized (gains) losses from Symetra's fixed maturity portfolio, net of applicable taxes	40.4	(57.7 )
Total adjusted capital	\$5,162.6	\$4,943.3
Insurance float	\$2,926.0	\$3,050.1
Insurance float as a multiple of total adjusted capital	0.6x	0.6x
Net investment assets as a multiple of total adjusted capital	1.6x	1.6x
Insurance float as a multiple of White Mountains' common shareholders' equity	0.7x	0.8x
Net investment assets as a multiple of White Mountains' common shareholders' equity	2.1x	2.1x

(1) Total capital only includes non-controlling interests that White Mountains (i) benefits from the return on or (ii) has the ability to utilize the net assets supporting the non-controlling interest.

(2) Consists of cash, fixed maturity and short-term investments held by WM Life Re and posted as collateral to its variable annuity reinsurance counterparties.

(3) Excludes funds held by ceding companies from which White Mountains does not receive interest credits.

(4) Excludes funds held by White Mountains under reinsurance treaties for which White Mountains does not provide interest credits.

During 2013, insurance float decreased by \$124 million, primarily due to the continued runoff of reserves at OneBeacon, the runoff of Sirius Group's casualty business and payments of losses incurred in 2010, 2011 and 2012 related to major catastrophes, primarily from hurricane Sandy and earthquakes in Chile, Japan and New Zealand. These catastrophe losses increased White Mountains' insurance float when they were first recorded, which is now reversing and decreasing insurance float as the catastrophe losses are paid. Based on December 31, 2013 balances, the closing of the Runoff Transaction is expected to decrease insurance float by approximately \$236 million.

## Financing

The following table summarizes White Mountains' capital structure at December 31, 2013 and 2012:

(\$ in millions)	December 31,	
	2013	2012
2012 OBH Senior Notes, carrying value	\$274.7	\$274.7
SIG Senior Notes, carrying value	399.6	399.4
WTM Bank Facility	—	—
Previous WTM Bank Facility	—	75.0
Old Lyme Note	2.1	2.1
Total debt	676.4	751.2
Non-controlling interest—SIG Preference Shares	250.0	250.0
Non-controlling interest—OneBeacon Ltd.	273.7	251.4
Non-controlling interest—HG Global	16.6	16.6
Total White Mountains' common shareholders' equity	3,905.5	3,731.8
Total capital <sup>(1)</sup>	5,122.2	5,001.0
Equity in net unrealized gains from Symetra's fixed maturity portfolio, net of applicable taxes	40.4	(57.7 )
Total adjusted capital	\$5,162.6	\$4,943.3
Total debt to total adjusted capital	13	% 15 %
Total debt and SIG Preference Shares to total adjusted capital	18	% 20 %

(1) Total capital only includes non-controlling interests that White Mountains (i) benefits from the return on or (ii) has the ability to utilize the net assets supporting the non-controlling interest.

Management believes that White Mountains has the flexibility and capacity to obtain funds externally as needed through debt or equity financing on both a short-term and long-term basis. However, White Mountains can provide no assurance that, if needed, it would be able to obtain additional debt or equity financing on satisfactory terms, if at all. On August 14, 2013, White Mountains entered into a revolving credit facility with a syndicate of lenders administered by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. which has a total commitment of \$425 million and a maturity date of August 14, 2018 (the "WTM Bank Facility"). The WTM Bank Facility replaced White Mountains' previous revolving credit facility administered by Bank of America, N.A., which had a total commitment of \$375 million (the "Previous WTM Bank Facility"). As of December 31, 2012, White Mountains had \$75 million outstanding under the Previous WTM Bank Facility, which the Company repaid in January 2013. As of December 31, 2013, the WTM Bank Facility was undrawn.

The WTM Bank Facility contains various affirmative, negative and financial covenants that White Mountains considers to be customary for such borrowings, including certain minimum net worth and maximum debt to capitalization standards. Failure to meet one or more of these covenants could result in an event of default, which ultimately could eliminate availability under this facility and result in acceleration of principal repayment on any amounts outstanding. At December 31, 2013, White Mountains was in compliance with all of the covenants under the WTM Bank Facility and anticipates it will continue to remain in compliance with these covenants for the foreseeable future.

In addition, a failure by certain of White Mountains' subsidiaries to pay principal and interest on a credit facility, mortgage or similar debt agreement ("covered debt"), where such a default results in the acceleration of at least \$75 million of the principal amount of covered debt, could trigger a cross acceleration provision contained in the WTM Bank Facility.

It is possible that, in the future, one or more of the rating agencies may lower White Mountains' credit existing ratings. If one or more of its ratings were lowered, White Mountains could incur higher borrowing costs on future borrowings and its ability to access the capital markets could be impacted. In addition, White Mountains' insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries could be adversely impacted by a lowering of their financial strength ratings, including a possible reduction in demand for their products in certain markets.



In November 2012, OBH issued \$275 million face value of senior unsecured notes through a public offering, at an issue price of 99.9%. The net proceeds from the issuance of the 2012 OBH Senior Notes were used to repurchase the remaining 2003 OBH Senior Notes. The 2012 OBH Senior Notes, which are fully and unconditionally guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest by OneBeacon Ltd., bear an annual interest rate of 4.60%, payable semi-annually in arrears on May 9 and November 9, until maturity on November 9, 2022.

The 2012 OBH Senior Notes and the SIG Senior Notes were issued under indentures that contain restrictive covenants which, among other things, limit the ability of OneBeacon Ltd., OBH, SIG and their respective subsidiaries to create liens and enter into sale and leaseback transactions and limits the ability of OneBeacon Ltd., OBH, SIG and their respective subsidiaries to consolidate, merge or transfer their properties and assets. The indentures do not contain any financial ratios or specified levels of net worth or liquidity to which OneBeacon Ltd., OBH or SIG must adhere. At December 31, 2013, OneBeacon Ltd., OBH and SIG were in compliance with all of the covenants under the 2012 OBH Senior Notes and the SIG Senior Notes, and anticipate they will continue to remain in compliance with these covenants for the foreseeable future.

In addition, a failure by OneBeacon Ltd. subsidiaries to pay principal and interest on covered debt, where such failure results in the acceleration of at least \$75 million of the principal amount of covered debt, could trigger the acceleration of the 2012 OBH Senior Notes. A failure by SIG subsidiaries to pay principal and interest on covered debt, where such failure results in the acceleration of at least \$25 million principal amount of covered debt, could trigger the acceleration of the SIG Senior Notes.

#### Interest Rate Cap

In May 2007, SIG issued \$250 million non-cumulative perpetual preference shares, with an initial fixed annual dividend rate of 7.506%. In June 2017, the fixed rate will move to a floating rate equal to the greater of (i) 7.506% and (ii) 3-month LIBOR plus 320 bps. In July 2013, SIG executed a 5-year forward LIBOR cap for the period from June 2017 to June 2022 to protect against a significant increase in interest rates during that 5-year period. The Interest Rate Cap economically fixes the annual dividend rate on the SIG Preference Shares from June 2017 to June 2022 at 8.30%. The cost of the Interest Rate Cap was an upfront premium of 395 bps of the \$250 million notional value, or \$10 million for the full notional amount.

#### Capital Lease

In December 2011, OBIC, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of OneBeacon Ltd., sold the majority of its fixed assets and capitalized software to OneBeacon Services LLC (“OB Services”), another indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of OneBeacon Ltd. The fixed assets and capitalized software were sold at a cost equal to book value with no gain or loss recorded on the sale. Subsequent to purchasing the fixed assets and capitalized software from OBIC, OB Services entered into lease financing arrangements with US Bancorp Equipment Finance, Inc. (“US Bancorp”) and Fifth Third Equipment Finance Company (“Fifth Third”) whereby OB Services sold its fixed assets to US Bancorp and its capitalized software to Fifth Third. The assets were sold at a cost equal to net book value. OB Services then leased the fixed assets back from US Bancorp for a lease term of five years and leased the capitalized software back from Fifth Third for a lease term of four years. OB Services received cash proceeds of \$23 million as a result of entering into the sale-leaseback transactions. At the end of the lease terms, OB Services will be obligated to purchase the leased assets for a nominal fee, after which all rights, title and interest would transfer to OB Services. At December 31, 2013, OB Services has recorded a capital lease obligation of \$13 million included within other liabilities and a capital lease asset of \$11 million included within other assets.

#### Contractual Obligations and Commitments

Below is a schedule of White Mountains’ material contractual obligations and commitments as of December 31, 2013:

Millions	Due in Less Than One Year	Due in One to Three Years	Due in Three to Five Years	Due After Five Years	Total
Loss and LAE reserves <sup>(1)</sup>	\$957.4	\$ 874.9	\$416.0	\$ 831.0	\$ 3,079.3
Debt	—	2.1	400.0	275.0	677.1
Interest on debt	38.3	76.4	38.1	50.6	203.4
Long-term incentive compensation	79.8	110.9	3.5	9.1	203.3
Pension and other benefit plan obligations	14.6	7.2	6.8	42.8	71.4
Operating leases	15.3	26.4	10.0	17.8	69.5

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

Capital leases	5.3	7.2	—	—	12.5
Total contractual obligations	\$1,110.7	\$1,105.1	\$874.4	\$1,226.3	\$4,316.5

Represents expected future cash outflows resulting from loss and LAE payments. The amounts presented are gross of reinsurance recoverables on unpaid losses of \$428 and net of the discount on OneBeacon's workers compensation loss and LAE reserves of \$3 as of December 31, 2013. These balances exclude amounts included in (1) held for sale as of December 31, 2013 for reinsurance recoverables on unpaid losses of \$1,605, loss and LAE reserves of \$1,793 and the remaining purchase accounting fair value adjustment of \$137 related to the OneBeacon Acquisition.

White Mountains' loss reserves do not have contractual maturity dates. However, based on historical payment patterns, the preceding table includes an estimate of when management expects White Mountains' loss reserves to be paid. The timing of claim payments is subject to significant uncertainty. White Mountains maintains a portfolio of marketable investments with varying maturities and a substantial amount of short-term investments to provide adequate liquidity for the payment of claims.

The SIG Preference Shares are not included in the table above as these perpetual preferred shares have no stated maturity date and are redeemable only at the option of SIG. See “Sirius Group’s Preference Shares and Senior Notes” on page 21 for more details.

The balances included in the table above regarding White Mountains’ long-term incentive compensation plans include amounts payable for performance shares and units, as well as deferred compensation balances. Exact amounts to be paid for performance shares cannot be predicted with certainty, as the ultimate amounts of these liabilities are based on the future performance of White Mountains and in some cases the market price of the Company’s and OneBeacon Ltd.’s common shares at the time the payments are made.

The estimated payments reflected in the table are based on current accrual factors (including performance relative to targets and common share price) and assume that all outstanding balances were 100% vested as of December 31, 2013.

There are no provisions within White Mountains’ operating leasing agreements that would trigger acceleration of future lease payments. The capital lease that OneBeacon entered into in conjunction with the sale-leaseback of certain of OneBeacon’s fixed assets and capitalized software contains provisions that could trigger an event of default, including a failure to make payments when due under the capital lease. If an event of default were to occur, the lessor would have a number of remedies available including the acceleration of future lease payments or the possession of the property covered under the lease agreement.

White Mountains does not finance its operations through the securitization of its trade receivables, through special purpose entities or through synthetic leases. Further, except as noted in the following paragraph, White Mountains has not entered into any material arrangements requiring it to guarantee payment of third-party debt or lease payments or to fund losses of an unconsolidated special purpose entity.

Through Sirius International, White Mountains has a long-term investment as a stockholder in LUC Holdings, an entity that has entered into a lease to rent the London Underwriting Center (“LUC”) through 2016. LUC Holdings in turn subleases space in the LUC. In the LUC Holdings stockholders agreement, the stockholders have guaranteed any shortfall between the lease and the sub-leases on a joint and several basis. As a consequence, in recent years the stockholders have funded an operating shortfall of LUC. At December 31, 2013, White Mountains has recorded a liability of \$3 million for its share of the expected future shortfall between LUC Holdings’ head lease payments and sub-lease receipts. White Mountains does not believe that future shortfalls, if any, will have a material impact on its results of operations.

White Mountains also has future binding commitments to fund certain other long-term investments. These commitments, which total approximately \$116 million, do not have fixed funding dates and are therefore excluded from the table above.

WM Life Re reinsures death and living benefit guarantees associated with certain variable annuities issued in Japan. WM Life Re has assumed the risk related to a shortfall between the account value and the guaranteed value that must be paid by the ceding company to an annuitant or to an annuitant’s beneficiary in accordance with the underlying annuity contracts. WM Life Re uses derivative instruments, including put options, interest rate swaps, total return swaps and futures contracts on major equity indices, currency pairs and government bonds, to mitigate the risks associated with changes in the fair value of the reinsured variable annuity guarantees. As of December 31, 2013, the total guarantee value was approximately ¥203.6 billion (approximately \$1.9 billion) and the related account values were approximately 104% of this amount.

The following table represents expected future cash outflows for WM Life Re’s reinsurance contracts.

Cash outflows Millions	Due in	Due in	Due in	Due After	Total
	Less Than One Year	One to Three Years	Three to Five Years	Five Years	
WM Life Re reinsurance contracts	\$—	\$87	\$—	\$—	\$87

White Mountains purchases derivative instruments, including futures and over-the-counter option contracts on interest rates, major equity indices, and foreign currencies, to mitigate the risks associated with changes in the fair value of the reinsured variable annuity guarantees. At December 31, 2013, the fair value of these derivative instruments was \$69

million. In addition, WM Life Re held approximately \$81 million of cash and fixed maturity investments at December 31, 2013 posted as collateral to its reinsurance and derivatives counterparties.

#### Share Repurchases

In 2006, White Mountains' Board of Directors authorized the Company to repurchase up to 1,000,000 of its common shares, from time to time, subject to market conditions. In 2010 and 2012, White Mountains' Board of Directors authorized the Company to repurchase an additional 600,000 and 1,000,000, respectively, of its common shares, for a total authorization of 2.6 million shares. Shares may be repurchased on the open market or through privately negotiated transactions. The repurchase authorizations do not have a stated expiration date. At December 31, 2013, White Mountains may repurchase an additional 545,496 shares under these board authorizations. In addition, from time to time White Mountains has also repurchased its common shares through tender offers that were separately approved by its Board of Directors.

During 2013, White Mountains repurchased a total of 141,535 of its common shares for \$80 million at an average share price of \$564, which was 88% of White Mountains' adjusted book value per share of \$642 at December 31, 2013. These repurchases were comprised of 140,000 common shares repurchased in a private transaction under the board authorization for \$79 million at an average share price of \$564 and 1,535 common shares repurchased pursuant to employee benefit plans. Shares repurchased pursuant to employee benefit plans do not fall under the board authorization referred to above.

During 2012, White Mountains repurchased a total of 1,329,640 of its common shares for \$669 million at an average share price of \$503, which was 86% of White Mountains' adjusted book value per share of \$588 at December 31, 2012. These repurchases were comprised of (1) 502,801 common shares repurchased under the board authorization for \$256 million at an average share price of \$508; (2) 816,829 common shares repurchased through a fixed-price tender offer for \$409 million at a share price of \$500; and (3) 10,010 common shares repurchased pursuant to employee benefit plans.

During 2011, White Mountains repurchased a total of 646,502 of its common shares for \$253 million at an average share price of \$390, which was 72% of White Mountains' adjusted book value per share of \$542 at December 31, 2011. These repurchases were comprised of (1) 313,967 common shares repurchased under the board authorization for \$114 million at an average share price of \$364; (2) 332,346 common shares repurchased through two "modified Dutch auction" self-tender offers for \$139 million at an average share price of \$418; and (3) 189 common shares repurchased pursuant to employee benefit plans.

#### Cash Flows

Detailed information concerning White Mountains' cash flows during 2013, 2012 and 2011 follows:

#### Cash flows from operations for the years ended 2013, 2012 and 2011

Net cash flows (used for) provided from continuing operations was \$(29) million, \$(30) million and \$94 million in 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively. An increase in cash provided by continuing operations during 2013, primarily due to an increase at OneBeacon due to inflows from premiums exceeding loss and LAE payments and an increase in unrestricted cash collateral held in respect of its surety business, was partially offset by cash used for the settlements and purchases of derivative instruments at WM Life Re and payments made on losses related to hurricane Sandy. Cash flows from continuing operations decreased \$124 million from 2011 to 2012 due to declining net investment income, primarily due to a decrease in the overall average invested asset base, the final settlement and commutation of Scandinavian Re's multi-year retrocessional Casualty Aggregate Stop Loss Agreement with St. Paul, as well as commutations and runoff of Sirius Group's casualty business and payments of losses incurred in 2010 and 2011 related to major catastrophes, primarily from earthquakes in Chile, Japan and New Zealand. Net cash flows used for discontinued operations was \$72 million, \$196 million and \$209 million in 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The cash outflows from discontinued operations in 2013 were primarily due to the runoff of reserves related to businesses that OneBeacon has agreed to sell to Armour. The cash outflows from discontinued operations in 2012 and 2011 were primarily due to the runoff of reserves related to the Runoff Business.

White Mountains does not believe that these trends will have a meaningful impact on its future liquidity or its ability to meet its future cash requirements.

#### Cash flows from investing and financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2013

#### Financing and Other Capital Activities

During the first quarter of 2013, the Company declared and paid a \$6 million cash dividend to its common shareholders.

During 2013, the Company repurchased and retired 141,535 of its common shares for \$80 million, which included 1,535 common shares repurchased under employee benefit plans.

During the first quarter of 2013, White Mountains repaid \$75 million that was outstanding under the Previous WTM Bank Facility at December 31, 2012. In addition, White Mountains borrowed and repaid a total of \$200 million under

its revolving credit facilities during 2013 and paid \$4 million of interest on the revolving credit facilities.

During 2013, OneBeacon Ltd. declared and paid \$80 million of cash dividends to its common shareholders. White Mountains received a total of \$60 million of these dividends.

During 2013, OneBeacon paid a total of \$13 million of interest on the 2012 OBH Senior Notes.

During 2013, OneBeacon contributed \$135 million to Split Rock and \$35 million to OBIC.

During 2013, Sirius Group paid \$250 million of dividends to its immediate parent, \$75 million of which had been declared and accrued in December 2012.

During 2013, Sirius Group paid \$26 million of interest on the SIG Senior Notes and \$19 million of dividends on the SIG Preference Shares.

During 2013, Sirius Group executed the Interest Rate Cap for \$10 million.

During 2013, White Mountains contributed \$70 million to WM Life Re.

During 2013, BAM received \$17 million in surplus contributions from its members.

#### Acquisitions and Dispositions

During 2013, OneBeacon completed the sale of Essentia and received \$31 million as consideration.

During 2013, White Mountains Solutions acquired Ashmere for a purchase price of \$10 million and Empire for a purchase price of \$3 million.

#### Cash flows from investing and financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2012

##### Financing and Other Capital Activities

During the first quarter of 2012, the Company declared and paid a \$7 million cash dividend to its common shareholders.

During 2012, the Company repurchased and retired 1,329,640 of its common shares for \$669 million, which included 10,010 common shares repurchased under employee benefit plans.

In December 2012, White Mountains borrowed \$150 million under the Previous WTM Bank Facility. White Mountains repaid \$75 million of this advance in December 2012 and the remaining \$75 million was repaid in January 2013 and paid \$2 million of interest on the Previous WTM Bank Facility.

During 2012, OneBeacon Ltd. declared and paid \$80 million of cash dividends to its common shareholders. White Mountains received a total of \$60 million of these dividends.

During 2012, OBH issued \$275 million face value of senior unsecured notes through a public offering, at an issue price of 99.9%. The net proceeds from the issuance of the 2012 OBH Senior Notes were used to repurchase and retire the remaining \$270 million principal outstanding on the 2003 OBH Senior Notes.

During 2012, OneBeacon paid a total of \$16 million of interest on the 2003 OBH Senior Notes.

During 2012, Sirius Group declared \$115 million and paid \$40 million of dividends to its immediate parent. In January 2013, Sirius Group paid the remaining \$75 million of dividends to its immediate parent.

During 2012, Sirius Group paid \$26 million of interest on the SIG Senior Notes and \$19 million of dividends on the SIG Preference Shares.

During 2012, White Mountains contributed \$25 million to WM Life Re.

#### Acquisitions and Dispositions

During 2012, White Mountains capitalized HG Global with approximately \$600 million in cash and HG Global capitalized BAM by purchasing \$503 million of BAM Surplus Notes.

During 2012, OneBeacon completed the sale of a shell company, Pennsylvania General Insurance, and received \$15 million as consideration.

During 2012, White Mountains Solutions acquired PICO and Citation for a purchase price of \$15 million and Woodridge and Oakwood for a purchase price of \$35 million.

#### Cash flows from investing and financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2011

##### Financing and Other Capital Activities

During the first quarter of 2011, the Company declared and paid an \$8 million cash dividend to its common shareholders.

During 2011, the Company repurchased and retired 646,502 of its common shares for \$253 million, which included 189 common shares repurchased under employee benefit plans.

During 2011, OneBeacon Ltd. declared and paid \$175 million of cash dividends to its common shareholders, including \$80 million of regular quarterly dividends and a \$95 million special dividend. White Mountains received a total of \$132 million of these dividends.

During 2011, OBH repurchased and retired a portion of the outstanding 2003 OBH Senior Notes for \$162 million.

During 2011, OneBeacon paid a total of \$20 million of interest on the 2003 OBH Senior Notes.

During 2011, Sirius Group declared and paid \$594 million of capital distributions to its immediate parent, which included \$300 million received in connection with the 2011 rebranding and reorganization of White Mountains' reinsurance businesses.



During 2011, Sirius Group paid \$26 million of interest on the SIG Senior Notes and \$19 million of dividends on the SIG Preference Shares.

During 2011, White Mountains contributed \$20 million to WM Life Re.

During 2011, WM Advisors declared and paid \$5 million of capital distributions to its immediate parent.

During 2011, White Mountains contributed \$104 million to Esurance and received \$95 million of capital distributions from Esurance.

#### Acquisitions and Dispositions

During 2011, White Mountains completed the sale of Esurance and received \$1.01 billion in cash proceeds from Allstate.

During 2011, Sirius Group acquired Old Lyme for \$6 million in cash and a note of \$2 million.

## TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PERSONS

See Note 19—"Transactions with Related Persons" in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

## NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

This report includes three non-GAAP financial measures that have been reconciled to their most comparable GAAP financial measures. White Mountains believes these measures to be more relevant than comparable GAAP measures in evaluating White Mountains' results of operations and financial condition.

Adjusted comprehensive income is a non-GAAP financial measure that excludes the change in equity in net unrealized gains and losses from Symetra's fixed maturity portfolio, net of applicable taxes, from comprehensive income. In the calculation of comprehensive income under GAAP, fixed maturity investments are marked-to-market while the liabilities to which those assets are matched are not. Symetra attempts to earn a "spread" between what it earns on its investments and what it pays out on its products. In order to try to fix this spread, Symetra invests in a manner that tries to match the duration and cash flows of its investments with the required cash outflows associated with its life insurance and structured settlements products. As a result, Symetra typically earns the same spread on in-force business whether interest rates fall or rise. Further, at any given time, some of Symetra's structured settlement obligations may extend 40 or 50 years into the future, which is further out than the longest maturing fixed maturity investments regularly available for purchase in the market (typically 30 years). For these long-dated products, Symetra is unable to fully match the obligation with assets until the remaining expected payout schedule comes within the duration of securities available in the market. If at that time, these fixed maturity investments have yields that are lower than the yields expected when the structured settlement product was originally priced, the spread for the product will shrink and Symetra will ultimately harvest lower returns for its shareholders. GAAP comprehensive income increases when rates decline, which would suggest an increase in the value of Symetra - the opposite of what is happening to the intrinsic value of the business. Therefore, White Mountains' management and Board of Directors use adjusted comprehensive income when assessing Symetra's quarterly financial performance. In addition, this measure is typically the predominant component of change in adjusted book value per share, which is used in calculation of White Mountains' performance for both short-term (annual bonus) and long-term incentive plans. The reconciliation of adjusted comprehensive income to comprehensive income is included on page 48.

Adjusted book value per share is a non-GAAP measure which is derived by expanding the GAAP calculation of book value per White Mountains common share to exclude equity in net unrealized gains and losses from Symetra's fixed maturity portfolio, net of applicable taxes. In addition, the number of common shares outstanding used in the calculation of adjusted book value per share are adjusted to exclude unearned restricted common shares, the compensation cost of which, at the date of calculation, has yet to be amortized. The reconciliation of adjusted book value per share to GAAP book value per share is included on page 47.

Total capital at White Mountains is comprised of White Mountains' common shareholders' equity, debt and non-controlling interest in OneBeacon Ltd., HG Global and the SIG Preference Shares. Total adjusted capital excludes the equity in net unrealized gains and losses from Symetra's fixed maturity portfolio, net of applicable taxes from total capital. The reconciliation of total capital to total adjusted capital is included on page 72.

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations discuss the Company's consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The financial statements presented herein include all adjustments considered necessary by management to fairly present the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of White Mountains.

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 as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Certain of these estimates are considered critical in that they involve a higher degree of judgment and are subject to a significant degree of variability. On an

ongoing basis, management evaluates its estimates, including those related to fair value measurements of investments and other financial instruments, valuation of liabilities associated with an assumed reinsurance agreement covering benefit guarantees on variable annuities in Japan, its property-casualty loss and LAE reserves and its property-casualty reinsurance contracts. Management bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources.

## 1. Loss and LAE Reserves

### General

White Mountains establishes loss and LAE reserves that are estimates of amounts needed to pay claims and related expenses in the future for insured events that have already occurred. The process of estimating reserves involves a considerable degree of judgment by management and, as of any given date, is inherently uncertain.

Loss and LAE reserves are typically comprised of (1) case reserves for claims reported and (2) reserves for losses that have occurred but for which claims have not yet been reported, referred to as incurred but not reported reserves, which include a provision for expected future development on case reserves. Case reserves are estimated based on the experience and knowledge of claims staff regarding the nature and potential cost of each claim and are adjusted as additional information becomes known or payments are made. IBNR reserves are derived by subtracting paid loss and LAE and case reserves from estimates of ultimate loss and LAE. Actuaries estimate ultimate loss and LAE using various generally accepted actuarial methods applied to known losses and other relevant information. Like case reserves, IBNR reserves are adjusted as additional information becomes known or payments are made.

Ultimate loss and LAE are generally determined by extrapolation of claim emergence and settlement patterns observed in the past that can reasonably be expected to persist into the future. In forecasting ultimate loss and LAE with respect to any line of business, past experience with respect to that line of business is the primary resource, but cannot be relied upon in isolation. White Mountains' own experience, particularly claims development experience, such as trends in case reserves, payments on and closings of claims, as well as changes in business mix and coverage limits, is the most important information for estimating its reserves. External data, available from organizations such as statistical bureaus, consulting firms and reinsurance companies, is sometimes used to supplement or corroborate White Mountains' own experience, and can be especially useful for estimating costs of new business. For some lines of business, such as "long-tail" coverages discussed below, claims data reported in the most recent accident year is often too limited to provide a meaningful basis for analysis due to the typical delay in reporting of claims. For this type of business, White Mountains uses a selected loss ratio method for the initial accident year or years. This is a standard and accepted actuarial reserve estimation method in these circumstances in which the loss ratio is selected based upon information used in pricing policies for that line of business, as well as any publicly available industry data, such as industry pricing, experience and trends, for that line of business.

Uncertainties in estimating ultimate loss and LAE are magnified by the time lag between when a claim actually occurs and when it is reported and settled. This time lag is sometimes referred to as the "claim-tail". The claim-tail for most property coverages is typically short (usually a few days up to a few months). The claim-tail for liability/casualty coverages, such as automobile liability, general liability, products liability, multiple peril coverage, and workers compensation, can be especially long as claims are often reported and ultimately paid or settled years, even decades, after the related loss events occur. During the long claims reporting and settlement period, additional facts regarding coverages written in prior accident years, as well as about actual claims and trends may become known and, as a result, White Mountains may adjust its reserves. If management determines that an adjustment is appropriate, the adjustment is booked in the accounting period in which such determination is made in accordance with GAAP.

Accordingly, should reserves need to be increased or decreased in the future from amounts currently established, future results of operations would be negatively or positively impacted, respectively.

In determining ultimate loss and LAE, the cost to indemnify claimants, provide needed legal defense and other services for insureds and administer the investigation and adjustment of claims are considered. These claim costs are influenced by many factors that change over time, such as expanded coverage definitions as a result of new court decisions, inflation in costs to repair or replace damaged property, inflation in the cost of medical services and legislated changes in statutory benefits, as well as by the particular, unique facts that pertain to each claim. As a result, the rate at which claims arose in the past and the costs to settle them may not always be representative of what will occur in the future. The factors influencing changes in claim costs are often difficult to isolate or quantify and developments in paid and incurred losses from historical trends are frequently subject to multiple and conflicting interpretations. Changes in coverage terms or claims handling practices may also cause future experience and/or development patterns to vary from the past. A key objective of actuaries in developing estimates of ultimate loss and LAE, and resulting IBNR reserves, is to identify aberrations and systemic changes occurring within historical

experience and accurately adjust for them so that the future can be projected reliably. Because of the factors previously discussed, this process requires the use of informed judgment and is inherently uncertain. White Mountains' actuaries use several generally accepted actuarial methods to evaluate its loss reserves, each of which has its own strengths and weaknesses. Management places more or less reliance on a particular method based on the facts and circumstances at the time the reserve estimates are made.

These methods generally fall into one of the following categories or are hybrids of one or more of the following categories:

**Historical paid loss development methods:** These methods use historical loss payments over discrete periods of time to estimate future losses. Historical paid loss development methods assume that the ratio of losses paid in one period to losses paid in an earlier period will remain constant. These methods necessarily assume that factors that have affected paid losses in the past, such as inflation or the effects of litigation, will remain constant in the future. Because historical paid loss development methods do not use case reserves to estimate ultimate losses, they can be more reliable than the other methods discussed below that look to case reserves (such as actuarial methods that use reported losses) in situations where there are significant changes in how case reserves are established by a company's claims adjusters. However, historical paid loss development methods are more leveraged, meaning that small changes in payments have a larger impact on estimates of ultimate losses, than actuarial methods that use reported losses because cumulative loss payments take much longer to equal the expected ultimate losses than cumulative reported amounts. In addition, and for similar reasons, historical paid loss development methods are often slow to react to situations when new or different factors arise than those that have affected paid losses in the past.

**Historical reported loss development methods:** These methods, like historical paid loss development methods, assume that the ratio of losses in one period to losses in an earlier period will remain constant in the future. However, instead of using paid losses, these methods use reported losses (i.e., the sum of cumulative historical loss payments plus outstanding case reserves) over discrete periods of time to estimate future losses. Historical reported loss development methods can be preferable to historical paid loss development methods because they explicitly take into account open cases and the claims adjusters' evaluations of the cost to settle all known claims. However, historical reported loss development methods necessarily assume that case reserving practices are consistently applied over time. Therefore, when there have been significant changes in how case reserves are established, using reported loss data to project ultimate losses can be less reliable than other methods.

**Expected loss ratio methods:** These methods are based on the assumption that ultimate losses vary proportionately with premiums. Expected loss ratios are typically developed based upon the information used in pricing, and are multiplied by the total amount of premiums written to calculate ultimate losses. Expected loss ratio methods are useful for estimating ultimate losses in the early years of long-tailed lines of business, when little or no paid or reported loss information is available.

**Adjusted historical paid and reported loss development methods:** These methods take traditional historical paid and reported loss development methods and adjust them for the estimated impact of changes from the past in factors such as inflation, the speed of claim payments or the adequacy of case reserves. Adjusted historical paid and reported loss development methods are often more reliable methods of predicting ultimate losses in periods of significant change, provided the actuaries can develop methods to reasonably quantify the impact of changes.

White Mountains performs an actuarial review of its recorded reserves each quarter. White Mountains' actuaries compare the previous quarter's estimates of paid loss and LAE, case reserves and IBNR to amounts indicated by actual experience. Differences between previous estimates and actual experience are evaluated to determine whether a given actuarial method for estimating loss and LAE should be relied upon to a greater or lesser extent than it had been in the past. While some variance is expected each quarter due to the inherent uncertainty in loss and LAE, persistent or large variances would indicate that prior assumptions and/or reliance on certain reserving methods may need to be revised going forward.

#### OneBeacon

OneBeacon, like other insurance companies, categorizes and tracks its insurance reserves by "line of business", such as automobile liability, multiple peril package business, and workers compensation. Furthermore, OneBeacon regularly reviews the appropriateness of reserve levels at the line of business level, taking into consideration the variety of trends that impact the ultimate settlement of claims for the subsets of claims in each particular line of business.

In its selection of recorded reserves, OneBeacon historically gave greater weight to adjusted paid loss development methods, which are not dependent on the consistency of case reserving practices, over methods that rely on reported losses. In recent years, the amount of weight given to methods based on reported losses has increased with OneBeacon's confidence that its case reserving practices have been more consistently applied.

80

---

Upon completion of each quarterly review, OneBeacon's actuaries select indicated reserve levels based on the results of the actuarial methods described previously, which are the primary consideration in determining management's best estimate of required reserves. However, in making its best estimate, management also considers other qualitative factors that may lead to a difference between held reserves and actuarially recommended levels in the future.

Typically, these factors exist when management and OneBeacon's actuaries conclude that there is insufficient historical reported and paid loss information or that trends included in the historical reported and paid loss information are unlikely to repeat in the future. Such factors include, among others, recent entry into new markets or new products, improvements in the claims department that are expected to lessen future ultimate loss costs and legal and regulatory developments. At December 31, 2013 and 2012, carried reserves that are related to the Ongoing Business were 5% and 6% above the actuarial central estimate. Loss and LAE reserves related to the Runoff Business that are presented in liabilities held for sale in the December 31, 2013 and 2012 balance sheets were at the actuarial central indications and 4% above the actuarial central estimate, respectively.

#### Loss and LAE Reserves by Line of Business

OneBeacon's loss and LAE reserves, net of reinsurance recoverables, at December 31, 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

Millions	December 31, 2013			December 31, 2012		
	Case	IBNR	Total	Case	IBNR	Total
Ongoing Business	\$356.9	\$617.2	\$974.1	\$324.7	\$568.0	\$892.7
Runoff Business <sup>(1)</sup>	76.1	112.3	188.4	164.3	47.5	211.8
Total	\$433.0	\$729.5	\$1,162.5	\$489.0	\$615.5	\$1,104.5

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts included in Runoff Business have been reclassified to liabilities held for sale in the December 31, 2013 and 2012 consolidated balance sheets.

OneBeacon's loss and LAE reserves, net of reinsurance recoverables, for its Ongoing Business by line of business at December 31, 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

Millions	December 31, 2013			December 31, 2012		
	Case	IBNR	Total	Case	IBNR	Total
Automobile liability	\$32.3	\$32.8	\$65.1	\$33.3	\$27.5	\$60.8
General liability - occurrence	42.7	143.6	186.3	43.8	123.5	167.3
General liability - claims made	64.7	173.1	237.8	58.3	171.3	229.6
Medical malpractice	67.1	124.6	191.7	57.7	114.9	172.6
Other casualty	49.8	29.3	79.1	51.8	29.5	81.3
Workers compensation	39.0	50.4	89.4	33.3	37.9	71.2
Property	39.1	31.3	70.4	24.8	35.0	59.8
Other	22.2	32.1	54.3	21.7	28.4	50.1
Total Ongoing Business	\$356.9	\$617.2	\$974.1	\$324.7	\$568.0	\$892.7

For loss and allocated LAE reserves, excluding A&E, the key assumption as of December 31, 2013 was that the impact of the various reserving factors, as described below, on future paid losses would be similar to the impact of those factors on the historical loss data with the exception of severity trends, which have been relatively stable over the relevant historical period. The actuarial methods used would project losses assuming continued stability in severity trends. Management has considered future increases in loss severity trends, including the impact of inflation, in making its reserve selections.

The major causes of material uncertainty ("reserving factors") generally will vary for each product line, as well as for each separately analyzed component of the product line. The following section details reserving factors by product line. There could be other reserving factors that may impact ultimate claim costs. Each reserving factor presented will have a different impact on estimated reserves. Also, reserving factors can have offsetting or compounding effects on estimated reserves. For example, in workers compensation, the use of expensive medical procedures that result in medical cost inflation may enable workers to return to work faster, thereby lowering indemnity costs. Thus, in almost



all cases, it is impossible to discretely measure the effect of a single reserving factor and construct a meaningful sensitivity expectation. Actual results will likely vary from expectations for each of these assumptions, resulting in an ultimate claim liability that is different from that being estimated currently.

#### Workers compensation

Workers compensation covers an employer's liability for injuries, disability or death of employees, without regard to fault, as prescribed by state workers compensation law and other statutes. Workers compensation is generally considered a long tail coverage, as it takes a relatively long period of time to finalize claims from a given accident year. While certain payments such as initial medical treatment or temporary wage replacement for the injured worker are made quickly, some other payments are made over the course of several years, such as awards for permanent partial injuries. In addition, some payments can run as long as the injured worker's life, such as permanent disability benefits and ongoing medical care. Despite the possibility of long payment tails, the reporting lags are generally short, settlements are generally not complex, and most of the liability can be considered high frequency with moderate severity. The largest reserve risk generally comes from the low frequency, high severity claims providing lifetime coverage for medical expense arising from a worker's injury.

Examples of common reserving factors that can change and, thus, affect the estimated workers compensation reserves include:

#### General workers compensation reserving factors

- Mortality trends of injured workers with lifetime benefits and medical treatment or dependents entitled to survivor benefits
- Degree of cost shifting between workers compensation and health insurance
- Changes in claim handling philosophies (e.g., case reserving standards)

#### Indemnity reserving factors

- Time required to recover from the injury
- Degree of available transitional jobs
- Degree of legal involvement
- Changes in the interpretations and processes of various workers compensation bureaus' oversight of claims
- Future wage inflation for states that index benefits
- Changes in the administrative policies of second injury funds
- Re-marriage rate for spouse in instances of death

#### Medical reserving factors

- Changes in the cost of medical treatments, including prescription drugs, and underlying fee schedules
- Frequency of visits to health providers
- Number of medical procedures given during visits to health providers
- Types of health providers used
- Type of medical treatments received
- Use of preferred provider networks and other medical cost containment practices
- Availability of new medical processes and equipment
- Changes in the use of pharmaceutical drugs
- Degree of patient responsiveness to treatment

#### Workers compensation book of business reserving factors

- Product mix
- Injury type mix
- Changes in underwriting standards

### Multiple peril

Multiple peril represents a package policy sold to insureds or to members of trade associations or other groups that include general liability and property insurance. General liability covers businesses for any liability resulting from bodily injury and property damage arising from general business operations, accidents on a premises and the products manufactured or sold. Property covers losses to a business' premises, inventory and equipment as a result of weather, fire, theft and other causes. Because commercial multiple peril provides a combination of property and liability coverage typically for small businesses, it includes both short and long tail coverages. For property coverage, it generally takes a relatively short period of time to close claims, while for the other coverages, generally for the liability coverages, it takes a longer period of time to close claims. The reserving risk for this line is dominated by the liability coverage portion of this product, except occasionally in the event of catastrophic or large single losses. Multiple peril liability reserves generally include two components: bodily injury and property damage. Bodily injury payments reimburse the claimant for damages pertaining to physical injury as a result of the policyholder's legal obligation arising from non-intentional acts such as negligence, subject to the insurance policy provisions. In some cases the damages can include future wage loss (which is a function of future earnings power and wage inflation) and future medical treatment costs. Property damage payments result from damages to the claimant's private property arising from the policyholder's legal obligation for non-intentional acts. In most cases, property damage losses are a function of costs as of the loss date, or soon thereafter. Defense costs are also a part of the insured costs covered by liability policies and can be significant, sometimes greater than the cost of the actual paid claims, though for some products this risk is mitigated by policy language such that the insured portion of defense costs erodes the amount of policy limit available to pay the claim.

Multiple peril liability is generally considered a long tail line, as it takes a relatively long period of time to finalize and settle claims from a given accident year. The speed of claim reporting and claim settlement is a function of the specific coverage provided and the jurisdiction, among other factors. There are numerous components underlying the multiple peril liability product line. Some of these have relatively moderate payment patterns (with most of the claims for a given accident year closed within 5 to 7 years), while others can have extreme lags in both reporting and payment of claims (e.g., a reporting lag of a decade for "construction defect" claims).

Examples of common reserving factors that can change and, thus, affect the estimated multiple peril liability reserves include:

#### Multiple peril liability reserving factors

- Changes in claim handling philosophies (e.g., case reserving standards)
- Changes in policy provisions or court interpretations of such provisions
  - New theories of liability
- Trends in jury awards
- Changes in the propensity to sue, in general with specificity to particular issues
- Changes in statutes of limitations
- Changes in the underlying court system
- Distortions from losses resulting from large single accounts or single issues
- Changes in tort law
- Shifts in lawsuit mix between federal and state courts
- Changes in settlement patterns

#### Multiple peril liability book of business reserving factors

- Changes in policy provisions (e.g., deductibles, policy limits, or endorsements)
- Changes in underwriting standards
- Product mix (e.g., size of account, industries insured, or jurisdiction mix)

#### Commercial automobile liability

The commercial automobile product line is a mix of property and liability coverages and, therefore, includes both short and long tail coverages. The payments that are made quickly typically pertain to auto physical damage (property) claims and property damage (liability) claims. The payments that take longer to finalize and are more difficult to estimate relate to bodily injury claims. Commercial automobile reserves are typically analyzed in two components; liability and collision/comprehensive claims. This second component has minimum reserve risk and fast payouts and, accordingly, separate reserving factors are not presented. The liability component includes claims for both bodily injury and property damage. In general, claim reporting lags are minor, claim complexity is not a major issue, and the line is viewed as high frequency, low to moderate severity.

Examples of common reserving factors that can change and, thus, affect the estimated commercial automobile liability reserves include:

Bodily injury and property damage liability reserving factors

• Trends in jury awards

• Changes in the underlying court system

• Changes in case law

• Litigation trends

• Frequency of claims with payment capped by policy limits

- Change in average severity of accidents, or proportion of severe accidents

• Subrogation opportunities

• Changes in claim handling philosophies (e.g., case reserving standards)

• Frequency of visits to health providers

• Number of medical procedures given during visits to health providers

• Types of health providers used

• Types of medical treatments received

• Changes in cost of medical treatments

• Degree of patient responsiveness to treatment

Commercial automobile liability book of business reserving factors

• Changes in policy provisions (e.g., deductibles, policy limits, or endorsements)

• Changes in mix of insured vehicles (e.g., long-haul trucks versus local and smaller vehicles, or fleet risks versus non-fleet risks)

• Changes in underwriting standards

General liability

See the above discussions under the liability product lines with regard to reserving factors for multiple peril, which are similar to the reserving factors used for general liability.

OneBeacon Loss and LAE Development - Ongoing Business

Loss and LAE development—2013

During 2013, OneBeacon experienced no net loss and LAE reserve development on prior accident year reserves.

OneBeacon experienced unfavorable development primarily related to its property, general liability and accident and health lines, which was offset by favorable development in its other liability and ocean marine lines.

Loss and LAE development—2012

During 2012, OneBeacon experienced \$7 million of net favorable loss and LAE reserve development on prior accident year reserves. The favorable reserve development was primarily from workers' compensation, multiple peril liability and general liability lines. This favorable development was offset somewhat by unexpected adverse development on excess property claims.

Loss and LAE development—2011

During 2011, OneBeacon experienced \$30 million of net favorable loss and LAE reserve development on prior accident year loss reserves. The favorable loss reserve development was primarily due to lower than expected severity on non-catastrophe losses related to professional liability lines, multiple peril liability lines and other general liability lines.

With respect to the favorable loss reserve development in specialty insurance operations, at December 31, 2010, management had revised its expectations downward for future loss emergence in the professional liability business,

which had initially been based on market analysis when this business was initiated in 2002 and 2003. However, during 2011, losses continued to be significantly lower than these revised expectations. As a result, management lowered its selected reserves on the earliest years which affected more recent years as total loss expectations for those years are based in part on prior years' results. The impact of this revised estimate was a decrease to professional liability reserves of \$12 million.

84

---

During 2010, management began separately reviewing loss reserves for some business which had been previously managed as a part of OneBeacon's former commercial lines underwriting unit. As of December 31, 2010, the reserves for these businesses had been selected based on expected emergence that was based on the historic loss development of former commercial lines underwriting unit. However, during 2011 the actual emerged experience for these businesses was significantly lower than the expected emergence. As a result of this favorable emergence, management lowered the loss reserves for these businesses by \$14 million during 2011.

In addition to the development described for the lines of business above, OneBeacon also recorded a \$4 million net decrease in reserves in other lines of business as a result of its review of loss reserves at December 31, 2011.

#### OneBeacon Loss and LAE Development - Runoff Business

##### Loss and LAE development—2013

As a result of the comprehensive actuarial analysis conducted by OneBeacon during the fourth quarter of 2013, OneBeacon recorded \$72 million of unfavorable prior year non A&E loss and LAE development related to the Runoff Business. The increase in loss reserves was concentrated in the workers compensation, personal auto liability, and excess liability lines of business. In addition, OneBeacon increased its estimate of adjusting and other expenses, a component of LAE reserves. OneBeacon has not revised its estimate of net ultimate A&E payments.

Workers compensation unpaid loss reserves increased by \$37 million due to changes in how OneBeacon evaluates various estimated settlement rates, mortality, and medical inflation assumptions. These three key assumptions, which were previously evaluated implicitly as part of overall case incurred activity, were separately analyzed and then explicitly reviewed under varying assumptions and an array of resulting reserve estimates, to generate an actuarial indication which management selected for its best estimate. For personal auto liability, a \$17 million loss provision was recorded based on a ground-up analysis of unlimited medical automobile no-fault claims from the 1970s and 1980s, which produced a range of estimates at varying medical inflation rates. The remaining \$5 million loss reserve increase was driven by adverse prior year loss development recorded on a few large excess liability claims. Finally, OneBeacon recorded a provision to increase its LAE reserves by \$13 million for adjusting and other expenses due to a change in assumptions of staff efficiency associated with handling and settling runoff claims.

During 2013, OneBeacon recorded \$79 million loss and LAE provision for the Runoff Business, which includes a \$7 million of increase in loss and LAE reserves recorded in the second quarter of 2013. The \$79 million loss and LAE adverse development recorded in 2013 was partially offset by other revenue of \$8 million associated with a settlement award in the second quarter of 2013 in the *Safeco v. AIG* class action related to AIG's alleged underreporting of workers' compensation premiums to the National Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Pool.

As of December 31, 2013, the recorded net unpaid loss and LAE reserves associated with the Runoff Business totaled \$188 million. Management believes that the recorded net loss and LAE reserves reflect a reasonable provision for expected future loss and LAE payments and represent management's best estimate within a range of reasonable estimates.

##### Loss and LAE development—2012

During 2012, OneBeacon experienced \$40 million of net unfavorable loss and LAE development related to the Runoff Business primarily driven by case incurred development on claims related to multiple peril liability lines and general liability lines and also the impact of an adverse court ruling in Mississippi regarding a disputed assessment from an involuntary pool for hurricane Katrina claims. In addition, there was a change in the workers' compensation tabular discount rate from 4.5% to 3.5% that resulted in unfavorable loss reserve development of \$15 million.

##### Loss and LAE development—2011

During 2011, OneBeacon experienced \$27 million of net unfavorable loss and LAE reserve development on prior accident year loss reserves relating to the Runoff Business. The net unfavorable loss reserve development resulted from a detailed review of runoff expenses, principally unallocated loss adjustment expenses ("ULAE"), completed during the fourth quarter of 2011. Specifically, OneBeacon completed a detailed review of loss and defense and cost containment expenses (allocated LAE or "ALAE") and other adjusting expenses (ULAE) during the fourth quarter of

2011. The analysis considered costs, based on current non-staff expenses and staffing projections for the Runoff Business, as OneBeacon continued efforts to segregate its claims operations between ongoing claims and runoff claims. The analysis also factored in the revised definition of runoff claims to include the non-specialty commercial lines business that was exited via the renewal rights agreement sale beginning with January 1, 2010 effective dates.



## Range of Reserves by Line of Business

OneBeacon's range of reserve estimates at December 31, 2013 was evaluated to consider the strengths and weaknesses of the various actuarial methods applied against OneBeacon's historical claims experience data. The following table shows the recorded unpaid loss and LAE reserves, net of reinsurance recoverables on unpaid losses, and the high and low ends of OneBeacon's range of reasonable loss reserve estimates at December 31, 2013 and 2012. For the Runoff Business, the range of reasonable reserve estimates provided below reflects A&E reserves at a net zero across the entire range. The high and low ends of OneBeacon's range of reserve estimates in the table below are based on the results of various actuarial methods described above.

Millions	December 31, 2013			December 31, 2012		
	Low	Recorded	High	Low	Recorded	High
Ongoing Business	\$812	\$974.1	\$1,087	\$740	\$892.7	\$975
Runoff Business <sup>(1)</sup>	121	188.4	330	137	211.8	296
Total	\$933	\$1,162.5	\$1,417	\$877	\$1,104.5	\$1,271

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes substantially all OneBeacon's net A&E reserves (\$6, net of reinsurance recoverables at December 31, 2013). See A&E Reserves on page 88 for a further discussion.

The following table shows the recorded loss and LAE reserves and the high and low ends of OneBeacon's range of reasonable loss reserve estimates, net of reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses, for OneBeacon's Ongoing Business by line of business at December 31, 2013 and 2012.

Millions	December 31, 2013			December 31, 2012		
	Low	Recorded	High	Low	Recorded	High
Automobile liability	\$63	\$65.1	\$73	\$55	\$60.8	\$63
General liability - occurrence	154	186.3	220	128	167.3	184
General liability - claims made	190	237.8	272	184	229.6	264
Medical malpractice	148	191.7	212	138	172.6	196
Other casualty	75	79.1	82	75	81.3	83
Workers compensation	66	89.4	90	57	71.2	72
Property	64	70.4	73	57	59.8	63
Other	52	54.3	65	46	50.1	50
Total Ongoing Business	\$812	\$974.1	\$1,087	\$740	\$892.7	\$975

The recorded reserves represent management's best estimate of unpaid loss and LAE by line of business. OneBeacon uses the results of several different actuarial methods to develop its estimate of ultimate reserves. While OneBeacon has not determined the statistical probability of actual ultimate paid losses falling within the range, OneBeacon believes that it is reasonably likely that actual ultimate paid losses will fall within the ranges noted above because the ranges were developed by using several different generally accepted actuarial methods.

The probability that ultimate losses will fall outside of the ranges of estimates by line of business is higher for each line of business individually than it is for the sum of the estimates for all lines taken together due to the effects of diversification. The diversification effects result from the fact that losses across OneBeacon's different lines of business are not completely correlated. Although OneBeacon believes its reserves are reasonably stated, ultimate losses may deviate, perhaps materially, from the recorded reserve amounts and could be above or below the range of actuarial projections. This is because ranges are developed based on known events as of the valuation date, whereas the ultimate disposition of losses is subject to the outcome of events and circumstances that may be unknown as of the valuation date.

The percentages shown in the following table represent the linear interpolation of where OneBeacon's recorded loss and LAE reserves, net of reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses, are within the range of reserve estimates at December 31, 2013 and 2012, where the low end of the range equals zero, the middle of the range equals 50% and the high end of the range equals 100%. The middle of the range (50%) does not necessarily represent the actuarial central estimate within the range of possible outcomes, provided above. During 2013, OneBeacon modeled the range of reserves for its Ongoing Business at a more refined line of business level than it had previously used; the prior period has been revised to reflect the more refined range.

(expressed as a percentage of the range)	December 31,		
	2013	2012	
Ongoing Business	59	% 65	%
Runoff Business	32	% 47	%
Total	47	% 58	%

As part of the comprehensive actuarial analysis conducted by its actuaries during the fourth quarter of 2013, OneBeacon updated its view of the range of reasonable estimates for the Runoff Business. This review resulted in a wider, more highly skewed range for reserves other than A&E, driven primarily by the impact of varying inflation assumptions on the workers' compensation and unlimited medical automobile no-fault lines of business. As a result, the runoff percentage in the range is lower in 2013 despite recording runoff reserves at the actuarial central estimate. For OneBeacon's A&E reserves, which have a net zero balance after the NICO Cover (defined below) and Third-Party Recoverables, OneBeacon reviews A&E activity each quarter and compares that activity to what was assumed in the most recent A&E study, which was completed in 2011. Through December 31, 2013, that activity has been in line with expectations, generally, so OneBeacon has not revised its estimate of ultimate A&E payments. Accordingly, the net amount of A&E reserves included in the Runoff Business are zero across the entire range of reasonable reserve estimates.

The percentages shown in the following table represent the linear interpolation of where OneBeacon's recorded loss and LAE reserves on its Ongoing Business, net of reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses, are within the range of reserves estimates by line of business at December 31, 2013 and 2012. Similar to the preceding table, the low end of the range equals zero, the middle of the range equals 50%, which does not necessarily represent the actuarial central estimate, and the high end of the range equals 100%.

(expressed as a percentage of the range)	December 31,		
	2013	2012	
Automobile liability	18	% 69	%
General liability - occurrence	49	% 70	%
General liability - claims made	58	% 57	%
Medical malpractice	68	% 60	%
Other casualty	59	% 80	%
Workers compensation	95	% 97	%
Property	73	% 49	%
Other	18	% 92	%
Total Ongoing Business	59	% 65	%

During 2013, in Ongoing Business, OneBeacon experienced unexpected adverse development in underlying case incurred and paid data in some of its newer business segments. This emergence has resulted in an upward shift in the actuarial range for the general liability, automobile liability and other lines. As this emergence is relatively recent, and in light of evaluating less seasoned data associated with the new businesses relative to expected results, management has not revised its best estimate of reserves and therefore OneBeacon's carried reserves are lower in the range of reserves.

#### Sensitivity Analysis

The following discussion includes disclosure of possible variations from current estimates of loss reserves in OneBeacon's Ongoing Business due to a change in certain key assumptions. Each of the impacts described below is estimated individually, without consideration for any correlation among key assumptions or among lines of business. Therefore, it would be inappropriate to take each of the amounts described below and add them together in an attempt to estimate volatility for OneBeacon's reserves in total.

87

---

It is important to note that the variations discussed are not meant to be a worst-case scenario, and therefore, it is possible that future variations may be more than amounts discussed below.

**Workers compensation:** Recorded workers compensation loss and LAE reserves, net of reinsurance recoverable, were \$89 million for Ongoing Business and \$196 million for Runoff Business, excluding the GRC Cover (as defined in “4. Reinsurance Transactions” below), at December 31, 2013. The two most important assumptions for workers compensation reserves are loss development factors and loss cost trends, particularly medical cost inflation. Loss development patterns are dependent on medical cost inflation. Approximately half of the workers compensation net reserves are related to future medical costs. Across the entire reserve base, a 0.5 point change in calendar year medical inflation would have changed the estimated net reserve by approximately \$6 million for Ongoing Business and by approximately \$26 million for Runoff Business at December 31, 2013, in either direction.

**Professional liability:** Recorded loss and LAE reserves, net of reinsurance recoverable, for professional liability were \$455 million for Ongoing Business at December 31, 2013. The Runoff Business had no professional liability reserves at December 31, 2013. A key assumption for professional liability is the implicit loss cost trend, particularly the severity inflation trend component of loss costs. Across the entire reserve base, a 5.0 point change in assumed annual severity would have changed the estimated net reserve by approximately \$71 million for Ongoing Business at December 31, 2013, in either direction.

**Multiple peril liability:** Recorded loss and LAE reserves, net of reinsurance recoverable, excluding that provided under the GRC Cover, for multiple peril were \$51 million for Ongoing Business and \$82 million for Runoff Business at December 31, 2013. Reported loss development patterns are a key assumption for this line of business, particularly for more mature accident years. Historically, assumptions on reported loss development patterns have been impacted by, among other things, emergence of new types of claims (e.g. construction defect claims) or a shift in the mixture between smaller, more routine claims and larger, more complex claims. If case reserve adequacy for multiple peril claims changed by 10.0 points this would have changed the estimated net reserve by approximately \$2 million for Ongoing Business and by approximately \$7 million for Runoff Business at December 31, 2013, in either direction.

#### A&E Reserves

OneBeacon’s reserves include provisions made for claims that assert damages from A&E related exposures. Substantially all of these reserves have been reclassified to liabilities held for sale as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, as they relate to the Runoff Business. Asbestos claims relate primarily to injuries asserted by those who allegedly came in contact with asbestos or products containing asbestos. Environmental claims relate primarily to pollution and related clean-up cost obligations, particularly as mandated by federal and state environmental protection agencies. In addition to the factors described above regarding the reserving process, OneBeacon estimates its A&E reserves based upon, among other factors, facts surrounding reported cases and exposures to claims, such as policy limits and deductibles, current law, past and projected claim activity and past settlement values for similar claims, as well as analysis of industry studies and events, such as recent settlements and asbestos-related bankruptcies. The cost of administering A&E claims, which is an important factor in estimating loss and LAE reserves, tends to be higher than in the case of non-A&E claims due to the higher legal costs typically associated with A&E claims.

A large portion of OneBeacon’s A&E losses resulted from the operations of the Employers Group, an entity acquired by one of the legacy companies in 1971. These operations, including business of Employers Surplus Lines Insurance Company and Employers Liability Assurance Corporation, provided primary and excess liability insurance for commercial insureds, including Fortune 500-sized accounts, some of whom subsequently experienced claims for A&E losses. OneBeacon stopped writing such coverage in 1984.

OneBeacon’s liabilities for A&E losses from business underwritten in the recent past are substantially limited by the application of exclusionary clauses in the policy language that eliminated coverage for such claims. After 1987 for pollution and 1992 for asbestos, most liability policies contained industry- standard absolute exclusions of such claims. In earlier years, various exclusions were also applied, but the wording of those exclusions was less strict and subsequent court rulings have reduced their effectiveness.

OneBeacon also incurred A&E losses via its participation in industry pools and associations. The most significant of these pools was Excess Casualty Reinsurance Association (“ECRA”), which provided excess liability reinsurance to

U.S. insurers from 1950 until the early 1980s. ECRA incurred significant liabilities for A&E, of which OneBeacon bears approximately a 4.6% share, or \$68 million and \$67 million at December 31, 2013 and 2012, which is fully reflected in OneBeacon's loss and LAE reserves.

More recently, since the 1990s, OneBeacon has experienced an influx of claims from commercial insureds, including many non-Fortune 500-sized accounts written during the 1970s and 1980s, who are named as defendants in asbestos lawsuits. As a number of large well-known manufacturers of asbestos and asbestos-containing products have gone into bankruptcy, plaintiffs have sought recoveries from peripheral defendants, such as installers, transporters or sellers of such products, or from owners of premises on which the plaintiffs' exposure to asbestos allegedly occurred. At December 31, 2013, 547 policyholders had asbestos-related claims against OneBeacon. In 2013, 94 new insureds with such peripheral involvement presented asbestos claims under prior OneBeacon policies.

Historically, most asbestos claims have been asserted as product liability claims. Recently, insureds who have exhausted the available products liability limits of their insurance policies have sought from insurers such as OneBeacon payment for asbestos claims under the premises and operations coverage of their liability policies, which may not be subject to similar aggregate limits. OneBeacon expects this trend to continue. However, to date there have been fewer of these premises and operations coverage claims than product liability coverage claims. This may be due to a variety of factors, including that it may be more difficult for underlying plaintiffs to establish losses as stemming from premises and operations exposures, which requires proof of the defendant's negligence, rather than products liability under which strict legal liability applies. Premises and operations claims may vary significantly and policyholders may seek large amounts, although such claims frequently settle for a fraction of the initial alleged amount. Accordingly, there is a great deal of variation in damages awarded for the actual injuries. As of December 31, 2013, there were approximately 407 active claims by insureds against OneBeacon without product liability coverage asserting operations or premises coverage, which may not be subject to aggregate limits under the policies.

OneBeacon has a reinsurance contract with National Indemnity Company ("NICO") under which OneBeacon is entitled to recover from NICO up to \$2.5 billion in the future for asbestos claims arising from business written by OneBeacon in 1992 and prior, environmental claims arising from business written by OneBeacon in 1987 and prior, and certain other exposures (the "NICO Cover"). Under the terms of the NICO Cover, NICO receives the economic benefit of reinsurance recoverables from certain of OneBeacon's third-party reinsurers in existence at the time the NICO Cover was executed ("Third-Party Recoverables"). As a result, the Third-Party Recoverables serve to protect the \$2.5 billion limit of NICO coverage for the benefit of OneBeacon. Any amounts uncollectible from third-party reinsurers due to dispute or the reinsurers' financial inability to pay are covered by NICO under its agreement with OneBeacon.

Third-Party Recoverables are typically for the amount of loss in excess of a stated level each year. Of claim payments from 2000 through 2013, approximately 46% of asbestos and environmental losses have been recovered under the historical third-party reinsurance.

During 2011, OneBeacon completed a study of its legacy A&E exposures. Based on the results of the study, OneBeacon increased the central estimate of incurred losses ceded to NICO from \$2.2 billion to \$2.3 billion, an increase of \$122 million for asbestos, environmental and other mass tort exposures, net of underlying reinsurance. Due to the NICO Cover, there was no impact to income or equity from the change in the estimate. OneBeacon reviews A&E activity each quarter and compares that activity to what was assumed in the most recently completed A&E study. Through December 31, 2013, that activity has been in line with expectations, generally, so OneBeacon has not revised its estimate of ultimate payments.

As noted above, OneBeacon has ceded estimated incurred losses of approximately \$2.3 billion to the NICO Cover at December 31, 2013. Since entering into the NICO Cover, approximately 10% of the \$2.3 billion of utilized coverage relates to uncollectible Third Party Recoverables and settlements on Third Party Recoverables through December 31, 2013. Net losses paid totaled approximately \$1.6 billion as of December 31, 2013. To the extent that actual experience differs from OneBeacon's estimate of incurred A&E losses and Third Party Recoverables, future losses could exceed the \$198 million of protection remaining under the NICO Cover.

OneBeacon's reserves for A&E losses, net of Third-Party Recoverables but prior to NICO recoveries, were \$0.6 billion at December 31, 2013. An industry benchmark of reserve adequacy is the "survival ratio", computed as a company's reserves divided by its historical average yearly loss payments. This ratio indicates approximately how many more years of payments the reserves can support, assuming future yearly payments are equal to historical levels.

OneBeacon's survival ratio was 7.8 years at December 31, 2013. This was computed as the ratio of A&E reserves, net of Third-Party Recoverables prior to the NICO Cover of \$0.6 billion plus the remaining unused portion of the NICO Cover of \$198 million, to the average A&E loss payments over the three-year period ended December 31, 2013, net of

Third-Party Recoverables. OneBeacon's survival ratio was 10.4 years at December 31, 2012. OneBeacon believes that as a result of the NICO Cover and its historical third-party reinsurance programs, OneBeacon should not experience material financial loss from A&E exposures under current coverage interpretations and that its survival ratio is consistent with industry survival ratios. However, the survival ratio is a simplistic measure estimating the number of years it would be before the current ending loss reserves for these claims would be paid using recent annual average payments subject to adjustments for unusual items. Many factors, such as aggressive settlement procedures, mix of business and coverage provided, have a significant effect on the amount of A&E reserves and payments and the resultant survival ratio. Thus, caution should be exercised in attempting to determine reserve adequacy for these claims based simply on this survival ratio.

OneBeacon's reserves for A&E losses at December 31, 2013 represent management's best estimate of its ultimate liability based on information currently available. However, significant uncertainties, including but not limited to case law developments, medical and clean-up cost increases and industry settlement practices, limit management's ability to accurately estimate ultimate liability and OneBeacon may be subject to A&E losses beyond currently estimated amounts. In addition, OneBeacon remains liable for risks reinsured in the event that a reinsurer does not honor its obligations under reinsurance contracts. See Note 3—"Reserves for Unpaid Loss and LAE—Asbestos and environmental loss and LAE reserve activity" of the accompanying historical consolidated financial statements for more information regarding its A&E reserves.

#### OneBeacon A&E Claims Activity.

OneBeacon's A&E claims activity, substantially all of which relates to Runoff Business, the operations of which have been included in discontinued operations and the loss and LAE reserves of which are included in liabilities held for sale on the December 31, 2013 and 2012 consolidated balance sheets, is illustrated in the table below:

A&E Claims Activity	Year Ended December 31,	
	2013	2012
<b>Asbestos</b>		
Accounts with asbestos claims at the beginning of the year	536	509
Accounts reporting asbestos claims during the year	94	108
Accounts on which asbestos claims were closed during the year	(83	) (81
Accounts with asbestos claims at the end of the year	547	536
<b>Environmental</b>		
Accounts with environmental claims at the beginning of the year	348	350
Accounts reporting environmental claims during the year	69	105
Accounts on which environmental claims were closed during the year	(88	) (107
Accounts with environmental claims at the end of the year	329	348
<b>Total</b>		
Total accounts with A&E claims at the beginning of the year	884	859
Accounts reporting A&E claims during the year	163	213
Accounts on which A&E claims were closed during the year	(171	) (188
Total accounts with A&E claims at the end of the year	876	884

During 2013, OneBeacon changed its method of measuring claim activity within its A&E claim counts. Prior to 2013, claims which were reported by a single insured and included a claim within each of the Asbestos and

(1) Environmental categories were counted as one claim. Starting in 2013, such claim activity is reported as multiple claims. OneBeacon has revised the 2012 A&E claim activity table to report consistent claim activity in both years presented.

#### Sirius Group

The estimation of net reinsurance loss and LAE reserves is subject to the same risk as the estimation of insurance loss and LAE reserves. In addition to those risk factors which give rise to inherent uncertainties in establishing insurance loss and LAE reserves, the inherent uncertainties of estimating such reserves are even greater for the reinsurer, due primarily to: (1) the claim-tail for reinsurers being further extended because claims are first reported to the original primary insurance company and then through one or more intermediaries or reinsurers, (2) the diversity of loss development patterns among different types of reinsurance treaties or facultative contracts, (3) the necessary reliance on the ceding companies and intermediaries for information regarding reported claims and (4) the differing reserving practices among ceding companies.





## Loss and LAE Reserves by Class of Business

Sirius Group's net loss and LAE reserves by class of business at December 31, 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

Net loss and LAE reserves by class of business Millions	December 31, 2013			December 31, 2012		
	Case	IBNR	Total	Case	IBNR	Total
Casualty (excluding A&E)	\$ 168.4	\$ 221.4	\$ 389.8	\$ 179.8	\$ 267.5	\$ 447.3
Other property	183.5	94.6	278.1	162.8	150.0	312.8
Property catastrophe excess	145.1	53.5	198.6	146.5	71.2	217.7
A&E <sup>(1)</sup>	61.1	132.7	193.8	59.0	130.4	189.4
Aviation and space	88.9	37.6	126.5	98.4	41.5	139.9
Accident and health	32.2	76.8	109.0	56.8	88.4	145.2
Marine	74.2	26.8	101.0	71.9	31.1	103.0
Trade Credit	66.9	22.9	89.8	59.1	26.0	85.1
Contingency	3.1	4.9	8.0	3.6	5.5	9.1
Agriculture	1.9	4.1	6.0	3.0	16.4	19.4
Runoff <sup>(2)</sup>	82.4	94.1	176.5	84.8	93.6	178.4
Total	\$ 907.7	\$ 769.4	\$ 1,677.1	\$ 925.7	\$ 921.6	\$ 1,847.3

<sup>(1)</sup> Sirius Group's A&E exposures are principally the result of runoff of businesses acquired in the 1990s.

<sup>(2)</sup> Included in this class are primarily the runoff exposures from various acquisitions.

In order to reduce the potential uncertainty of loss reserve estimation, Sirius Group obtains information from numerous sources to assist in the reserving process. Sirius Group's underwriting and pricing actuaries devote considerable effort to understanding and analyzing each insured's operations and loss history during the underwriting of the business, using a combination of insured and industry statistics. Such statistics normally include historical premium and loss data by class of business, individual claim information for larger claims, distributions of insurance limits provided and the risk characteristics of the underlying insureds, loss reporting and payment patterns, and rate change history. This analysis is used to project expected loss ratios for each treaty during the upcoming contract period. These expected ultimate loss ratios are aggregated across all treaties and are input directly into the loss reserving process. For primary insured business, a similar portfolio analysis is performed for each program taking into account expected changes in the aggregated risk profile of the policyholders within each program. The aggregation of risks yields a more stable indication of expected losses that is used to estimate IBNR for recently written business. Upon notification of a loss from an insured (typically a ceding company), Sirius Group establishes case reserves, including LAE reserves, based upon Sirius Group's share of the amount of reserves established by the insured and Sirius Group's independent evaluation of the loss. In cases where available information indicates that reserves established by a ceding company are inadequate, Sirius Group establishes case reserves or IBNR in excess of its share of the reserves established by the ceding company. Also, in certain instances, Sirius Group may decide not to establish case reserves or IBNR, when the information available indicates that reserves established by ceding companies are not adequately supported. In addition, specific claim information reported by insureds or obtained through claim audits can alert management to emerging trends such as changing legal interpretations of coverage and liability, claims from unexpected sources or classes of business, and significant changes in the frequency or severity of individual claims where customary. Generally, ceding company audits are not customary outside the United States. This information is often used to supplement estimates of IBNR.

Although loss and LAE reserves are initially determined based on underwriting and pricing analyses, Sirius Group regularly reviews the adequacy of its recorded reserves by using a variety of generally accepted actuarial methods, including historical incurred and paid loss development methods. If actual loss activity differs substantially from expectations, an adjustment to recorded reserves may be warranted. As time passes, loss reserve estimates for a given year will rely more on actual loss activity and historical patterns than on initial assumptions based on pricing indications.

Sirius Group's expected annual loss reporting assumptions are updated at least once a year. Expected loss ratios underlying the current accident year are updated quarterly, to reflect new business that is underwritten by the

company.

As mentioned above, there can be a considerable time lag from the time a claim is reported to a ceding company to the time it is reported to the reinsurer. The lag can be several years in some cases. This lag can be due to a number of reasons, including the time it takes to investigate a claim, delays associated with the litigation process, the deterioration in a claimant's physical condition many years after an accident occurs, etc. In its loss reserving process, Sirius Group assumes that such lags are predictable, on average, over time and therefore the lags are contemplated in the loss reporting patterns used in its actuarial projection methods. This means that, as a reinsurer, Sirius Group must rely on such actuarial estimates for a longer period of time after reserves are first estimated than does a primary insurance company.

91

---

Backlogs in the recording of assumed reinsurance can also complicate the accuracy of loss reserve estimation. As of December 31, 2013, there were no significant backlogs related to the processing of assumed reinsurance information at Sirius Group.

Sirius Group relies heavily on information reported by ceding companies, as discussed above. In order to determine the accuracy and completeness of such information, Sirius Group underwriters, actuaries, and claims personnel perform audits of certain ceding companies where customary. Generally, ceding company audits are not customary outside the United States. In such cases, Sirius Group reviews information from ceding companies for unusual or unexpected results. Any material findings are discussed with the ceding companies. Sirius Group sometimes encounters situations where it is determined that a claim presentation from a ceding company is not in accordance with contract terms. Most situations are resolved amicably and without the need for litigation or arbitration. However, in the infrequent situations where a resolution is not possible, Sirius Group will vigorously defend its position in such disputes.

Sirius Group also obtains reinsurance whereby another reinsurer contractually agrees to indemnify Sirius Group for all or a portion of the risks underwritten by Sirius Group. Such arrangements, where one reinsurer provides reinsurance to another reinsurer, are usually referred to as “retrocessional reinsurance” arrangements. Sirius Group establishes estimates of amounts recoverable from retrocessional reinsurance in a manner consistent with the loss and LAE liability associated with reinsurance contracts offered to its customers, net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts, if any. Net reinsurance loss reserves represent loss and LAE reserves reduced by ceded reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses.

In 2013, Sirius Group had net favorable loss reserve development of \$48 million, which included \$(24) million of favorable loss reserve development on prior years' catastrophe losses. Other major reductions in loss reserve estimates recognized included property (\$17 million), aviation/space (\$10 million), and accident and health (\$9 million) lines, partially offset by a \$12 million increase in asbestos loss reserves. In 2012, Sirius Group had net favorable loss reserve development of \$34 million. The major reductions in loss reserve estimates were recognized in casualty runoff (\$32 million), property (\$28 million), marine/energy (\$12 million), trade credit (\$7 million) and aviation/space (\$5 million) lines, partially offset by a \$46 million increase in asbestos loss reserves and a \$4 million increase in accident and health. In 2011, Sirius Group had net favorable loss reserve development of \$47 million, primarily attributable to \$41 million of favorable development on property lines, including \$13 million of loss reserve reductions for the 2010 Chile earthquake, partially offset by asbestos and environmental increases of \$12 million.

The actuarial methods described above are used to calculate a point estimate of loss and LAE reserves for each company within Sirius Group. These point estimates are then aggregated to produce an actuarial point estimate for the entire segment. Once a point estimate is established, Sirius Group's actuaries estimate loss reserve ranges to measure the sensitivity of the actuarial assumptions used to set the point estimates. These ranges are calculated from historical variations in loss ratios, payment and reporting patterns by class and type of business.

The actuarial analysis is a primary consideration for management in determining its best estimate of loss and LAE reserves. In making its best estimate, management also considers other qualitative factors that may lead to a difference between its best estimate of loss and LAE reserves and the actuarial point estimate. Typically, these factors exist when management and the company's actuaries conclude that there is insufficient historical incurred and paid loss information or that trends included in the historical incurred and paid loss information are unlikely to repeat in the future. These factors may include, among others, changes in the techniques used to assess underwriting risk, more accurate and detailed levels of data submitted with reinsurance applications, the uncertainty of the current reinsurance pricing environment, the level of inflation in loss costs, changes in ceding company reserving practices, and legal and regulatory developments. At December 31, 2013 and 2012, total carried net reserves were 3.1% and 2.4% above the actuarial central estimate, respectively.

The following table illustrates Sirius Group's recorded net loss and LAE reserves and high and low estimates for those classes of business for which a range is calculated, at December 31, 2013 and 2012.

Net loss and LAE reserves by class of business Millions	December 31, 2013			December 31, 2012		
	Low	Recorded	High	Low	Recorded	High
Casualty (excluding A&E)	\$351	\$389.8	\$419	\$402	\$447.3	\$478
Other property	256	278.1	301	289	312.8	339
Property catastrophe excess	160	198.6	200	181	217.7	219
A&E	174	193.8	214	172	189.4	208
Aviation and space	117	126.5	135	130	139.9	150
Accident and health	101	109.0	118	132	145.2	155
Marine	93	101.0	109	96	103.0	111
Trade credit	77	89.8	93	74	85.1	89
Contingency	8	8.0	9	8	9.1	10
Agriculture	5	6.0	6	18	19.4	21
Runoff	144	176.5	186	148	178.4	188
Total	\$1,486	\$1,677.1	\$1,790	\$1,650	\$1,847.3	\$1,968

The probability that ultimate losses will fall outside of the range of estimates by class of business is higher for each class of business individually than it is for the sum of the estimates for all classes taken together due to the effects of diversification. Management believes that it is reasonably likely that actual ultimate losses will fall within the total range noted above because the ranges were developed by using generally accepted actuarial methods supplemented with input of underwriting and claims staff. However, due to the inherent uncertainty, ultimate losses may deviate, perhaps materially, from the recorded reserve amounts and could be above or below the range of actuarial projections. The percentages shown in the following table represent the linear interpolation of where Sirius Group's recorded loss and LAE reserves, net of reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses, are within the range of reserves estimates by line of business at December 31, 2013 and 2012, where the low end of the range equals zero, the middle of the range equals 50% and the high end of the range equals 100%. The middle of the range (50%) does not necessarily represent the actuarial central estimate within the range of possible outcomes, provided above.

(expressed as a percentage of the range)	December 31,		
	2013	2012	
Casualty (excluding A&E)	56	% 59	%
Other property	50	% 48	%
Property catastrophe excess	97	% 97	%
A&E	50	% 49	%
Aviation and space	52	% 48	%
Accident & health	49	% 56	%
Marine	50	% 48	%
Trade credit	77	% 75	%
Contingency	53	% 65	%
Agriculture	47	% 47	%
Run-off	77	% 76	%
Total	63	% 62	%

Management books reserves in the upper portion of the actuarial range of central estimates in response to potential volatility in the actuarial indications and estimates for large claims. For property catastrophe excess reserves, the emerging claims information for recent catastrophe events has been better than initially expected. However, management has not booked carried reserves to the actuarial central estimate for the events from 2010 to 2013 since the reinsured cedents are still settling their claims obligations, and as such, the actuarial central estimate may be subject to future change.



### Sirius Group A&E Reserves

Sirius Group's A&E exposure is primarily from reinsurance contracts written between 1974 through 1985 by acquired companies, mainly MONY Reinsurance Company and Christiania General Insurance Company. The exposures are mostly higher layer excess of loss treaty and facultative coverages with relatively low limits exposed for each claim. In 2013 and 2012, Sirius Group increased its net A&E exposure through incoming runoff portfolios acquired by White Mountains Solutions. These acquisitions added \$13 million in net asbestos reserves and \$1 million in net environmental reserves in 2013, and \$11 million in net asbestos reserves and \$1 million in net environmental reserves in 2012. The acquisition of companies having modest portfolios of A&E exposure has been typical of several prior White Mountains Solutions transactions and is likely to be an element of at least some future acquisitions. However, the acquisition of new A&E liabilities is undertaken only after careful due diligence and utilizing conservative reserving assumptions in relation to industry benchmarks. In the case of the portfolios acquired during 2013 and 2012, the exposures arise almost entirely from old assumed reinsurance contracts having small limits of liability.

Sirius Group recorded \$12 million and \$46 million of asbestos-related incurred losses and LAE on its already existing asbestos reserves in 2013 and 2012. The 2013 incurred losses were primarily the result of management's monitoring of a variety of metrics including actual paid and reported claims activity as compared to the most recent in-depth analysis performed in 2012, net paid and reported survival ratios, peer comparisons, and industry benchmarks. In 2012, the increase in net asbestos losses included \$14 million in response to Sirius Group's quarterly monitoring of newly reported claims and \$33 million as a result of an in-depth analysis of all treaty and facultative contracts likely to have asbestos exposure which examined total expected asbestos losses and LAE from a variety of information sources, including previous asbestos studies, reported client data and external benchmarking scenarios.

Sirius Group recorded an increase of \$1 million and a decrease of \$(1) million of environmental losses in 2013 and 2012 on its already existing reserves.

Net incurred loss activity for asbestos and environmental in the last two years was as follows:

Net incurred loss and LAE activity	Year Ended	
	December 31,	
Millions	2013	2012
Asbestos	\$ 11.8	\$ 46.4
Environmental	.8	(.5 )
Total	\$ 12.6	\$ 45.9

Sirius Group's net reserves for A&E losses were \$194 million and \$189 million at December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Sirius Group's A&E three-year net paid survival ratio was approximately 8.0 years and 9.0 years at December 31, 2013 and 2012 which are consistent with industry survival ratios.

The following tables show gross and net loss and LAE payments for A&E exposures for the years ending December 31, 2004 through December 31, 2013:

Millions	Asbestos		Environmental	
	paid loss and LAE		paid loss and LAE	
Year Ended December 31,	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
2004	\$ 19.3	\$ 14.3	\$ 1.5	\$ 1.4
2005	11.7	12.2	4.8	4.0
2006	9.8	7.9	.6	.5
2007	12.3	10.7	2.0	1.7
2008	19.7	14.3	2.2	1.6
2009	11.4	10.3	1.5	1.5
2010	14.5	12.1	.8	.9
2011	20.4	15.6	3.2	3.6
2012	34.7	29.4	2.3	1.5
2013	25.9	20.3	1.9	1.8





## Sirius Group A&amp;E Claims Activity

Sirius Group utilizes specialized claims handling processes on A&E exposures. The issues presented by these types of claims require expertise and an awareness of the various trends and developments in relevant jurisdictions. Generally, Sirius Group sets up claim files for each reported claim by each cedent for each individual insured. In many instances, a single claim notification from a cedent could involve several years and layers of coverage resulting in a file being set up for each involvement. Precautionary claim notices are submitted by the ceding companies in order to preserve their right to pursue coverage under the reinsurance contract. Such notices do not contain an incurred loss amount.

Accordingly, an open claim file is not established. As of December 31, 2013, Sirius Group had 2,023 open claim files for asbestos and 399 open claim files for environmental exposures.

Sirius Group's A&E claim activity for the last two years is illustrated in the table below.

A&E Claims Activity	Year Ended December 31,	
	2013	2012
Asbestos		
Total asbestos claims at the beginning of the year	1,859	1,261
Asbestos claims acquired during the year	247	642
Asbestos claims reported during the year	211	242
Asbestos claims closed during the year	(294	) (286
Total asbestos claims at the end of the year	2,023	1,859
Environmental		
Total environmental claims at the beginning of the year	281	266
Environmental claims acquired during the year	141	—
Environmental claims reported during the year	94	76
Environmental claims closed during the year	(117	) (61
Total environmental claims at the end of the year	399	281
Total		
Total A&E claims at the beginning of the year	2,140	1,527
A&E claims acquired during the year	388	642
A&E claims reported during the year	305	318
A&E claims closed during the year	(411	) (347
Total A&E claims at the end of the year	2,422	2,140

The costs associated with administering the underlying A&E claims by Sirius Group's clients tend to be higher than non-A&E claims due to generally higher legal costs incurred by ceding companies in connection with A&E claims ceded to Sirius Group under the reinsurance contracts.

## 2. Fair Value Measurements

### General

White Mountains measures certain assets and liabilities at estimated fair value in its consolidated financial statements, with changes therein recognized in current period earnings. In addition, White Mountains discloses estimated fair value for certain liabilities measured at historical or amortized cost. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants (an exit price) at a particular measurement date. Fair value measurements are categorized into a hierarchy that distinguishes between inputs based on market data from independent sources (“observable inputs”) and a reporting entity’s internal assumptions based upon the best information available when external market data is limited or unavailable (“unobservable inputs”). Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets have the highest priority (“Level 1”), followed by observable inputs other than quoted prices including prices for similar but not identical assets or liabilities (“Level 2”), and unobservable inputs, including the reporting entity’s estimates of the assumptions that market participants would use, having the lowest priority (“Level 3”).

Assets and liabilities carried at fair value include substantially all of the investment portfolio; derivative instruments, both exchange traded and over the counter instruments; and reinsurance assumed liabilities associated with variable annuity benefit guarantees. Valuation of assets and liabilities measured at fair value require management to make estimates and apply judgment to matters that may carry a significant degree of uncertainty. In determining its estimates of fair value, White Mountains uses a variety of valuation approaches and inputs. Whenever possible, White Mountains estimates fair value using valuation methods that maximize the use of observable prices and other inputs. Where appropriate, assets and liabilities measured at fair value have been adjusted for the effect of counterparty credit risk.

### Invested Assets

White Mountains’ invested assets that are measured at fair value include fixed maturity securities, common and preferred equity securities, convertible fixed maturity securities and interests in hedge funds and private equity funds. Where available, the estimated fair value of investments is based upon quoted prices in active markets. In circumstances where quoted prices are unavailable, White Mountains uses fair value estimates based upon other observable inputs including matrix pricing, benchmark interest rates, market comparables, and other relevant inputs. Where observable inputs are not available, the estimated fair value is based upon internal pricing models using assumptions that include inputs that may not be observable in the marketplace but which reflect management’s best judgment given the circumstances and consistent with what other market participants would use when pricing such instruments.

As of December 31, 2013, approximately 95% of the investment portfolio recorded at fair value was priced based upon quoted market prices or other observable inputs. Investments valued using Level 1 inputs include fixed maturities, primarily investments in U.S. Treasuries, common equities and short-term investments, which include U.S. Treasury Bills. Investments valued using Level 2 inputs comprise fixed maturities including corporate debt, state and other governmental debt, convertible fixed maturity securities and mortgage and asset-backed securities. Fair value estimates for investments that trade infrequently and have few or no observable market prices are classified as Level 3 measurements. Level 3 fair value estimates based upon unobservable inputs include White Mountains’ investments in hedge funds and private equity funds, as well as investments in certain debt securities, including asset-backed securities, where quoted market prices are unavailable. White Mountains determines when transfers between levels have occurred as of the beginning of the period. White Mountains uses brokers and outside pricing services to assist in determining fair values. For investments in active markets, White Mountains uses the quoted market prices provided by outside pricing services to determine fair value. The outside pricing services used by White Mountains have indicated that if no observable inputs are available for a security, they will not provide a price.

In those circumstances, White Mountains estimates the fair value using industry standard pricing models and observable inputs such as benchmark interest rates, market comparables, broker quotes, issuer spreads, bids, offers, credit rating prepayment speeds and other relevant inputs. White Mountains performs procedures to validate the market prices obtained from the outside pricing sources. Such procedures, which cover substantially all of its fixed maturity investments include, but are not limited to, evaluation of model pricing methodologies and a review of the pricing services' quality control processes and procedures on at least an annual basis, comparison of market prices to prices obtained from a different independent pricing vendors on at least a semi-annual basis, monthly analytical reviews of certain prices, and review of assumptions utilized by the pricing service for selected measurements on an ad hoc basis throughout the year. White Mountains also performs back-testing of selected sales activity to determine whether there are any significant differences between the market price used to value the security prior to sale and the actual sale price on an ad-hoc basis throughout the year. Prices provided by the pricing services that vary by more than 5% and \$1 million from the expected price based on these procedures are considered outliers. Also considered outliers are prices that haven't changed from period to period and prices that have trended unusually compared to market conditions.

In circumstances where the results of White Mountains' review process do not appear to support the market price provided by the pricing services, White Mountains challenges the price. During the past year, approximately 35 securities fell outside White Mountains' expected results, thereby triggering the challenge with the pricing service. If White Mountains cannot gain satisfactory evidence to support the challenged price, it relies upon its own pricing methodologies to estimate the fair value of the security in question. The fair values of such securities are considered to be Level 3 measurements.

The following table summarizes White Mountains' fair value measurements and the percentage of Level 3 investments at December 31, 2013:

Millions	December 31, 2013		Level 3 Inputs as a	
	Fair value	Level 3 Inputs	% of	total fair value
U.S. Government and agency obligations	\$ 362.5	\$ —	—	
Debt securities issued by industrial corporations	2,347.2	—	—	
Municipal obligations	17.9	—	—	
Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities	2,014.5	22.0	1	%
Foreign government, agency and provincial obligations	439.9	—	—	
Preferred stocks	84.8	71.0	84	%
Fixed maturity investments <sup>(1)</sup>	5,266.8	93.0	2	%
Common equity securities	1,156.8	46.1	4	%
Convertible fixed maturity investments	80.5	6.1	8	%
Short-term investments	635.9	—	—	
Other long-term investments <sup>(2)</sup>	262.4	262.4	100	%
Total investments	\$ 7,402.4	\$ 407.6	5	%

<sup>(1)</sup> Carrying value includes \$236.3 that is classified as assets held for sale relating to discontinued operations.

<sup>(2)</sup> Excludes carrying value of \$26.6 associated with other long-term investment limited partnerships accounted for using the equity method and \$(.1) related to currency forward contracts.

White Mountains uses quoted market prices where available as the inputs to estimate fair value for its investments in active markets. Such measurements are considered to be either Level 1 or Level 2 measurements, depending on whether the quoted market price inputs are for identical securities (Level 1) or similar securities (Level 2). Level 3 measurements for fixed maturities at December 31, 2013 comprise securities for which the estimated fair value has not been determined based upon quoted market price inputs for identical or similar securities.

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

The following tables summarize the changes in White Mountains' fair value measurements by level for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012:

Millions	Level 3 Investments						Total
	Level 1 Investments	Level 2 Investments	Fixed maturity investments	Common equity securities	Convertible fixed maturity investments	Other long-term investments	
Balance at January 1, 2013	\$ 1,355.1	\$ 5,206.1	\$ 92.9	\$ 37.3	\$ —	\$ 259.3	(1) \$ 6,950.7 (1)(2)(3)
Total realized and unrealized gains (losses)	221.9	(56.9 )	(2.7 )	1.0	—	18.7	182.0 (4)
Foreign currency gains (losses) through OCI	(.3 )	12.5	.3	—	—	(.9 )	11.6
Amortization/Accretion	(1.0 )	(51.2 )	—	—	—	—	(52.2 )
Purchases	862.1	3,689.6	37.9	8.8	—	37.1	4,635.5
Sales	(1,078.9 )	(3,842.8 )	(6.3 )	—	—	(51.8 )	(4,979.8 )
Net change in investments related to purchases and sales of consolidated affiliates	16.0	2.7	—	—	—	—	18.7
Transfers in	1.8	119.4	90.3	—	6.1	—	217.6
Transfers out	—	(97.2 )	(119.4 )	(1.0 )	—	—	(217.6 )
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$ 1,376.7	\$ 4,982.2	\$ 93.0	\$ 46.1	\$ 6.1	\$ 262.4	(1) \$ 6,766.5 (1)(2)(3)

Excludes carrying value of \$26.6 and \$35.0 at December 31, 2013 and January 1, 2013 associated with other (1) long-term investments accounted for using the equity method and \$(.1) at December 31, 2013 related to currency forward contracts.

(2) Carrying value includes \$236.3 and \$338.1 at December 31, 2013 and January 1, 2013 that is classified as assets held for sale relating to discontinued operations.

(3) Excludes carrying value of \$635.9 and \$630.6 at December 31, 2013 and January 1, 2013 classified as short-term investments.

(4) Excludes \$20.6 of realized and unrealized losses associated with the Prospector Funds consolidation of investment-related liabilities and \$.2 of realized and unrealized gains associated with short-term investments.

Millions	Level 3 Investments						Total
	Level 1 Investments	Level 2 Investments	Fixed maturity investments	Common equity securities	Convertible fixed maturity investments	Other long-term investments	
Balance at January 1, 2012	\$ 1,033.1	\$ 6,088.2	\$ 78.9	\$ 32.3	\$ —	\$ 268.3	(1) \$ 7,500.8 (1)(2)(3)
Total realized and unrealized (losses) gains	52.0	53.6	8.7	12.4	—	(3.3 )	123.4
Foreign currency gains (losses) through OCI	4.4	81.9	0.8	0.2	—	3.7	91.0
Amortization/Accretion	(0.8 )	(48.0 )	(.8 )	—	—	—	(49.6 )
Purchases	1,216.9	4,927.1	144.4	3.1	—	39.4	6,330.9
Sales	(950.5 )	(5,937.0 )	(99.4 )	(10.1 )	—	(48.8 )	(7,045.8 )
Transfers in	—	62.4	22.1	—	—	—	84.5

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

Transfers out	—	(22.1 )	(61.8 )	(0.6 )	—	—	(84.5 )
Balance at December 31, 2012	\$ 1,355.1	\$ 5,206.1	\$ 92.9	\$ 37.3	\$ —	\$ 259.3	(1) \$ 6,950.7 (1)(2)(3)

Excludes carrying value of \$35.0 and \$33.0 at December 31, 2012 and January 1, 2012 associated with other

- (1) long-term investment limited partnerships accounted for using the equity method and \$(.1) at December 31, 2012 related to currency forward contracts.
- (2) Carrying value includes \$338.1 and \$111.8 at December 31, 2012 and January 1, 2012 that is classified as assets held for sale relating to AutoOne discontinued operations.
- (3) Excludes carrying value of \$630.6 and \$846.0 at December 31, 2012 and January 1, 2012 classified as short-term investments.

### Fair Value Measurements — Transfers Between Levels

During 2013, three fixed maturity securities classified as Level 3 measurements in the prior period were recategorized as Level 2 measurements because quoted market prices for similar securities that were considered reliable and could be validated against an alternative source were available at December 31, 2013. These measurements comprise “Transfers out” of Level 3 and “Transfers in” to Level 2 of \$119.4 million for the period ended December 31, 2013. Included in these transfers is one asset-backed fixed maturity security classified within Level 2 as of June 30, 2013 that was recategorized to Level 3 as of September 30, 2013. The security represents “Transfers out” of Level 2 and “Transfer in” to Level 3 of \$90.3 million as of September 30, 2013. As of September 30, 2013, the estimated fair value for this security determined using the industry standard pricing models was \$1.3 million less than the estimated fair value based upon quoted prices provided by a third party pricing vendor. As of December 31, 2013, reliable quoted market prices provided by a third party pricing vendor were available for the security and the security was transferred back to Level 2.

During 2012, two fixed maturity securities classified as Level 3 measurements in the prior period were recategorized as Level 2 measurements because quoted market prices for similar securities that were considered reliable and could be validated against an alternative source were available at December 31, 2012. These measurements comprise “Transfers out” of Level 3 and “Transfers in” to Level 2 of \$61.8 million for the period ended December 31, 2012. For the year-ended December 31, 2012, “Transfers out” of Level 2 and “Transfers in” to Level 3 fixed maturity investments of \$22.1 million consists of one asset-backed security for which the estimated fair value was determined using a single broker quote.

The following table summarizes the amount of total gains (losses) included in earnings attributable to unrealized investment gains (losses) for Level 3 investments for years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011:

Millions	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Fixed maturity investments	\$(2.3 )	\$7.7	\$(12.2 )
Common equity securities	.9	3.0	(16.6 )
Convertible fixed maturity investments	—	—	—
Other long-term investments	11.2	7.0	(16.8 )
Total unrealized investment gains (losses), pre-tax - Level 3 investments	\$9.8	\$17.7	\$(45.6 )

### Symetra Warrants

White Mountains held warrants to acquire common shares of Symetra. The warrants were recorded at fair value. White Mountains used a Black-Scholes valuation model to determine the fair value of the Symetra warrants. On June 20, 2013, White Mountains exercised its warrants in a cashless transaction and received 2.65 million common shares of Symetra in exchange for the warrants. The major assumptions used in valuing the Symetra warrants at June 20, 2013 were a risk free rate of a 0.34%, volatility of 26.5%, an expected life of 1.11 years, a strike price of \$11.49 per share and a share price of \$15.53 per share. The major assumptions used in valuing the Symetra warrants at December 31, 2012 were a risk free rate of 0.21%, volatility of 38.9%, an expected life of 1.6 years, a strike price of \$11.49 per share and a share price of \$12.98 per share. The inputs used in the valuation model were observable inputs. However, since a quoted market price was not available for the warrants themselves, they were categorized as a Level 2 measurement.

### Other Long-Term Investments

Other long-term investments accounted for at fair value at December 31, 2013 consist of \$121 million in hedge funds and \$118 million in private equity funds. At December 31, 2013, White Mountains held investments in 15 hedge funds and 39 private equity funds. The largest investment in a single fund was \$18.3 million and \$16.0 million at December 31, 2013 and 2012.

The fair value of White Mountains’ investments in hedge funds and private equity funds is based upon White Mountains’ proportionate interest in the underlying fund’s net asset value, which is deemed to approximate fair value. White Mountains employs a number of procedures to assess the reasonableness of the fair value measurements for its

other long-term investments including obtaining and reviewing each fund's audited financial statements and discussing each fund's pricing with the fund's manager. However, since the fund managers do not provide sufficient information to independently evaluate the pricing inputs and methods for each underlying investment, the inputs are considered to be unobservable. Accordingly, the fair values of White Mountains' investments in hedge funds and private equity funds have been classified as Level 3.

In circumstances where the underlying investments are publicly traded, such as the investments made by hedge funds, the fund manager uses current market prices to determine fair value. In circumstances where the underlying investments are not publicly traded, such as the investments made by private equity funds, the private equity fund managers generally consider the need for a liquidity discount on each of the underlying investments when determining the fund's net asset value. In circumstances where White Mountains' portion of a fund's net asset value is deemed to differ from fair value due to illiquidity or other factors associated with White Mountains' investment in the fund, the net asset value is adjusted accordingly. At December 31, 2013, there were no circumstances where illiquidity or other factors required an adjustment to the net asset value related to any of its investments in hedge funds or private equity funds.

#### Sensitivity analysis of likely returns on hedge fund and private equity fund investments

White Mountains' investment portfolio includes investments in hedge funds and private equity funds. At December 31, 2013, the value of investments in hedge funds and in private equity funds was \$121 million and \$118 million, respectively. The underlying investments are typically publicly traded and private common equity investments, and, as such, are subject to market risks that are similar to White Mountains' common equity securities. The following illustrates the estimated effect on December 31, 2013 fair value resulting from a 10% change and a 30% change in market value:

Millions	December 31, 2013		Change in fair value	
	Change in fair value	Change in fair value	Change in fair value	Change in fair value
	10% decline	10% increase	30% decline	30% increase
Hedge funds	\$(12.1 )	\$12.1	\$(36.3 )	\$36.3
Private equity funds	\$(11.8 )	\$11.8	\$(35.4 )	\$35.4

Hedge fund and private equity fund returns are commonly measured against the benchmark returns of hedge fund indices and/or the S&P 500 Index. The historical returns for each index in the past five years are listed below:

	Year Ended December 31,						
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2010		
HFRX Equal Weighted Strategies Index	6.3	% 2.5	% (6.2	)% 5.3	% 11.4	%	
S&P 500 Index	32.4	% 16.0	% 2.1	% 15.1	% 26.5	%	

#### Variable Annuity Reinsurance Liabilities

White Mountains has entered into agreements to reinsure death and living benefit guarantees associated with certain variable annuities in Japan. White Mountains carries the benefit guarantees at fair value. The fair value of the guarantees is estimated using actuarial and capital market assumptions related to the projected discounted cash flows over the term of the reinsurance agreement. The valuation uses assumptions about surrenders rates, market volatilities and other factors, and includes a risk margin which represents the additional compensation a market participant would require to assume the risks related to the business. The selection of surrender rates, market volatility assumptions, risk margins and other factors require the use of significant management judgment. Assumptions regarding future policyholder behavior, including surrender and lapse rates, are generally unobservable inputs and significantly impact the fair value estimate. Market conditions including, but not limited to, changes in interest rates, equity indices, market volatility and foreign currency exchange rates as well as variations in actuarial assumptions regarding policyholder behavior may result in significant fluctuations in the fair value of the liabilities associated with these guarantees that could materially affect results of operations. All of White Mountains' variable annuity reinsurance liabilities (\$53 million) were classified as Level 3 measurements at December 31, 2013.

Generally, the liabilities associated with these guarantees increase with declines in the equity markets, interest rates and currencies against the Japanese yen, as well as with increases in market volatilities. The collective account values were approximately 104% and 87% of the guarantee value at December 31, 2013 and 2012. In 2008, particularly in the fourth quarter, as a result of worldwide declines in equity markets, interest rates and the strengthening of the Japanese yen, the underlying investment accounts declined substantially and the collective account values were significantly lower than the guarantee value for several years. The liability is also affected by annuitant related



behavioral and actuarial assumptions, including surrender and mortality rates. WM Life Re lowered its projected surrender rates in 2011 and 2010 to reflect the behavior observed during the turbulent markets experienced throughout those years. During 2013, equity markets rallied, most of the surrender charges in the underlying annuities expired and observed surrender rates increased to higher than expected levels, which caused WM Life Re to increase its projected surrender rates used in the valuation of its variable annuity reinsurance liability.

WM Life Re uses derivative instruments, including put options, interest rate swaps, total return swaps on bond and equity indices and forwards and futures contracts on major equity indices, currency pairs and government bonds, to mitigate the risks associated with changes in the fair value of the reinsured variable annuity guarantees. The types of inputs used to estimate the fair value of these derivative instruments, with the exception of actuarial assumptions regarding policyholder behavior and risk margins, are generally the same as those used to estimate the fair value of the variable annuity liabilities.

As of December 31, 2013, the value of bond funds tracking the WGBI was approximately ¥71 billion (\$681 million). By country, the largest exposures, together comprising approximately 89% of the WGBI, were the United States (39%), France (10%), Italy (10%), Germany (9%), the United Kingdom (8%), Spain (5%), the Netherlands (3%), Belgium (3%) and Canada (2%). Eurozone countries together comprised approximately 44%. To reduce hedging basis risk (i.e., the risk that changes in the WGBI will cause WM Life Re's variable annuity guarantee liabilities to change in value at a different rate than the derivative hedges), in December 2009 WM Life Re entered into a series of total return swap contracts on the performance of the WGBI. As of December 31, 2010, approximately 49% of WM Life Re's WGBI-related liability was hedged with WGBI swaps. Because these swaps were denominated in US dollars, WM Life Re continued to hedge the results into Japanese yen to match the benchmark denominated in Japanese yen. In 2011, driven in large part by instability of Eurozone markets, WM Life Re significantly increased coverage of its WGBI exposure. Because the market for WGBI total return swaps was, and continues to be illiquid, WM Life Re entered into a series of total return swaps on the JP Morgan European Government Bond Index (JPM European GBI). Although the JPM European GBI is not an exact match for the European component of the WGBI, its structure and holdings are substantially similar. These swaps are denominated in Japanese yen. As of December 31, 2013, the total notional amounts of JPM European GBI swaps were ¥31 billion (\$294 million). At that date, over 100% of the total exposure the European component of the WGBI was hedged with total return swaps. The JPM European GBI total return swaps have maturities laddered to approximate the maturities of the policies reinsured.

Under the terms of these swap contracts, WM Life Re receives cash flows based on a fixed return, reset at the beginning of each month based on current LIBOR and is required to pay cash flows based on the performance of the JPM European GBI during that month plus a fixed amount.

WM Life Re hedges the residual WGBI-related liability exposure with the limited types of available derivatives that most closely fit the country and term exposures of the WGBI. Since liability exposures are determined by the performance of the overall account value, including the funds that track the Nomura BPI, TOPIX, and MSCI Kokusai, periodic portfolio rebalancing may be required. At such times and within limits, exchange-traded futures may be used to maintain overall neutral exposure as opposed to entering into new, or unwinding existing, swaps.

As of December 31, 2013, the value of bond funds tracking the Nomura BPI was approximately ¥77 billion (\$732 million). In January 2010, because the types and tenors of liquid Japanese bond futures currently available are extremely limited, to more closely track the performance of bond funds tracking the Nomura BPI, WM Life Re entered into its first total return swap contract on the performance of that index. As of December 31, 2013, the total notional amount of Nomura BPI swaps was ¥57 billion (\$543 million), covering over 100% of WM Life Re's Nomura BPI-related liability exposure. Of these swaps, ¥13 billion (\$124 million), which mature between 2015 and 2016, track the government bond component of the index only (approximately 78% of the index), leaving WM Life Re exposed to credit spread risk on the non-government portion. However, WM Life Re was able to temporarily convert these swaps into swaps that track the complete index through August 2013 and again through July 2014, at which time they will revert back to swaps that track the government bond component only unless WM Life Re is able to roll the conversion for another period of time. The remaining ¥44 billion (\$419 million) track the complete index. Of these, one with a notional amount of ¥10 billion (\$95 million) matured in January 2014 and was replaced with a swap of half the size (¥5 billion) maturing January 2015. The remaining swaps on the complete index mature during 2014. WM Life Re will look for opportunities to replace these swaps as they mature; however, the market is extremely illiquid and there is no guaranty that WM Life Re will be able to do so. Under the contracts, WM Life Re receives cash flows based on a fixed return, reset at the beginning of each month based on current LIBOR and is required to pay cash flows based on the performance of the Nomura BPI during that period plus a fixed amount. Any residual Nomura BPI exposure is hedged with liquid Japanese bond futures and is subject to basis risk relating to the difference between the tenor of the bond futures and the tenor of the assets in the annuity funds covered by WM Life Re's variable annuity

guarantees.

As of December 31, 2013, the value of equity funds tracking the MSCI Kokusai was approximately ¥32 billion (\$300 million). To reduce hedging basis risk, in 2011 WM Life Re entered into a series of total return swaps on the MSCI Kokusai, denominated in Japanese yen with maturities laddered during 2015 and 2016 to approximate the maturities of the policies reinsured. As of December 31, 2013, the total notional amount of MSCI Kokusai swaps was ¥15 billion (\$138 million) and the percent of MSCI Kokusai fund exposure hedged by these swaps was approximately 98%. Residual MSCI Kokusai exposure is hedged with a variety of more liquid instruments, including exchange-traded futures.

101

---

During 2009, WM Life Re entered into long term Japanese interest rate swaps, largely replacing its use of short term Japanese Government Bond (“JGB”) futures to hedge its discount rate exposure. By doing so, WM Life Re better matched the term structure of its discount rate exposure, substantially reduced its exposure to changes in Japanese interest rate swap spreads and significantly reduced the potential costs associated with rolling JGB futures contracts during times of relative market illiquidity. During December 2012, after the relevant Japanese interest rate swap rates fell to their lowest level in many years, the resulting potential benefit, net of cost, to WM Life Re of maintaining its Japanese interest rate swap hedge portfolio was deemed to be limited. Therefore, the decision was made to unwind or offset these Japanese interest rate swaps. During December 2012, approximately 24% of the notional amount of Japanese interest rate swap contracts was unwound and during January 2013 the remaining 76% was unwound or offset. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the notional amount of Japanese interest rate swaps hedging against a drop in Japanese discount rates was ¥0 billion and ¥153 billion (\$1.8 billion), respectively.

The following table summarizes the estimated financial impact on WM Life Re's derivatives and benefit guarantee liabilities of instantaneous changes in individual market variables as of December 31, 2013. Remaining hedging coverage of Japanese interest rate swap exposure was 15%, primarily from WM Life Re's put option portfolio. The table below assumes that all other market variables are constant and does not reflect the inter-dependencies between individual variables.

	Equity Market Returns		Foreign Currency Exchange <sup>(1)</sup>		Interest Rates <sup>(2)</sup>		Market Volatility <sup>(3)</sup>	
					Favorable	Unfavorable	Decrease	Increase
Millions	20%	(20)%	15%	(15)%				
Liabilities	\$(39 )	\$72	\$(46 )	\$106	\$(14 )	\$15	\$(31 )	\$37
Hedge Assets	(50 )	63	(57 )	98	(4 )	11	(28 )	32
Net	\$(11 )	\$(9 )	\$(11 )	\$(8 )	\$10	\$(4 )	\$3	\$(5 )

<sup>(1)</sup> The value of foreign currencies in Japanese yen terms.

In the unfavorable scenario, Japanese interest rates are decreased 70 bps, Japanese swap spreads are tightened by 25 bps, and foreign bond fund yields are increased 70 bps. Conversely, in the favorable scenario, Japanese interest rates are increased 70 bps, Japanese swap spreads are widened 25 bps and foreign bond fund yields are decreased 70 bps.

<sup>(3)</sup> White Mountains' sensitivities for market implied volatilities vary by term. For equity implied volatilities, White Mountains changes implied volatilities by 15%, 13% and 11% for each of the terms to maturity for years one through three, respectively. For foreign currency implied volatilities, White Mountains changes implied volatilities by 6%, 5.5% and 5% for each of the terms to maturity for years one through three, respectively.

To test the impact of multiple variables moving simultaneously, WM Life Re performs capital market “shock” testing. Prior to 2009, in performing this testing, WM Life Re had not incorporated basis risk and other hedge underperformance relative to expectations in its models; it had assumed that its hedges would behave as modeled. However, the financial market turmoil of late 2008 and early 2009 demonstrated that, in periods of severe financial market disruption, various aspects of WM Life Re's hedging program may underperform or over-perform. As a result, WM Life Re now also estimates the efficacy of its hedging program in its “shock” testing. Estimated hedge effectiveness is based on actual results during the recent stressed market environment encompassing the fourth quarter of 2008 and the first quarter of 2009. Hedge effectiveness assumptions also incorporate any subsequent changes to the hedging program that were not in place during this stress period. Although this period captures a historically volatile period that included large market movements over short time periods, hedges may be less effective than the current assumptions to the extent future market movements of the magnitude of these “shocks” occur more quickly than during this recent stress period.

The table below summarizes as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the estimated financial impact of simultaneous market events, as well as December 31, 2012 on a proforma basis, adjusted for the unwinding or offsetting of the remaining Japanese interest rate swaps during January 2013. Unlike the individual sensitivity analysis illustrated above, the analysis in the table below reflects the inter-dependencies between individual variables.

As of December 31, 2013	Proforma As of December 31, 2012	As of December 31, 2012
-------------------------	-------------------------------------	-------------------------

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

Change in Millions	Down Market	Up Market	Down Market	Up Market	Down Market	Up Market
Liabilities	\$260	\$(67 )	\$420	\$(367 )	\$420	\$(367 )
Hedge Assets <sup>(1)</sup>	236	(71 )	376	(357 )	389	(384 )
Net	\$(24 )	\$(4 )	\$(44 )	\$10	\$(31 )	\$(17 )

Assumed hedge effectiveness in down and up markets of 93% and 106%, respectively, as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, adjusted for the unhedged portion of Japanese discount rate exposure. Proforma hedge effectiveness as of December 31, 2012 was adjusted for the unwinding of the remaining Japanese interest rate swaps during January 2013. Some Japanese discount rate coverage remains primarily through WM Life Re's put option portfolio.

WM Life Re applies shocks to the Japanese interest rates and foreign bond fund yields in opposite directions. In the down market scenario, Japanese interest rates are decreased 70 bps, Japanese interest rate swap spreads are tightened by 25 bps, and foreign bond fund yields are increased 70 bps. The “up market” scenario assumes opposite movements in the same variables. For other variables, the “down market” scenario assumes equity indices decrease 20%, foreign currencies depreciate by 15% against the Japanese yen and implied market volatility increases as described in footnote 3 to the table above. The “up market” scenario assumes opposite movements in the same variables. The size of the estimated impact on the liability of simultaneous market events, in both the “up market” and “down market” scenarios, is impacted by several factors, including the applicable account value to guaranty value ratios, term to maturity and surrender assumptions of policies reinsured. Through December 31, 2013, both the up and down scenarios produce an expected net loss due to the convexity of the liability value, coupled with the assumption that the shock scenarios happen instantaneously without adjustment of the hedging portfolio. The proforma 2012 sensitivity analysis up market scenario resulted in a positive \$10 million due to the reduction in the liability from higher discount rates that is no longer offset by losses from the Japanese interest rate swaps that have been unwound subsequent to December 2012. However, this also caused the proforma 2012 down market scenario to be \$13 million worse than the down market scenario as of December 31, 2012. The December 2013 up market scenario resulted in a negative \$4 million, which was worse than the positive \$10 million in the proforma December 2012 up market scenario, primarily because the net benefit in the “up market” shock scenario from unwinding the Japanese interest rate swaps decreases over time as the policies reinsured are closer to maturity and the discounting term shortens. The decrease in magnitude of both the “up market” and “down market” shocks as at December 2013 versus the prior year was driven by the substantial decrease in WM Life Re’s liability, owing primarily to higher account values, shorter terms to maturity and lower implied volatilities.

WM Life Re projects future surrender rates by year for policies based on a combination of actual experience and expected policyholder behavior. Actual policyholder behavior, either individually or collectively, may differ from projected behavior as a result of a number of factors such as the level of the account value versus guarantee value and applicable surrender charge, views of the primary insurance company's financial strength and ability to pay the guarantee at maturity, annuitants' need for money in a prolonged recession and time remaining to receive the guarantee at maturity. Policyholder behavior is especially difficult to predict given that WM Life Re’s reinsurance contracts are relatively new and the market turmoil seen over the last several years is unprecedented for this type of product in the Japanese market. Actual policyholder behavior may differ materially from WM Life Re's projections. During the third quarter of 2010, WM Life Re lowered the surrender assumptions that it uses to calculate its variable annuity guarantee liability. WM Life Re’s previous assumptions reflected its expectation that surrenders would rise as the surrender charges in the underlying annuities decline. However, the persistent instability in financial and foreign exchange markets has kept surrenders low. The lower surrender assumptions resulted in a \$48 million increase in WM Life Re’s variable annuity guarantee liability, but reduced its exposure to adverse changes in surrender rates in the future. During the fourth quarter of 2011, WM Life Re lowered the surrender assumptions again to reflect the somewhat lower surrenders that emerged versus expected in the policy cohort that rolled into policy year seven, resulting in a \$7.2 million increase in the variable annuity guaranty liability. No surrender assumption adjustments were required during 2012. During 2013, improved markets led to significantly higher ratios of annuitants’ account values to guarantee values and, as a result, annuitants have been surrendering their policies at higher rates than WM Life Re has observed in the past. In response to this trend, WM Life Re adjusted the projected surrender assumptions used in the valuation of its variable annuity reinsurance liability upward in the second quarter of 2013, which resulted in a gain of \$2 million and again in the fourth quarter of 2013, which resulted in a gain of \$5 million.

At the account value levels as of December 31, 2013, the average assumed surrender rate was approximately 20% per annum. The potential change in the fair value of the liability due to a change in current surrender assumptions is as follows:

	Change in fair value of liability December 31,	
Millions	2013	2012
Decrease 100% (to zero surrenders)	\$ 8	\$ 5



The following table summarizes the changes in White Mountains' variable annuity reinsurance liabilities and derivative instruments for the year ended December 31, 2013 and 2012:

Millions	Variable Annuity (Liabilities)		Derivative Instruments			Total <sup>(4)</sup>
	Level 3	Level 3 <sup>(1)</sup>	Level 2 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Level 1 <sup>(3)</sup>		
Balance at January 1, 2013	\$ (441.5 )	\$ 140.5	\$ (20.5 )	\$ (21.7 )	\$ 98.3	
Purchases	—	59.4	—	—	59.4	
Realized and unrealized gains (losses)	388.7	(136.5 )	(196.1 )	(69.4 )	(402.0 )	
Transfers in (out)	—	—	—	—	—	
Sales/settlements	—	—	221.3	92.2	313.5	
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$ (52.8 )	\$ 63.4	\$ 4.7	\$ 1.1	\$ 69.2	
Millions	Variable Annuity (Liabilities)		Derivative Instruments			Total <sup>(4)</sup>
	Level 3	Level 3 <sup>(1)</sup>	Level 2 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Level 1 <sup>(3)</sup>		
Balance at January 1, 2012	\$ (768.5 )	\$ 247.1	\$ 39.2	\$ 4.1	\$ 290.4	
Purchases	—	6.1	—	—	6.1	
Realized and unrealized (losses) gains	327.0	(84.0 )	(186.9 )	(68.1 )	(339.0 )	
Transfers in (out)	—	—	—	—	—	
Sales/settlements	—	(28.7 )	127.2	42.3	140.8	
Balance at December 31, 2012	\$ (441.5 )	\$ 140.5	\$ (20.5 )	\$ (21.7 )	\$ 98.3	

(1) Includes over-the-counter instruments.

Includes interest rate swaps, total return swaps and foreign currency forward contracts. Fair value measurement

(2) based upon bid/ask pricing quotes for similar instruments that are actively traded, where available. Swaps for which an active market does not exist have been priced using observable inputs including the swap curve and the underlying bond index.

(3) Includes exchange traded equity index, foreign currency and interest rate futures. Fair value measurements based upon quoted prices for identical instruments that are actively traded.

(4) In addition to derivative instruments, WM Life Re held cash, short-term and fixed maturity investments of \$81.3 and \$393.6 at December 31, 2013 and 2012 posted as collateral to its counterparties.

### 3. Sirius Group Reinsurance Estimates

There is a time lag from the point when premium and related commission and expense activity is recorded by a ceding company to the point when such information is reported by the ceding company to Sirius Group. This time lag can vary from one to several contractual reporting periods (i.e. quarterly/monthly). This lag is common in the reinsurance business, and slightly longer when a reinsurance intermediary is involved.

As a result of this time lag in reporting, Sirius Group estimates a portion of its written premium and related commissions and expenses. Given the nature of Sirius Group's business, estimated premium balances, net of related commissions and expenses, comprise a large portion of total premium balances receivable. The estimation process begins by identifying which major accounts have not reported activity at the most recent period end. In general, premium estimates for excess of loss business are based on expected premium income included in the contractual terms. For proportional business, Sirius Group's estimates are derived from expected premium volume based on contractual terms or ceding company reports and other correspondence and communication with underwriters, intermediaries and ceding companies. Once premium estimates are determined, related commission and expense estimates are derived using contractual terms.

Sirius Group closely monitors its estimation process on a quarterly basis and adjusts its estimates as more information and actual amounts become known. There is no assurance that the amounts estimated by Sirius Group will not deviate from the amounts reported by the ceding company or reinsurance intermediary. Any such deviations are reflected in the results of operations when they become known.





The following table summarizes Sirius Group's premium estimates and related commissions and expenses:

Millions	December 31, 2013				December 31, 2012			
	Gross Premium Estimates	Net Premium Estimates	Net Commission and Expense Estimates	Net Amount Included in Reinsurance Balances Receivable	Gross Premium Estimates	Net Premium Estimates	Net Commission and Expense Estimates	Net Amount Included in Reinsurance Balances Receivable
Property catastrophe excess	\$ 82.1	\$ 65.2	\$ (5.5 )	\$ 59.7	\$ 74.1	\$ 60.8	\$ (5.4 )	\$ 55.4
Other property	90.5	73.7	(28.7 )	45.0	69.9	54.2	(22.4 )	31.8
Accident and health	76.9	56.4	(22.2 )	34.2	100.6	79.2	(29.4 )	49.8
Aviation and space	34.4	28.7	(5.8 )	22.9	41.7	34.6	(7.1 )	27.5
Trade credit	36.8	27.2	(10.9 )	16.3	36.3	26.1	(8.7 )	17.4
Marine	17.3	16.0	(3.0 )	13.0	17.8	16.5	(2.7 )	13.8
Casualty	4.6	4.6	1.5	6.1	4.2	4.2	.4	4.6
Agriculture	3.1	2.7	(0.3 )	2.4	10.9	10.8	(1.5 )	9.3
Contingency	4.3	2.9	(1.2 )	1.7	5.2	5.2	(1.9 )	3.3
Total	\$ 350.0	\$ 277.4	\$ (76.1 )	\$ 201.3	\$ 360.7	\$ 291.6	\$ (78.7 )	\$ 212.9

The net amounts recorded in reinsurance balances receivable may not yet be due from the ceding company at the time of the estimate since actual reporting from the ceding company has not yet occurred. Therefore, based on the process described above, Sirius Group believes its estimated balances are collectible.

#### 4. Reinsurance Transactions

White Mountains' insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries purchase reinsurance from time to time to protect their businesses from losses due to exposure aggregation, to manage their operating leverage ratios and to limit ultimate losses arising from catastrophic events. Amounts recoverable from reinsurers are estimated in a manner consistent with the claim liability associated with the reinsured policies. Amounts related to reinsurance contracts are recorded in accordance with ASC 944, "Accounting and Reporting for Reinsurance of Short-Duration and Long-Duration Contracts" ("ASC 944").

In connection with White Mountains' acquisition of OneBeacon in 2001, Aviva caused OneBeacon to purchase reinsurance contracts with two reinsurance companies rated "AA+" (Very Strong, the second highest of twenty-one financial strength ratings) by Standard & Poor's and "A++" (Superior, the highest of sixteen financial strength ratings) by A.M. Best. One is a reinsurance cover with NICO which entitles OneBeacon to recover up to \$2.5 billion in ultimate loss and LAE incurred related primarily to claims arising from business written by its predecessor prior to 1992 for asbestos claims and 1987 for environmental claims, respectively. As of December 31, 2013, OneBeacon has ceded estimated incurred losses of approximately \$2.3 billion to NICO under the NICO Cover. The other contract is a reinsurance cover with General Reinsurance Corporation ("GRC") for up to \$570 million of additional losses on all claims arising from accident years 2000 and prior (the "GRC Cover"). As of December 31, 2013, OneBeacon has ceded estimated incurred losses of \$562 million to GRC under the GRC Cover. The NICO Cover and GRC Cover, which were contingent on and occurred contemporaneously with the acquisition of OneBeacon, were put in place in lieu of a seller guarantee of loss and LAE reserves and are therefore accounted for as a seller guarantee under GAAP in accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force Topic No. D 54. NICO and GRC are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Berkshire. All of these balances relate to the Runoff Business, the results of which are included in discontinued operations and the balances as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 of which have been included in assets or liabilities held for sale on the consolidated balance sheet.

The collectibility of reinsurance recoverables is subject to the solvency and willingness to pay of the reinsurer. White Mountains is selective in choosing its reinsurers, placing reinsurance principally with those reinsurers with a strong financial condition, industry ratings and underwriting ability. Management monitors the financial condition and ratings of its reinsurers on an ongoing basis. See Note 4 —“Third-Party Reinsurance” in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on White Mountains’ reinsurance programs.

## 5. White Mountains' Investment in Symetra Common Shares

In September 2011, the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank (the "Fed") began "Operation Twist", which decreased long-term interest rates on fixed maturity investments. Under Operation Twist, the Fed sold shorter-term U.S. treasury securities, which have maturities of generally 3 years or less, to fund the purchase of longer-term U.S. securities, with maturities between

6 and 30 years. In December 2012, the Fed stated that it expects to continue to take actions to keep long-term interest rates low until unemployment reaches 6.5%. Lower long-term interest rates tend to reduce the return on equity that life insurers earn as they reinvest their cash flows from higher yielding long duration bonds into lower yielding long duration bonds. Quoted stock prices of life insurers tend to be highly correlated with their return on equity. Thus, as long-term interest rates decline, the quoted stock prices of life insurers tend to decline. At the same time, lower interest rates tend to increase the stated GAAP book values of life insurance companies, primarily from unrealized gains on fixed income investments, as the assets are marked-to-market, but the liabilities are not. Thus, the precipitous decline in long-term interest rates that occurred with Operation Twist caused a significant decline in the quoted stock prices of life insurance companies and an even more significant decline in those prices relative to stated GAAP book value. As a result, the quoted stock price of many life insurance companies at December 31, 2011, including Symetra, was well below their stated GAAP book value, a trend inconsistent with historical patterns. This trend has reversed somewhat in recent years as the quoted stock prices of many life insurance companies, including Symetra, have risen to levels more consistent with their stated GAAP book values at December 31, 2013.

White Mountains accounts for its investment in Symetra common shares using the equity method of accounting. Under the equity method, the GAAP carrying value of White Mountains' investment in Symetra common shares is normally equal to the percentage of Symetra's GAAP book value represented by White Mountains' common share ownership, which was 17% and 15% at December 31, 2013 and 2012. Under GAAP, a decline in the fair value of an investment is considered to be other-than-temporary when the fair value of the investment is not expected to recover to its GAAP carrying value in the near term. Declines in the fair value of an investment that are considered to be other-than-temporary are recognized as a write-down to the GAAP carrying value of the investment. Having observed the divergence between the quoted market price for Symetra's common shares and its GAAP carrying value, management evaluated White Mountains' investment in Symetra common shares to determine whether an other-than-temporary impairment under GAAP existed at December 31, 2011. As a result of this evaluation, management concluded that White Mountains' investment in Symetra common shares was other-than-temporarily impaired and wrote down the GAAP book value of the investment to its estimated fair value of \$261 million at December 31, 2011, or approximately \$15 per Symetra common share.

The GAAP fair value of an investment is the price that would be paid by a market participant to acquire it in the investment's principal or most advantageous market. For investments that are publicly traded, quoted market prices generally provide the best measurement of GAAP fair value. However, a decline in the quoted market price of an investment below its GAAP carrying value is not necessarily indicative of a loss in value that is other-than-temporary, and in circumstances where the characteristics of the investment being measured are not the same as those for which quoted market prices are available, unadjusted quoted market prices do not represent GAAP fair value. White Mountains' investment in Symetra common shares is different than the shares that are traded on the public stock exchange, principally due to the size of its position and its representation on Symetra's Board of Directors. In circumstances like this, GAAP requires that fair value be determined giving consideration to multiple valuation techniques. Management considered three different valuation techniques to determine the GAAP fair value of White Mountains' investment in Symetra common shares at December 31, 2011. A description of each technique follows.

### Valuation techniques based on actuarial appraisals

When determining the value of life insurance holding companies that are acquisition targets, market participants commonly utilize an approach that values the company as the sum of (A) adjusted statutory net worth of any regulated life insurance companies (i.e. statutory surplus plus asset valuation reserve) plus the GAAP net assets of any non-life businesses, less holding company debt and (B) the present value of future earnings related to business in force as of the valuation date plus the present value of future earnings related to business written after the valuation date. White

Mountains used this approach when it acquired its initial investment in Symetra in 2004. Part A of the calculation can be performed using observable inputs from the statutory and GAAP financial statements. Part B of the calculation requires a large number of actuarial calculations including assumptions such as discount rates, mortality, persistency and future investment results that, while based on historical data and are supportable, are nonetheless judgmental and largely unobservable. For Symetra, part A is approximately \$15 per share as of December 31, 2011. Symetra management provided White Mountains with an actuarial appraisal that demonstrates that part B would be a meaningful positive value in most reasonable scenarios. When determining the GAAP fair value of White Mountains' investment in Symetra common shares at December 31, 2011, management ascribed the greatest weight to part A, as it is observable and less subjective.

#### Valuation techniques based on multiples from recent transactions

As described in “Non-GAAP Financial Measures”, White Mountains uses growth in adjusted book value to assess Symetra’s financial performance. Adjusted book value excludes unrealized gains and losses from Symetra’s fixed maturity investment portfolio. Life insurance industry analysts and market participants commonly use multiples of adjusted book value per share to determine relative values of companies in the life insurance industry.

In December 2011, Tokio Marine announced that it had agreed to acquire Delphi Financial Group (“Delphi”) for \$2.7 billion. The acquisition price for that transaction represented a multiple of approximately 1.6 times Delphi’s September 30, 2011 adjusted book value of \$1.6 billion. The acquisition price of \$43.875 per share represented a premium of approximately 73% over Delphi’s last traded market price prior to the announcement of the acquisition. If the same adjusted book value and market price multiples were applied to Symetra at December 31, 2011, the estimated fair value would range from \$16 to \$30 per share.

The Delphi acquisition highlights the wide disparity between values of life insurance companies based on quoted market prices and the value of those companies in a private market transaction. However, the range of fair value estimates generated by applying the adjusted book value per share multiple and market premium observed in the Delphi acquisition is wide, and there have been no other significant acquisitions of life insurance companies in 2011. Therefore, management did not ascribe significant weight to valuations determined using the adjusted book value per share multiple or market price premium observed in recent acquisition activity when determining the GAAP fair value of White Mountains’ investment in Symetra common shares at December 31, 2011.

#### Valuation techniques based on quoted market prices

White Mountains’ representation on Symetra’s Board of Directors gives it the ability to exercise significant influence over Symetra’s operations and policies. Generally, market participants are willing to pay a premium to obtain the ability to exert influence over the operations and policies of an investee, which is not reflected in the quoted market price of Symetra’s common shares. There is no reliable means to calculate the value of this premium for an investment in a life insurance company. The actuarial appraisals used by market participants described above implicitly consider the ability to influence an investee’s operations and policies in the actuarial assumptions underlying projected future earnings, but the value associated with the ability to exert influence is not explicitly calculated separately from other components of value. As a result, management did not ascribe significant weight to valuations based on quoted market prices when determining the GAAP fair value of White Mountains’ investment in Symetra common shares at December 31, 2011, as the premium associated with the ability to exert influence over the operations and policies of Symetra is unobservable and highly subjective.

After considering all of the above, management determined that the best estimate of the GAAP fair value of White Mountains’ investment in Symetra’s common shares at December 31, 2011 was \$15 per share, which approximated Symetra’s adjusted statutory-basis net worth. The write down of \$199 million to \$261 million represented management’s best estimate of the amount by which the value of the investment had been other-than-temporarily impaired for GAAP at that date. After-tax, this represented a reduction of White Mountains adjusted book value per share of \$6. Given the scarcity of relevant observable inputs and the wide range of estimates developed under the approaches used, the estimated GAAP fair value of White Mountains’ investment in Symetra’s common shares involved a significant degree of judgment, is very subjective in nature and, accordingly, is considered a Level 3 fair value measurement.

An other-than-temporary impairment for GAAP does not equate to a permanent impairment in value. The reasons why management concluded that an other-than-temporary impairment for GAAP existed at December 31, 2011 related to the environment in which life insurance companies operated and not from reasons specific to Symetra itself. Symetra has recorded solid growth in adjusted book value per share since the financial crisis at the end of 2008, continues to pay quarterly dividends to its shareholders and has maintained strong financial strength and creditworthiness ratings and capital ratios. Management does not believe that the write-down in 2011 is an indication of impairment in Symetra’s long-term intrinsic business value. At December 31, 2013, the GAAP carrying value of White Mountains’ investment in the Symetra common shares was \$317 million, or \$15.83 per share, which reflects White Mountains’ equity in Symetra’s earnings and unrealized investment gains as well as the amortization of the basis difference that arose upon recognition of the impairment in 2011 (see Note 16). At December 31, 2013, Symetra’s common share

price of \$18.96 was greater than the GAAP carrying value of White Mountains' investment in the Symetra common shares. Management does not believe that the investment in Symetra's common shares is other-than-temporarily impaired at December 31, 2013.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report may contain “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included or referenced in this report which address activities, events or developments which White Mountains expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. The words “will”, “believe”, “intend”, “expect”, “anticipate”, “project”, “estimate”, “predict” and similar expressions are also intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include, among others, statements with respect to White Mountains’:

- change in adjusted book value per share or return on equity;
- business strategy;
- financial and operating targets or plans;
- incurred loss and loss adjustment expenses and the adequacy of its loss and loss adjustment expense reserves and related reinsurance;
- projections of revenues, income (or loss), earnings (or loss) per share, dividends, market share or other financial forecasts;
- expansion and growth of its business and operations; and
- future capital expenditures.

These statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses made by White Mountains in light of its experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors believed to be appropriate in the circumstances. However, whether actual results and developments will conform to its expectations and predictions is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations, including:

- the risks associated with Item 1A of this Report on Form 10-K;
- claims arising from catastrophic events, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, fires, terrorist attacks or severe winter weather;
- the continued availability of capital and financing;
- general economic, market or business conditions;
- business opportunities (or lack thereof) that may be presented to it and pursued;
  - competitive forces, including the conduct of other property and casualty insurers and reinsurers;
- changes in domestic or foreign laws or regulations, or their interpretation, applicable to White Mountains, its competitors or its customers;
- an economic downturn or other economic conditions adversely affecting its financial position;
- recorded loss reserves subsequently proving to have been inadequate;
- actions taken by ratings agencies from time to time, such as financial strength or credit ratings downgrades or placing ratings on negative watch; and
- other factors, most of which are beyond White Mountains’ control.

Consequently, all of the forward-looking statements made in this report are qualified by these cautionary statements, and there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments anticipated by White Mountains will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, White Mountains or its business or operations. White Mountains assumes no obligation to publicly update any such forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

## Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk



White Mountains' consolidated balance sheet includes a substantial amount of assets and liabilities whose fair values are subject to market risk. The term market risk refers to the risk of loss arising from adverse changes in interest rates, credit spreads, equity markets prices and other relevant market rates and prices. Due to White Mountains' sizable investment portfolio market risk can have a significant effect on White Mountains' consolidated financial position.

## Interest Rate and Credit Spread Risk

Fixed Maturity Portfolios. In connection with the Company's consolidated insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries, White Mountains invests in interest rate sensitive securities, primarily debt securities. White Mountains generally manages the interest rate risk associated with its portfolio of fixed maturity and convertible fixed maturity investments by monitoring the average duration of the portfolio. White Mountains' fixed maturity and convertible fixed maturity portfolios are comprised primarily of investment grade corporate securities; U.S. government and agency securities; foreign government, agency and provincial obligations; preferred stocks; asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities; and municipal obligations.

Increases and decreases in prevailing interest rates generally translate into decreases and increases in fair values of fixed maturity and convertible fixed maturity investments, respectively. Additionally, fair values of interest rate sensitive instruments may be affected by the creditworthiness of the issuer, prepayment options, relative values of alternative investments, the liquidity of the instrument and other market factors.

The table below summarizes the estimated effects of hypothetical increases and decreases in market interest rates on White Mountains' fixed maturity and convertible fixed maturity investments. Size of interest rate decreases may be limited in order to floor interest rates at a de minimis level.

(\$ in millions)	Fair Value at December 31, 2013	Assumed Change in Relevant Interest Rate	Estimated Fair Value After Change in Interest Rate	After-Tax Increase (Decrease) in Carrying Value
Fixed maturity and convertible fixed maturity investments <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$ 5,347.3	100 bp decrease	\$ 5,424.6	\$ 54.8
		50 bp decrease	5,393.1	32.5
		50 bp increase	5,282.9	(45.2)
		100 bp increase	5,218.3	(90.6)

(1) Assumes no sensitivity to general interest rate movements for \$49.0 of convertibles whose market values are significantly influenced by the underlying stock.

(2) Carrying value includes \$236.3 as of December 31, 2013 that is classified as assets held for sale relating to discontinued operations.

The magnitude of the fair value decrease in rising rates scenarios may be more significant than the fair value increase in comparable falling rates scenarios. This can occur because (a) the analysis floors interest rates at a de minimis level in falling rate scenarios, muting price increases, (b) portions of the fixed income portfolio may be callable, muting price increases in falling interest rate scenarios and or (c) portions of the fixed income portfolio may experience cash flow extension in higher interest rate environments, which generally results in lower prices.

White Mountains' overall fixed maturity investment strategy is to purchase securities that are attractively priced in relation to their investment risks. Widening and tightening of credit spreads generally translate into decreases and increases in fair values of fixed maturity investments, respectively. The table below summarizes the estimated pre-tax effects of hypothetical widening and tightening of credit spreads on White Mountains' fixed maturity and convertible fixed maturity portfolio.

Millions	December 31, 2013				
	Fair Value	Tighten 50	Tighten 25	Widen 25	Widen 50
U.S Government and agency obligations	\$362.5	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
Foreign government, agency and provincial obligations	439.9	—	—	—	—
		Tighten 100	Tighten 50	Widen 50	Widen 100
Agency mortgage-backed	684.8	20.0	11.4	(11.2)	(22.2)
Asset-backed	921.7	10.6	6.0	(8.0)	(15.9)
		Tighten 200	Tighten 100	Widen 100	Widen 200
Debt securities issued by corporations	2,347.2	97.4	64.0	(72.6)	(142.2)
Municipal obligations	17.9	1.8	.9	(.9)	(1.7)
Convertible fixed maturity investments <sup>(1)</sup>	80.5	1.0	0.5	(1.1)	(2.1)
		Tighten 400	Tighten 200	Widen 200	Widen 400
Non-agency commercial mortgage-backed	282.3	14.2	9.8	(14.8)	(28.7)
		Tighten 600	Tighten 300	Widen 300	Widen 600
Preferred stocks	84.8	8.8	8.2	(18.7)	(33.5)
Non-agency residential mortgage-backed	125.7	12.0	9.4	(8.6)	(15.9)

<sup>(1)</sup> Assumes no sensitivity to general interest rate movements for \$49.0 of convertibles whose market values are significantly influenced by the underlying stock.

The magnitude of the fair value decrease in wider credit spread scenarios may be more significant than the fair value increase in comparable tighter credit spread scenarios. This can occur because the analysis limits the credit spread tightening in order to floor yields of non-government bonds above short government bond yields, muting price increases.

#### Equity Price Risk

The carrying values of White Mountains' common equity securities and other long-term equity investments are based on quoted market prices or management's estimates of fair value as of the balance sheet date. Market prices of common equity securities, in general, are subject to fluctuations. These fluctuations could cause the amount realized upon sale or exercise of these instruments to differ significantly from the current reported value. The fluctuations may result from perceived changes in the underlying economic characteristics of the investment, the relative price of alternative investments, supply and demand imbalances for a particular security, or other market factors. Assuming a hypothetical 10% increase or decrease in the value of White Mountains' equity securities at December 31, 2013, the carrying value of White Mountains' equity securities (which excludes convertible bonds whose market values are significantly influenced by the underlying stock) would have increased or decreased by approximately \$145 million pre-tax.

#### Long-term obligations

White Mountains carries its financial instruments on its balance sheet at fair value with the exception of its fixed-rate, long-term indebtedness and the SIG Preference Shares, which are recorded as non-controlling interest.

The following table summarizes the fair value and carrying value of financial instruments as of December 31, 2013 and 2012:

Millions	December 31, 2013		December 31, 2012	
	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

2012 OBH Senior Notes	\$ 269.8	\$ 274.7	\$ 282.4	\$ 274.7
SIG Senior Notes	438.1	399.6	441.9	399.4
SIG Preference Shares	260.0	250.0	257.5	250.0

110

---

The fair value estimate for the 2012 OBH Senior Notes has been determined using quoted market prices and is considered a Level 2 measurement. The fair value estimates for the SIG Senior Notes and the SIG Preference Shares have been determined based on indicative broker quotes and are considered to be Level 3 measurements.

#### Foreign Currency Exchange Risk

The functional currency of Sirius International is the Swedish kronor. Sirius International also holds net assets denominated in euros and British pound sterling. The following table illustrates the effect that a hypothetical 10% increase (i.e. U.S. dollar strengthening) or decrease (i.e. U.S. dollar weakening) in the rate of exchange from the Swedish kronor, the euro and the British pound sterling currencies to the U.S. dollar would have on the carrying value of White Mountains' net assets denominated in the respective currencies as of December 31, 2013 and 2012:

Millions	December 31, 2013		December 31, 2012	
	10% increase	10% decrease	10% increase	10% decrease
Swedish kronor to U.S. dollar	\$(43.3 )	\$ 43.3	\$(22.6 )	\$ 22.6
Euro to U.S. dollar	(5.8 )	5.8	(10.5 )	10.5
British pound sterling to U.S. dollar	(5.8 )	5.8	(6.2 )	6.2

#### Variable Annuity Guarantee Risk

White Mountains entered into an agreement to reinsure death and living benefit guarantees associated with certain variable annuities issued in Japan. The reinsurance agreement assumes risk related to a shortfall between the account value and the guaranteed value that must be paid by the ceding company to an annuitant or to an annuitant's beneficiary in accordance with the underlying annuity contracts. Generally, the liabilities associated with these guarantees increase with declines in the equity markets, interest rates and currencies against the Japanese yen, as well as with increases in market volatilities. The liability is also affected by annuitant-related actuarial assumptions, including surrender and mortality rates. At December 31, 2013, the total liability for the reinsured variable annuity guarantees was \$53 million.

WM Life Re uses derivative instruments, including put options, interest rate swaps, total return swaps on bond indices and forward and futures contracts on currency pairs and government bonds to mitigate the risks associated with changes in the fair value of the reinsured variable annuity guarantees. At December 31, 2013, the fair value of these derivative instruments was \$69 million. In addition, WM Life Re held approximately \$81 million of cash and fixed maturity investments at December 31, 2013 posted as collateral to its reinsurance and derivatives counterparties. WM Life Re measures its net exposure to changes in relevant interest rates, foreign exchange rates and equity markets on a daily basis and adjusts its economic hedge positions within risk guidelines established by senior management. WM Life Re also monitors the effects of annuitant-related experience against actuarial assumptions (including surrender and mortality rates) on a weekly basis and adjusts relevant assumptions and economic hedge positions if required. While WM Life Re actively manages its economic hedge positions, several factors, including policyholder behavior and mismatches between underlying variable annuity funds and the hedge indices, may result in the failure of economic hedges to perform as intended. See discussion of fair value measurement of reinsured variable annuity liabilities and derivative instruments and sensitivity analyses of significant inputs in "CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES — Fair Value Measurements" on page 96.

#### Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The financial statements and supplementary data have been filed as a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K as indicated in the Index to Consolidated Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedules appearing on page 117 of this report.

#### Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.



Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

The Principal Executive Officer (“PEO”) and the Principal Financial Officer (“PFO”) of White Mountains have evaluated the effectiveness of its disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Exchange Act) as of December 31, 2013. Based on that evaluation, the PEO and PFO have concluded that White Mountains’ disclosure controls and procedures are adequate and effective.

The PEO and the PFO of White Mountains have evaluated the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013. Based on that evaluation, the PEO and PFO have concluded that White Mountains’ internal control over financial reporting is effective. Management’s annual report on internal control over financial reporting is included on page F-86 of this report. The attestation report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is included on page F-87 of this report.

There has been no change in White Mountains’ internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during the fourth quarter of 2013 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect White Mountains’ internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B. Other Information

None.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

Reported under the captions “The Board of Directors”, “Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance” and “Corporate Governance—Committees of the Board—Audit Committee” in the Company’s 2014 Proxy Statement, herein incorporated by reference, and under the caption “Executive Officers of the Registrant” in Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The Company’s Code of Business Conduct, which applies to all directors, officers and employees in carrying out their responsibilities to and on behalf of the Company, is available at [www.whitemountains.com](http://www.whitemountains.com) and is included as Exhibit 14 to the Company’s 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The Company’s Code of Business Conduct is also available in print free of charge to any shareholder upon request.

There have been no material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the Company’s Board of Directors. The procedures for shareholders to nominate directors are reported under the caption “Corporate Governance—Committees of the Board—Nominating and Governance Committee” in the Company’s 2014 Proxy Statement, herein incorporated by reference.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

Reported under the captions “Executive Compensation” and “Corporate Governance—Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation” in the Company’s 2014 Proxy Statement, herein incorporated by reference.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

Reported under the captions “Voting Securities and Principal Holders Thereof” and “Equity Compensation Plan Information” in the Company’s 2014 Proxy Statement, herein incorporated by reference.

Item 13. Certain Relationships, Related Transactions and Director Independence

Reported under the caption “Transactions with Related Persons, Promoters and Certain Control Persons” and “Corporate Governance—Director Independence” in the Company’s 2014 Proxy Statement, herein incorporated by reference.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

Reported under the caption “Principal Accountant Fees and Services” in the Company’s 2014 Proxy Statement, herein incorporated by reference.

112

---



## PART IV

## Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

## a. Documents Filed as Part of the Report

The financial statements and financial statement schedules and reports of independent auditors have been filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K as indicated in the Index to Consolidated Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedules appearing on page 117 of this report. A listing of exhibits filed as part of the report appear on pages 113 through 115 of this report.

## b. Exhibits

Exhibit number	Name
1	Underwriting Agreement dated November 6, 2012, among OneBeacon U.S. Holdings, Inc., the Company, and Barclays Capital Inc., HSBC (USA) Inc. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated. (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 1 of the Company's 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K)
2	Plan of Reorganization (incorporated by reference herein to the Company's Registration Statement on S-4 (No. 333-87649) dated September 23, 1999)
3.1	Memorandum of Continuance of the Company (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit (3)(i) of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 1, 1999)
3.2	Amended and Restated Bye-Laws of the Company (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 3.2 of the Company's 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K)
4.1	Fiscal Agency Agreement between White Mountains Re Group, Ltd. as Issuer and The Bank of New York as Fiscal Agent governing the SIG Senior Notes (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated March 14, 2007)
4.2	Certificate of Designation, setting forth the designations, powers, preferences and rights of the SIG Preference Shares (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated May 29, 2007)
4.3	Indenture, dated as of November 9, 2012, among OneBeacon U.S. Holdings, Inc., the Company, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 4.3 of the Company's 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K)
4.4	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 9, 2012, among OneBeacon U.S. Holdings, Inc., the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 4.4 of the Company's 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K)
10.1	Exchange Agreement dated as of March 8, 2008, by and among Berkshire Hathaway Inc., General Reinsurance Corporation, the Company and Railsplitter Holdings Corporation (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 2.1 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated March 10, 2008)
10.2	\$425,000,000 Credit Agreement, dated August 14, 2013 among the Company, as the Borrower, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and Issuing Lender, and the other lenders party hereto.(incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q dated October 28, 2013)
10.3	Adverse Development Agreement of Reinsurance No. 8888 between Potomac Insurance Company and GRC dated April 13, 2001 (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 99(m) of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated June 1, 2001)
10.4	Adverse Development Agreement of Reinsurance between NICO (and certain of its affiliates) and Potomac Insurance Company dated April 13, 2001 and related documents (incorporated by reference

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

- 10.5 herein to Exhibits 99(n), 99(o), 99(p) and 99(q) of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated June 1, 2001)  
Investment Management Agreement between Prospector Partners, LLC and White Mountains Advisors  
LLC (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 99.1 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated June  
20, 2005)
- 10.6 Amendment to the Investment Management Agreement between Prospector Partners, LLC and White  
Mountains Advisors, LLC dated February 23, 2006 (incorporated by reference herein to the Company's  
Report on Form 8-K dated February 28, 2006)
- 10.7 Investment Management Agreement between White Mountains Advisors, LLC and OneBeacon dated  
October 1, 2010 (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.7 of the Company's 2011 Annual Report  
on Form 10-K)

113

---

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

Exhibit number	Name
10.8	Amendment No. 1 to Investment Management Agreement between White Mountains Advisors, LLC and OneBeacon dated as of August 15, 2011 (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.8 of the Company's 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K)
10.9	Investment Management Agreement between Prospector Partners, LLC and OneBeacon dated March 1, 2011 (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.9 of the Company's 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K)
10.10	Amendment No. 1 to Investment Management Agreement between Prospector Partners, LLC and OneBeacon as of December 22, 2011 (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.10 of the Company's 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K)
10.11	Consulting Letter Agreement between Prospector Partners, LLC and White Mountains Advisors LLC (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 99.2 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated June 20, 2005)
10.12	White Mountains Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended, (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.15 of the Company's 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K)
10.13	White Mountains Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended, (incorporated by reference to Appendix A of the Company's Notice of 2010 Annual General Meeting of Members and Proxy Statement dated March 29, 2010)
10.14	White Mountains Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended, (incorporated by reference to Appendix A of the Company's Notice of 2013 Annual General Meeting of Members and Proxy Statement dated April 10, 2013)
10.15	White Mountains Bonus Plan (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.17 of the Company's 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K)
10.16	White Mountains Re Long Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.12 of the Company's 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K)
10.17	OneBeacon Deferred Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.16 of the Company's 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K)
10.18	OneBeacon 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.20 of the Company's 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K)
10.19	First Amendment to OneBeacon 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.21 of the Company's 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K)
10.20	OneBeacon Insurance Group, Ltd. Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement for T. Michael Miller (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.25 of the Company's 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K)
10.21	OneBeacon's 2013 Management Incentive Plan (*)
10.22	Restricted Share Award Agreement by and between OneBeacon Insurance Group, Ltd. And T. Michael Miller dated as of May 27, 2011(incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.22 of the Company's 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K)
10.23	Amended and Restated Revenue Sharing Agreement among John D. Gillespie, Fund American Companies, Inc. and Folksamerica Reinsurance Company (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.26 of the Company's 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K)
10.24	Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement made as of the 6th day of March 2007, by and between the Company and Raymond Barrette (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 99.1 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K/A dated March 7, 2007)
10.25	Amendment No. 1 to Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement made as of the 10th day of August 2010, by and between the Company and Raymond Barrette (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q dated October 29, 2010)
10.26	Restricted Share Award Agreement made as of the 6th day of March 2007, by and between the Company and Raymond Barrette (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 99.2 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K/A dated March 7, 2007)

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

- 10.27 Amendment No.1 to Restricted Share Award Agreement made as of the 10th day of August 2010, by and between the Company and Raymond Barrette (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Report on Form 10-Q dated October 29, 2010)
- 10.28 Stock Purchase Agreement, dated May 17, 2011, between White Mountains Holdings (Luxembourg) S.à r.l. and The Allstate Corporation (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated May 18, 2011)
- 10.29 Stock Purchase Agreement by and among the OneBeacon Insurance Group Ltd., OneBeacon Insurance Group LLC, Trebuchet and Armour Group Holdings Limited dated as of October 18, 2012. (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Report on 10-Q dated October 30, 2012)

Exhibit number	Name
10.30	Amendment dated as of October 25, 2013 to Stock Purchase Agreement by and among OneBeacon Insurance Group Ltd., OneBeacon Insurance Group LLC, Trebuchet US Holdings, Inc. and Armour Group Holdings Limited (*)
10.31	Regulation 114 Trust Agreement by and among Build America Mutual Assurance Company, HG Re Ltd. and The Bank of New York Mellon, dated as of July 20, 2012. (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Report on 10-Q dated October 30, 2012)
10.32	Supplemental Trust Agreement by and among Build America Mutual Assurance Company, HGR Patton (Luxembourg) S.à r.l., United States of America Branch, and The Bank of New York Mellon, dated as of July 20, 2012. (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.3 of the Company's Report on 10-Q dated October 30, 2012)
10.33	Surplus Note Purchase Agreement between Build America Mutual Assurance Company, as Issuer and HG Holdings Ltd. and HG Re Ltd. as Purchasers dated as of July 17, 2012.(incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.4 of the Company's Report on 10-Q dated October 30, 2012)
11	Statement Re Computation of Per Share Earnings (**)
12	Statement Re Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges (*)
14	The Company's Code of Business Conduct, which applies to all directors, officers and employees in carrying out their responsibilities to and on behalf of the Company (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 14 of the Company's 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K)
21	Subsidiaries of the Registrant (*)
23	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP dated February 28, 2013 (*)
24	Powers of Attorney (*)
31.1	Principal Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14 (a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (*)
31.2	Principal Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14 (a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (*)
32.1	Principal Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (*)
32.2	Principal Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (*)
101.1	The following financial information from White Mountains' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 formatted in XBRL: (i) Consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012; (ii) Consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income for each of the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011; (iii) Consolidated statements of shareholders' equity for each of the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011; (iv) Consolidated statements of cash flows for each of the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011; and (v) Notes to consolidated financial statements (*)

(\*) Included herein.

(\*\*) Not included herein as the information is contained elsewhere within report. See Note 10—"Earnings Per Share" of the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

c. Financial Statement Schedules

The financial statement schedules and report of independent registered public accounting firm have been filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K as indicated in the Index to Consolidated Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedules appearing on page 117 of this report.



SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP, LTD.

Date: February 28, 2014

By: /s/ J. BRIAN PALMER  
 J. Brian Palmer  
 Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Company and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ RAYMOND BARRETTE Raymond Barrette	Chairman, CEO (Principal Executive Officer) and Director	February 28, 2014
YVES BROUILLETTE* Yves Brouillette	Director	February 26, 2014
MORGAN W. DAVIS* Morgan W. Davis	Director	February 26, 2014
A. MICHAEL FRINQUELLI* A. Michael Frinquelli	Director	February 26, 2014
/s/ DAVID T. FOY David T. Foy	Executive Vice President and CFO (Principal Financial Officer)	February 28, 2014
JOHN D. GILLESPIE* John D. Gillespie	Director	February 26, 2014
EDITH E. HOLIDAY* Edith E. Holiday	Director	February 26, 2014
/s/ J. BRIAN PALMER Brian Palmer	Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	February 28, 2014
LOWNDES A. SMITH* Lowndes A. Smith	Director	February 26, 2014
ALLAN L. WATERS* Allan L. Waters	Director	February 26, 2014

By: /s/ RAYMOND BARRETTE  
 Raymond Barrette, Attorney-in-Fact

WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP, LTD.

Index to Consolidated Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedules

	Form 10-K page(s)
Consolidated financial statements:	
<u>Consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2013 and 2012</u>	<u>F-1</u>
<u>Consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income for each of the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011</u>	<u>F-2</u>
<u>Consolidated statements of shareholders' equity for each of the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011</u>	<u>F-3</u>
<u>Consolidated statements of cash flows for each of the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011</u>	<u>F-4</u>
<u>Notes to consolidated financial statements</u>	<u>F-5</u>
Other financial information:	
<u>Management's annual report on internal control over financial reporting</u>	<u>F-86</u>
<u>Report of independent registered public accounting firm</u>	<u>F-87</u>
<u>Selected quarterly financial data (unaudited)</u>	<u>F-88</u>
Financial statement schedules:	
<u>I. Summary of investments—other than investments in related parties</u>	<u>FS-1</u>
<u>II. Condensed financial information of the Registrant</u>	<u>FS-2</u>
<u>III. Supplementary insurance information</u>	<u>FS-4</u>
<u>IV. Reinsurance</u>	<u>FS-5</u>
<u>V. Valuation and qualifying accounts</u>	<u>FS-6</u>
<u>VI. Supplemental information for property and casualty insurance underwriters</u>	<u>FS-7</u>



## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	December 31,	
Millions, except share and per share amounts	2013	2012
Assets		
Fixed maturity investments, at fair value	\$5,030.5	\$5,196.2
Short-term investments, at amortized cost (which approximates fair value)	635.9	630.6
Common equity securities, at fair value	1,156.8	1,029.7
Convertible fixed maturity investments, at fair value	80.5	127.4
Other long-term investments	288.9	294.2
Total investments	7,192.6	7,278.1
Cash (restricted \$56.1 and \$249.8)	382.8	462.4
Reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses	428.1	429.1
Reinsurance recoverable on paid losses	25.4	17.9
Insurance and reinsurance premiums receivable	518.9	556.3
Funds held by ceding companies	106.3	127.4
Investments in unconsolidated affiliates	321.4	387.9
Deferred acquisition costs	174.7	195.3
Deferred tax asset	512.1	569.6
Ceded unearned insurance and reinsurance premiums	92.4	91.8
Accrued investment income	39.3	45.9
Accounts receivable on unsettled investment sales	12.1	3.9
Other assets	458.1	503.0
Assets held for sale	1,880.1	2,226.8
Total assets	\$12,144.3	\$12,895.4
Liabilities		
Loss and loss adjustment expense reserves	\$3,079.3	\$3,168.9
Unearned insurance and reinsurance premiums	901.4	924.1
Variable annuity benefit guarantee	52.8	441.5
Debt	676.4	751.2
Deferred tax liability	356.2	341.3
Accrued incentive compensation	218.3	159.0
Ceded reinsurance payable	71.9	116.5
Funds held under insurance and reinsurance contracts	127.1	43.7
Accounts payable on unsettled investment purchases	20.5	11.4
Other liabilities	362.9	452.8
Liabilities held for sale	1,880.1	2,226.8
Total liabilities	7,746.9	8,637.2
Equity		
White Mountains' common shareholders' equity		
White Mountains' common shares at \$1 par value per share—authorized 50,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 6,176,739 and 6,290,964 shares	6.2	6.3
Paid-in surplus	1,044.9	1,050.9
Retained earnings	2,802.3	2,542.7
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), after-tax:		
Equity in net unrealized (losses) gains from investments in Symetra common shares	(40.4	) 57.7
Net unrealized foreign currency translation gains	88.4	85.7
Pension liability and other	4.1	(11.5
Total White Mountains' common shareholders' equity	3,905.5	3,731.8
Non-controlling interests		
Non-controlling interest — OneBeacon Ltd.	273.7	251.4

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

Non-controlling interest — SIG Preference Shares	250.0	250.0
Non-controlling interest — HG Global	16.6	16.6
Non-controlling interest — BAM	(97.6	) (36.0
Non-controlling interest — consolidated limited partnerships and A.W.G. Dewar	49.2	44.4
Total non-controlling interests	491.9	526.4
Total equity	4,397.4	4,258.2
Total liabilities and equity	\$12,144.3	\$12,895.4

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements including Note 20 for Commitments and Contingencies.

F-1

---

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Millions, except per share amounts	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Revenues			
Earned insurance and reinsurance premiums	\$1,987.3	\$2,063.6	\$1,924.5
Net investment income	110.9	153.6	184.5
Net realized and unrealized investment gains	161.7	118.2	74.1
Other revenue	57.5	100.3	(10.0)
Total revenues	2,317.4	2,435.7	2,173.1
Expenses			
Loss and loss adjustment expenses	1,040.5	1,193.9	1,174.3
Insurance and reinsurance acquisition expenses	376.9	430.2	402.2
Other underwriting expenses	331.3	321.8	268.1
General and administrative expenses	181.3	182.2	175.3
Interest expense on debt	42.5	44.8	55.2
Total expenses	1,972.5	2,172.9	2,075.1
Pre-tax income	344.9	262.8	98.0
Income tax (expense) benefit	(76.6)	) 15.7	110.0
Net income from continuing operations	268.3	278.5	208.0
Gain (loss) on sale of discontinued operations, net of tax	46.6	(91.0)	) 658.3
Net loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	(42.1)	) (24.0)	) (36.7)
Income before equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	272.8	163.5	829.6
Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated affiliates, net of tax	36.6	29.9	(20.2)
Net income	309.4	193.4	809.4
Net loss (income) attributable to non-controlling interests	12.4	14.0	(41.5)
Net income attributable to White Mountains' common shareholders	321.8	207.4	767.9
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:			
Change in equity in net unrealized (losses) gains from investments in Symetra common shares, net of tax	(98.1)	) 57.7	(58.5)
Change in foreign currency translation, net of tax	2.7	39.6	(15.2)
Net change in pension liability and other, net of tax	20.8	(2.9)	) (10.8)
Comprehensive income	247.2	301.8	683.4
Comprehensive (income) loss attributable to non-controlling interests	(5.2)	) .8	2.8
Comprehensive income attributable to White Mountains' common shareholders	\$242.0	\$302.6	\$686.2
Earnings (loss) per share attributable to White Mountains' common shareholders			
Basic earnings (loss) per share			
Continuing operations	\$51.15	\$47.41	\$18.56
Discontinued operations	.74	(16.91)	) 78.88
Total consolidated operations	\$51.89	\$30.50	\$97.44
Diluted earnings (loss) per share			
Continuing operations	\$51.15	\$47.41	\$18.56
Discontinued operations	.74	(16.91)	) 78.88
Total consolidated operations	\$51.89	\$30.50	\$97.44
Dividends declared and paid per White Mountains' common share	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.			

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Millions	White Mountains' Common Shareholders' Equity					
	Common shares and paid-in surplus	Retained earnings	AOCI, after-tax	Total	Non-controlling Interests	Total Equity
Balances at December 31, 2010	\$1,359.0	\$2,175.6	\$118.4	\$3,653.0	\$ 607.8	\$4,260.8
Net income	—	767.9	—	767.9	41.5	809.4
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) from investments in unconsolidated affiliates	—	—	(58.5 )	(58.5 )	—	(58.5 )
Net change in foreign currency translation	—	—	(15.2 )	(15.2 )	—	(15.2 )
Net change in pension liability and other accumulated comprehensive items	—	—	(8.0 )	(8.0 )	(2.8 )	(10.8 )
Comprehensive income	—	767.9	(81.7 )	686.2	38.7	724.9
Dividends declared on common shares	—	(8.0 )	—	(8.0 )	—	(8.0 )
Dividends/distributions to non-controlling interests	—	—	—	—	(61.5 )	(61.5 )
Issuances of common shares	0.9	—	—	0.9	—	0.9
Repurchases and retirements of common shares	(107.2 )	(145.8 )	—	(253.0 )	—	(253.0 )
Distributions to non-controlling interests in limited partnerships	—	—	—	—	(8.6 )	(8.6 )
Non-controlling interest attributable to intercompany sale of subsidiary	(3.4 )	—	—	(3.4 )	3.4	—
Amortization of restricted share and option awards	12.0	—	—	12.0	0.4	12.4
Balances at December 31, 2011	1,261.3	2,789.7	36.7	4,087.7	580.2	4,667.9
Net income (loss)	—	207.4	—	207.4	(14.0 )	193.4
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) from investments in unconsolidated affiliates	—	—	57.7	57.7	—	57.7
Net change in foreign currency translation	—	—	39.6	39.6	—	39.6
Net change in pension liability and other accumulated comprehensive items	—	—	(2.1 )	(2.1 )	(0.8 )	(2.9 )
Comprehensive income (loss)	—	207.4	95.2	302.6	(14.8 )	287.8
Dividends declared on common shares	—	(6.6 )	—	(6.6 )	—	(6.6 )
Dividends/distributions to non-controlling interests	—	—	—	—	(39.1 )	(39.1 )
Issuances of common shares	5.8	—	—	5.8	—	5.8
Repurchases and retirements of common shares	(221.3 )	(447.8 )	—	(669.1 )	—	(669.1 )

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

Net contributions from non-controlling interests	—	—	—	—	1.6	1.6
Amortization of restricted share and option awards	13.6	—	—	13.6	0.8	14.4
Deconsolidation of Hamer and Bri-Mar	—	—	—	—	(4.5)	(4.5)
Allocation of fair value of net assets acquired to non-controlling interests	(2.2)	—	—	(2.2)	2.2	—
Balances at December 31, 2012	1,057.2	2,542.7	131.9	3,731.8	526.4	4,258.2
Net income (loss)	—	321.8	—	321.8	(12.4)	309.4
Net change in unrealized losses from investments in unconsolidated affiliates	—	—	(98.1)	(98.1)	—	(98.1)
Net change in foreign currency translation	—	—	2.7	2.7	—	2.7
Net change in pension liability and other accumulated comprehensive items	—	—	15.6	15.6	5.2	20.8
Comprehensive income (loss)	—	321.8	(79.8)	242.0	(7.2)	234.8
Dividends declared on common shares	—	(6.2)	—	(6.2)	—	(6.2)
Dividends/distributions to non-controlling interests	—	—	—	—	(39.7)	(39.7)
Issuances of common shares	1.0	—	—	1.0	—	1.0
Repurchases and retirements of common shares	(23.8)	(56.0)	—	(79.8)	—	(79.8)
Net contributions from non-controlling interests	—	—	—	—	11.5	11.5
Amortization of restricted share and option awards	16.7	—	—	16.7	0.9	17.6
Balances at December 31, 2013	\$1,051.1	\$2,802.3	\$52.1	\$3,905.5	\$ 491.9	\$4,397.4

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Millions	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Cash flows from operations:			
Net income	\$309.4	\$193.4	\$809.4
Charges (credits) to reconcile net income to net cash (used for) provided from operations:			
Net realized and unrealized investment gains	(161.7 )	(118.2 )	(74.1 )
Net (gain) loss on sale of consolidated and unconsolidated affiliates	(21.3 )	—	—
Excess of fair value of acquired net assets over cost	(15.2 )	(34.2 )	(7.2 )
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)	39.7	(16.8 )	(71.0 )
Undistributed equity in (earnings) loss from unconsolidated affiliates, after-tax	(36.6 )	(29.9 )	20.2
Net loss from discontinued operations	42.1	24.0	36.7
Net (gain) loss on sale of other discontinued operations	(46.6 )	91.0	(658.3 )
Other operating items:			
Net change in loss and loss adjustment expense reserves	(164.6 )	(172.2 )	(23.4 )
Net change in reinsurance recoverable on paid and unpaid losses	25.0	42.4	66.0
Net change in unearned insurance and reinsurance premiums	(12.5 )	63.1	67.0
Net change in ceded reinsurance premiums payable	(28.1 )	3.8	39.5
Net change in ceded unearned insurance and reinsurance premiums	1.4	—	(8.6 )
Net change in insurance and reinsurance premiums receivable	12.7	(79.2 )	(42.4 )
Net change in variable annuity benefit guarantee liabilities	(388.7 )	(327.1 )	158.3
Net change in variable annuity benefit derivative instruments	29.1	192.1	57.1
Net change in deferred acquisition costs	17.1	(5.7 )	(15.3 )
Net change in funds held by ceding companies	14.4	(17.7 )	11.6
Net change in funds held under reinsurance treaties	98.8	10.6	(42.4 )
Net change in restricted cash	193.7	203.7	(166.8 )
Net change in other assets and liabilities, net	63.2	(52.7 )	(62.2 )
Net cash (used for) provided from continuing operations	(28.7 )	(29.6 )	94.1
Net cash used for discontinued operations	(72.3 )	(196.2 )	(208.6 )
Net cash used for operations	(101.0 )	(225.8 )	(114.5 )
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Net change in short-term investments	34.8	145.3	174.5
Sales of fixed maturity and convertible fixed maturity investments	3,879.8	6,040.0	3,481.9
Maturities, calls and paydowns of fixed maturity and convertible fixed maturity investments	465.8	678.4	1,163.6
Sales of common equity securities	521.1	192.4	237.8
Distributions and redemptions of other long-term investments	58.1	86.7	150.7
Sales of unconsolidated affiliates, net of cash sold and held in escrow	32.4	24.8	1,010.6
Contributions to other long-term investments	(36.3 )	(96.7 )	(65.8 )
Funding of operational cash flows for discontinued operations	(72.3 )	(196.2 )	(171.8 )
Purchases of common equity securities	(432.2 )	(365.2 )	(297.8 )
Purchases of fixed maturity and convertible fixed maturity investments	(4,132.0 )	(5,810.1 )	(5,200.6 )
Purchases of consolidated and unconsolidated affiliates (net of cash acquired of \$28.5, \$9.0 and \$2.0)	15.9	(41.3 )	(3.2 )
Net change in unsettled investment purchases and sales	7.5	(22.4 )	47.0
Net acquisitions of property and equipment	(13.1 )	(2.3 )	(5.5 )
Net cash provided from investing activities — continuing operations	329.5	633.4	521.4
Net cash provided from investing activities — discontinued operations	72.3	196.2	278.2
Net cash provided from investing activities	401.8	829.6	799.6

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

Cash flows from financing activities:			
Draw down of revolving line of credit	200.0	150.0	—
Repayment of revolving line of credit	(275.0 )	(75.0 )	—
Repurchase of debt	—	(275.9 )	(161.6 )
Issuance of debt, net of debt issuance costs	—	271.9	—
Change in capital lease obligation	(5.7 )	(4.9 )	23.1
Cash dividends paid to the Company's common shareholders	(6.2 )	(6.6 )	(8.0 )
Cash dividends paid to OneBeacon Ltd.'s non-controlling common shareholders	(19.9 )	(19.8 )	(42.8 )
Cash dividends paid on SIG Preference Shares	(18.8 )	(18.8 )	(18.8 )
Common shares repurchased	(79.8 )	(669.1 )	(253.0 )
Proceeds from issuances of common shares	—	—	.9
Capital contributions from non-controlling interest of consolidated LPs	1.6	—	—
Redemptions paid to non-controlling interest of consolidated LPs	(0.7 )	—	—
Purchase of interest rate cap	(9.9 )	—	—
Collateral provided by interest rate cap counterparties	10.8	—	—
Capital contributions from BAM members	17.1	—	—
Net cash used for financing activities — continuing operations	(186.5 )	(648.2 )	(460.2 )
Net cash (used for) provided from financing activities — discontinued operations	—	—	—
Net cash used for financing activities	(186.5 )	(648.2 )	(460.2 )
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(0.2 )	3.1	(1.5 )
Net change in cash during the period	114.1	(41.3 )	223.4
Net change in cash from discontinued operations	—	—	(69.6 )
Cash reclassified to assets held for sale (net of cash sold of \$0, \$3.5, and \$0)	—	2.0	(5.5 )
Cash balance at beginning of year (excludes restricted cash balances of \$249.8, \$453.5 and \$286.7 and AutoOne cash of \$0, \$0 and \$4.7)	212.6	251.9	103.6
Cash balance at end of year (excludes restricted cash balances of \$56.1, \$249.8, and \$453.5)	\$326.7	\$212.6	\$251.9

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

F-4

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTE 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

## Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (“GAAP”) and include the accounts of White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd. (the “Company” or the “Registrant”), its subsidiaries (collectively with the Company, “White Mountains”) and other entities required to be consolidated under GAAP. The Company is an exempted Bermuda limited liability company whose principal businesses are conducted through its insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries and affiliates. The Company’s headquarters is located at 14 Wesley Street, Hamilton, Bermuda HM 11, its principal executive office is located at 80 South Main Street, Hanover, New Hampshire 03755-2053 and its registered office is located at Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton, Bermuda HM 11. White Mountains’ reportable segments are OneBeacon, Sirius Group, HG Global/BAM and Other Operations.

The OneBeacon segment consists of OneBeacon Insurance Group, Ltd. (“OneBeacon Ltd.”), an exempted Bermuda limited liability company that owns a family of property and casualty insurance companies (collectively “OneBeacon”). OneBeacon is a specialty property and casualty insurance writer that offers a wide range of insurance products in the United States primarily through independent agencies, regional and national brokers, wholesalers and managing general agencies. During the third quarter of 2013, OneBeacon formed Split Rock Insurance, Ltd. (“Split Rock”), a Bermuda-based reinsurance company. As of both December 31, 2013 and 2012, White Mountains owned 75.2% of OneBeacon Ltd.’s outstanding common shares.

As discussed further in Note 2, OneBeacon entered into a definitive agreement to sell its runoff business in October 2012 (the “Runoff Transaction”) and sold its AutoOne Insurance business (“AutoOne”) in February 2012. Accordingly, the runoff business and AutoOne are presented as discontinued operations. Assets and liabilities associated with the runoff business as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 have been presented as held for sale in the financial statements. (See Note 21 for discontinued operations.)

The Sirius Group segment consists of Sirius International Insurance Group, Ltd., an exempted Bermuda limited liability company, and its subsidiaries (collectively, “Sirius Group”). Sirius Group provides insurance and reinsurance products for property, accident and health, aviation and space, trade credit, marine, agriculture and certain other exposures on a worldwide basis through its primary subsidiaries, Sirius International Insurance Corporation (“Sirius International”), Sirius America Insurance Company (“Sirius America”) and Lloyd’s Syndicate 1945 (“Syndicate 1945”). Sirius Group also specializes in the acquisition and management of runoff insurance and reinsurance companies both in the United States and internationally through its White Mountains Solutions division (“WM Solutions”).

The HG Global/BAM segment consists of White Mountains’ investment in HG Global Ltd. (“HG Global”) and the consolidated results of Build America Mutual Assurance Company (“BAM”). During the third quarter of 2012, White Mountains capitalized HG Global with approximately \$600 million to fund the start-up of BAM. BAM is a municipal bond insurer domiciled in New York that was established to provide insurance on bonds issued to support essential U.S. public purposes such as schools, utilities, core governmental functions and existing transportation facilities. HG Global, together with its subsidiaries, provided the initial capitalization of BAM through the purchase of \$503 million of surplus notes issued by BAM (the “BAM Surplus Notes”). HG Global, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, HG Re Ltd. (“HG Re”), also provides 15%-of-par, first loss reinsurance protection for policies underwritten by BAM. As of both December 31, 2013 and 2012, White Mountains owned 97.3% of HG Global’s preferred equity and 88.7% of its common equity. White Mountains does not have an ownership interest in BAM, which is a mutual insurance company owned by its members. However, GAAP requires White Mountains to consolidate BAM’s results in its financial statements. BAM’s results are attributed to non-controlling interests.

White Mountains’ Other Operations segment consists of the Company and its intermediate holding companies, its wholly-owned investment management subsidiary, White Mountains Advisors LLC (“WM Advisors”), White Mountains’ variable annuity reinsurance business, White Mountains Life Reinsurance (Bermuda) Ltd., which is in runoff, and its U.S.-based service provider, White Mountains Financial Services LLC (collectively, “WM Life Re”), as well as various other entities not included in other segments. For 2011, the Other Operations segment also included



the consolidated results of the Tuckerman Capital, LP fund (“Tuckerman Fund I”). On December 31, 2011, Tuckerman Fund I was dissolved and all of the net assets of the fund were distributed to the owners of the fund, of which White Mountains owned approximately 94%. In conjunction with the dissolution, White Mountains received a portion of the shares of Hamer, LLC (“Hamer”) and Bri-Mar Manufacturing, LLC (“Bri-Mar”), two small manufacturing companies. Prior to the dissolution, Tuckerman Fund I was consolidated within White Mountains' financial statements. The consolidated results of Hamer and Bri-Mar are included in the Other Operations segment from January 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012, from which point these companies are no longer consolidated by White Mountains.

F-5

---

White Mountains' discontinued operations consist of Esurance Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries ("Esurance Insurance"), Answer Financial Inc. and its subsidiaries ("AFI"), the Runoff Transaction and AutoOne. Esurance Insurance wrote personal auto insurance directly to customers in 30 states through its website and over the phone and also sold other lines of personal insurance for unaffiliated insurance companies. Esurance Insurance also wrote personal auto policies through select online agents and provided other insurance products through partnerships with industry leading online providers. Esurance Insurance earned commissions and fees by referring to unaffiliated insurance companies those shoppers that it could not underwrite because of pricing or underwriting eligibility. AFI sold insurance online and through call centers for both Esurance Insurance and unaffiliated companies utilizing a comparison quoting platform. The OneBeacon runoff business included assets, liabilities and capital that was principally related to non-specialty commercial lines and certain other runoff business that it no longer writes, including nearly all of its asbestos and environmental reserves (the "Runoff Business"). AutoOne was formed by OneBeacon in 2001 to provide products and services to automobile assigned risk markets primarily in New York and New Jersey.

All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. 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 as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Significant Accounting Policies

#### Investment Securities

At December 31, 2013, White Mountains' invested assets consisted of securities and other investments held for general investment purposes. White Mountains' portfolio of fixed maturity investments and common equity securities held for general investment purposes are classified as trading and are reported at fair value as of the balance sheet date. Changes in unrealized gains and losses are reported pre-tax in revenues. Realized investment gains and losses are accounted for using the specific identification method and are reported pre-tax in revenues. Premiums and discounts on all fixed maturity investments are accreted to income over the anticipated life of the investment.

White Mountains' invested assets that are measured at fair value include fixed maturity securities, common and preferred equity securities, convertible fixed maturity securities and other long-term investments, such as interests in hedge funds and private equities. In determining its estimates of fair value, White Mountains uses a variety of valuation approaches and inputs. Whenever possible, White Mountains estimates fair value using valuation methods that maximize the use of quoted prices and other observable inputs.

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, approximately 95% of the investment portfolio recorded at fair value was priced based upon quoted market prices or other observable inputs. Investments valued using Level 1 inputs include fixed maturities, primarily investments in U.S. Treasuries, common equities and short-term investments, which include U.S. Treasury Bills. Investments valued using Level 2 inputs comprise fixed maturities including corporate debt, state and other governmental debt, convertible fixed maturity securities and mortgage and asset-backed securities. Fair value estimates for investments that trade infrequently and have few or no observable market prices are classified as Level 3 measurements. Level 3 fair value estimates based upon unobservable inputs include White Mountains' investments in hedge funds and private equity funds, as well as investments in certain debt securities, including asset-backed securities, where quoted market prices are unavailable. White Mountains determines when transfers between levels have occurred as of the beginning of the period. White Mountains uses brokers and outside pricing services to assist in determining fair values. For investments in active markets, White Mountains uses the quoted market prices provided by outside pricing services to determine fair value. The outside pricing services used by White Mountains have indicated that if no observable inputs are available for a security, they will not provide a price. In those circumstances, White Mountains estimates the fair value using industry standard pricing models and observable inputs such as benchmark interest rates, market comparables, broker quotes, issuer spreads, bids, offers, credit rating prepayment speeds and other relevant inputs. White Mountains performs procedures to validate the market prices obtained from the outside pricing sources. Such procedures, which cover substantially all of its fixed maturity investments include,

but are not limited to, evaluation of model pricing methodologies and a review of the pricing services' quality control processes and procedures on at least an annual basis, comparison of market prices to prices obtained from a different independent pricing vendors on at least a semi-annual basis, monthly analytical reviews of certain prices, and review of assumptions utilized by the pricing service for selected measurements on an ad hoc basis throughout the year. White Mountains also performs back-testing of selected sales activity to determine whether there are any significant differences between the market price used to value the security prior to sale and the actual sale price on an ad-hoc basis throughout the year. Prices provided by the pricing services that vary by more than 5% and \$1 million from the expected price based on these procedures are considered outliers. Prices that have not changed from period to period and prices that have trended unusually compared to market conditions are also considered outliers.

F-6

---

In circumstances where the results of White Mountains' review process do not appear to support the market price provided by the pricing services, White Mountains challenges the price. During the past year, approximately thirty-five securities fell outside White Mountains' expected results, thereby triggering the challenge with the pricing service. If White Mountains cannot gain satisfactory evidence to support the challenged price, it relies upon its own pricing methodologies to estimate the fair value of the security in question. The fair values of such securities are considered to be Level 3 measurements.

White Mountains' investments in debt securities, including asset-backed securities, are generally valued using matrix and other pricing models. Key inputs include benchmark yields, benchmark securities, reported trades, issuer spreads, bids, offers, credit ratings and prepayment speeds. Income on mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities is recognized using an effective yield based on anticipated prepayments and the estimated economic life of the securities. When actual prepayments differ significantly from anticipated prepayments, the estimated economic life is recalculated and the remaining unamortized premium or discount is amortized prospectively over the remaining economic life.

Short-term investments consist of money market funds, certificates of deposit and other securities which, at the time of purchase, mature or become available for use within one year. Short-term investments are carried at amortized cost, which approximated fair value as of December 31, 2013 and 2012.

#### Other Long-term Investments

White Mountains' other long-term investments consist primarily of hedge funds, private equity funds and other investments in limited partnerships. White Mountains has taken the fair value option for most of its investments in hedge funds, private equity funds and other limited partnership investments. For the investments for which White Mountains has taken the fair value option, changes in fair value are reported in revenues on a pre-tax basis. For those hedge fund and private equity investments for which White Mountains has not made the fair value election, White Mountains accounts for its interests under the equity method.

#### Derivative Financial Instruments

White Mountains holds a variety of derivative financial instruments for both risk management and investment purposes. White Mountains recognizes all derivatives as either assets or liabilities, measured at fair value, in the consolidated balance sheets. Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments are recognized in current period pre-tax income.

#### Warrants

At December 31, 2012, White Mountains held warrants to purchase 9.49 million common shares of Symetra which were included as investments in unconsolidated affiliates. The Symetra warrants held by White Mountains were entitled to dividends declared to common shareholders. On June 20, 2013, White Mountains exercised its warrants in a cashless transaction and received 2.65 million common shares of Symetra in exchange for the warrants. White Mountains also holds warrants that it has received in the restructuring (e.g., securities received from bankruptcy proceedings) of certain of its common equity and/or fixed maturity investments. White Mountains accounts for its investments in warrants as derivatives.

#### Derivatives—Variable Annuity Reinsurance

White Mountains has entered into agreements to reinsure death and living benefit guarantees associated with certain variable annuities in Japan through its wholly owned subsidiary, WM Life Re. The accounting for benefit guarantees differs depending on whether or not the guarantee is classified as a derivative or an insurance liability. Guaranteed minimum accumulation benefits ("GMABs") are paid to an annuitant for any shortfall between accumulated account value at the end of the accumulation period and the annuitant's total deposit, less any withdrawal payments made to the annuitant during the accumulation period. GMABs meet the definition of a derivative for accounting purposes. Therefore, GMABs are carried at fair value, with changes thereon recognized in income in the period of the change. The liability for the reinsured GMAB contracts has been determined using internal valuation models that use assumptions for interest rates, equity markets, foreign exchange rates and market volatilities at the valuation date, as

well as annuitant-related actuarial assumptions, including surrender and mortality rates.

If an annuitant dies during the accumulation period of an annuity contract, guaranteed minimum death benefits (“GMDBs”) are paid to the annuitant’s beneficiary for shortfalls between accumulated account value at the time of an annuitant’s death and the annuitant’s total deposit, less any living benefit payments or withdrawal payments previously made to the annuitant. White Mountains has elected to measure its GMDB liabilities at fair value.

The valuation of these liabilities involves significant judgment and is subject to change based upon changes in capital market assumptions and emerging surrender and mortality experience of the underlying contracts in force.

F-7

---

WM Life Re has entered into derivative contracts that are designed to economically hedge against changes in the fair value of living and death benefit liabilities associated with its variable annuity reinsurance arrangements. The derivatives include futures and over-the-counter option contracts on interest rates, major bond and equity indices, and foreign currencies. All WM Life Re's derivative instruments are recorded as assets or liabilities at fair value on the balance sheet within other assets. These derivative financial instruments do not meet the criteria for hedge accounting treatment, and accordingly, changes in fair value are recognized in the current period as gains or losses in the income statement within other revenues.

WM Life Re includes the effect of counterparty credit risk when determining the fair value of its derivative contracts and its GMAB and GMDB liabilities.

#### Cash

Cash includes amounts on hand and demand deposits with banks and other financial institutions. Amounts presented in the statement of cash flows are shown net of balances acquired and sold in the purchase or sale of the Company's consolidated subsidiaries and exclude changes in amounts of restricted cash (See Note 8).

#### Insurance and Reinsurance Operations

White Mountains accounts for insurance and reinsurance policies that it writes in accordance with ASC 944.

Premiums written are recognized as revenues and are earned ratably over the term of the related policy or reinsurance treaty. Unearned premiums represent the portion of premiums written that are applicable to future insurance or reinsurance coverage provided by policies or treaties in force. White Mountains charges fees on certain of its insurance policies. Refundable fees are classified with premiums and recognized in earnings over the policy term. Fees that represent a reimbursement of expenses, such as installment fees, are recorded as a reduction of underwriting expenses.

Deferred acquisition costs represent commissions, premium taxes, brokerage expenses and other costs which are directly attributable to and vary with the production of business. These costs are deferred and amortized to the extent they relate to successful contract acquisitions over the applicable premium recognition period as insurance and reinsurance acquisition expenses. Deferred acquisition costs are limited to the amount expected to be recovered from future earned premiums and anticipated investment income. This limitation is referred to as a premium deficiency. A premium deficiency is recognized if the sum of expected loss and loss adjustment expenses ("LAE"), expected dividends to policyholders, unamortized acquisition costs, and maintenance costs exceeds related unearned premiums and anticipated investment income. A premium deficiency is recognized by charging any unamortized acquisition costs to expense to the extent required in order to eliminate the deficiency. If the premium deficiency exceeds unamortized acquisition costs then a liability is accrued for the excess deficiency.

Losses and LAE are charged against income as incurred. Unpaid insurance losses and LAE are based on estimates (generally determined by claims adjusters, legal counsel and actuarial staff) of the ultimate costs of settling claims, including the effects of inflation and other societal and economic factors. Unpaid reinsurance losses and LAE are based primarily on reports received from ceding companies and actuarial projections. Unpaid loss and LAE reserves represent management's best estimate of ultimate losses and LAE, net of estimated salvage and subrogation recoveries, if applicable. Such estimates are regularly reviewed and updated and any adjustments resulting there from are reflected in current operations. The process of estimating loss and LAE involves a considerable degree of judgment by management and the ultimate amount of expense to be incurred could be considerably greater than or less than the amounts currently reflected in the financial statements.

OneBeacon discounts certain of its long-term workers compensation loss and LAE reserves when such liabilities constitute unpaid but settled claims under which the payment pattern and ultimate costs are fixed and determinable on an individual claim basis. OneBeacon discounts these reserves using an average discount rate which is determined based on the various assumptions including consideration of when the claims will be settled (3.5% at both December 31, 2013 and 2012). As of December 31, 2013, the discount on OneBeacon's workers compensation loss and LAE reserves amounted to \$3.0 million (excluding \$61.7 million which relates to reserves classified as held for sale). As of December 31, 2012, the discount on OneBeacon's workers compensation loss and LAE reserves amounted to \$4.6 million, (excluding \$77.9 million on reserves classified as discontinued operations).

White Mountains' insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries enter into ceded reinsurance contracts from time to time to protect their businesses from losses due to concentration of risk, to manage their operating leverage ratios and to limit losses arising from catastrophic events. Such reinsurance contracts are executed through excess of loss treaties and catastrophe contracts under which the reinsurer indemnifies White Mountains for a specified part or all of certain types of losses over stipulated amounts arising from any one occurrence or event. White Mountains has also entered into quota share treaties with reinsurers under which all risks meeting prescribed criteria are covered on a pro-rata basis. The amount of each risk ceded by White Mountains is subject to maximum limits which vary by line of business and type of coverage.

Amounts recoverable from reinsurers are estimated in a manner consistent with the claim liability associated with the reinsured policies. The collectability of reinsurance recoverables is subject to the solvency of the reinsurers. White Mountains is selective in regard to its reinsurers, principally placing reinsurance with those reinsurers with a strong financial condition, industry ratings and underwriting ability. Management monitors the financial condition and ratings of its reinsurers on an ongoing basis.

F-8

---

Reinsurance premiums, commissions, expense reimbursements and reserves related to reinsured business are accounted for on a basis consistent with those used in accounting for the original policies issued and the terms of the reinsurance contracts. Premiums ceded to other companies are reported as a reduction of premiums written. Expense allowances received in connection with reinsurance ceded have been accounted for as a reduction of the related policy acquisition costs and are deferred and amortized accordingly. Funds held by ceding companies represent amounts due to White Mountains in connection with certain assumed reinsurance agreements in which the ceding company retains a portion of the premium to provide security against future loss payments. The funds held by ceding companies are generally invested by the ceding company and a contractually agreed interest amount is credited to the Company and recognized as investment income. Funds held under insurance and reinsurance contracts represent contractual payments due to White Mountains that have been retained to secure such obligations. Such amounts are recorded as liabilities in the consolidated financial statements.

Accruals for contingent commission liabilities 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 the estimated liability for such arrangements are recorded as contingent commissions. Accruals for contingent commission liabilities are determined through the review of the contracts that have these adjustable features and are estimated based on expected loss and LAE.

#### Municipal Bond Insurance

All of the contracts issued by BAM are accounted for as insurance contracts under ASC 944-605, Financial Guarantee Insurance Contracts. Premiums are generally received upfront and an unearned premium revenue liability, equal to the amount of the cash received, is established at contract inception. Premium revenues are recognized in revenue over the period of the contracts in proportion to the amount of insurance protection provided using a constant rate. The constant rate is calculated based on the relationship between the par outstanding in a given reporting period compared with the sum of each of the par amounts outstanding for all periods.

Deferred acquisition costs represent commissions, premium taxes, excise taxes and other costs which are directly attributable to and vary with the production of business. These costs are deferred and amortized to the extent they relate to successful contract acquisitions over the applicable premium recognition period as acquisition expenses. Deferred acquisition costs are limited to the amount expected to be recovered from future earned premiums and anticipated investment income.

#### Mandatory Shared Market Mechanisms

As a condition to its licenses to do business in certain states, White Mountains' insurance operations must participate in various mandatory shared market mechanisms commonly referred to as "residual" or "involuntary" markets. These markets generally consist of risks considered to be undesirable from a standard or routine underwriting perspective. Each state dictates the levels of insurance coverage that are mandatorily assigned to participating insurers within these markets. The total amount of such business an insurer must accept in a particular state is generally based on that insurer's market share of voluntary business written within that state. In certain cases, White Mountains is obligated to write business from shared market mechanisms at a future date based on its historical market share of all voluntary policies written within that state. Involuntary business generated from mandatory shared market mechanisms is accounted for as direct insurance business or as assumed reinsurance depending upon the structure of the mechanism. OneBeacon's market assignments are typically required to be written in the current period, however, in certain cases OneBeacon is required to accept policy assignments at a future date. Anticipated losses associated with future market assignments are recognized when the amount of such anticipated losses is determined to be probable and can be reasonably estimated.

#### Insurance-related Assessments

Under existing guaranty fund laws in all states, insurers licensed to do business in those states can be assessed for certain obligations of insolvent insurance companies to policyholders and claimants. White Mountains records guaranty fund assessments when it is probable that an assessment will be made and the amount can be reasonably estimated.



#### Deferred Software Costs

White Mountains capitalizes costs related to computer software developed for internal use during the application development stage of software development projects. These costs generally consist of certain external, payroll and payroll-related costs. White Mountains begins amortization of these costs once the project is completed and ready for its intended use. Amortization is on a straight-line basis and over a useful life of three to five years. At December 31, 2013 and 2012, White Mountains had unamortized deferred software costs of \$23.8 million and \$17.1 million.

#### Federal and Foreign Income Taxes

A significant portion of White Mountains' subsidiaries file consolidated tax returns in the United States. Income earned or losses generated by companies outside the United States are generally subject to an overall effective tax rate lower than that imposed by the United States.

F-9

---

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recorded when a difference between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts for tax purposes exists, and for other temporary differences. The deferred tax asset or liability is recorded based on tax rates expected to be in effect when the difference reverses. The deferred tax asset is recognized when it is more likely than not that it will be realized.

#### Foreign Currency Exchange

The U.S. dollar is the functional currency for all of White Mountains' businesses except for Sirius International, the Canadian reinsurance operations of Sirius America and certain other smaller international activities. White Mountains also invests in securities denominated in foreign currencies. Assets and liabilities recorded in these foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date, and revenues and expenses are converted using the average exchange rates for the period. Net foreign exchange gains and losses arising from the translation are generally reported in shareholders' equity, in accumulated other comprehensive income or loss.

Assets and liabilities relating to foreign operations are translated into the functional currency using current exchange rates; revenues and expenses are translated into the functional currency using the weighted average exchange rate for the period. The resulting exchange gains and losses are reported as a component of net income in the period in which they arise. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, White Mountains had unrealized foreign currency translation gains of \$88.4 million and \$85.7 million recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income on its consolidated balance sheet.

The following rates of exchange for the U.S. dollar have been used for the most significant operations:

Currency	Opening Rate	Closing Rate	Opening Rate	Closing Rate
	2013	2013	2012	2012
Swedish kronor	6.4973	6.4339	6.8645	6.4973
British pound	0.6154	0.6044	0.6434	0.6154
Canadian dollar	0.9955	1.0625	1.0193	0.9955

#### Non-controlling Interest

Non-controlling interests consist of the ownership interests of non-controlling shareholders in consolidated subsidiaries, and are presented separately on the balance sheet. The portion of comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests is presented net of related income taxes in the statement of operations and comprehensive income. The percentage of the non-controlling shareholders' ownership interest in OneBeacon Ltd. at both December 31, 2013 and 2012 was 24.8%.

In 2012, HG Global was capitalized with \$594.5 million from White Mountains and \$14.5 million from certain management members of BAM, the latter of which is included in non-controlling interest. Upon closing, certain BAM management members also received additional common and preferred shares of HG Global that resulted in a \$2.2 million allocation of the carrying value of White Mountains' investment in HG Global to the non-controlling interest, which was recorded as an adjustment to paid-in surplus in White Mountains' consolidated statement of changes in equity.

White Mountains is required to consolidate BAM in its GAAP financial statements. However, since BAM is a mutual insurance company that is owned by its members, BAM's results do not affect White Mountains' common shareholders' equity as they are attributable to non-controlling interests. For the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, BAM reported \$78.6 million and \$36.3 million in pre-tax losses that have been allocated to non-controlling interest.

On May 24, 2007, Sirius International Group, Ltd. ("SIG"), an intermediate holding company of Sirius Group, issued \$250.0 million non-cumulative perpetual preference shares, with a \$1,000 per share liquidation preference (the "SIG Preference Shares"), and received \$245.7 million of proceeds, net of \$4.3 million of issuance costs and commissions. These shares were issued in an offering that was exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933. Holders of the SIG Preference Shares receive dividends on a non-cumulative basis when and if declared by SIG. The holders of the SIG Preference Shares have the right to elect two directors to SIG's board in the event of non-payment of dividends for six quarterly dividend periods. The right ceases upon the payment of dividends for four quarterly periods or the redemption of the SIG Preference Shares. In addition, SIG may not declare or pay dividends

on its common shares (other than stock dividends and dividends paid for purposes of any employee benefit plans of SIG and its subsidiaries) unless it is current on its most recent dividend period. The dividend rate is fixed at an annual rate of 7.506% until June 30, 2017 and dividends are paid on a semi-annual basis. After June 30, 2017, the dividend rate will be paid at a floating annual rate, equal to the greater of (1) the 3 month LIBOR plus 320 bps or (2) 7.506% and dividends will be paid on a quarterly basis. The SIG Preference Shares are redeemable solely at the discretion of SIG on or after June 30, 2017 at their liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share, plus any declared but unpaid dividends. In July 2013, SIG executed a 5-year forward LIBOR cap (the "Interest Rate Cap") for the period from June 2017 to June 2022 to protect against a significant increase in interest rates during that 5-year period. The Interest Rate Cap fixes the annual dividend rate on the SIG Preference Shares from June 2017 to June 2022 at 8.30%. The Interest Rate Cap is recorded in other assets at fair value. Changes in fair value are recorded in other revenue.

F-10

---

Prior to June 30, 2017, SIG may elect to redeem the SIG Preference Shares at an amount equal to the greater of (1) the aggregate liquidation preference of the shares to be redeemed and (2) the sum of the present values of the aggregate liquidation preference of the shares to be redeemed and the remaining scheduled dividend payments on the shares to be redeemed (excluding June 30, 2017), discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis at a rate equal to the rate on a comparable treasury issue plus 45 basis points. In the event of liquidation of SIG, the holders of the SIG Preference Shares would have preference over the common shareholders and would receive a distribution equal to the liquidation preference per share, subject to availability of funds. SIG Preference Shares and dividends thereon are included in non-controlling interest on the balance sheet and as non-controlling interest expense on the statement of income and comprehensive income.

At December 31, 2013 and 2012, the non-controlling equity interest in White Mountains' consolidated limited partnerships was \$46.1 million and \$41.5 million. At December 31, 2013 and 2012, the non-controlling equity interest in A.W.G. Dewar Inc, a subsidiary of OneBeacon, was \$3.1 million and \$2.8 million. On September 30, 2013, Sirius Group purchased the remaining 25.0% ownership in one of its subsidiaries, Passage2Health Limited. At December 31, 2012, the non-controlling equity interest in Passage2Health Limited was \$0.2 million.

#### Variable Interest Entities

White Mountains consolidates a variable interest entity ("VIE") when it has both the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact its economic performance and either the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive returns from the VIE that could potentially be significant to the VIE (See Note 17).

#### Recently Adopted Changes in Accounting Principles

##### Offsetting Assets and Liabilities

Effective January 1, 2013, White Mountains adopted ASU 2011-11, Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities

(ASC 210) and ASU 2013-01, Clarifying the Scope of Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities. The new guidance expands the required disclosures in circumstances where either balances have been offset or the right of offset exists to make it easier for financial statement users to evaluate the effect or potential effect of netting arrangements on a reporting entity's financial position. White Mountains is party to master netting arrangements in connection with derivative instruments held by WM Life Re and Sirius International. As a result of adoption, White Mountains has expanded its disclosures to present the gross amounts of assets and liabilities subject to master netting arrangements along with any related collateral amounts.

##### Policy Acquisition Costs

On January 1, 2012, White Mountains adopted ASU 2010-26, Accounting for Costs Associated with Acquiring or Renewing Insurance Contracts (ASC 944). The new standard changes the types of policy acquisition costs that are eligible for deferral. Specifically, the new guidance limits deferrable costs to those that are incremental direct costs of contract acquisition and certain costs related to acquisition activities performed by the insurer, such as underwriting, policy issuance and processing, medical and inspection costs and sales force contract selling. The ASU defines incremental direct costs as those costs that result directly from and were essential to the contract acquisition and would not have been incurred absent the acquisition. Accordingly, under the new guidance, deferrable acquisition costs are limited to costs related to successful contract acquisitions. Acquisition costs that are not eligible for deferral are to be charged to expense in the period incurred.

White Mountains adopted ASU 2010-26 prospectively. Upon adoption, certain acquisition costs, primarily a portion of the profit sharing commissions associated with OneBeacon's collector car and boats business, no longer met the criteria for deferral. During the year ended December 31, 2012, White Mountains recognized \$5.6 million of expense related to such previously deferrable acquisition costs that, if White Mountains had adopted ASU 2010-26 retrospectively, would have been recognized during 2011.

#### Fair Value Measurements

On January 1, 2012, White Mountains adopted ASU 2011-04, Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRS. The ASU clarifies existing guidance with respect to the concepts of highest and best use and valuation premise and measuring instruments classified within a reporting entity's shareholders' equity. The ASU also clarifies disclosure requirements, requiring disclosure of quantitative information about unobservable inputs used in Level 3 fair value measurements. The ASU also amends existing guidance. In circumstances where a reporting entity manages a portfolio of financial assets and liabilities based on the net market and counterparty credit risk exposures, the ASU permits determination of the fair value of those instruments to be based on the net risk exposure. In addition, the ASU permits the application of premiums or discounts to be applied in a fair value measurement to the extent that market participants would consider them in valuing the financial instruments. The ASU also expands the required disclosures for Level 3 measurements, requiring that reporting entities provide a narrative description of the sensitivity of Level 3 fair value measurements to changes in unobservable inputs and the interrelationships between those inputs, if any. (See Note 5).

F-11

---

### Comprehensive Income

For fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2011, ASU 2011-05, Comprehensive Income (ASC 220) became effective, which requires all components of comprehensive income to be reported in a continuous financial statement or in consecutive statements displaying the components of net income and the components of other comprehensive income. Since White Mountains presents comprehensive income in a continuous financial statement, adoption of ASU 2011-05 had no effect on White Mountains' financial statement presentation.

### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

#### Qualified Affordable Housing Projects

On January 15, 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-01, Accounting for Investments in Qualified Affordable Housing Projects ("QAHP") (ASC 323). The new guidance eases the requirements for an investor to elect to account for its investment in a QAHP using the effective yield method. Prior to the issuance of the new guidance, investors had to have a letter of credit guaranteeing the availability of the tax credit allocable to the investor, had to demonstrate that the projected yield based solely on the cash flows from the guaranteed tax credits was positive and had to be a limited partner in the QAHP for both legal and tax purposes. Under the new guidance, the letter of credit requirement has been eliminated and instead, the investor must simply be able to demonstrate that the tax credit allocable to the investor will be available. Investments in QAHP not meeting the criteria in the new guidance would be accounted for under the equity method or the cost method. The election to use the effective yield method is considered an accounting policy decision that should be applied consistently to all QAHP investments. The new guidance is effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2014. The guidance should be applied retrospectively, with early adoption permitted. White Mountains holds an investment in a QAHP which is accounted for under the equity method and is still in the process of assessing the potential effect of adoption.

#### Unrecognized Tax Benefits

On July 18, 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-11, Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists (ASC 740). The new ASU requires balance sheet presentation of an unrecognized tax benefit as a reduction of a deferred tax asset for a net operating loss ("NOL") carryforward or tax credit carryforward rather than as a liability. The exception is in circumstances where a carryforward is not available to settle the additional taxes that might arise upon disallowance of the tax position under the tax law of the applicable jurisdiction. Prior to the issuance of ASU 2013-11, the guidance for unrecognized tax benefits under ASC 740 did not provide explicit guidance on whether an entity should present an unrecognized tax benefit as a liability or as a reduction of NOL carryforwards or other tax credits. In circumstances where an NOL carryforward is not available to offset settlement of any additional taxes arising from a disallowed tax position, the unrecognized tax benefit should be presented as a liability. The new guidance becomes effective for fiscal periods beginning on or after December 15, 2013 and should be applied prospectively to all unrecognized tax benefits that exist at the effective date. Retrospective adoption is allowed. White Mountains will adopt ASU 2013-11 effective January 1, 2014. White Mountains is still in the process of assessing the effect of adoption, but believes adoption may result in a reclassification between taxes payable and deferred tax assets.

### NOTE 2. Significant Transactions

#### Sale of Essentia Insurance Company

Effective January 1, 2013, OneBeacon completed the sale of Essentia Insurance Company ("Essentia"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary which wrote the collector cars and boats business, to Markel Corporation. Concurrently therewith, OneBeacon and Hagerty Insurance Agency ("Hagerty") terminated their underwriting arrangement with respect to the collector cars and boats business. OneBeacon recognized a pre-tax gain on sale of \$23.0 million (\$15.0 million after tax) in the first quarter of 2013. The business associated with this agreement generated net written premiums of \$179.7 million and \$166.6 million for December 31, 2012 and 2011, or 8.0% of White Mountains' net written premiums for both periods.

#### Formation of HG Global and BAM

In 2012, White Mountains capitalized HG Global with \$594.5 million to fund BAM, a newly formed mutual municipal bond insurer. As of December 31, 2013, White Mountains owned 97.3% of HG Global's preferred equity and 88.7% of its common equity. HG Global, together with its subsidiaries, provided the initial capitalization of BAM through the purchase of \$503.0 million of BAM Surplus Notes. HG Global provides first loss reinsurance protection for policies underwritten by BAM of up to 15% of par outstanding on a per policy basis through HG Re, which had statutory capital of \$436.9 million and \$412.0 million at December 31, 2013 and 2012. HG Re's obligations to BAM are collateralized in trusts, and there is an aggregate loss limit that is equal to the total assets in the collateral trusts at any point in time.

F-12

---

#### Sale of OneBeacon Runoff Business

On October 17, 2012, one of OneBeacon's indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries, OneBeacon Insurance Group LLC, entered into a definitive agreement (as amended, the "Runoff SPA") with Trebuchet US Holdings, Inc. ("Trebuchet"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Armour Group Holdings Limited (together with Trebuchet, "Armour"), to sell the Runoff Business (the "Runoff Transaction"). Pursuant to the terms of the Runoff SPA, at closing OneBeacon will transfer to Trebuchet all of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock of certain legal entities that will contain the assets, liabilities (including gross and ceded loss reserves) and capital supporting the Runoff Business as well as certain elements of the Runoff Business infrastructure, including staff and office space. The transaction is subject to regulatory approvals and is expected to close in mid-2014 (see Note 21).

#### WM Solutions

On October 15, 2013, WM Solutions acquired Empire Insurance Company ("Empire"), a runoff insurance subsidiary of Leucadia National Corporation. The transaction resulted in a gain of \$7.3 million recorded in other revenue.

In the first quarter of 2013, WM Solutions acquired Ashmere Insurance Company ("Ashmere", formerly known as American Fuji Fire and Marine Insurance Company), an American International Group, Inc. ("AIG") runoff subsidiary. The transaction resulted in a gain of \$6.9 million recorded in other revenue.

On December 3, 2012, WM Solutions acquired four runoff entities including Physicians Insurance Company of Ohio ("PICO") and Citation Insurance Company ("Citation") from PICO Holdings and two AIG runoff subsidiaries, Woodridge Insurance Company ("Woodridge", formerly known as American General Indemnity Company) and Oakwood Insurance Company ("Oakwood", formerly known as American General Property Insurance Company). The transactions resulted in a gain of \$14.5 million recorded in other revenue.

On December 30, 2011, WM Solutions acquired the runoff loss reserve portfolio of Old Lyme, a Bermuda-based reinsurer in runoff, for \$6.0 million in cash and a purchase note for \$2.1 million (see Note 6). The transaction resulted in a gain of \$7.2 million recorded in other revenue.

#### Sale of AutoOne

On August 30, 2011, OneBeacon entered into a definitive agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") to sell the AutoOne business to Interboro Holdings, Inc. ("Interboro"). On February 22, 2012, OneBeacon completed the sale of AutoOne to Interboro Holdings, Inc. ("Interboro"). OneBeacon formed AutoOne in 2001 to provide products and services to automobile assigned risk markets primarily in New York and New Jersey. OneBeacon transferred to the buyer AutoOne Insurance Company ("AOIC") and AutoOne Select Insurance Company ("AOSIC"), which contained the assets, liabilities (including loss reserves and unearned premiums), and the capital of the AutoOne business, and transferred substantially all of the AutoOne infrastructure including systems and office space as well as certain staff. As a result of the sale, AutoOne is reported as discontinued operations (see Note 21).

#### Sale of Esurance

On October 7, 2011, White Mountains completed the sale of Esurance Insurance and AFI to The Allstate Corporation ("Allstate") for \$700.0 million in excess of tangible book value. White Mountains recorded a gain on the sale of \$677.5 million in discontinued operations (see Note 21). The transaction is subject to a true-up of the estimated tangible book value of the entities sold through the date of closing and certain other contingencies (see Note 20).



## NOTE 3. Reserves for Unpaid Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses

## Insurance

White Mountains' insurance subsidiaries establish loss and LAE reserves that are estimates of amounts needed to pay claims and related expenses in the future for insured events that have already occurred. The process of estimating reserves involves a considerable degree of judgment by management and, as of any given date, is inherently uncertain. Loss and LAE reserves are typically comprised of (1) case reserves for claims reported and (2) reserves for losses that have occurred but for which claims have not yet been reported, referred to as incurred but not reported ("IBNR") reserves, which include a provision for expected future development on case reserves. Case reserves are estimated based on the experience and knowledge of claims staff regarding the nature and potential cost of each claim and are adjusted as additional information becomes known or payments are made. IBNR reserves are derived by subtracting paid loss and LAE and case reserves from estimates of ultimate loss and LAE. Actuaries estimate ultimate loss and LAE using various generally accepted actuarial methods applied to known losses and other relevant information. Like case reserves, IBNR reserves are adjusted as additional information becomes known or payments are made.

Ultimate loss and LAE are generally determined by extrapolation of claim emergence and settlement patterns observed in the past that can reasonably be expected to persist into the future. In forecasting ultimate loss and LAE with respect to any line of business, past experience with respect to that line of business is the primary resource, but cannot be relied upon in isolation. White Mountains' own experience, particularly claims development experience, such as trends in case reserves, payments on and closings of claims, as well as changes in business mix and coverage limits, is the most important information for estimating its reserves. External data, available from organizations such as statistical bureaus, consulting firms and reinsurance companies, is sometimes used to supplement or corroborate White Mountains' own experience, and can be especially useful for estimating costs of new business. For some lines of business, such as "long-tail" coverages discussed below, claims data reported in the most recent accident year is often too limited to provide a meaningful basis for analysis due to the typical delay in reporting of claims. For this type of business, White Mountains uses a selected loss ratio method for the initial accident year or years. This is a standard and accepted actuarial reserve estimation method in these circumstances in which the loss ratio is selected based upon information used in pricing policies for that line of business, as well as any publicly available industry data, such as industry pricing, experience and trends, for that line of business.

Uncertainties in estimating ultimate loss and LAE are magnified by the time lag between when a claim actually occurs and when it is reported and settled. This time lag is sometimes referred to as the "claim-tail". The claim-tail for most property coverages is typically short (usually a few days up to a few months). The claim-tail for liability/casualty coverages, such as automobile liability, general liability, products liability, multiple peril coverage, and workers compensation, can be especially long as claims are often reported and ultimately paid or settled years, even decades, after the related loss events occur. During the long claims reporting and settlement period, additional facts regarding coverages written in prior accident years, as well as about actual claims and trends may become known and, as a result, White Mountains may adjust its reserves. If management determines that an adjustment is appropriate, the adjustment is booked in the accounting period in which such determination is made in accordance with GAAP.

Accordingly, should reserves need to be increased or decreased in the future from amounts currently established, future results of operations would be negatively or positively impacted, as applicable.

In determining ultimate loss and LAE, the cost to indemnify claimants, provide needed legal defense and other services for insureds and administer the investigation and adjustment of claims are considered. These claim costs are influenced by many factors that change over time, such as expanded coverage definitions as a result of new court decisions, inflation in costs to repair or replace damaged property, inflation in the cost of medical services and legislated changes in statutory benefits, as well as by the particular, unique facts that pertain to each claim. As a result, the rate at which claims arose in the past and the costs to settle them may not always be representative of what will occur in the future. The factors influencing changes in claim costs are often difficult to isolate or quantify and developments in paid and incurred losses from historical trends are frequently subject to multiple and conflicting interpretations. Changes in coverage terms or claims handling practices may also cause future experience and/or development patterns to vary from the past. A key objective of actuaries in developing estimates of ultimate loss and LAE, and resulting IBNR reserves, is to identify aberrations and systemic changes occurring within historical

experience and accurately adjust for them so that the future can be projected reliably. Because of the factors previously discussed, this process requires the use of informed judgment and is inherently uncertain.

F-14

---

White Mountains' actuaries use several generally accepted actuarial methods to evaluate its loss reserves, each of which has its own strengths and weaknesses. Management places more or less reliance on a particular method based on the facts and circumstances at the time the reserve estimates are made. These methods generally fall into one of the following categories or are hybrids of one or more of the following categories:

**Historical paid loss development methods:** These methods use historical loss payments over discrete periods of time to estimate future losses. Historical paid loss development methods assume that the ratio of losses paid in one period to losses paid in an earlier period will remain constant. These methods necessarily assume that factors that have affected paid losses in the past, such as inflation or the effects of litigation, will remain constant in the future. Because historical paid loss development methods do not use case reserves to estimate ultimate losses, they can be more reliable than the other methods discussed below that look to case reserves (such as actuarial methods that use incurred losses) in situations where there are significant changes in how case reserves are established by a company's claims adjusters. However, historical paid loss development methods are more leveraged, meaning that small changes in payments have a larger impact on estimates of ultimate losses, than actuarial methods that use incurred losses because cumulative loss payments take much longer to equal the expected ultimate losses than cumulative incurred amounts. In addition, and for similar reasons, historical paid loss development methods are often slow to react to situations when new or different factors arise than those that have affected paid losses in the past.

**Historical incurred loss development methods:** These methods, like historical paid loss development methods, assume that the ratio of losses in one period to losses in an earlier period will remain constant in the future. However, instead of using paid losses, these methods use incurred losses (i.e., the sum of cumulative historical loss payments plus outstanding case reserves) over discrete periods of time to estimate future losses. Historical incurred loss development methods can be preferable to historical paid loss development methods because they explicitly take into account open cases and the claims adjusters' evaluations of the cost to settle all known claims. However, historical incurred loss development methods necessarily assume that case reserving practices are consistently applied over time. Therefore, when there have been significant changes in how case reserves are established, using incurred loss data to project ultimate losses can be less reliable than other methods.

**Expected loss ratio methods:** These methods are based on the assumption that ultimate losses vary proportionately with premiums. Expected loss ratios are typically developed based upon the information used in pricing, and are multiplied by the total amount of premiums written to calculate ultimate losses. Expected loss ratio methods are useful for estimating ultimate losses in the early years of long-tailed lines of business, when little or no paid or incurred loss information is available.

**Adjusted historical paid and incurred loss development methods:** These methods take traditional historical paid and incurred loss development methods and adjust them for the estimated impact of changes from the past in factors such as inflation, the speed of claim payments or the adequacy of case reserves. Adjusted historical paid and incurred loss development methods are often more reliable methods of predicting ultimate losses in periods of significant change, provided the actuaries can develop methods to reasonably quantify the impact of changes.

White Mountains performs an actuarial review of its recorded reserves each quarter. White Mountains' actuaries compare the previous quarter's estimates of paid loss and LAE, case reserves and IBNR to amounts indicated by actual experience. Differences between previous estimates and actual experience are evaluated to determine whether a given actuarial method for estimating loss and LAE should be relied upon to a greater or lesser extent than it had been in the past. While some variance is expected each quarter due to the inherent uncertainty in loss and LAE, persistent or large variances would indicate that prior assumptions and/or reliance on certain reserving methods may need to be revised going forward.

The actuarial analysis is a primary consideration for management in determining its best estimate of loss and LAE reserves. In making its best estimate, management also considers other qualitative factors that may lead to a difference between its best estimate of loss and LAE reserves and the actuarial point estimate. Typically, these factors exist when

management and the company's actuaries conclude that there is insufficient historical incurred and paid loss information or that trends included in the historical incurred and paid loss information are unlikely to repeat in the future. These factors may include, among others, changes in the techniques used to assess underwriting risk, more accurate and detailed levels of data submitted with reinsurance applications, the uncertainty of the current reinsurance pricing environment, the level of inflation in loss costs, changes in ceding company reserving practices, and legal and regulatory developments.

F-15

---

## Reinsurance

Sirius Group establishes loss and LAE reserves that are estimates of future amounts needed to pay claims and related expenses for events that have already occurred. Sirius Group also obtains reinsurance whereby another reinsurer contractually agrees to indemnify White Mountains for all or a portion of the reinsurance risks underwritten by White Mountains. Such arrangements, where one reinsurer provides reinsurance to another reinsurer, are usually referred to as “retrocessional reinsurance” arrangements. White Mountains establishes estimates of amounts recoverable from retrocessional reinsurance in a manner consistent with the loss and LAE liability associated with reinsurance contracts offered to its customers (the “ceding companies”), net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts. Net reinsurance loss reserves represent loss and LAE reserves reduced by retrocessional reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses.

The estimation of net reinsurance loss and LAE reserves is subject to the same risk as the estimation of insurance loss and LAE reserves. In addition to those risk factors which give rise to inherent uncertainties in establishing insurance loss and LAE reserves, the inherent uncertainties of estimating such reserves are even greater for the reinsurer, due primarily to: (1) the claim-tail for reinsurers being further extended because claims are first reported to the original primary insurance company and then through one or more intermediaries or reinsurers, (2) the diversity of loss development patterns among different types of reinsurance treaties or facultative contracts, (3) the necessary reliance on the ceding companies for information regarding reported claims and (4) the differing reserving practices among ceding companies.

As with insurance reserves, the process of estimating reinsurance reserves involves a considerable degree of judgment by management and, as of any given date, is inherently uncertain. Based on the above, such uncertainty may be larger relative to the reserves for a company that principally writes reinsurance compared to an insurance company, and certainty may take a longer time to emerge.

Upon notification of a loss from an insured (typically a ceding company), Sirius Group establishes case reserves, including LAE reserves, based upon Sirius Group’s share of the amount of reserves established by the insured and Sirius Group’s independent evaluation of the loss. In cases where available information indicates that reserves established by a ceding company are inadequate, Sirius Group establishes case reserves or IBNR in excess of its share of the reserves established by the ceding company. Also, in certain instances, Sirius Group may decide not to establish case reserves or IBNR, when the information available indicates that reserves established by ceding companies are not adequately supported. In addition, specific claim information reported by insureds or obtained through claim audits can alert management to emerging trends such as changing legal interpretations of coverage and liability, claims from unexpected sources or classes of business, and significant changes in the frequency or severity of individual claims where customary. Generally, ceding company audits are not customary outside the United States. This information is often used to supplement estimates of IBNR.

Although loss and LAE reserves are initially determined based on underwriting and pricing analyses, Sirius Group regularly reviews the adequacy of its recorded reserves by using a variety of generally accepted actuarial methods, including historical incurred and paid loss development methods. If actual loss activity differs substantially from expectations, an adjustment to recorded reserves may be warranted. As time passes, loss reserve estimates for a given year will rely more on actual loss activity and historical patterns than on initial assumptions based on pricing indications.

The actuarial methods described above are used to calculate a point estimate of loss and LAE reserves for each company within Sirius Group. These point estimates are then aggregated to produce an actuarial point estimate for the entire segment. Once a point estimate is established, Sirius Group’s actuaries estimate loss reserve ranges to measure the sensitivity of the actuarial assumptions used to set the point estimates. These ranges are calculated from historical variations in loss ratios, payment and reporting patterns by class and type of business.

## Loss and Loss Adjustment Expense Reserve Summary

The following table summarizes the loss and LAE reserve activities of White Mountains' insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011:

Millions	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Gross beginning balance	\$3,168.9	\$5,702.3	\$5,736.8
Less beginning reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses	(429.1 )	(2,507.3 )	(2,344.0 )
Net loss and LAE reserves	2,739.8	3,195.0	3,392.8
Less: Beginning net loss and LAE reserves for AutoOne and the Runoff Transaction <sup>(1)</sup>	—	(383.3 )	(619.6 )
Loss and LAE reserves acquired <sup>(2)</sup>	37.7	17.0	21.0
Losses and LAE incurred relating to:			
Current year losses	1,088.9	1,235.8	1,251.0
Prior year losses	(48.4 )	(41.9 )	(76.7 )
Total incurred losses and LAE	1,040.5	1,193.9	1,174.3
Accretion of fair value adjustment to net loss and LAE reserves	1.7	10.6	8.3
Foreign currency translation adjustment to net loss and LAE reserves	.3	12.9	.1
Loss and LAE paid relating to:			
Current year losses	(336.2 )	(404.7 )	(387.9 )
Prior year losses	(832.6 )	(901.6 )	(777.3 )
Total loss and LAE payments	(1,168.8 )	(1,306.3 )	(1,165.2 )
Plus: Ending net loss and LAE reserves for AutoOne and the Runoff Transaction <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	383.3
Net ending balance	2,651.2	2,739.8	3,195.0
Plus ending reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses	428.1	429.1	2,507.3
Gross ending balance	\$3,079.3	\$3,168.9	\$5,702.3

Loss and LAE reserve balances from OneBeacon's Runoff Business prior to December 31, 2012 and AutoOne prior to December 31, 2011 were not classified as held for sale. Adjustment is to present loss and LAE reserve activities for continuing operations.

<sup>(2)</sup> Loss and LAE reserves acquired relate to WM Solutions purchases of Empire and Ashmere in 2013, PICO, Citation, Woodridge and Oakwood in 2012 and Old Lyme in 2011.

## Loss and LAE development —2013

During the year ended December 31, 2013, White Mountains experienced \$48.4 million of net favorable loss reserve development, which related entirely to Sirius Group. Sirius Group's net favorable loss reserve development included \$23.9 million of favorable loss reserve development on prior years' catastrophe losses. Other major reductions in loss reserve estimates recognized included property (\$16.6 million), aviation/space (\$10.1 million), and accident and health (\$9.2 million) lines, partially offset by an \$11.8 million increase in asbestos loss reserves.

During 2013, OneBeacon experienced no net loss and LAE reserve development on prior accident year reserves. OneBeacon experienced unfavorable development primarily related to property, general liability and accident and health lines, which was offset by favorable development in its other liability and ocean marine lines.



#### Loss and LAE development —2012

During the year ended December 31, 2012, White Mountains experienced \$41.9 million of net favorable loss reserve development, which consisted of \$7.4 million of net favorable loss reserve development at OneBeacon and \$34.5 million of net favorable loss reserve development at Sirius Group.

During 2012, OneBeacon experienced \$7.4 million of net favorable loss and LAE reserve development on prior accident year reserves. The favorable reserve development at OneBeacon was primarily from workers' compensation, multiple peril liability and general liability lines. This favorable development was offset somewhat by adverse development on excess property claims.

In 2012, Sirius Group had net favorable loss reserve development of \$34.5 million. The major reductions in loss reserve estimates at Sirius Group were recognized in casualty runoff (\$31.5 million), property (\$28.4 million), marine/energy (\$11.6 million), trade credit (\$6.8 million) and aviation/space (\$5.3 million) lines, partially offset by a \$46.4 million increase in asbestos loss reserves and a \$4.3 million increase in accident and health.

#### Loss and LAE development —2011

During the year ended December 31, 2011, White Mountains experienced \$76.7 million of net favorable loss reserve development, which consisted of \$29.8 million of net favorable loss and LAE reserve development on prior accident year loss reserves at OneBeacon and \$46.9 million of net favorable loss reserve development at Sirius Group.

OneBeacon's net favorable loss and LAE reserve development was primarily due to lower than expected severity on losses related to professional liability lines, multiple peril liability lines and other general liability lines. With respect to the favorable loss reserve development in specialty insurance operations, at December 31, 2010, management had revised its expectations downward for future loss emergence in the professional liability business, which had initially been based on market analysis when this business was initiated in 2002 and 2003. However, during 2011, losses continued to be significantly lower than these revised expectations. As a result, management lowered its selected reserves on the earliest years which affected more recent years as total loss expectations for those years are based in part on prior years' results. The impact of this revised estimate was a decrease to professional liability reserves of \$11.5 million.

During 2010, management began separately reviewing loss reserves for some business which had been previously managed as a part of OneBeacon's former commercial lines underwriting unit. As of December 31, 2010, the reserves for these businesses had been selected based on expected emergence that was based on the historic loss development of former commercial lines underwriting unit. However, during 2011 the actual emerged experience for these businesses was

significantly lower than the expected emergence. As a result of this favorable emergence, management lowered the loss

reserves for these businesses by \$(14.0) million during 2011.

In addition to the development described for the lines of business above, OneBeacon also recorded a \$4.3 million net decrease in reserves in other lines of business as a result of its review of loss reserves at December 31, 2011.

The net favorable loss reserve development at Sirius Group was primarily attributable to \$41.2 million of favorable development on property lines including, \$(13.1) million of loss reserve reductions for the 2010 Chile earthquake, partially offset by asbestos and environmental increases of \$12.3 million.

#### Fair value adjustment to loss and LAE reserves

In connection with purchase accounting for acquisitions, White Mountains is required to adjust loss and LAE reserves and the related reinsurance recoverables to fair value on their respective acquired balance sheets. The net reduction to loss and LAE reserves is being recognized through an income statement charge ratably with and over the period the claims are settled.

White Mountains recognized \$1.7 million, \$10.6 million and \$8.3 million of such charges, recorded as loss and LAE during 2013, 2012 and 2011. As of December 31, 2013, the pre-tax un-accreted adjustment was \$4.7 million.





#### Asbestos and Environmental Loss and Loss Adjustment Expense Reserve Activity

White Mountains' reserves include provisions made for claims that assert damages from asbestos and environmental related exposures. Asbestos claims relate primarily to injuries asserted by those who came in contact with asbestos or products containing asbestos. Environmental claims relate primarily to pollution and related clean-up cost obligations, particularly as mandated by U.S. federal and state environmental protection agencies. In addition to the factors described above regarding the reserving process, White Mountains estimates its A&E reserves based upon, among other factors, facts surrounding reported cases and exposures to claims, such as policy limits and deductibles, current law, past and projected claim activity and past settlement values for similar claims, as well as analysis of industry studies and events, such as recent settlements and asbestos-related bankruptcies. The cost of administering A&E claims, which is an important factor in estimating loss reserves, tends to be higher than in the case of non-A&E claims due to the higher legal costs typically associated with A&E claims.

Substantially all of OneBeacon's reserves for unpaid loss and LAE for asbestos and environmental exposures relates to discontinued operations (see Note 21). As of December 31, 2013, the remaining unpaid loss and LAE loss reserves for asbestos and environmental exposures related to continuing operations is less than \$1.0 million on both a gross and net basis at December 31, 2013.

Sirius Group's A&E exposure is primarily from reinsurance contracts written between 1974 through 1985 by acquired companies, mainly MONY Reinsurance Company and Christiania General Insurance Company. The exposures are mostly higher layer excess of loss treaty and facultative coverages with relatively low limits exposed for each claim. In 2013 and 2012, Sirius Group increased its net A&E exposure through incoming runoff portfolios acquired by White Mountains Solutions. These acquisitions added \$13.0 million in net asbestos reserves and \$1.0 million in net environmental reserves in 2013, and \$11.0 million in net asbestos reserves and \$0.7 million in net environmental reserves in 2012. The acquisition of companies having modest portfolios of A&E exposure has been typical of several prior White Mountains Solutions transactions and is likely to be an element of at least some future acquisitions. However, the acquisition of new A&E liabilities is undertaken only after careful due diligence and utilizing conservative reserving assumptions in relation to industry benchmarks. In the case of the portfolios acquired during 2013 and 2012, the exposures arise almost entirely from old assumed reinsurance contracts having small limits of liability.

Sirius Group recorded \$11.8 million, \$46.4 million and \$10.3 million of asbestos-related incurred losses and LAE on its already existing asbestos reserves in 2013, 2012 and 2011. The 2013 incurred losses were primarily the result of management's monitoring of a variety of metrics including actual paid and reported claims activity as compared to the most recent in-depth analysis performed in 2012, net paid and reported survival ratios, peer comparisons, and industry benchmarks. In 2012, the increase in net asbestos losses included \$14.0 million in response to Sirius Group's quarterly monitoring of newly reported claims and \$33.0 million as a result of an in-depth analysis of all treaty and facultative contracts likely to have asbestos exposure which examined total expected asbestos losses and LAE from a variety of information sources, including previous asbestos studies, reported client data and external benchmarking scenarios. The 2011 incurred losses were primarily the result of management's monitoring of a variety of metrics including actual paid and reported claims activity, net survival ratios, peer comparisons, and industry benchmarks.

Sirius Group recorded an increase of \$0.8 million and \$2.0 million of environmental losses in 2013 and 2011, and a decrease of \$0.5 million of environmental losses in 2012 on its already existing reserves.

Sirius Group's net reserves for A&E losses were \$193.9 million and \$189.4 million at December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Sirius Group's A&E three-year net paid survival ratio was approximately 8.0 years and 9.0 years at December 31, 2013 and 2012.

White Mountains' reserves for A&E losses at December 31, 2013 represent management's best estimate of its ultimate liability based on information currently available. However, as case law expands, and medical and clean-up costs increase and industry settlement practices change, White Mountains may be subject to asbestos and environmental losses beyond currently estimated amounts. White Mountains cannot reasonably estimate at the present time loss reserve additions arising from any such future adverse developments and cannot be sure that allocated loss reserves, plus the remaining capacity under the NICO Cover and other reinsurance contracts, will be sufficient to cover additional liability arising from any such adverse developments.



## Sirius Group

Net A&E Loss Reserve Activity	Year Ended December 31,					
	2013		2012		2011	
Millions	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
<b>Asbestos:</b>						
Beginning balance	\$ 208.2	\$ 174.2	\$ 185.1	\$ 146.2	\$ 191.9	\$ 151.5
Losses and LAE acquired	13.0	13.0	11.0	11.0	—	—
Incurred losses and LAE	12.1	11.8	46.8	46.4	13.6	10.3
Paid losses and LAE	(25.9 )	(20.3 )	(34.7 )	(29.4 )	(20.4 )	(15.6 )
Ending balance	207.4	178.7	208.2	174.2	185.1	146.2
<b>Environmental:</b>						
Beginning balance	20.4	15.2	22.1	16.5	22.4	18.1
Losses and LAE acquired	1.0	1.0	.7	.7	—	—
Incurred losses and LAE	.8	.8	(.1 )	(.5 )	2.9	2.0
Paid losses and LAE	(1.8 )	(1.8 )	(2.3 )	(1.5 )	(3.2 )	(3.6 )
Ending balance	20.4	15.2	20.4	15.2	22.1	16.5
<b>Total asbestos and environmental:</b>						
Beginning balance	228.6	189.4	207.2	162.7	214.3	169.6
Losses and LAE acquired	14.0	14.0	11.7	11.7	—	—
Incurred losses and LAE	12.9	12.6	46.7	45.9	16.5	12.3
Paid losses and LAE	(27.7 )	(22.1 )	(37.0 )	(30.9 )	(23.6 )	(19.2 )
Ending balance	\$ 227.8	\$ 193.9	\$ 228.6	\$ 189.4	\$ 207.2	\$ 162.7

## NOTE 4. Third-Party Reinsurance

In the normal course of business, White Mountains' insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries seek to limit losses that may arise from catastrophes or other events by reinsuring with third-party reinsurers. White Mountains remains liable for risks reinsured in the event that the reinsurer does not honor its obligations under reinsurance contracts. The effects of reinsurance on White Mountains' insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries' written and earned premiums and on losses and LAE were as follows (see Note 9 for balances related to White Mountains financial guarantee business):

Millions	Year Ended December 31, 2013		
	OneBeacon	Sirius Group	Total
<b>Written premiums:</b>			
Direct	\$ 1,103.1	\$ 177.3	\$ 1,280.4
Assumed	59.8	943.1	1,002.9
Gross written premiums	1,162.9	1,120.4	2,283.3
Ceded	(74.3 )	(243.8 )	(318.1 )
Net written premiums	\$ 1,088.6	\$ 876.6	\$ 1,965.2
<b>Earned premiums:</b>			
Direct	\$ 1,043.3	\$ 174.0	\$ 1,217.3
Assumed	148.5	938.6	1,087.1
Gross earned premiums	1,191.8	1,112.6	2,304.4
Ceded	(71.4 )	(246.2 )	(317.6 )
Net earned premiums	\$ 1,120.4	\$ 866.4	\$ 1,986.8
<b>Losses and LAE:</b>			
Direct	\$ 584.9	\$ 98.1	\$ 683.0
Assumed	76.3	455.5	531.8
Gross losses and LAE	661.2	553.6	1,214.8
Ceded	(39.1 )	(135.2 )	(174.3 )
Net losses and LAE	\$ 622.1	\$ 418.4	\$ 1,040.5

F-20

---

Edgar Filing: WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP LTD - Form 10-K

Millions	Year Ended December 31, 2012		
	OneBeacon	Sirius Group	Total
Written premiums:			
Direct	\$1,204.0	\$186.1	\$1,390.1
Assumed	55.2	992.7	1,047.9
Gross written premiums	1,259.2	1,178.8	2,438.0
Ceded	(80.0)	) (231.1	) (311.1
Net written premiums	\$1,179.2	\$947.7	\$2,126.9
Earned premiums:			
Direct	\$1,158.3	\$169.9	\$1,328.2
Assumed	52.8	988.3	1,041.1
Gross earned premiums	1,211.1	1,158.2	2,369.3
Ceded	(79.1)	) (226.6	) (305.7
Net earned premiums	\$1,132.0	\$931.6	\$2,063.6
Losses and LAE:			
Direct	\$687.5	\$96.9	\$784.4
Assumed	29.6	523.9	553.5
Gross losses and LAE	717.1	620.8	1,337.9
Ceded	(67.1)	) (76.9	) (144.0
Net losses and LAE	\$650.0	\$543.9	\$1,193.9

Millions	Year Ended December 31, 2011		
	OneBeacon	Sirius Group	Total
Written premiums:			
Direct	\$1,079.2	\$139.5	\$1,218.7
Assumed	49.1	988.6	1,037.7
Gross written premiums	1,128.3	1,128.1	2,256.4
Ceded	(65.6)	) (212.4	) (278.0
Net written premiums	\$1,062.7	\$915.7	\$1,978.4
Earned premiums:			
Direct	\$1,035.9	\$128.5	\$1,164.4
Assumed	42.3	989.8	1,032.1
Gross earned premiums	1,078.2	1,118.3	2,196.5
Ceded	(66.0)	) (206.0	) (272.0
Net earned premiums	\$1,012.2	\$912.3	\$1,924.5
Losses and LAE:			
Direct	\$551.8	\$80.0	\$631.8
Assumed	9.2	627.8	637.0
Gross losses and LAE	561.0	707.8	1,268.8
Ceded	(12.7)	) (81.8	) (94.5
Net losses and LAE	\$548.3	\$626.0	\$1,174.3

## OneBeacon

In the normal course of business, OneBeacon purchases reinsurance from high-quality, highly rated, third-party reinsurers in order to minimize loss from large losses or catastrophic events.

The timing and size of catastrophe losses are unpredictable and the level of losses experienced in any year could be material to OneBeacon's operating results and financial position. Examples of catastrophes include losses caused by earthquakes, wildfires, hurricanes and other types of storms and terrorist acts. The extent of losses caused by catastrophes is a function of the amount and type of insured exposure in the area affected by the event as well as the severity of the event. OneBeacon uses models (primarily AIR Worldwide ("AIR") Classic/2 version 15.0) to estimate the potential losses from catastrophes. OneBeacon uses this model output in conjunction with other data to manage its exposure to catastrophe losses through individual risk selection and by limiting its concentration of insurance written in catastrophe-prone areas such as coastal regions. In addition, OneBeacon imposes wind deductibles on existing coastal windstorm exposures.

Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, OneBeacon has sought to mitigate the risk associated with any future terrorist attacks by limiting the aggregate insured value of policies in geographic areas with exposure to losses from terrorist attacks. This is accomplished by either limiting the total insured values exposed, or, where applicable, through the use of terrorism exclusions.

In December 2007, the U.S. government extended the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (the "Terrorism Act" or "TRIPRA") until December 31, 2014. The Terrorism Act established a federal "backstop" for commercial property and casualty losses, including workers compensation, resulting from acts of terrorism by or on behalf of any foreign person or foreign interest. As extended, the law now also covers domestic acts of terrorism. The law limits the industry's aggregate liability by requiring the federal government to share 85% of certified losses once a company meets a specific retention or deductible as determined by its prior year's direct written premiums and limits the aggregate liability to be paid by the government and industry without further action by Congress at \$100.0 billion. In exchange for this "backstop," primary insurers are required to make coverage available to commercial insureds for losses from acts of terrorism as specified in the Terrorism Act. The following types of coverage are excluded from the program: commercial automobile, burglary and theft, surety, farmowners multi-peril and all professional liability coverage except directors and officers coverage.

OneBeacon estimates its individual retention level for commercial policies subject to the Terrorism Act to be approximately \$100.0 million in 2014. The federal government will pay 85% of covered terrorism losses that exceed OneBeacon's or the industry's retention levels in 2014, up to a total of \$100.0 billion.

OneBeacon seeks to further reduce its potential loss from catastrophe exposures through the purchase of catastrophe reinsurance. Effective May 1, 2013, OneBeacon renewed its property catastrophe reinsurance program through April 30, 2014. The program provides coverage for OneBeacon's property business as well as certain acts of terrorism. Under the program, the first \$20.0 million of losses resulting from any single catastrophe are retained and \$117.0 million of the next \$130.0 million of losses resulting from the catastrophe are reinsured in three layers. OneBeacon retains 50% of losses from \$20.0 million to \$30.0 million, 10% of losses from \$30.0 million to \$70.0 million, and 5% of losses from \$70.0 million to \$150.0 million. Thus, for a \$150.0 million loss, OneBeacon would retain \$33.0 million. Losses above \$150.0 million are not covered by the property catastrophe program. In the event of a catastrophe, OneBeacon's property catastrophe reinsurance program is reinstated for the remainder of the original contract term by paying a reinstatement premium that is based on the percentage of coverage reinstated and the original property catastrophe coverage premium. This \$150.0 million limit was reduced from the \$180.0 million limit that OneBeacon's previous catastrophe reinsurance program provided, as a result of lower catastrophe exposure as a specialty-focused company.

OneBeacon's property catastrophe reinsurance program does not cover property losses resulting from any nuclear events or biological, chemical or radiological terrorist attacks or losses resulting from acts of terrorism as defined under the Terrorism Act, committed by an individual or individuals acting on behalf of any foreign person or foreign interest, as well as domestic acts of terrorism. Such losses are subject to coverage provided to insurance companies by TRIPRA.

OneBeacon purchases property-per-risk reinsurance coverage to reduce large loss volatility. The property-per-risk reinsurance program reinsures losses in excess of \$10.0 million up to \$100.0 million on certain risks. Individual risk

facultative reinsurance is purchased above \$100.0 million. OneBeacon retains 5% for losses in excess of \$20.0 million up to \$40.0 million and 10% of losses in excess of \$40.0 million. The property-per-risk treaty also provides one limit of reinsurance protection for losses in excess of \$10.0 million up to \$100.0 million for acts of foreign terrorism. However, any nuclear events, or biological, chemical or radiological terrorist attacks are not covered.

F-22

---



OneBeacon also maintains a casualty reinsurance program that provides protection for individual policies involving general liability, automobile liability, professional liability or umbrella liability. OneBeacon's healthcare professional liability treaty covers losses in excess of \$5.0 million up to \$20.0 million in two layers. The first layer, \$5.0 million excess of \$5.0 million, has a 10% co-participation. All other casualty business is covered in a separate treaty covering losses in excess of \$5.0 million up to \$21.0 million. This treaty has a 10.0% co-participation in the first layer (\$6.0 million in excess of \$5.0 million) as well as a \$3.0 million aggregate deductible, and a 5% co-participation in the second layer (\$10.0 million in excess of \$11.0 million). OneBeacon also purchases a treaty to protect against large workers compensation losses that covers 100% of the loss in excess of \$1.0 million up to \$10.0 million per occurrence. Additionally, for casualty and/or workers compensation catastrophe losses, OneBeacon maintains a dedicated clash treaty that covers up to \$60.0 million in excess of a \$10.0 million retention.

OneBeacon purchases a per-occurrence treaty for inland and ocean marine business that protects against large occurrences, whether a single large claim or a catastrophe. The marine treaty attaches at \$2.0 million per occurrence. The first layer of the marine treaty is \$5.0 million in excess of \$2.0 million, with annual aggregate deductibles of \$1.5 million for individual ocean marine large claims, \$1.5 million for individual inland marine large claims and \$5.0 million for catastrophe losses. OneBeacon retains 60% of the loss from \$2.0 million up to \$7.0 million. Catastrophe coverage is provided up to \$60.0 million. Retained catastrophe losses are subject to the corporate catastrophe treaty. Individual risk losses from inland marine exceeding \$20.0 million are subject to the corporate property per risk treaty. Reinstatement premiums are paid in full or in part depending on the layer and the occurrence if the coverage is attached. OneBeacon also purchases reinsurance for its surety underwriting operating segment which covers 100% of losses in excess of \$5.0 million up to \$30.0 million per bond and up to \$60.0 million in aggregate.

At December 31, 2013, OneBeacon had \$9.7 million and \$80.2 million of reinsurance recoverables on paid and unpaid losses. Reinsurance contracts do not relieve OneBeacon of its obligation to its policyholders. OneBeacon is selective with its reinsurers, placing reinsurance with only those reinsurers having a strong financial condition. OneBeacon monitors the financial strength of its reinsurers on an ongoing basis. Uncollectible amounts historically have not been significant.

The following table summarizes Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("Standard & Poor's") ratings for OneBeacon's reinsurers. The reinsurance balances associated with the Runoff Business are included in discontinued operations (see Note 21).

Standard & Poor's Rating <sup>(1)</sup>	Balance at December 31, 2013	% of Total	
AA	\$26.4	30	%
A	56.1	62	%
BBB+, Not rated and other	7.4	8	%
Total	\$89.9	100	%

<sup>(1)</sup> Standard & Poor's ratings as detailed above are: "AA" (Very strong), "A" (Strong) and "BBB+" (Adequate).

#### Sirius Group

Sirius Group's reinsurance protection primarily consists of pro-rata and excess of loss protections to cover A&H, aviation, trade credit, and certain property exposures. Sirius Group's core proportional property reinsurance programs provide protection for parts of the non-proportional treaty accounts written in Europe, the Americas, Asia, the Middle East, and Australia. These reinsurance protections are designed to increase underwriting capacity where appropriate, and to reduce exposure both to large catastrophe losses and to a frequency of smaller loss events. Attachment points and coverage limits vary by region around the world. In addition to its proportional reinsurance, Sirius Group also purchases excess of loss reinsurance protection for \$15.0 million in excess of a retention of \$5.0 million for the facultative and direct property portfolios written by the Stockholm, Hamburg and London branches (excluding business written in the United States). Syndicate 1945 has a reinsurance cover of \$10.0 million in excess of \$5.0 million for the facultative and direct property portfolio. An additional \$15.0 million of reinsurance protection in excess of the \$20.0 million coverage is in place for the facultative and direct property portfolios written by the Hamburg and Stockholm branches. At January 1, 2014, an additional \$2.5 million of second loss coverage was purchased for the facultative and direct property portfolios written by the Hamburg, Stockholm and London branches in excess of a retention of \$2.5 million. Sirius Group also has \$5.0 million of protection in excess of a retention of

\$5.0 million for the London branch and Syndicate 1945 for facultative and direct U.S.-catastrophe exposed business, which was renewed through June 30, 2014.

F-23

---

Sirius Group has in place excess of loss retrocessional coverage for its non-U.S. and non-Japan earthquake-related exposures. This cover was renewed for one year at April 1, 2013, providing \$40.0 million of reinsurance protection in excess of Sirius Group's retention of \$35.0 million and a further \$15.8 million of partially placed coverage in excess of \$75.0 million.

In addition, Sirius Group periodically purchases industry loss warranty ("ILW") contracts to augment its overall retrocessional program. A European windstorm and flood ILW totaling \$7.5 million in coverage and attaching at a market event level of €5.0 billion or greater (\$6.9 billion based on the December 31, 2013 EUR to USD exchange rate) was purchased in October 2013 and remains in force throughout 2014. Two additional ILWs were purchased at January 1, 2014, in force through March 31, 2014, totaling \$10.0 million in coverage for European windstorm and flood attaching at a market event level of \$7.5 billion.

Sirius Group's aviation reinsurance program is intended to reduce exposure to a frequency of small losses, a single large loss, or a combination of both. For the proportional and facultative aviation portfolios, reinsurance protection purchases are generally for coverage on losses from events that cause a market loss in excess of \$150.0 million up to a full policy limit of \$2.25 billion. This program is in effect through November 2014. For the non-proportional aviation portfolio, reinsurance protection includes a 15% quota share treaty. In addition, the non-proportional portfolio is protected by ILWs with a limit of \$30.5 million. The ILWs attach at industry loss levels between \$350.0 million and \$1.0 billion.

For the marine yacht portfolio written by the London branch and Syndicate 1945, reinsurance coverage is in place for \$9.8 million in excess of a retention of \$0.3 million.

For accident and health, Sirius Group has excess of loss protection covering personal accident and life of €10.0 million (\$13.8 million based on the December 31, 2013 EUR to USD exchange rate) of protection in excess of a €5.0 million (\$6.9 million based on the December 31, 2013 EUR to USD exchange rate) retention for the Stockholm, Hamburg, Liege and Singapore branches. In addition, the Sirius America's direct insurance portfolio includes quota share reinsurance of various percentages.

For 2013, Sirius Group ceded 20% and 50% of its trade credit and bond business, respectively, under a quota share retrocession, which supported growth in this line. The treaty was renewed for 2014 at the same cession percentages. For 2013, Sirius Group also ceded 30% of the direct contingency business written in the London branch and Syndicate 1945 on a proportional basis. The treaty was renewed at January 1, 2014.

Almost all of Sirius Group's excess of loss reinsurance protections, excluding ILWs which tend to cover only one loss event, include provisions that reinstate coverage at a cost of 100% or more of the original reinsurance premium.

At December 31, 2013, Sirius Group had \$15.7 million of reinsurance recoverables on paid losses and \$347.9 million of reinsurance recoverables on unpaid losses that will become recoverable if claims are paid in accordance with current reserve estimates. Because retrocessional reinsurance contracts do not relieve Sirius Group of its obligation to its insureds, the collectability of balances due from Sirius Group's reinsurers is critical to its financial strength. Sirius Group monitors the financial strength and ratings of retrocessionaires on an ongoing basis.

The following table provides a listing of Sirius Group's gross and net recoverable amounts by the reinsurer's Standard & Poor's rating and the percentage of total recoverables.

Rating <sup>(1)</sup>	Gross	Collateral	Net	% of Net Total	
AAA	\$62.9	\$—	\$62.9	19	%
AA	60.6	4.5	56.1	17	%
A	127.5	1.6	125.9	39	%
BBB+	21.0	—	21.0	7	%
BBB or lower	16.6	—	16.6	5	%
Not rated	75.0	31.5	43.5	13	%
Total	\$363.6	\$37.6	\$326.0	100	%

(1) Standard & Poor's ratings as detailed above are: "AAA" (Extremely strong), "AA" (Very strong), "A" (Strong), and "BBB+" and "BBB" (Adequate).



## NOTE 5. Investment Securities

## Net Investment Income

White Mountains' net investment income is comprised primarily of interest income associated with White Mountains' fixed maturity investments, dividend income from its equity investments and interest income from its short-term investments.

Pre-tax net investment income for 2013, 2012 and 2011 consisted of the following:

Millions	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Investment income:			
Fixed maturity investments	\$ 100.5	\$ 132.0	\$ 166.2
Short-term investments	3.4	3.1	4.5
Common equity securities	20.5	22.2	15.4
Convertible fixed maturity investments	2.9	6.0	5.5
Other long-term investments	3.0	3.1	4.2
Interest on funds held under reinsurance treaties	.3	.6	(.4)
Total investment income	130.6	167.0	195.4
Third-party investment expenses	(19.7)	(13.4)	(10.9)
Net investment income, pre-tax	\$ 110.9	\$ 153.6	\$ 184.5

## Net Realized and Unrealized Investment Gains and Losses

Net realized and unrealized investment gains and losses consisted of the following:

Millions	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Net realized investment gains, pre-tax	\$ 104.5	\$ 68.1	\$ 68.3
Net unrealized investment gains, pre-tax	57.2	50.1	5.8
Net realized and unrealized investment gains, pre-tax	161.7	118.2	74.1
Income tax expense attributable to net realized and unrealized investment gains	(21.9)	(26.8)	(18.1)
Net realized and unrealized investment gains, after tax	\$ 139.8	\$ 91.4	\$ 56.0

## Net realized investment gains (losses)

Net realized investment gains (losses) for 2013, 2012 and 2011 consisted of the following:

Millions	Year ended December 31, 2013		
	Net realized gains (losses)	Net foreign exchange gains (losses)	Total changes in fair value reflected in earnings
Fixed maturity investments	\$ 8.6	\$ (15.0)	\$ (6.4)
Short-term investments	.1	—	.1
Common equity securities	104.5	(3.7)	100.8
Convertible fixed maturity investments	1.0	—	1.0
Other long-term investments	7.5	1.4	8.9
Forward contracts	.1	—	.1
Net realized investment gains (losses), pre-tax	121.8	(17.3)	104.5
Income taxes attributable to realized investment gains (losses)	(30.0)	5.5	(24.5)
Net realized investment gains (losses), after-tax	\$ 91.8	\$ (11.8)	\$ 80.0



## Year ended December 31, 2012

Millions	Net realized gains (losses)	Net foreign exchange gains (losses)	Total changes in fair value reflected in earnings
Fixed maturity investments	\$82.5	\$ (2.5)	) \$80.0
Short-term investments	—	(4.3)	) (4.3 )
Common equity securities	1.3	—	1.3
Convertible fixed maturity investments	(8.2)	) (1.8)	) (10.0 )
Other long-term investments	1.4	—	1.4
Forward contracts	(.3)	) —	(.3 )
Net realized investment gains (losses), pre-tax	76.7	(8.6)	) 68.1
Income taxes attributable to realized investment gains (losses)	(23.8)	) 2.2	(21.6 )
Net realized investment gains (losses), after-tax	\$52.9	\$ (6.4)	) \$46.5

## Year ended December 31, 2011

Millions	Net realized gains (losses)	Net foreign exchange gains (losses)	Total changes in fair value reflected in earnings
Fixed maturity investments	\$49.4	\$ (38.3)	) \$11.1
Short-term investments	—	(9.9)	) (9.9 )
Common equity securities	34.6	—	34.6
Convertible fixed maturity investments	(2.2)	) —	(2.2 )
Other long-term investments	35.2	(0.5)	) 34.7
Net realized investment gains (losses), pre-tax	117.0	(48.7)	) 68.3
Income taxes attributable to realized investment gains (losses)	(37.0)	) 12.8	(24.2 )
Net realized investment gains (losses), after-tax	\$80.0	\$ (35.9)	) \$44.1

## Net unrealized investment gains (losses)

The following table summarizes net unrealized investment gains (losses) and changes in the carrying value of investments measured at fair value:

## Year ended December 31, 2013

Millions	Net unrealized gains (losses)	Net foreign exchange gains (losses)	Total net unrealized gains (losses) reflected in earnings
Fixed maturity investments	\$ (93.9)	) \$15.3	\$ (78.6 )
Short-term investments	.1	—	.1
Common equity securities	119.2	(0.4)	) 118.8
Convertible fixed maturity investments	3.2	—	3.2
Other long-term investments	10.3	3.4	13.7
Forward contracts	—	—	—
Net unrealized investment gains (losses), pre-tax	38.9	18.3	57.2
Income taxes attributable to unrealized investment gains (losses)	8.2	(5.6)	) 2.6

Net unrealized investment gains (losses), after-tax	\$47.1	\$12.7	\$59.8
---	--------	--------	--------

F-26

---



## Year ended December 31, 2012

Millions	Net unrealized gains (losses)	Net foreign exchange gains (losses)	Total net unrealized gains (losses) reflected in earnings
Fixed maturity investments	\$ 18.5	\$ (45.9	) \$ (27.4 )
Short-term investments	—	.1	.1
Common equity securities	65.9	(.1	) 65.8
Convertible fixed maturity investments	1.1	—	1.1
Other long-term investments	13.2	(2.7	) 10.5
Net unrealized investment gains (losses), pre-tax	98.7	(48.6	) 50.1
Income taxes attributable to unrealized investment gains (losses)	(17.9	) 12.7	(5.2 )
Net unrealized investment gains (losses), after-tax	\$ 80.8	\$ (35.9	) \$ 44.9

## Year ended December 31, 2011

Millions	Net unrealized gains (losses)	Net foreign exchange gains (losses)	Total net unrealized gains (losses) reflected in earnings
Fixed maturity investments	\$ 7.6	\$ 68.9	\$ 76.5
Short-term investments	—	(1.1	) (1.1 )
Common equity securities	(40.6	) (1.8	) (42.4 )
Convertible fixed maturity investments	(11.5	) —	(11.5 )
Other long-term investments	(19.1	) 3.4	(15.7 )
Net unrealized investment gains (losses), pre-tax	(63.6	) 69.4	5.8
Income taxes attributable to unrealized investment gains (losses)	24.0	(17.9	) 6.1
Net unrealized investment gains (losses), after-tax	\$ (39.6	) \$ 51.5	\$ 11.9

White Mountains recognized gross realized investment gains of \$221.4 million, \$162.2 million and \$191.6 million and gross realized investment losses of \$116.9 million, \$94.1 million and \$123.3 million on sales of investment securities during 2013, 2012 and 2011. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, White Mountains reported \$20.5 million and \$11.4 million in accounts payable on unsettled investment purchases and \$12.1 million and \$3.9 million in accounts receivable on unsettled investment sales.

The following table summarizes the amount of total gains (losses) included in earnings attributable to unrealized investment gains (losses) for Level 3 investments for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011.

Millions	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Fixed maturity investments	\$ (2.3	) \$ 7.7	\$ (12.2 )
Common equity securities	.9	3.0	(16.6 )
Convertible fixed maturity investments	—	—	—
Other long-term investments	11.2	7.0	(16.8 )
Total net unrealized investment gains (losses), pre-tax - Level 3 investments	\$ 9.8	\$ 17.7	\$ (45.6 )

The components of White Mountains' net realized and unrealized investment gains (losses), after-tax, as recorded on the statements of operations and comprehensive income were as follows:

Millions	Year Ended December 31,		
	2013	2012	2011
Net change in pre-tax unrealized gains (losses) on investments in unconsolidated affiliates	\$ (106.4 )	\$ 62.8	\$ (63.6 )
Income taxes	8.3	(5.1 )	5.1
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on investments in unconsolidated affiliates, after tax	(98.1 )	57.7	(58.5 )
Net realized and unrealized foreign currency gains (losses) on investments through OCI	11.3	95.5	(41.7 )
Total investments gains (losses) through accumulated other comprehensive income	(86.8 )	153.2	(100.2 )
Net realized and unrealized investment gains, after-tax	139.8	\$ 91.4	\$ 56.0
Total investment gains (losses) recorded during the period, after-tax	\$ 53.0	\$ 244.6	\$ (44.2 )

#### Investment Holdings

The cost or amortized cost, gross unrealized investment gains and losses, net foreign currency gains and losses, and carrying values of White Mountains' fixed maturity investments as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, were as follows:

Millions	December 31, 2013				
	Cost or amortized cost	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses	Net foreign currency losses	Carrying value
US Government and agency obligations	\$ 365.5	\$ .5	\$ (1.0 )	\$ (2.5 )	\$ 362.5
Debt securities issued by corporations	2,330.7	44.0	(13.2 )	(14.3 )	2,347.2
Municipal obligations	18.3	—	(.4 )	—	17.9
Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities	2,027.3	2.4	(9.9 )	(5.3 )	2,014.5
Foreign government, agency and provincial obligations	444.2	3.7	(3.2 )	(4.8 )	439.9
Preferred stocks	79.9	5.1	—	(.2 )	84.8
Total fixed maturity investments including assets held for sale	\$ 5,265.9	\$ 55.7	\$ (27.7 )	\$ (27.1 )	\$ 5,266.8
Fixed maturity investments reclassified to assets held for sale <sup>(1)</sup>					(236.3 )
Total fixed maturity investments					\$ 5,030.5

<sup>(1)</sup> Assets held for sale related to discontinued operations. See Note 21.

Millions	December 31, 2012				
	Cost or amortized cost	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses	Net foreign currency gains (losses)	Carrying value
US Government and agency obligations	\$ 440.4	\$ 1.0	\$ (.1 )	\$ (1.2 )	\$ 440.1
Debt securities issued by corporations	2,321.4	88.3	(1.6 )	(23.0 )	2,385.1
Municipal obligations	5.3	—	(0.1 )	—	5.2
Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities	2,081.0	25.1	(1.1 )	(9.4 )	2,095.6
Foreign government, agency and provincial obligations	526.6	6.9	(3.0 )	(8.6 )	521.9
Preferred stocks	79.9	6.7	—	(.2 )	86.4
Total fixed maturity investments including assets held for sale	\$ 5,454.6	\$ 128.0	\$ (5.9 )	\$ (42.4 )	\$ 5,534.3
Fixed maturity investments reclassified to					(338.1 )

assets held for sale <sup>(1)</sup>	
Total fixed maturity investments	\$5,196.2
<sup>(1)</sup> Assets held for sale related to discontinued operations. See Note 21.	

F-28

---

The weighted average duration of White Mountains' fixed income portfolio at December 31, 2013 was approximately 2.1 years, including short-term investments, and approximately 2.4 years excluding short-term investments.

The cost or amortized cost and carrying value of White Mountains' fixed maturity investments and convertible fixed maturity investments at December 31, 2013 is presented below by contractual maturity. Actual maturities could differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay certain obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

Millions	December 31, 2013	
	Cost or amortized cost	Carrying value
Due in one year or less	\$491.2	\$490.7
Due after one year through five years	2,376.7	2,389.3
Due after five years through ten years	321.0	322.2
Due after ten years	41.5	45.8
Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities	2,027.3	2,014.5
Preferred stocks	79.9	84.8
Total	\$5,337.6	\$5,347.3

The cost or amortized cost, gross unrealized investment gains and losses, net foreign currency gains and losses, and carrying values of White Mountains' common equity securities, convertible fixed maturity investments and other long-term investments as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

Millions	December 31, 2013				
	Cost or amortized cost	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses	Net foreign currency losses	Carrying value
Common equity securities	\$ 890.2	\$ 271.0	\$ (3.6)	\$ (.8)	\$ 1,156.8
Convertible fixed maturity investments	\$ 71.7	\$ 9.9	\$ (.9)	\$ (.2)	\$ 80.5
Other long-term investments	\$ 238.3	\$ 79.6	\$ (26.6)	\$ (2.4)	\$ 288.9
Millions	December 31, 2012				
	Cost or amortized cost	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses	Net foreign currency losses	Carrying value
Common equity securities	\$ 895.2	\$ 143.4	\$ (8.8)	\$ (.1)	\$ 1,029.7
Convertible fixed maturity investments	\$ 121.7	\$ 6.1	\$ (.4)	\$ —	\$ 127.4
Other long-term investments	\$ 257.2	\$ 65.9	\$ (22.8)	\$ (6.1)	\$ 294.2

Proceeds from the sales and maturities of investments, excluding short-term investments, totaled \$4,924.8 million, \$6,997.5 million and \$5,034.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011.

#### Investments Held on Deposit or as Collateral

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, investments of \$170.4 million and \$169.9 million, respectively, were held in trusts required to be maintained in relation to various reinsurance agreements. White Mountains' consolidated insurance and reinsurance operations are required to maintain deposits with certain insurance regulatory agencies in order to maintain their insurance licenses. The fair value of such deposits which are included within total investments totaled \$290.7 million and \$319.3 million as of December 31, 2013 and 2012.

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, OneBeacon held unrestricted collateral from its customers, which is included in cash and invested assets, relating to its surety business of \$63.3 million and \$5.9 million. The obligation to return these funds is included in funds held under insurance and reinsurance contracts in the consolidated balance sheets.

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, White Mountains held \$23.2 million and \$138.7 million of restricted collateral in the form of fixed maturities and \$2.0 million and \$5.1 million of restricted collateral in the form of short-term investments associated with variable annuity reinsurance and interest rate cap agreements. See Note 8.

F-29

---

Fair value measurements at December 31, 2013

White Mountains used quoted market prices or other observable inputs to determine fair value for the 95% of its investment portfolio. Investments valued using Level 1 inputs include fixed maturity investments, primarily investments in U.S. Treasuries, common equities and short-term investments, which include U.S. Treasury Bills. Investments valued using Level 2 inputs consist of fixed maturity investments including corporate debt, state and other governmental debt, convertible fixed maturity securities and mortgage and asset-backed securities. Fair value estimates for investments that trade infrequently and have few or no observable market prices are classified as Level 3 measurements. Level 3 fair value estimates based upon unobservable inputs include White Mountains' investments in hedge funds and private equity funds, as well as investments in certain debt securities where quoted market prices are unavailable. White Mountains uses brokers and outside pricing services to assist in determining fair values. For investments in active markets, White Mountains uses the quoted market prices provided by outside pricing services to determine fair value. The outside pricing services used by White Mountains have indicated that if no observable inputs are available for a security, they will not provide a price. In those circumstances, White Mountains estimates the fair value using industry standard pricing models and observable inputs such as benchmark interest rates, market comparables, broker quotes, issuer spreads, bids, offers, credit rating, prepayment speeds and other relevant inputs. White Mountains performs procedures to validate the market prices obtained from the outside pricing sources. Such procedures, which cover substantially all of its fixed maturity investments include, but are not limited to, evaluation of model pricing methodologies and review of the pricing services' quality control processes and procedures on at least an annual basis, comparison of market prices to prices obtained from different independent pricing vendors on at least a semi-annual basis, monthly analytical reviews of certain prices, and review of assumptions utilized by the pricing service for selected measurements on an ad hoc basis throughout the year. White Mountains also performs back-testing of selected sales activity to determine whether there are any significant differences between the market price used to value the security prior to sale and the actual sale price on an ad-hoc basis throughout the year. Prices provided by the pricing services that vary by more than 5% and \$1.0 million from the expected price based on these procedures are considered outliers. In circumstances where the results of White Mountains' review process do not appear to support the market price provided by the pricing services, White Mountains challenges the price. If White Mountains cannot gain satisfactory evidence to support the challenged price, it relies upon its own pricing methodologies to estimate the fair value of the security in question. The fair values of such securities are considered to be Level 3 measurements.

White Mountains' investments in debt securities are generally valued using matrix and other pricing models. Key inputs include benchmark yields, benchmark securities, reported trades, issuer spreads, bids, offers, credit ratings and prepayment speeds. Income on mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities is recognized using an effective yield based on anticipated prepayments and the estimated economic life of the securities. When actual prepayments differ significantly from anticipated prepayments, the estimated economic life is recalculated and the remaining unamortized premium or discount is amortized or accreted prospectively over the remaining economic life.

White Mountains employs a number of procedures to assess the reasonableness of the fair value measurements for its other long-term investments, including obtaining and reviewing the audited annual financial statements of each hedge fund and private equity fund and periodically discussing each fund's pricing with the fund manager. However, since the fund managers do not provide sufficient information to evaluate the pricing inputs and methods for each underlying investment, the inputs are considered to be unobservable. Accordingly, the fair value of White Mountains' investments in hedge funds and private equity funds has been classified as Level 3 measurements. The fair value of White Mountains' investments in hedge funds and private equity funds has been determined using net asset value.

In addition to the investments described above, White Mountains has \$86.3 million and \$79.7 million of investment-related liabilities recorded at fair value and included in other liabilities as of December 31, 2013 and 2012. These liabilities relate to securities that have been sold short by limited partnerships in which White Mountains has investments and is required to consolidate under GAAP. All of the liabilities included have a Level 1 designation.

## Fair Value Measurements by Level

The following tables summarize White Mountains' fair value measurements for investments at December 31, 2013 and 2012 by level. The fair value measurements for derivative assets associated with White Mountains' variable annuity business are presented in Note 8.

Millions	December 31, 2013			
	Fair value	Level 1 Inputs	Level 2 Inputs	Level 3 Inputs
Fixed maturity investments:				
U.S. Government and agency obligations	\$362.5	\$ 295.8	\$ 66.7	\$ —
Debt securities issued by corporations:				
Consumer	754.4	—	754.4	—
Financials	434.4	—	434.4	—
Industrial	281.1	—	281.1	—
Communications	265.0	—	265.0	—
Utilities	173.6	—	173.6	—
Energy	159.7	—	159.7	—
Basic Materials	149.1	—	149.1	—
Technology	91.2	—	91.2	—
Other	38.7	—	38.7	—
Total debt securities issued by corporations:	2,347.2	—	2,347.2	—
Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities	2,014.5	—	1,992.5	22.0
Foreign government, agency and provincial obligations	439.9	44.5	395.4	—
Preferred stocks	84.8	—	13.8	71.0
Municipal obligations	17.9	—	17.9	—
Total fixed maturity investments <sup>(1)</sup>	5,266.8	340.3	4,833.5	93.0
Short-term investments	635.9	621.5	14.4	—
Common equity securities:				
Financials	360.4	314.3	—	46.1
Consumer	308.2	308.2	—	—
Industrial	105.4	105.4	—	—
Energy	78.6	78.6	—	—
Technology	60.6	60.6	—	—
Communications	57.1	57.1	—	—
Basic materials	53.4	53.4	—	—
Utilities	34.3	34.3	—	—
Other	98.8	24.5	74.3	—
Total common equity securities	1,156.8	1,036.4	74.3	46.1
Convertible fixed maturity investments	80.5	—	74.4	6.1
Other long-term investments <sup>(2)</sup>	262.4	—	—	262.4
Total investments	\$7,402.4	\$ 1,998.2	\$ 4,996.6	\$ 407.6

<sup>(1)</sup> Carrying value includes \$236.3 that is classified as assets held for sale relating to discontinued operations.

<sup>(2)</sup> Excludes carrying value of \$26.6 associated with other long-term investment limited partnerships accounted for using the equity method and \$(.1) related to currency forward contracts.

Millions	December 31, 2012			
	Fair value	Level 1 Inputs	Level 2 Inputs	Level 3 Inputs
Fixed maturity investments:				
U.S. Government and agency obligations	\$ 440.1	\$ 369.1	\$ 71.0	\$ —
Debt securities issued by corporations:				
Consumer	727.1	—	727.1	—
Financials	401.4	1.0	400.4	—
Industrial	330.8	—	330.8	—
Communications	276.1	—	276.1	—
Utilities	204.2	—	204.2	—
Basic materials	189.1	—	189.1	—
Energy	181.5	—	181.5	—
Technology	54.0	—	54.0	—
Other	20.9	—	20.9	—
Total debt securities issued by corporations:	2,385.1	1.0	2,384.1	—
Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities	2,095.6	—	2,073.5	22.1
Foreign government, agency and provincial obligations	521.9	52.1	469.8	—
Preferred stocks	86.4	—	15.6	70.8
Municipal obligations	5.2	—	5.2	—
Total fixed maturity investments <sup>(1)</sup>	5,534.3	422.2	5,019.2	92.9
Short-term investments	630.6	630.6	—	—
Common equity securities:				
Financials	324.5	286.3	.9	37.3
Consumer	255.6	255.6	—	—
Basic materials	103.3	103.3	—	—
Energy	101.0	101.0	—	—
Technology	55.0	55.0	—	—
Utilities	43.6	43.4	.2	—
Industrial	41.9	41.9	—	—
Communications	35.2	35.2	—	—
Other	69.6	11.2	58.4	—
Total common equity securities	1,029.7	932.9	59.5	37.3
Convertible fixed maturity investments	127.4	—	127.4	—
Other long-term investments <sup>(2)</sup>	259.3	—	—	259.3
Total investments	\$ 7,581.3	\$ 1,985.7	\$ 5,206.1	\$ 389.5

<sup>(1)</sup> Carrying value includes \$338.1 that is classified as assets held for sale relating to discontinued operations.

<sup>(2)</sup> Excludes carrying value of \$35.0 associated with other long-term investment limited partnerships accounted for using the equity method and \$(.1) related to currency forward contracts.



## Debt securities issued by corporations

The following table summarizes the ratings of the corporate debt securities held in White Mountains' investment portfolio as of December 31, 2013 and 2012:

Millions	Fair Value at December 31,	
	2013	2012
AAA	\$—	\$—
AA	228.8	193.4
A	1,039.5	1,061.0
BBB	1,075.5	1,116.9
BB	—	7.0
Other	3.4	6.8
Debt securities issued by corporations <sup>(1)</sup>	\$2,347.2	\$2,385.1

<sup>(1)</sup> Credit ratings are assigned based on the following hierarchy: 1) Standard & Poor's and 2) Moody's.

## Mortgage-backed, Asset-backed Securities

White Mountains purchases commercial and residential mortgage-backed securities with the goal of maximizing risk adjusted returns in the context of a diversified portfolio. White Mountains' non-agency commercial mortgage-backed portfolio ("CMBS") is generally short-term and structurally senior, with more than 25 points of subordination on average for both fixed rate CMBS and floating rate CMBS as of December 31, 2013. In general, subordination represents the percentage principal loss on the underlying collateral that would be absorbed by other securities lower in the capital structure before the more senior security incurs a loss. White Mountains believes these levels of protection will mitigate the risk of loss. As of December 31, 2013, on average less than 1% of the underlying loans were reported as non-performing for all non-agency CMBS held by White Mountains. White Mountains is not an originator of residential mortgage loans. White Mountains' investments in hedge funds and private equity funds contain negligible amounts of sub-prime mortgage-backed securities at December 31, 2013. White Mountains considers sub-prime mortgage-backed securities as those that have underlying loan pools that exhibit weak credit characteristics, or those that are issued from dedicated sub-prime shelves or dedicated second-lien shelf registrations (i.e., White Mountains considers investments backed primarily by second-liens to be sub-prime risks regardless of credit scores or other metrics).

White Mountains categorizes mortgage-backed securities as “non-prime” (also called “Alt A” or “A-”) if they are backed by collateral that has overall credit quality between prime and sub-prime based on White Mountains’ review of the characteristics of their underlying mortgage loan pools, such as credit scores and financial ratios. White Mountains’ non-agency residential mortgage-backed portfolio is generally moderate-term and structurally senior. White Mountains does not own any collateralized loan obligations. White Mountains does not own any collateralized debt obligations, with the exception of \$41.8 million of non-agency residential mortgage resecuritization tranches, each a senior tranche in its own right and each collateralized by a single earlier vintage Super Senior or Senior non-agency residential mortgage backed security.

Millions	December 31, 2013			December 31, 2012		
	Fair Value	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value	Level 2	Level 3
Mortgage-backed securities:						
Agency:						
GNMA	\$512.3	\$512.3	\$—	\$1,013.4	\$1,013.4	\$—
FNMA	81.2	81.2	—	74.6	74.6	—
FHLMC	91.3	91.3	—	55.8	55.8	—
Total Agency <sup>(1)</sup>	684.8	684.8	—	1,143.8	1,143.8	—
Non-agency:						
Residential	125.7	125.7	—	160.6	160.6	—
Commercial	282.3	282.3	—	334.1	334.1	—
Total Non-agency	408.0	408.0	—	494.7	494.7	—
Total mortgage-backed securities	1,092.8	1,092.8	—	1,638.5	1,638.5	—
Asset-backed securities:						
Credit card receivables	311.4	289.4	22.0	173.5	151.4	22.1
Vehicle receivables	365.0	365.0	—	233.2	233.2	—
Other	245.3	245.3	—	50.4	50.4	—
Total asset-backed securities	921.7	899.7	22.0	457.1	435.0	22.1
Total mortgage and asset-backed securities	\$2,014.5	\$1,992.5	\$			