

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2018

OR

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

1-16725

(Commission file number)

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

42-1520346

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

711 High Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50392

(Address of principal executive offices)

(515) 247-5111

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company Emerging growth company
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

The total number of shares of the registrant's Common Stock, \$0.01 par value, outstanding as of July 25, 2018, was 284,748,761.

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	June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2017
	<i>(in millions)</i>	
Assets		
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale (2018 and 2017 include \$242.7 million and \$268.0 million related to consolidated variable interest entities)	\$ 59,311.7	\$ 59,388.4
Fixed maturities, trading	688.1	566.0
Equity securities (2018 and 2017 include \$791.3 million and \$811.4 million related to consolidated variable interest entities)	1,869.3	1,866.6
Mortgage loans	14,367.9	14,150.5
Real estate (2018 and 2017 include \$334.6 million and \$370.3 million related to consolidated variable interest entities)	1,728.9	1,736.7
Policy loans	804.0	808.3
Other investments (2018 and 2017 include \$205.2 million and \$139.8 million related to consolidated variable interest entities and \$21.1 million and \$61.0 million measured at fair value under the fair value option)	3,634.9	3,586.2
Total investments	82,404.8	82,102.7
Cash and cash equivalents	2,342.0	2,470.8
Accrued investment income	627.8	610.6
Premiums due and other receivables	1,455.6	1,469.8
Deferred acquisition costs	3,574.4	3,540.7
Property and equipment	762.9	759.5
Goodwill	1,103.2	1,068.8
Other intangibles	1,355.4	1,314.7
Separate account assets (2018 and 2017 include \$39,407.5 million and \$41,540.8 million related to consolidated variable interest entities)	156,989.0	159,272.7
Other assets	1,488.9	1,330.9
Total assets	\$ 252,104.0	\$ 253,941.2
Liabilities		
Contractholder funds (2018 and 2017 include \$387.3 million and \$380.6 million related to consolidated variable interest entities)	\$ 39,128.7	\$ 38,082.5
Future policy benefits and claims	33,390.7	33,019.3
Other policyholder funds	849.7	922.3
Short-term debt	64.5	39.5
Long-term debt (2018 and 2017 include \$37.1 million and \$2.8 million related to consolidated variable interest entities)	3,219.9	3,178.4
Income taxes currently payable	19.8	16.7
Deferred income taxes	887.9	1,092.5
Separate account liabilities (2018 and 2017 include \$39,407.5 million and \$41,540.8 million related to consolidated variable interest entities)	156,989.0	159,272.7
Other liabilities (2018 and 2017 include \$259.1 million and \$270.2 million related to consolidated variable interest entities)	5,708.4	5,294.1
Total liabilities	240,258.6	240,918.0

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Redeemable noncontrolling interest (2018 and 2017 include \$66.3 million and \$52.4 million related to consolidated variable interest entities)	138.9	101.3
Stockholders' equity		
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share 2,500.0 million shares authorized, 476.3 million and 474.1 million shares issued, and 284.6 million and 289.0 million shares outstanding in 2018 and 2017	4.8	4.7
Additional paid-in capital	9,993.6	9,925.2
Retained earnings	9,904.3	9,482.9
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(1,137.9)	165.5
Treasury stock, at cost (191.7 million and 185.1 million shares in 2018 and 2017)	(7,125.5)	(6,729.0)
Total stockholders' equity attributable to Principal Financial Group, Inc.	11,639.3	12,849.3
Noncontrolling interest	67.2	72.6
Total stockholders' equity	11,706.5	12,921.9
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 252,104.0	\$ 253,941.2

See accompanying notes.

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Principal Financial Group, Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Operations

(Unaudited)

	For the three months ended		For the six months ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	<i>(in millions, except per share data)</i>			
Revenues				
Premiums and other considerations	\$ 1,265.8	\$ 1,452.7	\$ 2,261.0	\$ 2,700.7
Fees and other revenues	1,012.6	955.1	2,023.9	1,895.7
Net investment income	889.1	866.4	1,791.3	1,743.8
Net realized capital gains (losses), excluding impairment losses on available-for-sale securities	76.4	(81.7)	61.2	(69.5)
Net other-than-temporary impairment losses on available-for-sale securities	(8.2)	(2.4)	(6.9)	(29.7)
Other-than-temporary impairment losses on fixed maturities, available-for-sale reclassified from other comprehensive income	(0.8)	(11.8)	(12.0)	(13.3)
Net impairment losses on available-for-sale securities	(9.0)	(14.2)	(18.9)	(43.0)
Net realized capital gains (losses)	67.4	(95.9)	42.3	(112.5)
Total revenues	3,234.9	3,178.3	6,118.5	6,227.7
Expenses				
Benefits, claims and settlement expenses	1,699.2	1,858.8	3,110.3	3,516.1
Dividends to policyholders	30.2	25.2	60.7	60.1
Operating expenses	990.1	928.7	1,975.1	1,871.9
Total expenses	2,719.5	2,812.7	5,146.1	5,448.1
Income before income taxes	515.4	365.6	972.4	779.6
Income taxes	55.9	50.8	110.4	111.2
Net income	459.5	314.8	862.0	668.4
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	2.9	5.3	8.3	10.0
Net income attributable to Principal Financial Group, Inc.	\$ 456.6	\$ 309.5	\$ 853.7	\$ 658.4
Earnings per common share				
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 1.59	\$ 1.07	\$ 2.97	\$ 2.28
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 1.58	\$ 1.06	\$ 2.93	\$ 2.25
Dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.46	\$ 1.03	\$ 0.91

See accompanying notes.

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Principal Financial Group, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
(Unaudited)

	For the three months ended		For the six months ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	<i>(in millions)</i>			
Net income	\$ 459.5	\$ 314.8	\$ 862.0	\$ 668.4
Other comprehensive income (loss), net:				
Net unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities	(466.1)	335.1	(1,271.6)	499.0
Noncredit component of impairment losses on fixed maturities, available-for-sale	0.8	7.0	10.1	7.7
Net unrealized gains (losses) on derivative instruments	20.3	(6.0)	5.9	(18.2)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(236.1)	(1.7)	(170.3)	62.7
Net unrecognized postretirement benefit obligation	8.8	4.3	17.5	8.6
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(672.3)	338.7	(1,408.4)	559.8
Comprehensive income (loss)	(212.8)	653.5	(546.4)	1,228.2
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	(0.8)	5.0	5.5	10.7
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Principal Financial Group, Inc.	\$ (212.0)	\$ 648.5	\$ (551.9)	\$ 1,217.5

See accompanying notes.

Table of Contents**Principal Financial Group, Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity****(Unaudited)**

	Common stock	Additional paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	Treasury stock	Noncontrolling interest	Total stockholders' equity
	<i>(in millions)</i>						
Balances as of January 1, 2017	\$ 4.7	\$ 9,686.0	\$ 7,720.4	\$ (675.2)	\$ (6,508.6)	\$ 66.5	\$ 10,293.8
Common stock issued		113.3					113.3
Stock-based compensation		47.8	(3.9)			0.2	44.1
Treasury stock acquired, common					(169.2)		(169.2)
Dividends to common stockholders			(262.7)				(262.7)
Distributions to noncontrolling interest						(3.5)	(3.5)
Contributions from noncontrolling interest						2.3	2.3
Adjustments to redemption amount of redeemable noncontrolling interest		(2.0)					(2.0)
Net income (1)			658.4			4.1	662.5
Other comprehensive income (1)				559.1		0.3	559.4
Balances as of June 30, 2017	\$ 4.7	\$ 9,845.1	\$ 8,112.2	\$ (116.1)	\$ (6,677.8)	\$ 69.9	\$ 11,238.0
Balances as of January 1, 2018	\$ 4.7	\$ 9,925.2	\$ 9,482.9	\$ 165.5	\$ (6,729.0)	\$ 72.6	\$ 12,921.9
Common stock issued	0.1	44.5					44.6
Stock-based compensation		44.4	(3.6)			(0.5)	40.3
Treasury stock acquired, common					(396.5)		(396.5)
Dividends to common stockholders			(295.8)				(295.8)
Distributions to noncontrolling interest						(9.5)	(9.5)
Contributions from noncontrolling interest						2.0	2.0
Purchase of subsidiary shares from noncontrolling interest (1)		(21.4)				(1.6)	(23.0)
Adjustments to redemption amount of redeemable noncontrolling interest		0.9				(0.3)	0.6
Effects of implementation of accounting change related to equity investments, net			1.0	(1.0)			
Effects of implementation of accounting change related to revenue recognition, net			(65.0)	25.6		(0.3)	(39.7)
Effects of implementation of accounting change related to intra-entity asset transfer taxes, net			8.7				8.7
Effects of implementation of accounting change related to the reclassification of certain tax effects, net			(77.6)	77.6			
Net income (1)			853.7			6.2	859.9
Other comprehensive loss (1)				(1,405.6)		(1.4)	(1,407.0)
Balances as of June 30, 2018	\$ 4.8	\$ 9,993.6	\$ 9,904.3	\$ (1,137.9)	\$ (7,125.5)	\$ 67.2	\$ 11,706.5

(1) Excludes amounts attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interest. See Note 10, Stockholders' Equity, for further details.

See accompanying notes.

Table of Contents**Principal Financial Group, Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows****(Unaudited)**

	For the six months ended June 30,	
	2018	2017
	<i>(in millions)</i>	
Operating activities		
Net income	\$ 862.0	\$ 668.4
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Net realized capital (gains) losses	(42.3)	112.5
Depreciation and amortization expense	101.2	95.5
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs and contract costs	138.0	106.9
Additions to deferred acquisition costs and contract costs	(225.3)	(209.8)
Stock-based compensation	40.8	44.0
Income from equity method investments, net of dividends received	(66.8)	(61.9)
Changes in:		
Accrued investment income	(17.2)	(24.8)
Net cash flows for trading securities and equity securities with operating intent	(170.6)	61.5
Premiums due and other receivables	26.3	(13.8)
Contractholder and policyholder liabilities and dividends	920.5	1,304.5
Current and deferred income taxes	131.3	93.2
Real estate acquired through operating activities	(57.6)	(26.6)
Real estate sold through operating activities	48.6	0.7
Other assets and liabilities	(26.8)	(305.4)
Other	(23.9)	(15.8)
Net adjustments	776.2	1,160.7
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,638.2	1,829.1
Investing activities		
Fixed maturities available-for-sale and equity securities with intent to hold:		
Purchases	(7,364.4)	(7,236.9)
Sales	2,122.0	853.3
Maturities	3,292.1	4,621.5
Mortgage loans acquired or originated	(1,326.2)	(1,365.3)
Mortgage loans sold or repaid	1,094.0	843.1
Real estate acquired	(36.4)	(96.8)
Real estate sold	63.5	47.1
Net purchases of property and equipment	(43.6)	(104.1)
Purchase of interests in subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	(141.5)	
Net change in other investments	(1.0)	(66.2)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,341.5)	(2,504.3)
Financing activities		
Issuance of common stock	44.6	113.3
Acquisition of treasury stock	(396.5)	(169.2)
Proceeds from financing element derivatives		0.1
Payments for financing element derivatives	(37.9)	(40.9)
Purchase of subsidiary shares from noncontrolling interest	(23.0)	
Dividends to common stockholders	(295.8)	(262.7)
Issuance of long-term debt	41.3	
Principal repayments of long-term debt	(0.7)	

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Net proceeds from (repayments of) short-term borrowings	27.6	(9.8)
Investment contract deposits	4,196.9	6,949.5
Investment contract withdrawals	(3,110.0)	(6,621.4)
Net increase (decrease) in banking operation deposits	126.0	(0.6)
Other	2.0	3.7
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	574.5	(38.0)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(128.8)	(713.2)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2,470.8	2,719.6
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 2,342.0	\$ 2,006.4

See accompanying notes.

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Principal Financial Group, Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

**June 30, 2018
(Unaudited)**

1. Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of Principal Financial Group, Inc. (PFG) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. (U.S. GAAP) for interim financial statements and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ended December 31, 2018. These interim unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with our annual audited financial statements as of December 31, 2017, included in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The accompanying consolidated statement of financial position as of December 31, 2017, has been derived from the audited consolidated statement of financial position but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements.

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior period consolidated statements of cash flows to conform to the current period presentation.

Consolidation

We have relationships with various special purpose entities and other legal entities that must be evaluated to determine if the entities meet the criteria of a variable interest entity (VIE) or a voting interest entity (VOE). This assessment is performed by reviewing contractual, ownership and other rights, including involvement of related parties, and requires use of judgment. First, we determine if we hold a variable interest in an entity by assessing if we have the right to receive expected losses and expected residual returns of the entity. If we hold a variable interest, then the entity is assessed to determine if it is a VIE. An entity is a VIE if the equity at risk is not sufficient to support its activities, if the equity holders lack a controlling financial interest or if the entity is structured with non-substantive voting rights. In addition to the previous criteria, if the entity is a limited partnership or similar entity, it is a VIE if the limited partners do not have the power to direct the entity's most significant activities through substantive kick-out rights or participating rights. A VIE is evaluated to determine the primary beneficiary. The primary beneficiary of a VIE is the enterprise with (1) the power to direct the activities of a VIE that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance and (2) the obligation to absorb losses of the entity or the right to receive benefits from the entity that could potentially be significant to the VIE. When we are the primary beneficiary, we are required to consolidate the entity in our financial statements. We reassess our involvement with VIEs on a quarterly basis. For further information about VIEs, refer to Note 2, Variable Interest Entities.

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If an entity is not a VIE, it is considered a VOE. VOEs are generally consolidated if we own a greater than 50% voting interest. If we determine our involvement in an entity no longer meets the requirements for consolidation under either the VIE or VOE models, the entity is deconsolidated. Entities in which we have management influence over the operating and financing decisions but are not required to consolidate, other than investments accounted for at fair value under the fair value option, are reported using the equity method.

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Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Description	Date of adoption	Effect on our consolidated financial statements or other significant matters
<i>Standards not yet adopted:</i>		
<p>Goodwill impairment testing This authoritative guidance simplifies how an entity is required to test goodwill for impairment by eliminating Step 2 (which measures a goodwill impairment loss by comparing the implied fair value of a reporting unit's goodwill to the carrying amount of that goodwill) from the goodwill impairment test. A goodwill impairment loss will be the amount by which a reporting unit's carrying value exceeds its fair value, not to exceed the carrying amount of goodwill. Entities will continue to have the option to perform a qualitative assessment to determine if a quantitative impairment test is necessary. Early adoption is permitted.</p>	January 1, 2020	We are currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on our consolidated financial statements.
<p>Credit losses This authoritative guidance requires entities to use a current expected credit loss (CECL) model to measure impairment for most financial assets that are not recorded at fair value through net income. Under the CECL model, an entity will estimate lifetime expected credit losses considering available relevant information about historical events, current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts. The CECL model does not apply to available-for-sale debt securities. This guidance also expands the required credit loss disclosures and will be applied using a modified retrospective approach by recording a cumulative effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption. Early adoption is permitted.</p>	January 1, 2020	We are currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on our consolidated financial statements. We believe estimated credit losses under the CECL model will generally result in earlier loss recognition for loans and other receivables.
<p>Targeted improvements to accounting for hedging activities This authoritative guidance updates certain recognition and</p>	January 1, 2019	We are currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on our consolidated financial statements.

<p>measurement requirements for hedge accounting. The objective of the guidance is to more closely align the economics of a company's risk management activities in its financial results and reduce the complexity of applying hedge accounting. The updates include the expansion of hedging strategies that are eligible for hedge accounting, elimination of the separate measurement and reporting of hedge ineffectiveness, presentation of the changes in the fair value of the hedging instrument in the same consolidated statement of operations line as the earnings effect of the hedged item and simplification of hedge effectiveness assessments. This guidance also includes new disclosures and will be applied using a modified retrospective approach by recording a cumulative effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption. Early adoption is permitted.</p>		
<p>Premium amortization on purchased callable debt securities This authoritative guidance applies to entities that hold certain non-contingently callable debt securities, where the amortized cost basis is at a premium to the price repayable by the issuer at the earliest call date. Under the guidance the premium will be amortized to the first call date. This guidance requires adoption through a cumulative effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption. Early adoption is permitted.</p>	<p>January 1, 2019</p>	<p>We are currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on our consolidated financial statements.</p>

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Description	Date of adoption	Effect on our consolidated financial statements or other significant matters
<p>Nonemployee share-based payment accounting</p> <p>This authoritative guidance simplifies the accounting for share-based payments to nonemployees by generally aligning it with the accounting for share-based payments to employees. Under the guidance, the measurement of equity-classified nonemployee awards will be fixed at the grant date, where today the measurement is fixed at performance completion date. The guidance will be applied to equity-classified nonemployee awards for which a measurement date has not been established as of the date of adoption by recognizing a cumulative effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the annual period of adoption. Early adoption is permitted.</p>	January 1, 2019	We are currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on our consolidated financial statements.
<p>Leases</p> <p>This authoritative guidance requires lessee recognition of lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet. The concept of an operating lease, where the lease assets and liabilities are off balance sheet, is eliminated under the new guidance. For lessors, the guidance modifies lease classification criteria and accounting for certain types of leases. Other key aspects of the guidance relate to the removal of the current real estate-specific guidance and new presentation and disclosure requirements. Lessees and lessors are required to recognize and measure leases at the beginning of the earliest period presented using a modified retrospective approach, which includes certain optional practical expedients that may be elected. Early adoption is permitted.</p>	January 1, 2019	Our evaluation process includes, but is not limited to, identifying leases that are within the scope of the guidance, reviewing and documenting our accounting for these contracts, implementing system and process changes and determining disclosure impacts. We are currently evaluating other impacts this guidance will have on our consolidated financial statements.
Standards adopted:		
<p>Reclassification of certain tax effects from accumulated other comprehensive income</p> <p>This authoritative guidance permits a reclassification from accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI) to retained earnings for the stranded</p>	January 1, 2018	We elected to early adopt the guidance. The guidance was applied at the beginning of the period of adoption and comparative periods were not restated. We reclassified the stranded tax effects in AOCI resulting from U.S. tax reform, which includes the

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<p>tax effects resulting from U.S. tax legislation enacted on December 22, 2017, which is referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (U.S. tax reform). The amount of that reclassification includes the change in corporate income tax rate, as well as an election to include other income tax effects related to the application of U.S. tax reform. The guidance also requires disclosures about stranded tax effects.</p>		<p>change in corporate income tax rate and an election to reclassify the tax effects of the one-time deemed repatriation tax. A reclassification of \$77.6 million was recorded as an increase to AOCI and a decrease to retained earnings.</p>
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Description	Date of adoption	Effect on our consolidated financial statements or other significant matters
<p>Revenue recognition This authoritative guidance replaces all general and most industry specific revenue recognition guidance currently prescribed by U.S. GAAP. The core principle is that an entity recognizes revenue to reflect the transfer of a promised good or service to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for that good or service. This guidance also provides clarification on when an entity is a principal or an agent in a transaction. In addition, the guidance updates the accounting for certain costs associated with obtaining and fulfilling a customer contract. The guidance may be applied using one of the following two methods: (1) retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented, or (2) retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initially applying the standard recognized at the date of initial application.</p>	January 1, 2018	<p>We adopted the guidance using the modified retrospective approach. The guidance did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements. Further details are included under the caption Adoption of Revenue Recognition Guidance and in Note 13, Revenues from Contracts with Customers.</p>
<p>Income tax - intra-entity transfers of assets This authoritative guidance requires entities to recognize current and deferred income tax resulting from an intra-entity asset transfer when the transfer occurs. Prior to issuance of this guidance, U.S. GAAP did not allow recognition of income tax consequences until the asset had been sold to a third party. This guidance requires adoption through a cumulative effect adjustment to the balance sheet as of the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption with early adoption permitted.</p>	January 1, 2018	<p>We adopted the guidance using the modified retrospective approach. A cumulative effect adjustment of \$8.7 million was recorded as an increase to retained earnings. In addition, other assets and deferred income taxes decreased \$21.1 million and \$29.8 million, respectively, due to the adoption of this guidance.</p>
<p>Financial instruments - recognition and measurement This authoritative guidance addresses certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of financial instruments. The guidance eliminated the classification of equity securities into different categories (trading or available-for-sale) and requires equity investments to be measured at fair value with changes in the fair value recognized through net income. The guidance also updated certain financial instrument disclosures and eliminated the</p>	January 1, 2018	<p>We adopted this guidance using the modified retrospective approach. A cumulative effect adjustment of \$1.0 million was recorded as a decrease to AOCI and a corresponding increase to retained earnings. The guidance did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements. As of December 31, 2017, we had \$96.0 million of equity securities classified as available-for-sale and \$1,770.6 million classified as trading. The consolidated</p>

requirement to disclose the methods and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value of financial instruments that are measured at amortized cost on the balance sheet.

statements of financial position have been updated to eliminate these classifications and present only equity securities. See Note 3, Investments, for further details.

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Description	Date of adoption	Effect on our consolidated financial statements or other significant matters
<p>Nonfinancial asset derecognition and partial sales of nonfinancial assets</p> <p>This authoritative guidance clarifies the scope of the recently established guidance on nonfinancial asset derecognition and the accounting for partial sales of nonfinancial assets. The guidance conforms the derecognition guidance on nonfinancial assets with the model for transactions in the new revenue recognition standard.</p>	January 1, 2018	The guidance was adopted and did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.
<p>Presentation of net periodic pension cost and net periodic postretirement benefit cost</p> <p>This authoritative guidance requires that an employer disaggregate the service cost component from the other components of net benefit cost. The guidance also provides explicit guidance on the presentation of the service cost component and the other components of net benefit cost in the consolidated statement of operations and allows only the service cost component of net benefit cost to be eligible for capitalization.</p>	January 1, 2018	The guidance was adopted and did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.
<p>Definition of a business</p> <p>This authoritative guidance clarifies the definition of a business to assist with evaluating when transactions involving an integrated set of assets and activities (a set) should be accounted for as acquisitions or disposals of assets or businesses. The guidance requires that when substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired or disposed of is concentrated in a single identifiable asset or a group of similar identifiable assets, the set is not a business. The guidance also requires a set to include, at a minimum, an input and a substantive process that together significantly contribute to the ability to create output to be considered a business. Lastly, the guidance removes the evaluation of whether a market participant could replace missing elements and narrows the definition of outputs by more closely aligning it with how</p>	January 1, 2018	The guidance was adopted and did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

<p>outputs are described in the revenue recognition guidance. The guidance will be applied prospectively. Early application is permitted in certain circumstances.</p>		
<p>Employee share-based payment accounting This authoritative guidance changes certain aspects of accounting for and reporting share-based payments to employees including changes related to the income tax effects of share-based payments, tax withholding requirements and accounting for forfeitures. Various transition methods will apply depending on the situation being addressed.</p>	<p>January 1, 2017</p>	<p>The guidance was adopted prospectively as indicated by the guidance for each area of change and did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.</p>

When we adopt new accounting standards, we have a process in place to perform a thorough review of the pronouncement, identify the financial statement and system impacts and create an implementation plan among our impacted business units to ensure we are compliant with the pronouncement on the date of adoption. This includes having effective processes and controls in place to support the reported amounts. Each of the standards listed above is in varying stages in our implementation process based on its issuance and adoption dates. We are on track to implement guidance by the respective effective dates.

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Adoption of Revenue Recognition Guidance

On January 1, 2018, we adopted the guidance using the modified retrospective approach. A cumulative effect adjustment of \$39.7 million was recorded as a decrease to total stockholders' equity. The impact of the guidance to our consolidated financial statements primarily relates to a change to the amortization pattern, or a write-off, of existing capitalized costs transferred from deferred acquisition costs (DAC) to a contract cost asset, where authoritative guidance was superseded. This was offset in part by deferring certain sales compensation related to obtaining customer contracts that was not previously capitalized.

Results of reporting periods beginning January 1, 2018, are presented under the new guidance, while prior period amounts are not adjusted and continue to be reported in accordance with our legacy accounting. The guidance did not have a material impact on our consolidated statements of operations and did not impact earnings per common share. The impacts to the consolidated statements of financial position were as follows:

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	June 30, 2018		
	As reported	As adjusted (1)	Impact of adopting
		<i>(in millions)</i>	revenue recognition
			accounting guidance
Assets			
Deferred acquisition costs (2)	\$ 3,574.4	\$ 3,766.9	\$ (192.5)
Other assets (3)	1,488.9	1,351.7	137.2
Liabilities			
Deferred income taxes	887.9	908.3	(20.4)
Stockholders' equity			
Total stockholders' equity	11,706.5	11,741.4	(34.9)

(1) Excludes the impact of adopting revenue recognition accounting guidance.

(2) Certain costs to obtain a contract previously recorded as DAC are now recorded as a contract cost asset or are no longer deferrable under revenue recognition guidance.

(3) Includes the contract cost asset.

Separate Accounts

The separate accounts are legally segregated and are not subject to the claims that arise out of any of our other business. The client, rather than us, directs the investments and bears the investment risk of these funds. The separate account assets represent the fair value of funds that are separately administered by us for contracts with equity, real estate and fixed income investments and are presented as a summary total within the consolidated statements of financial position. An equivalent amount is reported as separate account liabilities, which represent the obligation to return the monies to the client. We receive fees for mortality, withdrawal and expense risks, as well as administrative, maintenance and investment advisory services that are included in the consolidated statements of operations. Net deposits, net investment income and realized and unrealized capital gains and losses of the separate accounts are not reflected in the consolidated statements of operations.

Separate account assets and separate account liabilities include certain international retirement accumulation products where the segregated funds and associated obligation to the client are consolidated within our financial statements. We have determined that summary totals are the most meaningful presentation for these funds.

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As of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the separate accounts included a separate account valued at \$122.1 million and \$170.5 million, respectively, which primarily included shares of our stock that were allocated and issued to eligible participants of qualified employee benefit plans administered by us as part of the policy credits issued under our 2001 demutualization. These shares are included in both basic and diluted earnings per share calculations. In the consolidated statements of financial position, the separate account shares are recorded at fair value and are reported as separate account assets with a corresponding separate account liability to eligible participants of the qualified plan. Changes in fair value of the separate account shares are reflected in both the separate account assets and separate account liabilities and do not impact our results of operations.

2. Variable Interest Entities

We have relationships with various types of entities which may be VIEs. Certain VIEs are consolidated in our financial results. See Note 1, Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies, under the caption Consolidation for further details of our consolidation accounting policies. We did not provide financial or other support to investees designated as VIEs for the periods ended June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

Consolidated Variable Interest Entities

Grantor Trusts

We contributed undated subordinated floating rate notes to two grantor trusts. The trusts separated their cash flows by issuing an interest-only certificate and a residual certificate related to each note contributed. Each interest-only certificate entitles the holder to interest on the stated note for a specified term, while the residual certificate entitles the holder to interest payments subsequent to the term of the interest-only certificate and to all principal payments. We retained the interest-only certificates and the residual certificates were subsequently sold to third parties. We determined these grantor trusts are VIEs due to insufficient equity to sustain them. We determined we are the primary beneficiary as a result of our contribution of securities into the trusts and our significant continuing interest in the trusts.

Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities

We sold commercial mortgage loans to a real estate mortgage investment conduit trust. The trust issued various commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) certificates using the cash flows of the underlying commercial mortgage loans it purchased. This is considered a VIE due to insufficient equity to sustain itself. We determined we are the primary beneficiary as we retained the special servicing role for the assets within

the trust as well as the ownership of the bond class that controls the unilateral kick-out rights of the special servicer.

Mandatory Retirement Savings Funds

We hold an equity interest in Chilean mandatory privatized social security funds in which we provide asset management services. We determined the mandatory privatized social security funds, which also include contributions for voluntary pension savings, voluntary non-pension savings and compensation savings accounts, are VIEs. This is because the equity holders as a group lack the power, due to voting rights or similar rights, to direct the activities of the entity that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance and also because equity investors are protected from below-average market investment returns relative to the industry's return, due to a regulatory guarantee that we provide. Further we concluded we are the primary beneficiary through our power to make decisions and our significant variable interest in the funds. The purpose of the funds, which reside in legally segregated entities, is to provide long-term retirement savings. The obligation to the customer is directly related to the assets held in the funds and, as such, we present the assets as separate account assets and the obligation as separate account liabilities within our consolidated statements of financial position.

Principal International Hong Kong offers retirement pension schemes in which we provide trustee, administration and asset management services to employers and employees under the Hong Kong Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) and Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance (ORSO) pension schemes. Each pension scheme has various guaranteed and non-guaranteed constituent funds, or investment options, in which customers can invest their money. The guaranteed funds provide either a guaranteed rate of return to the customer or a minimum guarantee on withdrawals under certain qualifying events. We determined the guaranteed funds are VIEs due to the fact the equity holders, as a group, lack the obligation to absorb expected losses due to the guarantee we provide. We concluded we are the primary beneficiary because we have the

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power to make decisions and to receive benefits and the obligation to absorb losses that could be potentially significant to the VIE. Therefore, we consolidate the underlying assets and liabilities of the funds and present as separate accounts or within the general account, depending on the terms of the guarantee.

Real Estate

We invest in several real estate limited partnerships and limited liability companies. The entities invest in real estate properties. Certain of these entities are VIEs based on the combination of our significant economic interest and related voting rights. We determined we are the primary beneficiary as a result of our power to control the entities through our significant ownership. Due to the nature of these real estate investments, the investment balance will fluctuate as we purchase and sell interests in the entities and as capital expenditures are made to improve the underlying real estate.

Sponsored Investment Funds

We sponsor and invest in certain investment funds for which we provide asset management services. Although our asset management fee is commensurate with the services provided and consistent with fees for similar services negotiated at arms-length, we have a variable interest for funds where our other interests are more than insignificant. The funds are VIEs as the equity holders lack power through voting rights to direct the activities of the entity that most significantly impact its economic performance. We determined we are the primary beneficiary of the VIEs where our interest in the entity is more than insignificant and we are the asset manager.

We also invest in certain series of another investment fund. These series are VIEs as the equity holders of each series lack the power to direct the most significant activities of the VIE. We determined we are the primary beneficiary of these series as our interest is more than insignificant and collectively we have the power to direct the most significant activities of the fund.

Assets and Liabilities of Consolidated Variable Interest Entities

The carrying amounts of our consolidated VIE assets, which can only be used to settle obligations of consolidated VIEs, and liabilities of consolidated VIEs for which creditors do not have recourse were as follows:

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	June 30, 2018		December 31, 2017	
	Total assets	Total liabilities	Total assets	Total liabilities
	<i>(in millions)</i>			
Grantor trusts (1)	\$ 243.8	\$ 229.2	\$ 268.8	\$ 253.1
CMBS	8.0		9.4	
Mandatory retirement savings funds (2)	40,157.7	39,794.8	42,311.4	41,921.4
Real estate (3)	351.5	56.5	387.1	19.5
Sponsored investment funds (4)	260.3	12.4	178.1	1.0
Total	\$ 41,021.3	\$ 40,092.9	\$ 43,154.8	\$ 42,195.0

- (1) The assets of grantor trusts are primarily fixed maturities, available-for-sale. The liabilities are primarily other liabilities that reflect an embedded derivative of the forecasted transaction to deliver the underlying securities.
- (2) The assets of the mandatory retirement savings funds include separate account assets and equity securities. The liabilities include separate account liabilities and contractholder funds.
- (3) The assets of the real estate VIEs primarily include real estate, other investments and cash. Liabilities primarily include long-term debt and other liabilities.
- (4) The assets of sponsored investment funds are primarily fixed maturities and equity securities, which are reported with other investments, and cash. The consolidated statements of financial position included a \$66.3 million and \$52.4 million redeemable noncontrolling interest for sponsored investment funds as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

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Unconsolidated Variable Interest Entities

Invested Securities

We hold a variable interest in a number of VIEs where we are not the primary beneficiary. Our investments in these VIEs are reported in fixed maturities, available-for-sale; fixed maturities, trading; equity securities (equity securities, trading as of December 31, 2017) and other investments in the consolidated statements of financial position and are described below.

Unconsolidated VIEs include certain CMBS, residential mortgage-backed pass-through securities (RMBS) and other asset-backed securities (ABS). All of these entities were deemed VIEs because the equity within these entities is insufficient to sustain them. We determined we are not the primary beneficiary in the entities within these categories of investments. This determination was based primarily on the fact we do not own the class of security that controls the unilateral right to replace the special servicer or equivalent function.

We invest in cash collateralized debt obligations, collateralized bond obligations, collateralized loan obligations and other collateralized structures, which are VIEs due to insufficient equity to sustain the entities. We have determined we are not the primary beneficiary of these entities primarily because we do not control the economic performance of the entities and were not involved with the design of the entities or because we do not have a potentially significant variable interest in the entities for which we are the asset manager.

We have invested in various VIE trusts and similar entities as a debt holder. Most of these entities are classified as VIEs due to insufficient equity to sustain them. In addition, we have an entity classified as a VIE based on the combination of our significant economic interest and lack of voting rights. We have determined we are not the primary beneficiary primarily because we do not control the economic performance of the entities and were not involved with the design of the entities.

We have invested in partnerships and other funds, which are classified as VIEs. The entities are VIEs as equity holders lack the power to control the most significant activities of the entities because the equity holders do not have either the ability by a simple majority to exercise substantive kick-out rights or substantive participating rights. We have determined we are not the primary beneficiary because we do not have the power to direct the most significant activities of the entities.

As previously discussed, we sponsor and invest in certain investment funds that are VIEs. We determined we are not the primary beneficiary of the VIEs for which we are the asset manager but do not have a potentially significant variable interest in the funds.

We hold an equity interest in Mexican mandatory privatized social security funds in which we provide asset management services. Our equity interest in the funds is considered a variable interest. We concluded the funds are VIEs because the equity holders as a group lack decision-making ability through their voting rights. We are not the primary beneficiary of the VIEs because although we, as the asset manager, have the power to direct the activities of the VIEs, we do not have a potentially significant variable interest in the funds.

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The carrying value and maximum loss exposure for our unconsolidated VIEs were as follows:

	Asset carrying value	Maximum exposure to loss (1)
	<i>(in millions)</i>	
June 30, 2018		
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale:		
Corporate	\$ 232.8	\$ 218.9
Residential mortgage-backed pass-through securities	2,372.4	2,407.8
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	3,856.5	3,935.9
Collateralized debt obligations	1,798.1	1,812.5
Other debt obligations	6,198.9	6,276.3
Fixed maturities, trading:		
Residential mortgage-backed pass-through securities	342.2	342.2
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	14.4	14.4
Collateralized debt obligations	10.2	10.2
Other debt obligations	8.9	8.9
Equity securities	106.6	106.6
Other investments:		
Other limited partnership and fund interests (2)	727.7	1,312.2
December 31, 2017		
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale:		
Corporate	\$ 244.2	\$ 224.5
Residential mortgage-backed pass-through securities	2,523.3	2,493.8
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	3,708.3	3,734.0
Collateralized debt obligations	1,359.3	1,372.1
Other debt obligations	5,646.2	5,645.1
Fixed maturities, trading:		
Residential mortgage-backed pass-through securities	366.5	366.5
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	0.7	0.7
Equity securities	77.1	77.1
Other investments:		
Other limited partnership and fund interests	797.4	1,438.0

(1) Our risk of loss is limited to our initial investment measured at amortized cost for fixed maturities, available-for-sale. Our risk of loss is limited to our investment measured at fair value for our fixed maturities, trading and equity securities. Our risk of loss is limited to our carrying value plus any unfunded commitments and/or guarantees and similar provisions for our other investments. Unfunded commitments are not liabilities on our consolidated statements of financial position because we are only required to fund additional equity when called upon to do so by the general partner or investment manager.

(2) As of June 30, 2018, the maximum exposure to loss for other limited partnership and fund interests excludes \$557.7 million of debt within certain of our managed international real estate funds that is fully secured by assets whose value exceeds the amount of the debt, but may also include recourse to the investment manager.

Money Market Funds

We are the investment manager for certain money market mutual funds. These types of funds are exempt from assessment under any consolidation model due to a scope exception for money market funds registered under Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 or similar funds. As of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, money market mutual funds we manage held \$3.9 billion and \$4.4 billion in total assets, respectively. We have no contractual obligation to contribute to these funds; however, we provide support through the waiver of fees and through expense reimbursements. The amount of fees waived and expenses reimbursed was insignificant.

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3. Investments

Fixed Maturities and Equity Securities

Fixed maturities include bonds, ABS, redeemable preferred stock and certain non-redeemable preferred securities. Equity securities include mutual funds, common stock, non-redeemable preferred stock and required regulatory investments. We classify fixed maturities as either available-for-sale or trading at the time of the purchase and, accordingly, carry them at fair value. Equity securities are also carried at fair value. See Note 11, Fair Value Measurements, for methodologies related to the determination of fair value. Unrealized gains and losses related to fixed maturities, available-for-sale, excluding those in fair value hedging relationships, are reflected in stockholders equity, net of adjustments associated with DAC and related actuarial balances, derivatives in cash flow hedge relationships and applicable income taxes. Mark-to-market adjustments on equity securities, unrealized gains and losses related to hedged portions of fixed maturities, available-for-sale in fair value hedging relationships and mark-to-market adjustments on certain fixed maturities, trading are reflected in net realized capital gains (losses). Mark-to-market adjustments related to certain securities carried at fair value with an investment objective to realize economic value through mark-to-market changes are reflected in net investment income.

The cost of fixed maturities is adjusted for amortization of premiums and accrual of discounts, both computed using the interest method. The cost of fixed maturities, available-for-sale is adjusted for declines in value that are other than temporary. Impairments in value deemed to be other than temporary are primarily reported in net income as a component of net realized capital gains (losses), with noncredit impairment losses for certain fixed maturities, available-for-sale reported in other comprehensive income (OCI). For loan-backed and structured securities, we recognize income using a constant effective yield based on currently anticipated cash flows.

The recognition and measurement of equity investments was changed under authoritative guidance effective January 1, 2018. The guidance eliminated the classification of equity securities into different categories (trading or available-for-sale) and requires equity investments to be measured at fair value with changes in the fair value recognized through net income. See Note 1, Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies, under the caption Recent Accounting Pronouncements for details of the adoption.

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The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses, other-than-temporary impairments in AOCI and fair value of available-for-sale securities were as follows:

	Amortized cost	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses <i>(in millions)</i>	Fair value	Other-than- temporary impairments in AOCI (1)
June 30, 2018					
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale:					
U.S. government and agencies	\$ 1,348.9	\$ 15.8	\$ 21.4	\$ 1,343.3	\$
Non-U.S. governments	1,047.0	106.1	16.8	1,136.3	
States and political subdivisions	6,256.6	221.4	67.0	6,411.0	
Corporate	35,369.0	1,398.0	622.8	36,144.2	0.8
Residential mortgage-backed pass-through securities	2,407.8	25.2	60.6	2,372.4	
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	3,935.9	18.1	97.5	3,856.5	40.6
Collateralized debt obligations	1,812.5	0.4	14.8	1,798.1	0.6
Other debt obligations	6,327.4	26.2	103.7	6,249.9	39.3
Total fixed maturities, available-for-sale	\$ 58,505.1	\$ 1,811.2	\$ 1,004.6	\$ 59,311.7	\$ 81.3
December 31, 2017					
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale:					
U.S. government and agencies	\$ 1,314.5	\$ 44.9	\$ 7.7	\$ 1,351.7	\$
Non-U.S. governments	820.5	84.6	3.6	901.5	
States and political subdivisions	6,446.1	371.4	15.9	6,801.6	
Corporate	34,673.0	2,464.2	104.1	37,033.1	0.5
Residential mortgage-backed pass-through securities	2,493.8	50.8	21.3	2,523.3	
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	3,734.0	32.7	58.4	3,708.3	50.6
Collateralized debt obligations	1,372.1	2.7	15.5	1,359.3	0.3
Other debt obligations	5,708.1	42.0	40.5	5,709.6	41.9
Total fixed maturities, available-for-sale	\$ 56,562.1	\$ 3,093.3	\$ 267.0	\$ 59,388.4	\$ 93.3
Total equity securities, available-for-sale	\$ 94.0	\$ 7.4	\$ 5.4	\$ 96.0	

(1) Excludes \$92.2 million and \$103.0 million as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, of net unrealized gains on impaired fixed maturities, available-for-sale related to changes in fair value subsequent to the impairment date, which are included in gross unrealized gains and gross unrealized losses.

The amortized cost and fair value of fixed maturities, available-for-sale as of June 30, 2018, by expected maturity, were as follows:

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	Amortized cost	Fair value
	<i>(in millions)</i>	
Due in one year or less	\$ 2,509.4	\$ 2,512.6
Due after one year through five years	11,198.7	11,279.3
Due after five years through ten years	10,438.7	10,387.0
Due after ten years	19,874.7	20,855.9
Subtotal	44,021.5	45,034.8
Mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities	14,483.6	14,276.9
Total	\$ 58,505.1	\$ 59,311.7

Actual maturities may differ because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations. Our portfolio is diversified by industry, issuer and asset class. Credit concentrations are managed to established limits.

Net Realized Capital Gains and Losses

Net realized capital gains and losses on sales of investments are determined on the basis of specific identification. In general, in addition to realized capital gains and losses on investment sales and periodic settlements on derivatives not

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designated as hedges, we report gains and losses related to the following in net realized capital gains (losses): other-than-temporary impairments of securities and subsequent realized recoveries, mark-to-market adjustments on equity securities, mark-to-market adjustments on certain fixed maturities, trading, mark-to-market adjustments on sponsored investment funds, fair value hedge and cash flow hedge ineffectiveness, mark-to-market adjustments on derivatives not designated as hedges, changes in the mortgage loan valuation allowance provision, impairments of real estate held for investment and impairments on equity method investments. Investment gains and losses on sales of certain real estate held for sale due to investment strategy and mark-to-market adjustments on certain securities carried at fair value with an investment objective to realize economic value through mark-to-market changes are reported as net investment income and are excluded from net realized capital gains (losses). The major components of net realized capital gains (losses) on investments were as follows:

	For the three months ended		For the six months ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	<i>(in millions)</i>			
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale:				
Gross gains	\$ 0.7	\$ 6.2	\$ 5.0	\$ 10.2
Gross losses	(18.5)	(7.3)	(45.2)	(15.5)
Net impairment losses	(9.0)	(14.2)	(18.9)	(43.0)
Hedging, net	(2.9)	(2.7)	(8.0)	(16.0)
Fixed maturities, trading (1)	(2.7)	1.5	(13.4)	1.8
Equity securities, trading (2)		14.7		36.4
Equity securities (3)	5.6		3.6	
Mortgage loans	2.5	0.1	2.9	(0.3)
Derivatives	(37.4)	(103.6)	(28.0)	(110.3)
Other (4)	129.1	9.4	144.3	24.2
Net realized capital gains (losses)	\$ 67.4	\$ (95.9)	\$ 42.3	\$ (112.5)

(1) Unrealized gains (losses) on fixed maturities, trading still held at the reporting date were \$(2.7) million and \$1.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and \$(13.4) million and \$2.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

(2) Unrealized gains (losses) on equity securities, trading still held at the reporting date were \$9.9 million and \$27.6 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively. This excludes \$6.6 million and \$27.3 million of unrealized gains (losses) on equity securities, trading still held at the reporting date for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, that were reported in net investment income.

(3) Unrealized gains (losses) on equity securities still held at the reporting date were \$0.1 million and \$(14.1) million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively. This excludes \$3.3 million and \$3.2 million of unrealized gains (losses) on equity securities still held at the reporting date for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, that were reported in net investment income.

- (4) Other gains in 2018 primarily include a gain from the sale of an equity method investment.

Proceeds from sales of investments (excluding call and maturity proceeds) in fixed maturities, available-for-sale were \$525.9 million and \$444.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, and \$1,737.7 million and \$805.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Other-Than-Temporary Impairments

We have a process in place to identify fixed maturity securities that could potentially have an impairment that is other than temporary. Prior to 2018, we also used this process to assess equity securities for impairment. This process involves monitoring market events that could impact issuers' credit ratings, business climate, management changes, litigation and government actions and other similar factors. This process also involves monitoring late payments, pricing levels, downgrades by rating agencies, key financial ratios, financial statements, revenue forecasts and cash flow projections as indicators of credit issues.

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Each reporting period, all securities are reviewed to determine whether an other-than-temporary decline in value exists and whether losses should be recognized. We consider relevant facts and circumstances in evaluating whether a credit or interest rate related impairment of a security is other than temporary. Relevant facts and circumstances considered include: (1) the extent and length of time the fair value has been below cost; (2) the reasons for the decline in value; (3) the financial position and access to capital of the issuer, including the current and future impact of any specific events; (4) for structured securities, the adequacy of the expected cash flows; (5) for fixed maturities, our intent to sell a security or whether it is more likely than not we will be required to sell the security before the recovery of its amortized cost which, in some cases, may extend to maturity and (6) for equity securities, our ability and intent to hold the security for a period of time that allows for the recovery in value. To the extent we determine a security is deemed to be other than temporarily impaired, an impairment loss is recognized.

The way in which impairment losses on fixed maturities are recognized in the financial statements is dependent on the facts and circumstances related to the specific security. If we intend to sell a security or it is more likely than not that we would be required to sell a security before the recovery of its amortized cost, we recognize an other-than-temporary impairment in net income for the difference between amortized cost and fair value. If we do not expect to recover the amortized cost basis, we do not plan to sell the security and if it is not more likely than not that we would be required to sell a security before the recovery of its amortized cost, the recognition of the other-than-temporary impairment is bifurcated. We recognize the credit loss portion in net income and the noncredit loss portion in OCI (bifurcated OTTI). Prior to 2018, impairment losses on equity securities were recognized in net income and were measured as the difference between amortized cost and fair value.

Total other-than-temporary impairment losses, net of recoveries from the sale of previously impaired securities, were as follows:

	For the three months ended			For the six months ended		
	2018	June 30,	2017	2018	June 30,	2017
			<i>(in millions)</i>			
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale	\$	(8.2)	\$	(2.4)	\$	(6.9)
Total other-than-temporary impairment losses, net of recoveries from the sale of previously impaired securities		(8.2)		(2.4)		(6.9)
Other-than-temporary impairment losses on fixed maturities, available-for-sale reclassified from OCI (1)		(0.8)		(11.8)		(12.0)
Net impairment losses on available-for-sale securities	\$	(9.0)	\$	(14.2)	\$	(18.9)
				\$		(29.7)
						(29.7)
						(13.3)
						(43.0)

(1) Represents the net impact of (a) gains resulting from reclassification of noncredit impairment losses for fixed maturities with bifurcated OTTI from net realized capital gains (losses) to OCI and (b) losses resulting from reclassification of previously recognized noncredit impairment losses from OCI to net realized capital gains (losses) for fixed maturities with bifurcated OTTI that had additional credit losses or fixed maturities that previously had bifurcated OTTI that have now been sold or are intended to be sold.

We estimate the amount of the credit loss component of a fixed maturity security impairment as the difference between amortized cost and the present value of the expected cash flows of the security. The present value is determined using the best estimate cash flows discounted at the effective interest rate implicit to the security at the date of purchase or the current yield to accrete an asset-backed or floating rate security. The methodology and assumptions for establishing the best estimate cash flows vary depending on the type of security. The ABS cash flow estimates are based on security specific facts and circumstances that may include collateral characteristics, expectations of delinquency and default rates, loss severity and prepayment speeds and structural support, including subordination and guarantees. The corporate security cash flow estimates are derived from scenario-based outcomes of expected corporate restructurings or liquidations using bond specific facts and circumstances including timing, security interests and loss severity.

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The following table provides a rollforward of accumulated credit losses for fixed maturities with bifurcated credit losses. The purpose of the table is to provide detail of (1) additions to the bifurcated credit loss amounts recognized in net realized capital gains (losses) during the period and (2) decrements for previously recognized bifurcated credit losses where the loss is no longer bifurcated and/or there has been a positive change in expected cash flows or accretion of the bifurcated credit loss amount.

	For the three months ended June 30,			For the six months ended June 30,		
	2018		2017	2018		2017
	<i>(in millions)</i>					
Beginning balance	\$	(129.2)	\$	(152.4)	\$	(124.3)
Credit losses for which an other-than-temporary impairment was not previously recognized		(5.5)		(1.1)		(10.1)
Credit losses for which an other-than-temporary impairment was previously recognized		(1.9)		(12.7)		(11.7)
Reduction for credit losses previously recognized on fixed maturities now sold, paid down or intended to be sold		2.7		9.8		10.0
Net reduction for positive changes in cash flows expected to be collected and amortization (1)		2.8		1.6		5.0
Foreign currency translation adjustment						(0.1)
Ending balance	\$	(131.1)	\$	(154.8)	\$	(131.1)

(1) Amounts are recognized in net investment income.

Gross Unrealized Losses for Available-for-Sale Securities

For available-for-sale securities with unrealized losses, including other-than-temporary impairment losses reported in OCI, the gross unrealized losses and fair value, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position were as follows:

Less than twelve months		June 30, 2018 Greater than or equal to twelve months		Total	
Fair value	Gross unrealized losses	Fair value	Gross unrealized losses	Fair value	Gross unrealized losses
<i>(in millions)</i>					

Fixed maturities, available-for-sale:

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U.S. government and agencies	\$	574.4	\$	11.4	\$	175.4	\$	10.0	\$	749.8	\$	21.4
Non-U.S. governments		376.7		14.7		27.7		2.1		404.4		16.8
States and political subdivisions		2,071.6		43.1		422.7		23.9		2,494.3		67.0
Corporate		16,927.5		517.2		1,388.1		105.6		18,315.6		622.8
Residential mortgage-backed pass-through securities		1,096.2		22.1		676.7		38.5		1,772.9		60.6
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		2,215.6		45.8		820.3		51.7		3,035.9		97.5
Collateralized debt obligations		1,115.1		2.5		50.0		12.3		1,165.1		14.8
Other debt obligations		4,115.7		69.9		893.0		33.8		5,008.7		103.7
Total fixed maturities, available-for-sale	\$	28,492.8	\$	726.7	\$	4,453.9	\$	277.9	\$	32,946.7	\$	1,004.6

Of the total amounts, Principal Life Insurance Company's (Principal Life's) consolidated portfolio represented \$32,057.3 million in available-for-sale fixed maturities with gross unrealized losses of \$966.9 million. Of the available-for-sale fixed maturities within Principal Life's consolidated portfolio in a gross unrealized loss position, 96% were investment grade (rated AAA through BBB-) with an average price of 97 (carrying value/amortized cost) as of June 30, 2018. Gross unrealized losses in our fixed maturities portfolio increased during the six months ended June 30, 2018, primarily due to an increase in interest rates and a widening of credit spreads.

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For those securities that had been in a continuous unrealized loss position for less than twelve months, Principal Life's consolidated portfolio held 3,384 securities with a carrying value of \$27,795.1 million and unrealized losses of \$702.0 million reflecting an average price of 98 as of June 30, 2018. Of this portfolio, 96% was investment grade (rated AAA through BBB-) as of June 30, 2018, with associated unrealized losses of \$671.6 million. The unrealized losses on these securities can primarily be attributed to changes in market interest rates and changes in credit spreads since the securities were acquired.

For those securities that had been in a continuous unrealized loss position greater than or equal to twelve months, Principal Life's consolidated portfolio held 761 securities with a carrying value of \$4,262.2 million and unrealized losses of \$264.9 million. The average credit rating of this portfolio was AA- with an average price of 94 as of June 30, 2018. Of the \$264.9 million in unrealized losses, the corporate sector accounts for \$94.4 million in unrealized losses with an average price of 93 and an average credit rating of BBB+. The remaining unrealized losses also include \$50.9 million within the commercial mortgage-backed securities sector with an average price of 94 and an average credit rating of AA+. The unrealized losses on these securities can primarily be attributed to changes in market interest rates and changes in credit spreads since the securities were acquired.

Because we expected to recover our amortized cost, it was not our intent to sell the fixed maturity available-for-sale securities with unrealized losses and it was not more likely than not that we would be required to sell these securities before recovery of the amortized cost, which may be at maturity, we did not consider these investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired as of June 30, 2018.

	Less than twelve months		December 31, 2017 Greater than or equal to twelve months		Total	
	Fair value	Gross unrealized losses	Fair value	Gross unrealized losses	Fair value	Gross unrealized losses
	<i>(in millions)</i>					
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale:						
U.S. government and agencies	\$ 294.2	\$ 2.2	\$ 180.9	\$ 5.5	\$ 475.1	\$ 7.7
Non-U.S. governments	111.0	1.7	22.1	1.9	133.1	3.6
States and political subdivisions	720.0	5.0	437.7	10.9	1,157.7	15.9
Corporate	3,871.5	43.4	1,644.3	60.7	5,515.8	104.1
Residential mortgage-backed pass-through securities	354.4	2.0	734.5	19.3	1,088.9	21.3
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	1,342.7	19.9	820.3	38.5	2,163.0	58.4
Collateralized debt obligations	460.9	2.1	38.3	13.4	499.2	15.5
Other debt obligations	2,667.6	16.0	956.8	24.5	3,624.4	40.5
	\$ 9,822.3	\$ 92.3	\$ 4,834.9	\$ 174.7	\$ 14,657.2	\$ 267.0

Total fixed maturities, available-for-sale										
Total equity securities, available-for-sale	\$	\$	\$	40.4	\$	5.4	\$	40.4	\$	5.4

Of the total amounts, Principal Life Insurance Company's (Principal Life's) consolidated portfolio represented \$14,059.5 million in available-for-sale fixed maturities with gross unrealized losses of \$239.7 million. Of the available-for-sale fixed maturities within Principal Life's consolidated portfolio in a gross unrealized loss position, 97% were investment grade (rated AAA through BBB-) with an average price of 98 (carrying value/amortized cost) as of December 31, 2017. Gross unrealized losses in our fixed maturities portfolio decreased during the year ended December 31, 2017, primarily due to tightening of credit spreads.

For those securities that had been in a continuous unrealized loss position for less than twelve months, Principal Life's consolidated portfolio held 1,209 securities with a carrying value of \$9,360.9 million and unrealized losses of \$75.4 million reflecting an average price of 99 as of December 31, 2017. Of this portfolio, 98% was investment grade (rated AAA through BBB-) as of December 31, 2017, with associated unrealized losses of \$71.5 million. The unrealized losses on these securities can primarily be attributed to changes in market interest rates and changes in credit spreads since the securities were acquired.

For those securities that had been in a continuous unrealized loss position greater than or equal to twelve months, Principal Life's consolidated portfolio held 775 securities with a carrying value of \$4,698.6 million and unrealized losses of \$164.3 million. The average credit rating of this portfolio was AA- with an average price of 97 as of December 31, 2017. Of the

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\$164.3 million in unrealized losses, the corporate sector accounts for \$52.2 million in unrealized losses with an average price of 97 and an average credit rating of BBB+. The remaining unrealized losses also include \$38.1 million within the commercial mortgage-backed securities sector with an average price of 96 and an average credit rating of AA+. The unrealized losses on these securities can primarily be attributed to changes in market interest rates and changes in credit spreads since the securities were acquired.

Because we expected to recover our amortized cost, it was not our intent to sell the fixed maturity available-for-sale securities with unrealized losses and it was not more likely than not that we would be required to sell these securities before recovery of the amortized cost, which may be at maturity, we did not consider these investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired as of December 31, 2017.

Net Unrealized Gains and Losses on Available-for-Sale Securities and Derivative Instruments

The net unrealized gains and losses on investments in available-for-sale securities, the noncredit component of impairment losses on fixed maturities available-for-sale and the net unrealized gains and losses on derivative instruments in cash flow hedge relationships are reported as separate components of stockholders' equity. The cumulative amount of net unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities and derivative instruments in cash flow hedge relationships net of adjustments related to DAC and related actuarial balances and applicable income taxes was as follows:

	June 30, 2018		December 31, 2017
	<i>(in millions)</i>		
Net unrealized gains on fixed maturities, available-for-sale (1)	\$	855.8	\$ 2,898.5
Noncredit component of impairment losses on fixed maturities, available-for-sale		(81.3)	(93.3)
Net unrealized gains on equity securities, available-for-sale			2.0
Adjustments for assumed changes in amortization patterns		(8.0)	(150.6)
Adjustments for assumed changes in policyholder liabilities		(361.1)	(645.5)
Net unrealized gains on derivative instruments		111.0	108.2
Net unrealized gains on equity method subsidiaries and noncontrolling interest adjustments		40.5	31.3
Provision for deferred income taxes		(118.1)	(695.5)
Net unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities and derivative instruments	\$	438.8	\$ 1,455.1

(1) Excludes net unrealized gains (losses) on fixed maturities, available-for-sale included in fair value hedging relationships.

Mortgage Loans

Mortgage loans consist of commercial and residential mortgage loans. We evaluate risks inherent in our commercial mortgage loans in two classes: (1) brick and mortar property loans, including mezzanine loans, where we analyze the property's rent payments as support for the loan, and (2) credit tenant loans (CTL), where we rely on the credit analysis of the tenant for the repayment of the loan. We evaluate risks inherent in our residential mortgage loan portfolio in two classes: (1) home equity mortgages and (2) first lien mortgages. The carrying amount of our mortgage loan portfolio was as follows:

	June 30, 2018	<i>(in millions)</i>	December 31, 2017
Commercial mortgage loans	\$	13,071.9	\$ 12,897.3
Residential mortgage loans		1,326.1	1,285.9
Total amortized cost		14,398.0	14,183.2
Valuation allowance		(30.1)	(32.7)
Total carrying value	\$	14,367.9	\$ 14,150.5

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We periodically purchase mortgage loans as well as sell mortgage loans we have originated. Mortgage loans purchased and sold were as follows:

	For the three months ended June 30,		For the six months ended June 30,		
	2018	2017	2018	2017	
	<i>(in millions)</i>				
Commercial mortgage loans:					
Purchased	\$		\$	28.4	\$
Sold		1.6		1.6	\$
Residential mortgage loans:					
Purchased		92.6	62.7	204.8	154.4
Sold		27.7	17.4	51.3	30.4

Our commercial mortgage loan portfolio consists primarily of non-recourse, fixed rate mortgages on stabilized properties. Our commercial mortgage loan portfolio is diversified by geographic region and specific collateral property type as follows:

	June 30, 2018		December 31, 2017	
	Amortized cost	Percent of total	Amortized cost	Percent of total
	<i>(\$ in millions)</i>			
Geographic distribution				
New England	\$	645.8	4.9 %	\$
Middle Atlantic		3,758.8	28.8	3,623.0
East North Central		524.3	4.0	675.2
West North Central		178.6	1.4	174.9
South Atlantic		2,240.8	17.1	2,325.3
East South Central		376.5	2.9	375.7
West South Central		1,087.0	8.3	1,072.4
Mountain		1,031.5	7.9	1,039.3
Pacific		3,068.3	23.5	2,849.0
International		160.3	1.2	170.7
Total	\$	13,071.9	100.0 %	\$
				12,897.3
				100.0 %
Property type distribution				
Office	\$	4,533.1	34.7 %	\$
Retail		2,568.1	19.6	4,700.2
Industrial		1,989.3	15.2	2,612.7
Apartments		3,621.7	27.7	1,881.5
Hotel		101.6	0.8	3,301.9
Mixed use/other		258.1	2.0	130.9
Total	\$	13,071.9	100.0 %	\$
				270.1
				12,897.3
				100.0 %

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Our residential mortgage loan portfolio is composed of home equity mortgages with an amortized cost of \$19.0 million and \$23.0 million and first lien mortgages with an amortized cost of \$1,307.1 million and \$1,262.9 million as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. Our residential home equity mortgages are concentrated in the United States and are generally second lien mortgages comprised of closed-end loans and lines of credit. Our first lien loans are concentrated in Chile and the United States.

Mortgage Loan Credit Monitoring

Commercial Credit Risk Profile Based on Internal Rating

We actively monitor and manage our commercial mortgage loan portfolio. All commercial mortgage loans are analyzed regularly and substantially all are internally rated, based on a proprietary risk rating cash flow model, in order to monitor the financial quality of these assets. The model stresses expected cash flows at various levels and at different points in

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time depending on the durability of the income stream, which includes our assessment of factors such as location (macro and micro markets), tenant quality and lease expirations. Our internal rating analysis presents expected losses in terms of an S&P Global (S&P) bond equivalent rating. As the credit risk for commercial mortgage loans increases, we adjust our internal ratings downward with loans in the category B+ and below having the highest risk for credit loss. Internal ratings on commercial mortgage loans are updated at least annually and potentially more often for certain loans with material changes in collateral value or occupancy and for loans on an internal watch list .

Commercial mortgage loans that require more frequent and detailed attention are identified and placed on an internal watch list . Among the criteria that would indicate a potential problem are significant negative changes in ratios of loan to value or contract rents to debt service, major tenant vacancies or bankruptcies, borrower sponsorship problems, late payments, delinquent taxes and loan relief/restructuring requests.

The amortized cost of our commercial mortgage loan portfolio by credit risk, as determined by our internal rating system expressed in terms of an S&P bond equivalent rating, was as follows:

	Brick and mortar	June 30, 2018 CTL (in millions)		Total
A- and above	\$ 11,858.1	\$ 123.4	\$	11,981.5
BBB+ thru BBB-	907.5	84.9		992.4
BB+ thru BB-	91.9			91.9
B+ and below	6.0	0.1		6.1
Total	\$ 12,863.5	\$ 208.4	\$	13,071.9

	Brick and mortar	December 31, 2017 CTL (in millions)		Total
A- and above	\$ 11,636.2	\$ 129.0	\$	11,765.2
BBB+ thru BBB-	934.1	102.4		1,036.5
BB+ thru BB-	89.0			89.0
B+ and below	6.3	0.3		6.6
Total	\$ 12,665.6	\$ 231.7	\$	12,897.3

Residential Credit Risk Profile Based on Performance Status

Our residential mortgage loan portfolio is monitored based on performance of the loans. Monitoring on a residential mortgage loan increases when the loan is delinquent or earlier if there is an indication of potential impairment. We define non-performing residential mortgage loans as loans 90 days or greater delinquent or on non-accrual status.

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The amortized cost of our performing and non-performing residential mortgage loans was as follows:

	Home equity	June 30, 2018 First liens <i>(in millions)</i>	Total
	Home equity	December 31, 2017 First liens <i>(in millions)</i>	Total
Performing	\$ 16.5	\$ 1,251.4	\$ 1,267.9
Non-performing	6.5	11.5	18.0
Total	\$ 23.0	\$ 1,262.9	\$ 1,285.9

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Non-Accrual Mortgage Loans

Commercial and residential mortgage loans are placed on non-accrual status if we have concern regarding the collectability of future payments or if a loan has matured without being paid off or extended. Factors considered may include conversations with the borrower, loss of major tenant, bankruptcy of borrower or major tenant, decreased property cash flow for commercial mortgage loans or number of days past due and other circumstances for residential mortgage loans. Based on an assessment as to the collectability of the principal, a determination is made to apply any payments received either against the principal, against the valuation allowance or according to the contractual terms of the loan. When a loan is placed on non-accrual status, the accrued unpaid interest receivable is reversed against interest income. Accrual of interest resumes after factors resulting in doubts about collectability have improved. Residential first lien mortgages in the Chilean market are carried on accrual for a longer period of delinquency than domestic loans, as assessment of collectability is based on the nature of the loans and collection practices in that market.

The amortized cost of mortgage loans on non-accrual status was as follows:

	June 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	<i>(in millions)</i>	
Residential:		
Home equity	\$ 5.2	\$ 6.5
First liens	11.5	3.9
Total	\$ 16.7	\$ 10.4

The aging of our mortgage loans, based on amortized cost, was as follows:

				June 30, 2018		Recorded investment
30-59 days past due	60-89 days past due	90 days or more past due	Total past due	Current	Total loans	90 days or more and accruing
				<i>(in millions)</i>		

December 31, 2017

	30-59 days past due	60-89 days past due	90 days or more past due	Total past due <i>(in millions)</i>	Current	Total loans	Recorded investment 90 days or more and accruing
Commercial-brick and mortar	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 12,665.6	\$ 12,665.6	\$
Commercial-CTL					231.7	231.7	
Residential-home equity	1.9	0.7	0.8	3.4	19.6	23.0	
Residential-first liens	37.2	7.9	10.6	55.7	1,207.2	1,262.9	7.6
Total	\$ 39.1	\$ 8.6	\$ 11.4	\$ 59.1	\$ 14,124.1	\$ 14,183.2	\$ 7.6

Mortgage Loan Valuation Allowance

We establish a valuation allowance to provide for the risk of credit losses inherent in our portfolio. The valuation allowance includes loan specific reserves for loans that are deemed to be impaired as well as reserves for pools of loans with similar risk characteristics where a property risk or market specific risk has not been identified but for which we anticipate a loss may occur. Mortgage loans on real estate are considered impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable we will be unable to collect all amounts due according to contractual terms of the loan agreement. When we determine a loan is impaired, a valuation allowance is established equal to the difference between the carrying amount of the mortgage loan and the estimated value reduced by the cost to sell. Estimated value is based on either the present value of the expected future cash flows

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discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, the loan's observable market price or fair value of the collateral. Subsequent changes in the estimated value are reflected in the valuation allowance. Amounts on loans deemed to be uncollectible are charged off and removed from the valuation allowance. The change in the valuation allowance provision is included in net realized capital gains (losses) on our consolidated statements of operations.

The valuation allowance is maintained at a level believed adequate by management to absorb estimated probable credit losses. Management's periodic evaluation and assessment of the valuation allowance adequacy is based on known and inherent risks in the portfolio, adverse situations that may affect a borrower's ability to repay, the estimated value of the underlying collateral, composition of the loan portfolio, portfolio delinquency information, underwriting standards, peer group information, current economic conditions, loss experience and other relevant factors. The evaluation of our impaired loan component is subjective, as it requires the estimation of timing and amount of future cash flows expected to be received on impaired loans.

We review our commercial mortgage loan portfolio and analyze the need for a valuation allowance for any loan that is delinquent for 60 days or more, in process of foreclosure, restructured, on the internal watch list or that currently has a valuation allowance. In addition to establishing allowance levels for specifically identified impaired commercial mortgage loans, management determines an allowance for all other loans in the portfolio for which historical experience and current economic conditions indicate certain losses exist. These loans are segregated by risk rating level with an estimated loss ratio applied against each risk rating level. The loss ratio is generally based upon historical loss experience for each risk rating level as adjusted for certain current environmental factors management believes to be relevant.

For our residential mortgage loan portfolio, we separate the loans into several homogeneous pools, each of which consist of loans of a similar nature including but not limited to loans similar in collateral, term and structure and loan purpose or type. We evaluate loan pools based on aggregated risk ratings, estimated specific loss potential in the different classes of credits, and historical loss experience by pool type. We adjust these quantitative factors for qualitative factors of present conditions. Qualitative factors include items such as economic and business conditions, changes in the portfolio, value of underlying collateral and concentrations. Residential mortgage loan pools exclude loans that have been restructured or impaired, as those loans are evaluated individually.

A rollforward of our valuation allowance and ending balances of the allowance and loan balance by basis of impairment method was as follows:

	For the three months ended June 30, 2018			Total
	Commercial	Residential <i>(in millions)</i>		
Beginning balance	\$ 26.6	\$ 6.4	\$	33.0
Provision	(0.8)	(1.8)		(2.6)
Charge-offs		(1.1)		(1.1)
Recoveries		0.8		0.8
Ending balance	\$ 25.8	\$ 4.3	\$	30.1

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	For the six months ended June 30, 2018			Total
	Commercial		Residential <i>(in millions)</i>	
Beginning balance	\$ 25.8	\$	\$ 6.9	\$ 32.7
Provision			(2.8)	(2.8)
Charge-offs			(1.6)	(1.6)
Recoveries			1.8	1.8
Ending balance	\$ 25.8	\$	\$ 4.3	\$ 30.1
Allowance ending balance by basis of impairment method:				
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$	\$	\$ 2.0	\$ 2.0
Collectively evaluated for impairment	25.8		2.3	28.1
Allowance ending balance	\$ 25.8	\$	\$ 4.3	\$ 30.1
Loan balance by basis of impairment method:				
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$	\$	\$ 11.0	\$ 11.0
Collectively evaluated for impairment	13,071.9		1,315.1	14,387.0
Loan ending balance	\$ 13,071.9	\$	\$ 1,326.1	\$ 14,398.0
For the three months ended June 30, 2017				
	Commercial		Residential <i>(in millions)</i>	Total
Beginning balance	\$ 28.0	\$	\$ 17.2	\$ 45.2
Charge-offs			(1.5)	(1.5)
Recoveries			0.9	0.9
Ending balance	\$ 28.0	\$	\$ 16.6	\$ 44.6
For the six months ended June 30, 2017				
	Commercial		Residential <i>(in millions)</i>	Total
Beginning balance	\$ 27.4	\$	\$ 17.5	\$ 44.9
Provision	0.6			0.6
Charge-offs			(3.1)	(3.1)
Recoveries			2.2	2.2
Ending balance	\$ 28.0	\$	\$ 16.6	\$ 44.6
Allowance ending balance by basis of impairment method:				
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$	\$	\$ 5.1	\$ 5.1
Collectively evaluated for impairment	28.0		11.5	39.5
Allowance ending balance	\$ 28.0	\$	\$ 16.6	\$ 44.6
Loan balance by basis of impairment method:				
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$	\$	\$ 13.3	\$ 13.3
Collectively evaluated for impairment	12,548.1		1,254.1	13,802.2
Loan ending balance	\$ 12,548.1	\$	\$ 1,267.4	\$ 13,815.5

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Impaired Mortgage Loans

Impaired mortgage loans are loans with a related specific valuation allowance, loans whose carrying amount has been reduced to the expected collectible amount because the impairment has been considered other than temporary or a loan modification has been classified as a troubled debt restructuring (TDR). Based on an assessment as to the collectability of the principal, a determination is made to apply any payments received either against the principal, against the valuation allowance or according to the contractual terms of the loan. Our recorded investment in and unpaid principal balance of impaired loans along with the related loan specific allowance for losses, if any, and the average recorded investment and interest income recognized during the time the loans were impaired were as follows:

	Recorded investment	June 30, 2018 Unpaid principal balance (in millions)	Related allowance
With no related allowance recorded:			
Residential-first liens	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.7	\$
With an allowance recorded:			
Residential-home equity	6.6	7.6	1.8
Residential-first liens	3.7	3.7	0.2
Total:			
Residential	\$ 11.0	\$ 12.0	\$ 2.0
		December 31, 2017 Unpaid principal balance (in millions)	Related allowance
With no related allowance recorded:			
Residential-first liens	\$ 0.9	\$ 0.8	\$
With an allowance recorded:			
Residential-home equity	7.6	8.6	4.3
Residential-first liens	4.0	4.0	0.2
Total:			
Residential	\$ 12.5	\$ 13.4	\$ 4.5
	For the three months ended June 30, 2018	For the six months ended June 30, 2018	
	Average recorded investment	Average recorded investment	Interest income recognized
			Interest income recognized
			<i>(in millions)</i>
With no related allowance recorded:			
Residential-first liens	\$ 0.8	\$ 0.8	\$
With an allowance recorded:			

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Residential-home equity		6.9				7.1		0.1
Residential-first liens		3.9		0.1		3.9		0.1
Total:								
Residential	\$	11.6	\$	0.1	\$	11.8	\$	0.2

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	For the three months ended June 30, 2017		For the six months ended June 30, 2017	
	Average recorded investment	Interest income recognized	Average recorded investment	Interest income recognized
				<i>(in millions)</i>
With no related allowance recorded:				
Residential-first liens	\$ 0.5	\$	\$ 1.1	\$
With an allowance recorded:				
Residential-home equity	10.8		10.8	0.1
Residential-first liens	4.4	0.1	4.5	0.1
Total:				
Residential	\$ 15.7	\$ 0.1	\$ 16.4	\$ 0.2

Mortgage Loan Modifications

Our commercial and residential mortgage loan portfolios can include loans that have been modified. We assess loan modifications on a case-by-case basis to evaluate whether a TDR has occurred. When we have commercial mortgage loan TDRs, they are modified to delay or reduce principal payments and to reduce or delay interest payments. The commercial mortgage loan modifications result in delayed cash receipts, a decrease in interest income and loan rates that are considered below market. When we have residential mortgage loan TDRs, they include modifications of interest-only payment periods, delays in principal balloon payments and interest rate reductions. Residential mortgage loan modifications result in delayed or decreased cash receipts and a decrease in interest income.

The following table includes information about outstanding loans that were modified and met the criteria of a TDR during the periods indicated. In addition, the table includes information for loans that were modified and met the criteria of a TDR within the past twelve months that were in payment default during the periods indicated:

	Number of contracts	For the three months ended June 30, 2018		For the three months ended June 30, 2017	
		TDRs	Recorded investment <i>(in millions)</i>	TDRs in payment default	Recorded investment <i>(in millions)</i>
Residential-home equity	3	\$	0.1	\$	
Residential-first liens	1		0.1		
Total	4	\$	0.2	\$	

	Number of contracts	For the three months ended June 30, 2017		For the three months ended June 30, 2017	
		TDRs	Recorded investment <i>(in millions)</i>	TDRs in payment default	Recorded investment <i>(in millions)</i>
Residential-home equity	3	\$	0.1	\$	
Residential-first liens	1		0.1		
Total	4	\$	0.2	\$	

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	contracts		investment <i>(in millions)</i>		contracts		investment <i>(in millions)</i>
Residential-home equity	3	\$	0.1			\$	
Total	3	\$	0.1			\$	

	For the six months ended June 30, 2018						
	TDRs		TDRs in payment default				
	Number of contracts		Recorded investment <i>(in millions)</i>		Number of contracts		Recorded investment <i>(in millions)</i>
Residential-home equity	6	\$	0.3			\$	
Residential-first liens	1		0.1				
Total	7	\$	0.4			\$	

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	Number of contracts	TDRs	For the six months ended June 30, 2017	
			Recorded investment (in millions)	TDRs in payment default Recorded investment (in millions)
Residential-home equity	7	\$	0.4	\$
Residential-first liens				1
Total	7	\$	0.4	1

When we have commercial mortgage loan TDRs they are reserved for in the mortgage loan valuation allowance at the estimated fair value of the underlying collateral reduced by the cost to sell.

When we have residential mortgage loan TDRs they are specifically reserved for in the mortgage loan valuation allowance if losses result from the modification. Residential mortgage loans that have defaulted or have been discharged through bankruptcy are reduced to the expected collectible amount.

Securities Posted as Collateral

As of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, we posted \$3,549.5 million and \$2,807.4 million, respectively, in commercial mortgage loans and residential first lien mortgages to satisfy collateral requirements associated with our obligation under funding agreements with Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines (FHLB Des Moines). In addition, as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, we posted \$2,462.8 million and \$2,486.2 million, respectively, in fixed maturities, available-for-sale and trading securities to satisfy collateral requirements primarily associated with a reinsurance arrangement, our derivative credit support annex (collateral) agreements, Futures Commission Merchant (FCM) agreements, a lending arrangement and our obligation under funding agreements with FHLB Des Moines. Since we did not relinquish ownership rights on these instruments, they are reported as mortgage loans and fixed maturities, available-for-sale, respectively, on our consolidated statements of financial position. Of the securities posted as collateral, as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, \$170.7 million and \$173.3 million, respectively, could be sold or pledged by the secured party.

Balance Sheet Offsetting

Financial assets subject to master netting agreements or similar agreements were as follows:

	Gross amounts not offset in the consolidated statements of financial position				Net amount
	Gross amount of recognized assets (1)	Financial instruments (2)	Collateral received		
	<i>(in millions)</i>				
June 30, 2018					
Derivative assets	\$ 192.9	\$ (94.2)	\$ (92.3)	\$	6.4
Reverse repurchase agreements	42.3		(42.3)	\$	
Total	\$ 235.2	\$ (94.2)	\$ (134.6)	\$	6.4
December 31, 2017					
Derivative assets	\$ 287.0	\$ (116.3)	\$ (149.5)	\$	21.2
Reverse repurchase agreements	17.6		(17.6)	\$	
Total	\$ 304.6	\$ (116.3)	\$ (167.1)	\$	21.2

(1) The gross amount of recognized derivative and reverse repurchase agreement assets are reported with other investments and cash and cash equivalents, respectively, on the consolidated statements of financial position. The above excludes \$12.3 million and \$17.0 million of derivative assets as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, that are not subject to master netting agreements or similar agreements. The gross amounts of derivative and reverse repurchase agreement assets are not netted against offsetting liabilities for presentation on the consolidated statements of financial position.

(2) Represents amount of offsetting derivative liabilities that are subject to an enforceable master netting agreement or similar agreement that are not netted against the gross derivative assets for presentation on the consolidated statements of financial position.

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Financial liabilities subject to master netting agreements or similar agreements were as follows:

	Gross amount of recognized liabilities (1)	Gross amounts not offset in the consolidated statements of financial position			Net amount
		Financial instruments (2)	Collateral pledged		
		<i>(in millions)</i>			
June 30, 2018					
Derivative liabilities	\$ 263.1	\$ (94.2)	\$ (145.2)	\$	23.7
Repurchase agreements	8.0		(8.0)		
Total	\$ 271.1	\$ (94.2)	\$ (153.2)	\$	23.7
December 31, 2017					
Derivative liabilities	\$ 272.5	\$ (116.3)	\$ (143.5)	\$	12.7
Total	\$ 272.5	\$ (116.3)	\$ (143.5)	\$	12.7

(1) The gross amount of recognized derivative liabilities are reported with other liabilities on the consolidated statements of financial position. The above excludes \$275.6 million and \$415.6 million of derivative liabilities as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, which are primarily embedded derivatives that are not subject to master netting agreements or similar agreements. The gross amount of recognized repurchase agreement liabilities are reported with short-term debt on the consolidated statements of financial position. The gross amounts of derivative and repurchase agreement liabilities are not netted against offsetting assets for presentation on the consolidated statements of financial position.

(2) Represents amount of offsetting derivative assets that are subject to an enforceable master netting agreement or similar agreement that are not netted against the gross derivative liabilities for presentation on the consolidated statements of financial position.

The financial instruments that are subject to master netting agreements or similar agreements include right of setoff provisions. Derivative instruments include provisions to setoff positions covered under the agreements with the same counterparties and provisions to setoff positions outside of the agreements with the same counterparties in the event of default by one of the parties. Derivative instruments also include collateral or variation margin provisions, which are generally settled daily with each counterparty. See Note 4, Derivative Financial Instruments, for further details.

Repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements include provisions to setoff other repurchase and reverse repurchase balances with the same counterparty. Repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements also include collateral provisions with the counterparties. For reverse repurchase agreements we require the counterparties to pledge collateral with a value greater than the amount of cash transferred. We have the right but do

not sell or repledge collateral received in reverse repurchase agreements. Repurchase agreements are structured as secured borrowings for all counterparties. We pledge fixed maturities available-for-sale, which the counterparties have the right to sell or repledge. Interest incurred on repurchase agreements is reported as part of operating expenses on the consolidated statements of operations. Net proceeds related to repurchase agreements are reported as a component of financing activities on the consolidated statements of cash flows.

4. Derivative Financial Instruments

Derivatives are generally used to hedge or reduce exposure to market risks associated with assets held or expected to be purchased or sold and liabilities incurred or expected to be incurred. Derivatives are used to change the characteristics of our asset/liability mix consistent with our risk management activities. Derivatives are also used in asset replication strategies.

Types of Derivative Instruments

Interest Rate Contracts

Interest rate risk is the risk we will incur economic losses due to adverse changes in interest rates. Sources of interest rate risk include the difference between the maturity and interest rate changes of assets with the liabilities they support, timing differences between the pricing of liabilities and the purchase or procurement of assets and changing cash flow profiles from

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original projections due to prepayment options embedded within asset and liability contracts. We use various derivatives to manage our exposure to fluctuations in interest rates.

Interest rate swaps are contracts in which we agree with other parties to exchange, at specified intervals, the difference between fixed rate and/or floating rate interest amounts based upon designated market rates or rate indices and an agreed upon notional principal amount. Generally, no cash is exchanged at the outset of the contract and no principal payments are made by any party. Cash is paid or received based on the terms of the swap. We use interest rate swaps primarily to more closely match the interest rate characteristics of assets and liabilities and to mitigate the risks arising from timing mismatches between assets and liabilities (including duration mismatches). We also use interest rate swaps to hedge against changes in the value of assets we anticipate acquiring and other anticipated transactions and commitments. Interest rate swaps are used to hedge against changes in the value of the guaranteed minimum withdrawal benefit (GMWB) liability. The GMWB rider on our variable annuity products provides for guaranteed minimum withdrawal benefits regardless of the actual performance of various equity and/or fixed income funds available with the product.

Interest rate options, including interest rate caps and interest rate floors, which can be combined to form interest rate collars, are contracts that entitle the purchaser to pay or receive the amounts, if any, by which a specified market rate exceeds a cap strike interest rate, or falls below a floor strike interest rate, respectively, at specified dates. We use interest rate options to manage prepayment risks in our assets and minimum guaranteed interest rates and lapse risks in our liabilities.

A swaption is an option to enter into an interest rate swap at a future date. We have purchased swaptions to offset or modify existing exposures. Swaptions provide us the benefit of the agreed-upon strike rate if the market rates for liabilities are higher, with the flexibility to enter into the current market rate swap if the market rates for liabilities are lower. Swaptions not only hedge against the downside risk, but also allow us to take advantage of any upside benefits.

In exchange-traded futures transactions, we agree to purchase or sell a specified number of contracts, the values of which are determined by the values of designated classes of securities, and to post variation margin on a daily basis in an amount equal to the difference in the daily market values of those contracts. We enter into exchange-traded futures with regulated futures commissions merchants who are members of a trading exchange. We have used exchange-traded futures to reduce market risks from changes in interest rates and to alter mismatches between the assets in a portfolio and the liabilities supported by those assets.

Foreign Exchange Contracts

Foreign currency risk is the risk we will incur economic losses due to adverse fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. This risk arises from foreign currency-denominated funding agreements we issue, foreign currency-denominated fixed maturity and equity securities we invest in, capital transactions with our international operations and the financial results of our international operations. We use various derivatives to

manage our exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates.

Currency swaps are contracts in which we agree with other parties to exchange, at specified intervals, a series of principal and interest payments in one currency for that of another currency. Generally, the principal amount of each currency is exchanged at the beginning and termination of the currency swap by each party. The interest payments are primarily fixed-to-fixed rate; however, they may also be fixed-to-floating rate or floating-to-fixed rate. These transactions are entered into pursuant to master agreements that provide for a single net payment to be made by one counterparty for payments made in the same currency at each due date. We use currency swaps to reduce market risks from changes in currency exchange rates with respect to investments or liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that we either hold or intend to acquire or sell.

Currency forwards are contracts in which we agree with other parties to deliver or receive a specified amount of an identified currency at a specified future date. Typically, the price is agreed upon at the time of the contract and payment for such a contract is made at the specified future date. We use currency forwards to reduce market risks from changes in currency exchange rates with respect to investments or liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that we either hold or intend to acquire or sell. We sometimes use currency forwards to hedge the currency risk associated with a business combination or to hedge certain net equity investments in or expected cash flows from our foreign operations.

Currency options are contracts that give the holder the right, but not the obligation to buy or sell a specified amount of the identified currency within a limited period of time at a contracted price. The contracts are net settled in cash, based on the differential in the current foreign exchange rate and the strike price. Purchased and sold options can be combined to form a

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foreign currency collar where we receive a payment if the foreign exchange rate is below the purchased option strike price and make a payment if the foreign exchange rate is above the sold option strike price. We use currency options to hedge expected cash flows from our foreign operations.

Equity Contracts

Equity risk is the risk that we will incur economic losses due to adverse fluctuations in common stock prices. We use various derivatives to manage our exposure to equity risk, which arises from products in which the interest we credit is tied to an external equity index as well as products subject to minimum contractual guarantees.

We purchase equity call spreads (option collars) to hedge the equity participation rates promised to contractholders in conjunction with our fixed deferred annuity and universal life products that credit interest based on changes in an external equity index. We use exchange-traded futures and equity put options to hedge against changes in the value of the GMWB liability related to the GMWB rider on our variable annuity product. The premium associated with certain options is paid quarterly over the life of the option contract.

Credit Contracts

Credit risk relates to the uncertainty associated with the continued ability of a given obligor to make timely payments of principal and interest. We use credit default swaps to enhance the return on our investment portfolio by providing comparable exposure to fixed income securities that might not be available in the primary market. They are also used to hedge credit exposures in our investment portfolio. Credit derivatives are used to sell or buy credit protection on an identified name or names on an unfunded or synthetic basis in return for receiving or paying a quarterly premium. The premium generally corresponds to a referenced name's credit spread at the time the agreement is executed. In cases where we sell protection, we also buy a quality cash bond to match against the credit default swap, thereby entering into a synthetic transaction replicating a cash security. When selling protection, if there is an event of default by the referenced name, as defined by the agreement, we are obligated to pay the counterparty the referenced amount of the contract and receive in return the referenced security in a principal amount equal to the notional value of the credit default swap.

Total return swaps are contracts in which we agree with other parties to exchange, at specified intervals, an amount determined by the difference between the previous price and the current price of a reference asset based upon an agreed upon notional principal amount plus an additional amount determined by the financing spread. We have used futures traded on an exchange (exchange-traded) and total return swaps referencing equity indices to hedge our portfolio from potential credit losses related to systemic events.

Other Contracts

Embedded Derivatives. We purchase or issue certain financial instruments or products that contain a derivative instrument that is embedded in the financial instrument or product. When it is determined that the embedded derivative possesses economic characteristics that are not clearly or closely related to the economic characteristics of the host contract and a separate instrument with the same terms would qualify as a derivative instrument, the embedded derivative is bifurcated from the host instrument for measurement purposes. The embedded derivative, which is reported with the host instrument in the consolidated statements of financial position, is carried at fair value.

We had investment contracts in which the return was tied to a leveraged inflation index. We economically hedged the risk associated with these investment contracts.

We offer group annuity contracts that have guaranteed separate accounts as an investment option. We also offer funds with embedded fixed-rate guarantees as investment options in our defined contribution plans in Hong Kong.

We have structured investment relationships with trusts we have determined to be VIEs, which are consolidated in our financial statements. The notes issued by these trusts include obligations to deliver an underlying security to residual interest holders and the obligations contain an embedded derivative of the forecasted transaction to deliver the underlying security.

We have fixed deferred annuities and universal life products that credit interest based on changes in an external equity index. We also have certain variable annuity products with a GMWB rider, which allows the customer to make withdrawals of a

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specified annual amount, either for a fixed number of years or for the lifetime of the customer, even if the account value is fully exhausted. Declines in the equity markets may increase our exposure to benefits under contracts with the GMWB. We economically hedge the exposure in these contracts, as previously explained.

Exposure

Our risk of loss is typically limited to the fair value of our derivative instruments and not to the notional or contractual amounts of these derivatives. We are also exposed to credit losses in the event of nonperformance of the counterparties. Our current credit exposure is limited to the value of derivatives that have become favorable to us. This credit risk is minimized by purchasing such agreements from financial institutions with high credit ratings and by establishing and monitoring exposure limits. We also utilize various credit enhancements, including collateral and credit triggers to reduce the credit exposure to our derivative instruments.

Derivatives may be exchange-traded or they may be privately negotiated contracts, which are usually referred to as over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives. Certain of our OTC derivatives are cleared and settled through central clearing counterparties (OTC cleared), while others are bilateral contracts between two counterparties (bilateral OTC). Our derivative transactions are generally documented under International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (ISDA) Master Agreements. Management believes that such agreements provide for legally enforceable set-off and close-out netting of exposures to specific counterparties. Under such agreements, in connection with an early termination of a transaction, we are permitted to set off our receivable from a counterparty against our payables to the same counterparty arising out of all included transactions. For reporting purposes, we do not offset fair value amounts of bilateral OTC derivatives for the right to reclaim cash collateral or the obligation to return cash collateral against fair value amounts recognized for derivative instruments executed with the same counterparties under master netting agreements. OTC cleared derivatives have variation margin that is legally characterized as settlement of the derivative exposure, which reduces their fair value in the consolidated statements of financial position.

We posted \$191.7 million and \$195.0 million in cash and securities under collateral arrangements as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, to satisfy collateral and initial margin requirements associated with our derivative credit support agreements and FCM agreements.

Certain of our derivative instruments contain provisions that require us to maintain an investment grade rating from each of the major credit rating agencies on our debt. If the ratings on our debt were to fall below investment grade, it would be in violation of these provisions and the counterparties to the derivative instruments could request immediate payment or demand immediate and ongoing full overnight collateralization on derivative instruments in net liability positions. The aggregate fair value, inclusive of accrued interest, of all derivative instruments with credit-risk-related contingent features that were in a liability position without regard to netting under derivative credit support annex agreements as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, was \$246.5 million and \$280.4 million, respectively. Cleared derivatives have contingent features

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that require us to post excess margin as required by the FCM. The terms surrounding excess margin vary by FCM agreement. With respect to derivatives containing collateral triggers, we posted collateral and initial margin of \$191.7 million and \$195.0 million as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, in the normal course of business, which reflects netting under derivative agreements. If the credit-risk-related contingent features underlying these agreements were triggered on June 30, 2018, we would be required to post an additional \$29.0 million of collateral to our counterparties.

As of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, we had received \$81.1 million and \$124.7 million, respectively, of cash collateral associated with our derivative credit support annex agreements and FCM agreements, for which we recorded a corresponding liability reflecting our obligation to return the collateral.

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Notional amounts are used to express the extent of our involvement in derivative transactions and represent a standard measurement of the volume of our derivative activity. Notional amounts represent those amounts used to calculate contractual flows to be exchanged and are not paid or received, except for contracts such as currency swaps. Credit exposure represents the gross amount owed to us under derivative contracts as of the valuation date. The notional amounts and credit exposure of our derivative financial instruments by type were as follows:

	June 30, 2018	<i>(in millions)</i>	December 31, 2017
Notional amounts of derivative instruments			
<i>Interest rate contracts:</i>			
Interest rate swaps	\$	30,491.5	\$ 23,543.4
Interest rate options		1,127.0	657.0
Interest rate futures		111.0	236.5
Swaptions			14.0
<i>Foreign exchange contracts:</i>			
Currency swaps		821.3	888.6
Currency forwards		790.8	915.5
Currency options		499.2	583.6
<i>Equity contracts:</i>			
Equity options		3,441.5	3,649.4
Equity futures		246.5	357.8
<i>Credit contracts:</i>			
Credit default swaps		515.0	668.5
<i>Other contracts:</i>			
Embedded derivatives		9,544.2	9,402.3
Total notional amounts at end of period	\$	47,588.0	\$ 40,916.6
Credit exposure of derivative instruments			
<i>Interest rate contracts:</i>			
Interest rate swaps	\$	98.9	\$ 163.4
Interest rate options		12.9	19.8
<i>Foreign exchange contracts:</i>			
Currency swaps		74.5	79.1
Currency forwards		1.3	24.3
Currency options		3.7	1.6
<i>Equity contracts:</i>			
Equity options		15.8	18.2
<i>Credit contracts:</i>			
Credit default swaps		3.2	5.0
Total gross credit exposure		210.3	311.4
Less: collateral received		119.6	159.7
Net credit exposure	\$	90.7	\$ 151.7

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The fair value of our derivative instruments classified as assets and liabilities was as follows:

	Derivative assets (1)		Derivative liabilities (2)	
	June 30, 2018	December 31, 2017	June 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	<i>(in millions)</i>			
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments				
Interest rate contracts	\$	\$	\$ 15.6	\$ 22.9
Foreign exchange contracts	42.3	39.6	26.0	36.3
Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments	\$ 42.3	\$ 39.6	\$ 41.6	\$ 59.2
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments				
Interest rate contracts	\$ 106.6	\$ 175.2	\$ 33.4	\$ 33.6
Foreign exchange contracts	37.4	66.2	33.9	26.3
Equity contracts	15.8	18.2	156.4	154.1
Credit contracts	3.1	4.8	1.3	1.5
Other contracts			272.1	413.4
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments	162.9	264.4	497.1	628.9
Total derivative instruments	\$ 205.2	\$ 304.0	\$ 538.7	\$ 688.1

(1) The fair value of derivative assets is reported with other investments on the consolidated statements of financial position.

(2) The fair value of derivative liabilities is reported with other liabilities on the consolidated statements of financial position, with the exception of certain embedded derivative liabilities. Embedded derivative liabilities with a fair value of \$42.8 million and \$160.3 million as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, are reported with contractholder funds on the consolidated statements of financial position.

Credit Derivatives Sold

When we sell credit protection, we are exposed to the underlying credit risk similar to purchasing a fixed maturity security instrument. Our credit derivative contracts sold reference a single name or reference security (referred to as single name credit default swaps). These instruments are either referenced in an OTC credit derivative transaction or embedded within an investment structure that has been fully consolidated into our financial statements.

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These credit derivative transactions are subject to events of default defined within the terms of the contract, which normally consist of bankruptcy, failure to pay, or modified restructuring of the reference entity and/or issue. If a default event occurs for a reference name or security, we are obligated to pay the counterparty an amount equal to the notional amount of the credit derivative transaction. As a result, our maximum future payment is equal to the notional amount of the credit derivative. In certain cases, we also may have purchased credit protection with identical underlyings to certain of our sold protection transactions. As of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, we did not purchase credit protection relating to our sold protection transactions. In certain circumstances, our potential loss could also be reduced by any amount recovered in the default proceedings of the underlying credit name.

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The following tables show our credit default swap protection sold by types of contract, types of referenced/underlying asset class and external agency rating for the underlying reference security. The maximum future payments are undiscounted and have not been reduced by the effect of any offsetting transactions, collateral or recourse features described above.

	June 30, 2018			
	Notional amount	Fair value <i>(in millions)</i>	Maximum future payments	Weighted average expected life <i>(in years)</i>
Single name credit default swaps				
Corporate debt				
AAA	\$ 30.0	\$ 0.2	\$ 30.0	0.7
AA	10.0		10.0	0.2
A	40.0	0.2	40.0	0.7
BBB	275.0	1.2	275.0	1.7
B	20.0	(0.3)	20.0	1.3
Government/municipalities				
AA	20.0	0.3	20.0	1.5
Sovereign				
A	10.0	0.1	10.0	1.2
BBB	55.0	0.6	55.0	1.8
Total single name credit default swaps	460.0	2.3	460.0	1.5
Total credit default swap protection sold	\$ 460.0	\$ 2.3	\$ 460.0	1.5
December 31, 2017				
	Notional amount	Fair value <i>(in millions)</i>	Maximum future payments	Weighted average expected life <i>(in years)</i>
Single name credit default swaps				
Corporate debt				
AAA	\$ 30.0	\$ 0.3	\$ 30.0	1.2
AA	30.0	0.1	30.0	0.5
A	105.0	0.5	105.0	0.6
BBB	255.0	2.5	255.0	1.3
B	20.0	(0.5)	20.0	1.8
Government/municipalities				
AA	20.0	0.3	20.0	2.0
Sovereign				
A	10.0	0.2	10.0	1.7
BBB	55.0	0.8	55.0	2.3
Total single name credit default swaps	525.0	4.2	525.0	1.3
Total credit default swap protection sold	\$ 525.0	\$ 4.2	\$ 525.0	1.3

Fair Value Hedges

We use fixed-to-floating rate interest rate swaps to more closely align the interest rate characteristics of certain assets and have used them to align the interest rate characteristics of certain liabilities. In general, these swaps are used in asset and liability management to modify duration, which is a measure of sensitivity to interest rate changes.

The net interest effect of interest rate swap transactions for derivatives in fair value hedges is recorded as an adjustment to income or expense of the underlying hedged item in our consolidated statements of operations.

Hedge effectiveness testing for fair value relationships is performed utilizing a regression analysis approach for both prospective and retrospective evaluations. This regression analysis will consider multiple data points for the assessment that the hedge continues to be highly effective in achieving offsetting changes in fair value. In certain periods, the comparison of the change in value of the derivative and the change in the value of the hedged item may not be offsetting at a specific period in time

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due to small movements in value. However, any amounts recorded as fair value hedges have shown to be highly effective in achieving offsetting changes in fair value both for present and future periods.

The following table shows the effect of derivatives in fair value hedging relationships and the related hedged items on the consolidated statements of operations. All gains or losses on derivatives were included in the assessment of hedge effectiveness.

Derivatives in fair value hedging relationships	Amount of gain (loss) recognized in net income on derivatives for the three months ended June 30, (1)		Hedged items in fair value hedging relationships	Amount of gain (loss) recognized in net income on related hedged item for the three months ended June 30, (1)	
	2018	2017		2018	2017
	<i>(in millions)</i>			<i>(in millions)</i>	
Interest rate contracts	\$ 2.2	\$ (1.0)	Fixed maturities, available-	\$ (2.3)	\$ 0.7
Interest rate contracts			for-sale		
Total	\$ 2.2	\$ (1.0)	Investment contracts	\$ (2.3)	\$ 0.1
			Total	\$ (2.3)	\$ 0.8

Derivatives in fair value hedging relationships	Amount of gain (loss) recognized in net income on derivatives for the six months ended June 30, (1)		Hedged items in fair value hedging relationships	Amount of gain (loss) recognized in net income on related hedged item for the six months ended June 30, (1)	
	2018	2017		2018	2017
	<i>(in millions)</i>			<i>(in millions)</i>	
Interest rate contracts	\$ 7.6	\$ 1.0	Fixed maturities, available-	\$ (7.8)	\$ (1.3)
Interest rate contracts		(0.7)	for-sale		
Total	\$ 7.6	\$ 0.3	Investment contracts	\$ (7.8)	\$ 0.7
			Total	\$ (7.8)	\$ (0.6)

(1) The gain (loss) on both derivatives and hedged items in fair value relationships is reported in net realized capital gains (losses) on the consolidated statements of operations. The net amount represents the ineffective portion of our fair value hedges.

The following table shows the periodic settlements on interest rate contracts and foreign exchange contracts in fair value hedging relationships.

Amount of gain (loss) for the three

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Hedged item	months ended June 30,		six months ended June 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
			<i>(in millions)</i>	
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale (1)	\$ (1.7)	\$ (2.5)	\$ (3.7)	\$ (5.7)
Investment contracts (2)		0.4		0.8

- (1) Reported in net investment income on the consolidated statements of operations.
- (2) Reported in benefits, claims and settlement expenses on the consolidated statements of operations.

Cash Flow Hedges

We utilize floating-to-fixed rate interest rate swaps to eliminate the variability in cash flows of recognized financial assets and liabilities and forecasted transactions.

We enter into currency exchange swap agreements to convert both principal and interest payments of certain foreign denominated assets and liabilities into U.S. dollar denominated fixed-rate instruments to eliminate the exposure to future currency volatility on those items.

The net interest effect of interest rate swap and currency swap transactions for derivatives in cash flow hedges is recorded as an adjustment to income or expense of the underlying hedged item in our consolidated statements of operations.

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The maximum length of time we are hedging our exposure to the variability in future cash flows for forecasted transactions, excluding those related to the payments of variable interest on existing financial assets and liabilities, is 2.0 years. As of June 30, 2018, we had \$0.0 million of net gains reported in AOCI on the consolidated statements of financial position related to active hedges of forecasted transactions. If a hedged forecasted transaction is no longer probable of occurring, cash flow hedge accounting is discontinued. If it is probable that the hedged forecasted transaction will not occur, the deferred gain or loss is immediately reclassified from AOCI into net income. We reclassified \$0.2 million and \$0.0 million from AOCI into net realized capital gains (losses) as a result of the determination that hedged cash flows were probable of not occurring during the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

The following table shows the effect of derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships on the consolidated statements of operations and consolidated statements of financial position. All gains or losses on derivatives were included in the assessment of hedge effectiveness.

Derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships	Related hedged item	Amount of gain (loss) recognized in AOCI on derivatives (effective portion) for the three months ended June 30,		Location of gain (loss) reclassified from AOCI into net income (effective portion)	Amount of gain (loss) reclassified from AOCI on derivatives (effective portion) for the three months ended June 30,	
		2018	2017		2018	2017
		<i>(in millions)</i>			<i>(in millions)</i>	
Interest rate contracts	Fixed maturities, available-for-sale	\$ 34.8	\$ (6.8)	Net investment income	\$ 5.3	\$ 5.1
Interest rate contracts	Debt			Operating expense	(2.6)	(2.6)
Foreign exchange contracts	Fixed maturities, available-for-sale	27.2	(9.4)	Net realized capital gains	0.6	3.5
Foreign exchange contracts	Investment contracts		0.1	Benefits, claims and settlement expenses		
Total		\$ 62.0	\$ (16.1)	Total	\$ 3.3	\$ 6.0

Derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships	Related hedged item	Amount of gain (loss) recognized in AOCI on derivatives (effective portion) for the six months ended June 30,		Location of gain (loss) reclassified from AOCI into net income (effective portion)	Amount of gain (loss) reclassified from AOCI on derivatives (effective portion) for the six months ended June 30,	
		2018	2017		2018	2017
		<i>(in millions)</i>			<i>(in millions)</i>	
Interest rate contracts	Fixed maturities, available-for-sale	\$ 30.2	\$ (39.1)	Net investment income	\$ 10.7	\$ 10.3
				Net realized capital losses		(0.7)
Interest rate contracts	Debt			Operating expense	(5.2)	(5.2)
Foreign exchange contracts	Fixed maturities, available-for-sale	8.4	(29.6)	Net realized capital gains	0.2	14.1
Foreign exchange contracts	Investment contracts	(0.1)	0.1	Benefits, claims and settlement expenses		
Total		\$ 38.5	\$ (68.6)	Total	\$ 5.7	\$ 18.5

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The following table shows the periodic settlements on interest rate contracts and foreign exchange contracts in cash flow hedging relationships.

Hedged item	Amount of gain (loss) for the three months ended June 30,		Amount of gain (loss) for the six months ended June 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
			<i>(in millions)</i>	
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale (1)	\$ 1.5	\$ 1.6	\$ 3.1	\$ 3.4
Investment contracts (2)		(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.9)

(1) Reported in net investment income on the consolidated statements of operations.

(2) Reported in benefits, claims and settlement expenses on the consolidated statements of operations.

The ineffective portion of our cash flow hedges is reported in net realized capital gains (losses) on the consolidated statements of operations. The net gain (loss) resulting from the ineffective portion of derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships was \$0.0 million and \$0.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The net gain (loss) resulting from the ineffective portion of derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships was \$0.0 million and \$0.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

We expect to reclassify net gains of \$17.4 million from AOCI into net income in the next 12 months, which includes net deferred gains on discontinued hedges and net losses on periodic settlements of active hedges. Actual amounts may vary from this amount as a result of market conditions.

Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments

Our use of futures, certain swaptions and swaps, option collars, options and forwards are effective from an economic standpoint, but they have not been designated as hedges for financial reporting purposes. As such, periodic changes in the market value of these instruments, which includes mark-to-market gains and losses as well as periodic and final settlements, primarily flow directly into net realized capital gains (losses) on the consolidated statements of operations.

The following table shows the effect of derivatives not designated as hedging instruments, including fair value changes of embedded derivatives that have been bifurcated from the host contract, on the consolidated statements of operations.

Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments	Amount of gain (loss) recognized in net income on derivatives for the three months ended June 30,		Amount of gain (loss) recognized in net income on derivatives for the six months ended June 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	<i>(in millions)</i>			
Interest rate contracts	\$ (19.8)	\$ (19.4)	\$ (67.8)	\$ (44.2)
Foreign exchange contracts	(24.2)	7.2	(15.4)	18.3
Equity contracts	(43.0)	(34.3)	(58.2)	(98.7)
Credit contracts	1.2	(20.2)	1.3	(12.4)
Other contracts	52.1	(29.0)	115.8	25.8
Total	\$ (33.7)	\$ (95.7)	\$ (24.3)	\$ (111.2)

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5. Insurance Liabilities**Liability for Unpaid Claims**

The liability for unpaid claims is reported in future policy benefits and claims within our consolidated statements of financial position. Activity associated with unpaid claims was as follows:

	For the six months ended June 30,		
	2018	2017	
	<i>(in millions)</i>		
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 2,130.5	\$ 2,001.3	
Less reinsurance recoverable	375.8	340.3	
Net balance at beginning of period	1,754.7	1,661.0	
Incurred:			
Current year	617.3	591.6	
Prior years	17.9	23.9	
Total incurred	635.2	615.5	
Payments:			
Current year	358.3	343.4	
Prior years	231.8	225.9	
Total payments	590.1	569.3	
Net balance at end of period	1,799.8	1,707.2	
Plus reinsurance recoverable	388.2	356.1	
Balance at end of period	\$ 2,188.0	\$ 2,063.3	
Amounts not included in the rollforward above:			
Claim adjustment expense liabilities	\$ 51.9	\$ 50.3	

Incurred liability adjustments relating to prior years, which affected current operations during 2018 and 2017, resulted in part from developed claims for prior years being different than were anticipated when the liabilities for unpaid claims were originally estimated. These trends have been considered in establishing the current year liability for unpaid claims.

6. Long-Term Debt**Contingent Funding Agreements for Senior Debt Issuance**

On March 8, 2018, we entered into two contingent funding agreements: (1) a 10-year contingent funding agreement with a Delaware trust (2028 Trust) formed by us in connection with the sale by the trust of \$400.0 million pre-capitalized trust securities redeemable February 15, 2028 (2028 P-Caps) in a Rule 144A private placement and (2) a 30-year contingent funding agreement with a Delaware trust (2048 Trust) formed by us in connection with the sale by the trust of \$350.0 million pre-capitalized trust securities redeemable February 15, 2048 (2048 P-Caps) in a Rule 144A private placement. The trusts invested the proceeds from the sale of the 2028 P-Caps and 2048 P-Caps in a portfolio of principal and interest strips of U.S. Treasury securities. The contingent funding agreements provide us a put option that gives us the right to sell at any time: (1) to the 2028 Trust up to \$400.0 million of its 4.111% Senior Notes due 2028 (4.111% Senior Notes) and (2) to the 2048 Trust up to \$350.0 million of its 4.682% Senior Notes due 2048 (4.682% Senior Notes) and receive in exchange a corresponding amount of the principal and interest strips of U.S. Treasury securities held by the trusts. The 4.111% Senior Notes and 4.682% Senior Notes will not be issued unless and until a put option is exercised. We agreed to pay a semi-annual put premium of 1.275% and 1.580% per annum on the unexercised portion of the put option to the 2028 Trust and 2048 Trust, respectively, and to reimburse the trusts for expenses. The put option premiums are recorded in operating expenses in the consolidated statements of operations. The 4.111% Senior Notes and 4.682% Senior Notes will be fully, irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed by Principal Financial Services, Inc. (PFS). In addition, our obligations under the put option agreement and the expense reimbursement agreement with the trusts are also guaranteed by PFS. The contingent funding agreements with the trusts provide us with a source of liquid assets, which could be used to meet future financial obligations or to provide additional capital.

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The put options described above will be exercised automatically in full if we fail to make certain payments to the trusts, including any failure to pay the put option premium or expense reimbursements when due, if such failure is not cured within 30 days, and upon certain bankruptcy events involving us or PFS. We are also required to exercise the put option in full: (i) if we reasonably believe that our consolidated shareholders equity, calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP but excluding AOCI and noncontrolling interest, has fallen below \$4.0 billion, subject to adjustment in certain cases; (ii) upon the occurrence of an event of default under the 4.111% Senior Notes and 4.682% Senior Notes; and (iii) if certain events occur relating to each trust's status as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. In addition, we are required to purchase from the trusts any principal and interest strips of U.S. Treasury securities that are due and not paid.

We have an unlimited right to unwind a prior voluntary exercise of the put options by repurchasing all of the 4.111% Senior Notes and 4.682% Senior Notes held by the trusts in exchange for a corresponding amount of principal and interest strips of U.S. Treasury securities. If the put options have been fully exercised, the 4.111% Senior Notes and 4.682% Senior Notes issued may be redeemed by us prior to their maturity at par or, if greater, at a make-whole redemption price, in each case plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. The 2028 P-Caps are to be redeemed by the 2028 Trust on February 15, 2028, or upon any early redemption of the 4.111% Senior Notes. The 2048 P-Caps are to be redeemed by the 2048 Trust on February 15, 2048, or upon any early redemption of the 4.682% Senior Notes.

7. Income Taxes**Effective Income Tax Rate**

Our provision for income taxes may not have the customary relationship of taxes to income. A reconciliation between the U.S. corporate income tax rate and the effective income tax rate was as follows:

	For the three months ended		For the six months ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
U.S. corporate income tax rate	21 %	35 %	21 %	35 %
U.S. tax rate change - prior year remeasurements	(4)		(3)	
Dividends received deduction	(3)	(12)	(3)	(11)
Tax credits	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
Impact of equity method presentation	(1)	(3)	(1)	(3)
State income taxes	1		1	
Other		(3)	(1)	(4)
Effective income tax rate	11 %	14 %	11 %	14 %

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The U.S. tax reform enacted on December 22, 2017, made broad and complex changes to the U.S. Internal Revenue Code applicable to us. The U.S. statutory tax rate was reduced from 35% to 21% effective January 1, 2018. Other provisions of the U.S. tax reform effective January 1, 2018, include, but are not limited to: 1) provisions reducing the dividends received deduction; 2) essentially eliminating U.S. federal income taxes on dividends from foreign subsidiaries; 3) retaining an element of current inclusion of certain earnings of controlled foreign corporations; 4) eliminating the corporate alternative minimum tax (AMT); and 5) changing how existing AMT credits will be realized.

The effects of tax legislation on deferred taxes are recognized in the period of enactment. The primary impact on our fourth quarter 2017 financial results was associated with the effect of reducing the U.S. statutory tax rate from 35% to 21% on our deferred tax balances as of December 31, 2017, and a one-time deemed repatriation tax on certain unremitted earnings of foreign subsidiaries. The effects of the U.S. tax reform were reflected in the December 2017 financial statements as determined or as reasonably estimated provisional amounts based on available information subject to interpretation in accordance with the SEC's Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 118 (SAB 118). SAB 118 provides guidance on accounting for the effects of the U.S. tax reform where our determinations are incomplete but we are able to determine a reasonable estimate. A final determination is required to be made within a measurement period not to extend beyond one year from the enactment date of the U.S. tax reform. The provisional amounts were primarily associated with estimation of the one-time deemed repatriation tax considering complexity, as well as limited and changing technical tax guidance. Further, the provisional amounts also apply in regard to other potential technical interpretations of accounting and taxing authorities related to elements of the U.S. tax reform subject to change. There was no adjustment in income taxes related to our provisional amounts during the six months ended June 30, 2018.

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Unrecognized Tax Benefits

Our changes in unrecognized tax benefits were as follows:

	For the six months ended June 30, 2018	<i>(in millions)</i>	For the year ended December 31, 2017
Balance at beginning of period	\$	194.1	\$ 207.8
Additions based on tax positions related to the current year		0.3	7.2
Additions for tax positions of prior years		0.4	20.2
Reductions for tax positions related to the current year		(4.8)	(3.3)
Reductions for tax positions of prior years			(1.1)
Settlements		(135.5)	(36.7)
Balance at end of period (1)	\$	54.5	\$ 194.1

(1) Of this amount, \$31.5 million, if recognized, would reduce the 2018 effective income tax rate. We recognize interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in operating expenses within the consolidated statements of operations.

As of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, we had recognized \$53.8 million and \$125.5 million of accumulated pre-tax interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits, respectively. During the six months ended June 30, 2018, settlement agreements applicable to tax years 1995 to 2003 were executed with the Department of Justice, as previously approved by the Joint Committee of Taxation in August 2017. We do not expect the final determination of these unrecognized tax benefits to have a material impact on our net income.

8. Employee and Agent Benefits**Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost**

Pension benefits	Other postretirement benefits
For the three months ended June 30,	For the three months ended June 30,

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	2018	2017	2018	2017
	<i>(in millions)</i>			
Service cost	\$ 18.2	\$ 16.8	\$ 0.1	\$ 0.1
Interest cost	29.9	31.1	0.8	1.0
Expected return on plan assets	(39.3)	(36.1)	(8.4)	(6.8)
Amortization of prior service benefit	(0.8)	(0.5)	(3.4)	(8.7)
Recognized net actuarial (gain) loss	16.9	17.0	(0.4)	
Net periodic benefit cost (income)	\$ 24.9	\$ 28.3	\$ (11.4)	\$ (14.4)

	Pension benefits		Other postretirement benefits	
	For the six months ended		For the six months ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	<i>(in millions)</i>			
Service cost	\$ 36.5	\$ 33.6	\$ 0.1	\$ 0.1
Interest cost	59.8	62.2	1.7	2.0
Expected return on plan assets	(78.5)	(72.1)	(16.8)	(13.7)
Amortization of prior service benefit	(1.7)	(1.1)	(6.9)	(17.3)
Recognized net actuarial (gain) loss	33.8	34.0	(0.7)	
Net periodic benefit cost (income)	\$ 49.9	\$ 56.6	\$ (22.7)	\$ (28.9)

The components of net periodic benefit cost including the service cost component are included in the line item operating expenses on the consolidated statements of operations

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Contributions

Our funding policy for our qualified pension plan is to fund the plan annually in an amount at least equal to the minimum annual contribution required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) and, generally, not greater than the maximum amount that can be deducted for federal income tax purposes. It is too early to determine, but we do not anticipate that we will be required to fund a minimum required contribution under ERISA. Regardless, it is possible that we may fund the qualified and nonqualified pension plans in 2018 for a combined total of up to \$200.0 million. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, we contributed \$54.4 million and \$89.8 million to these plans, respectively.

9. Contingencies, Guarantees and Indemnifications

Litigation and Regulatory Contingencies

We are regularly involved in litigation, both as a defendant and as a plaintiff, but primarily as a defendant. Litigation naming us as a defendant ordinarily arises out of our business operations as a provider of asset management and accumulation products and services, individual life insurance, specialty benefits insurance and our investment activities. Some of the lawsuits may be class actions, or purport to be, and some may include claims for unspecified or substantial punitive and treble damages.

We may discuss such litigation in one of three ways. We accrue a charge to income and disclose legal matters for which the chance of loss is probable and for which the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. We may disclose contingencies for which the chance of loss is reasonably possible and provide an estimate of the possible loss or range of loss or a statement that such an estimate cannot be made. Finally, we may voluntarily disclose loss contingencies for which the chance of loss is remote in order to provide information concerning matters that potentially expose us to possible losses.

In addition, regulatory bodies such as state insurance departments, the SEC, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), the Department of Labor (DOL) and other regulatory agencies in the U.S. and in international locations in which we do business, regularly make inquiries and conduct examinations or investigations concerning our compliance with, among other things, insurance laws, securities laws, ERISA and laws governing the activities of broker-dealers. We receive requests from regulators and other governmental authorities relating to industry issues and may receive additional requests, including subpoenas and interrogatories, in the future.

As of June 30, 2018, we had no litigation or regulatory contingencies for which we believe disclosure is appropriate.

Guarantees and Indemnifications

In the normal course of business, we have provided guarantees to third parties primarily related to former subsidiaries and joint ventures. The terms of these agreements range in duration and often are not explicitly defined. The maximum exposure under these agreements as of June 30, 2018, was approximately \$135.0 million. At inception, the fair value of such guarantees was insignificant. In addition, we believe the likelihood is remote that material payments will be required. Therefore, any liability accrued within our consolidated statements of financial position is insignificant. Should we be required to perform under these guarantees, we generally could recover a portion of the loss from third parties through recourse provisions included in agreements with such parties, the sale of assets held as collateral that can be liquidated in the event performance is required under the guarantees or other recourse generally available to us; therefore, such guarantees would not result in a material adverse effect on our business or financial position. While the likelihood is remote, such outcomes could materially affect net income in a particular quarter or annual period. Furthermore, in connection with our P-Caps contingent funding agreements, we are required to purchase any principal and interest strips of U.S. Treasury securities that are due and not paid from the associated unconsolidated trusts. The maximum exposure under these agreements as of June 30, 2018, was \$750.0 million. See Note 6, Long-Term Debt, for further details.

We manage mandatory privatized social security funds in Chile. By regulation, we have a required minimum guarantee on the funds' relative return. Because the guarantee has no limitation with respect to duration or amount, the maximum exposure of the guarantee in the future is indeterminable.

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We are also subject to various other indemnification obligations issued in conjunction with divestitures, acquisitions and financing transactions whose terms range in duration and often are not explicitly defined. Certain portions of these indemnifications may be capped, while other portions are not subject to such limitations; therefore, the overall maximum amount of the obligation under the indemnifications cannot be reasonably estimated. At inception, the fair value of such indemnifications was insignificant. In addition, we believe the likelihood is remote that material payments will be required. Therefore, any liability accrued within our consolidated statements of financial position is insignificant. While we are unable to estimate with certainty the ultimate legal and financial liability with respect to these indemnifications, we believe that performance under these indemnifications would not result in a material adverse effect on our business or financial position. While the likelihood is remote, performance under these indemnifications could materially affect net income in a particular quarter or annual period.

10. Stockholders Equity**Reconciliation of Outstanding Common Shares**

	For the six months ended June 30,	
	2018	2017
	<i>(in millions)</i>	
Beginning balance	289.0	287.7
Shares issued	2.2	3.6
Treasury stock acquired	(6.6)	(2.7)
Ending balance	284.6	288.6

In February 2016, our Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program of up to \$400.0 million of our outstanding common stock, which was completed in February 2018. In May 2017, our Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program of up to \$250.0 million of our outstanding common stock, which was completed in April 2018. In May 2018, our Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program of up to \$300.0 million of our outstanding common stock. Shares repurchased under these programs are accounted for as treasury stock, carried at cost and reflected as a reduction to stockholders equity.

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Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

	For the three months ended June 30, 2018			For the six months ended June 30, 2018		
	Pre-Tax	Tax	After-Tax	Pre-Tax	Tax	After-Tax
Net unrealized losses on available-for-sale securities during the period	\$ (777.8)	\$ 158.1	\$ (619.7)	\$ (2,081.5)	\$ 438.5	\$ (1,643.0)
Reclassification adjustment for losses included in net income (1)	26.5	(5.6)	20.9	47.2	(10.0)	37.2
Adjustments for assumed changes in amortization patterns	54.2	(11.4)	42.8	140.4	(29.5)	110.9
Adjustments for assumed changes in policyholder liabilities	102.2	(12.3)	89.9	280.7	(57.4)	223.3
Net unrealized losses on available-for-sale securities	(594.9)	128.8	(466.1)	(1,613.2)	341.6	(1,271.6)
Noncredit component of impairment losses on fixed maturities, available-for-sale during the period	0.8	(0.2)	0.6	12.0	(2.6)	9.4
Adjustments for assumed changes in amortization patterns		0.1	0.1	1.3	(0.2)	1.1
Adjustments for assumed changes in policyholder liabilities	0.1		0.1	(0.5)	0.1	(0.4)
Noncredit component of impairment losses on fixed maturities, available-for-sale (2)	0.9	(0.1)	0.8	12.8	(2.7)	10.1
Net unrealized gains on derivative instruments during the period	27.7	(5.8)	21.9	8.5	(1.8)	6.7
Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income (3)	(3.3)	0.5	(2.8)	(5.7)	0.9	(4.8)
Adjustments for assumed changes in amortization patterns				0.9	(0.2)	0.7
Adjustments for assumed changes in policyholder liabilities	1.4	(0.2)	1.2	4.2	(0.9)	3.3
Net unrealized gains on derivative instruments	25.8	(5.5)	20.3	7.9	(2.0)	5.9
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(247.0)	10.9	(236.1)	(180.1)	9.8	(170.3)
Amortization of amounts included in net periodic benefit cost (4)	12.3	(3.5)	8.8	24.5	(7.0)	17.5

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Net unrecognized postretirement benefit obligation		12.3		(3.5)		8.8		24.5		(7.0)		17.5
Other comprehensive loss	\$	(802.9)	\$	130.6	\$	(672.3)	\$	(1,748.1)	\$	339.7	\$	(1,408.4)

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	For the three months ended June 30, 2017			For the six months ended June 30, 2017		
	Pre-Tax	Tax	After-Tax	Pre-Tax	Tax	After-Tax
	<i>(in millions)</i>					
Net unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities during the period	\$ 603.2	\$ (210.5)	\$ 392.7	\$ 906.9	\$ (313.3)	\$ 593.6
Reclassification adjustment for losses included in net income (1)	6.9	(2.3)	4.6	49.6	(17.2)	32.4
Adjustments for assumed changes in amortization patterns	(32.6)	11.6	(21.0)	(48.2)	17.0	(31.2)
Adjustments for assumed changes in policyholder liabilities	(64.9)	23.7	(41.2)	(143.5)	47.7	(95.8)
Net unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities	512.6	(177.5)	335.1	764.8	(265.8)	499.0
Noncredit component of impairment losses on fixed maturities, available-for-sale during the period	11.8	(4.2)	7.6	13.3	(4.7)	8.6
Adjustments for assumed changes in amortization patterns	(0.9)	0.3	(0.6)	(1.1)	0.4	(0.7)
Adjustments for assumed changes in policyholder liabilities	(0.1)	0.1	(0.4)	(0.4)	0.2	(0.2)
Noncredit component of impairment losses on fixed maturities, available-for-sale (2)	10.8	(3.8)	7.0	11.8	(4.1)	7.7
Net unrealized losses on derivative instruments during the period	(5.1)	2.0	(3.1)	(15.5)	5.2	(10.3)
Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income (3)	(6.0)	1.9	(4.1)	(18.5)	6.4	(12.1)
Adjustments for assumed changes in amortization patterns	0.5	(0.2)	0.3	2.0	(0.7)	1.3
Adjustments for assumed changes in policyholder liabilities	1.5	(0.6)	0.9	4.4	(1.5)	2.9
Net unrealized losses on derivative instruments	(9.1)	3.1	(6.0)	(27.6)	9.4	(18.2)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(8.4)	6.7	(1.7)	59.6	3.1	62.7
Amortization of amounts included in net periodic benefit cost (4)	7.8	(3.5)	4.3	15.6	(7.0)	8.6
Net unrecognized postretirement benefit obligation	7.8	(3.5)	4.3	15.6	(7.0)	8.6
Other comprehensive income	\$ 513.7	\$ (175.0)	\$ 338.7	\$ 824.2	\$ (264.4)	\$ 559.8

- (1) Pre-tax reclassification adjustments relating to available-for-sale securities are reported in net realized capital gains (losses) on the consolidated statements of operations.
- (2) Represents the net impact of (1) unrealized gains resulting from reclassification of previously recognized noncredit impairment losses from OCI to net realized capital gains (losses) for fixed maturities with bifurcated OTTI that had additional credit losses or fixed maturities that previously had bifurcated OTTI that have now been sold or are intended to be sold and (2) unrealized losses resulting from reclassification of noncredit impairment losses for fixed maturities with bifurcated OTTI from net realized capital gains (losses) to OCI.
- (3) See Note 4, Derivative Financial Instruments – Cash Flow Hedges, for further details.
- (4) Amount is comprised of amortization of prior service cost (benefit) and recognized net actuarial (gain) loss, which is reported in operating expenses on the consolidated statements of operations. See Note 8, Employee and Agent Benefits – Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost, for further details.

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Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

	Net unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities	Noncredit component of impairment losses on fixed maturities available-for-sale	Net unrealized gains on derivative instruments <i>(in millions)</i>	Foreign currency translation adjustment	Unrecognized postretirement benefit obligation	Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)
Balances as of January 1, 2017	\$ 831.2	\$ (89.5)	\$ 85.3	\$ (1,093.8)	\$ (408.4)	\$ (675.2)
Other comprehensive income during the period, net of adjustments	466.6		(6.1)	62.0		522.5
Amounts reclassified from AOCI	32.4	7.7	(12.1)		8.6	36.6
Other comprehensive income	499.0	7.7	(18.2)	62.0	8.6	559.1
Balances as of June 30, 2017	\$ 1,330.2	\$ (81.8)	\$ 67.1	\$ (1,031.8)	\$ (399.8)	\$ (116.1)
Balances as of January 1, 2018	\$ 1,470.7	\$ (58.3)	\$ 42.7	\$ (918.5)	\$ (371.1)	\$ 165.5
Other comprehensive loss during the period, net of adjustments	(1,308.8)		10.7	(167.5)		(1,465.6)
Amounts reclassified from AOCI	37.2	10.1	(4.8)		17.5	60.0
Other comprehensive loss	(1,271.6)	10.1	5.9	(167.5)	17.5	(1,405.6)
Effects of implementation of accounting change related to equity investments, net	(1.0)					(1.0)
Effects of implementation of accounting change accounting change related to revenue recognition, net				25.6		25.6
Effects of implementation of accounting change related to the reclassification of certain tax effects, net	249.8	(15.2)	5.7	(81.8)	(80.9)	77.6
Balances as of June 30, 2018	\$ 447.9	\$ (63.4)	\$ 54.3	\$ (1,142.2)	\$ (434.5)	\$ (1,137.9)

Noncontrolling Interest

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Interests held by unaffiliated parties in consolidated entities are reflected in noncontrolling interest, which represents the noncontrolling partners share of the underlying net assets of our consolidated subsidiaries. Noncontrolling interest that is not redeemable is reported in the equity section of the consolidated statements of financial position.

The noncontrolling interest holders in certain of our consolidated entities maintain an equity interest that is redeemable at the option of the holder, which may be exercised on varying dates. Since redemption of the noncontrolling interest is outside of our control, this interest is excluded from stockholders' equity and reported separately as redeemable noncontrolling interest on the consolidated statements of financial position. Our redeemable noncontrolling interest primarily relates to consolidated sponsored investment funds for which interests are redeemed at fair value from the net assets of the funds.

For our redeemable noncontrolling interest related to other consolidated subsidiaries, redemptions are required to be purchased at fair value or a value based on a formula that management intended to reasonably approximate fair value based on a fixed multiple of earnings over a measurement period. The carrying value of the redeemable noncontrolling interest is compared to the redemption value at each reporting period. Any adjustments to the carrying amount of the redeemable noncontrolling interest for changes in redemption value prior to exercise of the redemption option are determined after the attribution of net income or loss of the subsidiary and are recognized in the redemption value as they occur. Adjustments to the carrying value of redeemable noncontrolling interest result in adjustments to additional paid-in capital and/or retained

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earnings. Adjustments are recorded in retained earnings to the extent the redemption value of the redeemable noncontrolling interest exceeds its fair value and will impact the numerator in our earnings per share calculations. All other adjustments to the redeemable noncontrolling interest are recorded in additional paid-in capital.

Following is a reconciliation of the changes in the redeemable noncontrolling interest (in millions):

Balance as of January 1, 2017	\$	97.5
Net income attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interest		5.9
Redeemable noncontrolling interest of deconsolidated entities (1)		(1.4)
Contributions from redeemable noncontrolling interest		16.4
Distributions to redeemable noncontrolling interest		(25.7)
Change in redemption value of redeemable noncontrolling interest		2.0
Other comprehensive income attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interest		0.4
Balance as of June 30, 2017	\$	95.1
Balance as of January 1, 2018	\$	101.3
Net income attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interest		2.1
Redeemable noncontrolling interest of deconsolidated entities (1)		(3.2)
Contributions from redeemable noncontrolling interest		56.4
Distributions to redeemable noncontrolling interest		(15.7)
Change in redemption value of redeemable noncontrolling interest		(0.6)
Other comprehensive loss attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interest		(1.4)
Balance as of June 30, 2018	\$	138.9

(1) We deconsolidated certain sponsored investment funds as they no longer met the requirements for consolidation.

11. Fair Value Measurements

We use fair value measurements to record fair value of certain assets and liabilities and to estimate fair value of financial instruments not recorded at fair value but required to be disclosed at fair value. Certain financial instruments, particularly policyholder liabilities other than investment contracts, are excluded from these fair value disclosure requirements.

Valuation Hierarchy

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 at the measurement date (an exit price). The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels. The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

- **Level 1** Fair values are based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Our Level 1 assets and liabilities primarily include exchange traded equity securities, mutual funds and U.S. Treasury bonds.
- **Level 2** Fair values are based on inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Our Level 2 assets and liabilities primarily include fixed maturities (including public and private bonds), equity securities, cash equivalents, derivatives and other investments.
- **Level 3** Fair values are based on at least one significant unobservable input for the asset or liability. Our Level 3 assets and liabilities primarily include fixed maturities, real estate and commercial mortgage loan investments of our separate accounts, complex derivatives and embedded derivatives.

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Determination of Fair Value

The following discussion describes the valuation methodologies and inputs used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis or disclosed at fair value. The techniques utilized in estimating the fair value of financial instruments are reliant on the assumptions used. Care should be exercised in deriving conclusions about our business, its value or financial position based on the fair value information of financial instruments presented below.

Fair value estimates are made based on available market information and judgments about the financial instrument at a specific point in time. Such estimates do not consider the tax impact of the realization of unrealized gains or losses. In addition, the disclosed fair value may not be realized in the immediate settlement of the financial instrument. We validate prices through an investment analyst review process, which includes validation through direct interaction with external sources, review of recent trade activity or use of internal models. In circumstances where broker quotes are used to value an instrument, we generally receive one non-binding quote. Broker quotes are validated through an investment analyst review process, which includes validation through direct interaction with external sources and use of internal models or other relevant information. We did not make any significant changes to our valuation processes during 2018.

Fixed Maturities

Fixed maturities include bonds, ABS, redeemable preferred stock and certain non-redeemable preferred securities. When available, the fair value of fixed maturities is based on quoted prices of identical assets in active markets. These are reflected in Level 1 and primarily include U.S. Treasury bonds and actively traded redeemable corporate preferred securities.

When quoted prices of identical assets in active markets are not available, our first priority is to obtain prices from third party pricing vendors. We have regular interaction with these vendors to ensure we understand their pricing methodologies and to confirm they are utilizing observable market information. Their methodologies vary by asset class and include inputs such as estimated cash flows, benchmark yields, reported trades, broker quotes, credit quality, industry events and economic events. Fixed maturities with validated prices from pricing services, which includes the majority of our public fixed maturities in all asset classes, are generally reflected in Level 2. Also included in Level 2 are corporate bonds when quoted market prices are not available, for which an internal model using substantially all observable inputs or a matrix pricing valuation approach is used. In the matrix approach, securities are grouped into pricing categories that vary by sector, rating and average life. Each pricing category is assigned a risk spread based on studies of observable public market data from the investment professionals assigned to specific security classes. The expected cash flows of the security are then discounted back at the current Treasury curve plus the appropriate risk spread. Although the matrix valuation approach provides a fair valuation of each pricing category, the valuation of an individual security within each pricing category may also be impacted by company specific factors.

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If we are unable to price a fixed maturity security using prices from third party pricing vendors or other sources specific to the asset class, we may obtain a broker quote or utilize an internal pricing model specific to the asset utilizing relevant market information, to the extent available and where at least one significant unobservable input is utilized. These are reflected in Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy and can include fixed maturities across all asset classes. As of June 30, 2018, less than 1% of our total fixed maturities were Level 3 securities valued using internal pricing models.

The primary inputs, by asset class, for valuations of the majority of our Level 2 investments from third party pricing vendors or our internal pricing valuation approach are described below.

U.S. Government and Agencies/Non-U.S. Governments. Inputs include recently executed market transactions, interest rate yield curves, maturity dates, market price quotations and credit spreads relating to similar instruments.

States and Political Subdivisions. Inputs include Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board reported trades, U.S. Treasury and other benchmark curves, material event notices, new issue data and obligor credit ratings.

Corporate. Inputs include recently executed transactions, market price quotations, benchmark yields, issuer spreads and observations of equity and credit default swap curves related to the issuer. For private placement corporate securities valued through the matrix valuation approach inputs include the current Treasury curve and risk spreads based on sector, rating and average life of the issuance.

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RMBS, CMBS, Collateralized Debt Obligations and Other Debt Obligations. Inputs include cash flows, priority of the tranche in the capital structure, expected time to maturity for the specific tranche, reinvestment period remaining and performance of the underlying collateral including prepayments, defaults, deferrals, loss severity of defaulted collateral and, for RMBS, prepayment speed assumptions. Other inputs include market indices and recently executed market transactions.

Equity Securities

Equity securities include mutual funds, common stock, non-redeemable preferred stock and required regulatory investments. Fair values of equity securities are determined using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets when available, which are reflected in Level 1. When quoted prices are not available, we may utilize internal valuation methodologies appropriate for the specific asset that use observable inputs such as underlying share prices or the net asset value (NAV), which are reflected in Level 2. Fair values might also be determined using broker quotes or through the use of internal models or analysis that incorporate significant assumptions deemed appropriate given the circumstances and consistent with what other market participants would use when pricing such securities, which are reflected in Level 3.

Derivatives

The fair values of exchange-traded derivatives are determined through quoted market prices, which are reflected in Level 1. Exchange-traded derivatives include futures that are settled daily, which reduces their fair value in the consolidated statements of financial position. The fair values of OTC cleared derivatives are determined through market prices published by the clearinghouses, which are reflected in Level 2. The clearinghouses may utilize the overnight indexed swap (OIS) curve in their valuation. Variation margin associated with OTC cleared derivatives is settled daily, which reduces their fair value in the consolidated statements of financial position. The fair values of bilateral OTC derivative instruments are determined using either pricing valuation models that utilize market observable inputs or broker quotes. The majority of our bilateral OTC derivatives are valued with models that use market observable inputs, which are reflected in Level 2. Significant inputs include contractual terms, interest rates, currency exchange rates, credit spread curves, equity prices and volatilities. These valuation models consider projected discounted cash flows, relevant swap curves and appropriate implied volatilities. Certain bilateral OTC derivatives utilize unobservable market data, primarily independent broker quotes that are nonbinding quotes based on models that do not reflect the result of market transactions, which are reflected in Level 3.

Our non-cleared derivative contracts are generally documented under ISDA Master Agreements, which provide for legally enforceable set-off and close-out netting of exposures to specific counterparties. Collateral arrangements are bilateral and based on current ratings of each entity. We utilize the LIBOR interest rate curve to value our positions, which includes a credit spread. This credit spread incorporates an appropriate level of nonperformance risk into our valuations given the current ratings of our counterparties, as well as the collateral agreements in place. Counterparty credit risk is routinely monitored to ensure our adjustment for non-performance risk is appropriate. Our centrally cleared derivative contracts are conducted with regulated centralized clearinghouses, which provide for daily exchange of

cash collateral or variation margin equal to the difference in the daily market values of those contracts that eliminates the non-performance risk on these trades.

Interest Rate Contracts. For non-cleared contracts we use discounted cash flow valuation techniques to determine the fair value of interest rate swaps using observable swap curves as the inputs. These are reflected in Level 2. For centrally cleared contracts we use published prices from clearinghouses. These are reflected in Level 2. In addition, we have interest rate options and have had a limited number of complex inflation-linked interest rate swaps and swaptions that are valued using broker quotes. These are reflected in Level 3.

Foreign Exchange Contracts. We use discounted cash flow valuation techniques that utilize observable swap curves and exchange rates as the inputs to determine the fair value of foreign currency swaps. These are reflected in Level 2. Currency forwards and currency options are valued using observable market inputs, including forward currency exchange rates. These are reflected in Level 2. In addition, we have a limited number of non-standard currency swaps and currency options that are valued using broker quotes. These are reflected within Level 3.

Equity Contracts. We use an option pricing model using observable implied volatilities, dividend yields, index prices and swap curves as the inputs to determine the fair value of equity options. These are reflected in Level 2.

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Credit Contracts. We use either the ISDA Credit Default Swap Standard discounted cash flow model that utilizes observable default probabilities and recovery rates as inputs or broker prices to determine the fair value of credit default swaps. These are reflected in Level 3.

Other Investments

Other investments reported at fair value include invested assets of consolidated sponsored investment funds, unconsolidated sponsored investment funds, other investment funds reported at fair value, commercial mortgage loans of consolidated VIEs for which the fair value option was elected and equity method real estate investments for which the fair value option was elected. In addition, in 2017 we had other investment funds for which the fair value option was elected.

Invested assets of consolidated sponsored investment funds include equity securities, fixed maturities and other investments, for which fair values are determined as previously described, and are reflected in Level 1 and Level 2.

The fair value of unconsolidated sponsored investment funds and other investment funds is determined using the NAV of the fund. The NAV of the fund represents the price at which we would be able to initiate a transaction. Investments for which the NAV represents a quoted price in an active market for identical assets are reflected in Level 1. Investments that do not have a quoted price in an active market are reflected in Level 2.

Commercial mortgage loans of consolidated VIEs are valued using the more observable fair value of the liabilities of the consolidated collateralized financing entities (CCFEs) under the measurement alternative guidance and are reflected in Level 2. The liabilities are affiliated so are not reflected in our consolidated results.

Equity method real estate investments for which the fair value option was elected are reflected in Level 3. The equity method real estate investments consist of underlying real estate and debt. The real estate fair value is estimated using a discounted cash flow valuation model that utilizes public real estate market data inputs such as transaction prices, market rents, vacancy levels, leasing absorption, market cap rates and discount rates. The debt fair value is estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis based on our incremental borrowing rate for similar borrowing arrangements.

Cash Equivalents

Certain cash equivalents are reported at fair value on a recurring basis and include money market instruments and other short-term investments with maturities of three months or less. Fair values of these cash equivalents may be determined using public quotations, when available, which are reflected in Level 1. When public quotations are not available, because of the highly liquid nature of these assets, carrying amounts may be used to approximate fair values, which are reflected in Level 2.

Separate Account Assets

Separate account assets include equity securities, debt securities, cash equivalents and derivative instruments, for which fair values are determined as previously described, and are reflected in Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3. Separate account assets also include commercial mortgage loans, for which the fair value is estimated by discounting the expected total cash flows using market rates that are applicable to the yield, credit quality and maturity of the loans. The market clearing spreads vary based on mortgage type, weighted average life, rating and liquidity. These are reflected in Level 3. Finally, separate account assets include real estate, for which the fair value is estimated using discounted cash flow valuation models that utilize various public real estate market data inputs. In addition, each property is appraised annually by an independent appraiser. The real estate included in separate account assets is recorded net of related mortgage encumbrances for which the fair value is estimated using discounted cash flow analysis based on our incremental borrowing rate for similar borrowing arrangements. The real estate within the separate accounts is reflected in Level 3.

Investment Contracts

Certain annuity contracts and other investment contracts include embedded derivatives that have been bifurcated from the host contract and are measured at fair value on a recurring basis, which are reflected in Level 3. The key assumptions for calculating the fair value of the embedded derivative liabilities are market assumptions (such as equity market returns, interest rate levels, market volatility and correlations) and policyholder behavior assumptions (such as lapse, mortality, utilization and withdrawal patterns). Risk margins are included in the policyholder behavior assumptions. The

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assumptions are based on a combination of historical data and actuarial judgment. The embedded derivative liabilities are valued using stochastic models that incorporate a spread reflecting our own creditworthiness.

The assumption for our own non-performance risk for investment contracts and any embedded derivatives bifurcated from certain annuity and investment contracts is based on the current market credit spreads for debt-like instruments we have issued and are available in the market.

Other Liabilities

Certain obligations reported in other liabilities include embedded derivatives to deliver underlying securities of structured investments to third parties. The fair value of the embedded derivatives is calculated based on the value of the underlying securities that are valued based on prices obtained from third party pricing vendors as utilized and described in our discussion of how fair value is determined for fixed maturities, which are reflected in Level 2.

As of December 31, 2016, obligations of consolidated VIEs for which the fair value option was elected were included in other liabilities. The synthetic entity that had these obligations matured in the first quarter of 2017. The VIEs' unaffiliated obligations were valued utilizing internal pricing models, which were reflected in Level 3.

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis were as follows:

	Assets/ (liabilities) measured at fair value	Amount measured at net asset value (5)	June 30, 2018		
			Level 1 <i>(in millions)</i>	Level 2	Level 3
Assets					
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale:					
U.S. government and agencies	\$ 1,343.3	\$	\$ 917.7	\$ 425.6	\$
Non-U.S. governments	1,136.3		3.3	1,126.4	6.6
States and political subdivisions	6,411.0			6,411.0	

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Corporate	36,144.2		20.3	36,037.9	86.0
Residential mortgage-backed securities	2,372.4			2,372.4	
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	3,856.5			3,846.4	10.1
Collateralized debt obligations	1,798.1			1,717.9	80.2
Other debt obligations	6,249.9			6,155.1	94.8
Total fixed maturities, available-for-sale	59,311.7		941.3	58,092.7	277.7
Fixed maturities, trading	688.1			684.4	3.7
Equity securities	1,869.3		611.8	1,257.5	
Derivative assets (1)	205.2			189.2	16.0
Other investments (2)	569.2	84.1	157.3	314.6	13.2
Cash equivalents (3)	1,356.4		43.1	1,313.3	
Sub-total excluding separate account assets	63,999.9	84.1	1,753.5	61,851.7	310.6
Separate account assets	156,989.0	120.9	88,752.6	59,824.0	8,291.5
Total assets	\$ 220,988.9	\$ 205.0	\$ 90,506.1	\$ 121,675.7	\$ 8,602.1
Liabilities					
Investment contracts (4)	\$ (42.8)	\$	\$	\$	(42.8)
Derivative liabilities (1)	(266.6)			(256.0)	(10.6)
Other liabilities (4)	(229.7)			(229.7)	
Total liabilities	\$ (539.1)	\$	\$	\$ (485.7)	\$ (53.4)
Net assets	\$ 220,449.8	\$ 205.0	\$ 90,506.1	\$ 121,190.0	\$ 8,548.7

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	Assets/ (liabilities) measured at fair value	Amount measured at net asset value (5)	December 31, 2017		
			Fair value hierarchy level		
			Level 1 (in millions)	Level 2	Level 3
Assets					
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale:					
U.S. government and agencies	\$ 1,351.7	\$	\$ 896.8	\$ 454.9	\$
Non-U.S. governments	901.5		2.9	891.2	7.4
States and political subdivisions	6,801.6			6,801.6	
Corporate	37,033.1		20.7	36,884.4	128.0
Residential mortgage-backed securities	2,523.3			2,523.3	
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	3,708.3			3,697.7	10.6
Collateralized debt obligations	1,359.3			1,234.3	125.0
Other debt obligations	5,709.6			5,707.3	2.3
Total fixed maturities, available-for-sale	59,388.4		920.4	58,194.7	273.3
Fixed maturities, trading	566.0			566.0	
Equity securities, available-for-sale	96.0		47.4	45.9	2.7
Equity securities, trading	1,770.6		544.0	1,226.6	
Derivative assets (1)	304.0			279.8	24.2
Other investments (2)	498.0	85.8	176.0	229.7	6.5
Cash equivalents (3)	1,793.3		46.8	1,746.5	
Sub-total excluding separate account assets	64,416.3	85.8	1,734.6	62,289.2	306.7
Separate account assets	159,272.7	120.4	90,090.6	61,410.3	7,651.4
Total assets	\$ 223,689.0	\$ 206.2	\$ 91,825.2	\$ 123,699.5	\$ 7,958.1
Liabilities					
Investment contracts (4)	\$ (160.3)	\$	\$	\$	\$ (160.3)
Derivative liabilities (1)	(274.7)			(268.6)	(6.1)
Other liabilities (4)	(253.4)			(253.4)	
Total liabilities	\$ (688.4)	\$	\$	\$ (522.0)	\$ (166.4)
Net assets	\$ 223,000.6	\$ 206.2	\$ 91,825.2	\$ 123,177.5	\$ 7,791.7

(1) Within the consolidated statements of financial position, derivative assets are reported with other investments and derivative liabilities are reported with other liabilities. Refer to Note 4, Derivative Financial Instruments, for further information on fair value by class of derivative instruments.

(2) Primarily includes sponsored investment funds, other investment funds, equity method real estate investments reported at fair value and commercial mortgage loans of consolidated VIEs.

- (3) Includes money market instruments and short-term investments with a maturity date of three months or less when purchased.
- (4) Includes bifurcated embedded derivatives that are reported at fair value within the same line item in the consolidated statements of financial position in which the host contract is reported.
- (5) Certain investments are measured at fair value using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient and have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. Other investments using the NAV practical expedient consist of certain fund interests that are restricted until maturity with unfunded commitments totaling \$38.3 million and \$46.1 million as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. Separate account assets using the NAV practical expedient consist of hedge funds with varying investment strategies that also have a variety of redemption terms and conditions. We do not have unfunded commitments associated with these hedge funds.

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Changes in Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The reconciliation for all assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) was as follows:

For the three months ended June 30, 2018

	Beginning asset/ (liability) balance as of March 31, 2018	Total realized/unrealized gains (losses)		Net purchases, sales, issuances and settlements (4)	Transfers into Level 3	Transfers out of Level 3	Ending asset/ (liability) balance as of June 30, 2018	Changes in unrealized gains (losses) included in net income relating to positions still held (1)
		Included in net income (1)	Included in other comprehensive income (3)					
Assets								
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale: Non-U.S. governments	\$ 7.0	\$	\$	\$ (0.4)	\$ 0.4	\$ (11.5)	\$ 6.6	\$
Corporate	103.8		(0.7)	(6.0)			86.0	
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	11.1		(0.1)			(0.9)	10.1	
Collateralized debt obligations	80.7		(0.4)	27.8	12.0	(39.9)	80.2	
Other debt obligations	2.1	(0.1)	0.3	92.5			94.8	
Total fixed maturities, available-for-sale	204.7	(0.1)	(0.9)	113.9	12.4	(52.3)	277.7	
Fixed maturities, trading				3.7			3.7	
Equity securities	14.9	0.7		(15.6)				
Derivative assets	20.5	(4.9)		0.4			16.0	(4.5)
Other investments	9.3	0.3		3.6			13.2	0.3
Separate account assets (2)	7,991.9	245.4	0.1	54.5		(0.4)	8,291.5	257.9
Liabilities								
Investment contracts	(96.2)	52.0	(0.1)	1.5			(42.8)	51.6
Derivative liabilities	(3.7)	(6.2)		(0.7)			(10.6)	(7.9)

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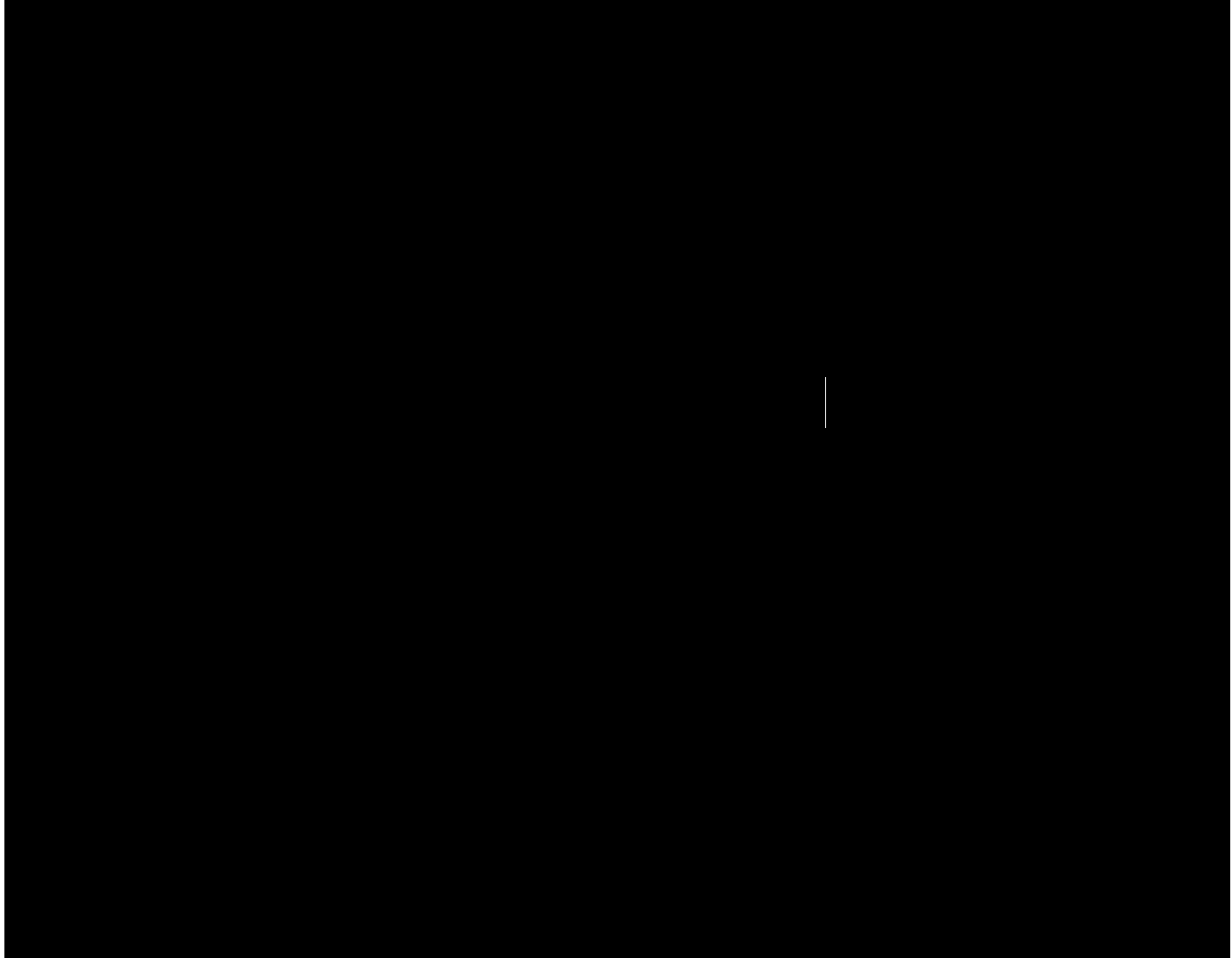


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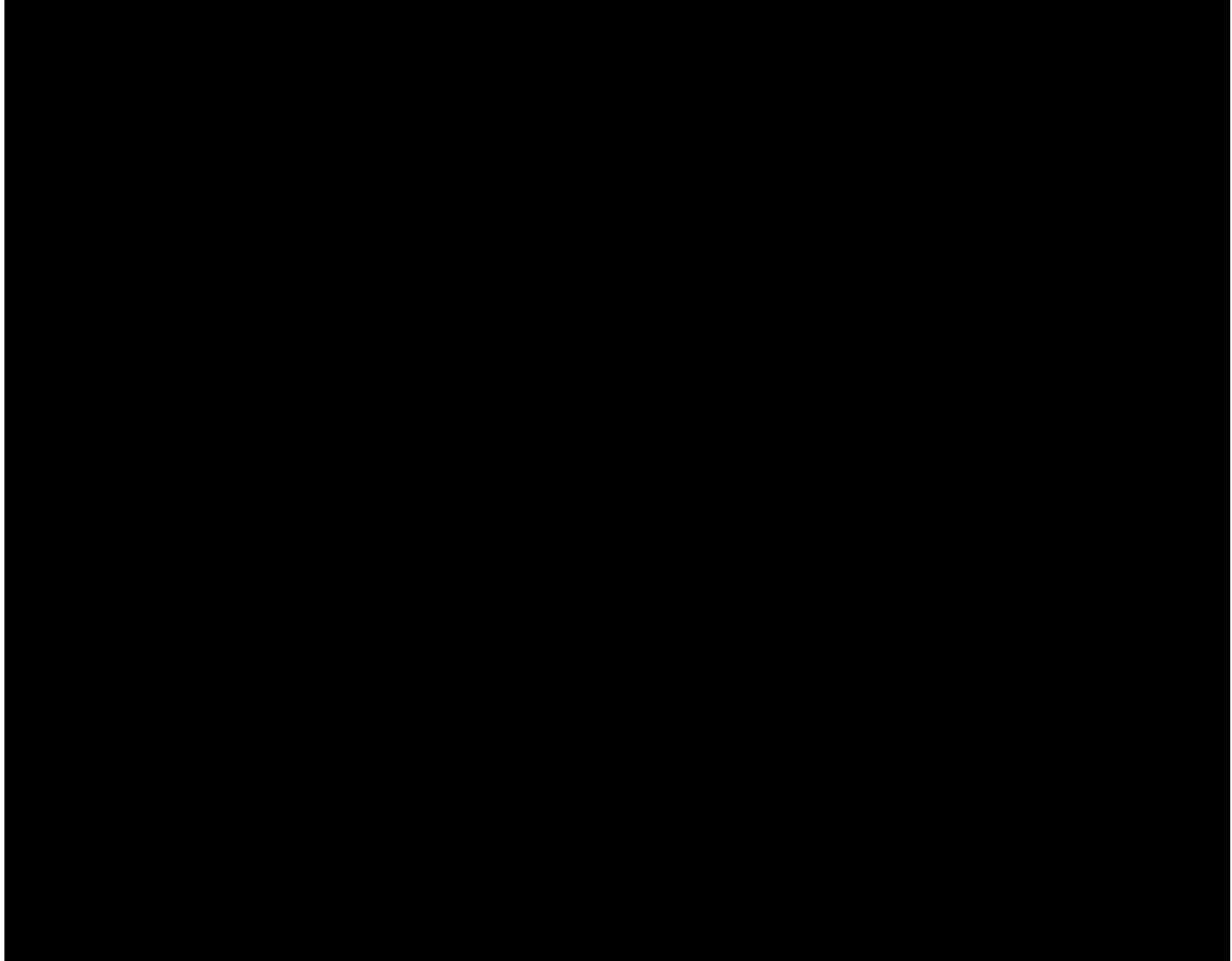
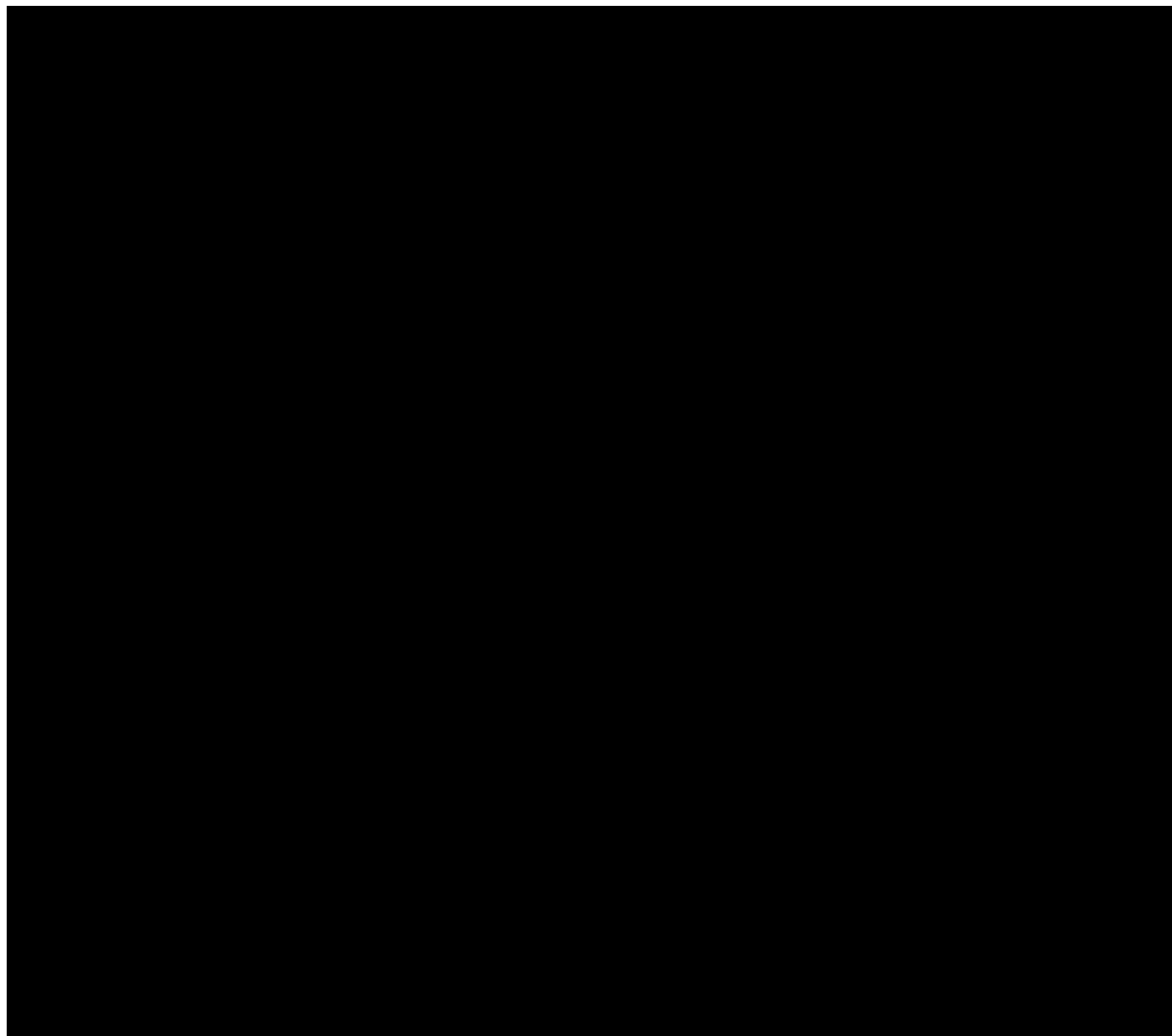


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(1) Both realized gains (losses) and mark-to-market unrealized gains (losses) are generally reported in net realized capital gains (losses) within the consolidated statements of operations. Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on certain securities with an investment objective to realize economic value through mark-to-market changes are reported

in net investment income within the consolidated statements of operations.

- (2) Gains and losses for separate account assets do not impact net income as the change in value of separate account assets is offset by a change in value of separate account liabilities. Foreign currency translation adjustments related to the Principal International segment separate account assets are recorded in AOCI and are offset by foreign currency translation adjustments of the corresponding separate account liabilities.
- (3) Includes foreign currency translation adjustments related to our Principal International segment.
- (4) Gross purchases, sales, issuances and settlements were:

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For the three months ended June 30, 2018

	Purchases	Sales	Issuances <i>(in millions)</i>	Settlements	Net purchases, sales, issuances and settlements
Assets					
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale:					
Non-U.S. governments	\$	\$	\$	\$ (0.4)	\$ (0.4)
Corporate	0.7			(6.7)	(6.0)
Collateralized debt obligations	28.1			(0.3)	27.8
Other debt obligations	94.4			(1.9)	92.5
Total fixed maturities, available-for-sale	123.2			(9.3)	113.9
Fixed maturities, trading	3.7				3.7
Equity securities		(15.6)			(15.6)
Derivative assets		0.4			0.4
Other investments	3.6				3.6
Separate account assets (5)	231.4	(124.1)	(60.0)	7.2	54.5
Liabilities					
Investment contracts			0.7	0.8	1.5
Derivative liabilities	(1.2)	0.5			(0.7)

For the three months ended June 30, 2017

	Purchases	Sales	Issuances <i>(in millions)</i>	Settlements	Net purchases, sales, issuances and settlements
Assets					
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale:					
Non-U.S. governments	\$	\$ (0.9)	\$	\$ (0.4)	\$ (1.3)
Corporate	14.6	(13.1)		(13.3)	(11.8)
Commercial mortgage-backed securities				0.5	0.5
Collateralized debt obligations	13.0			(0.7)	12.3
Other debt obligations				(0.2)	(0.2)
Total fixed maturities, available-for-sale	27.6	(14.0)		(14.1)	(0.5)
Equity securities, trading				(0.7)	(0.7)
Derivative assets	1.9	(0.2)			1.7
Other investments	0.3	(4.1)			(3.8)
Separate account assets (5)	120.7	(70.9)	(64.4)	(4.5)	(19.1)
Liabilities					
Investment contracts			0.2	1.7	1.9
Derivative liabilities	(1.0)				(1.0)

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	For the six months ended June 30, 2018				Net purchases, sales, issuances and settlements
	Purchases	Sales	Issuances <i>(in millions)</i>	Settlements	
Assets					
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale:					
Non-U.S. governments	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Corporate	12.0	(4.2)		(11.4)	(3.6)
Commercial mortgage-backed securities				(0.1)	(0.1)
Collateralized debt obligations	28.1			(25.8)	2.3
Other debt obligations	94.4			(2.1)	92.3
Total fixed maturities, available-for-sale	134.5	(4.2)		(40.1)	90.2
Fixed maturities, trading	3.7				3.7
Equity securities		(15.6)			(15.6)
Derivative assets	3.1	0.4			3.5
Other investments	4.9				4.9
Separate account assets (5)	571.8	(228.5)	(105.5)	(6.5)	231.3
Liabilities					
Investment contracts			0.2	1.5	1.7
Derivative liabilities	(1.2)	1.1			(0.1)

(5) Issuances and settlements include amounts related to mortgage encumbrances associated with real estate in our separate accounts.

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Transfers

Transfers of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis between fair value hierarchy levels were as follows:

	For the three months ended June 30, 2018					
	Transfers out of Level 1 into Level 2	Transfers out of Level 1 into Level 3	Transfers out of Level 2 into Level 1	Transfers out of Level 2 into Level 3	Transfers out of Level 3 into Level 1	Transfers out of Level 3 into Level 2
	<i>(in millions)</i>					
Assets						
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale:						
Corporate	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0.4	\$	\$ 11.5
Commercial mortgage-backed securities						0.9
Collateralized debt obligations				12.0		39.9
Total fixed maturities, available-for-sale				12.4		52.3
Separate account assets	0.1		0.1		0.2	0.2

	For the three months ended June 30, 2017					
	Transfers out of Level 1 into Level 2	Transfers out of Level 1 into Level 3	Transfers out of Level 2 into Level 1	Transfers out of Level 2 into Level 3	Transfers out of Level 3 into Level 1	Transfers out of Level 3 into Level 2
	<i>(in millions)</i>					
Assets						
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale:						
Corporate	\$	\$	\$	\$ 17.6	\$	\$ 37.3
Commercial mortgage-backed securities				17.3		21.7
Collateralized debt obligations				88.3		
Other debt obligations				0.1		3.6
Total fixed maturities, available-for-sale				123.3		62.6
Separate account assets	5.7		0.2	2.1		21.5

	For the six months ended June 30, 2018					
	Transfers out of Level 1 into Level 2	Transfers out of Level 1 into Level 3	Transfers out of Level 2 into Level 1	Transfers out of Level 2 into Level 3	Transfers out of Level 3 into Level 1	Transfers out of Level 3 into Level 2
	<i>(in millions)</i>					

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Assets

Fixed maturities, available-for-sale:

Corporate	\$	\$	\$	\$	1.0	\$	\$	40.2
Commercial mortgage-backed securities					2.5			0.9
Collateralized debt obligations					12.1			59.2
Total fixed maturities, available-for-sale					15.6			100.3
Separate account assets		292.5		0.8			0.2	0.2

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	Transfers out of Level 1 into Level 2	Transfers out of Level 1 into Level 3	For the six months ended June 30, 2017		Transfers out of Level 3 into Level 1	Transfers out of Level 3 into Level 2
			Transfers out of Level 2 into Level 1	Transfers out of Level 2 into Level 3		
			<i>(in millions)</i>			
Assets						
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale:						
Corporate	\$	\$	\$	\$	22.2	\$
Commercial mortgage-backed securities					18.0	
Collateralized debt obligations					88.3	
Other debt obligations					0.1	
Total fixed maturities, available-for-sale					128.6	
Fixed maturities, trading					1.9	
Equity securities, trading					0.7	
Separate account assets	6.4		0.2		2.1	22.4

Transfers between fair value hierarchy levels are recognized at the beginning of the reporting period.

Separate account assets transferred from Level 1 to Level 2 during the six months ended June 30, 2018, primarily included cash equivalents as a result of additional analysis to clarify the source of the price.

Assets transferred into Level 3 during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, primarily included those assets for which we are now unable to obtain pricing from a recognized third party pricing vendor as well as assets that were previously priced using a matrix valuation approach that may no longer be relevant when applied to asset-specific situations.

Assets transferred out of Level 3 during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, primarily included those for which we are now able to obtain pricing from a recognized third party pricing vendor or from internal models using substantially all market observable information.

Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

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The following table provides quantitative information about the significant unobservable inputs used for recurring fair value measurements categorized within Level 3, excluding assets and liabilities for which significant quantitative unobservable inputs are not developed internally, which primarily consists of those valued using broker quotes or the measurement alternative for CCFEs. Refer to Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis for a complete valuation hierarchy summary.

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	June 30, 2018				
	Assets / (liabilities) measured at fair value (in millions)	Valuation technique(s)	Unobservable input description	Input/range of inputs	Weighted average
Assets					
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale: Non-U.S. governments	\$ 5.3	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate (1)	3.7%	3.7%
			Illiquidity premium	50 basis points (bps)	50bps
			Comparability adjustment	(25)bps	(25)bps
Corporate	25.5	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate (1)	3.3%-4.0%	3.7%
			Illiquidity premium	0bps-60bps	36bps
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	0.5	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate (1)	25.0%	25.0%
			Probability of default	95.0%	95.0%
			Potential loss severity	28.0%	28.0%
Other debt obligations	2.6	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate (1)	5.0%	5.0%
			Illiquidity premium	500bps	500bps
Separate account assets	8,075.9	Discounted cash flow - mortgage loans	Discount rate (1)	2.9%-8.0%	6.2%
			Illiquidity premium	0bps-60bps	38bps
			Credit spread rate	68bps-690bps	445bps
		Discounted cash flow - real estate	Discount rate (1)	5.8%-17.2%	6.9%
			Terminal capitalization rate	4.3%-9.3%	5.9%
			Average market rent growth rate	1.6%-4.4%	2.9%
		Discounted cash flow - real estate debt	Loan to value	7.8%-69.4%	47.4%
			Market interest rate	3.6%-5.6%	4.2%

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		June 30, 2018			
	Assets / (liabilities) measured at fair value (in millions)	Valuation technique(s)	Unobservable input description	Input/range of inputs	Weighted average
Liabilities					
Investment contracts	(42.8)	Discounted cash flow	Long duration interest rate	2.9%-3.0% (2)	
			Long-term equity market volatility	15.0%-39.4%	
			Non-performance risk	0.3%-1.4%	
			Utilization rate	See note (3)	
			Lapse rate	1.3%-16.0%	
			Mortality rate	See note (4)	
		December 31, 2017			
	Assets / (liabilities) measured at fair value (in millions)	Valuation technique(s)	Unobservable input description	Input/range of inputs	Weighted average
Assets					
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale:					
Non-U.S. governments	\$ 6.1	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate (1)	2.7%	2.7%
			Illiquidity premium	50bps	50bps
			Comparability adjustment	(25)bps	(25)bps
Corporate	51.0	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate (1)	1.9%-7.5%	4.6%
			Illiquidity premium	0bps-60bps	21bps
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	0.5	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate (1)	6.0%	6.0%
			Probability of default	85.0%	85.0%
			Potential loss severity	32.0%	32.0%
Other debt obligations	2.3	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate (1)	5.0%	5.0%
			Illiquidity premium	500bps	500bps

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		December 31, 2017			
	Assets / (liabilities) measured at fair value (in millions)	Valuation technique(s)	Unobservable input description	Input/range of inputs	Weighted average
Separate account assets	7,484.6	Discounted cash flow - mortgage loans	Discount rate (1)	2.3%-8.0%	4.8%
			Illiquidity premium	0bps-60bps	17bps
			Credit spread rate	62bps-690bps	293bps
			Discount rate (1)	5.8%-17.2%	6.9%
		Discounted cash flow - real estate debt	Terminal capitalization rate	4.3%-9.3%	6.1%
			Average market rent growth rate	0.5%-4.7%	2.9%
			Loan to value	12.1%-71.4%	45.8%
			Market interest rate	3.1%-4.5%	3.8%
Liabilities					
Investment contracts	(160.3)	Discounted cash flow	Long duration interest rate	2.5%-2.7% (2)	
			Long-term equity market volatility	18.7%-41.1%	
			Non-performance risk	0.2%-1.2%	
			Utilization rate	See note (3)	
			Lapse rate	1.3%-16.0%	
			Mortality rate	See note (4)	

(1) Represents market comparable interest rate or an index adjusted rate used as the base rate in the discounted cash flow analysis prior to any credit spread, illiquidity or other adjustments, where applicable.

(2) Represents the range of rate curves used in the valuation analysis that we have determined market participants would use when pricing the instrument. Derived from interpolation between various observable swap rates.

(3) This input factor is the number of contractholders taking withdrawals as well as the amount and timing of the withdrawals and a range does not provide a meaningful presentation.

(4) This input is based on an appropriate industry mortality table and a range does not provide a meaningful presentation.

Market comparable discount rates are used as the base rate in the discounted cash flows used to determine the fair value of certain assets. Increases or decreases in the credit spreads on the comparable assets could cause the fair value of the assets to significantly decrease or increase, respectively. Additionally, we may adjust the base discount rate or the modeled price by applying an illiquidity premium given the highly structured nature of certain assets. Increases or decreases in this illiquidity premium could cause significant decreases or increases, respectively, in the fair value of the asset.

Embedded derivatives within our investment contracts liability can be in either an asset or liability position, depending on certain inputs at the reporting date. Increases to an asset or decreases to a liability are described as increases to fair value. Increases or decreases in market volatilities could cause significant decreases or increases, respectively, in the fair value of embedded derivatives in investment contracts. Long duration interest rates are used as the mean return when projecting the growth in the value of associated account value and impact the discount rate used in the discounted future cash flows valuation. The amount of claims will increase if account value is not sufficient to cover guaranteed withdrawals.

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Increases or decreases in risk-free rates could cause the fair value of the embedded derivative to significantly increase or decrease, respectively. Increases or decreases in our own credit risks, which impact the rates used to discount future cash flows, could significantly increase or decrease, respectively, the fair value of the embedded derivative. All of these changes in fair value would impact net income.

Decreases or increases in the mortality rate assumption could cause the fair value of the embedded derivative to decrease or increase, respectively. Decreases or increases in the overall lapse rate assumption could cause the fair value of the embedded derivative to decrease or increase, respectively. The lapse rate assumption varies dynamically based on the relationship of the guarantee and associated account value. A stronger or weaker dynamic lapse rate assumption could cause the fair value of the embedded derivative to decrease or increase, respectively. The utilization rate assumption includes how many contractholders will take withdrawals, when they will take them and how much of their benefit they will take. Increases or decreases in the assumption of the number of contractholders taking withdrawals could cause the fair value of the embedded derivative to decrease or increase, respectively. Assuming contractholders take withdrawals earlier or later could cause the fair value of the embedded derivative to decrease or increase, respectively. Assuming contractholders take more or less of their benefit could cause the fair value of the embedded derivative to decrease or increase, respectively.

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis

Certain assets are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. During the six months ended June 30, 2018, certain mortgage loans had been marked to fair value of \$5.5 million. The net impact of write-downs of loans reclassified to held-for-sale, impairments and improvements in estimated fair value of previously impaired loans resulted in a net loss of \$0.6 million for both the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, that was recorded in net realized capital gains (losses) as part of the mortgage loan valuation allowance. This includes the impact of certain loans no longer on our books. These collateral-dependent mortgage loans are a Level 3 fair value measurement, as fair value is based on the fair value of the underlying real estate collateral, which is estimated using appraised values that involve significant unobservable inputs.

During the six months ended June 30, 2017, certain mortgage loans had been marked to fair value of \$0.8 million. The net impact of write-downs of loans reclassified to held-for-sale, impairments and improvements in estimated fair value of previously impaired loans resulted in a net loss of \$0.0 million and \$0.3 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, that was recorded in net realized capital gains (losses) as part of the mortgage loan valuation allowance. This includes the impact of certain loans no longer on our books. These collateral-dependent mortgage loans are a Level 3 fair value measurement, as fair value is based on the fair value of the underlying real estate collateral, which is estimated using appraised values that involve significant unobservable inputs.

Fair Value Option

We elected fair value accounting for:

- Certain commercial mortgage loans of consolidated VIEs for which it was not practicable for us to determine the carrying value. In addition, as of December 31, 2016, we had certain obligations of consolidated VIEs for which it was not practicable for us to determine the carrying value. The synthetic entity that had these obligations matured in the first quarter of 2017.
- Certain real estate ventures that are subject to the equity method of accounting because the nature of the investments is to add value to the properties and generate income from the operations of the properties. Other equity method real estate investments are not fair valued because the investments mainly generate income from the operations of the underlying properties.
- In 2017, we had certain investment funds for which we did not have enough influence to account for under the equity method in order to reflect the economics of the investment in the financial statements. We did not elect the fair value option for other similar investments as these investments are generally accounted for under the equity method of accounting.

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The following tables present information regarding the assets and liabilities for which the fair value option was elected.

	June 30, 2018	<i>(in millions)</i>	December 31, 2017
Commercial mortgage loans of consolidated VIEs (1) (2)			
Fair value	\$	7.9	\$ 9.3
Aggregate contractual principal		7.9	9.2
Real estate ventures (1)			
Fair value		13.2	6.5
Investment funds (1)			
Fair value			45.2

(1) Reported with other investments in the consolidated statements of financial position.