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Form 10-K**

- Annual report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025
- Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number 001-31792

**CNO Financial Group, Inc.**

Delaware <b>State of Incorporation</b>	75-3108137 <b>IRS Employer Identification No.</b>
11299 Illinois Street Carmel, Indiana 46032 <b>Address of principal executive offices</b>	(317) 817-6100 <b>Telephone</b>

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	CNO	New York Stock Exchange
Rights to purchase Series F Junior Participating Preferred Stock		New York Stock Exchange
5.125% Subordinated Debentures due 2060	CNOpA	New York Stock Exchange

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

None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

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

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the 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 every Interactive Data File required to be submitted 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 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. Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company  Emerging growth 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 has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements.

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Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant's executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b).

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

At June 30, 2025, the last business day of the Registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, the aggregate market value of the Registrant's common equity held by non-affiliates was approximately \$3.6 billion.

Shares of common stock outstanding as of February 17, 2026: 94,277,712

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE: Portions of the Registrant's definitive proxy statement for the 2026 annual meeting of shareholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this report.

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## CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Our statements, trend analyses and other information contained in this report and elsewhere (such as in filings by CNO Financial Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("CNO") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), press releases, presentations by CNO or its management or oral statements) relative to markets for CNO's products and trends in CNO's operations or financial results, as well as other statements, contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements typically are identified by the use of terms such as "anticipate," "believe," "plan," "estimate," "expect," "project," "intend," "may," "will," "would," "contemplate," "possible," "attempt," "seek," "should," "could," "goal," "target," "on track," "comfortable with," "optimistic," "guidance," "outlook," "sustainable," "repeatable," "confident in" and similar words, although some forward-looking statements are expressed differently. You should consider statements that contain these words carefully because they describe our expectations, plans, strategies and goals and our beliefs concerning future business conditions, our results of operations, financial position, and our business outlook or they state other "forward-looking" information based on currently available information. The "Risk Factors" in Item 1A. provide examples of risks, uncertainties and events that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the expectations expressed in our forward-looking statements.

A wide variety of factors continue to impact financial and economic conditions. Consumer and economic uncertainty due to rapid changes in global trade policies, including the imposition of tariffs and potential changes to existing tariffs, are also causing market volatility and heightening concerns regarding inflation. Reactions to these factors and fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar compared to foreign currencies may: result in reduced economic growth in the United States, the targeted nations and globally; increase inflation; disrupt global supply chains; and increase volatility in financial markets, including currency and interest rate markets.

Assumptions and other important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in our forward-looking statements include, among other things:

- general economic, market and political conditions and uncertainties, including the performance and fluctuations of the financial markets (including the impact of inflation, market volatility, the impact of a U.S. federal government shutdown, tariffs, changes in tax laws, changes in commodity prices and fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates), which may affect the value of our investments as well as our ability to raise capital or refinance existing indebtedness and the cost of doing so;
- exposure to interest rate risk, including interest rate volatility, may negatively impact our results of operations, financial position or cash flow;
- future investment results, including the impact of realized losses (including other-than-temporary impairment charges) may diminish the value of our invested assets and negatively impact our profitability, our financial condition and our liquidity;
- the ultimate outcome of lawsuits filed against us and other legal and regulatory proceedings to which we are subject;
- our ability to make anticipated changes to certain non-guaranteed elements of our life insurance products;
- our ability to obtain adequate and timely rate increases on our health products, including our long-term care business;
- the receipt of any required regulatory approvals for dividend and surplus debenture interest payments from our insurance subsidiaries;
- mortality, morbidity, the increased cost and usage of health care services, persistency, the adequacy of our previous reserve estimates, changes in the health care market and other factors which may affect the profitability of our insurance products;
- the recoverability of our deferred tax assets and the effect of potential ownership changes and tax rate changes on their value;

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- our assumption that the positions we take on our tax return filings will not be successfully challenged by the Internal Revenue Service;
- changes in accounting principles and the interpretation thereof;
- our ability to continue to satisfy the financial ratio and balance requirements and other covenants of our debt agreements;
- our ability to identify products and markets in which we can compete effectively against competitors with greater market share, higher ratings, greater financial resources and stronger brand recognition;
- our ability to generate sufficient liquidity to meet our debt service obligations and other cash needs;
- changes in capital deployment opportunities;
- our ability to maintain effective controls over financial reporting and modeling;
- our ability to continue to recruit and retain productive agents and distribution partners;
- customer response to new products, distribution channels and marketing initiatives;
- inflation or other unfavorable economic or business conditions may impact the sales and persistency of insurance products, a portion of our insurance policy benefits affected by increased medical coverage costs and various selling, general and administrative expenses;
- our ability to maintain the financial strength ratings of CNO and our insurance company subsidiaries as well as the impact of our ratings on our business, our ability to access capital, and the cost of capital;
- regulatory changes or actions, now or in the future, including, but not limited to: those relating to regulation of the financial affairs of our insurance companies, such as the calculation of risk-based capital and minimum capital requirements, and payment of dividends and surplus debenture interest to us; regulation of the sale, underwriting and pricing of products; health care regulation affecting health insurance products; and privacy laws and regulations;
- changes in the Federal income tax laws and regulations which may affect or eliminate the relative tax advantages of some of our products or affect the value of our deferred tax assets;
- availability and effectiveness of reinsurance arrangements, as well as the impact of any defaults or failure of reinsurers to perform;
- the use or anticipated use of artificial intelligence ("AI") technologies, including generative AI, by us or third-parties;
- the performance of third party service providers (both domestic and international) and potential difficulties arising from outsourcing arrangements;
- expectations for the growth rate of sales, collected premiums, annuity deposits and assets;
- interruption in telecommunication, information technology or other operational systems or failure to maintain the security, confidentiality or privacy of sensitive data on such systems;
- events of terrorism, natural disasters or other catastrophic events, including potential adverse impacts from climate change which may increase the frequency or severity of weather-related disasters;
- the impact of pandemics and major public health issues and the resulting financial market, economic and other impacts;
- cybersecurity attacks, risk of data loss and other security breaches;
- ineffectiveness of risk management policies and procedures in identifying, monitoring and managing risks; and
- the risk factors or uncertainties listed from time to time in our filings with the SEC.

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Other factors and assumptions not identified above are also relevant to the forward-looking statements, and if they prove incorrect, could also cause actual results to differ materially from those projected.

All written or oral forward-looking statements attributable to us are expressly qualified in their entirety by the foregoing cautionary statement. Our forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made. We assume no obligation to update or to publicly announce the results of any revisions to any of the forward-looking statements to reflect actual results, future events or developments, changes in assumptions or changes in other factors affecting the forward-looking statements.

The reporting of risk-based capital measures is not intended for the purpose of ranking any insurance company or for use in connection with any marketing, advertising or promotional activities.

## PART I

### ITEM 1. BUSINESS OF CNO.

CNO is a holding company for a group of insurance companies that develop, market and administer health insurance, annuity, individual life insurance and other insurance and financial services products. The terms "CNO Financial Group, Inc.", "CNO", the "Company", "we", "us", and "our" as used in this report refer to CNO and its subsidiaries. Such terms, when used to describe insurance business and products, refer to the insurance business and products of CNO's insurance subsidiaries.

We focus on serving middle-income pre-retiree and retired Americans, which we believe are attractive, underserved, high growth markets. We sell our products through exclusive agents, independent producers (some of whom sell one or more of our product lines exclusively) and direct marketing. As of December 31, 2025, we had total assets of \$38.8 billion and shareholders' equity of \$2.6 billion (which included an accumulated other comprehensive loss of \$1.1 billion). For the year ended December 31, 2025, we had revenues of \$4.5 billion and net income of \$229.3 million. See our consolidated financial statements and accompanying footnotes for additional financial information about the Company and its segments.

We view our operations as three insurance product lines (annuity, health and life) and the investment and fee income segments. Our segments are aligned based on their common characteristics, comparability of profit margins and the way the chief operating decision maker ("CODM") makes operating decisions and assesses the performance of the business. Our CODM is the Chief Executive Officer.

We market our products through the Consumer and Worksite Divisions that reflect the customers served by the Company. The Consumer and Worksite Divisions are primarily focused on marketing insurance products, several types of which are sold in both divisions and underwritten in the same manner. The Consumer Division serves individual consumers, engaging with them on the phone, virtually, online, face-to-face with agents, or through a combination of sales channels. The structure unifies consumer capabilities into a single division and integrates the strength of our agent sales forces with one of the largest direct-to-consumer insurance businesses with proven experience in advertising, web/digital and call center support. The Worksite Division focuses on the sale of voluntary insurance benefits, including supplemental health and life insurance products in the workplace for businesses, associations, and other membership groups, interacting with customers at their place of employment and virtually.

We centralize certain functional areas, including marketing, business unit finance and sales support, among others. We primarily market our insurance products under our three primary brands: Bankers Life, Washington National and Colonial Penn.

### OTHER INFORMATION

Our executive offices are located at 11299 Illinois Street, Carmel, Indiana 46032, and our telephone number is (317) 817-6100. Our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act are available free of charge on our website at [www.CNOinc.com](http://www.CNOinc.com) as soon as reasonably practicable after they are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. These filings are also available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Copies of these filings are also available, without charge, from CNO Investor Relations, 11299 Illinois Street, Carmel, IN 46032. Except for the documents specifically incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K, information contained on our website or that can be accessed through our website is not incorporated by reference in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Reference to our website is made as an inactive textual reference.

Our website also includes the charters of our Audit and Enterprise Risk Committee, Executive Committee, Governance and Nominating Committee, Human Resources and Compensation Committee and Investment Committee, as well as our Corporate Governance Guidelines and our Code of Conduct that applies to all officers, directors and employees. Copies of these documents are available free of charge on our website at [www.CNOinc.com](http://www.CNOinc.com) or from CNO Investor Relations at the address shown above. Within the time period specified by the SEC and the New York Stock Exchange, we will post on our website any amendment to our Code of Conduct and any waiver applicable to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer.

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In May 2025, we filed with the New York Stock Exchange the Annual CEO Certification regarding the Company's compliance with their Corporate Governance listing standards as required by Section 303A.12(a) of the New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual. In addition, we have filed as exhibits to this 2025 Form 10-K the applicable certifications of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer required under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 regarding the Company's public disclosures.

CNO became the successor to Conseco, Inc., an Indiana corporation (our "Predecessor"), in connection with a bankruptcy reorganization, which became effective on September 10, 2003. Our Predecessor was organized in 1979 and commenced operations in 1982.

Data in Item 1. are provided as of or for the year ended December 31, 2025 (as the context implies), unless otherwise indicated.

### **MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION**

Our insurance subsidiaries develop, market and administer health insurance, annuity, individual life insurance and other insurance and financial services products. We sell these products through exclusive agents, independent producers (some of whom sell one or more of our product lines exclusively) and direct marketing. We had premium collections of \$4.6 billion, \$4.4 billion and \$4.1 billion in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Our insurance subsidiaries collectively hold licenses to market our insurance products in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and certain protectorates of the United States. Sales to residents of the following states accounted for at least 5 percent of our 2025 collected premiums: Florida (12 percent), Iowa (6 percent), Texas (6 percent), California (5 percent), and Pennsylvania (5 percent).

We believe that most purchases of life insurance, accident and health insurance and annuity products occur only after individuals are contacted and solicited by an insurance agent. Accordingly, the success of our distribution system is largely dependent on our ability to attract and retain experienced and highly motivated agents.

We market our products through our two sales organization divisions – the Consumer and Worksite Divisions that reflect the customers served by the Company.

#### **Consumer Division:**

The Consumer Division serves individual consumers, engaging with them on the phone, virtually, online, face-to-face with agents, or through a combination of sales channels. This structure unifies consumer capabilities into a single division and integrates the strength of our agent sales forces with one of the largest direct-to-consumer insurance businesses with proven experience in advertising, web/digital and call center support. In 2021, we began selling our direct-to-consumer products through third party distributors.

*Exclusive Agents.* At December 31, 2025, we had an exclusive agency force of approximately 4,600 producing agents (monthly average of agents that have submitted at least one policy in the month) and financial representatives working from approximately 230 branch and satellite field offices throughout the United States. The field agents establish one-on-one contact with potential policyholders and promote strong personal relationships with existing policyholders. Field agents sell Medicare supplement, supplemental health and long-term care insurance policies, life insurance and annuities. These agents also sell Medicare Advantage plans through distribution arrangements with third-party insurance companies. After the sale of an insurance policy, the agent serves as a contact person for policyholder questions, claims assistance and additional insurance needs. In addition, we have tele-sales agents that are primarily engaged in the sale of our graded benefit life insurance policies and the sale of Medicare Advantage plans of third-party insurance companies using direct response marketing techniques. New policyholder leads are generated primarily from television, print advertising, direct response mailings and the internet. Financial representatives are able to buy and sell securities for clients and may provide ongoing investment advice for clients.

*Independent Producers.* Supplemental health and life insurance products are also sold through a diverse network of independent agents, insurance brokers and marketing organizations. The general agency and insurance brokerage distribution system is comprised of independent agents licensed to sell our products in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and certain protectorates of the United States.

**Worksite Division:**

The Worksite Division focuses on the sale of voluntary insurance benefits, including supplemental health and life insurance products in the workplace for businesses, associations, and other membership groups, interacting with customers at their place of employment and virtually. Through our Optavise brand, we guide employers and their employees through their healthcare choices with a suite of voluntary insurance products as well as benefits administration technology, education, and advocacy, and communications services to reduce costs and increase benefits engagement. In November 2025, we announced our intention to exit the fee services business within our Worksite Division to sharpen our focus on the core insurance business. The exit is expected to be substantially completed in the first half of 2026.

*Exclusive Agents.* At December 31, 2025, we had approximately 400 exclusive producing agents working across the United States. These agents establish relationships with employers and have one-on-one contact with potential policyholders primarily at their place of employment and primarily sell supplemental health and life insurance products.

*Independent Producers.* Supplemental health and life insurance products are also sold through a diverse network of independent agents, insurance brokers and marketing organizations. The general agency and insurance brokerage distribution system is comprised of independent agents licensed to sell our products in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and certain protectorates of the United States.

Marketing organizations typically recruit agents by advertising our products and commission structure through direct mail advertising or through seminars for agents and brokers. These organizations bear most of the costs incurred in marketing our products. We compensate the marketing organizations by paying them a percentage of the commissions earned on new sales generated by agents recruited by such organizations. Certain of these marketing organizations are specialty organizations that have a marketing expertise or a distribution system related to a particular product or market, such as worksite and individual health products.

**Total premium collections**

The Consumer and Worksite Divisions are primarily focused on marketing insurance products (including annuity, health and life products), several types of which are sold in both divisions and underwritten in the same manner. The following table summarizes premium collections by segment for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024	2023
<b>Annuities:</b>			
Fixed indexed annuities	\$ 1,739.9	\$ 1,542.7	\$ 1,373.9
Fixed interest annuities	194.3	239.1	199.7
Other annuities	9.1	8.8	9.6
Total annuities	1,943.3	1,790.6	1,583.2
<b>Health:</b>			
Supplemental health	744.5	725.7	706.6
Medicare supplement	626.8	625.7	609.4
Long-term care	292.2	276.2	261.8
Total health	1,663.5	1,627.6	1,577.8
<b>Life:</b>			
Interest-sensitive life	255.8	244.1	237.0
Traditional life	728.7	716.4	700.0
Total life	984.5	960.5	937.0
Total premium collections	\$ 4,591.3	\$ 4,378.7	\$ 4,098.0

## Annuities

During 2025, we collected annuity premiums of \$1,943.3 million, or 42 percent, of our total premiums collected. Annuity products include fixed indexed annuity, traditional fixed rate annuity and single premium immediate annuity products. Annuities offer a tax-deferred means of accumulating savings for retirement needs, and provide a tax-efficient source of income in the payout period. For fixed indexed annuities, our major source of income is the spread between the investment income earned on the underlying general account assets and the cost of the index options purchased to provide index-based credits to the contractholders' accounts. Our major source of income from fixed rate annuities is the spread between the investment income earned on the underlying general account assets and the interest credited to contractholders' accounts.

The following describes our major annuity products:

**Fixed Indexed Annuities.** These products accounted for \$1,739.9 million, or 38 percent, of our total premium collections during 2025. Our fixed indexed annuities include single-premium deferred annuity contracts and flexible premium deferred annuity contracts offering a fixed credit option and at least one indexed option, generating an interest return tied to the price return of an external index (typically the S&P 500). Our fixed indexed annuity contracts are designed so that the guaranteed contract value meets regulatory requirements such that the contract holder receives no less than 87.5 percent of deposits paid, compounded annually at a rate of up to 3 percent, which establishes a floor value for the contract in the event of cash disbursement (full surrender, death claim payout, or annuitization). Within each contract issued, each fixed indexed annuity specifies:

- The index to be used.
- The time period during which the change in the index is measured. At the end of the time period, the change in the index is applied to the account value. The time period for most contracts is one year, but can range up to four years for some older inforce contracts.
- The method used to measure the change in the index.
- The measured change in the index is multiplied by a "participation rate" (percentage of change in the index) before the credit is applied. Some policies guarantee the initial participation rate for the life of the contract, and some vary the rate for each period.
- The measured change in the index may also be limited by a "cap" before the credit is applied. Some policies guarantee the initial cap for the life of the contract, and some vary the cap for each period.
- The measured change in the index may also be limited to the excess in the measured change over a "margin" before the credit is applied. Some policies guarantee the initial margin for the life of the contract, and some vary the margin for each period.

Our fixed indexed annuity contracts are usually surrendered prior to the specified maturity date (typically the policy anniversary after the customer's 99th birthday). At surrender or maturity, they are provided various annuitization options allowing for periodic payments (paid over various periods such as their remaining life or a term-certain period). However, the majority of contracts remain in the accumulation phase until the customer surrenders the contract or has a death claim. Policyholders can surrender the contract at any time, at which point they receive their account value, as specified in the contract, less any applicable surrender charges, subject to the floor value defined above. Nearly all policies also allow for one penalty-free withdrawal of up to 10 percent of the premium paid each policy year (after the first year only for some contracts).

Our fixed indexed annuities credit interest on an annual basis. Depending on the credit option chosen, that interest is based on a fixed interest rate, guaranteed for the annual crediting period, or the price return of the underlying index (typically the S&P 500 index or the Morningstar US Dividend Growth Barclays 5 percent VC index) subject to a participation rate (receiving a portion of the appreciation) or a cap rate (receiving all appreciation up to the cap); any indexed option return is subject to a 0 percent floor. All crediting rates are subject to contractual guaranteed minimums. We have a disciplined rate-setting approach that allows the Company to set crediting rates consistent with the investment return earned on the net premiums received and (if applicable) the current option cost to fund the indexed benefit.

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In 2016, we began offering a guaranteed lifetime income rider to our fixed indexed annuity contracts, which allows policyholders the option to elect to receive a guaranteed income stream for life, without having to annuitize their policy. In 2021, an optional benefit was added to the rider which enhances the guaranteed income stream payout amount for a two-year period if the policyholder meets certain conditions related to the ability to perform activities of daily living. These benefits are often referred to as guaranteed living withdrawal benefits ("GLWB"). During 2025, we launched a death benefit rider, available on our guaranteed lifetime income products, that guarantees at least a return of premium death benefit provided only guaranteed income withdrawals and/or Required Minimum Distributions are taken. This rider includes an explicit fee that is deducted from the account value to maintain the benefit.

In recent years, a significant portion of our new annuity sales were "premium bonus" products. These products specify a bonus rate, that is applied to the premium deposited. This provides an immediate increase in the account value but the premium bonus becomes eligible for withdrawal, or vests, over a number of years. In 2023, we launched a flexible premium bonus indexed annuity ("FPBIA") product that offers a premium bonus (expressed as a percentage of the premium deposit) for each premium deposit made, subject to contractual terms. The current range for the premium bonus is 4-5 percent.

Commissions, underwriting, sales and contract issuance and processing costs are incurred when a fixed indexed annuity contract is issued. When such costs are incremental costs directly related to the successful acquisition of a new insurance contract, they are capitalized and amortized on a constant level basis over the expected term to approximate straight-line amortization.

We have generally been successful at hedging increases to policyholder benefits resulting from increases in the indices to which the product's return is linked.

**Fixed Interest Annuities.** These products include fixed rate single-premium deferred annuities ("SPDAs") and flexible premium deferred annuities ("FPDAs"). These products accounted for \$194.3 million, or 4 percent, of our total premium collections during 2025. Our fixed rate SPDAs and FPDAs typically have a crediting rate that is guaranteed by the Company for the first policy year, after which we have the ability to change the crediting rate to any rate not below a guaranteed minimum rate. The current guaranteed rate on annuities being issued is 3 percent, and the guaranteed rates on all policies in force range from 1.0 percent to 5.5 percent. As of December 31, 2025, the average crediting rate on our outstanding traditional annuities was 3.39 percent.

The initial crediting rate is largely a function of:

- the interest rate we earn on invested assets acquired with the new annuity fund deposits;
- the costs related to marketing and maintaining the annuity products; and
- the rates offered on similar products by our competitors.

For subsequent adjustments to crediting rates, we take into account current and prospective yields on investments, annuity surrender assumptions, competitive industry pricing and the crediting rate history for particular groups of annuity policies with similar characteristics.

Withdrawals from fixed interest annuities we are currently selling are generally subject to a surrender charge of 8 percent to 10 percent in the first year, declining to zero over a five to 10 year period, depending on issue age and product. Surrender charges are set at levels intended to protect the Company from loss on early terminations and to reduce the likelihood that policyholders will terminate their policies during periods of increasing interest rates. This practice is intended to lengthen the duration of policy liabilities and to enable us to maintain profitability on such policies.

Penalty-free withdrawals from fixed interest annuities of up to 10 percent of either premiums or account value are available in most fixed interest annuities after the first year of the annuity's term.

**Other Annuities.** These products include single premium immediate annuities ("SPIAs"). SPIAs accounted for \$9.1 million of our total premiums collected in 2025. SPIAs are designed to provide a series of periodic payments for a fixed period of time or for life, according to the policyholder's choice at the time of issuance. Once the payments begin, the amount, frequency and length of time over which they are payable are fixed. SPIAs often are purchased by persons at or

near retirement age who desire a steady stream of payments over a future period of years. The single premium is often the payout from a fixed rate contract. The implicit interest rate on SPIAs is based on market conditions when the policy is issued. The implicit interest rate on our outstanding SPIAs averaged 6.6 percent at December 31, 2025. Other annuities also include closed blocks of structured settlements, which were last sold over 25 years ago.

## Health

**Supplemental Health.** Supplemental health collected premiums were \$744.5 million during 2025, or 16 percent of our total collected premiums. These policies generally provide fixed or limited benefits. Cancer insurance and heart/stroke products are guaranteed renewable individual accident and health insurance policies. Payments under cancer insurance policies are generally made directly to, or at the direction of, the policyholder following diagnosis of, or treatment for, a covered type of cancer. Heart/stroke policies provide for payments directly to the policyholder for treatment of a covered heart disease, heart attack or stroke. Accident products combine insurance for accidental death with limited benefit disability income insurance. Hospital indemnity products provide a fixed dollar amount per day of confinement in a hospital. The benefits provided under the supplemental health policies do not necessarily reflect the actual cost incurred by the insured as a result of the illness, or accident, and benefits are not reduced by any other medical insurance payments made to or on behalf of the insured.

Our supplemental health products include a critical illness insurance product that pays a lump sum cash benefit directly to the insured when the insured is diagnosed with a specified critical illness. The product is designed to provide additional financial protection associated with treatment and recovery as well as cover non-medical expenses such as: (i) loss of income; (ii) at home recovery or treatment; (iii) experimental and/or alternative medicine; (iv) co-pays, deductibles and out-of-network expenses; and (v) child care and transportation costs. In addition, these products include a hospital indemnity product that provides payment in the event of a hospital stay. The product is designed to help cover expenses which may not be covered by private insurance or Medicare such as deductibles and co-payments.

Approximately 64 percent of the total number of our supplemental health policies in force were sold with return of premium or cash value riders. The return of premium rider generally provides that, after a policy has been in force for a specified number of years or upon the policyholder reaching a specified age, we will pay to the policyholder, or in some cases, a beneficiary under the policy, the aggregate amount of all premiums paid under the policy, without interest, less the aggregate amount of all claims incurred under the policy. For some policies, the return of premium rider does not have any claim offset. The cash value rider is similar to the return of premium rider, but also provides for payment of a graded portion of the return of premium benefit if the policy terminates before the return of premium benefit is earned.

**Medicare Supplement.** Medicare supplement collected premiums were \$626.8 million during 2025, or 14 percent, of our total collected premiums. Medicare is a federal health insurance program for disabled persons and seniors (age 65 and older). Part A of the program provides protection against the costs of hospitalization and related hospital and skilled nursing facility care, subject to an initial deductible, related coinsurance amounts and specified maximum benefit levels. The deductible and coinsurance amounts are subject to change each year by the federal government. Part B of Medicare covers doctor's bills and a number of other medical costs not covered by Part A, subject to deductible and coinsurance amounts for charges approved by Medicare. The deductible amount is subject to change each year by the federal government.

Medicare supplement policies provide coverage for many of the hospital and medical expenses which the Medicare program does not cover, such as deductibles, coinsurance costs (in which the insured and Medicare share the costs of medical expenses) and specified losses which exceed the federal program's maximum benefits. Our Medicare supplement plans automatically adjust coverage to reflect changes in Medicare benefits. In marketing these products, we currently concentrate on individuals who have recently become eligible for Medicare by reaching the age of 65. Approximately 56 percent of new sales of Medicare supplement policies in 2025 were within the seven month open enrollment period that begins three months before an individual reaches age 65.

**Long-Term Care.** Long-term care collected premiums were \$292.2 million during 2025, or 6 percent of our total collected premiums. Long-term care products provide coverage, within prescribed limits, for nursing homes, home healthcare, or a combination of both. We sell long-term care plans primarily to retirees and, to a lesser degree, to older self-employed individuals in the middle-income market.

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During 2025, 99 percent of new sales of long-term care products had benefit periods of two years or less. From 2009 through September 30, 2024, we ceded 25 percent of most new sales to a third party under a reinsurance agreement. Effective October 1, 2024, we discontinued ceding 25 percent of long-term care new business under the reinsurance agreement. At December 31, 2025, 65 percent of our long-term care policies have benefit periods of one year or less, 81 percent have benefit periods of two years or less, and 95 percent of our long-term care policies have benefit periods of four years or less. In 2018, we ceased sales of home health care only long-term care policies. In addition, we ceased sales of comprehensive and nursing home long-term care policies with benefit periods exceeding two years in the majority of jurisdictions. Comprehensive policies cover both nursing home care and home healthcare. Home healthcare benefits included in comprehensive policies cover incurred charges after a deductible or elimination period and are subject to a weekly or monthly maximum dollar amount, and an overall benefit maximum. We monitor the loss experience on our long-term care products and, when appropriate, apply for actuarially justified rate increases in the jurisdictions in which we sell such products. Regulatory approval is required before we can increase our premiums on these products.

### **Life**

Life products include traditional and interest-sensitive life insurance products. During 2025, we collected life insurance premiums of \$984.5 million, or 21 percent, of our total collected premiums.

**Interest-Sensitive Life.** These products include universal life and other interest-sensitive life products that provide life insurance with adjustable rates of return related to current interest rates. They accounted for \$255.8 million, or 6 percent, of our total collected premiums in 2025. The principal differences between universal life products and other interest-sensitive life products are policy provisions affecting the amount and timing of premium payments. Universal life policyholders may vary the frequency and size of their premium payments, and policy benefits may also fluctuate according to such payments. Premium payments under other interest-sensitive policies may not be varied by the policyholders. Universal life products include fixed indexed universal life products. The account value of these policies is credited with interest at a guaranteed rate, plus additional interest credits based on changes in a particular index during a specified time period.

**Traditional Life.** These products accounted for \$728.7 million, or 16 percent, of our total collected premiums in 2025. Traditional life policies, including whole life, graded benefit life, term life and single premium whole life products, are marketed through independent producers, exclusive agents and direct response marketing. Under whole life policies, the policyholder generally pays a level premium over an agreed period or the policyholder's lifetime. The annual premium in a whole life policy is generally higher than the premium for comparable term insurance coverage in the early years of the policy's life, but is generally lower than the premium for comparable term insurance coverage in the later years of the policy's life. These policies combine insurance protection with a savings component that gradually increases in amount over the life of the policy. The policyholder may borrow against the savings component that may be at a rate of interest lower than that available from other lending sources. The policyholder may also choose to surrender the policy and receive the accumulated cash value rather than continuing the insurance protection. Term life products offer pure insurance protection for life with a guaranteed level premium for a specified period of time - typically five, 10, 20, or 30 years. In some instances, these products offer an option to return the premium at the end of the guaranteed period.

Traditional life products also include graded benefit life insurance products. Graded benefit life insurance products are offered on an individual basis primarily to persons aged 50 to 85, principally in face amounts of \$400 to \$50,000, with limited or no medical examination or evidence of insurability. Premiums are paid as frequently as monthly. Benefits paid are less than the face amount of the policy during the first two years, except in cases of accidental death.

Traditional life products also include single premium whole life insurance. This product requires one initial lump sum payment in return for providing life insurance protection for the insured's entire lifetime. Single premium whole life products accounted for \$23.7 million of our total collected net premiums in 2025.

### **INVESTMENTS**

40|86 Advisors, Inc. ("40|86 Advisors", a registered investment advisor and wholly owned subsidiary of CNO) manages the investment portfolios of our insurance subsidiaries, including investments held by variable interest entities ("VIEs"), that are included on our consolidated balance sheet. Our general account investment strategies are to:

- provide largely stable investment income from a diversified high quality fixed income portfolio;

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- maximize and maintain a stable spread between our investment income and the yields we pay on insurance products;
- sustain adequate liquidity levels to meet operating cash requirements, including a margin for potential adverse developments;
- continually monitor and manage the relationship between our investment portfolio and the financial characteristics of our insurance liabilities such as durations and cash flows;
- manage the capital efficiency of our investments through active strategic asset allocation and investment management; and
- use outside managers in specialized investment classes to add value to our overall strategy.

Investment activities are an important and integral part of our business because investment income is a significant component of our revenues. The profitability of many of our insurance products is significantly affected by spreads between interest yields on investments and rates credited on insurance liabilities. Also, certain insurance products are priced based on long term assumptions including investment returns. Although substantially all credited rates on SPDAs, FPDAs and interest sensitive life products may be changed annually (subject to minimum guaranteed rates), changes in crediting rates may not be sufficient to maintain targeted investment spreads in all economic and market environments. In addition, competition, minimum guaranteed rates and other factors, including the impact of surrenders and withdrawals, may limit our ability to adjust or to maintain crediting rates at levels necessary to avoid narrowing of spreads under certain market conditions.

We manage the equity-based risk component of our fixed indexed annuity products by:

- purchasing options on equity indices with similar payoff characteristics; and
- adjusting the participation rate to reflect the change in the cost of such options (such cost varies based on market conditions).

The prices of the options we purchase to manage the equity-based risk component of our fixed indexed annuities vary based on market conditions. All other factors held constant, the prices of the options generally increase with increases in the volatility of the applicable indices, which may reduce the profitability of the fixed indexed products, cause us to lower participation rates, or both. Accordingly, changes in volatility of the related indices is one factor in the uncertainty regarding the profitability of our fixed indexed products.

Our invested assets are predominately fixed rate in nature and their value fluctuates with changes in market rates, among other factors (such as changes in the overall compensation for risk required by the market as well as issuer specific changes in credit quality). We seek to manage the interest rate risk inherent in our business by managing the durations and cash flows of our fixed maturity investments along with those of the related insurance liabilities. For example, one management measure we use is asset and liability duration. Duration measures expected change in fair value for a given change in interest rates. If interest rates increase by 1 percent, the fair value of a fixed maturity security with a duration of 5 years is typically expected to decrease in value by approximately 5 percent. When the estimated durations of assets and liabilities are similar, absent other factors, a change in the value of assets related to changes in interest rates should be largely offset by a change in the value of liabilities. We calculate asset and liability durations using our estimates of future asset and liability cash flows.

## **COMPETITION**

The markets in which we operate are competitive. Compared to CNO, many companies in the financial services industry are larger, have greater capital and technological and marketing resources, offer broader and more diversified product lines, have greater brand recognition, have larger staffs and higher ratings. Banks, securities brokerage firms and other financial intermediaries also market insurance products or offer competing products, such as mutual fund products, traditional bank investments and other investment and retirement funding alternatives. We also compete with many of these companies and others in providing services for fees. In most areas, competition is based on a number of factors

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including pricing, service provided to distributors and policyholders and ratings. CNO's subsidiaries must also compete to attract and retain the allegiance of agents, insurance brokers and marketing organizations.

In the individual health insurance business, companies compete primarily on the basis of marketing, service and price. Pursuant to federal regulations, the Medicare supplement products offered by all companies have standardized policy features. This increases the comparability of such policies and intensifies competition based on other factors. See "Insurance Underwriting" and "Governmental Regulation" for additional information. In addition to competing with the products of other insurance companies, commercial banks, mutual funds and broker-dealers, our insurance products compete with health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations and other health care-related institutions which provide medical benefits based on contractual agreements.

Our principal competitors vary by product line. Our main competitors for agent-sold long-term care insurance products include Northwestern Mutual, Mutual of Omaha and New York Life. Our main competitors for agent-sold Medicare supplement insurance products include United HealthCare, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans, and Mutual of Omaha. Our main competitors for life insurance sold through direct marketing channels include Mutual of Omaha, Globe Life, Inc., TruStage, AAA Life Insurance, and Gerber Life. Our main competitors for supplemental health products sold through our Worksite Division include AFLAC, subsidiaries of Unum, MetLife, Chubb/Combined, and Voya.

In some of our product lines, such as life insurance and fixed annuities, we have a relatively small market share from a total industry-wide perspective. Even in some of the lines in which we are one of the top writers, our market share is relatively small. Based on a 2024 Medicare Supplement Earned Premium report, we ranked seventh in direct premiums earned for Medicare supplement insurance with a market share of 1.7 percent. The top writer of Medicare supplement insurance had direct premiums with a market share of 34.2 percent during the period. When looking at the 2024 Individual Long-Term Care Insurance Survey, one of our subsidiaries (Bankers Life and Casualty Company ("Bankers Life")) is ranked second in new annualized premiums of individual long-term care insurance with a market share of 25.8 percent. The top writer of individual long-term care insurance had new annualized premiums with a market share of 37.2 percent during the period.

Many of our major competitors have higher financial strength ratings than we do. Industry consolidation, including business combinations among insurance and other financial services companies, has resulted in larger competitors with even greater financial resources. Furthermore, changes in federal law have narrowed the historical separation between financial institutions and insurance companies, enabling traditional financial institutions to enter the insurance and annuity markets and further increase competition. This increased competition may harm our ability to maintain or improve our profitability.

In addition, because the actual cost of products is unknown when they are sold, we are subject to competitors who may sell a product at a price that does not cover its actual cost. Accordingly, if we do price our products to maintain profitability, we may lose market share to other companies. If we lower our prices to maintain market share, our profitability will decline.

Our direct to consumer channel has faced increased competition from other insurance companies who also distribute products through direct marketing. In addition, the demand and cost of television advertising appropriate for our direct to consumer campaigns fluctuates from period to period and will impact the average cost to generate a television lead.

We must attract and retain sales representatives to sell our insurance and annuity products. Strong competition exists among insurance and financial services companies for sales representatives. We compete for sales representatives primarily on the basis of our financial position, financial strength ratings, support services, compensation, products and product features. Our competitiveness for such agents also depends upon the relationships we develop with these agents.

An important competitive factor for life insurance companies is the financial strength ratings they receive from nationally recognized rating organizations. Agents, insurance brokers and marketing companies who market our products and prospective purchasers of our products use the financial strength ratings of our insurance subsidiaries as an important factor in determining whether to market or purchase. Ratings have the biggest impact on our sales of supplemental health and life products to consumers at the worksite. Financial strength ratings provided by Fitch Ratings ("Fitch"), S&P Global Ratings ("S&P"), Moody's Investor Services, Inc. ("Moody's") and AM Best Company ("AM Best") are the rating agency's opinions of the ability of our insurance subsidiaries to pay policyholder claims and obligations when due. They are not directed toward the protection of investors, and such ratings are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold securities. The

current financial strength ratings of our primary insurance subsidiaries from Fitch, S&P, Moody's and AM Best are "A", "A-", "A3" and "A", respectively. For a description of these ratings and additional information on these ratings, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Consolidated Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Consolidated Financial Condition - Financial Strength Ratings of our Insurance Subsidiaries."

## **INSURANCE UNDERWRITING**

Under regulations developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (the "NAIC") (an association of state regulators and their staffs) and adopted by the states, we are prohibited from underwriting our Medicare supplement policies for certain first-time purchasers. If a person applies for insurance within six months after becoming eligible by reason of age, or disability in certain limited circumstances, the application may not be rejected due to medical conditions. Some states prohibit underwriting of all Medicare supplement policies. For other prospective Medicare supplement policyholders, such as senior citizens who are transferring to our products, the underwriting procedures are relatively limited, except for policies providing prescription drug coverage.

Before issuing long-term care products, we generally apply detailed underwriting procedures to assess and quantify the insurance risks. We require medical examinations of applicants (including blood and urine tests, where permitted) for certain health insurance products and for life insurance products which exceed prescribed policy amounts. These requirements vary according to the applicant's age and may vary by type of policy or product. We also rely on medical records and the potential policyholder's written application. In recent years, there have been significant regulatory changes with respect to underwriting certain types of health insurance. An increasing number of states prohibit underwriting and/or charging higher premiums for substandard risks. We monitor changes in state regulation that affect our products, and consider these regulatory developments in determining the products we market and where we market them.

Most of our supplemental health policies are individually underwritten using a simplified issue application. Based on an applicant's responses on the application, the underwriter either: (i) approves the policy as applied for; (ii) approves the policy with reduced benefits; or (iii) rejects the application.

Our life insurance products include policies that are underwritten individually and low face-amount life insurance products that utilize standardized underwriting procedures. After initial processing, insurance underwriters obtain the information needed to make an underwriting decision (such as prescription history, medical examinations, doctors' statements and special medical tests). After collecting and reviewing the information, the underwriter either: (i) approves the policy as applied for; (ii) approves the policy with an extra premium charge because of unfavorable factors; or (iii) rejects the application.

We underwrite group insurance policies based on the characteristics of the group and its past claim experience. Guaranteed acceptance life insurance policies are issued without medical examination or evidence of insurability. There is minimal underwriting on annuities.

## **LIABILITIES FOR INSURANCE PRODUCTS**

At December 31, 2025, the total liabilities for insurance products was \$31.1 billion. These liabilities are generally payable over an extended period of time. The profitability of our insurance products depends on pricing and other factors. Differences between our expectations when we sold these products and our actual experience could result in future losses.

Liabilities for insurance products are calculated based on numerous assumptions including, but not limited to, investment yields, mortality, morbidity, withdrawals, lapses, cash flow assumptions and discount rates. Such assumptions are based on our experience, and in cases of limited experience, industry experience. Such assumptions also consider future expectations in policyholder behavior that may vary from past experience.

## **THIRD-PARTY REINSURANCE**

Consistent with the general practice of the life insurance industry, our subsidiaries enter into indemnity reinsurance agreements with third-party insurance companies in order to reinsure portions of the coverage provided by our insurance products. Indemnity reinsurance agreements are intended to limit a life insurer's maximum loss on a large or unusually hazardous risk or to diversify its risk. Indemnity reinsurance does not discharge the original insurer's primary liability to the insured. Our reinsured business is ceded to numerous reinsurers. Based on our periodic review of their financial

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statements, insurance industry reports and reports filed with state insurance departments, we believe the assuming companies are able to honor all material contractual commitments.

As of December 31, 2025, the policy risk retention limit of our insurance subsidiaries was generally \$0.8 million or less. Reinsurance ceded to third-parties by CNO represented 9.0 percent of gross combined life insurance inforce and reinsurance assumed represented 0.2 percent of net combined life insurance inforce.

The principal third-party reinsurers to whom we have ceded life, annuity and health business at December 31, 2025 were as follows (dollars in millions):

<u>Name of Reinsurer</u>	<u>Reinsurance receivables</u>	<u>AM Best rating</u>
Wilton Reassurance Company ("Wilton Re") (a)	\$ 2,350.2	A+
Jackson National Life Insurance Company ("Jackson") (b)	827.0	A
RGA Reinsurance Company (c)	415.7	A+
Sagicor Life Insurance Company	34.8	A-
Swiss Re Life and Health America Inc.	7.6	A+
Munich American Reassurance Company	6.0	A+
SCOR Global Life USA Reinsurance Company	2.2	A
All others (d)	34.0	
<b>Total reinsurance receivables</b>	<b>\$ 3,677.5</b>	

- (a) In addition to life insurance, certain long-term care business has been ceded to Wilton Re through a 100 percent indemnity coinsurance agreement. Such business had total insurance policy liabilities of \$2.1 billion at December 31, 2025.
- (b) In addition to life insurance, certain annuity business has been ceded to Jackson through a coinsurance agreement. Such business had total insurance policy liabilities of \$626.9 million at December 31, 2025.
- (c) A portion of the long-term care business of Bankers Life has been ceded to RGA Reinsurance Company on a coinsurance basis.
- (d) No other single reinsurer represents more than 1 percent of the reinsurance receivables balance or has assumed greater than 1 percent of the total ceded life insurance business inforce.

## **HUMAN CAPITAL**

As of December 31, 2025, we employed approximately 3,300 full-time associates, nearly all of whom are located in the United States.

Currently, none of our associates are represented under collective bargaining agreements and we enjoy generally favorable employee relations.

CNO associates are among our most important resources. They are critical to achieving our mission to secure the future of middle-income America by providing insurance and financial services that help protect their health, income and retirement needs, while building enduring value for all our stakeholders. We rely on our associates to develop products, advise clients, service customers and support the efficient running of the organization. Therefore, we focus significant attention on attracting and retaining talented, experienced individuals to serve our customers and manage and support our operations.

The Human Resource and Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors oversees the development, implementation and effectiveness of our human capital management practices and receives regular updates from management on progress and developments. Our commitment to our associates is demonstrated through several areas of focus:

- **Associate Development and Engagement**

CNO provides a supportive environment designed to encourage all associates to pursue their professional goals and career objectives through one-to-one coaching, mentoring, continuing education, professional education and

training. We also regularly collect associate feedback through surveys to better learn and understand associates' needs, priorities and issues of concern.

- **Compensation**

At CNO, we strive for a culture of exceptional performance. We believe in developing associates through a challenging work environment coupled with extensive support and training. We are committed to fair pay practices and pay equity. To support pay transparency, we provide education to associates on how pay decisions are made and share competitive market ranges for roles across the enterprise. Our compensation philosophy is focused on pay-for-performance. In 2025, we continued to offer annual cash incentives or sales incentive programs to all associates reflecting our performance philosophy at all levels of the organization. We reward overall and individual performance that drives long-term success for the company and our associates.

- **Health and Well-being**

Supporting associates' overall well-being is at the center of how we engage our workforce. Our comprehensive associate benefits include medical, dental and vision insurance coverage as well as an extensive well-being program. To promote healthcare affordability, we provide tiered premiums for CNO's health plan that align with an associate's salary level.

CNO's award-winning well-being program encourages associates and their families to engage in healthy lifestyle choices. Our program integrates physical, mental and financial resources—providing access to onsite and virtual health clinics, free and unlimited mental health counseling, caregiver resources and support groups, free financial coaching, access to student loan resources, and more. Associates can earn incentives by engaging in CNO's well-being program. All programs and resources are accessible on our well-being platform to help simplify navigation and improve engagement.

Paid time off benefits are offered and designed to support a healthy work-life balance, encouraging associates to take time off for self-care and overall well-being. We also offer flexible work arrangements for the vast majority of our associates, which includes working from home, working from the office or a mix of both options. We remain committed to delivering consistent service, while providing workplace flexibility to our associates.

- **Ethical Business Practices**

CNO's Code of Conduct outlines our expectations surrounding key issues and business practices, including anti-money laundering, political activities and contributions, conflicts of interest, fraud prevention, data security, confidentiality, gift giving and fair competition. Our associates are required to be familiar with, and to act in accordance with, this code.

- **Our People-Focused Commitment**

Doing what's right for our associates, agents, customers and communities is embedded in CNO's business operations and corporate values. We are passionate about creating a workplace environment that welcomes all associates, encourages them to bring their best selves to work and values the varied associate voices that represent the customers we serve. CNO believes this approach is a critical part of our culture to help us continue sustainable growth of our company.

By putting people first, we believe that we can choose among the strongest talent to find the best qualified associates to best serve our customers. This workplace environment creates benefits that are shared by our associates, customers and, ultimately, our shareholders.

- **Community Involvement**

CNO is committed to supporting community organizations that address the health and financial wellness of middle-income Americans and to providing ways for our associates to give back through our Team CNO volunteer program.

## GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION

### *Insurance Regulation and Oversight*

#### *Overview*

Our insurance subsidiaries are licensed to transact insurance business and are subject to extensive regulation and supervision by insurance regulators of the jurisdictions in which they operate. Our insurance subsidiaries are domiciled in Illinois, Indiana, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas and Bermuda, and are collectively licensed in all 50 states of the United States, the District of Columbia, in four U.S. territories and Bermuda. The extent of regulation by jurisdiction varies, but most jurisdictions have laws and regulations governing the financial aspects and business conduct of insurers. This regulation and supervision is primarily for the benefit and protection of customers, and not for the benefit of our investors or creditors.

#### *U.S. Insurance Companies*

State laws generally establish supervisory agencies that have broad regulatory authority, including the power to:

- grant and revoke business licenses;
- define acceptable accounting principles;
- prescribe the form and content of required financial statements and reports;
- establish reserve requirements;
- determine the reasonableness and adequacy of statutory capital and surplus;
- regulate the types and amounts of permitted investments;
- regulate and supervise sales practices;
- approve policy forms;
- restrict the payment of dividends and other transactions between affiliates;
- approve premium rates and premium rate increases for some lines of business, such as long-term care and Medicare supplement insurance;
- perform financial, market conduct and other examinations;
- establish guaranty associations; and
- license agents.

The NAIC is the U.S. standard-setting and regulatory support organization governed by the chief insurance regulators from the 50 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories to coordinate the regulation of multi-state insurers. The NAIC assists state insurance regulators in their mission to serve the public interest and achieve their regulatory goals. State insurance regulators establish standards and best practices for insurers. They coordinate their regulatory oversight through the NAIC, and work with the NAIC to regularly re-examine existing insurance laws and regulations.

The Company's insurance subsidiaries are required to file detailed annual reports, in accordance with prescribed statutory accounting rules, with regulatory authorities in each of the jurisdictions in which they do business. As part of their routine oversight process, state insurance departments conduct periodic detailed examinations, at least once every five years, of the books, records and accounts of insurers domiciled in their states. These examinations are generally

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coordinated under the direction of the lead state regulator and typically include all insurers operating in a holding company system pursuant to guidelines promulgated by the NAIC.

Existing and future changes to accounting rules may also impact our results of operations or financial condition.

### *NAIC*

The NAIC's mission is to support its state insurance regulatory members who set standards and ensure fair, competitive, and healthy insurance markets to protect consumers. The NAIC develops model laws and regulations, many of which are adopted by state legislatures or insurance regulators, relating to:

- reserve requirements;
- risk-based capital ("RBC") standards;
- codification of insurance accounting principles;
- risk management;
- group capital;
- investment restrictions;
- corporate governance;
- restrictions on an insurance company's ability to pay dividends;
- credit for reinsurance;
- product illustrations; and
- privacy, data security and cybersecurity.

The NAIC adopted amendments to its valuation manual containing a principle-based approach for the calculation of reserves for life insurance and annuity contracts, which reflect corresponding amendments to the NAIC Standard Valuation Law. Principle-based reserving replaced the prior formulaic approach to determining policy reserves with a design that more closely reflects the risks of life insurance and annuity products. The principle-based reserving ("PBR") approach has been adopted by all states, where it has been effective for life insurance and certain annuity products issued on or after January 1, 2020. Similar reserving requirements for additional products are expected to be implemented over time. The PBR framework for non-variable annuities is effective January 1, 2026 and companies have a three-year optional implementation period, as further described below. Although the impact of implementing this approach for our life insurance products has not been significant to date, the ultimate impact is unknown.

The NAIC's Risk Management and Own Risk and Solvency Assessment Model Act ("ORSA"), which has been adopted by all states, requires insurers to maintain a risk management framework and conduct an internal own risk and solvency assessment of an insurer's material risks in normal and stressed environments. The assessment must be documented in an annual summary report, a copy of which must be submitted to insurance regulators as required or upon request.

The NAIC's Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure Model Act ("CGAD") has also been adopted in all states. CGAD requires an annual filing by an insurer or insurance group that provides detailed information regarding their governance practices, including information on whether a diversity policy is in place for its board of directors, as well as sample documentation on their corporate governance structure and policies.

In recent years, the NAIC's macro-prudential initiative was intended to enhance risk identification efforts through enhancements to supervisory practices related to liquidity, recovery and resolution, capital stress testing, and counterparty exposure concentrations for life insurers. In connection with this initiative, the NAIC adopted amendments to the Model

Holding Company System Act and Regulation in 2020 which implement an annual filing requirement for a liquidity stress-testing framework (the "Liquidity Stress Test") for certain large U.S. life insurers and insurance groups. Life insurers are subject to this filing requirement based on criteria related to the amounts of certain types of business written or material exposure to certain investment transactions, such as derivatives and securities lending. The Liquidity Stress Test is used as a regulatory tool in the jurisdictions that have adopted the Holding Company Act amendments, which includes all of our insurance subsidiaries' domiciliary states.

The NAIC has also developed a group capital calculation ("GCC") tool using an RBC aggregation methodology for all entities within the insurance holding company system. The goal is to provide state insurance regulators with a method to aggregate the available capital and minimum capital of each entity in a group in a way that applies to all groups regardless of their structure. The NAIC's amendments to the Model Holding Company System Act and Regulation in 2020 adopted the Group Capital Calculation Template and Instructions, and the amendments implement the GCC's annual filing requirement with an insurance group's lead state regulator, who adopted the Holding Company Amendments, effective January 1, 2026. The NAIC Financial Analysis Handbook provides guidance for insurance regulators on reviewing GCC submissions. We cannot predict what impact this regulatory tool may have on our business.

The NAIC is focused on enhancing regulatory oversight of insurers' investments in complex assets, such as leveraged loans and collateralized loan obligations ("CLOs"). The NAIC has expressed concerns related to the filing exempt status for certain securities or loans, such as CLOs, which generally allows the use of a credit rating provider's ("CRP") rating for purposes of capital assessment as opposed to requiring review by the Securities Valuation Office ("SVO"). Under the NAIC's amended Purposes and Procedures Manual (the "P&P Manual"), the NAIC's Structured Securities Group ("SSG") will assign risk weights to CLOs based on its own modeling, as opposed to credit ratings. The SSG will model CLO investments and evaluate tranche level losses across all debt and equity tranches under a series of calibrated and weighted collateral stress scenarios to assign NAIC designations. The goal is to ensure that the aggregate RBC factor for owning all tranches of a CLO is the same as that required for owning all of the underlying loan collateral, in order to avoid RBC arbitrage. The amendment to the P&P Manual requires insurers to begin reporting the financially modeled NAIC designations for CLOs with their year-end 2026 financial statement filings. The NAIC is collaborating with interested parties to refine the process for modeling CLO investments. It is possible that the NAIC may propose new regulations or changes to statutory accounting principles regarding CLOs.

In November 2024, the NAIC adopted an amendment to the P&P Manual, which sets forth procedures for the SVO staff to identify and evaluate a filing exempt security with an NAIC designation determined by a rating that appears to be an unreasonable assessment of investment risk. The procedures include, without limitation, sending an information request to insurers that hold the security under review and determining whether the NAIC designation is three or more notches different than the SVO's assessment, which allows the SVO to request the removal of the CRP credit rating from the filing exempt process. At any time during the process, an alternate CRP credit rating may be requested and if one is received, it will be incorporated in the filing exempt process. The amendment to the P&P Manual became effective on January 1, 2026.

In 2023, the NAIC's Financial Condition (E) Committee launched a holistic review of the insurance regulatory framework related to insurer investment risk regulation. The primary objective is to highlight areas where the insurance regulatory framework and the SVO can be enhanced in order to strengthen oversight of insurers' investments in complex assets. More specifically, the NAIC is focused on the SVO's discretion to review NAIC designations for individual investments, the appropriate extent of SVO reliance on CRPs and oversight of the development of new RBC charges for CLOs and other structured securities. The proposed changes to modernize investment oversight include: (i) reducing or eliminating "blind" reliance on CRPs while continuing to utilize them by implementing a due diligence framework that oversees the effectiveness of CRPs and (ii) bolstering the SVO's portfolio risk analysis capabilities by investing in a risk analytics tool and adding specialized personnel.

#### ***Insurance Regulatory Examinations and Other Activities***

State insurance departments periodically examine the books, records, accounts, and business practices of their domiciled insurers, as previously noted. State insurance departments may also conduct examinations of non-domiciliary insurers licensed in their states.

State regulatory authorities and industry groups have developed several initiatives regarding market conduct, including the form and content of disclosures to consumers, advertising, sales practices and complaint handling. Various

state insurance departments periodically examine the market conduct activities of domestic and non-domestic insurance companies doing business in their states, including our insurance subsidiaries. The purpose of these market conduct examinations is to determine whether an insurer's operations are consistent with the laws and regulations of the state conducting the examination. Market conduct has also become one of the criteria used by rating agencies to establish the financial strength ratings of an insurance company. For example, AM Best's ratings analysis now includes the review of an insurer's compliance program.

Most states mandate minimum benefit standards and benefit ratios for accident and health insurance policies. We are generally required to maintain, with respect to our individual long-term care policies, premium rates that either: (i) are adequate to support moderately adverse claims experience; or (ii) support minimum anticipated benefit ratios over the entire period of coverage of not less than 60 percent. The specific requirements vary by state. With respect to our Medicare supplement policies, we are generally required to attain and maintain an actual benefit ratio, after three years, of not less than 65 percent. With respect to supplemental health policies, several states require us to annually certify that the premium rates are set such that minimum lifetime loss ratios will be met. These minimum lifetime loss ratios vary by state and product. We provide to the insurance departments, where required, annual calculations that demonstrate compliance with required minimum benefit ratios for long-term care, Medicare supplement, and supplemental health insurance. These calculations are prepared utilizing statutory lapse and interest rate assumptions. In the event that we fail to maintain minimum mandated benefit ratios, our insurance subsidiaries could be required to provide retrospective refunds and/or prospective rate reductions. As of December 31, 2025, we believe that our insurance subsidiaries have provided retrospective refunds, prospective rate reductions, and/or benefit increases when required.

#### ***Guaranty Associations***

Our insurance subsidiaries are required by the guaranty fund laws of the jurisdictions in which they transact business to participate in guaranty associations that are organized to pay certain contractual insurance benefits owed pursuant to insurance policies issued by impaired, insolvent or failed insurers. These laws require insurers to pay assessments up to prescribed limits to fund policyholder losses or liabilities of insolvent insurance companies. Typically, assessments are levied on member insurers on a basis which is related to the member insurer's proportionate share of the business written by all member insurers. Assessments can be partially recovered through a reduction in future premium taxes in some states.

#### ***Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services***

In addition to state regulations, we are subject to federal laws, regulations and guidelines issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") that place a number of requirements on plan sponsors and their agents in connection with the marketing and sale of Medicare Advantage plans. For example, CMS and state regulations and guidelines include a number of prohibitions regarding the ability to contact Medicare-eligible individuals and place many restrictions on the marketing of Medicare-related plans.

#### ***Insurance Holding Company Regulation***

U.S. state insurance holding company system laws and regulations are generally based on the NAIC Model Holding Company System Act and Regulation. These laws and regulations vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, but generally require a controlled insurance company (i.e., an insurer that is a subsidiary of an insurance holding company) to register and file reports with state regulatory authorities on its capital structure, ownership, financial condition, intercompany transactions and general business operations. They also require the ultimate controlling person of a U.S. insurer to file an annual enterprise risk report with the lead state regulator of the insurance holding company system. This report identifies the material risks within the insurance holding company system that could pose enterprise risk to the insurer or its insurance holding company system as a whole. Each of our insurance subsidiaries' domiciliary states has enacted laws to implement these requirements, including the enterprise risk reporting requirement.

The insurance holding company system laws and regulations also regulate the terms of surplus debentures and transactions between or involving insurance companies and their affiliates. Various reporting and approval requirements apply to transactions between or involving insurance companies and their affiliates within an insurance holding company system, depending on the size and nature of the transactions. Generally, all transactions between an insurance company and an affiliate must be fair and reasonable. The Company and its insurance subsidiaries are registered as a holding company system pursuant to the laws and regulations in our domiciliary states.

In addition, the insurance holding company system laws and regulations regulate the acquisition (or sale) of control of insurance companies. Generally, these laws and regulations provide that no person, corporation or other entity may acquire control of a domestic insurance company, or any parent company of such domestic insurer, without the prior approval of the insurance company's domiciliary state regulator. Any person acquiring, directly or indirectly, 10 percent or more of the voting securities of an insurance company is generally presumed to have acquired "control" of the insurer. This statutory presumption may be rebutted by a showing that control does not exist in fact. However, state insurance regulators may find that "control" exists in circumstances in which a person owns or controls, directly or indirectly, less than 10 percent of the voting securities. The laws and regulations regarding acquisitions of control may discourage potential acquisition proposals or may delay or prevent a change of control involving the Company, including through unsolicited transactions that some of our shareholders might consider desirable.

State insurance holding company system laws and regulations also regulate the payment of dividends or other payments by our insurance subsidiaries to parent companies. A state insurance regulator may prohibit a dividend payment if the regulator determines that such a payment could be adverse to an insurer's policyholders or contract holders. The ability of our U.S. based insurance subsidiaries to pay dividends is based on their financial statements that are prepared in accordance with statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted by regulatory authorities, which differ from financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). These regulations generally permit an insurer to pay a dividend from earned surplus without regulatory approval if the amount of the dividend, together with other dividends made within the preceding 12-month period, does not exceed the greater of (or in some states, the lesser of):

- statutory net gain from operations or net income of such insurer for the prior calendar year; or
- 10 percent of such insurer's surplus as regards policyholders at the end of the preceding calendar year.

If an insurance company has negative earned surplus, any dividend payments require the prior approval of the company's domiciliary state regulator. In addition, the RBC and other capital requirements described below can also limit, in certain circumstances, the ability of our insurance subsidiaries to pay dividends.

In accordance with an order from the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, Washington National Insurance Company ("Washington National") may not distribute funds to any affiliate or shareholder without prior notice to the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, except pursuant to agreements with affiliates that have been approved by the insurance regulator.

#### ***Long-Term Care Regulation***

The NAIC has adopted model long-term care policy language providing nonforfeiture benefits, and in April 2022, the NAIC adopted the Long-Term Care Insurance Multi-state Rate Review Framework (the "LTC Framework"). The LTC Framework's goal is to establish a consistent national approach to reviewing long-term care insurance rates in order to assist states in granting actuarially appropriate rate increases in a timely manner. The NAIC's Long-Term Care Actuarial (B) Working Group is developing revisions to the LTC Framework and the proposed changes include a single actuarial approach that can be used for multi-state long-term care rate increase reviews. We are evaluating our participation in the multi-state review process for our filings requesting actuarially justified rate increases, as discussed below. In addition, various bills are introduced from time to time in the U.S. Congress which propose the implementation of certain minimum consumer protection standards in all long-term care policies, including guaranteed renewability, protection against inflation and limitations on waiting periods for pre-existing conditions. Federal legislation permits premiums paid for qualified long-term care insurance to be tax-deductible medical expenses and for benefits received on such policies to be excluded from taxable income.

Our insurance subsidiaries that write long-term care business have made insurance regulatory filings seeking actuarially justified rate increases on our long-term care policies. Most of our long-term care business is guaranteed renewable. If we are unable to raise our premium rates because we fail to obtain approval for actuarially justified rate increases in one or more states, our financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

### ***Surplus and Capital Requirements***

Insurers are required to maintain their capital and surplus at or above minimum levels prescribed by the laws of their respective jurisdictions. Regulators generally have discretionary authority to limit or prohibit an insurer's sales to policyholders if the insurer has not maintained a minimum surplus or capital or if they find that the further transaction of business will be hazardous to policyholders.

### ***IRIS Ratios***

The NAIC annually calculates certain statutory financial ratios for most insurance companies in the United States to assist state regulators in monitoring the financial condition of insurance companies. These calculations are known as the Insurance Regulatory Information System ("IRIS") ratios. There are 12 IRIS ratios for life insurers and each ratio has an established "usual range" of results as a benchmark. An insurance company may fall out of the usual range for one or more ratios because of specific transactions that are immaterial or are eliminated at the consolidated level. Generally, an insurance company will become subject to regulatory scrutiny if it falls outside the usual ranges of four or more of the ratios, and regulators may then act, if the company has insufficient capital, to constrain the company's underwriting capacity. In the past, variances in certain ratios of our insurance subsidiaries have resulted in inquiries from insurance departments, to which we have responded. These inquiries have not led to any restrictions affecting our operations.

### ***Risk-Based Capital***

The NAIC's RBC requirements provide a tool for insurance regulators to assess the level of risk inherent in an insurance company's business and determine whether an insurer has insufficient capital, which could lead to regulatory intervention. The basis of the system is a formula that applies prescribed factors to various risk elements in an insurer's business to report a minimum capital requirement proportional to the amount of risk assumed by the insurer. The life and health insurer RBC formula is designed to measure annually: (i) the risk of loss from asset defaults and asset value fluctuations; (ii) the risk of loss from adverse mortality and morbidity experience; (iii) the risk of loss from mismatching of assets and liability cash flow due to changing interest rates; and (iv) business risks.

The RBC requirements currently provide for a trend test if a company's total adjusted capital is between 100 percent and 150 percent of its RBC at the end of the year. The trend test calculates a margin, which is the excess of total adjusted capital over authorized control level RBC, for each of the current year, prior year, and third prior year. The trend test assumes that such decrease could occur again in the coming year. Any company whose trended total adjusted capital is less than 95 percent of its RBC would trigger a requirement to submit a comprehensive plan to the regulatory authority proposing corrective actions aimed at improving its capital position. The 2025 annual statutory financial statements of each of our U.S. based insurance subsidiaries reflect total adjusted capital in excess of the levels that would subject such subsidiaries to any regulatory action.

NAIC developments related to the RBC framework are described below.

- **Interest Maintenance Reserve ("IMR").** In 2023, the NAIC adopted an interim solution with regard to the accounting treatment of an insurer's negative IMR balance, which may occur when a rising interest rate environment causes an insurer's IMR balance to become negative as a result of bond sales executed at a capital loss. Previous statutory guidance required the non-admittance of negative IMR, which can result in lower reported surplus and RBC ratios. Interpretation 23-01, Net Negative (Disallowed) Interest Maintenance Reserve, the NAIC's interim statutory accounting guidance, which is effective until December 31, 2026, permits an insurer with a company action level RBC ratio greater than 150% (or an authorized control level RBC ratio greater than 300%) to admit negative IMR for an amount up to 10% of its general account capital and surplus, subject to certain restrictions and reporting obligations. The NAIC is developing a long-term solution for the accounting treatment of negative IMR.
- **RBC Revisions.** In 2023, the NAIC increased the RBC factor for structured security residual tranches from 30% to 45%, which is effective for year-end 2024 RBC filings. The NAIC is currently reviewing the RBC treatment of CLOs, as discussed below.
- **Bond Project.** The NAIC has undertaken a principles-based bond project, which includes consideration of factors to determine whether an investment in an asset-backed security, for example, qualifies for reporting on

an insurer's statutory financial statement as a bond on Schedule D-1 as opposed to Schedule BA (other long-term investment assets), the latter of which generally has a higher risk charge. The NAIC adopted a new, principles-based definition of a bond that was effective in certain statutory accounting guidance as of January 1, 2025. This resulted in new reporting and disclosure requirements, including categorical changes in the regulatory reporting and RBC charges associated with these investments.

- RBC Task Force. In early 2025, the NAIC created a Risk-Based Capital Model Governance (EX) Task Force, charged with completing a comprehensive analysis to identify gaps in the current RBC framework and developing guiding principles for future RBC adjustments.

Although we are under no obligation to do so, we may elect to contribute additional capital or retain greater amounts of capital to strengthen the surplus of certain insurance subsidiaries. Any election to contribute or retain additional capital could impact the amounts our insurance subsidiaries pay as dividends to the holding company. The ability of our insurance subsidiaries to pay dividends is also impacted by various criteria established by rating agencies to maintain or receive higher ratings and by the capital levels that we target for our insurance subsidiaries.

#### ***Actuarial Guideline for Reinsurance Asset Adequacy Testing***

On August 13, 2025, the NAIC adopted an actuarial guideline (AG 55) requiring disclosure related to reserve adequacy for reserves reported as of December 31, 2025 in an insurer's annual statement. The guideline requires asset adequacy testing for reinsured long-duration insurance business that relies heavily on asset returns (i.e., "asset-intensive reinsurance transactions") within the scope of the guideline that either meet certain size-based thresholds or result in significant reinsurance collectability risk (as determined by the cedent's appointed actuary). Such asset adequacy testing is to be performed using a cash flow testing methodology. The actuarial guideline requires disclosure by the ceding insurer, meaning that it will not require that additional reserves be posted at the reinsurer level (although the ceding insurer may decide to post reserves). It is important to note that domestic regulators will continue to have the authority to take action on known issues, or issues that may become known as part of such new reporting (including requiring that additional reserves be held). CNO is not yet able to predict the effect of performing asset adequacy testing, if any, on CNO in connection with reinsurance transactions.

#### ***Principle-Based Reserving (VM-22)***

On August 13, 2025, the NAIC adopted a PBR framework for non-variable annuities, similar to VM-20 for life insurance business and VM-21 for variable annuities, located in Section VM-22 of the NAIC Valuation Manual ("VM-22"). The framework for non-variable annuities applies to valuation dates on or after January 1, 2026 and companies have a three-year optional implementation period before the VM-22 PBR requirements become mandatory to all applicable blocks of business. The ultimate financial impact from PBR on CNO is uncertain, but could result in more volatile and less predictable statutory reserves and capital levels for these products.

#### ***Bermuda Regulations***

In 2023, we formed CNO Bermuda Re, Ltd. ("CNO Bermuda Re"), a Bermuda exempted company, which is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of CNO. CNO Bermuda Re is registered by and subject to the supervision of the Bermuda Monetary Authority (the "BMA") as a Class C insurer under the Bermuda Insurance Act 1978 and its related rules and regulations, each as amended (the "Insurance Act").

The Insurance Act imposes solvency and capital requirements as well as auditing and reporting requirements. The capital and solvency requirements for a Class C insurer under the Insurance Act are summarized below.

The Insurance Act requires the value an insurer's statutory assets to exceed the value of its statutory liabilities by an amount great than their prescribed minimum solvency margin. The minimum solvency margin that must be maintained by a Class C insurer is the greater of: (i) \$0.5 million; or (ii) 1.5 percent of assets; or (iii) 25 percent of its enhanced capital requirement ("ECR") as reported at the end of the relevant year.

A Class C insurer is also required to maintain available statutory economic capital and surplus at a level equal to or in excess of its ECR, which is established by reference to either the Bermuda Solvency Capital Requirement ("BSCR") model or a Bermuda-approved internal capital model. The BSCR model is a risk-based capital model which provides a

method for determining an insurer's capital requirements (statutory economic capital and surplus) by taking into account the risk characteristics of different aspects of the Class C insurer's business. The BSCR formula establishes capital requirements for certain categories of risk, including: fixed income investment risk, equity investment risk, long-term interest rate/liquidity risk, currency risk, concentration risk, certain insurance risks, credit risk, catastrophe risk, and operational risk. For each category, the capital requirement is determined by applying factors to asset, premium, reserve, creditor, probable maximum loss and operation items, with higher factors applied to items with greater underlying risk and lower factors for less risky items.

While not specifically referred to in the Insurance Act, the BMA has also established a target capital level ("TCL") equal to 120 percent of an insurer's ECR. The TCL serves as an early warning tool for the BMA and failure to maintain statutory capital at least equal to the TCL will likely result in increased regulatory oversight.

CNO Bermuda Re has entered into a Capital and Liquidity Maintenance Agreement (as amended, the "CLMA") with CDOC, Inc. ("CDOC"). Pursuant to the CLMA, CDOC will contribute funds to CNO Bermuda Re in the event: (i) CNO Bermuda Re's statutory economic capital and surplus is less than 150 percent of its ECR at the end of any calendar quarter; or (ii) CNO Bermuda Re's liquid assets are insufficient to meet its contractual obligations to ceding insurers, in each case, unless one or more ceding insurers has provided notice of recapture pursuant to the terms of the applicable reinsurance agreement between it and CNO Bermuda Re and such recapture will cause CNO Bermuda Re to meet (i) and (ii) above. Further, CNO Bermuda Re may not pay any dividends or make any capital distributions to its parent within the five years following the 2023 reinsurance transaction unless approved by the BMA.

The BMA has broad supervisory and administrative powers relating to granting and revoking licenses to transact reinsurance business, the approval of specific reinsurance transactions, capital requirements and solvency standards, limitations on dividends or distributions to shareholders, the nature of and limitations on investments, and the filing of financial statements in line with prudential and technical standards and permitted accounting practices. Future regulatory changes made by the BMA or other events may impact the capital efficiency of the reinsurance structures and could require the holding company to contribute additional capital to CNO Bermuda Re or the ceding reinsurers to recapture the ceded business.

We are in the process of completing CNO Bermuda Re's capital and solvency return in respect of the year ended December 31, 2025, which includes the BSCR. We believe that CNO Bermuda Re's level of capitalization will exceed the minimum solvency margin and result in its statutory economic capital and surplus being in excess of the TCL.

#### ***Regulation of Investments***

Our insurance subsidiaries are subject to state laws and regulations that require diversification of their investment portfolios and limit the amount of investments in certain investment categories, such as below-investment grade bonds, ownership in joint venture interests in real estate and common stocks. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations would cause investments exceeding regulatory limitations to be treated as non-admitted assets for purposes of measuring statutory surplus, and, in some instances, would require divestiture of such non-qualifying investments. The investments made by our insurance subsidiaries complied in all material respects with such investment regulations as of December 31, 2025.

#### ***Privacy and Cybersecurity Regulation***

Federal and state laws and regulations require financial institutions to protect the security and confidentiality of personal information, including health-related and customer information, and to notify customers and other individuals about their policies and practices relating to their collection, use, maintenance, disclosure and destruction of such information and their practices relating to protecting the security, confidentiality, integrity, and availability of that information. State laws regulate the use and disclosure of personal information, such as social security numbers and other identifiers, and federal and state laws require notice to affected individuals, law enforcement, regulators and others if there is a breach of the security of certain personal information, including social security numbers, financial information, and certain other identifiers. Federal and state laws and regulations regulate the ability of financial institutions to make telemarketing calls and to send unsolicited e-mail, fax messages, or SMS/text messages to consumers and customers. The United States Department of Health and Human Services has issued rules and regulations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA"), as amended, relating to standardized electronic transaction formats, code

sets, the privacy of member health information, and the implementation of data security controls to safeguard electronic protected health information.

Further, numerous state regulatory bodies are focused on security and privacy requirements for companies that collect personal information, and various state legislatures have proposed and enacted legislation and regulations regarding data protection standards and protocols; the area of cybersecurity has also come under increased scrutiny by state insurance regulators in recent years. For example, the New York State Department of Financial Services' ("NYDFS") cybersecurity regulation applies to banking and insurance entities under its jurisdiction, such as Bankers Consec Life Insurance Company. The regulation requires a company's cybersecurity program to include robust controls regarding: access privileges, application security, policies and procedures for the disposal of nonpublic information, regular cybersecurity awareness training, encryption of nonpublic information, third-party due diligence and an incident response plan. Companies subject to the New York regulation must also implement and maintain written policies approved by a senior officer of the company to protect its information systems and nonpublic information, appoint a chief information security officer, perform periodic risk assessments, and annually certify compliance with the regulation to NYDFS.

On November 1, 2023, the NYDFS adopted amendments to the regulation which include significant changes, such as: (i) implementing additional governance and oversight measures, including that a senior governing body (e.g., the board of directors) must have sufficient understanding of cybersecurity-related matters and regularly review management reports about cybersecurity matters; (ii) expanding the types of cybersecurity events that require timely notification to the NYDFS; and (iii) requiring enhancements to a covered entity's written policies and procedures related to remote access, vulnerability management, data retention and access privileges. General compliance was required by April 29, 2024, with certain provisions subject to other transition dates through November 1, 2025. We are required to file an annual Certification of Compliance with the NYDFS regarding our cybersecurity program.

Where enacted in a given state, the NAIC's Insurance Data Security Model Law applies to entities licensed under the relevant state's insurance laws. The model law requires such entities to establish standards for data security and the investigation of and notification to insurance commissioners of cybersecurity events involving unauthorized access to, or the misuse of, certain nonpublic information. The model law imposes significant regulatory burdens intended to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of information systems and the non-public information stored thereon. Several states have adopted the model law (or a form thereof), including Illinois, Indiana and Pennsylvania. We are also required to file an annual Certificate of Compliance with departments of insurance, unless any of the exemption criteria in the model law are met.

In addition, certain state legislatures have adopted or are actively considering general consumer privacy legislation that may apply to us. For example, in 2018, California enacted the California Consumer Privacy Act ("CCPA"), which became effective January 1, 2020. CCPA provides for enhanced privacy rights for California consumers, including the right to know what personal information a business has collected and/or shared with third parties about the consumer, the right to delete personal information held by a business, and the right to limit certain processing or use of such information. CCPA provides for a private right of action with potentially significant statutory damages, whereby a business that fails to implement reasonable security measures to protect against breaches of personal information could be liable to affected consumers should such a breach occur. Certain data processing which is otherwise regulated, including under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act ("GLBA") and HIPAA, are excluded from the CCPA; however, this is not an entity-wide exclusion. The California Privacy Rights Act, which established the California Privacy Protection Agency, amended the CCPA to include new consumer rights and came into effect on January 1, 2023. Various other U.S. states have enacted or are considering comprehensive privacy laws that adopt similar approaches to the collection, use, and sharing of personal information from state residents, but many include broader, entity-wide exemptions for organizations that process data subject to GLBA.

The NAIC's Privacy Protections (H) Working Group ("PPWG") is developing amendments to update the Privacy of Consumer Financial and Health Information Regulation (Model 672). The proposed amendments would expand the definition of nonpublic personal information; add consumer rights to request access, correction and deletion of nonpublic personal information; and add requirements for contracts with third-party service providers. At the 2024 and 2025 Fall National Meetings, the PPWG requested and received extensions until the 2026 Fall National Meeting to finalize the amendments to the model regulation; an exposure draft is expected to be circulated in early 2026.

As of January 1, 2025, the Bermuda Personal Information Protection Act ("PIPA") became fully effective. PIPA applies to all organizations that use personal information (meaning any information about an identified or identifiable natural person) in Bermuda. PIPA regulates the use of personal information across all industry sectors granting individuals'

rights such as access, rectification and erasure of their personal information, and imposing organizational transparency and governance requirements including the appointment of a privacy officer. PIPA is enforced by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner.

These statutes, and any corresponding regulations adopted thereunder, affect our administration, marketing and sale of our products, and how we collect, store, use and disseminate personal information. Federal and state lawmakers and regulatory bodies may consider additional or more detailed regulation regarding these subjects and the privacy and security of personal information.

### ***Innovation and Technology***

As a result of increased innovation and technology in the insurance sector, the NAIC and insurance regulators are focused on the use of "big data" techniques, such as the use of AI, machine learning and automated decision-making. In December 2023, the NAIC's Innovation, Cybersecurity and Technology (H) Committee (the "(H) Committee") adopted the *Model Bulletin on the Use of Artificial Intelligence Systems by Insurers* (the "AI Bulletin") after exposing a draft for comment. More than 20 states have adopted, and others may adopt, the AI Bulletin, which sets forth insurance regulators' expectations as to how insurers should govern the development, acquisition and use of AI technologies, as well as the types of information that regulators may request during an investigation or examination of an insurer in regard to AI systems. The NAIC's Third-Party Data and Models (H) Task Force continues to develop a regulatory framework for the oversight of insurers' use of third-party data and predictive models.

Further, the NAIC and state insurance regulators have been focused on addressing unfair discrimination in the use of consumer data and technology, and some states have passed laws targeting unfair discrimination practices. For instance, in 2021, Colorado enacted a law which prohibits insurers from using external consumer data and information sources ("ECDIS"), as well as algorithms or predictive models that use ECDIS, in a way that unfairly discriminates based on race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, gender identity or gender expression. In August 2023, the Colorado Division of Insurance adopted the first regulation under the 2021 law, effective on November 14, 2023, requiring life insurers to adopt a governance and risk management framework – including board oversight and broad documentation requirements – for the use of AI, machine learning and other technologies that utilize ECDIS. In 2025, the Colorado Division of Insurance added private passenger automobile and health benefit plan insurers to the governance and risk management framework requirements, but have not promulgated testing regulations for any lines of insurance. Similarly, in July 2024, the NYDFS released a circular letter which applies to all authorized insurers in New York, such as Bankers Conseco Life Insurance Company. The circular letter provides guidance on how such insurers should develop and manage their use of external consumer data and AI systems in underwriting and pricing so as not to harm consumers.

We expect big data to remain an important issue for the NAIC and state insurance regulators. We cannot predict which regulators will adopt the AI Bulletin, or what, if any, changes to laws or regulations may be enacted with regard to "big data" or AI technologies.

### ***Federal Initiatives***

We are subject to the U.S. federal laws and regulations generally applicable to public companies, including the rules and regulations of the SEC and the New York Stock Exchange relating to public reporting and disclosure, corporate governance, securities trading, and accounting and financial reporting. The U.S. federal government does not directly regulate the business of insurance, although the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the "Dodd-Frank Act") generally provides for enhanced federal supervision of financial institutions, including insurance companies in certain circumstances, and financial activities that represent a systemic risk to financial stability or the U.S. economy. The Dodd-Frank Act created the Federal Insurance Office ("FIO") within the U.S. Treasury Department to monitor all aspects of the insurance industry. Its authority extends to most lines of insurance written by our insurance subsidiaries, although the FIO is not empowered with any direct regulatory authority over insurers.

The Dodd-Frank Act also established the Financial Stability Oversight Council ("FSOC"), which has the ability to designate certain non-bank financial institutions, including insurers, as systemically important (a "SIFI") if the FSOC determines that financial distress at the company could pose a threat to U.S. financial stability. Such a designation would subject a non-bank SIFI to supervision and heightened prudential standards by the Federal Reserve. In November 2023, the FSOC adopted guidance that establishes a new process for designating certain non-bank financial companies as non-

bank SIFIs. Under such guidance, the FSOC is no longer required to conduct a cost-benefit analysis and an assessment of the likelihood of a non-bank financial company's material financial distress before considering the designation of the company. The revised process could have the effect of simplifying and shortening FSOC's procedures for designating certain financial companies as non-bank SIFIs.

The Dodd-Frank Act also provides for the preemption of state laws when they are inconsistent with covered agreements with non-U.S. governments or regulatory authorities, and the Dodd-Frank Act streamlines the state-level regulation of reinsurance and surplus lines insurance. In addition, under certain circumstances, the FDIC can assume the role of a state insurance regulator and initiate liquidation proceedings under state law.

The USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 seeks to promote cooperation among financial institutions, regulators and law enforcement entities in identifying parties that may be involved in terrorism, money laundering or other illegal activities. CNO and its insurance subsidiaries support these goals by having adopted anti-money laundering ("AML") programs that include policies, procedures and controls to detect and prevent money laundering, designate compliance officers to oversee the programs, provide for on-going employee training and ensure periodic independent testing of the programs. CNO's and the insurance subsidiaries' AML programs also establish and enforce customer identification programs and provide for the monitoring and the reporting to the Department of the Treasury of certain suspicious transactions.

Federal legislation and administrative policies in other areas, including employee benefit plan and individual retirement account ("IRA") regulation, could also impact the insurance industry. In that regard, in April 2024, the U.S. Department of Labor (the "DOL") issued a regulation that was intended to change the definition of "fiduciary" for purposes of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), and parallel provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), when a financial professional, including an insurance producer, provides investment advice to plans subject to ERISA and IRAs subject to Section 4975 of the Code and issued amendments to various existing prohibited transaction exemptions ("PTEs") that financial professionals rely on when they make investment recommendations to such investors. Thereafter, two federal district courts blocked these changes, which prevented the changes from becoming effective. The DOL initially appealed these court orders, but on November 24, 2025, the DOL filed an unopposed motion to dismiss its consolidated appeals and has since indicated that it intends to revisit, and possibly revise or reissue, the "fiduciary" definition and related PTE amendments. We are monitoring these developments, including the potential impact on our business of any such changes.

### ***Investment Adviser and Broker-Dealer Regulations***

The asset management activities of 4086 Advisors and Bankers Life Advisory Services, Inc. are subject to various federal and state securities laws and regulations. The SEC is the principal regulator of our asset management operations.

Our broker-dealer subsidiary, Bankers Life Securities, Inc., is registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is subject to federal and state regulation, including, but not limited to, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). Agents and employees registered or associated with our broker-dealer subsidiary are subject to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and to examination requirements and regulation by the SEC, FINRA and state securities commissioners. The SEC and other governmental agencies, as well as state securities commissions in the United States, have the power to conduct administrative proceedings that can result in censure, fines, the issuance of cease-and-desist orders or suspension and termination or limitation of the activities of the regulated entity or its employees.

Numerous regulatory bodies are focused on enacting regulations requiring investment advisers, broker-dealers and/or agents to meet a higher standard of care when providing advice to their clients and to provide enhanced disclosure of conflicts of interest. For example, the SEC's Regulation Best Interest ("Reg BI") enhances the broker-dealer standard of conduct beyond existing suitability obligations and requires broker-dealers to act in the best interest of the customer when making a recommendation of any securities transaction or investment strategy involving securities to a retail customer. In addition, the Form CRS Relationship Summary requires registered investment advisers and broker-dealers to provide retail investors with simple, easy-to-understand information about the nature of their relationship with their financial professional. In addition to the SEC rules, the NAIC and several states have proposed and/or enacted laws and regulations requiring insurance producers to disclose conflicts of interest to clients and/or to meet a best interest standard of care when providing recommendations or advice to their clients. The NAIC revised the Suitability in Annuity Transactions Model Regulation to apply a "best interest" standard for the sale of annuities. The amended model regulation has been adopted by four of our insurance subsidiaries' domiciliary states. In New York, the NYDFS amended Regulation – Suitability and Best Interests in Life Insurance and Annuity Transactions to add a "best interest" standard for recommendations regarding

the sale of life insurance and annuity products in New York. In April 2025, the North American Securities Administrators Association ("NASAA") adopted an amendment to a model rule regarding broker-dealer conduct that is intended to account for revisions to federal conduct standards for broker dealers and agents arising out of the adoption of Reg BI by the SEC and other changes that have occurred in the financial services industry in recent years, including the blurring of brokerage and advisory service models. In addition, states may adopt these changes to the model rule.

Changes to the marketing requirements for registered investment advisers were adopted in December 2020 and became effective in November 2022. The amended rule imposes a number of new requirements that will affect marketing of certain advisory products, including, in particular, private funds. Our wholly-owned registered investment advisers have updated their policies and procedures for requirements effective in 2022 affecting marketing of certain advisory products, including, in particular, private funds.

### ***Climate Change and Financial Risks***

Climate risk has come under increased scrutiny by insurance regulators and other regulatory agencies. In New York, the NYDFS expects authorized insurers to integrate financial risks related to climate change into their governance frameworks, risk management processes and business strategies. The NYDFS issued guidance for New York domestic insurers, such as Bankers Consec Life Insurance Company, stating that they are expected to manage climate risks by outlining actions that are proportionate to the nature, scale and complexity of their businesses. For instance, such insurers should incorporate climate risk into their financial risk management (e.g., a company's ORSA should address climate risk). New York domestic insurers have implemented certain corporate governance changes and developed plans to implement organizational structure changes (e.g., clearly defining roles and responsibilities related to managing climate risk). With respect to the NYDFS' more complex expectations (e.g., using scenario analysis when developing business strategies), it will issue additional guidance on the implementation timelines. The board of directors of Bankers Consec Life Insurance Company approved a Climate Risk Policy in June 2022.

The NYDFS also amended the regulation that governs enterprise risk management, effective as of August 13, 2021, to require an insurance group's enterprise risk management function to address certain additional risks, including climate change risk. Our ORSA reports, which are filed with the NYDFS and our lead state regulator, include enhanced disclosure on the management of climate risk.

In September 2023, the California legislature passed a law that will require firms with annual revenues of over \$1.0 billion that do business in the state to publicly report their greenhouse gas emissions, beginning in 2026 for calendar year 2025 subject to certain exceptions.

The NAIC is seeking to address climate-related risks through three areas of insurance regulation: financial risk analysis; insurance market availability and affordability; and consumer education and outreach. In 2022, the NAIC adopted a new standard for insurance companies to report their climate-related risks as part of its annual Climate Risk Disclosure Survey, which applies to insurers that meet the reporting threshold of \$100 million in countrywide direct premium and are licensed in one of the participating jurisdictions. The disclosure standard is aligned with the international Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures' ("TCFD") framework for reporting climate-related financial information.

In addition, the FIO is assessing how the insurance sector may mitigate climate risks and help achieve national climate-related goals pursuant to its authority under the Dodd-Frank Act, as discussed above. In June 2023, the FIO released a report titled, Insurance Supervision and Regulation of Climate-Related Risks, which evaluates climate-related issues and gaps in insurer regulation. The report urges insurance regulators to adopt climate-related risk-monitoring guidance in order to enhance their regulation and supervision of insurers. No data has been requested from the life and health insurance industry.

### ***Diversity***

Insurance regulators and the NAIC are also focused on the topic of race, diversity and inclusion. In New York, the NYDFS issued a circular letter in 2021 stating that it expects the insurers it regulates, such as Bankers Consec Life Insurance Company, to make diversity of their leadership a business priority and a key element of their corporate governance. As of early 2025, the NAIC Special (EX) Committee on Race and Insurance transitioned its work to standing committees to ensure the long-term integration of its initiatives, which included identifying barriers that disadvantage or discriminate against people of color or historically underrepresented groups and improving access to various insurance

products in minority communities. They continue to collaborate with other NAIC groups on issues related to predictive modeling, price algorithms, and insurers' use of AI.

## FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION

Our annuity and life insurance products generally provide policyholders with an income tax advantage, as compared to other savings investments such as certificates of deposit and bonds, because taxes on the increase in value of the products are deferred until received by policyholders. With other savings investments, the increase in value is generally taxed as earned. Annuity benefits and life insurance benefits, which accrue prior to the death of the policyholder, are generally not taxable until paid. Life insurance death benefits are generally exempt from income tax. Also, benefits received on immediate annuities (other than structured settlements) are recognized as taxable income ratably, as opposed to the methods used for some other investments which tend to accelerate taxable income into earlier years. The tax advantage for annuities and life insurance is provided in the Code and is generally followed in all states and other United States taxing jurisdictions.

Congress has considered, from time to time, possible changes to the U.S. tax laws, including elimination of the tax deferral on the accretion of value of certain annuities and life insurance products. It is possible that further tax legislation will be enacted which would contain provisions with possible adverse effects on our annuity and life insurance products.

Our U.S. based insurance company subsidiaries are taxed under the life insurance company provisions of the Code. Provisions in the Code require a portion of the expenses incurred in selling insurance products to be deducted over a period of years, as opposed to immediate deduction in the year incurred. This provision increases the tax for statutory accounting purposes, which reduces statutory earnings and surplus and, accordingly, decreases the amount of cash dividends that may be paid by the life insurance subsidiaries.

Our income tax expense includes deferred income taxes arising from temporary differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities, capital loss carryforwards and net operating loss carryforwards ("NOLs"). In evaluating our deferred tax assets, we consider whether it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will be realized. The ultimate realization of our deferred tax assets depends upon generating future taxable income during the periods in which our temporary differences become deductible and before our NOLs expire. In addition, the use of our NOLs is dependent, in part, on whether the Internal Revenue Service ultimately agrees with the tax positions we have taken in previously filed tax returns and that we plan to take in future tax returns. Accordingly, with respect to our deferred tax assets, we assess the need for a valuation allowance on an ongoing basis.

On August 16, 2022, President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act into law which introduces a 15 percent minimum tax based on financial statement income. The Inflation Reduction Act also introduced a 1 percent excise tax on share buybacks, effective for tax years beginning in 2023. We continue to monitor developments and regulations associated with the Inflation Reduction Act for any potential future impacts on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

The SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 ("SECURE 2.0"), signed into law on December 29, 2022, makes significant changes to existing law for retirement plans by building upon provisions in the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019. SECURE 2.0 introduces new requirements and considerations for plan sponsors that are intended to expand coverage, increase savings, preserve income, and simplify plan rules and administrative procedures. Among other provisions, SECURE 2.0 directs the DOL to review its current interpretive bulletin regarding ERISA plan sponsors' selection of annuity providers for purposes of transferring plan sponsor benefit plan liability to such annuity providers. Such review could result in the DOL's imposition of new or different requirements on plan sponsors or on annuity providers or could make such selection process more difficult for the parties involved.

On July 4, 2025, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025 was enacted in the United States, which among other things, provides permanent extension of certain expiring provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, modifications to the international tax framework and the restoration of favorable tax treatment for certain business provisions. The legislation has multiple effective dates, with certain provisions effective in 2025 and others implemented through 2027. These changes primarily impacted the timing of our tax deductions and did not have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.**

CNO and its businesses are subject to a number of risks including general business and financial risks. Any or all of such risks could have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition or results of operations of CNO. In addition, please refer to the "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" section of this Form 10-K.

**Economic Conditions, Market Conditions and Investments:**

*There are risks to our business associated with broad economic conditions.*

General factors such as the availability of credit, consumer spending, business investment, capital market conditions and inflation affect our business. Threats facing the U.S. economy include the imposition of tariffs, increasing the federal debt limit and other federal budget and taxation questions. Failure to resolve these political issues in a timely manner could result in federal government shutdowns, a default on government debt, increased costs, market disruption and volatility and impact government spending and economic activity. In an economic downturn, higher unemployment, lower family income and savings, lower corporate earnings, lower business investment and lower consumer spending may depress the demand for life insurance, annuities and other insurance products. In addition, this type of economic environment may result in higher lapses or surrenders of policies and may negatively impact the value of our assets.

Our business is exposed to the performance of the debt and equity markets. Adverse market conditions can affect the liquidity and value of our investments. The manner in which debt and equity market performance and changes in interest rates have affected, and will continue to affect, our business, financial condition, growth and profitability include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The value of our investment portfolio has been materially affected in the past by changes in market conditions which resulted in substantial realized and/or unrealized losses. Future adverse capital market conditions could result in additional realized and/or unrealized losses.
- Changes in interest rates also affect our investment portfolio. In periods of increasing interest rates, life insurance policy loans, surrenders and withdrawals could increase as policyholders seek higher returns. This could require us to sell invested assets at a time when their prices may be depressed by the increase in interest rates, which could cause us to realize investment losses. Conversely, during periods of declining interest rates, we could experience increased premium payments on products with flexible premium features, repayment of policy loans and increased percentages of policies remaining in force. We could obtain lower returns on investments made with these cash flows. In addition, prepayment rates on investments may increase so that we might have to reinvest those proceeds in lower-yielding investments. As a consequence of these factors, we could experience a decrease in the spread between the returns on our investment portfolio and amounts to be credited to policyholders and contract holders, which could adversely affect our profitability.
- The attractiveness of some of our insurance products may decrease because they are linked to the equity markets and/or assessments of our financial strength, resulting in lower profits. Increasing consumer concerns about the returns and features of our insurance products or our financial strength may cause existing customers to surrender policies or withdraw assets, and diminish our ability to sell policies and attract assets from new and existing customers, which would result in lower sales and fee revenues.

*Inflation levels could have adverse consequences for us, the insurance industry and the U.S. economy generally.*

Persistent inflation within the U.S. economy creates a heightened level of risk for us, the insurance industry and the U.S. economy generally. Rising inflation may impact the sales and persistency of our insurance products, the reliability of our loss reserve estimates and our ability to accurately price insurance products, and may create additional volatility in the fair value of our investments. A portion of our insurance policy benefits may be affected by increased medical coverage costs and various operating expenses. Additionally, regulatory agencies, such as various state departments of insurance, the U.S. government and Federal Reserve may be slow to approve rate changes or adopt measures to attempt to control inflation, which could affect our ability to generate profits and cash flow. There can be no assurance that inflation rates will not escalate in the future or that measures adopted or that may be adopted by the U.S. government or the Federal Reserve to control inflation will be effective or successful. Continuing significant inflation could have a prolonged effect on the

insurance industry and U.S. economy and could in turn negatively affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***A return to a prolonged low interest rate environment may negatively impact our results of operations, financial position and cash flows.***

Some of our products, principally traditional whole life, universal life, fixed rate and fixed indexed annuity contracts, expose us to the risk that low interest rates will reduce our spread (the difference between the amounts that we are required to pay under the contracts and the investment income we are able to earn on the investments supporting our obligations under the contracts). Our spread, which is a component of product margin, provides a key contribution to our net income. Investment income is also an important component of the profitability of our health products, especially long-term care and supplemental health policies.

If interest rates were to return to low levels for an extended period, we may need to invest new cash flows or reinvest proceeds from maturing, prepaid, or sold investments at lower yields, which could reduce our net investment income and narrow the spread between interest earned on investments and interest credited to certain products below current or planned levels. To the extent prepayment rates on fixed maturity investments or mortgage loans in our investment portfolio exceed our assumptions, this could increase the impact of this risk. We can lower crediting rates on certain products to offset the decrease in investment yield. However, our ability to lower these rates may be limited by: (i) contractually guaranteed minimum rates; or (ii) competition. In addition, a decrease in crediting rates may not match the timing or magnitude of changes in investment yields. Currently, approximately 54 percent of our fixed interest annuities and 28 percent of our universal life products with contractually guaranteed minimum rates have crediting rates set at the minimum rate. As a result, in a low interest rate environment, reinvestment risk can place pressure on insurance product margins resulting in lower earnings.

Our fixed indexed annuity products provide a guaranteed minimum rate of return and a higher potential return that is based on a percentage (the "participation rate") of the amount of increase in the value of a particular index, such as the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, over a specified period. We are generally able to change the participation rate at the beginning of each index period (typically on each policy anniversary date), subject to contractual minimums. At December 31, 2025, \$226.0 million of the indexed account values of the fixed indexed annuities were at contractual minimum participation rates and \$281.9 million of the fixed fund values of the fixed indexed annuities were at contractual minimum guaranteed crediting rates.

During periods of declining or low interest rates, life and annuity products may be relatively more attractive to consumers, resulting in increased premium payments on products with flexible premium features, repayment of policy loans and increased persistency (a higher percentage of insurance policies remaining in force from year-to-year).

Our expectation of future investment income is an important consideration in determining the adequacy of our liabilities for insurance products. Expectations of lower future investment earnings may require us to establish additional liabilities for certain insurance products, thereby reducing net income in future periods.

***Our investment portfolio is subject to several risks that may diminish the value of our invested assets and negatively impact our profitability, our financial condition and our liquidity.***

The performance of our investment portfolio depends in part upon the level of and changes in interest rates, risk spreads, real estate values, equity market values, interest rate and equity market volatility, the performance of the economy in general, the policies adopted by the Federal Reserve, the performance of the specific obligors included in our portfolio and other factors that are beyond our control. Changes in these factors can affect our net investment income in any period, and such changes can be substantial. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) changes in interest rates and credit spreads, which can reduce the value of our investments; (ii) changes in patterns of relative liquidity in the capital markets for various asset classes; (iii) changes in the perceived or actual ability of issuers to make timely repayments, which can reduce the value of our investments; (iv) changes in the estimated timing of receipt of cash flows; and (v) changes in mortgage delinquency or recovery rates, declining real estate prices, challenges to the validity of foreclosures and the quality of service provided by service providers on securities in our portfolios. These risks are significantly greater with respect to below-investment grade securities and alternative investments, which comprised 3.5 percent and 3.1 percent of our total investments as of December 31, 2025, respectively. Our structured securities (as defined below), which comprised 30.9 percent of our available for sale fixed maturity investments at December 31, 2025,

are generally subject to variable prepayment on the assets underlying such securities, such as mortgage loans. When asset-backed securities, agency residential mortgage-backed securities, non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities, CLOs and commercial mortgage-backed securities, (collectively referred to as "structured securities") prepay faster than expected, investment income may be adversely affected due to the acceleration of the amortization of purchase premiums or the inability to reinvest at comparable yields in lower interest rate environments.

Because a substantial portion of our operating results are derived from returns on our investment portfolio, significant losses in the portfolio may have a direct and materially adverse impact on our results of operations. In addition, losses on our investment portfolio could reduce the investment returns that we are able to credit to our customers of certain products, thereby impacting our sales and eroding our financial performance. Investment losses may also reduce the capital of our insurance subsidiaries, which may cause us to make additional capital contributions to those subsidiaries or may limit the ability of our insurance subsidiaries to make dividend payments to CNO.

The amount and timing of net investment income, capital contributions and distributions from alternative investments, which primarily include limited partnership interests that are typically reported to us one quarter in arrears, can fluctuate significantly due to the performance of the underlying investments or changes in market or economic conditions. Additionally, these investments, as well as our investments in private companies, are less liquid than similar, publicly traded investments and a decline in market liquidity could impact our ability to sell them at their current carrying values.

The concentration of our investment portfolio in any particular industry, group of related industries, asset classes (such as residential mortgage-backed securities and other asset-backed securities), or geographic area could have an adverse effect on our results of operations and financial position. While we seek to mitigate this risk by having a broadly diversified portfolio, events or developments that have a correlated negative impact on any particular industry, group of related industries or geographic area may have an adverse effect on the investment portfolio.

We use derivatives in an effort to hedge higher potential returns to our fixed indexed annuity policyholders based on the increase in the value of a particular index. For derivative positions we hold that are in-the-money, we are exposed to credit risk in the event of default of our counterparty.

In addition, our investment borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") are secured by collateral, the fair value of which can be significantly impacted by general market conditions. If the fair value of pledged collateral falls below specific levels, we would be required to pledge additional eligible collateral or repay all or a portion of the investment borrowings.

On December 13, 2023, the SEC adopted amendments to require covered clearing agencies to adopt policies and procedures reasonably designed to require every direct participant of the agency to submit for clearing eligible secondary market transactions in U.S. Treasury securities. These requirements will phase in such that eligible cash market transactions in U.S. Treasury securities must be cleared by December 31, 2026, and eligible repurchase market transactions in U.S. Treasury securities must be cleared by June 30, 2027. As a result, certain in-scope transactions between a covered clearing agency's direct participants and us will be required to be cleared. Uncertainty remains regarding potential impact of the rule. However, the rule could increase costs of trading in U.S. Treasuries and potentially negatively affect market liquidity.

***The determination of the allowance for credit losses related to our investments is highly subjective and could have a material adverse effect on our operating results and financial condition.***

The determination of the amount of allowances and impairments varies by investment type and is based upon our periodic evaluation and assessment of known and inherent risks associated with the respective asset class. Such evaluations and assessments require significant judgment and are revised as conditions change and new information becomes available. Additional impairments may need to be taken or allowances provided for in the future, and the ultimate loss may exceed our current loss estimates.

***The determination of fair value of our fixed maturity securities results in unrealized investment gains and losses and is, in some cases, highly subjective and could materially impact our operating results and financial condition.***

In determining fair value, we generally utilize market transaction data for the same or similar instruments. The degree of management judgment involved in determining fair values is inversely related to the availability of market

observable information. Since significant observable market inputs are not available for certain securities, it may be difficult to value them. The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities may differ from the amount actually received to sell an asset or the amount paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Moreover, the use of different valuation assumptions may have a material effect on the fair values of the financial assets and financial liabilities. During periods of market disruption, it may be difficult to value certain securities if trading becomes less frequent and/or market data becomes less observable. There may be certain asset classes that were in active markets with significant observable data that become illiquid due to the changing financial environment. In such cases, the valuation process may require more subjectivity and management judgment. Rapidly changing market conditions could materially impact the valuation of securities and the period-to-period changes in value could vary significantly.

**Insurance Risk:**

*The results of operations of our insurance business will decline if our premium rates are not adequate or if we are unable to increase rates.*

We set the premium rates on our policies based on facts and circumstances known at the time we issue the policies and on assumptions about numerous variables, including but not limited to, the actuarial probability of a policyholder incurring a claim, the probable size of the claim, maintenance costs to administer the policies and the interest rate earned on our investment of premiums. In setting premium rates, we consider historical claims information, industry statistics, the rates of our competitors and other factors, but we cannot predict with certainty the future actual claims on our products. If our actual claims experience proves to be less favorable than we assumed and we are unable to raise our premium rates to the extent necessary to offset the unfavorable claims experience, our financial results will be adversely affected.

We review the adequacy of our premium rates regularly and file proposed rate increases on our health insurance products when we believe existing premium rates are too low. It is possible that we will not be able to obtain approval for premium rate increases from currently pending or future requests. If we are unable to raise our premium rates because we fail to obtain approval in one or more states, our financial results will be adversely affected. Moreover, in some instances, our ability to exit unprofitable lines of business is limited by the guaranteed renewal feature of most of our insurance policies. Due to this feature, we cannot exit such lines of business without regulatory approval, and accordingly, we may be required to continue to service those products at a loss for an extended period of time.

If we are successful in obtaining regulatory approval to raise premium rates, the increased premium rates may reduce the volume of our new sales and cause existing policyholders to allow their policies to lapse. This could result in a significantly higher ratio of claim costs to premiums if healthier policyholders allow their policies to lapse, while policies of less healthy policyholders continue in force. This would reduce our premium income and profitability in future periods.

*Our business, financial condition, results of operations, liquidity and cash flows depend on the accuracy of our models and assumptions, and we could experience significant gains or losses if the models and assumptions differ significantly from actual results.*

We make and rely on numerous assumptions related to our business which are used to make decisions crucial to our operations. Inaccurate model calculations or differences between actual experience and the assumptions in our models could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, liquidity and cash flows.

*Our liabilities for insurance products may prove to be inadequate, requiring us to increase liabilities which results in reduced net income and shareholders' equity.*

Liabilities for insurance products are calculated based on numerous assumptions including, but not limited to, investment yields, mortality, morbidity, withdrawals, lapses, cash flow assumptions and discount rates. Such assumptions are based on our experience, and in cases of limited experience, industry experience. Such assumptions also consider future expectations in policyholder behavior that may vary from past experience.

Many factors can affect these reserves and liabilities, such as economic and social conditions, inflation, hospital and pharmaceutical costs, changes in life expectancy, regulatory actions, changes in doctrines of legal liability and extra-contractual damage awards. Therefore, the reserves and liabilities we establish are necessarily based on estimates, assumptions, industry data and prior years' statistics. Our financial performance depends significantly upon the extent to

which our actual claims experience and future expenses are consistent with the assumptions we used in setting our reserves. If our future claims are higher than our assumptions, and our reserves prove to be insufficient to cover our actual losses and expenses, we would be required to increase our liabilities, and this could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

***Our operating results may suffer if policyholder surrender levels differ significantly from our assumptions.***

Surrenders of our annuities and life insurance products can result in losses and decreased revenues if surrender levels differ significantly from assumed levels. At December 31, 2025, approximately \$3.9 billion of our total insurance liabilities could be surrendered by the policyholder without penalty. The surrender charges that are imposed on our fixed rate annuities typically decline during a penalty period, which ranges from five to twelve years after the date the policy is issued. Surrender charges are eliminated after the penalty period. Surrenders and other policy withdrawals could require us to dispose of assets earlier than we had planned, possibly at a loss. Moreover, surrenders and other policy withdrawals require faster amortization of deferred acquisition costs associated with the original sale of a product, thus reducing our net income. We believe policyholders are generally more likely to surrender their policies if they believe the issuer is having financial difficulties, or if they are able to reinvest the policy's value at a higher rate of return in an alternative insurance or investment product.

***We face risk with respect to our reinsurance agreements.***

We transfer exposure to certain risks to third parties through reinsurance arrangements. Under these arrangements, other insurers assume a portion of our losses and expenses associated with reported and unreported claims in exchange for a portion of policy premiums. The availability, amount and cost of reinsurance depend on general market conditions and may vary significantly. As of December 31, 2025, our third-party reinsurance receivables and ceded life insurance inforce totaled \$3.7 billion and \$2.8 billion, respectively. Our seven largest reinsurers, which are rated "A-" or higher by AM Best as of December 31, 2025, accounted for 97 percent of our ceded life insurance inforce and 99 percent of our reinsurance receivables. Such reinsurance receivables also include long-term care and annuity blocks of business that have been ceded. We face credit risk with respect to reinsurance. When we obtain reinsurance, we are still liable for those transferred risks even if the reinsurer defaults on its obligations. The failure, insolvency, inability or unwillingness of one or more of the Company's reinsurers to perform in accordance with the terms of its reinsurance agreement could negatively impact our earnings or financial position. In addition, it is possible that reinsurance may not be available or affordable in the future, or may not be adequate to protect us against losses.

In addition, we have, under intercompany reinsurance agreements initiated in 2023 and 2025, ceded approximately \$8.8 billion of our fixed indexed annuity statutory reserves from Bankers Life and approximately \$1.9 billion of our supplemental health statutory reserves from Washington National, respectively, to CNO Bermuda Re as of December 31, 2025. Future regulatory changes made by the BMA or the NAIC or other events may impact the capital efficiency of the reinsurance structures and could require the holding company to contribute additional capital to CNO Bermuda Re or the ceding reinsurers to recapture the ceded business.

**Liquidity Risk:**

***The Revolving Credit Agreement and the Indentures for the Notes and Debentures contain various restrictive covenants and required financial ratios that could limit our operating flexibility. The violation of one or more loan covenant requirements will entitle our lenders to declare all outstanding amounts under the Revolving Credit Agreement, the Notes and the Debentures to be due and payable.***

Certain of the agreements governing our indebtedness contain a number of restrictive covenants and require financial ratios that impose operating and financial restrictions on us and may limit our ability to engage in acts that may be in our long-term best interest, including restrictions on our ability to: incur additional indebtedness and guarantee indebtedness; pay dividends or make other distributions or repurchase or redeem our capital stock; prepay, redeem or repurchase subordinated debt; sell assets; incur liens; enter into transactions with affiliates; and consolidate, merge, sell or otherwise dispose of our assets.

The Revolving Credit Agreement requires the Company to maintain (each as calculated in accordance with the Revolving Credit Agreement): (i) a debt to total capitalization ratio (excluding hybrid securities, except to the extent that the aggregate amount outstanding of all such hybrid securities exceeds an amount equal to 15% of total capitalization) of

not more than 35.0 percent (such ratio was 23.6 percent at December 31, 2025); and (ii) a minimum consolidated net worth of not less than the sum of \$2,674.8 million plus 25.0% of the net equity proceeds received by the Company from the issuance and sale of equity interests in the Company (the Company's consolidated net worth was \$3,753.2 million at December 31, 2025 compared to the minimum requirement of \$2,674.8 million).

These covenants place restrictions on the manner in which we may operate our business and our ability to meet these financial covenants may be affected by events beyond our control. If we default under any of these covenants, the lenders could declare the outstanding principal amount of the loan, accrued and unpaid interest and all other amounts owing and payable thereunder to be immediately due and payable, which would have material adverse consequences to us. In addition, an event of default under the Revolving Credit Agreement would permit our lenders to terminate commitments to extend further credit. See the note to the consolidated financial statements entitled "Notes Payable - Direct Corporate Obligations" for more information.

***CNO is a holding company and its liquidity and ability to meet its obligations may be constrained by the ability of CNO's insurance subsidiaries to distribute cash to it.***

CNO and CDOC are holding companies with no business operations of their own. CNO and CDOC depend on their operating subsidiaries for cash to make principal and interest payments on debt and to pay administrative expenses and income taxes. CNO and CDOC receive cash from our insurance subsidiaries, consisting of dividends and distributions, principal and interest payments on surplus debentures and tax-sharing payments, as well as cash from their non-insurance subsidiaries consisting of dividends, distributions, loans and advances. Deterioration in the financial condition, earnings or cash flow of these significant subsidiaries for any reason could hinder the ability of such subsidiaries to pay cash dividends or other disbursements to CNO and/or CDOC, which would limit our ability to meet our debt service requirements and satisfy other financial obligations. In addition, CNO may elect to contribute additional capital to certain insurance subsidiaries to strengthen their surplus for covenant compliance or regulatory purposes (including, for example, maintaining adequate RBC or BSCR levels) or to provide the capital necessary for growth, in which case it is less likely that its insurance subsidiaries would pay dividends to the holding company. Accordingly, this could limit CNO's ability to meet debt service requirements and satisfy other holding company financial obligations. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations-Liquidity and Capital Resources-Liquidity of the Holding Companies" for more information.

Insurance regulations generally permit our U.S. based insurance subsidiaries to pay dividends from statutory earned surplus without regulatory approval if the amount of the dividend, together with other dividends made within the preceding 12-month period, does not exceed the greater of (or in some states, the lesser of): (i) statutory net gain from operations of such insurer for the prior calendar year; or (ii) 10 percent of such insurer's surplus as regards to policyholders at the end of the preceding calendar year. CNO receives dividends and other payments from CDOC and from certain non-insurance subsidiaries. CDOC receives dividends and surplus debenture interest payments from our insurance subsidiaries and payments from certain of our non-insurance subsidiaries. CNO Bermuda Re may not pay any dividends or make any capital distributions to its parent within the five years following the 2023 reinsurance transaction unless approved by the BMA. Payments from our non-insurance subsidiaries to CNO or CDOC, and payments from CDOC to CNO, do not require approval by any regulatory authority or other third party. However, the payment of dividends or surplus debenture interest by our insurance subsidiaries to CDOC is subject to state insurance department regulations and may be prohibited by insurance regulators if they determine that such dividends or other payments could be adverse to our policyholders or contract holders.

However, as each of the U.S. based insurance subsidiaries of CDOC has negative earned surplus, any dividend payments from such insurance subsidiaries to CNO would require the prior approval of the director or commissioner of the applicable state insurance department. In 2025, our U.S. based insurance subsidiaries paid dividends of \$458.4 million to CDOC. CNO expects to seek regulatory approval for future dividends from our insurance subsidiaries, but there can be no assurance that such payments will be approved or that the financial condition of our insurance subsidiaries will not deteriorate, making future approvals less likely.

CDOC holds surplus debentures from Conseco Life Insurance Company of Texas ("CLTX") with an aggregate principal amount of \$749.6 million. Interest payments on those surplus debentures do not require additional approval provided the RBC ratio of CLTX exceeds 100 percent (but do require prior written notice to the Texas Department of Insurance). The estimated RBC ratio of CLTX was 323 percent at December 31, 2025. CDOC also holds a surplus debenture from Colonial Penn Life Insurance Company ("Colonial Penn") with a principal balance of \$160.0 million on as

of December 31, 2025. Interest payments on that surplus debenture require prior approval by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.

In addition, although we are generally under no obligation to do so, we may elect to contribute additional capital to strengthen the surplus of certain insurance subsidiaries for covenant compliance or regulatory purposes or to provide the capital necessary for growth. Pursuant to the CLMA, CDOC will contribute funds to CNO Bermuda Re in the event: (i) CNO Bermuda Re's statutory economic capital and surplus is less than 150 percent of its ECR at the end of any calendar quarter; or (ii) CNO Bermuda Re's liquid assets are insufficient to meet its contractual obligations to ceding insurers, in each case, unless one or more ceding insurers has provided notice of recapture pursuant to the terms of the applicable reinsurance agreement between it and CNO Bermuda Re and such recapture will cause CNO Bermuda Re to meet (i) and (ii) above. Contributions of additional capital to our insurance subsidiaries could affect the ability of our top tier insurance subsidiaries to pay dividends. The ability of our insurance subsidiaries to pay dividends is also impacted by various criteria established by rating agencies to maintain or receive higher financial strength ratings and by the capital levels that we target for our insurance subsidiaries, as well as regulatory and other financial covenant compliance requirements under the Revolving Credit Agreement.

In addition, Washington National may not distribute funds to any affiliate or shareholder, without prior notice to the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, except pursuant to agreements with affiliates that have been approved in accordance with an order from the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation.

***A decline in our current credit ratings may adversely affect our ability to access capital and the cost of such capital, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.***

Our senior unsecured debt ratings are currently "BBB", "BBB-", "Baa3" and "bbb" from Fitch, S&P, Moody's and AM Best, respectively. If we were to require additional capital, either to refinance our existing indebtedness or for any other reason, our current senior unsecured debt ratings, as well as conditions in the credit markets generally, could restrict our access to such capital and adversely affect its cost. Disruptions, volatility and uncertainty in the financial markets, and our credit ratings could limit our ability to access external capital markets at times and on terms which allow us to meet our capital and liquidity needs. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations-Liquidity and Capital Resources-Liquidity of the Holding Companies" for more information.

#### **Taxation, Laws and Regulation:**

***Our ability to use our existing NOLs may be limited by certain transactions, and an impairment of existing NOLs could result in a significant writedown in the value of our deferred tax assets.***

As of December 31, 2025, we had approximately \$976.4 million of federal tax NOLs resulting in deferred tax assets of approximately \$205.0 million (\$16.5 million of which expire in years 2032 through 2035 and \$959.9 million of which have no expiration date). Section 382 of the Code imposes limitations on a corporation's ability to use its NOLs when it undergoes a 50 percent "ownership change" over a three-year period. Although we underwent an ownership change in 2003 as the result of our reorganization, the timing and manner in which we will be able to utilize our NOLs is not currently limited by Section 382.

We regularly monitor ownership changes (as calculated for purposes of Section 382) based on available information and, as of December 31, 2025, our analysis indicated that we were well below the 50 percent ownership change threshold that could limit our ability to utilize our NOLs. A future transaction or transactions and the timing of such transaction or transactions could trigger an ownership change under Section 382. Such transactions may include, but are not limited to, additional repurchases or issuances of common stock, acquisitions or sales of shares of CNO's stock by certain holders of its shares, including persons who have held, currently hold or may accumulate in the future five percent or more of CNO's outstanding common stock for their own account. CNO's Board of Directors adopted a Section 382 Rights Agreement designed to protect shareholder value by preserving the value of our NOLs. To further protect against the possibility of triggering an ownership change under Section 382, CNO's shareholders approved amendments included in CNO's certificate of incorporation designed to prevent certain transfers of common stock which could limit our ability to use our NOLs. See the note to the consolidated financial statements entitled "Income Taxes" for more information about the Section 382 Rights Agreement and the amendments included in CNO's certificate of incorporation.

If an ownership change were to occur for purposes of Section 382, we would be required to calculate an annual limitation on the use of our NOLs to offset future taxable income. The annual restriction would be calculated based upon the value of CNO's equity at the time of such ownership change, multiplied by a federal long-term tax exempt rate (3.58 percent at December 31, 2025).

***The value of our deferred tax assets may be reduced to the extent our future profits are less than we have projected or the current corporate income tax rate is reduced, and such reductions in value may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and our financial condition.***

As of December 31, 2025, we had net deferred tax assets of \$711.7 million. Our income tax expense includes deferred income taxes arising from temporary differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities, capital loss carryforwards and NOLs. We evaluate the realizability of our deferred tax assets and assess the need for a valuation allowance on an ongoing basis. In evaluating our deferred tax assets, we consider whether it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will be realized. The ultimate realization of our deferred tax assets depends upon generating sufficient future taxable income during the periods in which our temporary differences become deductible and before our capital loss carry-forwards and NOLs expire. We recognized \$797.6 million of non-life NOLs on our tax return as a result of changes related to the tax accounting method for allocating indirect costs (pursuant to the Code) to self-constructed real estate assets upon approval from the Internal Revenue Service. Such NOLs are not subject to expiration. Our assessment of the realizability of our deferred tax assets requires significant judgment. Failure to achieve our projections may result in the recognition of a valuation allowance in a future period. The recognition of a valuation allowance would increase income tax expense and reduce shareholders' equity, and such an increase could have a significant impact upon our earnings in the future.

The value of our net deferred tax assets as of December 31, 2025 reflects the current Federal corporate income tax rate 21 percent. Changes in tax laws, including changes regarding the utilization of NOLs, could cause a write-down of our net deferred tax assets, which may have an adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

***Changes in tax laws could increase our tax costs and reduce sales of our insurance and annuity products.***

The insurance and annuity products we issue receive favorable tax treatment under current U.S. federal income tax laws. Changes in U.S. federal income tax laws could reduce or eliminate the tax advantages of certain of our products, making these products less attractive to our customers. This may lead to a reduction in sales which may adversely impact our profitability. In addition, we benefit from certain tax items, including but not limited to, dividends received deductions, tax credits, tax-exempt bond interest and insurance reserve deductions. From time to time, the U.S. Congress, as well as state and local governments, consider legislative changes that could reduce or eliminate the benefits associated with these and other tax items. We continue to evaluate the impact potential tax reform proposals may have on our future results of operations and financial condition.

***From time to time we may become subject to tax audits, tax litigation or similar proceedings, and as a result we may owe additional taxes, interest and penalties, or our NOLs may be reduced, in amounts that may be material.***

In determining our provisions for income taxes and our accounting for tax-related matters in general, we are required to exercise judgment. We regularly make estimates where the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. The final determination of any tax audit, appeal of the decision of a taxing authority, tax litigation or similar proceedings may be materially different from that reflected in our financial statements. The assessment of additional taxes, interest and penalties could be materially adverse to our current and future results of operations and financial condition.

***Our business is subject to extensive regulation, which limits our operating flexibility and could result in our insurance subsidiaries being placed under regulatory control or otherwise negatively impact our financial results.***

Our insurance business is subject to extensive regulation and supervision in the jurisdictions in which we operate. See "Business of CNO - Governmental Regulation." Our insurance subsidiaries are subject to state insurance laws that establish supervisory agencies. The regulations issued by state insurance agencies can be complex and subject to differing interpretations. If a state insurance regulatory agency determines that one of our insurance subsidiaries is not in compliance with applicable regulations, the subsidiary is subject to various potential administrative remedies including, without limitation, monetary penalties, restrictions on the subsidiary's ability to do business in that state and a return of a

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portion of policyholder premiums. In addition, regulatory action or investigations could cause us to suffer significant reputational harm, which could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our U.S. based insurance subsidiaries are required to comply with statutory accounting principles. Such statutory accounting principles (including principles that impact the calculation of RBC and our insurance liabilities) are subject to continued review by the NAIC in an effort to address emerging issues and improve financial reporting. Proposals being considered by the NAIC could negatively impact our insurance subsidiaries, if enacted.

Our U.S. based insurance subsidiaries are also subject to RBC requirements. These requirements were designed to evaluate the adequacy of statutory capital and surplus in relation to investment and insurance risks associated with asset quality, mortality and morbidity, asset and liability matching, and other business factors. The requirements are used by states as an early warning tool to discover companies that may be weakly-capitalized for the purpose of initiating regulatory action. Generally, if an insurer's RBC ratio falls below specified levels, the insurer is subject to different degrees of regulatory action depending upon the magnitude of the deficiency. The 2025 statutory annual statements of each of our U.S. based insurance subsidiaries reflect RBC ratios in excess of the levels that would subject our insurance subsidiaries to any regulatory action.

In addition to the RBC requirements, states have established minimum capital requirements for insurance companies licensed to do business in their state. These regulators have the discretionary authority, in connection with the continual licensing of our insurance subsidiaries, to limit or prohibit writing new business within its jurisdiction when, in the regulator's judgment, the insurance subsidiary is not maintaining adequate statutory surplus or capital or the insurance subsidiary's further transaction of business would be hazardous to policyholders.

Our Bermuda based insurance subsidiary is subject to regulation in Bermuda where the BMA has broad supervisory and administrative powers relating to granting and revoking licenses to transact reinsurance business, the approval of specific reinsurance transactions, capital requirements and solvency standards, limitations on dividends or distributions to shareholders, the nature of and limitations on investments, and the filing of financial statements in accordance with prescribed or permitted accounting practices. Future regulatory changes made by the BMA or other events may impact the capital efficiency of the reinsurance structures between CNO Bermuda Re and the ceding reinsurers and could require the holding company to contribute additional capital to CNO Bermuda Re or Bankers Life to recapture the ceded business.

Our Bermuda based insurance subsidiary is subject to BSCR requirements. These requirements evaluate the adequacy of statutory economic capital and surplus in relation to certain categories of risk, including: fixed income investment risk, equity investment risk, long-term interest rate/liquidity risk, currency risk, concentration risk, certain insurance risks, credit risk, catastrophe risk and operational risk. The requirements are used by the BMA as an early warning tool and failure to maintain statutory economic capital and surplus above specified levels, could result in increased regulatory oversight. We are in process of completing our subsidiary's capital and solvency return in respect of the year ended December 31, 2025, which includes the BSCR. We believe the BSCR ratios will be in excess of the levels that would subject our Bermuda subsidiary to any regulatory action.

Our broker-dealer and investment adviser subsidiaries are subject to regulation and supervision by the SEC, FINRA and certain state regulatory bodies. The SEC, FINRA and other governmental agencies, as well as state securities commissions, may examine or investigate the activities of broker-dealers and investment advisers. These examinations or investigations often focus on the activities of the registered representatives and investment adviser representatives doing business through such entities and the entities' supervision of those persons. It is possible that any examination or investigation could lead to enforcement action by the regulator and/or may result in payments of fines and penalties, payments to customers, or both, as well as changes in systems or procedures of such entities, any of which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

Furthermore, as described above under "Business of CNO-Governmental Regulation," the SEC has adopted regulations relating to the standard of conduct applicable to broker-dealers when making certain recommendations involving securities to retail customers and requiring registered investment advisors and broker-dealers to provide certain standardized disclosures to retail investors. In addition, the NAIC and several states have proposed and/or enacted regulations related to required disclosures and/or standards of conduct when insurance producers provide recommendations to clients regarding sales of annuity products. These regulations and similar regulatory initiatives could have an impact on Company operations and the manner in which broker-dealers and investment advisers distribute the Company's products.

***Litigation and regulatory investigations are inherent in our business, may harm our financial condition and reputation, and may negatively impact our financial results.***

Insurance companies historically have been subject to substantial litigation. In addition to the traditional policy claims associated with their businesses, insurance companies like ours face class action suits and derivative suits from policyholders and/or shareholders. We also face significant risks related to regulatory investigations and proceedings. The litigation and regulatory matters we are, have been, or may become, subject to include matters related to the classification of our exclusive agents as independent contractors, sales, marketing and underwriting practices, payment of contingent or other sales commissions, claim payments and procedures, product design, product disclosure, administration, additional premium charges for premiums paid on a periodic basis, calculation of cost of insurance charges, changes to certain non-guaranteed policy features, denial or delay of benefits, charging excessive or impermissible fees on products, procedures related to canceling policies, recommending unsuitable products to customers and policies from legacy business that we acquired or no longer write. Certain of our insurance policies allow or require us to make changes based on experience to certain non-guaranteed elements ("NGEs") such as cost of insurance charges, expense loads, credited interest rates and policyholder bonuses. We may make changes to certain NGEs in the future. In some instances in the past, such action has resulted in litigation and similar litigation may arise in the future. Our exposure (including the potential adverse financial consequences of delays or decisions not to pursue changes to certain NGEs), if any, arising from any such action cannot presently be determined. Our pending legal and regulatory proceedings include matters that are specific to us, as well as matters faced by other insurance companies. State insurance departments have focused and continue to focus on sales, marketing and claims payment practices and product issues in their market conduct examinations. Negotiated settlements of class action and other lawsuits have had a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition and results of operations of CNO and our insurance subsidiaries.

We are, in the ordinary course of our business, a plaintiff or defendant in actions arising out of our insurance business, including class actions and reinsurance disputes, and, from time to time, we are also involved in various governmental and administrative proceedings and investigations and inquiries such as information requests, subpoenas and books and record examinations, from state, federal and other authorities. See the note to the consolidated financial statements entitled "Commitments and Contingencies." The ultimate outcome of these lawsuits, regulatory proceedings and investigations cannot be predicted with certainty. In the event of an unfavorable outcome in one or more of these matters, the ultimate liability may be in excess of liabilities we have established and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. We could also suffer significant reputational harm as a result of such litigation, regulatory proceedings or investigations, including harm flowing from actual or threatened revocation of licenses to do business, regulator actions to assert supervision or control over our business, and other sanctions which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

***Federal and state legislation could adversely affect the financial performance of our insurance operations.***

During recent years, the health insurance industry has experienced substantial changes, including those caused by healthcare legislation. Recent federal and state legislation and pending legislative proposals concerning healthcare reform contain features that could severely limit, or eliminate, our ability to vary pricing terms or apply medical underwriting standards to individuals, thereby potentially increasing our benefit ratios and adversely impacting our financial results.

Proposals that have been made in Congress and some state legislatures may also affect our financial results. These proposals include the implementation of minimum consumer protection standards in all long-term care policies, including: guaranteed premium rates; protection against inflation; limitations on waiting periods for pre-existing conditions; setting standards for sales practices for long-term care insurance; and guaranteed consumer access to information about insurers, including information regarding lapse and replacement rates for policies and the percentage of claims denied. Enactment of any proposal that would limit the amount we can charge for our products, such as guaranteed premium rates, or that would increase the benefits we must pay, such as limitations on waiting periods, or that would otherwise increase the costs of our business, could adversely affect our financial results.

The Dodd-Frank Act of 2010 made extensive changes to the laws regulating financial services firms and required various federal agencies to adopt a broad range of implementing rules and regulations, including those pertaining to the use of derivatives. Certain of these regulations have imposed additional requirements that may affect both the Company and its derivatives counterparties, including in the areas of reporting, recordkeeping, the mandatory exchange execution and clearing of certain derivatives, position limits with respect to certain derivatives, regulatory initial margin and variation

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margin requirements, and limitations on the ability to close out certain derivatives transactions with certain counterparties upon the bankruptcy of such counterparties. These and other regulations under the Dodd-Frank Act could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

State insurance regulators, federal regulators and the NAIC continually reexamine existing laws and regulations and may impose changes in the future. The passage of new legislation or new interpretations of existing laws may impact our sales, profitability or financial strength. The NAIC regularly reviews and updates its U.S. statutory reserve and RBC requirements. Changes to these requirements have resulted in an increase to the amount of reserves and capital we are required to hold and may adversely impact the ability of our insurance subsidiaries to pay dividends to the holding company.

We cannot predict whether other federal initiatives will be adopted or what impact, if any, such initiatives, if adopted, may have on financial markets generally, or on our businesses specifically, the additional costs associated with compliance with such initiatives and related regulations, or any changes to our operations that may be necessary to comply with any new regulations, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

***Our insurance subsidiaries may be required to pay assessments to fund other companies' policyholder losses or liabilities and this may negatively impact our financial results.***

The guaranty fund laws of all states in which an insurance company does business require that company to pay assessments up to certain prescribed limits to fund policyholder losses or liabilities of other insurance companies that become insolvent. Insolvencies of insurance companies increase the possibility that assessments may be required. These assessments may be deferred or forgiven under most guaranty laws if they would threaten an insurer's financial strength and, in certain instances, may be offset against future premium taxes. We cannot estimate the likelihood and amount of future assessments. Although past assessments have not been material, if there were a number of large insolvencies, future assessments could be material and could have a material adverse effect on our operating results and financial position.

### **General Business Risk:**

***Managing operational risks may not be effective in mitigating risk and loss to us.***

We are subject to operational risks including, among other things, fraud, errors, failure to document transactions properly or to obtain proper internal authorization, failure to comply with regulatory requirements or obligations under our agreements, information technology failures including cybersecurity attacks, failure of our service providers (such as investment custodians and information technology and policyholder service providers) to comply with our services agreements, and failure to effectively maintain, upgrade or replace the systems and information technology on which we rely. The associates and agents who conduct our business, including executive officers and other members of management, sales managers, investment professionals, product managers, sales agents and other associates, do so in part by making decisions and choices that involve exposing us to risk. These include decisions involving numerous business activities such as setting underwriting guidelines, product design and pricing, investment purchases and sales, reserve setting, claim processing, policy administration and servicing, financial and tax reporting and other activities, many of which are very complex.

We seek to monitor and control our exposure to risks arising out of these activities through a risk control framework encompassing a variety of reporting systems, internal controls, management review processes and other mechanisms. However, these processes and procedures may not effectively control all known risks or effectively identify unforeseen risks. Management of operational risks can fail for a number of reasons including design failure, systems failure, cybersecurity attacks, human error or unlawful activities. If our controls are not effective or properly implemented, we could suffer financial or other loss, disruption of our business, regulatory sanctions or damage to our reputation. Losses resulting from these failures may have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

***Major public health issues could have an adverse impact on our financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, cash flows and other aspects of our business.***

Our operations are exposed to the risk of major health pandemics, epidemics or outbreaks. The extent to which major health issues impact our business, results of operations or financial condition depends on future developments which

are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including but not limited to: (i) new viruses or virus mutations; (ii) the efficacy of vaccines and other medical inventions; (iii) premature mortality impacts on our claim experience; (iv) responses by government authorities, including potential changes in monetary policy enacted by the Federal Reserve and potential fiscal stimulus measures implemented by the federal government; and (v) responses in behavior by policyholders, businesses and the population more generally.

Our investment portfolio may be adversely affected as a result of any delays or failures of borrowers to make payments of principal and interest when due. Further, severe market volatility may leave us unable to react to market events in a prudent manner consistent with our historical investment practices.

Any uncertainty as a result of any of these events may require us to change our estimates, assumptions, models or reserves. Refer to "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Results of Operations - Comprehensive Annual Actuarial Review" for further information related to changes in certain actuarial assumptions and their impact on our operating results in 2025.

***The occurrence of natural or man-made disasters or climate change could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.***

We are exposed to various risks arising out of natural and man-made disasters, including earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, acts of terrorism and military actions and the impacts of climate change. For example, a natural or man-made disaster could lead to unexpected changes in persistency rates as policyholders and contractholders who are affected by the disaster may be unable to meet their contractual obligations, such as payment of premiums on our insurance policies and deposits into our investment products. In addition, such a disaster could also significantly increase our mortality and morbidity experience above the assumptions we used in pricing our products. The continued threat of terrorism and ongoing military actions may cause significant volatility in global financial markets, and a natural or man-made disaster could trigger an economic downturn in the areas directly or indirectly affected by the disaster. These consequences could, among other things, result in a decline in business and increased claims from those areas. Disasters also could disrupt public and private infrastructure, including communications and financial services, which could disrupt our normal business operations.

A natural or man-made disaster could also disrupt the operations of our counterparties or result in increased prices for the products and services they provide to us. For example, a natural or man-made disaster could lead to increased reinsurance prices and potentially cause us to retain more risk than we otherwise would retain if we were able to obtain reinsurance at lower prices. In addition, a disaster could adversely affect the value of the assets in our investment portfolio if it affects companies' ability to pay principal or interest on their securities.

Climate change regulation and market forces reacting to climate change may affect the values of certain invested assets, or the Company's willingness to continue to hold them. It may also impact other counterparties, including reinsurers, and affect the value of investments, including real estate investments the Company holds or manages for others. The Company cannot predict the long-term impacts from climate change regulation.

***Interruption in telecommunication, information technology and other operational systems, or a failure to maintain the security, confidentiality or privacy of sensitive data residing on such systems, could harm our business.***

We depend heavily on our telecommunication, information technology and other operational systems and on the integrity and timeliness of data we use to run our businesses and service our customers. These systems may fail to operate properly or become disabled as a result of events or circumstances which may be wholly or partly beyond our control including cyber-attack, denial of service, viruses or other malicious activities, power outages, failure of critical infrastructure, hardware or software malfunction, defects or degradation, lack of proper maintenance, human error or misuse, and similar events. Further, we face the risk of operational and technology failures by others, including financial intermediaries, vendors and parties that provide services to us. If these parties do not perform as anticipated, we may experience operational difficulties, increased costs and other adverse effects on our business. We have implemented, and we require our vendors to implement, a variety of security measures to protect the confidentiality, availability, and integrity of our information systems and data. However, failure to maintain a reasonable and effective data protection and cybersecurity program, or any compromise of the security, confidentiality, integrity, or availability of our information systems and the sensitive, proprietary, and confidential data, including personal information, on such systems could lead to

additional costs and liabilities, as well as damage our reputation or deter people from purchasing our products. We are periodically targeted by cybersecurity threat actors. In the past, we have experienced cybersecurity events resulting in the compromise of personal and confidential information of our customers. While no such cybersecurity event has been material, there can be no assurance that a future breach will not occur or, if any does occur, that it can be promptly detected and sufficiently remediated without materially impacting our business, operations, or reputation.

Moreover, we invest significant time and resources towards ensuring that the capacity and reliability of our information technology systems, and those of third parties on which our operations rely, are sufficient and appropriate to support our business. Costs associated with maintaining, upgrading, or replacing such information technology, including legacy systems, could exceed our expectations or we may be required to dedicate additional resources. Maintaining legacy systems, including ensuring such systems meet our evolving technical and regulatory requirements, may become impracticable or cost prohibitive. Planned system upgrades (including our previously announced TechMod initiative) may not be successful or operate as intended, may take longer than anticipated, may exceed their budget, or create or exacerbate previously unknown security vulnerabilities. Any of these outcomes could have a materially adverse impact on our business, operations, and financial condition.

Interruption in telecommunication, information technology and other operational systems, or a failure to maintain the security, confidentiality, integrity or availability of sensitive, confidential or proprietary data residing on such systems, whether due to actions by us, our vendors, or others, could delay or disrupt our ability to do business and service our customers, harm our reputation, subject us to litigation, regulatory sanctions and other claims, require us to incur significant technical, legal and other expenses, lead to a loss of customers, revenues and opportunities, or otherwise adversely affect our business. Depending on the nature of the information compromised, in the event of a data breach or other unauthorized access to or acquisition of our customer data, we may also have obligations to notify customers, other stakeholders, and federal and state government regulators about the incident and we may need to provide some form of remedy, such as a subscription to a credit monitoring service, for the individuals affected by the incident. All fifty states, as well as a growing number of regulatory bodies have adopted consumer notification requirements in the event of the actual or reasonably suspected unauthorized access to, or acquisition of, certain types of personal information. Such breach notification laws continue to evolve and may be inconsistent from one jurisdiction to another. Complying with these obligations could cause us to incur substantial costs (including fines) and could increase negative publicity surrounding any incident that compromises customer data. While we maintain insurance coverage that, subject to policy terms and conditions and a self-insured retention, is designed to address certain aspects of cyber risks, such insurance coverage may be insufficient to cover all losses or all types of claims that may arise in the continually evolving area of cyber risk, or may be no longer available on commercially reasonable terms.

***The use or anticipated use of AI technologies, including generative AI, by us or third parties, may increase the operational risks discussed above, or create new or unanticipated operational risks.***

AI technologies offer numerous potential benefits, such as creating or increasing operational efficiencies, and we expect the use of AI and generative AI by us, third parties on our behalf, and other market actors, including our competitors, to increase. However, the deployment of such technologies also poses certain risks, including that they may be misused, or the models or datasets on which the models are trained may be flawed or otherwise may function in an unexpected manner. The relative newness of the technology, the speed at which it is being adopted, and the relative lack of laws, regulations or standards expressly and specifically governing its use, combined with the growing interest by various legislators and regulators to address the development and deployment of AI technologies in a manner which may not be consistent across jurisdictions, increases these risks. Any such misuse could expose us to legal or regulatory risk, damage customer relationships or cause reputational harm. Our competitors may also adopt AI or generative AI more quickly or more effectively than we do, which could cause competitive harm.

***Our business could be interrupted or compromised if we experience difficulties arising from outsourcing relationships.***

We utilize third-party vendors to provide certain business support services and functions, which exposes us to risks outside our control that may lead to business interruption or compromise. For example, we outsource certain information technology and policy administration operations to third-party service providers (both domestic and international). If we fail to maintain an effective outsourcing strategy or if third-party providers do not perform as contracted, we may experience operational difficulties, increased costs and a loss of business that could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. In addition, enhanced regulatory and other standards for the oversight of vendors and other service

providers could result in higher costs and other potential exposures. In the event that one or more of our third-party service providers becomes unable to continue to provide services, we may suffer financial loss and other negative consequences.

***A decline in the current financial strength rating of our insurance subsidiaries could cause us to experience decreased sales, increased agent attrition and increased policyholder lapses and other policy withdrawals.***

An important competitive factor for our insurance subsidiaries is the financial strength ratings they receive from nationally recognized rating organizations. Agents, insurance brokers and marketing companies who market our products and prospective purchasers of our products use the financial strength ratings of our insurance subsidiaries as an important factor in determining whether to market or purchase. Ratings have the most impact on our annuity, interest-sensitive life insurance and long-term care products. The current financial strength ratings of our primary insurance subsidiaries from Fitch, S&P, Moody's and AM Best are "A", "A-", "A3" and "A", respectively. For a description of these ratings, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Consolidated Financial Condition and Results of Operations-Liquidity and Capital Resources-Financial Strength Ratings of our Insurance Subsidiaries".

If our ratings are downgraded, we may experience declining sales of certain of our insurance products, defections of our independent and exclusive sales force, and increased policies being redeemed or allowed to lapse. These events would adversely affect our financial results, which could then lead to additional ratings downgrades.

***Competition from companies that have greater market share, higher ratings, greater financial resources and stronger brand recognition, may impair our ability to retain existing customers and sales representatives, attract new customers and sales representatives and maintain or improve our financial results.***

The supplemental health insurance, annuity and individual life insurance markets are highly competitive. Competitors include other life and accident and health insurers, commercial banks, thrifts, mutual funds and broker-dealers.

Most of our major competitors have higher financial strength ratings than we do. Many of our competitors are larger companies that have greater capital and technological and marketing resources. Recent industry consolidation, including business combinations among insurance and other financial services companies, has resulted in larger competitors with even greater financial resources. In some of our product lines, such as life insurance and fixed annuities, we have a relatively small market share. Even in some of the lines in which we are one of the top writers, our market share is relatively small.

In addition, because the actual cost of products is unknown when they are sold, we are subject to competitors who may sell a product at a price that does not cover its actual cost. Accordingly, if we do not also lower our prices for similar products, we may lose market share to these competitors. If we lower our prices to maintain market share, our profitability would decline.

***If we are unable to attract and retain agents and marketing organizations, or otherwise attract and retain key personnel, sales of our products may be reduced and our operations may be adversely impacted.***

Our products are marketed and distributed primarily through a dedicated field force of exclusive agents and sales managers and through our wholly owned marketing organization and other independent marketing organizations. We must attract and retain agents, sales managers and independent marketing organizations to sell our products through those distribution channels. We compete with other insurance companies, financial services companies and other entities for agents and sales managers and for business through marketing organizations. If we are unable to attract and retain these agents, sales managers and marketing organizations, our ability to grow our business and generate revenues from new sales would suffer.

In addition, we depend on key personnel to ensure our day-to-day operations. If we are unable to attract or retain these employees, including those with specialized knowledge or skills, our business operations and ability to provide our services may suffer. High turnover or an inability to attract and retain qualified personnel could adversely affect our ability to maintain operations, which may in turn impact our financial condition.

***We may not be able to protect our intellectual property and may be subject to infringement claims.***

We rely on a combination of contractual rights and copyright, trademark and trade secret laws to establish and protect our intellectual property. Although we use a broad range of measures to protect our intellectual property rights,

third parties may infringe or misappropriate our intellectual property. We may have to litigate to enforce and protect our copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets and know-how or to determine their scope, validity or enforceability, which represents a diversion of resources that may be significant in amount and may not prove successful. The loss of intellectual property protection or the inability to secure or enforce the protection of our intellectual property assets could adversely impact our business and its ability to compete effectively.

We also may be subject to costly litigation in the event that another party alleges our operations or activities infringe upon that party's intellectual property rights. We may also be subject to claims by third parties for breach of copyright, trademark, trade secret or license usage rights. Any such claims and any resulting litigation could result in significant expense and liability for damages or we could be enjoined from providing certain products or services to our customers or utilizing and benefiting from certain methods, processes, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets or licenses, or alternatively, we could be required to enter into costly licensing arrangements with third parties, all of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

**ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS.**

None.

**ITEM 1C. CYBERSECURITY.**

*Risk Management and Strategy*

The Company's cybersecurity approach comprises a holistic strategy that includes comprehensive security policies and standards, a robust security awareness and education program, and the implementation of advanced and layered defenses, which is integrated into the Company's overall risk management processes. Our cybersecurity program is aligned with generally accepted principles and practices for securing information systems and data. The program is designed to comply with applicable laws and regulations and is based on many industry best practices. For instance, our cybersecurity program, policies and controls align to those of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Cybersecurity Framework.

We have established and continue to enhance our procedures for identifying cybersecurity risks and implementing defenses to mitigate these risks. We devote significant resources to maintaining and regularly updating our systems and processes to protect the security of our computer systems, software, networks and other technology assets against unauthorized parties attempting to access confidential information, destroy data, disrupt or degrade service, sabotage systems, or cause other damage. Our cyber incident response plan provides procedures and controls for timely and accurate reporting of any material cybersecurity incident, and each associate is educated, trained and tested on cybersecurity to help be our first line of defense.

We have a dedicated Cybersecurity Services team ("CST") devoted to information security which is led by the chief information security officer ("CISO"). In addition, our Security Operations Center provides near-real-time monitoring of network traffic going in and out of the enterprise to identify any abnormalities or indications of malicious behavior. We use managed security services providers to provide monitoring, threat hunting and response services through network and security log monitoring and a hosted security information and event management solution.

We conduct regular enterprise-wide internal and external cyber risk assessments. These efforts include audits, internal and external regulatory compliance assessments, and periodic self-assessments. Vulnerability assessments are performed frequently for systems, and internal and external penetration tests are performed annually. We periodically engage vendors to review and benchmark our cybersecurity processes. In addition, members of the CST perform regular security control assurance testing.

Our internal audit department also reviews our cybersecurity program, processes, policies and controls at least annually. The program also is regularly reviewed in annual external audits and regulatory assessments. Lessons learned from those efforts are used to drive improvements to continually strengthen the cybersecurity program, including controls for data security.

The CST works closely with the sourcing and vendor management team when contracting for third-party information technology services. Our information technology architecture review board, which includes cybersecurity leadership, reviews all potential vendors. We have comprehensive cybersecurity assessment processes and procedures in place, including security risk questionnaires, standard documentation requests, and utilization of a third-party risk evaluation tool to provide insight on potential third-party vendors. We utilize private connections, including a virtual private network, and extensive use of virtual desktops to secure access to our data and systems. Our legal team ensures that specific protections are included in contracts, including confidentiality language, nondisclosure obligations and security provisions.

Critical vendors are monitored by our sourcing and vendor management team. Resources contracted through a third-party that will have access to corporate systems must complete CNO's associate training or their company's security awareness training that has been approved by CNO. We also perform periodic risk assessments throughout the term of the engagements, including those third parties located outside the United States that have access to our Company and customer information.

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As of December 31, 2025, no cybersecurity threat, including from a cybersecurity incident, has materially affected our business strategy, results of operations, or financial condition.

### *Governance*

We recognize that security is an enterprise concern and requires stakeholders from across the enterprise to understand and manage this risk. Our security management structure reflects a centralized security program that coordinates security functions across the enterprise. The CISO, who oversees the CST, reports directly to our chief information officer and is responsible for the overall strategy and function of the cybersecurity program. We also have a cybersecurity steering committee that takes an active role in setting strategic direction for cybersecurity initiatives and provides oversight and guidance for overall information security risk management. The CISO provides regular reports on our cybersecurity program and potential risks to the Audit and Enterprise Risk Committee ("AERC") of the Board of Directors. The AERC regularly briefs the full Board on these matters. One AERC member holds the CERT Certification in Cybersecurity Oversight from Carnegie Mellon University, and a second has significant work experience related to technology.

Our CISO is well-qualified in the area of cybersecurity and data protection. These qualifications include: (i) 24 years of experience in cybersecurity, security risk management and IT auditing; (ii) the designation of Certified Information Systems Security Professional ("CISSP"); and (iii) a Bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems. Our CISO also previously held the Certified Information Systems Auditor ("CISA") and Certified in Risk and Information Systems Controls ("CRISC") certifications.

Failure to maintain a reasonable and effective cybersecurity program, or any compromise of the security, confidentiality, integrity, or availability of our information systems and the sensitive, proprietary, and confidential data on such systems could lead to additional costs and liabilities, as well as damage our reputation or deter people from purchasing our products. There can be no assurance that a future breach will not occur or, if any does occur, that it can be promptly detected and sufficiently remediated without materially impacting our business or our operations. While we maintain insurance coverage that, subject to policy terms and conditions, is designed to address certain aspects of cyber risks, such insurance coverage may be insufficient to cover all losses or all types of claims that may arise in the event of a material cyber risk incident. For a discussion regarding risks associated with cybersecurity threats, see Risk Factors – General Business Risk – "Interruption in telecommunication, information technology and other operational systems, or a failure to maintain the security, confidentiality or privacy of sensitive data residing on such systems, could harm our business," and "The use or anticipated use of AI technologies, including generative AI, by us or third parties, may increase the operational risks discussed above, or create new or unanticipated operational risks."

### **ITEM 2. PROPERTIES.**

Our headquarters and certain administrative operations of our subsidiaries and Worksite Division are in a 125,000 square foot leased building with terms through June 2034 located in Carmel, Indiana, immediately north of Indianapolis. In April 2024, we moved all but our mail operations to this new location from our owned Campus. In December 2023, the entire 77-acre campus with six buildings (approximately 630,000 square feet) was listed for sale in preparation for our move. In November 2025, we sold one of the six buildings (approximately 103,000 square feet). Our outsourced mail operations will remain in one of the owned buildings (approximately 100,000 square feet) until the end of its current contract or alternative requirements are determined with a buyer.

Our Consumer Division is primarily administered from downtown Chicago, Illinois. We currently lease approximately 33,000 square feet with terms through August 2033. We also lease approximately 230 branch offices in various states totaling approximately 795,000 square feet. These are generally short-term in length, with remaining lease terms expiring between 2026 and 2032.

As a result of our success with hybrid work arrangements and evolving business needs, our direct-to-consumer products are primarily administered via remote and hybrid work arrangements. In June 2024, we sold our Philadelphia, Pennsylvania office building, but for administrative purposes continue to license a 1,300 square foot office with terms through December 2028.

Optavise, LLC has three office locations: Orlando, Florida; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Birmingham, Alabama. In November 2025, we announced our intention to exit the fee services side of the Worksite business, which will impact the

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office locations. Our Birmingham location (7,400 square feet) will close at the end of the lease in July 2026. We have exercised our early termination option at our Milwaukee location (7,100 square feet), which moves the lease end to July 2027 from February 2030. Decisions regarding our Orlando location (22,000 square feet with terms through December 2028) are ongoing.

CNO Bermuda Re leases a 1,400 square foot on-island office with terms through June 2027.

**ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.**

Information required for Item 3. is incorporated by reference to the discussion under the heading "Legal Proceedings" in the note to the consolidated financial statements entitled "Commitments and Contingencies" included in Item 8. of this Form 10-K.

**ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES.**

Not applicable.

**Executive Officers of the Registrant**

<u>Officer Name and Age (a)</u>	<u>With CNO Since</u>	<u>Positions with CNO Principal Occupation and Business Experience (b)</u>
Gary C. Bhojwani, 58	2016	Since January 2018, chief executive officer of CNO. From April 2016 to December 2017, president of CNO. From April 2015 until joining CNO, chief executive officer of GCB, LLC, an insurance and financial services consulting company that he founded. Mr. Bhojwani was a member of the board of management of Allianz SE and Chairman of Allianz of America, Allianz Life Insurance Company, and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company from 2012 to 2015. From 2007 to 2012, he served as chief executive officer of Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America and was president of Commercial Business, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company from 2004 to 2007.
Karen J. DeToro, 54	2019	Since January 2024, president, Worksite Division. From September 2019 to December 2023, chief actuary and from June 2020 to June 2022, chief risk officer. From 2013 to 2019, Ms. DeToro held executive leadership positions at New York Life. From 2011 to 2013, principal at Deloitte Consulting.
Yvonne K. Franzese, 67	2017	Since November 2017, chief human resources officer of CNO. From 2016 until joining CNO, chief human capital officer of TCF Bank. From 2007 to 2016, Ms. Franzese held various human resources positions at Allianz, including the chief human resources role for Allianz of North America.
Scott L. Goldberg, 55	2004	Since January 2020, president, Consumer Division. From September 2013 to January 2020, president of Bankers Life. Mr. Goldberg has held various other positions since joining CNO in 2004.
Eric R. Johnson, 65	1997	Since September 2003, chief investment officer of CNO and president and chief executive officer of 40 86 Advisors, CNO's wholly-owned registered investment advisor. Since January 2018, executive in charge of corporate development activities. Mr. Johnson has held various investment management positions since joining CNO in 1997.
Joel T. Koehneman, 41	2025	Since January 2025, chief accounting officer of CNO. Prior to joining CNO, Mr. Koehneman served as Finance Director at CDW Corporation in 2024. From 2008 to 2023, he held various positions within the audit practice at PricewaterhouseCoopers, primarily focused on life insurance clients.
Jeanne L. Linnenbringer, 63	2015	Since January 2023, chief operations officer of CNO. From August 2017 to December 2022, senior vice president of operations. From June 2015 to August 2017, various leadership positions including senior vice president of consumer operations and vice president of customer service. Prior to joining CNO, Ms. Linnenbringer held various positions at Genworth Financial from 2000 to 2015.
Paul H. McDonough, 61	2019	Since March 2019, chief financial officer of CNO. From 2005 to 2017, executive vice president and chief financial officer of OneBeacon Insurance Group.
Michael E. Mead, 59	2018	Since January 2023, chief information officer of CNO. From November 2018 to December 2022, senior vice president and chief information officer. Prior to joining CNO, Mr. Mead held various positions at AIG Technologies from 1996 to 2018, including senior vice president and transformation executive.
Rocco F. Tarasi, 54	2017	Since March 2019, chief marketing officer of CNO. From 2017 to March 2019, vice president of finance and operations for Bankers Life. Prior to joining CNO, he held various positions from October 2011 to September 2016, including interim chief financial officer beginning in August 2015 and chief financial officer beginning in January 2016, with ITT Financial Services, Inc., which filed for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy in September 2016.
Jeremy D. Williams, 49	2003	Since January 2024, chief actuary of CNO. Mr. Williams has served in various actuarial capacities since joining CNO in 2003, including most recently as senior vice president of valuation.
Matthew J. Zimpfer, 58	1998	Since June 2008, general counsel of CNO. Mr. Zimpfer has held various legal positions since joining CNO in 1998.

(a) The executive officers serve as such at the discretion of the Board of Directors and are elected annually.

(b) Business experience is given for at least the last five years.

**PART II**

**ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES.**

**MARKET INFORMATION AND DIVIDENDS**

The Company's common stock is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CNO".

As of February 17, 2025, there were approximately 86,709 holders of the outstanding shares of common stock, including individual participants in securities position listings.

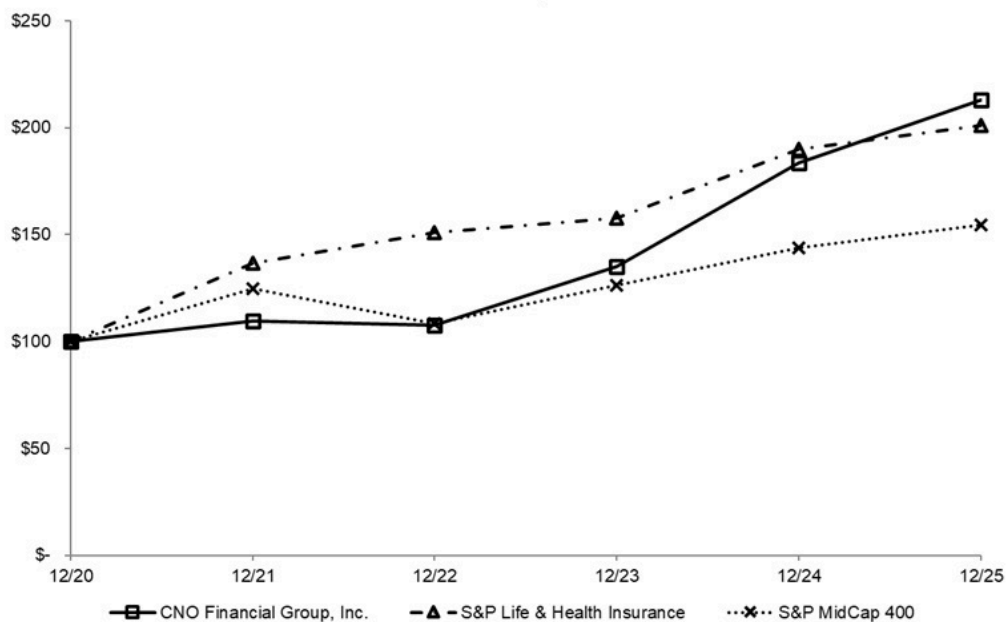
We commenced the payment of a dividend on our common stock in the second quarter of 2012. The dividend on our common stock is declared each quarter by our Board of Directors. In determining dividends, our Board of Directors reviews our surplus and takes into consideration our financial condition, including current and expected earnings and projected cash flows.

**PERFORMANCE GRAPH**

The performance graph below compares CNO's cumulative total shareholder return on its common stock for the period from December 31, 2020 through December 31, 2025 with the cumulative total return of the Standard & Poor's Life and Health Insurance Index (the "S&P Life and Health Insurance Index") and the Standard & Poor's MidCap 400 Index (the "S&P MidCap 400 Index"). The comparison for each of the periods assumes that \$100 was invested on December 31, 2020 in each of CNO common stock, the stocks included in the S&P Life and Health Insurance Index and the stocks included in the S&P MidCap 400 Index and that all dividends were reinvested. The stock performance shown in this graph represents past performance and should not be considered an indication of future performance of CNO's common stock.

### COMPARISON OF 5 YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN\*

Among CNO Financial Group, Inc., the S&P Life & Health Insurance Index,  
and the S&P MidCap 400 Index



\*\$100 invested on December 31, 2020 in stock or index, including reinvestment of dividends.

	<u>12/20</u>	<u>12/21</u>	<u>12/22</u>	<u>12/23</u>	<u>12/24</u>	<u>12/25</u>
CNO Financial Group, Inc.	\$ 100.00	\$ 109.51	\$ 107.76	\$ 134.83	\$ 183.57	\$ 213.13
S&P Life & Health Insurance Index	100.00	136.68	150.82	157.83	189.87	201.00
S&P MidCap 400 Index	100.00	124.76	108.47	126.29	143.89	154.68

**ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

Period (in 2025)	Total number of shares (or units)	Average price paid per share (or unit)	Total number of shares (or units) purchased as part of publicly announced plans or programs	Maximum number (or approximate dollar value) of shares (or units) that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs(a)  (dollars in millions)
October 1 through October 31	544,848	\$ 39.65	543,635	\$ 458.8
November 1 through November 30	436,509	40.81	436,457	441.0
December 1 through December 31	493,726	41.94	491,662	420.4
Total	<u>1,475,083</u>	40.76	<u>1,471,754</u>	420.4

(a) In May 2011, the Company announced a securities repurchase program. Since that date, the Company's Board of Directors has authorized additional repurchases from time to time, most recently in February 2025 when it authorized the repurchase of an additional \$500.0 million of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock.

**EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION**

The following table summarizes information, as of December 31, 2025, relating to our common stock that may be issued under the CNO Financial Group, Inc. Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan.

	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options and rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in first column)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	1,359,190	\$ 19.79	4,287,550
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	—	—	—
Total	<u>1,359,190</u>	<u>\$ 19.79</u>	<u>4,287,550</u>

**ITEM 6. SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA.**

Reserved.

## ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

In this section, we review the consolidated financial condition of CNO and its consolidated results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 and, where appropriate, factors that may affect future financial performance. Please read this discussion in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes included in this Form 10-K.

### OVERVIEW

We are a holding company for a group of insurance companies that develop, market and administer health insurance, annuity, individual life insurance and other insurance and financial services products. We focus on serving middle-income pre-retiree and retired Americans, which we believe are attractive, underserved, high growth markets. We sell our products through exclusive agents, independent producers (some of whom sell one or more of our product lines exclusively) and direct marketing.

We view our operations as three insurance product lines (annuity, health and life) and the investment and fee income segments. Our segments are aligned based on their common characteristics, comparability of profit margins and the way the CODM makes operating decisions and assesses the performance of the business.

Our insurance product line segments (annuity, health and life) include marketing, underwriting and administration of the policies our insurance subsidiaries sell. The business written in each of the three product categories through all of our insurance subsidiaries is aggregated allowing management and investors to assess the performance of each product category. When analyzing profitability of these segments, we use insurance product margin as the measure of profitability, which is: (i) insurance policy income; and (ii) net investment income allocated to the insurance product lines; less (i) insurance policy benefits; (ii) interest credited to policyholders; (iii) amortization of deferred acquisition costs and present value of future profits, (iv) non-deferred commissions; and (v) advertising expense. Net investment income is allocated to the product lines using the book yield of investments backing the block of business, which is applied to net insurance liabilities for the block in each period. Net insurance liabilities for the purpose of allocating investment income to product lines are equal to: (i) policyholder account values for interest sensitive products; (ii) total reserves before the fair value adjustments reflected in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), if applicable, for all other products; less (iii) amounts related to reinsured business; (iv) deferred acquisition costs; (v) the present value of future profits; and (vi) the value of unexpired options credited to insurance liabilities.

Income from insurance products is the sum of the insurance product margins of the annuity, health and life product lines, less expenses allocated to the insurance product lines. It excludes the income from our fee income business, investment income not allocated to product lines, net expenses not allocated to product lines (primarily holding company expenses) and income taxes. Management believes insurance product margin and income from insurance products provides an additional understanding of the business and a more meaningful analysis of the results of our insurance product lines.

We market our products through the Consumer and Worksite Divisions that reflect the customers served by the Company. The Consumer and Worksite Divisions are primarily focused on marketing insurance products, several types of which are sold in both divisions and underwritten in the same manner.

The Consumer Division serves individual consumers, engaging with them on the phone, virtually, online, face-to-face with agents, or through a combination of sales channels. This structure unifies consumer capabilities into a single division and integrates the strength of our agent sales forces with one of the largest direct-to-consumer insurance businesses with proven experience in advertising, web/digital and call center support.

The Worksite Division focuses on the sale of voluntary insurance benefits, including supplemental health and life insurance products in the workplace for businesses, associations, and other membership groups, interacting with customers at their place of employment and virtually.

The investment segment involves the management of our capital resources, including investments and the management of corporate debt and liquidity. Our measure of profitability of this segment is the total net investment income not allocated to the insurance products. Investment income not allocated to product lines represents net investment

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income less: (i) equity returns credited to policyholder account balances; (ii) the investment income allocated to our product lines; (iii) interest expense on notes payable, investment borrowings and financing arrangements; (iv) expenses related to the funding agreement-backed note ("FABN") program; and (v) certain expenses related to benefit plans that are offset by special-purpose investment income; plus (vi) the impact of annual option forfeitures related to fixed indexed annuity surrenders. Investment income not allocated to product lines includes investment income on investments in excess of amounts allocated to product lines, investments held by our holding companies, the spread we earn from our FHLB investment borrowing and FABN programs and variable components of investment income (including call and prepayment income, adjustments to returns on structured securities due to cash flow changes, income (loss) from Company-owned life insurance ("COLI") and alternative investment income not allocated to product lines), net of interest expense on corporate debt and financing arrangements. The spread earned from our FHLB investment borrowing and FABN programs includes the investment income on the matched assets less: (i) interest on investment borrowings related to the FHLB investment borrowing program; (ii) interest credited on funding agreements; and (iii) amortization of deferred acquisition costs related to the FABN program.

Our fee income segment includes the earnings generated from sales of third-party insurance products (primarily Medicare Advantage), services provided to employers through our Worksite division and the operations of our broker-dealer and registered investment advisor. In November 2025, we announced our intention to exit the fee services business within our Worksite Division to sharpen our focus on the core insurance business. As a result, beginning in fourth quarter of 2025, the net results of this business are no longer presented within the fee income segment, but are presented within net loss related to divested business within non-operating income. The resulting fee income metric is the fee income segment's measure of profitability.

Expenses not allocated to product lines primarily include the expenses of our corporate operations, excluding interest expense on debt.

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The following summarizes our earnings for each of the three years ended December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions, except per share data):

	2025	2024	2023
Insurance product margin			
Annuity margin	\$ 238.6	\$ 274.2	\$ 235.0
Health margin	556.6	516.8	494.3
Life margin	272.4	249.0	229.7
Total insurance product margin	1,067.6	1,040.0	959.0
Allocated expenses	(611.3)	(615.3)	(599.0)
Income from insurance products	456.3	424.7	360.0
Fee income	15.2	30.0	31.0
Investment income not allocated to product lines	169.4	167.9	120.2
Expenses not allocated to product lines	(87.7)	(71.8)	(51.7)
Operating earnings before taxes	553.2	550.8	459.5
Income tax expense on operating income	(114.0)	(121.5)	(103.4)
Net operating income (a)	439.2	429.3	356.1
Net realized investment losses from disposals, impairments and change in allowance for credit losses	(69.0)	(72.7)	(62.7)
Net change in market value of investments recognized in earnings	14.3	22.8	(6.3)
Fair value changes related to agent deferred compensation plan	(1.7)	6.6	(3.5)
Changes in fair value of embedded derivative liabilities and market risk benefits	(64.0)	46.3	(29.9)
Expenses related to TechMod initiative	(20.3)	—	—
Goodwill and other asset impairment	(101.9)	—	—
Net loss related to divested business	(17.3)	—	—
Other	0.1	(13.9)	(0.3)
Net non-operating loss before taxes	(259.8)	(10.9)	(102.7)
Income tax benefit on non-operating loss	(49.9)	(2.4)	(23.1)
Net non-operating loss	(209.9)	(8.5)	(79.6)
Net income	<u>\$ 229.3</u>	<u>\$ 420.8</u>	<u>\$ 276.5</u>
Per diluted share:			
Net operating income	\$ 4.40	\$ 3.97	\$ 3.09
Net non-operating loss	(2.10)	(0.08)	(0.69)
Net income	<u>\$ 2.30</u>	<u>\$ 3.89</u>	<u>\$ 2.40</u>

(a) Management believes that an analysis of net income applicable to common stock before: (i) net realized investment gains or losses from disposals, impairments and the change in allowance for credit losses, net of taxes; (ii) net change in market value of investments recognized in earnings, net of taxes; (iii) changes in fair value of embedded derivative liabilities and market risk benefits ("MRBs") related to our fixed indexed annuities, net of taxes; (iv) fair value changes related to the agent deferred compensation plan, net of taxes; (v) gains or losses related to material reinsurance transactions, net of taxes; (vi) loss on extinguishment of debt, net of taxes; (vii) changes in the valuation allowance for deferred tax assets and other tax items; (viii) costs related to our three-year project to modernize certain elements of our technology ("TechMod") that are incremental to normal spend and will not recur following implementation, net of taxes; (ix) goodwill and other asset impairment expenses, net of taxes; (x) gains or losses related to divested business, net of taxes; and (xi) other non-operating items including earnings attributable to variable interest entities, net of taxes ("net operating income," a non-GAAP financial measure) is important to evaluate the financial performance of the company, and is a key measure commonly used in the life insurance industry. The income tax expense or benefit allocated to the items included in net non-operating income (loss) represents the current and deferred income tax expense or benefit allocated to the items included in non-operating earnings. Management believes this information provides a better understanding of the

business and a more meaningful analysis of results of our insurance product lines. The table above reconciles the non-GAAP measure to the corresponding GAAP measure.

In addition, management uses these non-GAAP financial measures in its budgeting process, financial analysis of segment performance and in assessing the allocation of resources. We believe these non-GAAP financial measures enhance an investor's understanding of our financial performance and allows them to make more informed judgments about the Company as a whole. These measures also highlight operating trends that might not otherwise be apparent. However, net operating income is not a measurement of financial performance under GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to cash flow from operating activities, as measures of liquidity, or as an alternative to net income as measures of our operating performance or any other measures of performance derived in accordance with GAAP. In addition, net operating income should not be construed as an inference that our future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-recurring items. Net operating income has limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider such measure either in isolation or as a substitute for analyzing our results as reported under GAAP. Our definition and calculation of net operating income are not necessarily comparable to other similarly titled measures used by other companies due to different methods of calculation.

## **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of various assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements as well as revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Management has made estimates in the past that we believed to be appropriate but were subsequently revised as actual experience developed differently than expected. If our future experience differs materially from these estimates and assumptions, our results of operations and financial condition could be materially affected.

We base our estimates on historical experience and other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances. We continually evaluate the information used to make these estimates as our business and the economic environment change. The use of estimates is pervasive throughout our financial statements. The accounting policies and estimates we consider most critical are summarized below. Additional information on our accounting policies is included in the note to our consolidated financial statements entitled "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies".

### ***Investment Valuation***

Fair value is 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 and, therefore, represents an exit price, not an entry price. We carry certain assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis, including fixed maturities, equity securities, trading securities, investments held by VIEs, derivatives, separate account assets and embedded derivatives related to fixed indexed annuity products. We carry our COLI, which is invested in a series of mutual funds, at its cash surrender value which approximates fair value. In addition, we disclose fair value for certain financial instruments, including mortgage loans, policy loans, cash and cash equivalents, insurance liabilities for interest-sensitive products and funding agreements, investment borrowings, notes payable and borrowings related to VIEs.

The degree of judgment utilized in measuring the fair value of financial instruments is largely dependent on the level to which pricing is based on observable inputs. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect our view of market assumptions in the absence of observable market information. Financial instruments with readily available active quoted prices would be considered to have fair values based on the highest level of observable inputs, and little judgment would be utilized in measuring fair value. Financial instruments that rarely trade would often have fair value based on a lower level of observable inputs, and more judgment would be utilized in measuring fair value. We categorize our financial instruments carried at fair value into a three-level hierarchy based on the observability of inputs. The three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements is described in the note to the consolidated financial statements entitled "Fair Value Measurements."

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The following summarizes investments on our consolidated balance sheet carried at fair value by pricing source and fair value hierarchy level as of December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions):

	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Total fair value
Priced by third-party pricing services	\$ 176.5	\$ 23,737.9	\$ —	\$ 23,914.4
Priced by independent broker quotations	—	351.1	164.4	515.5
Priced by matrices	—	—	—	—
Priced by other methods <sup>(a)</sup>	—	654.3	85.3	739.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 176.5</b>	<b>\$ 24,743.3</b>	<b>\$ 249.7</b>	<b>\$ 25,169.5</b>
Percent of total	0.7 %	98.3 %	1.0 %	100.0 %

(a) Primarily represents instruments that are modeled using market observable inputs, securities valued based on recent trades, or reports provided by third party asset managers.

When an available for sale fixed maturity security's fair value is below the amortized cost, the security is considered impaired. If a portion of the decline is due to credit-related factors, we separate the credit loss component of the impairment from the amount related to all other factors. The credit loss component is recorded as an allowance and reported in net investment gains (losses) (limited to the difference between estimated fair value and amortized cost). The impairment related to all other factors (non-credit factors) is reported in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) along with unrealized gains (losses) related to fixed maturity investments, available for sale, net of tax and related adjustments. The allowance is adjusted for any additional credit losses and subsequent recoveries. When recognizing an allowance associated with a credit loss, the cost basis is not adjusted. When we determine a security is uncollectible, the remaining amortized cost will be written off.

In determining the credit loss component, we discount the estimated cash flows on a security by security basis. We consider the impact of macroeconomic conditions on inputs used to measure the amount of credit loss. For most structured securities, cash flow estimates are based on bond-specific facts and circumstances that may include collateral characteristics, expectations of delinquency and default rates, loss severity, prepayment speeds and structural support, including over-collateralization, excess spread, subordination and guarantees. For corporate bonds, cash flow estimates are derived by considering asset type, rating, time to maturity, and applying an expected loss rate.

If we intend to sell an impaired fixed maturity security, available for sale, or identify an impaired fixed maturity security, available for sale, for which it is more likely than not we will be required to sell before anticipated recovery, the difference between the fair value and the amortized cost is included in net investment gains (losses) and the fair value becomes the new amortized cost. The new cost basis is not adjusted for any subsequent recoveries in fair value.

Future events may occur, or additional information may become available, which may necessitate future realized losses in our portfolio. Significant losses could have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial statements in future periods.

For more information on our investment portfolio and our critical accounting estimates related to investments, see the note to our consolidated financial statements entitled "Investments".

### ***Present Value of Future Profits and Deferred Acquisition Costs***

Amortization of the present value of future profits and deferred acquisition costs is calculated using the same contract groupings (or cohorts), partial withdrawal rate, mortality, surrender and lapse assumptions that are used in calculating the liability for future policy benefits, and these assumptions are reviewed and updated at least annually.

Present value of future profits and deferred acquisition costs are sensitive to unexpected terminations, due to higher mortality, surrender and lapse experience than expected. Such changes are recognized in the current period as a reduction of the capitalized balances. The effect of changes in assumptions related to future mortality and lapses are recognized prospectively over the remaining contract term. The carrying values of deferred acquisition costs are not subject to recovery testing.

### ***Income Taxes***

Our income tax expense includes deferred income taxes arising from temporary differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities and NOLs. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply in the years in which temporary differences are expected to be recovered or paid. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in earnings in the period when the changes are enacted.

A reduction of the net carrying amount of deferred tax assets by establishing a valuation allowance is required if, based on the available evidence, it is more likely than not that such assets will not be realized. In assessing the need for a valuation allowance, all available evidence, both positive and negative, shall be considered to determine whether, based on the weight of that evidence, a valuation allowance for deferred tax assets is needed. This assessment requires significant judgment and considers, among other matters, the nature, frequency and severity of current and cumulative losses, forecasts of future profitability, the duration of carryforward periods, and tax planning strategies.

We evaluate the need to establish a valuation allowance for our deferred income tax assets on an ongoing basis using a deferred tax valuation model. Our model is adjusted to reflect changes in our projections of future taxable income including changes resulting from the Tax Cuts and Job Act, investment strategies, the impact of the sale or reinsurance of business, the recapture of business previously ceded and tax planning strategies. Our estimates of future taxable income are based on evidence we consider to be objectively verifiable. At December 31, 2025, our projection of future taxable income for purposes of determining the valuation allowance is based on our estimates of such future taxable income through the date our NOLs expire. Such estimates are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties and the extent to which actual impacts differ from the assumptions used in our deferred tax valuation model. Based on our assessment, we have concluded that it is more likely than not that our net deferred tax assets of \$711.7 million will be realized through future taxable earnings.

Recovery of our deferred tax asset is dependent on achieving the level of future taxable income projected in our deferred tax valuation model and failure to do so could result in the recognition of a valuation allowance in a future period. The recognition of a valuation allowance would increase income tax expense and reduce shareholders' equity, and such an increase could have a significant impact upon our earnings in the future.

We had \$976.4 million of federal NOLs as of December 31, 2025, as summarized below (dollars in millions):

Year of expiration	Net operating loss carryforwards
2032 through 2035	\$ 16.5
No expiration date	959.9
Total federal NOLs	<u>\$ 976.4</u>

Our non-life NOLs with no expiration date of \$832.4 million can be used to offset 35 percent of life insurance company taxable income and 80 percent of non-life company taxable income. Our non-life NOLs with expiration dates can be used to offset 35 percent of life insurance company taxable income and 100 percent of non-life company taxable income until all non-life NOLs are utilized or expire. Our life NOLs with no expiration date of \$127.5 million can be used to offset 80% of life company taxable income, subject to certain limitations in the Code. In March 2025, the Company executed a consent agreement with the IRS that provided formal approval for the tax method change for allocating indirect costs (pursuant to the Code) to self-constructed real estate assets. As a result, the Company recharacterized the remaining \$797.6 million of capitalized indirect costs under the prior accounting method to a NOL with no expiration date.

### ***Liabilities for Insurance Products***

At December 31, 2025, the total balance of our liabilities for insurance products was \$31.1 billion. These liabilities are generally payable over an extended period of time and the profitability of the related products is dependent on the pricing of the products and other factors. Liabilities for insurance products are calculated using management's best judgments, based on our past experience and standard actuarial tables, of mortality, morbidity, lapse rates, investment experience and expense levels. Differences between our expectations when we sold these products and our actual experience could positively or negatively impact future earnings.

Our liabilities for future policy benefits are measured using the net premium ratio approach as described in the note to the consolidated financial statements entitled "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies".

The liability for future policy benefits is determined based on numerous assumptions. The most significant assumptions for our life and annuity business are mortality and lapse/withdrawal rates which are based on our experience and, in cases of limited experience, industry experience. Mortality and lapse/withdrawal rates also take into consideration future expectations in policyholder behavior that may vary from past experience. For our health business, mortality rates, lapse rates, morbidity assumptions and future rate increases are based on our experience and, in cases of limited experience, industry experience. Such assumptions also consider future expectations in policyholder behavior that may vary from past experience. In addition, the liability for future policy benefits is measured using estimated discount rates. The assumptions and estimates that we use often depend on judgment regarding the likelihood of future events and are inherently uncertain. The liability for unpaid policy claims on health contracts is classified as future policy benefits on the consolidated balance sheet. The liability for unpaid policy claims on life insurance contracts is classified as the liability for life insurance policy claims on the consolidated balance sheet.

Cash flow assumptions related to our insurance contracts are established when a policy is issued and are evaluated each quarter to determine if assumption updates are required. A more detailed review of assumptions is performed annually. Changes to our cash flow assumptions are recognized in the liability for future policy benefits remeasurement (gain) loss in the consolidated statement of operations. Actual experience is reflected in the calculation of future policy benefits each quarter, and changes in the liability due to actual experience are also recognized in the liability for future policy benefits remeasurement (gain) loss in the consolidated statement of operations.

Discount rates used to calculate net premiums are locked in at policy inception and provide the basis to recognize interest expense in the consolidated statement of operations. Discount rates used to measure the carrying value of the liability for future policy benefits in the consolidated balance sheet are updated each reporting period, and differences between the liability balances calculated using the locked-in rate and the updated discount rates are recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). For additional discussion on the determination of discount rates, see the note to the consolidated financial statements entitled "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies".

The table presented below summarizes our estimates of the immediate impacts to pre-tax income resulting from hypothetical revisions to certain assumptions and is for illustrative purposes only as such hypothetical revisions are not currently required or anticipated. We have assumed that revisions to assumptions resulting in the adjustments summarized below would occur equally among policy types, ages and durations within each product classification. Any actual adjustment would be dependent on the specific policies affected and, therefore, may differ from the estimates summarized below. In addition, the impact of actual adjustments would reflect the net effect of all changes in assumptions during the period. The impacts also assume no management actions. For example, higher morbidity could result in higher expected rate increases, which would create some level of offset to the morbidity impacts.

Change in assumptions	Estimated adjustment to income before income taxes based on revisions to certain assumptions (dollars in millions)
<b>Annuities</b>	
Fixed indexed and fixed interest annuity products:	
5% increase to assumed mortality	\$ 1
5% decrease to assumed mortality	(1)
10% increase to assumed lapse rate	(6)
10% decrease to assumed lapse rate	7
50 basis point increase in interest rates (a)	73
50 basis point decrease in interest rates (a)	(80)
Other annuities:	
5% increase to assumed mortality	4
5% decrease to assumed mortality	(5)
<b>Health</b>	
Medicare supplement:	
5% increase to assumed mortality	2
5% decrease to assumed mortality	(2)
10% increase to assumed lapse rate	3
10% decrease to assumed lapse rate	(3)
10% increase to assumed morbidity	(68)
10% decrease to assumed morbidity	68
Supplemental health:	
5% increase to assumed mortality	12
5% decrease to assumed mortality	(12)
10% increase to assumed lapse rate	30
10% decrease to assumed lapse rate	(30)
10% increase to assumed morbidity	(30)
10% decrease to assumed morbidity	31
Long-term care:	
5% increase to assumed mortality	37
5% decrease to assumed mortality	(41)
10% increase to assumed lapse rate	22
10% decrease to assumed lapse rate	(23)
10% increase to assumed morbidity	(88)
10% decrease to assumed morbidity	82
<b>Life</b>	
Traditional life:	
5% increase to assumed mortality	(49)
5% decrease to assumed mortality	50
10% increase to assumed lapse rate	7
10% decrease to assumed lapse rate	(7)
Interest-sensitive life products:	
5% increase to assumed mortality	(5)
5% decrease to assumed mortality	5
10% increase to assumed lapse rate	1
10% decrease to assumed lapse rate	(1)

(a) The estimated impact of the hypothetical 50 basis point increase or decrease in interest rates related to our fixed indexed and fixed interest annuity products would be reflected in our pre-tax non-operating earnings.

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The following summarizes the persistency of our major blocks of insurance business summarized by line of business:

	Years ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
<b>Annuity:</b>			
Fixed indexed annuities (1)	89.1 %	88.1 %	89.7 %
Fixed interest annuities (1)	84.6	82.9	83.4
Other annuities (2)	96.9	90.6	97.2
<b>Health:</b>			
Medicare supplement (3)	85.8	84.1	84.3
Supplemental health (3)	86.6	88.0	88.5
Long-term care (3)	91.1	91.1	90.5
<b>Life:</b>			
Traditional life (3)	82.8	84.1	83.9
Interest-sensitive life (3)	87.4	88.7	89.1

(1) Based on the total amount of death benefits, surrender values and partial withdrawals divided by the average account value.

(2) Based on total reserves released at death divided by average account value.

(3) Based on number of inforce policies.

### ***Market Risk Benefits***

MRBs are contracts or contract features that both provide protection to the contract holder from other-than-nominal capital market risk and expose the Company to other-than-nominal capital market risk. Many of our fixed indexed annuity products include a GLWB that is considered a MRB. MRBs are measured at fair value using an option-based valuation model based on amount of exposure, market data, company experience and other factors. Changes in fair value are recognized in earnings each period with the exception of the portion of the change in fair value due to a change in the instrument-specific credit risk, which is recognized in other comprehensive income (loss). MRBs in an asset position are presented separately from those in a liability position as there is no legal right of offset between contracts.

The cost of MRBs may rise in volatile or declining equity markets or in a low interest rate environment. Market conditions including, but not limited to, changes in interest rates, equity indices, market volatility, variations in actuarial assumptions regarding policyholder behavior, mortality and risk margins related to non-capital market inputs, may result in significant fluctuations in the estimated fair value of the guarantees that could affect net income and changes in our nonperformance risk could materially affect other comprehensive income (loss).

### ***Goodwill and Intangible Assets***

In February 2021, we acquired DirectPath, LLC ("DirectPath", now known as Optavise, LLC subsequent to its name change in April 2022). In April 2019, we acquired Web Benefits Design Corporation ("WBD"), which was subsequently merged into Optavise, LLC during 2023. Optavise, LLC provides personalized benefits education, advocacy and transparency, and communications services that help employers reduce healthcare costs and assist employees with making informed benefits decisions. Optavise, LLC goodwill and other intangible assets arising from the acquisitions were reflected in our Fee income segment.

Intangible assets with definite lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives and are reviewed for impairment if indicators of impairment arise. When such indicators are present, intangible assets are first tested for recoverability in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 360, *Property, Plant, and Equipment*. If the assets are not recoverable, an impairment loss is recorded, measured as the difference between the assets' fair value and their carrying value. Goodwill is tested annually for impairment and whenever indicators of impairment arise in accordance with ASC 350, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other*. The Company first performs a qualitative assessment to determine whether it is more likely than not a goodwill impairment exists, and if an indication of potential impairment results from the qualitative

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assessment, a quantitative assessment is performed. The Company prepares a quantitative assessment to determine the fair value of the reporting unit by using a combination of the present value of expected future cash flows and a market approach based on revenue-multiple data from peer companies and relevant observable market transactions, if available. If an impairment is identified, an impairment is recorded by the amount that the carrying value exceeds the fair value of the reporting unit up to the carrying amount of goodwill.

Macroeconomic, industry and market conditions, both current and future expected financial performance, and relevant entity-specific events that occurred during the three months ended September 30, 2025 caused us to consider whether there were any interim indicators of impairment related to the Optavise, LLC business within our fee income segment. Optavise, LLC provides personalized benefits education, advocacy and transparency, and communications services that help employers reduce healthcare costs and assist employees with making informed benefit decisions. As a result of this evaluation, we identified that the valuation of Optavise, LLC would more likely than not be impacted by the recent decline in value of comparable publicly traded companies. This, combined with lower than anticipated revenue in the quarter and trends for future periods led us to conclude that there were indicators of impairment and we accordingly prepared a quantitative assessment. The Company determined the fair value of the reporting unit by using a combination of the present value of expected future cash flows and a market approach based on earnings multiple data from peer companies, using unobservable level 3 inputs.

As a result of the quantitative assessment performed, the Company concluded that goodwill of \$69.5 million and other assets, primarily intangible assets, of \$27.2 million were fully impaired as of September 30, 2025. We recognized an additional impairment charge of \$5.2 million related to other long-lived assets as a result of exiting the fee services side of the Worksite business during the fourth quarter of 2025, as previously announced. The total impairment charge of \$101.9 million is included in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2025. No material assets remain on Optavise, LLC after the effect of these impairments.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following tables and narratives summarize the operating results of our segments (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024	2023
Insurance product margin			
Annuity:			
Insurance policy income	\$ 39.3	\$ 35.5	\$ 28.4
Net investment income	621.3	565.0	516.3
Insurance policy benefits	(25.0)	15.2	(29.0)
Interest credited	(293.5)	(253.8)	(209.4)
Amortization and non-deferred commissions (a)	(103.5)	(87.7)	(71.3)
Annuity margin	238.6	274.2	235.0
Health:			
Insurance policy income	1,661.4	1,618.3	1,594.6
Net investment income	301.9	299.6	296.7
Insurance policy benefits	(1,241.8)	(1,239.6)	(1,234.9)
Amortization and non-deferred commissions (a)	(164.9)	(161.5)	(162.1)
Health margin	556.6	516.8	494.3
Life:			
Insurance policy income	921.9	904.7	882.5
Net investment income	151.1	147.1	144.8
Insurance policy benefits	(568.2)	(576.0)	(570.0)
Interest credited	(53.7)	(51.5)	(49.3)
Amortization and non-deferred commissions (a)	(111.0)	(98.0)	(85.8)
Advertising expense	(67.7)	(77.3)	(92.5)
Life margin	272.4	249.0	229.7
Total insurance product margin	1,067.6	1,040.0	959.0
Allocated expenses:			
Branch office expenses	(68.1)	(65.7)	(64.9)
Other allocated expenses	(543.2)	(549.6)	(534.1)
Income from insurance products	456.3	424.7	360.0
Fee income	15.2	30.0	31.0
Investment income not allocated to product lines	169.4	167.9	120.2
Expenses not allocated to product lines	(87.7)	(71.8)	(51.7)
Operating earnings before taxes	553.2	550.8	459.5
Income tax expense on operating income	(114.0)	(121.5)	(103.4)
Net operating income	\$ 439.2	\$ 429.3	\$ 356.1

- (a) Amortization and non-deferred commissions are comprised of: (i) the amortization of deferred acquisition costs and present value of future profits; and (ii) commission expenses that are not directly related to the successful acquisition of new or renewal insurance contracts and, therefore, are not eligible to be deferred. Such non-deferred commissions are included in other operating costs and expenses on the consolidated statement of operations.

**General:** CNO is the top tier holding company for a group of insurance companies that develop, market and administer health insurance, annuity, individual life insurance and other insurance and financial services products. We view our operations by segments, which consist of insurance product lines. These products are distributed by our two divisions. The Consumer Division serves individual consumers, engaging with them on the phone, virtually, online, face-to-face with agents, or through a combination of sales channels. The Worksite Division focuses on the sale of voluntary benefit life and health insurance products in the workplace for businesses, associations, and other membership groups, interacting with customers at their place of employment and virtually.

Insurance product margin is management's measure of the profitability of its annuity, health and life product lines' performance and consists of insurance policy income plus allocated investment income less insurance policy benefits, interest credited, commissions, advertising expense and amortization of acquisition costs. Income from insurance products is the sum of the insurance product margins of the annuity, health and life product lines, less expenses allocated to the insurance product lines. It excludes the income from our fee income business, investment income not allocated to product lines, net expenses not allocated to product lines (primarily holding company expenses) and income taxes. Management believes insurance product margin and income from insurance products provides an additional understanding of the business and a more meaningful analysis of the results of our insurance product lines.

Net investment income is allocated to the product lines using the book yield of investments backing the block of business, which is applied to the average net insurance liabilities for the block in each period. Net insurance liabilities for the purpose of allocating investment income to product lines are equal to: (i) policyholder account values for interest sensitive products; (ii) total reserves before the fair value adjustments reflected in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), if applicable, for all other products; less (iii) amounts related to reinsured business; (iv) deferred acquisition costs; (v) the present value of future profits; and (vi) the value of unexpired options credited to insurance liabilities. Investment income not allocated to product lines represents net investment income less: (i) equity returns credited to policyholder account balances; (ii) the investment income allocated to our product lines; (iii) interest expense on notes payable, investment borrowings and financing arrangements; (iv) expenses related to the FABN program; and (v) certain expenses related to benefit plans that are offset by special-purpose investment income; plus (vi) the impact of annual option forfeitures related to fixed indexed annuity surrenders. Investment income not allocated to product lines includes investment income on investments in excess of amounts allocated to product lines, investments held by our holding companies, the spread we earn from our FHLB investment borrowing and FABN programs and variable components of investment income (including call and prepayment income, adjustments to returns on structured securities due to cash flow changes, income (loss) from COLI and alternative investment income not allocated to product lines), net of interest expense on corporate debt and financing arrangements. The spread earned from our FHLB investment borrowing and FABN programs includes the investment income on the matched assets less: (i) interest on investment borrowings related to the FHLB investment borrowing program; (ii) interest credited on funding agreements, and (iii) amortization of deferred acquisition costs related to the FABN program.

**Comprehensive Annual Actuarial Review:** We perform an annual review of our experience and assumptions including, but not limited to, assumptions related to mortality rates, morbidity rates, surrender rates, earned rates, credited rates and expenses. In addition, we also review and update our assumptions on a more frequent basis to the extent current conditions or circumstances warrant changes that could be significant to our operating results. The impacts of the review have had a significant impact on our earnings.

We performed our 2025 comprehensive annual actuarial review, resulting in a net favorable impact of \$21.4 million to net income, including a net favorable impact of \$41.3 million to insurance product margins included in pre-tax operating income. The most significant insurance product margin impacts related to fixed indexed annuities, supplemental health and Medicare supplement products, which were favorably (unfavorably) impacted by \$13.8 million, \$24.8 million, and \$(9.2) million, respectively. The fixed indexed annuities changes primarily related to higher surrender assumptions on the MRB liability. The supplemental health changes primarily related to lower persistency assumptions. The Medicare supplement changes primarily related to higher morbidity. In addition, the comprehensive annual actuarial review unfavorably impacted pre-tax non-operating income by \$14.3 million related to changes in the fair value of embedded derivative liabilities on our fixed indexed annuities. The primary changes related to increases in the surrender rate assumptions.

We performed our 2024 comprehensive annual actuarial review, resulting in a net unfavorable impact of \$12.1 million to net income, including a net favorable impact to insurance product margins included in pre-tax operating income of \$27.3 million. The most significant impacts related to fixed indexed annuities and Medicare supplement products which were favorably (unfavorably) impacted by \$36.2 million and \$(9.4) million, respectively. The primary fixed indexed

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annuities changes related to higher mortality assumptions. The primary Medicare supplement changes related to higher morbidity and higher persistency assumptions. In addition, the comprehensive annual actuarial review unfavorably impacted pre-tax non-operating income by \$42.8 million related to changes in the fair value of embedded derivative liabilities and market risk benefits on our fixed indexed annuities. The primary changes related to higher earned rate assumptions.

We performed our 2023 comprehensive annual actuarial review, resulting in a net favorable impact of \$16.7 million to net income, including a net favorable impact to insurance product margins included in pre-tax operating income of \$33.9 million. The most significant impacts related to supplemental health and Medicare supplement products which were favorably (unfavorably) impacted by \$41.9 million and \$(10.6) million, respectively. The primary supplemental health changes related to lower morbidity and higher surrender assumptions. The primary Medicare supplement changes related to higher near-term morbidity and higher persistency assumptions. In addition, the comprehensive annual actuarial review unfavorably impacted pre-tax non-operating income by \$12.4 million related to changes in the fair value of embedded derivative liabilities and market risk benefits on our fixed indexed annuities.

The following tables summarize the favorable (unfavorable) impacts of our comprehensive annual actuarial reviews on pre-tax operating income for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 (dollars in millions):

Insurance policy benefits Line of business	2025	2024	2023
Fixed indexed annuities	\$ 13.8	\$ 36.2	\$ 9.4
Other annuities	2.8	—	3.5
Supplemental health	24.8	0.3	41.9
Medicare supplement	(9.2)	(9.4)	(10.6)
Long-term care	5.5	0.9	(9.0)
Traditional life	0.8	(4.5)	(5.2)
Interest-sensitive life	2.8	3.8	3.9
Impact on pre-tax operating income	<u>\$ 41.3</u>	<u>\$ 27.3</u>	<u>\$ 33.9</u>

**Summary of Operating Results:** Net operating income was \$439.2 million in 2025, compared to \$429.3 million in 2024 and \$356.1 million in 2023.

Operating return on equity ("operating ROE") (a non-GAAP measure) is equal to the trailing four quarters of net operating income divided by average shareholders' equity, excluding accumulated other comprehensive loss and net operating loss carryforwards. Our operating ROE, excluding significant items, was 11.4 percent, 11.4 percent, and 8.6 percent for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively. We continue to target an improvement in run-rate operating ROE of 200 basis points through 2027, off a 2024 run-rate of approximately 10 percent.

Insurance product margin was \$1,067.6 million, \$1,040.0 million and \$959.0 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Excluding significant items primarily related to our comprehensive annual actuarial review, the insurance product margin was \$1,019.5 million, \$1,012.7 million and \$925.1 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Fluctuations by product line are discussed in greater detail in the narratives that follow.

The effective tax rate for 2025, 2024 and 2023 was 21.9 percent, 22.0 percent and 22.5 percent, respectively.

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Total allocated and unallocated expenses are summarized in the table below. Expenses not allocated to product lines include certain significant items listed in the table below. Total allocated and unallocated expenses as adjusted for the significant items are summarized below (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024	2023
Expenses allocated to product lines	\$ 611.3	\$ 615.3	\$ 599.0
Expenses not allocated to product lines	87.7	71.8	51.7
Net recoveries (expenses) related to significant legal and regulatory matters	—	—	21.7
Unfavorable impact related to a fixed asset impairment	—	(2.9)	—
Adjusted total	<u>\$ 699.0</u>	<u>\$ 684.2</u>	<u>\$ 672.4</u>

Our expense ratio was 18.9 percent, 19.2 percent, and 19.4 percent for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The expense ratio is defined as total allocated and unallocated expenses (excluding any significant items) divided by the sum of insurance policy income and net investment income allocated to products.

The fee income segment is summarized below (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024	2023
<b>Consumer Division fee income:</b>			
Fee revenue	\$ 163.8	\$ 156.3	\$ 140.8
Operating cost and expenses	(130.3)	(108.7)	(90.3)
Net Consumer Division fee income	33.5	47.6	50.5
<b>Worksite Division fee income:</b>			
Fee revenue	21.5	34.2	36.8
Operating cost and expenses	(39.8)	(51.8)	(56.3)
Net Worksite Division fee income	(18.3)	(17.6)	(19.5)
<b>Total fee income segment:</b>			
Fee revenue	185.3	190.5	177.6
Operating cost and expenses	(170.1)	(160.5)	(146.6)
Net fee income	<u>\$ 15.2</u>	<u>\$ 30.0</u>	<u>\$ 31.0</u>

Net fee income decreased \$14.8 million in 2025 as compared to 2024 primarily from decreased fee income recognized on Medicare Advantage third-party products, including unfavorable experience adjustments of \$4.1 million in 2025 compared to favorable experience adjustments of \$2.6 million in 2024. The experience adjustments are largely reflected in the first quarter. In addition, we updated our Medicare Advantage assumptions in the fourth quarter of 2025 to primarily reflect lower persistency, including higher exchanges between carriers, resulting in an unfavorable impact to income of \$5.6 million.

Beginning in the fourth quarter of 2025, as a result of exiting the fee services business within our Worksite Division, the net results of this business are no longer reflected within operating income, but are reflected within non-operating income.

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*Margin from Annuity Products (dollars in millions):*

	2025	2024	2023
Annuity margin:			
Fixed indexed annuities			
Insurance policy income	\$ 27.6	\$ 28.0	\$ 19.7
Net investment income	512.2	458.7	410.3
Insurance policy benefits	(6.9)	14.2	(10.1)
Interest credited	(242.3)	(205.1)	(161.9)
Amortization and non-deferred commissions	(94.6)	(80.0)	(65.8)
Margin from fixed indexed annuities	\$ 196.0	\$ 215.8	\$ 192.2
Average net insurance liabilities	\$ 10,582.5	\$ 9,848.9	\$ 9,337.3
Margin/average net insurance liabilities	1.85 %	2.19 %	2.06 %
Fixed interest annuities			
Insurance policy income	\$ 2.1	\$ 1.2	\$ 1.0
Net investment income	86.9	84.1	83.6
Insurance policy benefits	0.7	0.1	(0.5)
Interest credited	(48.5)	(46.6)	(45.2)
Amortization and non-deferred commissions	(8.4)	(7.2)	(5.0)
Margin from fixed interest annuities	\$ 32.8	\$ 31.6	\$ 33.9
Average net insurance liabilities	\$ 1,591.4	\$ 1,578.3	\$ 1,612.0
Margin/average net insurance liabilities	2.06 %	2.00 %	2.10 %
Other annuities			
Insurance policy income	\$ 9.6	\$ 6.3	\$ 7.7
Net investment income	22.2	22.2	22.4
Insurance policy benefits	(18.8)	0.9	(18.4)
Interest credited	(2.7)	(2.1)	(2.3)
Amortization and non-deferred commissions	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)
Margin from other annuities	\$ 9.8	\$ 26.8	\$ 8.9
Average net insurance liabilities	\$ 397.0	\$ 422.3	\$ 458.8
Margin/average net insurance liabilities	2.47 %	6.35 %	1.94 %
Total annuity margin	\$ 238.6	\$ 274.2	\$ 235.0
Average net insurance liabilities	\$ 12,570.9	\$ 11,849.5	\$ 11,408.1
Margin/average net insurance liabilities	1.90 %	2.31 %	2.06 %

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The favorable impacts of our comprehensive annual actuarial review (reflected in insurance policy benefits) on annuity product margins are summarized below (dollars in millions):

	2025		2024		2023	
Fixed indexed annuities	\$	13.8	\$	36.2	\$	9.4
Fixed interest annuities		—		—		—
Other annuities		2.8		—		3.5
<b>Margin, excluding impact of comprehensive annual actuarial review:</b>						
Fixed indexed annuities		182.2		179.6		182.8
Fixed interest annuities		32.8		31.6		33.9
Other annuities		7.0		26.8		5.4

**Margin from fixed indexed annuities** was \$196.0 million in 2025 compared to \$215.8 million in 2024 and \$192.2 million in 2023. The margin adjusted to exclude the favorable impacts of the comprehensive annual actuarial review previously discussed was \$182.2 million, \$179.6 million and \$182.8 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The adjusted margin increased in the current period primarily due to growth in the block, partially offset by higher amortization. Growth in the block is being partially offset by spread compression driven by increased surrenders of higher spread products. The adjusted margin decreased from 2023 to 2024 primarily due to additional amortization resulting from higher surrenders partially offset by increased surrender charge income. Net insurance liabilities (equal to (i) policyholder account values for interest sensitive products; (ii) total reserves before the fair value adjustments reflected in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), if applicable, for all other products; less (iii) amounts related to reinsured business; (iv) deferred acquisition costs; (v) the present value of future profits; and (vi) the value of unexpired options credited to insurance liabilities) were \$10,582.5 million, \$9,848.9 million and \$9,337.3 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The growth in net insurance liabilities was driven by deposits and reinvested returns in excess of withdrawals, which results in higher net investment income allocated. The earned yield was 4.84 percent in 2025, up from 4.66 percent in 2024 and 4.39 percent in 2023, reflecting higher portfolio yields.

Net investment income and interest credited exclude the change in market values of the underlying options supporting the fixed indexed annuity products and corresponding offsetting amount credited to policyholder account balances. Such amounts were \$106.5 million, \$231.8 million and \$118.3 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

**Margin from fixed interest annuities** was \$32.8 million in 2025 compared to \$31.6 million in 2024 and \$33.9 million in 2023. The margin increased in 2025 primarily due to growth in the block and decreased in 2024 primarily due to additional amortization from higher policy surrenders. The reduction in the size of the block in 2024 was largely offset by increased yields. Average net insurance liabilities were \$1,591.4 million, \$1,578.3 million and \$1,612.0 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively, driven by withdrawals in excess of deposits and reinvested returns. The earned yield increased to 5.46% percent in 2025, reflecting higher portfolio yields compared to 5.33 percent in 2024 and 5.19 percent in 2023.

**Margin from other annuities** was \$9.8 million in 2025 compared to \$26.8 million in 2024 and \$8.9 million in 2023. The margin adjusted to exclude the favorable impacts of the comprehensive annual actuarial review previously discussed was \$7.0 million in 2025, \$26.8 million in 2024, and \$5.4 million in 2023. The margin on this relatively small block of business is sensitive to annuitant mortality related to contracts with life contingencies. An increase in mortality in this block will result in a decrease in insurance liabilities and insurance policy benefits. The adjusted margin decreased in the current period due to higher mortality in 2024.

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**Margin from Health Products (dollars in millions):**

	2025	2024	2023
Health margin:			
Supplemental health			
Insurance policy income	\$ 744.8	\$ 725.1	\$ 711.2
Net investment income	161.1	157.7	155.3
Insurance policy benefits	(487.9)	(504.2)	(466.1)
Amortization and non-deferred commissions	(112.6)	(108.8)	(106.0)
Margin from supplemental health	\$ 305.4	\$ 269.8	\$ 294.4
Margin/insurance policy income	41 %	37 %	41 %
Medicare supplement			
Insurance policy income	\$ 627.0	\$ 620.5	\$ 619.9
Net investment income	4.8	5.3	4.9
Insurance policy benefits	(488.2)	(472.4)	(464.7)
Amortization and non-deferred commissions	(37.5)	(39.5)	(43.2)
Margin from Medicare supplement	\$ 106.1	\$ 113.9	\$ 116.9
Margin/insurance policy income	17 %	18 %	19 %
Long-term care			
Insurance policy income	\$ 289.6	\$ 272.7	\$ 263.5
Net investment income	136.0	136.6	136.5
Insurance policy benefits	(265.7)	(263.0)	(304.1)
Amortization and non-deferred commissions	(14.8)	(13.2)	(12.9)
Margin from long-term care	\$ 145.1	\$ 133.1	\$ 83.0
Margin/insurance policy income	50 %	49 %	31 %
Total health margin	\$ 556.6	\$ 516.8	\$ 494.3
Margin/insurance policy income	34 %	32 %	31 %

The favorable (unfavorable) impacts of our comprehensive annual actuarial review (reflected in insurance policy benefits) on health product margins are summarized below (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024	2023
Supplemental health	\$ 24.8	\$ 0.3	\$ 41.9
Medicare supplement	(9.2)	(9.4)	(10.6)
Long-term care	5.5	0.9	(9.0)
Margin, excluding impact of comprehensive annual actuarial review:			
Supplemental health	280.6	269.5	252.5
Medicare supplement	115.3	123.3	127.5
Long-term care	139.6	132.2	92.0

**Margin from supplemental health** business was \$305.4 million in 2025 compared to \$269.8 million in 2024 and \$294.4 million in 2023. The margin adjusted to exclude the favorable impacts of the comprehensive annual actuarial review previously discussed was \$280.6 million, \$269.5 million and \$252.5 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The adjusted margin as a percentage of insurance policy income was 38 percent in 2025 compared to 37 percent in 2024 and 36 percent in 2023. The increase in the supplemental health adjusted margin in 2025, compared to 2024 and 2023, reflects growth in the block and lower morbidity.

Our supplemental health products (including specified disease, accident and hospital indemnity products) generally provide fixed or limited benefits. For example, payments under cancer insurance policies are generally made directly to, or at the direction of, the policyholder following diagnosis of, or treatment for, a covered type of cancer. Approximately two-thirds of our supplemental health policies inforce (based on policy count) are sold with return of premium or cash value riders. The return of premium rider generally provides that after a policy has been inforce for a

specified number of years or upon the policyholder reaching a specified age, we will pay to the policyholder, or a beneficiary under the policy, the aggregate amount of all premiums paid under the policy, without interest, less the aggregate amount of all claims incurred under the policy. The cash value rider is similar to the return of premium rider, but also provides for payment of a graded portion of the return of premium benefit if the policy terminates before the return of premium benefit is earned. Accordingly, the net cash flows from these products generally result in the accumulation of amounts in the early years of a policy (reflected in our earnings as reserve increases which is a component of insurance policy benefits) which will be paid out as benefits in later policy years (reflected in our earnings as reserve decreases which offset the recording of benefit payments). As the policies age, insurance policy benefits will typically increase, but the increase in benefits will be partially offset by investment income earned on the accumulated assets.

**Margin from Medicare supplement** business was \$106.1 million in 2025 compared to \$113.9 million in 2024 and \$116.9 million in 2023. The Medicare supplement margin adjusted to exclude the impacts of the comprehensive annual actuarial review previously discussed was \$115.3 million, \$123.3 million and \$127.5 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The adjusted margin as a percentage of insurance policy income was 18 percent, 20 percent and 21 percent in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Insurance policy income was \$627.0 million in 2025 compared to \$620.5 million in 2024 and \$619.9 million in 2023. The decrease in the adjusted margin in 2025, as compared to 2024, is primarily due to modestly higher claims in 2025 compared to 2024, partially offset by growth in the block. The decrease in the adjusted margin in 2024 compared to 2023, was primarily due to higher claims in 2024 compared to 2023. Claim experience will fluctuate from period to period. We are able to re-rate our Medicare Supplement business annually. Each year we review experience and regulatory requirements to arrive at appropriate rate actions. We file rate increase requests with individual states and historically have received approvals generally aligned with our requests.

Medicare supplement sales were very strong in the fourth quarter, reflecting a growing shift in consumer preferences from Medicare Advantage to Medicare Supplement, reversing a decade-long trend. Most of these sales were on policies with effective dates in January 2026 and therefore, will be reflected in our 2026 results. We continue to invest in both our Medicare supplement products and Medicare Advantage distribution to meet our customers' needs and preferences. We receive fee income when Medicare Advantage policies of other carriers are sold, which is recorded in our Fee income segment.

Medicare supplement business consists of both individual and group policies. Government regulations generally require we attain and maintain a ratio of total benefits incurred to total premiums earned (excluding changes in policy benefits reserves which is a component of insurance policy benefits) of not less than 65 percent on individual products and not less than 75 percent on group products. The ratio is determined after three years from the original issuance of the policy and over the lifetime of the policy and measured in accordance with U.S. statutory accounting principles. Since the insurance product liabilities we establish for Medicare supplement business are subject to significant estimates, the ultimate claim liability we incur for a particular period is likely to be different than our initial estimate. Changes to our estimates are reflected in insurance policy benefits in the period the change is determined.

**Margin from Long-term care products** was \$145.1 million in 2025 compared to \$133.1 million in 2024 and \$83.0 million in 2023. The margin adjusted to exclude the impacts of the comprehensive annual actuarial review previously discussed was \$139.6 million, \$132.2 million and \$92.0 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The adjusted margin as a percentage of insurance policy income and excluding the impacts of the annual actuarial review was 48 percent, 48 percent and 35 percent in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The increase in margin in 2025 is primarily due to growth in the business from sales of our short duration Long-Term Care Fundamental product and continued favorable claims experience. The increase in margin from 2023 to 2024 was due to higher claim experience in 2023. Claim experience will fluctuate from period to period. The average benefit period for policies sold in 2025 is 13 months and 99 percent are policies with two years or less in benefits. In addition, effective October 1, 2024, we retain 100 percent of our long-term care new business as we discontinued ceding 25 percent of long-term care new business under a reinsurance agreement (this did not impact the inforce business that we previously ceded). As a result, margins increased modestly in 2025 and we expect to grow more in future years as earnings emerge from the sales.

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**Margin from Life Products (dollars in millions):**

	2025	2024	2023
Life margin:			
Interest-sensitive life			
Insurance policy income	\$ 193.4	\$ 187.9	\$ 181.1
Net investment income	55.9	53.2	51.5
Insurance policy benefits	(79.7)	(71.8)	(65.7)
Interest credited	(53.2)	(50.9)	(48.7)
Amortization and non-deferred commissions	(22.1)	(20.5)	(19.5)
Margin from interest-sensitive life	\$ 94.3	\$ 97.9	\$ 98.7
Average net insurance liabilities	\$ 1,113.4	\$ 1,067.2	\$ 1,038.2
Interest margin	\$ 2.7	\$ 2.3	\$ 2.8
Interest margin/average net insurance liabilities	0.24 %	0.22 %	0.27 %
Underwriting margin	\$ 91.6	\$ 95.6	\$ 95.9
Underwriting margin/insurance policy income	47 %	51 %	53 %
Traditional life			
Insurance policy income	728.5	716.8	\$ 701.4
Net investment income	95.2	93.9	93.3
Insurance policy benefits	(488.5)	(504.2)	(504.3)
Interest credited	(0.5)	(0.6)	(0.6)
Amortization and non-deferred commissions	(88.9)	(77.5)	(66.3)
Advertising expense	(67.7)	(77.3)	(92.5)
Margin from traditional life	\$ 178.1	\$ 151.1	\$ 131.0
Margin/insurance policy income	24 %	21 %	19 %
Margin excluding advertising expense/insurance policy income	34 %	32 %	32 %
Total life margin	\$ 272.4	\$ 249.0	\$ 229.7

The favorable (unfavorable) impacts of our comprehensive annual actuarial review (reflected in insurance policy benefits) as well as a model refinement during the first quarter of 2025 impacting life product margins are summarized below (dollars in millions). The model refinement related to traditional life reserves, which increased margins \$6.8 million.

	2025	2024	2023
Interest-sensitive life	\$ 2.8	\$ 3.8	\$ 3.9
Traditional life	7.6	(4.5)	(5.2)
Margin, excluding impact of comprehensive annual actuarial review and other adjustments:			
Interest-sensitive life	91.5	94.1	94.8
Traditional life	170.5	155.6	136.2

**Margin from interest-sensitive life** business was \$94.3 million in 2025 compared to \$97.9 million in 2024 and \$98.7 million in 2023. The interest-sensitive life margins adjusted to exclude the impacts of the comprehensive annual actuarial review previously discussed were \$91.5 million, \$94.1 million and \$94.8 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The decrease in the adjusted margin in 2025 and 2024 compared to 2023 reflects higher insurance policy benefits.

The interest margin was \$2.7 million in 2025 compared to \$2.3 million in 2024 and \$2.8 million in 2023. Allocated net investment income reflects earned yields of 5.02 percent, 4.99 percent and 4.96 percent in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The fluctuating interest margin reflects growth in the block and compressed spreads in 2024, which lessened

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in 2025. Interest credited to policyholders may be changed annually but is subject to minimum guaranteed rates and, as a result, any reduction in our earned rate may not be fully reflected in the rate credited to policyholders.

Net investment income and interest credited excludes the change in market values of the underlying options supporting the fixed indexed life products and corresponding offsetting amount credited to policyholder account balances. Such amounts were \$12.5 million, \$21.9 million and \$13.2 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

*Margin from traditional life* business was \$178.1 million in 2025 compared to \$151.1 million in 2024 and \$131.0 million in 2023. The traditional life margins adjusted to exclude the impacts of the comprehensive annual actuarial review and a model refinement related to traditional life reserves previously discussed were \$170.5 million, \$155.6 million and \$136.2 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The increase in the adjusted margin in 2025 compared to 2024 and 2023 primarily reflects lower advertising expense and growth in the business.

Allocated net investment income reflects earned yields of 4.74 percent, 4.68 percent and 4.71 percent in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Advertising expense was \$67.7 million in 2025 compared to \$77.3 million in 2024 and \$92.5 million in 2023. We are disciplined with our marketing expenditures and will increase or decrease our marketing spend depending on the current economics of the purchase or other factors, including the effectiveness of advertising spend. Lower advertising expenses reflect a shift to lower cost and more effective advertising alternatives, which include web, digital, and third-party distribution channels.

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*Investment Income Not Allocated to Product Lines (dollars in millions):*

	2025	2024	2023
<b>Investment income not allocated:</b>			
Excluding variable components:			
From general account assets	\$ 105.0	\$ 129.2	\$ 108.3
Other investment income	22.5	36.6	9.3
Spread income:			
FHLB program:			
Investment income	150.4	161.2	147.4
Interest expense (a)	(111.2)	(123.2)	(104.7)
Net spread income on FHLB program	39.2	38.0	42.7
FABN program:			
Investment income	151.7	96.7	59.0
Expenses (a)(b)	(117.6)	(64.0)	(30.4)
Net spread income on FABN program	34.1	32.7	28.6
Interest expense on corporate debt (a)	(92.5)	(91.8)	(62.7)
Interest expense on financing arrangements (a)	(3.7)	(4.7)	(2.4)
Total excluding variable components	104.6	140.0	123.8
Variable components:			
Net income from assets supporting deferred compensation plans:			
Investment income	28.8	27.9	28.7
Expenses (a)	(26.7)	(24.3)	(22.2)
Net income from assets supporting deferred compensation plans	2.1	3.6	6.5
Alternative investment income (loss):			
Total alternative income	64.5	13.6	(1.8)
Allocated to product lines	(22.9)	(28.2)	(30.5)
Allocated to FABN program	(0.7)	(0.7)	—
Excess alternative investment income (loss)	40.9	(15.3)	(32.3)
Trading account income	5.7	4.9	6.5
Hedge variance related to fixed indexed products (a)	0.8	2.2	(2.5)
Impact of annual option forfeitures related to fixed indexed annuity surrenders (a)	14.4	26.0	7.1
Impacts of change in projected cash flows, prepayment and call income and other	0.9	6.5	11.1
Total variable components	64.8	27.9	(3.6)
Total investment income not allocated to product lines	\$ 169.4	\$ 167.9	\$ 120.2
<b>Reconciliation to net investment income:</b>			
Total investment income not allocated to product lines	\$ 169.4	\$ 167.9	\$ 120.2
Investment income on variable interest entities reported as non-operating income	23.3	33.5	74.8
Add back amounts reported as benefits and expenses	336.5	279.8	217.9
Change in market values of the underlying options supporting fixed indexed products	119.9	255.9	129.0
Amounts allocated to products	1,074.3	1,011.7	957.8
Net investment income	\$ 1,723.4	\$ 1,748.8	\$ 1,499.7

(a) Amounts reported as benefits and expenses

(b) Comprised of interest credited and amortization of deferred acquisition costs

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The above table reconciles investment income not allocated to product lines to net investment income. Such amounts will generally fluctuate from period to period based on the performance of our alternative investments (which are typically reported one quarter in arrears); the earnings related to the investments underlying our COLI; the spread we earn from our FHLB investment borrowing and FABN programs; the level of prepayment income (including call premiums) and trading account income; and the impact of annual option forfeitures related to fixed indexed annuity surrenders. Dividends of \$12.3 million and \$28.1 million were received in the fourth quarter of 2025 and 2024, respectively, related to a single equity investment. Alternative investment income improved significantly in 2025 compared to 2024 and 2024 compared to 2023. Interest expense increased in 2025 on higher average debt outstanding. Other fluctuations between periods are primarily related to fluctuations in other variable components including the level of prepayment income and the impact of annual option forfeitures resulting from surrenders of in-the-money options.

**Net Non-Operating Income (Loss):**

The following summarizes our net non-operating loss for each of the three years ended December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024	2023
Net realized investment gains (losses) from disposals, impairments and change in allowance for credit losses	\$ (69.0)	\$ (72.7)	\$ (62.7)
Net change in market value of investments recognized in earnings	14.3	22.8	(6.3)
Fair value changes related to agent deferred compensation plan	(1.7)	6.6	(3.5)
Changes in fair value of embedded derivative liabilities and market risk benefits	(64.0)	46.3	(29.9)
Expenses related to TechMod	(20.3)	—	—
Goodwill and intangible asset impairment	(101.9)	—	—
Net loss related to divested business	(17.3)	—	—
Other	0.1	(13.9)	(0.3)
Net non-operating loss before taxes	<u>\$ (259.8)</u>	<u>\$ (10.9)</u>	<u>\$ (102.7)</u>

Net realized investment losses were \$69.0 million in 2025, net of an increase in the allowance for credit losses of \$6.2 million which were recorded in earnings. Net realized investment losses were \$72.7 million in 2024, net of reductions in the allowance for credit losses of \$9.4 million which were recorded in earnings. Net realized investment losses were \$62.7 million in 2023, net of reductions in the allowance for credit losses of \$8.1 million which were recorded in earnings.

During 2025, 2024 and 2023, we recognized an increase (decrease) in earnings of \$14.3 million, \$22.8 million and \$(6.3) million, respectively, due to the net change in market value of investments recognized in earnings. The change in value will fluctuate from period to period based on market conditions.

During 2025, 2024 and 2023, we recognized an increase (decrease) in earnings of \$(1.7) million, \$6.6 million and \$(3.5) million, respectively, for the mark-to-market change in the agent deferred compensation plan liability which was impacted by changes in the underlying actuarial assumptions used to value the liability. We recognize the mark-to-market change in the estimated value of this liability through earnings as assumptions change.

During 2025, 2024 and 2023, we recognized an increase (decrease) in earnings of \$(64.0) million, \$46.3 million and \$(29.9) million, respectively, resulting from changes in the fair value of embedded derivative liabilities and MRBs related to our fixed indexed annuities. Excluding the net unfavorable impacts of the annual actuarial review previously discussed, we recognized an increase (decrease) in earnings of \$(49.7) million, \$89.1 million and \$(17.5) million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Such amounts include the impacts of changes in market interest rates and equity impacts used to determine the estimated fair values of the embedded derivatives and MRBs.

During 2025, we incurred \$20.3 million of expense related to TechMod, a three-year project beginning in 2025 to modernize certain elements of our technology, which was initially disclosed in February 2025.

Macroeconomic, industry and market conditions, both current and future expected financial performance, and relevant entity-specific events that occurred during the three months ended September 30, 2025 caused us to consider whether there were any interim indicators of impairment related to the Optavise, LLC business within our fee income segment. Optavise, LLC provides personalized benefits education, advocacy and transparency, and communications services that help employers reduce healthcare costs and assist employees with making informed benefit decisions. As a result of this evaluation, we identified that the valuation of Optavise, LLC would more likely than not be impacted by the recent decline in value of comparable publicly traded companies. This, combined with lower than anticipated revenue in the quarter and trends for future periods led us to conclude that there were indicators of impairment and we accordingly prepared a quantitative assessment. The Company determined the fair value of the reporting unit by using a combination of the present value of expected future cash flows and a market approach based on earnings multiple data from peer companies, using unobservable level 3 inputs. As a result of the quantitative assessment performed, the Company concluded that goodwill of \$69.5 million and other assets, primarily intangible assets, of \$27.2 million were fully impaired as of September 30, 2025. We recognized an additional impairment charge of \$5.2 million related to other long-lived assets as a result of exiting the fee services side of the Worksite business during the fourth quarter of 2025, as previously announced. The total impairment charge of \$101.9 million is included in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2025.

In the fourth quarter of 2025, we incurred a \$17.3 million loss related to our exit from the fee services side of the Worksite business. In addition to exit costs, this loss includes operating losses for the quarter. Operating losses prior to the fourth quarter of 2025 were reported in operating income as a component of fee income. We expect the exit to be substantially complete in the first half of 2026.

In 2024, other non-operating items included a charge of \$8.7 million primarily related to a five percent workforce reduction and transition costs for outsourcing certain operations activities. At the same time, we added roles to enhance support of our Consumer and Worksite divisions and that added technology expertise in areas such as AI, robotics and automation. Other non-operating items also include earnings attributable to VIEs that we are required to consolidate, net of affiliated amounts. Such earnings are not indicative of, and are unrelated to, the Company's underlying fundamentals.

### **PREMIUM COLLECTIONS**

In accordance with GAAP, insurance policy income in our consolidated statement of operations consists of premiums earned for traditional insurance policies that have life contingencies or morbidity features. For annuity and interest-sensitive life contracts, premiums collected are not reported as revenues, but as deposits to insurance liabilities. We recognize revenues for these products over time in the form of investment income and surrender or other charges.

Agents, insurance brokers and marketing organizations who market our products and prospective purchasers of our products use the financial strength ratings of our insurance subsidiaries as an important factor in determining whether to market or purchase. Ratings have the most impact on our Worksite sales of supplemental health and life products since such ratings are often an important factor considered by employers. The current financial strength ratings of our primary insurance subsidiaries from Fitch, S&P, Moody's and AM Best are "A", "A-", "A3" and "A", respectively. For a description of these ratings and additional information on our ratings, see "Consolidated Financial Condition - Financial Strength Ratings of our Insurance Subsidiaries."

We set premium rates on our health insurance policies based on facts and circumstances known at the time we issue the policies using assumptions about numerous variables, including but not limited to, the actuarial probability of a policyholder incurring a claim, the probable size of the claim, and the interest rate earned on our investment of premiums. We also consider historical claims information, industry statistics, the rates of our competitors and other factors. If our actual claims experience is less favorable than we anticipated and we are unable to raise our premium rates, our financial results may be adversely affected. We generally cannot raise our health insurance premiums in any state until we obtain the approval of the state insurance regulator. We review the adequacy of our premium rates regularly and file for rate increases on our products when we believe such rates are too low. It is likely that we will not be able to obtain approval for all requested premium rate increases. If such requests are denied in one or more states, our net income may decrease. If such requests are approved, increased premium rates may reduce the volume of our new sales and may cause existing policyholders to lapse their policies. If the healthier policyholders allow their policies to lapse, this would reduce our premium income and profitability in the future.

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Total premium collections were as follows (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024	2023
Premiums collected by product:			
Annuities:			
Fixed indexed (first-year)	\$ 1,710.7	\$ 1,541.7	\$ 1,373.8
Fixed indexed (renewal)	29.2	1.0	0.1
Subtotal - fixed indexed annuities	1,739.9	1,542.7	1,373.9
Fixed interest (first-year)	191.7	236.5	197.0
Fixed interest (renewal)	2.6	2.6	2.7
Subtotal - fixed interest annuities	194.3	239.1	199.7
Other annuities (first-year)	9.1	8.8	9.6
Total annuities	1,943.3	1,790.6	1,583.2
Health:			
Supplemental health (first-year)	94.1	87.0	81.6
Supplemental health (renewal)	650.4	638.7	625.0
Subtotal – supplemental health	744.5	725.7	706.6
Medicare supplement (first-year)	56.2	44.5	39.0
Medicare supplement (renewal)	570.6	581.2	570.4
Subtotal - Medicare supplement	626.8	625.7	609.4
Long-term care (first-year)	38.4	31.9	19.4
Long-term care (renewal)	253.8	244.3	242.4
Subtotal - long-term care	292.2	276.2	261.8
Total health	1,663.5	1,627.6	1,577.8
Life insurance:			
Interest-sensitive (first-year)	44.4	40.4	40.8
Interest-sensitive (renewal)	211.4	203.7	196.2
Subtotal - interest-sensitive	255.8	244.1	237.0
Traditional (first-year)	138.2	141.3	145.8
Traditional (renewal)	590.5	575.1	554.2
Subtotal - traditional	728.7	716.4	700.0
Total life insurance	984.5	960.5	937.0
Collections on annuity, health and life products:			
Total first-year premium collections	2,282.8	2,132.1	1,907.0
Total renewal premium collections	2,308.5	2,246.6	2,191.0
Total collections on insurance products	\$ 4,591.3	\$ 4,378.7	\$ 4,098.0

**Annuities** include fixed indexed, fixed interest and other annuities sold to the senior market. Annuity collections were \$1,943.3 million in 2025, compared to \$1,790.6 million in 2024 and \$1,583.2 million in 2023. Premium collections from fixed indexed annuities increased 12.8 percent to \$1,739.9 million in 2025 compared to 2024. Premium collections from fixed interest annuities decreased 18.7 percent to \$194.3 million in 2025 compared to 2024.

**Health** products include supplemental health, Medicare supplement and long-term care products. Premiums collected on supplemental health products (including specified disease, accident and hospital indemnity insurance products) were \$744.5 million in 2025, compared to \$725.7 million in 2024 and \$706.6 million in 2023. Such increases are primarily due to new sales and steady persistency.

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Collected premiums on Medicare supplement policies were \$626.8 million, \$625.7 million and \$609.4 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Medicare supplement sales were very strong in the fourth quarter of 2025, reflecting a growing shift in consumer preferences from Medicare Advantage to Medicare Supplement, reversing a decade-long trend. Most of these sales were on policies with effective dates of January 1, 2026 and will be reflected as collected premiums in 2026. We receive fee income when Medicare Advantage policies of other providers are sold, which is recorded in our Fee income segment. We continue to invest in both our Medicare supplement products and Medicare Advantage distribution to ensure we are well-positioned to meet our customers' needs and preferences. In addition, we have grown our Medicare supplement sales over the last several years.

Collected premiums on long-term care products were \$292.2 million, \$276.2 million, and \$261.8 million in 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively. The increase in collected premiums is driven by increased sales. In addition, we ceded 25 percent of most new sales to a third party under a reinsurance agreement from 2009 through September 30, 2024. Effective October 1, 2024, we discontinued ceding 25 percent of long-term care new business under the reinsurance agreement.

**Life** products include interest-sensitive and traditional life products. Life premiums were \$984.5 million, \$960.5 million and \$937.0 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Premiums collected reflect both recent sales activity and steady persistency.

**INVESTMENTS**

Our investment strategy is to: (i) provide largely stable investment income from a diversified high quality fixed income portfolio; (ii) mitigate the effect of changing interest rates through active asset/liability management; (iii) provide liquidity to meet our cash obligations to policyholders and others; (iv) manage capital efficiency through active strategic asset allocation and investment management; and (v) use outside managers in specialized investment classes to add value to our overall strategy. Consistent with this strategy, investments in fixed maturity securities and mortgage loans made up 91 percent of our \$30.0 billion investment portfolio at December 31, 2025. The remainder of the invested assets were trading securities, investments held by VIEs, equity securities, policy loans and other invested assets.

The following table summarizes the composition of our investment portfolio as of December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions):

	Carrying value	Percent of total investments
Fixed maturities, available for sale	\$ 23,886.8	80 %
Equity securities	389.2	1
Mortgage loans	3,256.8	11
Policy loans	140.9	—
Trading securities	294.8	1
Investments held by variable interest entities	293.0	1
Other invested assets	1,737.0	6
Total investments	<u>\$ 29,998.5</u>	<u>100 %</u>

The following table summarizes investment yields earned over the past three years on the investments allocated to our product lines. General account investments exclude the value of options.

	2025	2024	2023
	(dollars in millions)		
Weighted average investments at amortized cost allocated to product lines	\$ 21,890.1	\$ 21,085.8	\$ 20,567.5
Allocated investment income	1,074.3	1,011.8	957.8
Average yield on allocated investments	4.91 %	4.80 %	4.66 %

Insurance statutes regulate the types of investments that our insurance subsidiaries are permitted to make and limit the amount of funds that may be used for any one type of investment. In addition, we have internal management

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compliance limits on various exposures and activities which are typically more restrictive than insurance statutes. In light of these statutes and regulations and our capital management strategy, we generally seek to invest in (i) highly rated securities such as United States government and government-agency securities and corporate securities rated investment grade by established nationally recognized rating organizations; (ii) securities of comparable investment quality, if not rated; or (iii) a limited quantity of other investments which offer differentiated return characteristics.

**Fixed Maturities, Available for Sale**

The following table summarizes the carrying values and gross unrealized losses of our fixed maturity securities, available for sale, by category as of December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions):

	Carrying value	Percent of fixed maturities	Gross unrealized losses	Percent of gross unrealized losses
States and political subdivisions	\$ 2,954.7	12.4 %	\$ 378.9	18.1 %
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	2,047.0	8.6	114.7	5.5
Banks	1,820.8	7.6	150.6	7.2
Asset-backed securities	1,747.3	7.3	47.4	2.3
Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities	1,585.7	6.6	90.9	4.4
Insurance	1,383.1	5.8	162.1	7.8
Utilities	1,196.2	5.0	141.9	6.8
Collateralized loan obligations	1,142.5	4.8	2.7	0.1
Healthcare/pharma	1,087.2	4.6	205.1	9.8
Brokerage	1,013.0	4.2	61.5	2.9
Technology	866.0	3.6	150.0	7.2
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	849.5	3.6	—	—
Cable/media	682.4	2.9	88.2	4.2
Food/beverage	667.3	2.8	78.7	3.8
Energy/pipelines	594.8	2.5	34.1	1.6
Transportation	405.9	1.7	44.9	2.1
Real Estate/REIT	393.2	1.6	31.2	1.5
Chemicals	252.2	1.1	31.2	1.5
Capital goods	245.2	1.0	26.8	1.3
Autos	244.5	1.0	18.2	0.9
Education	202.6	0.8	58.6	2.8
Metals and mining	196.4	0.8	9.9	0.5
Other	2,309.3	9.7	161.3	7.7
Total fixed maturities, available for sale	<u>\$ 23,886.8</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>\$ 2,088.9</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>

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The following table summarizes the gross unrealized losses of our fixed maturity securities, available for sale, by category and ratings category as of December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions):

	Investment grade		Below-investment grade		Total gross unrealized losses
	AAA/AA/A	BBB	BB	B+ and below	
States and political subdivisions	\$ 371.0	\$ 5.9	\$ 0.2	\$ 1.8	\$ 378.9
Healthcare/pharmaceuticals	156.3	47.9	0.1	0.8	205.1
Insurance	101.0	58.7	2.4	—	162.1
Banks	104.0	46.6	—	—	150.6
Technology	90.5	57.7	1.5	0.3	150.0
Utilities	94.8	46.8	0.3	—	141.9
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	76.3	23.1	14.6	0.7	114.7
Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities	81.1	8.4	0.2	1.2	90.9
Cable/media	7.9	67.2	12.7	0.4	88.2
Food/beverage	30.9	47.7	0.1	—	78.7
Brokerage	40.9	20.4	0.2	—	61.5
Education	53.3	5.3	—	—	58.6
Asset-backed securities	16.3	29.5	1.4	0.2	47.4
Transportation	23.9	19.0	—	2.0	44.9
Energy	8.4	25.6	0.1	—	34.1
Chemicals	2.8	26.9	1.5	—	31.2
Real estate/REITs	21.6	9.5	—	0.1	31.2
United States Treasury securities and obligations of United States government corporations and agencies	30.2	—	—	—	30.2
Retail	24.7	1.4	0.8	—	26.9
Capital goods	20.6	6.2	—	—	26.8
Consumer products	10.3	1.2	9.4	0.4	21.3
Aerospace/defense	7.2	13.8	—	—	21.0
Building materials	5.4	12.9	—	—	18.3
Autos	4.3	13.9	—	—	18.2
Telecom	0.1	11.7	—	—	11.8
Foreign governments	5.4	5.3	—	—	10.7
Metals and mining	3.0	6.8	0.1	—	9.9
Entertainment/hotels	6.2	0.3	0.1	—	6.6
Paper	—	6.2	—	—	6.2
Business services	0.2	3.5	—	—	3.7
Packaging	—	3.0	—	—	3.0
Collateralized loan obligations	2.5	0.2	—	—	2.7
Other	1.2	0.1	0.3	—	1.6
Total fixed maturities, available for sale	\$ 1,402.3	\$ 632.7	\$ 46.0	\$ 7.9	\$ 2,088.9

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Investment ratings are assigned the second lowest rating by Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (Moody's, S&P or Fitch), or if not rated by such firms, the rating assigned by the NAIC. NAIC designations of "1" or "2" include fixed maturities generally rated investment grade (rated "Baa3" or higher by Moody's or rated "BBB-" or higher by S&P and Fitch). NAIC designations of "3" through "6" are referred to as below-investment grade (which generally are rated "Ba1" or lower by Moody's or rated "BB+" or lower by S&P and Fitch). References to investment grade or below-investment grade throughout our consolidated financial statements are determined as described above. The following table sets forth fixed maturity investments at December 31, 2025, classified by ratings (dollars in millions):

Investment rating	Amortized cost	Estimated fair value	
		Amount	Percent of fixed maturities
AAA	\$ 2,573.8	\$ 2,518.2	11 %
AA	5,730.7	5,248.1	22
A	7,787.7	7,044.6	29
BBB+	2,204.1	2,041.6	9
BBB	4,172.2	3,883.3	16
BBB-	2,229.4	2,107.2	9
Investment grade	24,697.9	22,843.0	96
BB+	241.1	223.3	1
BB	280.6	266.6	1
BB-	178.7	168.3	1
B+ and below	378.1	385.6	1
Below-investment grade	1,078.5	1,043.8	4
Total fixed maturity securities	\$ 25,776.4	\$ 23,886.8	100 %

We continually evaluate the creditworthiness of each issuer whose securities we hold. We pay special attention to large investments, investments which have significant risk characteristics and to those securities whose fair values have declined materially for reasons other than changes in general market conditions. We evaluate the realizable value of the investment, the specific condition of the issuer and the issuer's ability to comply with the material terms of the security. We review the historical and recent operational results and financial position of the issuer, information about its industry, information about factors affecting the issuer's performance and other information. 40|86 Advisors employs experienced securities analysts in a broad variety of specialty areas who compile and review such data.

During 2025, we recognized net investment losses of \$54.7 million, which were comprised of: (i) \$59.7 million of net losses from the sales of investments; (ii) \$1.4 million of gains related to equity securities, including the change in fair value; (iii) the net increase in fair value of certain other invested assets and fixed maturity investments with embedded derivatives of \$8.0 million; (iv) the increase in fair value of embedded derivatives related to a modified coinsurance agreement of \$1.8 million; and (v) net increase in the allowance for credit losses and investment write-downs of \$6.2 million.

During 2025, we sold \$1,562.5 million of fixed maturity investments which resulted in gross realized investment losses (before income taxes) of \$79.5 million. Securities are generally sold at a loss following unforeseen sector or issuer-specific events or conditions, shifts in perceived credit quality relative values, or in connection with strategic asset repositioning related to changes in market conditions.

Our investment portfolio is subject to the risk of declines in realizable value. However, we attempt to mitigate this risk through the diversification and active management of our portfolio.

The Company reports accrued investment income separately from fixed maturities, available for sale, and has elected not to measure an allowance for credit losses for accrued investment income. Accrued investment income is written off through net investment income at the time the issuer of the bond defaults or is expected to default on payments.

At December 31, 2025, the amortized cost and carrying value of fixed maturities that were non-income producing totaled \$5.7 million and \$3.5 million, respectively.

## Other Investments

At December 31, 2025, we held commercial mortgage loan investments with an amortized cost of \$1,795.8 million (or 6.0 percent of total invested assets) and a fair value of \$1,699.1 million. Our commercial mortgage loan portfolio is primarily comprised of large commercial mortgage loans. Approximately 16.1 percent, 6.8 percent, 5.9 percent, and 5.0 percent of the commercial mortgage loan balance were on properties located in California, Florida, Maryland, and Illinois, respectively. No other state comprised greater than five percent of the mortgage loan balance. At December 31, 2025, there were no commercial mortgage loans in process of foreclosure.

The following table shows the distribution of our commercial mortgage loan portfolio by property type as of December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions):

	Number of loans	Amortized cost
Multi-family	44	\$ 675.4
Industrial	45	441.9
Retail	43	290.5
Office building	24	194.7
Other	25	193.3
Total commercial mortgage loans	<u>181</u>	<u>\$ 1,795.8</u>

The following table shows our commercial mortgage loan portfolio by loan size as of December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions):

	Number of loans	Amortized cost
Under \$5 million	62	\$ 180.8
\$5 million to less than \$10 million	44	325.2
\$10 million to less than \$20 million	56	811.4
\$20 million and over	19	478.4
Total commercial mortgage loans	<u>181</u>	<u>\$ 1,795.8</u>

The following table summarizes the distribution of maturities of our commercial mortgage loans as of December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions):

	Number of loans	Amortized cost
2026	15	\$ 189.4
2027	12	67.8
2028	12	119.4
2029	10	91.7
2030	14	181.9
after 2030	118	1,145.6
Total commercial mortgage loans	<u>181</u>	<u>\$ 1,795.8</u>

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The following table provides the amortized cost by year of origination and estimated fair value of our outstanding commercial mortgage loans and the underlying collateral as of December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions):

Loan-to-value ratio (a)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	Prior	Total amortized cost	Estimated fair value	
								Mortgage loans	Collateral
Less than 60%	\$ 273.5	\$ 169.1	\$ 197.8	\$ 141.3	\$ 123.3	\$ 449.9	\$ 1,354.9	\$ 1,291.0	\$ 4,329.0
60% to less than 70%	118.0	15.0	17.7	37.6	7.5	26.0	221.8	209.3	336.7
70% to less than 80%	18.8	—	59.7	52.0	—	22.6	153.1	138.1	206.5
80% to less than 90%	10.0	—	—	46.4	—	—	56.4	53.1	70.1
90% or greater	—	—	—	—	7.7	1.9	9.6	7.6	9.8
Total	\$ 420.3	\$ 184.1	\$ 275.2	\$ 277.3	\$ 138.5	\$ 500.4	\$ 1,795.8	\$ 1,699.1	\$ 4,952.1

(a) Loan-to-value ratios are calculated as the ratio of: (i) the amortized cost of the commercial mortgage loans; to (ii) the estimated fair value of the underlying collateral.

At December 31, 2025, we held residential mortgage loan investments with an amortized cost of \$1,481.9 million and a fair value of \$1,497.8 million. Our primary credit quality indicator for these investments is whether the loan is current or non-current. We define non-current loans as those that are 90 or more days past due and/or in nonaccrual status. As of December 31, 2025, there were 31 residential mortgage loans that were non-current with an amortized cost of \$20.7 million (of which five loans with an amortized cost of \$2.6 million were in foreclosure). At December 31, 2024, we held residential mortgage loan investments with an amortized cost of \$1,018.6 million and a fair value of \$1,031.8 million.

The allowance for credit losses related to mortgage loans was \$20.9 million at December 31, 2025, and increased \$7.3 million in 2025.

At December 31, 2025, we held \$294.8 million of trading securities. We carry trading securities at estimated fair value; changes in fair value are reflected in the statement of operations. Our trading securities include: (i) investments purchased with the intent of selling in the near term to generate income; and (ii) certain fixed maturity securities containing embedded derivatives for which we have elected the fair value option. Investment income from trading securities backing certain insurance liabilities is substantially offset by the change in insurance policy benefits related to certain products and agreements.

Other invested assets include options backing our fixed indexed annuity and life insurance products, COLI, FHLB common stock and certain nontraditional investments, including investments in limited partnerships, limited liability companies and real estate investments.

At December 31, 2025, we held investments with an amortized cost of \$294.1 million and an estimated fair value of \$293.0 million related to VIEs that we are required to consolidate. The investment portfolio held by the VIEs is primarily comprised of commercial bank loans, the borrowers for which are almost entirely rated below-investment grade. Refer to the note to the consolidated financial statements entitled "Investments in Variable Interest Entities" for additional information on these investments.

## 2026 OUTLOOK

We expect operating earnings per diluted share to be in the range of \$4.25 to \$4.45, excluding any significant items in the year. We expect our expense ratio to be in the range of 18.8 percent to 19.2 percent, with a quarterly trend similar to 2025, starting on the high end in the first quarter of the year and then grading down throughout the year. We expect improved results in net investment income not allocated to product lines, which assumes higher returns on our alternative investments. We expect fee income of approximately \$30 million for the year with roughly a third in the first quarter, minimal contribution in the second and third quarters, and the balance in the fourth quarter. Fee income will benefit from the exit of the Worksite fee services business as explained below. We expect the effective tax rate to be approximately 22.5 percent.

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In November 2025, the Company announced its intention to exit the fee services business within its Worksite Division to sharpen its focus on the core insurance business. The Worksite fee services business includes benefits administration technology, education, advocacy, and communications services. The exit is expected to be substantially complete in the first half of 2026. Once complete, the Company expects the exit from this business to reduce annual fee revenue by roughly \$30.0 million (less than 1 percent of total revenue) and increase annual pre-tax income by roughly \$20 million.

We continue to target an improvement in run-rate operating ROE of 200 basis points through 2027, off a 2024 run-rate of approximately 10 percent.

We expect free cash flows to be in the range of \$200 million to \$250 million. We expect to continue to manage to: (i) a consolidated RBC ratio in the range of 360 percent to 390 percent for our U.S. based insurance subsidiaries; (ii) minimum holding company liquidity of \$150 million; and (iii) a target debt to total capital, excluding accumulated other comprehensive loss, in the range of 25 percent to 28 percent.

In the second quarter of 2025, we began TechMod, a three-year initiative to modernize certain elements of our technology, enabling continued growth of the business over the long-term. The initiative is expected to cost approximately \$170 million over three years, including approximately \$76 million in 2026. The substantial majority of the costs will be expensed as incurred, but will be excluded from operating earnings, and included as a component of non-operating earnings. The expenses excluded from operating earnings will be discrete expenses, one-time in nature, related to the three-year initiative, and largely paid to third parties as well as some asset write-offs. The remainder of the costs will either be expensed as incurred and included in operating earnings or capitalized and amortized through operating earnings. The outlook metrics previously described include the expected impact of this initiative.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

### Changes in the Consolidated Balance Sheet

Changes in our consolidated balance sheet between December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024, primarily reflect: (i) our net income for 2025; (ii) changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss); and (iii) payments to repurchase common stock of \$319.9 million.

Our capital structure as of December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024 was as follows (dollars in millions):

	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
Total capital:		
Corporate notes payable	\$ 1,335.6	\$ 1,833.5
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock	0.9	1.0
Additional paid-in capital	1,336.3	1,632.5
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(1,115.0)	(1,371.4)
Retained earnings	2,416.0	2,253.1
Total shareholders' equity	2,638.2	2,515.2
Total capital	\$ 3,973.8	\$ 4,348.7

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The following table summarizes certain financial ratios as of and for the years ended December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024:

	December 31,	
	2025	December 31, 2024
Book value per common share	\$ 27.92	\$ 24.75
Book value per common share, excluding accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (a)	\$ 39.72	\$ 38.25
Debt to total capital ratios:		
Corporate debt to total capital	33.6 %	42.2 %
Corporate debt to total capital, excluding accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (a)	26.2 %	32.1 %

- (a) This non-GAAP measure differs from the corresponding GAAP measure presented immediately above, because accumulated other comprehensive loss has been excluded from the value of capital used to determine this measure. Management believes this non-GAAP measure is useful because it removes the volatility that arises from changes in accumulated other comprehensive loss. Such volatility is often caused by changes in the estimated fair value of our investment portfolio resulting from changes in general market interest rates rather than the business decisions made by management. However, this measure does not replace the corresponding GAAP measure.

The reduction in the debt to total capital ratios from December 31, 2024 was primarily due to the repayment of the 2025 Notes during the second quarter of 2025.

**Contractual Obligations**

The Company's significant contractual obligations as of December 31, 2025, were as follows (dollars in millions):

	Total	Payment due in			
		2026	2027-2028	2029-2030	Thereafter
Insurance liabilities (a)	\$ 64,362.0	\$ 4,789.5	\$ 10,561.1	\$ 8,143.8	\$ 40,867.6
Notes payable (b)	2,097.3	84.7	159.4	617.3	1,235.9
Investment borrowings (c)	2,629.3	449.7	1,686.1	493.5	—
Borrowings related to variable interest entities (d)	381.6	16.0	32.0	88.0	245.6
Postretirement plans (e)	234.3	8.8	17.8	17.8	189.9
Operating leases	104.4	25.4	37.3	20.6	21.1
Commitments to purchase/fund investments	1,392.1	1,392.1	—	—	—
Financing arrangements	48.6	19.0	29.6	—	—
Other contractual commitments (f)	684.6	144.5	268.9	271.2	—
Total	\$ 71,934.2	\$ 6,929.7	\$ 12,792.2	\$ 9,652.2	\$ 42,560.1

- (a) These cash flows represent our estimates of the payments we expect to make to our policyholders, without consideration of future premiums or reinsurance recoveries. These estimates are based on numerous assumptions (depending on the product type) related to mortality, morbidity, lapses, withdrawals, future premiums, future deposits, interest rates on investments, credited rates, expenses and other factors which affect our future payments. The cash flows presented are undiscounted for interest. As a result, total outflows for all years exceed the corresponding liabilities of \$31.1 billion included in our consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2025. As such payments are based on numerous assumptions, the actual payments may vary significantly from the amounts shown.

In estimating the payments we expect to make to our policyholders, we considered the following:

- For products such as immediate annuities and structured settlement annuities without life contingencies, the payment obligation is fixed and determinable based on the terms of the policy.
  - For products such as universal life, ordinary life, long-term care, supplemental health and deferred annuities, the future payments are not due until the occurrence of an insurable event (such as death or disability) or a triggering event (such as a surrender or partial withdrawal). We estimated these payments using actuarial models based on historical experience and our expectation of the future payment patterns which is consistent with the assumptions used in our reserve calculations for these blocks of business.
  - For insurance products such as Medicare supplement insurance, the future payments relate only to amounts necessary to settle all outstanding claims, including those that have been incurred but not reported as of the balance sheet date. We estimated these payments based on our historical experience and our expectation of future payment patterns which is consistent with the assumptions used in our reserve calculations for these blocks of business.
  - The average interest rate we assumed would be credited to our total insurance liabilities (excluding interest rate bonuses for the first policy year only and excluding the effect of credited rates attributable to variable or fixed indexed products) over the term of the contracts was 4.3 percent.
- (b) Includes projected interest payments based on interest rates, as applicable, as of December 31, 2025. Refer to the note to the consolidated financial statements entitled "Notes Payable - Direct Corporate Obligations" for additional information on notes payable.
- (c) These borrowings represent collateralized borrowings from the FHLB and projected interest payments on such borrowings.
- (d) These borrowings represent the securities issued by VIEs and include projected interest payments based on interest rates, as applicable, as of December 31, 2025.
- (e) Includes benefits expected to be paid pursuant to our deferred compensation plan and postretirement plans based on numerous actuarial assumptions and interest credited at 5.25 percent.
- (f) Includes obligations to third parties for information technology services, software maintenance and license agreements and consulting services.

It is possible that the ultimate outcomes of various uncertainties could affect our liquidity in future periods. For example, the following events could have a material adverse effect on our cash flows:

- An adverse decision in pending or future litigation.
- An inability to obtain rate increases on certain of our insurance products.
- Worse than anticipated claims experience.
- Lower than expected dividends and/or surplus debenture interest payments from our insurance subsidiaries (resulting from inadequate earnings or capital or regulatory requirements).
- An inability to meet and/or maintain the covenants in our Revolving Credit Agreement.
- A significant increase in policy surrender levels.
- A significant increase in investment defaults.
- An inability of our reinsurers to meet their financial obligations.

While we actively manage the relationship between the duration and cash flows of our invested assets and the estimated duration and cash flows of benefit payments arising from contract liabilities, there could be significant variations in the timing of such cash flows. Although we believe our current estimates properly project future claim experience, if these estimates prove to be wrong, and our experience worsens (as it did in some prior periods), our future liquidity could be adversely affected.

### **Liquidity for Insurance Operations**

Our insurance companies generally receive adequate cash flows from premium collections and investment income to meet their obligations. Life insurance, long-term care and supplemental health insurance and annuity liabilities are generally long-term in nature. Life and annuity policyholders may, however, withdraw funds or surrender their policies, subject to any applicable penalty provisions; there are generally no withdrawal or surrender benefits for long-term care insurance. We actively manage the relationship between the duration of our invested assets and the estimated duration of benefit payments arising from contract liabilities.

Three of the Company's insurance subsidiaries (Bankers Life, Washington National and Colonial Penn) are members of the FHLB. As members of the FHLB, our insurance subsidiaries have the ability to borrow on a collateralized basis from the FHLB. We are required to hold certain minimum amounts of FHLB common stock as a condition of membership in the FHLB, and additional amounts based on the amount of the borrowings. At December 31, 2025, the carrying value of the FHLB common stock was \$109.3 million. As of December 31, 2025, collateralized borrowings from the FHLB totaled \$2.4 billion and the proceeds were used to purchase matched variable rate fixed maturity securities. The borrowings are classified as investment borrowings in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. The borrowings are collateralized by investments with an estimated fair value of \$3.5 billion at December 31, 2025, which are maintained in custodial accounts for the benefit of the FHLB.

Bankers Life has a FABN program pursuant to which Bankers Life may issue funding agreements to a Delaware statutory trust organized in series (the "Trust") to generate spread-based earnings. The maximum aggregate principal amount of funding agreements permitted to be outstanding at any one time under the FABN program is \$4 billion. Bankers Life issued funding agreements each to a series of the Trust in a principal amount of \$350 million and \$400 million, respectively, in September and December 2025 and \$750 million, \$400 million, and \$450 million, respectively, in June, September and December 2024. During January 2025, a \$400 million funding agreement was repaid at maturity. The aggregate principal amount of funding agreements outstanding at December 31, 2025 was \$3.4 billion. The activity related to the funding agreements is reported in investment income not allocated to product lines.

State laws generally give state insurance regulatory agencies broad authority to protect policyholders in their jurisdictions. Regulators have used this authority in the past to restrict the ability of our insurance subsidiaries to pay any dividends or other amounts without prior approval. We cannot be assured that the regulators will not seek to assert greater supervision and control over our insurance subsidiaries' businesses and financial affairs.

Our estimated consolidated statutory RBC ratio of our U.S. based insurance subsidiaries was 380 percent at December 31, 2025, compared to 383 percent at December 31, 2024. In 2025, the RBC ratio reflected: (i) our estimated consolidated statutory operating income of \$48.8 million (ii) insurance company dividends, net of capital contributions to the holding company of \$318.4 million; (iii) the impact of the reinsurance transaction with our Bermuda reinsurance subsidiary described below; and (iv) an increase in required capital primarily due to growth of our insurance business and expansion of the FABN program. Our RBC ratio at December 31, 2025, was within our targeted statutory RBC ratio range of 360 to 390 percent and the minimum 350 percent that is reflected in our risk appetite statement that we share and discuss with rating agencies and insurance regulators. We believe that the 360 to 390 percent RBC ratio target range continues to adequately support our financial strength and credit ratings.

In 2023, we formed CNO Bermuda Re, which is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of CNO. CNO Bermuda Re is registered by and subject to the supervision of the BMA as a Class C insurer under the Bermuda Insurance Act 1978 and its related rules and regulations, each as amended. Pursuant to the CLMA (as amended), CDOC will contribute funds to CNO Bermuda Re in the event: (i) CNO Bermuda Re's statutory economic capital and surplus is less than 150 percent of its enhanced capital requirement at the end of any calendar quarter; or (ii) CNO Bermuda Re's liquid assets are insufficient to meet its contractual obligations to ceding insurers, in each case, unless one or more ceding insurers has provided notice of recapture pursuant to the terms of the applicable reinsurance agreement between it and CNO Bermuda Re and such recapture will cause CNO Bermuda Re to meet (i) and (ii). Further, CNO Bermuda Re may not pay any dividends or make

any capital distributions to its parent within the five years following the 2023 reinsurance transaction unless approved by the BMA. CNO Bermuda Re is subject to regulation in Bermuda where the BMA has broad supervisory and administrative powers relating to granting and revoking licenses to transact reinsurance business, the approval of specific reinsurance transactions, capital requirements and solvency standards, limitations on dividends or distributions to shareholders, the nature of and limitations on investments, and the filing of financial statements in accordance with prescribed or permitted accounting practices. Future regulatory changes made by the BMA or other events may impact the capital efficiency of the reinsurance structures and could require the holding company to contribute additional capital to CNO Bermuda Re or the ceding reinsurers to recapture the ceded business.

CNO Bermuda Re executed its second transaction, reinsuring \$1.9 billion of inforce supplemental health statutory reserves from our subsidiary, Washington National, effective October 1, 2025, under a coinsurance agreement. Additionally, 50 percent of new supplemental health business written by Washington National will be ceded to CNO Bermuda Re as part of the agreement.

During 2025, the financial statements of four of our U.S. based insurance subsidiaries prepared in accordance with statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted by regulatory authorities reflected asset adequacy reserves. Total asset adequacy reserves for Bankers Life, Washington National, Bankers Conesco Life Insurance Company, and CLTX were \$95.0 million, \$51.0 million, \$34.5 million, and \$4.0 million, respectively, at December 31, 2025. Due to differences between statutory and GAAP insurance liabilities, we were not required to recognize a similar asset adequacy reserve in our consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP. The determination of the need for and amount of asset adequacy reserves is subject to numerous actuarial assumptions and state requirements.

Our insurance subsidiaries transfer exposure to certain risk to others through reinsurance arrangements. When we obtain reinsurance, we are still liable for those transferred risks in the event the reinsurer defaults on its obligations. The failure, insolvency, inability or unwillingness of one or more of the Company's reinsurers to perform in accordance with the terms of its reinsurance agreement could negatively impact our earnings or financial position and our consolidated statutory RBC ratio.

### **Financial Strength Ratings of our Insurance Subsidiaries**

Financial strength ratings provided by Fitch, S&P, Moody's and AM Best are the rating agency's opinions of the ability of our insurance subsidiaries to pay policyholder claims and obligations when due.

On October 21, 2025, Fitch affirmed its "A" financial strength ratings of our primary insurance subsidiaries and the outlook for these ratings remains stable. An insurer rated "A", in Fitch's opinion, indicates a low expectation of ceased or interrupted payments and indicates strong capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations. This capacity may, nonetheless, be more vulnerable to changes in circumstances or in economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings. Fitch ratings for the industry range from "AAA Exceptionally Strong" to "D Distressed" and some companies are not rated. Pluses and minuses show the relative standing within a category. Fitch has 24 possible ratings. There are five ratings above the "A" rating of our primary insurance subsidiaries and 18 ratings that are below that rating.

S&P affirmed its "A-" financial strength ratings of our primary insurance subsidiaries on June 24, 2025. The outlook for these ratings is stable. S&P financial strength ratings range from "AAA" to "D" and some companies are not rated. An insurer rated "A", in S&P's opinion, has strong financial security characteristics, but is somewhat more likely to be affected by adverse business conditions than are insurers with higher ratings. Pluses and minuses show the relative standing within a category. S&P has 22 possible ratings. There are six ratings above the "A-" rating of our primary insurance subsidiaries and 15 ratings that are below that rating.

Moody's affirmed its "A3" financial strength ratings of our primary insurance subsidiaries on June 18, 2025. The outlook for these ratings remains stable. Moody's financial strength ratings range from "Aaa" to "C". These ratings may be supplemented with numbers "1", "2", or "3" to show relative standing within a category. In Moody's view, an insurer rated "A" offers good financial security, however, certain elements may be present which suggests a susceptibility to impairment sometime in the future. Moody's has 21 possible ratings. There are six ratings above the "A3" rating of our primary insurance subsidiaries and 14 ratings that are below that rating.

On February 26, 2025, AM Best affirmed its "A" financial strength ratings of our primary insurance subsidiaries and the outlook for these ratings is stable. The "A" rating is assigned to companies that have an excellent ability, in AM Best's

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opinion, to meet their ongoing obligations to policyholders. AM Best ratings for the industry currently range from "A++ (Superior)" to "D (In Liquidation)" and some companies are not rated. AM Best has 13 possible ratings. There are two ratings above the "A" rating of our primary insurance subsidiaries and ten ratings that are below that rating.

Rating agencies have increased the frequency and scope of their credit reviews and requested additional information from the companies that they rate, including us. They may also adjust upward the capital and other requirements employed in their rating models for maintenance of certain ratings levels. We cannot predict what actions rating agencies may take, or what actions we may take in response. Accordingly, downgrades and outlook revisions related to us or the life insurance industry may occur in the future at any time and without notice by any rating agency. These could increase policy surrenders and withdrawals, adversely affect relationships with our distribution channels, reduce new sales, reduce our ability to borrow and increase our future borrowing costs.

### **Liquidity of the Holding Companies**

*Availability and Sources and Uses of Holding Company Liquidity; Limitations on Ability of Insurance Subsidiaries to Make Dividend and Surplus Debenture Interest Payments to the Holding Companies; Limitations on Holding Company Activities*

CNO and CDOC are holding companies with no business operations of their own; they depend on their operating subsidiaries for cash to make principal and interest payments on debt, and to pay administrative expenses and income taxes. CNO and CDOC receive cash from insurance subsidiaries, consisting of dividends and distributions, interest payments on surplus debentures and tax-sharing payments, as well as cash from non-insurance subsidiaries consisting of dividends, distributions, loans and advances. The principal non-insurance subsidiaries that provide cash to CNO and CDOC are 40|86 Advisors, which receives fees from the insurance subsidiaries for investment services, and CNO Services, LLC ("CNO Services") which receives fees from the insurance subsidiaries for providing administrative services. The agreements between our insurance subsidiaries and CNO Services and 40|86 Advisors, respectively, were previously approved by the domestic insurance regulator for each insurance company, and any payments thereunder do not require further regulatory approval. Refer to "- Liquidity for Insurance Operations" above regarding the CLMA and limitations on CNO Bermuda Re's ability to pay dividends or other capital distributions to CDOC.

At December 31, 2025, CNO, CDOC and our other non-insurance subsidiaries held \$351.4 million of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents which was above our minimum target level of \$150 million.

The following table sets forth the aggregate amount of dividends (net of paid or accrued capital contributions) and other distributions that our insurance subsidiaries paid to our non-insurance subsidiaries in each of the last three fiscal years (dollars in millions):

	Years ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Dividends (net of contributions) from insurance subsidiaries	\$ 250.4	\$ 129.0	\$ 227.1
Surplus debenture interest	75.9	84.4	82.0
Fees for services provided pursuant to service agreements	124.4	119.7	116.1
Total dividends and other distributions paid by insurance subsidiaries	<u>\$ 450.7</u>	<u>\$ 333.1</u>	<u>\$ 425.2</u>

The ability of our U.S. based insurance subsidiaries to pay dividends is subject to state insurance department regulations and is based on the financial statements of our insurance subsidiaries prepared in accordance with statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted by regulatory authorities, which differ from GAAP. These regulations generally permit dividends to be paid from statutory earned surplus of the insurance company without regulatory approval for any 12-month period in amounts equal to the greater of (or in some states, the lesser of): (i) statutory net gain from operations or net income for the prior year; or (ii) 10 percent of statutory capital and surplus as of the end of the preceding year. However, as Washington National and CLTX, the immediate U.S. based insurance subsidiaries of CDOC, have significant negative earned surplus, any dividend payments from the insurance subsidiaries require the prior approval of the director or commissioner of the applicable state insurance department. Washington National and CLTX receive funds to pay dividends primarily from: (i) the earnings of their direct businesses; (ii) tax sharing payments received from subsidiaries (if applicable); and (iii) with respect to CLTX, dividends received from subsidiaries. Bankers Consec Life Insurance Company, Bankers Life and Colonial Penn are wholly-owned subsidiaries of CLTX. Colonial Penn has

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significant negative earned surplus, and would therefore require prior approval to pay a dividend. Colonial Penn has not paid dividends in recent years. Bankers Life has negative earned surplus in 2025 and would require prior approval to pay a dividend. Bankers Consec Life Insurance Company has minimal earned surplus, but consistently have positive earnings. As a result, a limited amount of dividends can be paid without prior approval. CNO Bermuda Re may not pay any dividends or make any capital distributions to its parent within the five years following the 2023 reinsurance transaction unless approved by the BMA. In 2025, our U.S. based insurance subsidiaries paid dividends to CDOC totaling \$458.4 million. We expect to receive regulatory approval for future dividends from our subsidiaries, but there can be no assurance that such payments will be approved or that the financial condition of our insurance subsidiaries will not change, making future approvals less likely. During 2025, CDOC made capital contributions of \$140.0 million to its insurance subsidiaries and \$68.0 million to CNO Bermuda Re.

CDOC holds surplus debentures from CLTX with an aggregate principal amount of \$749.6 million. Interest payments on those surplus debentures do not require additional approval provided the RBC ratio of CLTX exceeds 100 percent (but do require prior written notice to the Texas Department of Insurance). The estimated RBC ratio of CLTX was 323 percent at December 31, 2025. CDOC also holds a surplus debenture from Colonial Penn with a principal balance of \$160.0 million. Interest payments on that surplus debenture require prior approval by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department. Dividends and other payments from our non-insurance subsidiaries, including 40|86 Advisors and CNO Services, to CNO or CDOC do not require approval by any regulatory authority or other third party. However, insurance regulators may prohibit payments by our insurance subsidiaries to parent companies if they determine that such payments could be adverse to our policyholders or contract holders.

A significant deterioration in the financial condition, earnings or cash flow of the material subsidiaries of CNO or CDOC for any reason could hinder such subsidiaries' ability to pay cash dividends or other disbursements to CNO and/or CDOC, which, in turn, could limit CNO's ability to meet debt service requirements and satisfy other financial obligations. In addition, we may choose to retain capital in our insurance subsidiaries or to contribute additional capital to our insurance subsidiaries to maintain or strengthen their surplus or fund reinsurance transactions, and these decisions could limit the amount available at our top tier insurance subsidiaries to pay dividends to the holding companies.

At December 31, 2025, there were no amounts outstanding under our \$250 million Revolving Credit Agreement and there are no scheduled repayments of our direct corporate obligations until May 2029.

The scheduled principal and interest payments on our direct corporate obligations are as follows (dollars in millions):

	Principal	Interest (a)
2026	\$ —	\$ 84.7
2027	—	79.7
2028	—	79.7
2029	500.0 (b)	64.3
2030	— (c)	53.0
2031 and thereafter	850.0 (d)	385.8
	<u>\$ 1,350.0</u>	<u>\$ 747.2</u>

(a) Based on interest rates as of December 31, 2025.

(b) Such amount includes \$500 million of 5.250% Notes due 2029.

(c) The maturity date of the Revolving Credit Agreement is May 8, 2030.

(d) Such amount includes \$700 million of 6.450% Notes due 2034 and \$150 million of Subordinated Debentures.

Free cash flow is a measure of holding company liquidity and is calculated as: (i) dividends, management fees and surplus debenture interest payments received from our subsidiaries; plus (ii) earnings on corporate investments; less (iii) interest expense, corporate expenses and net tax payments. In 2025, we generated \$365.5 million of such free cash flow. The Company expects to deploy its free cash flow into investments to accelerate profitable growth, common stock dividends and share repurchases. The amount and timing of future share repurchases (if any) will be based on business and market conditions and other factors including, but not limited to, available free cash flow, the current price of our common stock and investment opportunities. In 2025, we repurchased 8.1 million shares of common stock for \$319.9 million under our securities repurchase program. The Company had remaining repurchase authority of \$420.4 million as of

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December 31, 2025. The Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of an additional \$500.0 million of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock in February 2025.

In 2025, 2024 and 2023, dividends declared on common stock totaled \$66.4 million (\$0.67 per common share), \$67.5 million (\$0.63 per common share) and \$67.9 million (\$0.59 per common share), respectively. In May 2025, the Company increased its quarterly common stock dividend to \$0.17 per share from \$0.16 per share.

On October 21, 2025, Fitch affirmed its "BBB+" and "BBB" ratings on our issuer credit and senior unsecured debt ratings, respectively. The outlook for these rating is stable. In Fitch's view, an obligation rated "BBB" indicates that expectations of default risk are currently low. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered adequate but adverse business or economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity. Pluses and minuses show the relative standing within a category. Fitch has a total of 24 possible ratings ranging from "AAA" to "D". There are seven ratings above CNO's BBB+ rating and 16 ratings that are below its rating. There are eight ratings above CNO's "BBB" rating and 15 ratings that are below its rating.

S&P affirmed its "BBB-" rating on our issuer credit and senior unsecured debt on June 24, 2025. The outlook for these ratings is stable. In S&P's view, an obligation rated "BBB" exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. Pluses and minuses show the relative standing within a category. S&P has a total of 22 possible ratings ranging from "AAA (Extremely Strong)" to "D (Payment Default)". There are nine ratings above CNO's "BBB-" rating and 12 ratings that are below its rating.

Moody's affirmed its "Baa3" rating on our senior unsecured debt on June 18, 2025. The outlook for these ratings remains stable. In Moody's view, obligations rated "Baa" are subject to moderate credit risk and may possess certain speculative characteristics. A rating is supplemented with numerical modifiers "1", "2" or "3" to show the relative standing within a category. Moody's has a total of 21 possible ratings ranging from "Aaa" to "C". There are nine ratings above CNO's "Baa3" rating and 11 ratings that are below its rating.

On February 26, 2025, AM Best affirmed its "bbb" rating on our issuer credit and senior unsecured debt and the outlook for these ratings is stable. In AM Best's view, a company rated "bbb" has an adequate ability to meet the terms of its obligations; however, the issuer is more susceptible to changes in economic or other conditions. Pluses and minuses show the relative standing within a category. AM Best has a total of 21 possible ratings ranging from "aaa (Exceptional)" to "c (In default)". There are eight ratings above CNO's "bbb" rating and 12 ratings that are below its rating.

### *Outlook*

We believe that the existing cash available to the holding company, the cash flows to be generated from operations and other transactions will be sufficient to allow us to meet our debt service obligations, pay corporate expenses and satisfy other financial obligations. However, our cash flow is affected by a variety of factors, many of which are outside of our control, including insurance regulatory issues, competition, financial markets and other general business conditions. We cannot provide assurance that we will possess sufficient income and liquidity to meet all of our debt service requirements and other holding company obligations. For additional discussion regarding the liquidity and other risks that we face, see "Part 1 - Item 1A. Risk Factors".

## **MARKET-SENSITIVE INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

Our spread-based insurance business is subject to several inherent risks arising from movements in interest rates, especially if we fail to anticipate or respond to such movements. First, interest rate changes can cause compression of our net spread between interest earned on investments and interest credited on customer deposits, thereby adversely affecting our results. Second, if interest rate changes produce an unanticipated increase in surrenders of our spread-based products, we may be forced to sell invested assets at a loss in order to fund such surrenders. Many of our products include surrender charges, market interest rate adjustments or other features to encourage persistency; however, at December 31, 2025, approximately \$3.9 billion of our total insurance liabilities could be surrendered by the policyholder without penalty. Finally, changes in interest rates can have significant effects on our investment portfolio. We use asset/liability management strategies that are designed to mitigate the effect of interest rate changes on our profitability. However, there can be no assurance that management will be successful in implementing such strategies and sustaining adequate investment spreads.

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We seek to invest our assets allocated to our insurance products in a manner that will fund future obligations to policyholders and meet profitability objectives, subject to appropriate risk considerations. We seek to meet this objective through investments that: (i) have similar cash flow characteristics with the liabilities they support; (ii) are diversified (including by types of obligors); and (iii) are predominantly investment-grade in quality.

Our investment strategy is to manage, over a sustained period and within acceptable parameters of quality and risk, capital efficiency through active strategic asset allocation and investment management. Accordingly, we may sell securities at a gain or a loss to enhance the projected total return of the portfolio as market opportunities change, to reflect changing perceptions of risk, or to better match certain characteristics of our investment portfolio with the corresponding characteristics of our insurance liabilities.

The profitability of many of our products depends on the spread between the interest earned on investments and the rates credited on our insurance liabilities. In addition, changes in competition and other factors, including the level of surrenders and withdrawals, may limit our ability to adjust or to maintain crediting rates at levels necessary to avoid narrowing of spreads under certain market conditions. As of December 31, 2025, approximately 13 percent of our insurance liabilities had interest rates that may be reset annually, 43 percent had a fixed explicit interest rate for the duration of the contract, 40 percent are fixed indexed products where the income earned is subject to a participation rate that typically may be changed annually, and the remainder had no explicit interest rates.

At December 31, 2025, \$1,289.0 million and \$414.5 million of our annuity and universal life account values, respectively, net of amounts ceded, were at minimum guaranteed crediting rates. The weighted average crediting rates at December 31, 2025, related to such annuity and universal life account values, that were at the minimum guaranteed crediting rate were 2.61 percent and 4.09 percent, respectively.

At December 31, 2025, the weighted average yield, computed on the cost basis of investments allocated to our product lines, was approximately 4.9 percent, and the average interest rate credited or accruing to our total insurance liabilities (excluding interest rate bonuses for the first policy year only and excluding the effect of credited rates attributable to variable or fixed indexed products) was 4.3 percent. Such 4.3 percent rate includes interest credited to annuity and universal life products as well as the rates assumed in our calculations of reserves for health and traditional life products which are set based on investment yields at policy issuance and are locked-in in accordance with current accounting requirements. Refer to "Part 1 - Item 1A. Risk Factors - A return to a prolonged low interest rate environment may negatively impact our results of operations, financial position and cash flows" for additional information on interest rate risks.

We simulate the cash flows expected from our existing insurance business under various interest rate scenarios. These simulations help us to measure the potential gain or loss in fair value of our interest rate-sensitive investments and to manage the relationship between the interest sensitivity of our assets and liabilities. When the estimated durations of assets and liabilities are similar, absent other factors, a change in the value of assets related to changes in interest rates should be largely offset by a change in the value of liabilities. At December 31, 2025, the estimated duration of our fixed income securities (as modified to reflect estimated prepayments and call premiums) and the estimated duration of our insurance liabilities were approximately 7.5 years and 8.1 years, respectively. We estimate that our fixed maturity securities and short-term investments would decline in fair value by \$691.7 million if interest rates were to increase by 10 percent from their levels at December 31, 2025. Our simulations incorporate numerous assumptions, require significant estimates and assume an immediate change in interest rates without any management of the investment portfolio in reaction to such change. Consequently, potential changes in value of our financial instruments indicated by the simulations will likely be different from the actual changes experienced under given interest rate scenarios, and the differences may be material. Because we actively manage our investments and liabilities, our net exposure to interest rates can vary over time.

We are subject to the risk that our investments will decline in value if interest rates rise.

The Company is subject to risk resulting from fluctuations in market prices of our equity securities. In general, these investments have more year-to-year price variability than our fixed maturity investments. However, returns over longer time frames have been consistently higher. We manage this risk by limiting our equity securities to a relatively small portion of our total investments.

Our investment in options backing our equity-linked products is closely matched with our obligation to fixed indexed annuity holders. Fair value changes associated with that investment are substantially offset by an increase or decrease in the amounts added to policyholder account liabilities for fixed indexed products.

***Inflation***

Inflation rates may impact the financial statements and operating results in several areas. Inflation influences interest rates, which in turn impact the fair value of the investment portfolio and yields on new investments. Inflation also impacts a portion of our insurance policy benefits affected by increased medical coverage costs. Operating expenses, including payrolls, are impacted to a certain degree by the inflation rate. Refer to "Part I - Item 1A. Risk Factors - Inflation levels could have adverse consequences for us, the insurance industry and the U.S. economy generally" for additional information on inflation.

**ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.**

The information included under the caption "Market-Sensitive Instruments and Risk Management" in Item 7. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Consolidated Financial Condition and Results of Operations" is incorporated herein by reference.

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ITEM 8. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of CNO Financial Group, Inc.

### *Opinions on the Financial Statements and Internal Control over Financial Reporting*

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of CNO Financial Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the related consolidated statements of operations, of comprehensive income (loss), of shareholders' equity and of cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2025, including the related notes and financial statement schedules listed in the index appearing under Item 15(a)(2) (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"). We also have audited the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2025, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2025 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2025, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by the COSO.

### *Basis for Opinions*

The Company's management is responsible for these consolidated financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting appearing under Item 9A. Our responsibility is to express opinions on the Company's consolidated financial statements and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud, and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

Our audits of the consolidated financial statements included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

### *Definition and Limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting*

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and

directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

#### ***Critical Audit Matters***

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the consolidated financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that (i) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the consolidated financial statements and (ii) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of critical audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

#### ***Valuation of market risk benefits (MRBs) associated with fixed indexed annuity products***

As described in Notes 2, 4, and 5 to the consolidated financial statements, the total fair value of the fixed indexed annuity products MRB liabilities was \$48.1 million as of December 31, 2025. Certain of the Company's fixed indexed annuity products include a guaranteed lifetime withdrawal benefit (GLWB) that is considered a MRB. MRBs are measured at fair value using an option-based valuation model based on amount of exposure, market data, Company experience and other factors. The calculation of MRBs includes market assumptions (interest rate, equity returns, volatility and dividend yields) and non-market assumptions (mortality rates, surrender and withdrawal rates, GLWB utilization and spreads). The non-market assumptions related to mortality rates, surrenders and withdrawal rates, and GLWB utilization are significant unobservable inputs and are based on actuarial estimates and past experience.

The principal considerations for our determination that performing procedures relating to the valuation of MRBs associated with fixed indexed annuity products is a critical audit matter are (i) the significant judgment by management when developing the valuation of MRBs associated with fixed indexed annuity products, (ii) a high degree of auditor judgment, subjectivity, and effort in performing procedures and evaluating management's significant assumptions related to surrender rates and GLWB utilization, and (iii) the audit effort involved the use of professionals with specialized skill and knowledge.

Addressing the matter involved performing procedures and evaluating audit evidence in connection with forming our overall opinion on the consolidated financial statements. These procedures included testing the effectiveness of controls relating to management's valuation of MRBs associated with fixed indexed annuity products, including controls over management's development of the significant assumptions related to surrender rates and GLWB utilization. These procedures also included, among others, (i) testing management's process for developing the valuation of MRBs associated with fixed indexed annuity products, (ii) evaluating the appropriateness of the model used by management (iii) testing the completeness and accuracy of the underlying data provided by management, and (iv) the involvement of professionals with specialized skill and knowledge to assist in evaluating the reasonableness of the significant assumptions related to surrender rates and GLWB utilization used in the valuation based on industry knowledge as well as historical Company data and experience.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
February 24, 2026

We have served as the Company's auditor since 1983.

**CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**  
December 31, 2025 and 2024  
(Dollars in millions)

ASSETS

	2025	2024
Investments:		
Fixed maturities, available for sale, at fair value (net of allowance for credit losses: 2025 - \$36.0 and 2024 - \$37.1; amortized cost: 2025 - \$25,776.4 and 2024 - \$25,151.0)	\$ 23,886.8	\$ 22,730.1
Equity securities at fair value	389.2	272.4
Mortgage loans (net of allowance for credit losses: 2025 - \$20.9 and 2024 - \$13.6)	3,256.8	2,506.3
Policy loans	140.9	135.3
Trading securities	294.8	304.2
Investments held by variable interest entities (net of allowance for credit losses: 2025 - \$0.6 and 2024 - \$1.3; amortized cost: 2025 - \$294.1 and 2024 - \$437.0)	293.0	433.8
Other invested assets	1,737.0	1,491.5
Total investments	29,998.5	27,873.6
Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted	956.1	1,656.7
Cash and cash equivalents held by variable interest entities	27.4	341.0
Accrued investment income	286.0	286.4
Present value of future profits	143.6	161.0
Deferred acquisition costs	2,397.3	2,158.6
Reinsurance receivables (net of allowance for credit losses: 2025 - \$1.0 and 2024 - \$3.0)	3,677.5	3,854.7
Income tax assets, net	713.3	814.1
Assets held in separate accounts	2.8	3.3
Other assets	588.1	699.9
Total assets	\$ 38,790.6	\$ 37,849.3

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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**, continued  
December 31, 2025 and 2024  
(Dollars in millions)

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	2025	2024
Liabilities:		
Liabilities for insurance products:		
Policyholder account balances	\$ 18,912.6	\$ 17,594.2
Future policy benefits	11,898.0	11,705.5
Market risk benefit liability	48.1	60.0
Liability for life insurance policy claims	58.4	61.1
Unearned and advanced premiums	228.0	226.8
Liabilities related to separate accounts	2.8	3.3
Other liabilities	952.8	1,163.3
Investment borrowings	2,441.7	2,188.8
Borrowings related to variable interest entities	274.4	497.6
Notes payable – direct corporate obligations	1,335.6	1,833.5
Total liabilities	36,152.4	35,334.1
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 8)		
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock (\$0.01 par value, 8,000,000,000 shares authorized, shares issued and outstanding: 2025 - 94,484,339 and 2024 - 101,618,957)	0.9	1.0
Additional paid-in capital	1,336.3	1,632.5
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,115.0)	(1,371.4)
Retained earnings	2,416.0	2,253.1
Total shareholders' equity	2,638.2	2,515.2
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 38,790.6	\$ 37,849.3

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**CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023  
(Dollars in millions, except per share data)

	2025	2024	2023
Revenues:			
Insurance policy income	\$ 2,622.6	\$ 2,558.5	\$ 2,505.5
Net investment income:			
General account assets	1,542.4	1,419.4	1,250.2
Policyholder and other special-purpose portfolios	181.0	329.4	249.5
Investment gains (losses):			
Realized investment losses	(59.6)	(75.6)	(69.3)
Other investment gains	4.9	25.7	0.3
Total investment losses	(54.7)	(49.9)	(69.0)
Fee revenue and other income	196.1	192.1	210.6
Total revenues	4,487.4	4,449.5	4,146.8
Benefits and expenses:			
Insurance policy benefits	2,548.2	2,450.3	2,331.1
Liability for future policy benefits remeasurement loss	(70.7)	(41.1)	(21.2)
Change in fair value of market risk benefits	(12.4)	(60.5)	(34.2)
Interest expense	230.9	254.4	238.6
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs and present value of future profits	278.0	251.2	227.4
Goodwill and other asset impairment	101.9	—	—
Gain on extinguishment of borrowings related to variable interest entities	(1.5)	—	—
Other operating costs and expenses	1,119.6	1,055.3	1,048.3
Total benefits and expenses	4,194.0	3,909.6	3,790.0
Income before income taxes	293.4	539.9	356.8
Income tax expense	64.1	119.1	80.3
Net income	\$ 229.3	\$ 420.8	\$ 276.5
Earnings per common share:			
Basic:			
Weighted average shares outstanding	97,763,000	106,144,000	113,275,000
Net income	\$ 2.35	\$ 3.96	\$ 2.44
Diluted:			
Weighted average shares outstanding	99,822,000	108,116,000	115,124,000
Net income	\$ 2.30	\$ 3.89	\$ 2.40

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**CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**  
for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023  
(Dollars in millions)

	2025	2024	2023
Net income	\$ 229.3	\$ 420.8	\$ 276.5
Other comprehensive income, before tax:			
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments	470.8	(294.4)	823.6
Adjustment to discount rate for liability for future policy benefits	(203.4)	491.1	(367.3)
Adjustment to instrument-specific credit risk for market risk benefits	(0.5)	(3.4)	(7.4)
Reclassification adjustments:			
For net realized investment losses included in net income	64.0	70.3	37.9
Other comprehensive income before tax	330.9	263.6	486.8
Income tax expense related to items of accumulated other comprehensive income	(74.5)	(58.2)	(106.3)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	256.4	205.4	380.5
Comprehensive income	\$ 485.7	\$ 626.2	\$ 657.0

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**CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
(Dollars in millions)

	Common stock		Additional paid-in capital	Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	Retained earnings	Total
	Shares	Amount				
Balance, December 31, 2022	114,343	\$ 1.1	\$ 2,033.8	\$ (1,957.3)	\$ 1,691.2	\$ 1,768.8
Net income	—	—	—	—	276.5	276.5
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	—	—	—	380.5	—	380.5
Common stock repurchased	(6,557)	—	(165.1)	—	—	(165.1)
Dividends on common stock	—	—	—	—	(67.9)	(67.9)
Employee benefit plans, net of shares used to pay tax withholdings	1,572	—	22.8	—	—	22.8
Balance, December 31, 2023	109,358	1.1	1,891.5	(1,576.8)	1,899.8	2,215.6
Net income	—	—	—	—	420.8	420.8
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	—	—	—	205.4	—	205.4
Common stock repurchased	(8,943)	(.1)	(281.5)	—	—	(281.6)
Dividends on common stock	—	—	—	—	(67.5)	(67.5)
Employee benefit plans, net of shares used to pay tax withholdings	1,204	—	22.5	—	—	22.5
Balance, December 31, 2024	101,619	1.0	1,632.5	(1,371.4)	2,253.1	2,515.2
Net income	—	—	—	—	229.3	229.3
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	—	—	—	256.4	—	256.4
Common stock repurchased	(8,147)	(0.1)	(319.8)	—	—	(319.9)
Dividends on common stock	—	—	—	—	(66.4)	(66.4)
Employee benefit plans, net of shares used to pay tax withholdings	1,012	—	23.6	—	—	23.6
Balance, December 31, 2025	94,484	\$ 0.9	\$ 1,336.3	\$ (1,115.0)	\$ 2,416.0	\$ 2,638.2

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023  
(Dollars in millions)

	2025	2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Insurance policy income	\$ 2,402.5	\$ 2,348.4	\$ 2,285.2
Net investment income	1,502.9	1,414.8	1,328.9
Fee revenue and other income	179.6	168.7	205.3
Insurance policy benefits	(1,628.5)	(1,604.4)	(1,611.1)
Interest expense	(230.3)	(259.2)	(232.5)
Deferrable policy acquisition costs	(499.3)	(445.7)	(377.9)
Other operating costs	(1,013.5)	(939.8)	(955.9)
Income taxes	(37.7)	(55.1)	(59.1)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>675.7</u>	<u>627.7</u>	<u>582.9</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Sales of investments	3,274.5	3,240.2	1,388.6
Maturities and redemptions of investments	3,520.9	2,175.2	1,397.0
Purchases of investments	(8,459.5)	(6,803.0)	(3,591.9)
Net purchases of trading securities	—	(87.5)	(29.4)
Other, net	(3.2)	(13.5)	(36.6)
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>(1,667.3)</u>	<u>(1,488.6)</u>	<u>(872.3)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Issuance of notes payable, net	—	691.0	—
Payments on notes payable	(500.0)	—	—
Issuance of common stock	11.6	11.2	13.2
Payments to repurchase common stock	(331.4)	(300.2)	(166.1)
Common stock dividends paid	(66.2)	(67.7)	(68.1)
Amounts received for deposit products	3,234.1	3,932.2	2,111.7
Withdrawals from deposit products	(2,385.7)	(1,961.5)	(1,696.2)
Proceeds from financing arrangements	—	—	80.3
Payments on financing arrangements	(15.4)	(14.4)	(6.2)
Issuance of investment borrowings:			
Federal Home Loan Bank	776.8	612.2	995.5
Related to variable interest entities	—	276.0	—
Payments on investment borrowings:			
Federal Home Loan Bank	(523.8)	(612.7)	(445.8)
Related to variable interest entities and other	(222.6)	(596.5)	(284.8)
Net cash (used) provided by financing activities	<u>(22.6)</u>	<u>1,969.6</u>	<u>533.5</u>
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(1,014.2)</u>	<u>1,108.7</u>	<u>244.1</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted and held by variable interest entities, beginning of year	<u>1,997.7</u>	<u>889.0</u>	<u>644.9</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted and held by variable interest entities, end of year	<u>\$ 983.5</u>	<u>\$ 1,997.7</u>	<u>\$ 889.0</u>

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**1. BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

CNO Financial Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("CNO"), is a holding company for a group of insurance companies that develop, market and administer health insurance, annuity, individual life insurance and other insurance and financial services products. The terms "CNO Financial Group, Inc.", "CNO", the "Company", "we", "us", and "our" as used in these financial statements refer to CNO and its subsidiaries. Such terms, when used to describe insurance business and products, refer to the insurance business and products of CNO's insurance subsidiaries.

We focus on serving middle-income pre-retiree and retired Americans, which we believe are attractive, underserved, high growth markets. We sell our products through exclusive agents, independent producers (some of whom sell one or more of our product lines exclusively) and direct marketing.

We prepare our financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

When we prepare financial statements in conformity with GAAP, we are required to make estimates and assumptions that significantly affect reported amounts of various assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. For example, we use significant estimates and assumptions to calculate values for deferred acquisition costs, the present value of future profits, fair value measurements of certain investments (including derivatives), allowance for credit losses and other-than-temporary impairments of investments, assets and liabilities related to income taxes, liabilities for insurance products, liabilities related to litigation, guaranty fund assessment accruals, goodwill and intangible assets, and fee revenue. If our future experience differs from these estimates and assumptions, our financial statements could be materially affected.

The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries. Our consolidated financial statements exclude transactions between us and our consolidated affiliates, or among our consolidated affiliates.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Investments**

*Fixed maturity securities* include available for sale bonds and redeemable preferred stocks. We carry these investments at estimated fair value. We record any unrealized gain or loss, net of tax and related adjustments, as a component of shareholders' equity. When the fair value option is elected, unrealized gains and losses are recognized in other investment gains (losses) in the consolidated statement of operations.

*Equity securities* include investments in common stock, exchange-traded funds and non-redeemable preferred stock. We carry these investments at estimated fair value. Changes in the fair value of equity securities are recognized in net income.

*Mortgage loans* held in our investment portfolio are carried at amortized unpaid balance, net of allowance for estimated credit losses. Interest income is accrued on the principal amount of the loan based on the loan's contractual interest rate. Payment terms specified for mortgage loans may include a prepayment penalty for unscheduled payoff of the investment. Prepayment penalties are recognized as investment income when received. The allowance for estimated credit losses is measured using a loss-rate method on an individual asset basis. Inputs used include asset-specific characteristics, current economic conditions, historical loss information and reasonable and supportable forecasts about future economic conditions.

*Policy loans* are stated at current unpaid principal balances. Policy loans are collateralized by the cash surrender value of the life insurance policy. Interest income is recorded as earned using the contractual interest rate.

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*Trading securities* include: (i) investments purchased with the intent of selling in the near term to generate income; and (ii) certain fixed maturity securities containing embedded derivatives for which we have elected the fair value option. The change in fair value of the income generating investments is recognized in income from policyholder and other special-purpose portfolios in the consolidated statement of operations. The change in fair value of securities with embedded derivatives is recognized in other investment gains (losses) in the consolidated statement of operations.

*Other invested assets* include: (i) call options purchased in an effort to offset or hedge the effects of certain policyholder benefits related to our fixed indexed annuity and life insurance products; (ii) company-owned life insurance ("COLI"); (iii) investments in the common stock of the Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB"); and (iv) certain non-traditional investments. We carry the call options at estimated fair value as further described in the section of this note entitled "Accounting for Derivatives". We carry COLI at its cash surrender value, which approximates its net realizable value. Non-traditional investments include investments in certain limited partnerships and limited liability companies, which are accounted for using the equity method. In accounting for limited partnerships and limited liability companies, we consistently use the most recently available financial information provided by the general partner or manager of each of these investments, which is typically reported to us one quarter in arrears. Our share of earnings in our equity method investments is recorded within net investment income in the consolidated statement of operations.

Interest income on fixed maturity securities is recognized when earned using a constant effective yield method giving effect to amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts. Prepayment fees are recognized when earned. Dividends on equity securities are recognized on the ex-dividend date.

When we sell a security (other than trading securities), we report the difference between the sale proceeds and amortized cost (determined based on specific identification) as a realized investment gain or loss.

When an available for sale fixed maturity security's fair value is below the amortized cost, the security is considered impaired. If a portion of the decline is due to credit-related factors, we separate the credit loss component of the impairment from the amount related to all other factors. The credit loss component is recorded as an allowance and reported in other investment gains (losses) (limited to the difference between estimated fair value and amortized cost). The impairment related to all other factors (non-credit factors) is reported in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) along with unrealized gains related to fixed maturity investments, available for sale, net of tax and related adjustments. The allowance is adjusted for any additional credit losses and subsequent recoveries. When recognizing an allowance associated with a credit loss, the cost basis is not adjusted. When we determine a security is uncollectible, the remaining amortized cost will be written off.

In determining the credit loss component, we discount the estimated cash flows on a security by security basis. We consider the impact of macroeconomic conditions on inputs used to measure the amount of credit loss. For most structured securities, cash flow estimates are based on bond-specific facts and circumstances that may include collateral characteristics, expectations of delinquency and default rates, loss severity, prepayment speeds and structural support, including over-collateralization, excess spread, subordination and guarantees. For corporate bonds, cash flow estimates are derived by considering asset type, rating, time to maturity, and applying an expected loss rate.

If we intend to sell an impaired fixed maturity security, available for sale, or identify an impaired fixed maturity security, available for sale, for which it is more likely than not we will be required to sell before anticipated recovery, the difference between the fair value and the amortized cost is included in other investment gains (losses) and the fair value becomes the new amortized cost. The new cost basis is not adjusted for any subsequent recoveries in fair value.

The Company reports accrued investment income separately from fixed maturities, available for sale, and has elected not to measure an allowance for credit losses for accrued investment income. Accrued investment income is written off through net investment income at the time the issuer of the bond defaults or is expected to default on payments.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include invested cash and other investments purchased with original maturities of less than three months. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at amortized cost, which approximates estimated fair value. It is

the Company's policy to offset negative cash balances with positive balances in other accounts with the same counterparty when agreements are in place permitting legal right of offset.

#### **Deferred Acquisition Costs, Present Value of Future Profits and Sales Inducements**

Deferred acquisition costs represent policy acquisition costs that have been capitalized and are subject to amortization. Capitalized costs are incremental costs directly related to the successful acquisition of new or renewal insurance contracts. Such costs consist primarily of commissions, underwriting, sales and contract issuance, advertising, and processing expenses. All other costs not eligible for capitalization, including certain advertising, market research, agent training, product development, unsuccessful sales and underwriting efforts, as well as indirect costs, are expensed as incurred. Contracts are grouped by contract type and issue year into cohorts consistent with the grouping used in estimating the associated liability. Deferred acquisition costs are amortized on a constant level basis for the grouped contracts over the expected term of the related contracts to approximate straight-line amortization. For life and health insurance products, the constant level basis used is policy counts. For all annuity products, the constant level basis used is premiums in force. The constant level bases used for amortization are projected using mortality and lapse assumptions that are based on our experience, industry data, and other factors and are consistent with those used for the liability for future policy benefits. If those projected assumptions change in future periods, they will be reflected in the cohort level amortization basis at the time. Unexpected lapses, due to higher mortality and lapse experience than expected, are recognized in the current period as a reduction of the capitalized balances. Changes in future estimates are recognized prospectively over the remaining expected contract term. The carrying amount of deferred acquisition costs is not subject to recovery testing.

The present value of future profits is the value assigned to the right to receive future cash flows from policyholder insurance contracts existing at September 10, 2003 (the "Effective Date", the effective date of the bankruptcy reorganization of Conseco, Inc., an Indiana corporation (our "Predecessor")). The present value of future profits is amortized in the same manner as described above for deferred acquisition costs.

Certain of our annuity products offer sales inducements to contract holders in the form of enhanced crediting rates or bonus payments in the initial period of the contract. Certain of our life insurance products offer persistency bonuses credited to the contract holder's balance after the policy has been outstanding for a specified period of time. These enhanced rates and persistency bonuses are considered sales inducements in accordance with GAAP. Such amounts are deferred and amortized in the same manner as deferred acquisition costs and are classified as deferred acquisition costs in the consolidated balance sheet. Unlike deferred acquisition costs, such amounts are considered contractual cash flows and, as a result, are subject to periodic recovery testing.

#### **Goodwill and Intangible Assets**

In February 2021, we acquired DirectPath, LLC ("DirectPath", now known as Optavise, LLC subsequent to its name change in April 2022). In April 2019, we acquired Web Benefits Design Corporation ("WBD"), which was subsequently merged into Optavise, LLC during 2023. Optavise, LLC provides personalized benefits education, advocacy and transparency, and communications services that help employers reduce healthcare costs and assist employees with making informed benefits decisions. Optavise, LLC goodwill and other intangible assets arising from the acquisitions were reflected in our Fee income segment.

Intangible assets with definite lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives and are reviewed for impairment if indicators of impairment arise. When such indicators are present, intangible assets are first tested for recoverability in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 360, *Property, Plant, and Equipment*. If the assets are not recoverable, an impairment loss is recorded, measured as the difference between the assets' fair value and their carrying value. Goodwill is tested annually for impairment and whenever indicators of impairment arise in accordance with ASC 350, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other*. The Company first performs a qualitative assessment to determine whether it is more likely than not a goodwill impairment exists, and if an indication of potential impairment results from the qualitative assessment, a quantitative assessment is performed. The Company prepares a quantitative assessment to determine the fair value of the reporting unit by using a combination of the present value of expected future cash flows and a market approach based on revenue-multiple data from peer companies and relevant observable market transactions, if available. If an

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impairment is identified, an impairment is recorded by the amount that the carrying value exceeds the fair value of the reporting unit up to the carrying amount of goodwill.

Macroeconomic, industry and market conditions, both current and future expected financial performance, and relevant entity-specific events that occurred during the three months ended September 30, 2025 caused us to consider whether there were any interim indicators of impairment related to the Optavise, LLC business within our fee income segment. Optavise, LLC provides personalized benefits education, advocacy and transparency, and communications services that help employers reduce healthcare costs and assist employees with making informed benefit decisions. As a result of this evaluation, we identified that the valuation of Optavise, LLC would more likely than not be impacted by the recent decline in value of comparable publicly traded companies. This, combined with lower than anticipated revenue in the quarter and trends for future periods led us to conclude that there were indicators of impairment and we accordingly prepared a quantitative assessment. The Company determined the fair value of the reporting unit by using a combination of the present value of expected future cash flows and a market approach based on earnings multiple data from peer companies, using unobservable level 3 inputs.

As a result of the quantitative assessment performed, the Company concluded that goodwill of \$69.5 million and other assets, primarily intangible assets, of \$27.2 million were fully impaired as of September 30, 2025. Goodwill and intangible assets were included within other assets on the consolidated balance sheet. We recognized an additional impairment charge of \$5.2 million related to other long-lived assets as a result of exiting the fee services side of the Worksite business during the fourth quarter of 2025. The total impairment charge of \$101.9 million is included in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2025. No material assets remain on Optavise, LLC after the effect of these impairments.

#### **Market Risk Benefits**

Market risk benefits ("MRBs") are contracts or contract features that both provide protection to the contract holder from other-than-nominal capital market risk and expose the Company to other-than-nominal capital market risk. Many of our fixed indexed annuity products include a guaranteed living withdrawal benefit ("GLWB") that is considered a MRB. MRBs are measured at fair value using an option-based valuation model based on amount of exposure, market data, Company experience and other factors. The calculation of MRBs includes market assumptions (interest rate, equity returns, volatility and dividend yields) and non-market assumptions (mortality rates, surrender and partial withdrawal rates, GLWB utilization and non-performance risk spread). Changes in fair value are recognized in earnings each period with the exception of the portion of the change in fair value due to a change in the instrument-specific credit risk, which is recognized in other comprehensive income (loss). MRBs in an asset position are presented separately from those in a liability position as there is no legal right of offset between contracts.

#### **Policyholder Account Balances**

Policyholder account balances represent the contract value that has accrued to the benefit of the policyholder as of the balance sheet date. It includes the policyholder account values adjusted for the amount of reserves above (below) policyholder account values. Policyholder account values include accumulated account deposits, plus interest credited, less policyholder withdrawals and, if applicable, charges assessed. This balance also includes liabilities for the funding agreements associated with our funding agreement-backed notes ("FABN") program.

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Total policyholder account balances for insurance products related to our fixed indexed annuities are comprised of: (i) the liability related to the host contract; and (ii) the fair market value of the embedded derivatives as summarized below (dollars in millions):

	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
Fixed indexed annuity insurance liabilities:		
Host contract liability	\$ 9,818.8	\$ 8,972.6
Embedded derivatives at fair value	1,600.6	1,471.6
Total fixed indexed annuity insurance liabilities	<u>\$ 11,419.4</u>	<u>\$ 10,444.2</u>

#### Liability for Future Policy Benefits

The liability for future policy benefits is the present value of estimated future policy benefits to be paid to or on behalf of policyholders and certain related expenses (where the timing and amount of payment depends on policyholder mortality or morbidity), less the present value of estimated future net premiums to be collected from policyholders (where net premiums are gross premiums multiplied by the net premium ratio discussed below). The liability for future policy benefits is accrued over time as premium revenue is recognized. The liability is estimated using current assumptions that include discount rates, mortality, morbidity, lapse/withdrawal rates and expenses. Such assumptions are based on our historical experience, industry data, and other factors that are inherently uncertain.

The liability for future policy benefits is established using a net premium ratio approach where net premiums (the portion of gross premiums required to fund expected insurance benefits and claims settlement expenses) under the contract are accrued each period as the liability for future policy benefits. The net premium ratio used to accrue the liability for future policy benefits in each period is determined by using the historical and present value of expected future benefits and claim adjustment expenses for the cohort divided by the historical and present value of expected future gross premiums for the cohort.

Our long duration insurance contracts are grouped into annual calendar-year cohorts primarily based on the contractual issue date, marketing distribution channel, legal entity and product type. Single premium contracts are grouped into separate cohorts from other traditional products. Riders are generally combined with the base policy. Insurance contracts issued prior to the Effective Date are grouped by marketing distribution channel, legal entity and product type in a single issue year cohort. The liability is adjusted for differences between actual and expected experience. We review our historical and future cash flow assumptions quarterly and update the net premium ratio used to calculate the liability each time the assumptions are changed. Each quarter, we update our estimates of cash flows expected over the entire life of a group of contracts using actual historical experience and current future cash flow assumptions. These updated cash flows are used to calculate the revised net premiums and net premium ratio, which are used to derive an updated liability for future policy benefits as of the beginning of the current reporting period, discounted using the discount rate in effect at contract inception (the "locked-in discount rate"). This amount is then compared to the carrying amount of the liability as of that same date, before the updating of cash flow assumptions, to determine the current period change in liability estimate. This current period change in the liability is the liability remeasurement gain or loss and is presented as a separate component of benefit expense in the consolidated statement of operations. In subsequent periods, the revised net premiums are used to measure the liability for future policy benefits, subject to future revisions.

If a cohort is in a loss position where the liability for future policy benefits plus the present value of expected future gross premiums is determined to be insufficient to provide for expected future policy benefits and claim settlement costs, the net premium ratio is capped at 100 percent. When this occurs, all changes in expected benefits resulting from both actual experience deviations and changes in future assumptions are recognized immediately.

The locked-in discount rate is generally based on expected investment returns at contract inception for contracts issued prior to January 1, 2021 and the upper medium grade fixed income corporate instrument yield ("A" credit rated corporate bond yield) at contract inception for contracts issued after January 1, 2021. The contract inception date for

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contracts issued by the Predecessor is September 10, 2003. The discount rate in effect at contract inception is locked-in for the calculation of the net premium ratio and accretion of interest cost on the liability is recorded within insurance policy benefits or the liability for future policy benefits remeasurement loss in our consolidated statement of operations. However, for balance sheet remeasurement purposes, the discount rate is updated using the current rate at each reporting period with the impact resulting from such updates recorded in other comprehensive income (loss).

We develop discount rate curves for discounting cash flows to calculate the liability for future policy benefits based on the duration characteristics of the underlying liabilities. For liability cash flows that are projected beyond the duration of market-observable A-credit-rated fixed income instruments, we use the last market-observable yield level and use linear interpolation to determine yield assumptions for durations that do not have market-observable yields.

#### **Liability for Life Insurance Policy Claims**

The liability for life insurance policy claims includes life policy and contract claims, including incurred but not reported claims. The liability for these claims is based on our estimated ultimate cost to settle all claims that have been incurred as of the reporting date. Such amounts are estimated based on an analysis of historical patterns of claims, which are continually reviewed and updated. Adjustments resulting from differences between our estimates and actual payments are recognized in the period the estimates are made or claims are paid.

#### **Deferred Profit Liability**

For limited-payment products, gross premiums received in excess of net premiums are deferred at initial recognition as a deferred profit liability ("DPL"). Gross premiums are measured using assumptions consistent with those used in the measurement of the liability for future policy benefits, including discount rate, mortality, lapses and expenses.

The DPL is amortized and recognized in insurance policy benefits in proportion to insurance in force for life insurance contracts and expected future benefit payments for annuity contracts. Interest is accreted on the balance of the DPL using the discount rate determined at contract issuance. We review and update the estimate of cash flows for the DPL at the same time, and where applicable, using the same assumptions as the estimate of cash flows for the liability for future policy benefits. When cash flows are updated, the updated estimates are used to recalculate the DPL at contract issuance. The recalculated DPL as of the beginning of the current reporting period is compared to the carrying amount of the DPL as of the beginning of the current reporting period and any difference is recognized as either a charge or credit to insurance policy benefits.

#### **Recognition of Insurance Policy Income and Related Benefits and Expenses on Insurance Contracts**

For interest-sensitive life and annuity contracts that do not involve significant mortality or morbidity risk and funding agreements, the amounts collected from policyholders are considered deposits and are not included in revenue. Revenues for these contracts consist of charges for policy administration, cost of insurance charges and surrender charges assessed against policyholders' account balances. Such revenues are recognized when the service or coverage is provided, or when the policy is surrendered.

Premiums from individual life products (other than interest-sensitive life contracts) and health products are recognized when due. When premiums are due over a significantly shorter period than the period over which benefits are provided, any gross premium in excess of the net premium (i.e., the portion of the gross premium required to provide for all expected future benefits and expenses) is deferred and recognized into revenue in a constant relationship to insurance in force. Benefits are recorded as an expense when they are incurred.

We establish claim reserves based on our estimate of the loss to be incurred on reported claims plus estimates of incurred but unreported claims based on our past experience.

### **Accounting for Certain Marketing Agreements and Other Fee Income**

Bankers Life and Casualty Company ("Bankers Life") has entered into various distribution and marketing agreements with other insurance companies to use Bankers Life's exclusive agents to distribute prescription drug and Medicare Advantage plans. These agreements allow Bankers Life to offer these products to current and potential future policyholders without investment in management and infrastructure. We receive fee income related to the plans sold through our distribution channels and incur distribution expenses paid to our agents who sell such products.

The recognition of fee revenue and the distribution expenses paid to our agents results from approval of an application by the third-party insurance companies, which we define as our customers. We recognize the net lifetime revenue expected to be earned on these sales, but only to the extent that it is probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized will not occur and when such net lifetime revenue can be reasonably estimated. The assumptions and constraints used to recognize such net revenue are based on available historical data. To the extent we make changes to the assumptions we use to calculate revenue on these products, we will recognize the impact of the changes in the period in which the change is made. When sufficient historical data is not available or when we cannot otherwise reasonably estimate net lifetime revenue, revenue is recognized when payment is made.

In addition, services provided by Optavise, LLC and revenues from the operations of our broker-dealer and registered investment advisor are recorded as fee revenue and other income in our consolidated statement of operations.

Total revenues related to these arrangements was \$192.2 million, \$190.5 million, and \$177.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively. We typically collect payment related to these contract assets within one to five years. The contract asset balance was \$127.6 million and \$111.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

### **Reinsurance**

In the normal course of business, we seek to limit our loss exposure on any single insured or to certain groups of policies by ceding reinsurance to other insurance enterprises. We currently retain no more than \$0.8 million of mortality risk on any one policy. We diversify the risk of reinsurance loss by using a number of reinsurers that have strong claims-paying ratings. In each case, the ceding CNO subsidiary is directly liable for claims reinsured in the event the assuming company is unable to pay. We have determined that each of our reinsurance agreements provide indemnification against loss or liability relating to insurance risk in accordance with applicable accounting standards. Such reinsurance permits recovery of the reinsured losses from reinsurers, although it does not discharge our primary liability as the direct insurer of the risks reinsured.

The reinsurance recoverable for traditional and limited-payment contracts is generally measured using a net premium ratio approach to accrue the projected net gain or loss on reinsurance in proportion to the gross premiums of the underlying reinsured cohorts. Such amount is adjusted on a quarterly basis for actual experience and at least once a year for any changes in cash flow assumptions.

Ceded premiums and other costs of ceding business to reinsurers totaled \$166.4 million, \$183.1 million and \$195.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. We deduct this cost from insurance policy income. Reinsurance recoveries netted against insurance policy benefits totaled \$365.7 million, \$395.5 million and \$409.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

From time to time, we assume insurance from other companies. Any costs associated with the assumption of insurance are amortized consistent with the method used to amortize deferred acquisition costs. Reinsurance premiums assumed totaled \$14.1 million, \$15.5 million and \$16.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Insurance policy benefits related to reinsurance assumed totaled \$22.6 million, \$26.1 million and \$21.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

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### **Income Taxes**

Our income tax expense includes deferred income taxes arising from temporary differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities and net operating loss ("NOL") carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply in the years in which temporary differences are expected to be recovered or paid. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in earnings in the period when the changes are enacted.

A reduction of the net carrying amount of deferred tax assets by establishing a valuation allowance is required if, based on the available evidence, it is more likely than not that such assets will not be realized. In assessing the need for a valuation allowance, all available evidence, both positive and negative, shall be considered to determine whether, based on the weight of that evidence, a valuation allowance for deferred tax assets is needed. This assessment requires significant judgment and considers, among other matters, the nature, frequency and severity of current and cumulative losses, forecasts of future profitability, the duration of carryforward periods, our experience with operating loss and tax credit carryforwards expiring unused, and tax planning strategies. We evaluate the need to establish a valuation allowance for our deferred income tax assets on an ongoing basis. The realization of our deferred tax assets depends upon generating sufficient future taxable income of the appropriate type during the periods in which our temporary differences become deductible and before our NOLs expire.

### **Investments in Variable Interest Entities**

We have concluded that we are the primary beneficiary with respect to certain variable interest entities ("VIEs"), which are consolidated in our financial statements. All of the VIEs are collateralized loan trusts that were established to issue securities to finance the purchase of commercial bank loans and other permitted investments. The assets held by the trusts are legally isolated and not available to the Company. The liabilities of the VIEs are expected to be satisfied from the cash flows generated by the underlying loans held by the trusts, not from the assets of the Company. The Company has no financial obligation to the VIEs beyond its investment in each VIE.

The investment portfolios held by the VIEs are primarily comprised of commercial bank loans to corporate obligors which are almost entirely rated below-investment grade. Refer to the note to the consolidated financial statements entitled "Investments in Variable Interest Entities" for additional information about VIEs.

In addition, the Company, in the normal course of business, makes passive investments in structured securities issued by non-consolidated VIEs for which the Company is not the investment manager. These structured securities include asset-backed securities, agency residential mortgage-backed securities, non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities, collateralized loan obligations and commercial mortgage-backed securities. Our maximum exposure to loss on these securities is limited to our cost basis in the investment. We have determined that we are not the primary beneficiary of these structured securities due to the relative size of our investment in comparison to the total principal amount of the individual structured securities and the level of credit subordination which reduces our obligation to absorb gains or losses.

At December 31, 2025, we held investments of \$688.4 million in various limited partnerships and limited liability companies, in which we are not the primary beneficiary. These investments are included within other invested assets on the consolidated balance sheet and typically reported to us one quarter in arrears. At December 31, 2025, we had unfunded commitments to these partnerships totaling \$910.7 million. Our maximum exposure to loss on these investments is limited to the amount of our investment and any unfunded commitments.

### **Investment Borrowings**

Three of the Company's insurance subsidiaries (Bankers Life, Washington National Insurance Company ("Washington National") and Colonial Penn Life Insurance Company) are members of the FHLB. As members of the FHLB, our insurance subsidiaries have the ability to borrow on a collateralized basis from the FHLB. We are required to hold certain minimum amounts of FHLB common stock as a condition of membership in the FHLB, and additional amounts based on the amount of the borrowings. At December 31, 2025, the carrying value of the FHLB common stock was \$109.3 million. As of December 31, 2025, collateralized borrowings from the FHLB totaled \$2,441.7 million and the

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proceeds were used to purchase matched variable rate fixed maturity securities with similar durations. The borrowings are classified as investment borrowings in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. The borrowings are collateralized by investments with an estimated fair value of \$3,476.5 million at December 31, 2025, which are maintained in a custodial account for the benefit of the FHLB. Substantially all of such investments are classified as fixed maturities, available for sale, in our consolidated balance sheet.

The following summarizes the terms of the borrowings from the FHLB by our insurance subsidiaries (dollars in millions):

Amount borrowed	Maturity date	Interest rate at December 31, 2025
\$ 50.0	January 2026	Variable rate – 4.397%
50.0	January 2026	Variable rate – 4.327%
100.0	January 2026	Variable rate – 4.092%
5.0	May 2026	Variable rate – 4.136%
21.8	May 2026	Variable rate – 3.982%
50.0	May 2026	Variable rate – 3.980%
10.0	November 2026	Variable rate – 4.184%
75.0	December 2026	Variable rate – 4.026%
75.0	January 2027	Variable rate – 4.276%
50.0	January 2027	Variable rate – 4.368%
50.0	January 2027	Variable rate – 4.160%
100.0	February 2027	Variable rate – 4.192%
50.0	April 2027	Variable rate – 3.991%
50.0	May 2027	Variable rate – 4.001%
100.0	June 2027	Variable rate – 4.080%
10.0	June 2027	Variable rate – 4.303%
15.5	July 2027	Variable rate – 4.143%
50.0	July 2027	Variable rate – 4.361%
12.5	September 2027	Variable rate – 4.236%
57.7	November 2027	Variable rate – 4.133%
100.0	December 2027	Variable rate – 4.109%
100.0	December 2027	Variable rate – 4.232%
50.0	December 2027	Variable rate – 4.153%
75.0	January 2028	Variable rate – 4.163%
134.5	January 2028	Variable rate – 4.153%
50.0	January 2028	Variable rate – 4.408%
50.0	January 2028	Variable rate – 4.149%
100.0	January 2028	Variable rate – 4.303%
100.0	February 2028	Variable rate – 4.339%
21.0	February 2028	Variable rate – 4.069%
22.0	February 2028	Variable rate – 4.290%
100.0	February 2028	Variable rate – 4.212%
27.0	July 2028	Variable rate – 4.173%
15.0	July 2028	Variable rate – 4.090%
35.0	August 2028	Variable rate – 4.100%
12.5	September 2028	Variable rate – 4.332%

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42.2	May 2029	Variable rate – 4.323%
50.0	August 2029	Variable rate – 4.263%
50.0	April 2030	Variable rate - 4.513%
50.0	May 2030	Variable rate - 4.311%
50.0	May 2030	Variable rate - 4.459%
100.0	May 2030	Variable rate - 4.430%
125.0	September 2030	Variable rate - 4.210%
<u>\$</u>	<u>2,441.7</u>	

Generally, variable and fixed rate borrowings are pre-payable. As of December 31, 2025, the aggregate prepayment penalty on such outstanding borrowings was not material.

Interest expense of \$111.2 million, \$123.2 million and \$104.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively, was recognized related to total borrowings from the FHLB.

#### Accounting for Derivatives

Our fixed indexed annuity products provide a guaranteed minimum rate of return and a higher potential return that is based on a percentage (the "participation rate") of the amount of increase in the value of a particular index, such as the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, over a specified period. We are generally able to change the participation rate at the beginning of each index period (typically on each policy anniversary date), subject to contractual minimums. The Company accounts for the options attributed to the policyholder for the estimated life of the contract as embedded derivatives. We are required to record the embedded derivatives related to our fixed indexed annuity products at estimated fair value.

The value of the embedded derivative is based on the estimated cost to fulfill our commitment to fixed indexed annuity policyholders by purchasing a series of annual forward options over the duration of the policy that back the potential return based on a percentage of the amount of increase in the value of the appropriate index. In estimating the future cost to purchase the options, we are required to make assumptions regarding: (i) future index values to determine both the future notional amounts at each anniversary date and the future prices of the forward starting options; (ii) future annual participation rates; and (iii) non-economic factors related to policy persistency.

The value of the embedded derivatives is determined based on the present value of estimated future option costs discounted using a risk-free rate adjusted for our non-performance risk and risk margins for non-capital market inputs. The non-performance risk adjustment is determined by taking into consideration publicly available information related to spreads in the secondary market for debt with credit ratings similar to ours. These observable spreads are then adjusted to reflect the priority of these liabilities and the claim paying ability of the issuing insurance subsidiaries. Changes in fair value of such embedded derivatives are included in insurance policy benefits in the consolidated statement of operations.

Risk margins are established to capture non-capital market risks which represent the additional compensation a market participant would require to assume the risks related to the uncertainties regarding the embedded derivatives, including future policyholder behavior related to persistency. The determination of the risk margin is highly judgmental given the lack of a market to assume the risks solely related to the embedded derivatives of our fixed indexed annuity products.

The determination of the appropriate risk-free rate and non-performance risk is sensitive to the economic and interest rate environment. Accordingly, the value of the derivative is volatile due to external market sensitivities, which may materially affect net income. Additionally, changes in the judgmental assumptions regarding the appropriate risk margin can significantly impact the value of the derivative.

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We typically buy call options (including call spreads) referenced to the applicable indices in an effort to offset or hedge potential increases to policyholder benefits resulting from increases in the particular index to which the policy's return is linked.

We purchase certain fixed maturity securities that contain embedded derivatives that are required to be held at fair value on the consolidated balance sheet. We have elected the fair value option to carry the entire security at fair value with changes in fair value reported in other investment gains (losses) in the consolidated statement of operations.

**Revision of Prior Period Amounts**

As previously disclosed in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2025, certain amounts presented in the prior years' consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2024, consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2024, consolidated statement of shareholders' equity as of December 31, 2024 and related footnotes thereto have been corrected to conform with the current period presentation.

The Company identified an immaterial overstatement of its policy holder account balances and insurance policy benefits recorded for the year ended December 31, 2024 and the quarter ended March 31, 2025 related to the calculation of the embedded derivative for its flexible premium bonus indexed annuity product. This error caused the embedded derivative to be overstated as of these periods by \$21.6 million and \$31.7 million, respectively. The correction of these errors had no impact on our statement of cash flows or segment results for the periods reported.

In addition, the consolidated balance sheet for the year ended December 31, 2024 has been revised to correct immaterial errors related to the classification of non-redeemable preferred stock and to reflect an unsettled investment trade by one of our VIEs. To correct for these errors, fixed maturities, available for sale, at fair value was decreased by \$110.4 million with a corresponding increase to equity securities at fair value, and investments held by variable interest entities increased \$1.5 million with a corresponding increase to other liabilities.

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The Company assessed the materiality of these errors on prior period consolidated financial statements and determined that such financial statements were not materially misstated. Accordingly, the Company corrected these immaterial errors in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The following tables present the impact of the correction of the immaterial errors related to the overstatement of policyholder account balances and insurance policy benefits recorded, the classification of non-redeemable preferred stock and to reflect an unsettled investment trade by one of our variable interest entities for the year ended December 31, 2024 and for the three months ended March 31, 2025 (in millions):

Consolidated Balance Sheet

	December 31, 2024		
	As Previously Reported	Adjustments	As Revised
<b>Investments</b>			
Fixed maturities, available for sale, at fair value	\$ 22,840.5	\$ (110.4)	\$ 22,730.1
Equity securities at fair value	162.0	110.4	272.4
Investments held by variable interest entities	432.3	1.5	433.8
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>27,872.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>27,873.6</b>
Income tax assets, net	818.9	(4.8)	814.1
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>37,852.6</b>	<b>(3.3)</b>	<b>37,849.3</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Policyholder account balances	17,615.8	(21.6)	17,594.2
Other liabilities	1,161.8	1.5	1,163.3
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>35,354.2</b>	<b>(20.1)</b>	<b>35,334.1</b>
<b>Shareholders' equity:</b>			
Retained earnings	2,236.3	16.8	2,253.1
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>2,498.4</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>2,515.2</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>37,852.6</b>	<b>(3.3)</b>	<b>37,849.3</b>

Consolidated Statement of Operations

	Year ended December 31, 2024		
	As previously reported	Adjustments	As Revised
Insurance policy benefits	\$ 2,471.9	\$ (21.6)	\$ 2,450.3
<b>Total benefits and expenses</b>	<b>3,931.2</b>	<b>(21.6)</b>	<b>3,909.6</b>
Income before income taxes	518.3	21.6	539.9
Income tax expense	114.3	4.8	119.1
<b>Net income</b>	<b>404.0</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>420.8</b>
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 3.81	\$ 0.15	\$ 3.96
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 3.74	\$ 0.15	\$ 3.89

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	Retained earnings
Balance, December 31, 2024	\$ 2,236.3
Correction of immaterial error	16.8
Balance, December 31, 2024 (as revised)	\$ 2,253.1
Balance, March 31, 2025	\$ 2,233.6
Correction of immaterial error	24.6
Balance, March 31, 2025 (as revised)	\$ 2,258.2

The following table presents line items for prior period impacts to the Company's consolidated statement of operations that have been affected by the immaterial error discussed above and that will be revised in conjunction with future filings (in millions):

	Three months ended March 31, 2025		
	As previously reported	Adjustments	As Revised
Insurance policy benefits	\$ 580.1	\$ (10.1)	\$ 570.0
Total benefits and expenses	986.4	(10.1)	976.3
Income before income taxes	17.7	10.1	27.8
Income tax expense	4.0	2.3	6.3
Net income	13.7	7.8	21.5
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.21
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.21

#### Adopted Accounting Standards

We adopted Accounting Standards Update 2023-09, *Income Taxes (Topic 740): Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures* ("ASU 2023-09") retrospectively effective January 1, 2025. ASU 2023-09 is intended to improve the effectiveness of income tax disclosures by requiring, among other things, the disclosure on an annual basis of: (i) specific categories in the rate reconciliation; and (ii) additional information for reconciling items that meet a quantitative threshold. In addition, ASU 2023-09 requires disclosure (on an annual basis) of the following information about income taxes paid: (i) the amount of income taxes paid (net of refunds received) disaggregated by federal (national), state, and foreign taxes; and (ii) the amount of income taxes paid (net of refunds received) disaggregated by individual jurisdictions in which income taxes paid (net of refunds received) is equal to or greater than 5 percent of total income taxes paid (net of refunds received). The adoption of ASU 2023-09 modified our disclosures but did not have an impact on our financial position or results of operations.

#### Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In November 2025, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2025-08, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326): Purchased Loans* ("ASU 2025-08"). This update establishes a new category of acquired loans ("Purchased Seasoned Loans") subject to the gross-up approach. ASU 2025-08 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2026 and interim reporting periods within those annual reporting periods. Early adoption is permitted. ASU 2025-08 should be applied prospectively. We are currently evaluating the effect of ASU 2025-08 on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

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In September 2025, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2025-06, *Intangibles – Goodwill and Other – Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 350-40): Targeted Improvements to the Accounting for Internal-Use Software* ("ASU 2025-06"). This update removes all references to prescriptive and sequential software development stages, and adds that entities are required to start capitalizing software costs when both of the following occur: 1) management has authorized and committed to funding the software project, and 2) it is probable that the project will be completed and the software will be used to perform the function intended. The update also removes Subtopic 350-50, *Website Development Costs*, and incorporates that guidance within Subtopic 350-40. ASU 2025-06 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2027 and interim reporting periods within those annual reporting periods. Early adoption is permitted. Entities will have the option to apply the updates prospectively, under a modified transition approach that is based on the status of the project and whether software costs were capitalized before the date of adoption, or retrospectively. We are currently evaluating the effect of ASU 2025-06 on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In July 2025, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2025-05, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses for Accounts Receivable and Contract Assets* ("ASU 2025-05"). This update provides a practical expedient for entities when estimating expected credit losses to assume that current conditions as of the balance sheet date do not change for the remaining life of the asset. ASU 2025-05 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2025 and interim reporting periods within those annual reporting periods. Early adoption is permitted. ASU 2025-05 should be applied prospectively. We are currently evaluating the effect of ASU 2025-05 on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In November 2024, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2024-03, *Income Statement—Reporting Comprehensive Income—Expense Disaggregation Disclosures (Subtopic 220-40): Disaggregation of Income Statement Expenses* ("ASU 2024-03"), which requires disclosure of additional information about specific expense categories in the notes to the financial statements. ASU 2024-03 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2026 and for interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2027. Early adoption is permitted. ASU 2024-03 may be applied retrospectively or prospectively. The adoption of ASU 2024-03 will modify our disclosures but will not have an impact on our financial position or results of operations. We do not expect the impact to our disclosures to be material.

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### 3. INVESTMENTS

At December 31, 2025, the amortized cost, gross unrealized gains, gross unrealized losses, allowance for credit losses and estimated fair value of fixed maturities, available for sale, were as follows (dollars in millions):

	Amortized cost	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses	Allowance for credit losses	Estimated fair value
Investment grade (a):					
Corporate securities	\$ 13,876.5	\$ 129.4	\$ (1,379.6)	\$ (24.7)	\$ 12,601.6
Certificates of deposit	—	—	—	—	—
United States Treasury securities and obligations of United States government corporations and agencies	207.2	0.1	(30.2)	—	177.1
States and political subdivisions	3,289.0	24.9	(376.9)	(0.6)	2,936.4
Foreign governments	130.9	0.9	(10.7)	(0.6)	120.5
Asset-backed securities	1,734.1	14.0	(45.8)	(0.1)	1,702.2
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	838.3	11.4	(0.2)	—	849.5
Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities	1,400.3	16.2	(89.5)	—	1,327.0
Collateralized loan obligations	1,142.4	2.8	(2.7)	—	1,142.5
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	2,079.2	6.4	(99.4)	—	1,986.2
Total investment grade fixed maturities, available for sale	<u>24,697.9</u>	<u>206.1</u>	<u>(2,035.0)</u>	<u>(26.0)</u>	<u>22,843.0</u>
Below-investment grade (a) (b):					
Corporate securities	692.3	7.7	(33.6)	(5.5)	660.9
States and political subdivisions	22.4	0.2	(2.0)	(2.3)	18.3
Asset-backed securities	46.7	—	(1.6)	—	45.1
Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities	238.8	21.3	(1.4)	—	258.7
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	78.3	—	(15.3)	(2.2)	60.8
Total below-investment grade fixed maturities, available for sale	<u>1,078.5</u>	<u>29.2</u>	<u>(53.9)</u>	<u>(10.0)</u>	<u>1,043.8</u>
Total fixed maturities, available for sale	<u>\$ 25,776.4</u>	<u>\$ 235.3</u>	<u>\$ (2,088.9)</u>	<u>\$ (36.0)</u>	<u>\$ 23,886.8</u>

- (a) Investment ratings are assigned the second lowest rating by Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations ("NRSROs") (Moody's Investor Services, Inc. ("Moody's"), S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") or Fitch Ratings ("Fitch")), or if not rated by such firms, the rating assigned by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (the "NAIC"). NAIC designations of "1" or "2" include fixed maturities generally rated investment grade (rated "Baa3" or higher by Moody's or rated "BBB-" or higher by S&P and Fitch). NAIC designations of "3" through "6" are referred to as below-investment grade (which generally are rated "Ba1" or lower by Moody's or rated "BB+" or lower by S&P and Fitch). References to investment grade or below-investment grade throughout our consolidated financial statements are determined as described above.
- (b) Certain structured securities rated below-investment grade by NRSROs may be assigned a NAIC 1 or NAIC 2 designation based on the cost basis of the security relative to estimated recoverable amounts as determined by the NAIC. Refer to the table below for a summary of our fixed maturity securities, available for sale, by NAIC designations.

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The NAIC evaluates the fixed maturity investments of insurers for regulatory and capital assessment purposes and assigns securities to one of six credit quality categories called NAIC designations, which are used by insurers when preparing their annual statements based on U.S. statutory accounting principles. The NAIC designations are generally similar to the credit quality designations of the NRSROs for marketable fixed maturity securities, except for certain structured securities. However, certain structured securities rated below investment grade by the NRSROs can be assigned NAIC 1 or NAIC 2 designations depending on the cost basis of the holding relative to estimated recoverable amounts as determined by the NAIC. The following summarizes the NAIC designations and NRSRO equivalent ratings:

<u>NAIC Designation</u>	<u>NRSRO Equivalent Rating</u>
1	AAA/AA/A
2	BBB
3	BB
4	B
5	CCC and lower
6	In or near default

A summary of our fixed maturity securities, available for sale, by NAIC designations (or for fixed maturity securities held by non-regulated entities, based on NRSRO ratings) as of December 31, 2025 is as follows (dollars in millions):

NAIC designation	Amortized cost	Estimated fair value	Percentage of total estimated fair value
1	\$ 16,409.6	\$ 15,136.9	63.4 %
2	8,512.2	7,946.0	33.3
Total NAIC 1 and 2 (investment grade)	24,921.8	23,082.9	96.7
3	694.6	657.7	2.7
4	132.5	125.2	0.5
5	20.8	16.5	0.1
6	6.7	4.5	—
Total NAIC 3,4,5 and 6 (below-investment grade)	854.6	803.9	3.3
	<u>\$ 25,776.4</u>	<u>\$ 23,886.8</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>

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At December 31, 2024, the amortized cost, gross unrealized gains, gross unrealized losses, allowance for credit losses and estimated fair value of fixed maturities, available for sale, were as follows (dollars in millions):

	Amortized cost	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses	Allowance for credit losses	Estimated fair value
<b>Investment grade:</b>					
Corporate securities	\$ 12,993.9	\$ 55.3	\$ (1,630.0)	\$ (22.5)	\$ 11,396.7
Certificates of deposit	470.0	18.3	—	—	488.3
United States Treasury securities and obligations of United States government corporations and agencies	214.8	—	(28.6)	—	186.2
States and political subdivisions	3,238.3	12.1	(434.6)	(0.5)	2,815.3
Foreign governments	107.2	0.1	(15.3)	(0.9)	91.1
Asset-backed securities	1,475.1	7.5	(56.5)	(0.1)	1,426.0
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	819.8	5.3	(5.5)	—	819.6
Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities	1,253.4	11.6	(121.6)	—	1,143.4
Collateralized loan obligations	1,015.2	5.6	(4.0)	—	1,016.8
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	2,275.3	3.7	(157.8)	—	2,121.2
Total investment grade fixed maturities, available for sale	<u>23,863.0</u>	<u>119.5</u>	<u>(2,453.9)</u>	<u>(24.0)</u>	<u>21,504.6</u>
<b>Below-investment grade:</b>					
Corporate securities	678.2	4.9	(30.4)	(8.6)	644.1
States and political subdivisions	23.6	0.1	(1.8)	(2.9)	19.0
Asset-backed securities	99.5	0.8	(9.9)	—	90.4
Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities	382.9	22.0	(9.2)	—	395.7
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	103.8	—	(25.9)	(1.6)	76.3
Total below-investment grade fixed maturities, available for sale	<u>1,288.0</u>	<u>27.8</u>	<u>(77.2)</u>	<u>(13.1)</u>	<u>1,225.5</u>
Total fixed maturities, available for sale	<u>\$ 25,151.0</u>	<u>\$ 147.3</u>	<u>\$ (2,531.1)</u>	<u>\$ (37.1)</u>	<u>\$ 22,730.1</u>

**Below-Investment Grade Securities**

At December 31, 2025, the amortized cost of the Company's below-investment grade fixed maturity securities, available for sale, was \$1,078.5 million, or 4.2 percent of the Company's fixed maturity portfolio. The estimated fair value of the below-investment grade portfolio was \$1,043.8 million, or 96.8 percent of the amortized cost. Based on the credit quality ratings assigned by the NAIC: (i) the amortized cost of our below-investment grade fixed maturities was \$854.6 million, or 3.3 percent of our fixed maturity portfolio; and (ii) the estimated fair value of such below-investment grade fixed maturities was \$803.9 million or 94.1 percent of the amortized cost.

Below-investment grade corporate debt securities typically have different characteristics than investment grade corporate debt securities. Based on historical performance, probability of default by the borrower is significantly greater for below-investment grade corporate debt securities and in many cases severity of loss is relatively greater as such securities are generally unsecured and often subordinated to other indebtedness of the issuer. Also, issuers of below-investment grade corporate debt securities frequently have higher levels of debt relative to investment-grade issuers, hence, all other things being equal, are generally more sensitive to adverse economic conditions. The Company attempts to reduce the overall risk related to its investment in below-investment grade securities, as in all investments, through careful credit analysis, strict investment policy guidelines, and diversification by issuer and/or guarantor and by industry.

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**Contractual Maturity**

The following table sets forth the amortized cost and estimated fair value of fixed maturities, available for sale, at December 31, 2025, by contractual maturity. Actual maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without penalties. Structured securities (such as asset-backed securities, agency residential mortgage-backed securities, non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities, collateralized loan obligations and commercial mortgage-backed securities, collectively referred to as "structured securities") frequently include provisions for periodic principal payments and permit periodic unscheduled payments.

	Amortized cost	Estimated fair value
(Dollars in millions)		
Due in one year or less	\$ 251.2	\$ 250.2
Due after one year through five years	2,144.1	2,149.2
Due after five years through ten years	2,945.1	2,984.3
Due after ten years	12,878.0	11,131.1
Subtotal	18,218.4	16,514.8
Structured securities	7,558.0	7,372.0
Total fixed maturities, available for sale	<u>\$ 25,776.4</u>	<u>\$ 23,886.8</u>

**Investments with Unrealized Losses**

The following table sets forth the amortized cost and estimated fair value of those fixed maturities, available for sale, with unrealized losses at December 31, 2025, by contractual maturity. Actual maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without penalties. Structured securities frequently include provisions for periodic principal payments and permit periodic unscheduled payments.

	Amortized cost	Estimated fair value
(Dollars in millions)		
Due in one year or less	\$ 109.6	\$ 108.0
Due after one year through five years	764.8	745.1
Due after five years through ten years	762.3	730.9
Due after ten years	10,592.8	8,778.8
Subtotal	12,229.5	10,362.8
Structured securities	3,459.2	3,201.0
Total	<u>\$ 15,688.7</u>	<u>\$ 13,563.8</u>

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The following summarizes the investments in our portfolio rated below-investment grade not deemed to have credit losses which have been continuously in an unrealized loss position exceeding 20 percent of the cost basis for the period indicated as of December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions):

	Number of issuers	Cost basis	Unrealized loss	Estimated fair value
Less than 6 months	1	\$ 3.0	\$ (0.7)	\$ 2.3
Greater than or equal to 6 months and less than 12 months	—	—	—	—
Greater than 12 months	4	27.1	(10.0)	17.1
Total		<u>\$ 30.1</u>	<u>\$ (10.7)</u>	<u>\$ 19.4</u>

The following table summarizes the gross unrealized losses and fair values of our investments with unrealized losses for which an allowance for credit losses has not been recorded, aggregated by investment category and length of time that such securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position, at December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions):

Description of securities	Less than 12 months		12 months or greater		Total	
	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses
Corporate securities	\$ 734.9	\$ (44.3)	\$ 2,645.8	\$ (426.7)	\$ 3,380.7	\$ (471.0)
United States Treasury securities and obligations of United States government corporations and agencies	0.4	—	153.9	(30.2)	154.3	(30.2)
States and political subdivisions	275.6	(8.5)	806.0	(127.6)	1,081.6	(136.1)
Foreign governments	3.1	—	24.3	(2.7)	27.4	(2.7)
Asset-backed securities	187.8	(1.8)	487.7	(44.9)	675.5	(46.7)
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	59.8	—	13.8	(0.2)	73.6	(0.2)
Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities	131.4	(0.9)	703.3	(90.0)	834.7	(90.9)
Collateralized loan obligations	227.3	(0.9)	62.9	(1.8)	290.2	(2.7)
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	243.7	(2.1)	1,067.2	(112.6)	1,310.9	(114.7)
Total fixed maturities, available for sale	<u>\$ 1,864.0</u>	<u>\$ (58.5)</u>	<u>\$ 5,964.9</u>	<u>\$ (836.7)</u>	<u>\$ 7,828.9</u>	<u>\$ (895.2)</u>

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The following table summarizes the gross unrealized losses and fair values of our investments with unrealized losses for which an allowance for credit losses has not been recorded, aggregated by investment category and length of time that such securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position, at December 31, 2024 (dollars in millions):

Description of securities	Less than 12 months		12 months or greater		Total	
	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses
Corporate securities	\$ 1,200.8	\$ (35.5)	\$ 4,029.2	\$ (740.3)	\$ 5,230.0	\$ (775.8)
United States Treasury securities and obligations of United States government corporations and agencies	44.7	(3.8)	141.5	(24.8)	186.2	(28.6)
States and political subdivisions	831.9	(20.5)	896.1	(212.1)	1,728.0	(232.6)
Foreign governments	17.4	(1.0)	10.0	(1.0)	27.4	(2.0)
Asset-backed securities	124.8	(1.2)	807.9	(64.3)	932.7	(65.5)
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	297.1	(5.3)	3.1	(0.2)	300.2	(5.5)
Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities	128.0	(1.4)	884.6	(129.4)	1,012.6	(130.8)
Collateralized loan obligations	162.9	(0.7)	66.9	(3.2)	229.8	(3.9)
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	174.5	(1.2)	1,642.7	(182.5)	1,817.2	(183.7)
Total fixed maturities, available for sale	\$ 2,982.1	\$ (70.6)	\$ 8,482.0	\$ (1,357.8)	\$ 11,464.1	\$ (1,428.4)

Based on management's current assessment of investments with unrealized losses at December 31, 2025, the Company believes the issuers of the securities will continue to meet their obligations. While we do not have the intent to sell securities with unrealized losses and it is not more likely than not that we will be required to sell securities with unrealized losses prior to their anticipated recovery based upon market or other unforeseen developments. In such instances, if a loss is recognized from a sale subsequent to a balance sheet date due to these unexpected developments, the loss is recognized in the period in which we had the intent to sell the security before its anticipated recovery.

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The following table summarizes changes in the allowance for credit losses related to fixed maturities, available for sale, for each of the three years ended December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions):

	Corporate securities	Other	Total
Allowance at December 31, 2022	\$ 54.4	\$ 1.6	\$ 56.0
Additions for securities for which credit losses were not previously recorded	7.3	0.4	7.7
Additions (reductions) for securities where an allowance was previously recorded	(7.3)	(0.6)	(7.9)
Reduction for securities disposed during the period	(12.7)	(0.2)	(12.9)
Allowance at December 31, 2023	41.7	1.2	42.9
Additions for securities for which credit losses were not previously recorded	8.9	1.9	10.8
Additions (reductions) for securities where an allowance was previously recorded	(9.2)	3.0	(6.2)
Reduction for securities disposed during the period	(10.3)	(0.1)	(10.4)
Allowance at December 31, 2024	31.1	6.0	37.1
Additions for securities for which credit losses were not previously recorded	9.0	0.1	9.1
Additions (reductions) for securities where an allowance was previously recorded	(5.2)	(0.3)	(5.5)
Reduction for securities disposed during the period	(4.7)	—	(4.7)
Allowance at December 31, 2025	\$ 30.2	\$ 5.8	\$ 36.0

#### Structured Securities

At December 31, 2025, fixed maturity investments included structured securities with an estimated fair value of \$7.4 billion (or 30.9 percent of all fixed maturity securities). The yield characteristics of structured securities generally differ in some respects from those of traditional corporate fixed income securities or government securities. For example, interest and principal payments on structured securities may occur more frequently, often monthly. In many instances, we are subject to variability in the amount and timing of principal and interest payments. For example, in many cases, partial prepayments may occur at the option of the issuer and prepayment rates are influenced by a number of factors that cannot be predicted with certainty, including: the relative sensitivity of prepayments on the underlying assets backing the security to changes in interest rates and asset values; the availability of alternative financing; a variety of economic, geographic and other factors; the timing, pace and proceeds of liquidations of defaulted collateral; and various security-specific structural considerations (for example, the repayment priority of a given security in a securitization structure). In addition, the total amount of payments for non-agency structured securities may be affected by changes to cumulative default rates or loss severities of the related collateral.

Historically, the rate of prepayments on structured securities has tended to increase when prevailing interest rates have declined significantly in absolute terms and also relative to the interest rates on the underlying collateral. The yields recognized on structured securities purchased at a discount to par will generally increase (relative to the stated rate) when the underlying collateral prepays faster than expected. The yields recognized on structured securities purchased at a premium will decrease (relative to the stated rate) when the underlying collateral prepays faster than expected. When interest rates decline, the proceeds from prepayments may be reinvested at lower rates than we were earning on the prepaid securities. When interest rates increase, prepayments may decrease below expected levels. When this occurs, the average maturity and duration of structured securities increases, decreasing the yield on structured securities purchased at discounts and increasing the yield on those purchased at a premium because of a decrease in the annual amortization of premium.

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For structured securities included in fixed maturities, available for sale, that were purchased at a discount or premium, we recognize investment income using an effective yield based on anticipated future prepayments and the estimated final maturity of the securities. Actual prepayment experience is periodically reviewed and effective yields are recalculated when differences arise between the prepayments originally anticipated and the actual prepayments received and currently anticipated. For credit sensitive mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, and for securities that can be prepaid or settled in a way that we would not recover substantially all of our investment, the effective yield is recalculated on a prospective basis. Under this method, the amortized cost basis in the security is not immediately adjusted and a new yield is applied prospectively. For all other structured and asset-backed securities, the effective yield is recalculated when changes in assumptions are made, and reflected in our income on a retrospective basis. Under this method, the amortized cost basis of the investment in the securities is adjusted to the amount that would have existed had the new effective yield been applied since the acquisition of the securities. Such adjustments were not significant in 2025.

For purchased credit impaired securities, at acquisition, the difference between the undiscounted expected future cash flows and the recorded investment in the securities represents the initial accretable yield, which is accreted into net investment income over the securities' remaining lives on a level-yield basis. Subsequently, effective yields recognized on purchased credit impaired securities are recalculated and adjusted prospectively to reflect changes in the contractual benchmark interest rates on variable rate securities and any significant increases in undiscounted expected future cash flows arising due to reasons other than interest rate changes. Significant decreases in expected cash flows arising from credit events would result in impairment if such security's fair value is below amortized cost.

The amortized cost and estimated fair value of structured securities at December 31, 2025, summarized by type of security, were as follows (dollars in millions):

Type	Amortized cost	Estimated fair value	
		Amount	Percent of fixed maturities
Asset-backed securities	\$ 1,780.8	\$ 1,747.3	7.3 %
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	838.3	849.5	3.6
Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities	1,639.1	1,585.7	6.6
Collateralized loan obligations	1,142.3	1,142.5	4.8
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	2,157.5	2,047.0	8.6
Total structured securities	\$ 7,558.0	\$ 7,372.0	30.9 %

Residential mortgage-backed securities ("RMBS") include transactions collateralized by agency-guaranteed and non-agency mortgage obligations. Non-agency RMBS investments are primarily categorized by underlying borrower credit quality: Prime, Alt-A, Non-Qualified Mortgage ("Non-QM"), and Subprime. Prime borrowers typically default with the lowest frequency, Alt-A and Non-QM default at higher rates, and Subprime borrowers default with the highest frequency. In addition to borrower credit categories, RMBS investments include Re-Performing Loan ("RPL") and Credit Risk Transfer ("CRT") transactions. RPL transactions include borrowers with prior difficulty meeting the original mortgage terms and were subsequently modified, resulting in a sustainable payback arrangement. CRT securities are collateralized by Government-Sponsored Enterprise conforming mortgages and Prime borrowers, but without an agency guarantee against default losses.

Commercial mortgage-backed securities ("CMBS") are secured by commercial real estate mortgages, generally income producing properties that are managed for profit. Property types include, but are not limited to, hospitals, hotels, multi-family dwellings including apartments, nursing homes, office buildings, restaurants, retail centers and warehouses. While most CMBS have call protection features whereby underlying borrowers may not prepay their mortgages for stated periods of time without incurring prepayment penalties, recoveries on defaulted collateral may result in involuntary prepayments.

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### Mortgage Loans

Mortgage loans are carried at amortized unpaid balance, net of allowance for estimated credit losses. Interest income is accrued on the principal amount of the loan based on the loan's contractual interest rate. Payment terms specified for mortgage loans may include a prepayment penalty for unscheduled payoff of the investment. Prepayment penalties are recognized as investment income when received.

The mortgage loan balance was comprised of commercial and residential mortgage loans. At December 31, 2025, we held commercial mortgage loan investments with an amortized cost and fair value of \$1,795.8 million and \$1,699.1 million, respectively. Approximately 16.1 percent, 6.8 percent, 5.9 percent and 5.0 percent of the commercial mortgage loan balance were on properties located in California, Florida, Maryland, and Illinois, respectively. No other state comprised greater than five percent of the commercial mortgage loan balance. At December 31, 2025, there were no commercial mortgage loans in process of foreclosure.

The following table provides the amortized cost by year of origination and estimated fair value of our outstanding commercial mortgage loans and the underlying collateral as of December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions):

Loan-to-value ratio (a)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	Prior	Total amortized cost	Estimated fair value	
								Mortgage loans	Collateral
Less than 60%	\$ 273.5	\$ 169.1	\$ 197.8	\$ 141.3	\$ 123.3	\$ 449.9	\$ 1,354.9	\$ 1,291.0	\$ 4,329.0
60% to less than 70%	118.0	15.0	17.7	37.6	7.5	26.0	221.8	209.3	336.7
70% to less than 80%	18.8	—	59.7	52.0	—	22.6	153.1	138.1	206.5
80% to less than 90%	10.0	—	—	46.4	—	—	56.4	53.1	70.1
90% or greater	—	—	—	—	7.7	1.9	9.6	7.6	9.8
Total	<u>\$ 420.3</u>	<u>\$ 184.1</u>	<u>\$ 275.2</u>	<u>\$ 277.3</u>	<u>\$ 138.5</u>	<u>\$ 500.4</u>	<u>\$ 1,795.8</u>	<u>\$ 1,699.1</u>	<u>\$ 4,952.1</u>

(a) Loan-to-value ratios are calculated as the ratio of: (i) the amortized cost of the commercial mortgage loans; to (ii) the estimated fair value of the underlying collateral.

At December 31, 2025, we held residential mortgage loan investments with an amortized cost and fair value of \$1,481.9 million and \$1,497.8 million, respectively. We consider current or non-current loan status as our primary credit quality indicator in conjunction with other quantitative and qualitative factors. We define non-current loans as those that are 90 or more days past due and/or in nonaccrual status. At December 31, 2025, there were 31 residential mortgage loans that were non-current with an amortized cost of \$20.7 million (of which five loans with an amortized cost of \$2.6 million were in foreclosure).

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The allowance for estimated credit losses is measured using a loss-rate method on an individual asset basis. Inputs used include asset-specific characteristics, current economic conditions, historical loss information and reasonable and supportable forecasts about future economic conditions. The following table summarizes changes in the allowance for credit losses related to mortgage loans for each of the three years ended December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions):

	Mortgage loans
Allowance for credit losses at December 31, 2022	\$ 8.0
Current period provision for expected credit losses	7.4
Allowance for credit losses at December 31, 2023	15.4
Current period provision for expected credit losses	(1.8)
Allowance for credit losses at December 31, 2024	13.6
Current period provision for expected credit losses	7.3
Allowance for credit losses at December 31, 2025	\$ 20.9

### Investment Disclosures

Life insurance companies are required to maintain certain investments on deposit with state regulatory authorities. Such assets had an aggregate fair value of \$36.3 million and \$38.2 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

The Company had no fixed maturity investments that were in excess of 10 percent of shareholders' equity at December 31, 2025 and 2024.

### Net Investment Income

Net investment income consisted of the following (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024	2023
General account assets:			
Fixed maturities	\$ 1,272.7	\$ 1,222.1	\$ 1,142.9
Equity securities	30.6	35.0	1.7
Mortgage loans	161.8	126.5	97.4
Policy loans	9.5	9.0	8.6
Other invested assets	76.1	26.8	8.2
Cash and cash equivalents	36.2	39.0	20.9
Policyholder and other special-purpose portfolios:			
Trading securities	5.7	5.0	6.5
Options related to fixed indexed products:			
Option income (loss)	96.4	243.6	(48.3)
Change in value of options	23.6	12.2	177.3
Other special-purpose portfolios	55.3	68.7	114.0
Gross investment income	1,767.9	1,787.9	1,529.2
Less investment expenses	44.5	39.1	29.5
Net investment income	\$ 1,723.4	\$ 1,748.8	\$ 1,499.7

At December 31, 2025, the amortized cost and carrying value of fixed maturities that were non-income producing during 2025 totaled \$5.7 million and \$3.5 million, respectively.

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**Total Investment Gains (Losses)**

The following table sets forth the total investment gains (losses) for the periods indicated (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024	2023
Realized investment gains (losses):			
Gross realized gains on sales of fixed maturities, available for sale	\$ 20.6	\$ 11.5	\$ 13.4
Gross realized losses on sales of fixed maturities, available for sale	(79.5)	(54.9)	(58.9)
Equity securities, net	0.1	—	(0.6)
Other, net	(0.8)	(32.2)	(23.2)
Total realized investment gains (losses)	(59.6)	(75.6)	(69.3)
Change in allowance for credit losses and write-downs	(6.2)	(2.6)	8.1
Change in fair value of equity securities (a)	1.3	(0.4)	0.4
Other changes in fair value (b) (c)	9.8	24.8	(8.2)
Gain on dissolution of variable interest entities	—	3.9	—
Other investment gains (losses)	4.9	25.7	0.3
Total investment gains (losses)	\$ (54.7)	\$ (49.9)	\$ (69.0)

- (a) Changes in the estimated fair value of equity securities (that were still held as of the end of the respective years) were \$3.4 million, \$(0.3) million and \$0.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.
- (b) Changes in the estimated fair value of fixed maturity investments with embedded derivatives that we have elected the fair value option (that were still held as of the end of the respective years) were \$10.9 million, \$3.7 million and \$(2.0) million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.
- (c) Other changes in fair value are comprised of (i) the net increase (decrease) in fair value of certain other invested assets and fixed maturity investments with embedded derivatives, including the change in fair value, of \$8.0 million, \$24.4 million, and \$(8.5) million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively; and (ii) the increase in fair value of embedded derivatives related to a modified coinsurance agreement of \$1.8 million, \$0.4 million, and \$0.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively.

During 2025, the \$79.5 million of realized losses on sales of \$1,562.5 million of fixed maturity securities, available for sale, primarily related to various corporate securities. Securities are generally sold at a loss following unforeseen sector or issuer-specific events or conditions, shifts in perceived credit quality relative values, or in connection with strategic asset repositioning related to changes in market conditions.

During 2024, the \$54.9 million of realized losses on sales of \$1,432.0 million of fixed maturity securities, available for sale, primarily related to various corporate securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and various other investments.

During 2023, the \$58.9 million of realized losses on sales of \$712.2 million of fixed maturity securities, available for sale, primarily related to various corporate securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and (iv) various other investments.

Our fixed maturity investments are generally purchased in the context of various long-term strategies, including funding insurance liabilities, so we do not generally seek to generate short-term realized gains through the purchase and sale of such securities. In certain circumstances, including those in which securities are selling at prices which exceed our view of their underlying economic value, or when it is possible to reinvest the proceeds to better meet our long-term asset-liability objectives, we may sell certain securities.

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The following summarizes the investments sold at a loss during 2025 which had been continuously in an unrealized loss position exceeding 20 percent of the amortized cost basis prior to the sale for the period indicated (dollars in millions):

	Number of issuers	At date of sale	
		Amortized cost	Fair value
Less than 6 months prior to sale	8	\$ 55.8	\$ 41.5
Greater than or equal to 6 months and less than 12 months prior to sale	2	4.3	3.5
Greater than 12 months prior to sale	6	42.6	29.0
		<u>\$ 102.7</u>	<u>\$ 74.0</u>

Future events may occur, or additional information may become available, which may necessitate future realized losses in our portfolio. Significant losses could have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial statements in future periods.

#### 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is 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 and, therefore, represents an exit price, not an entry price. We carry certain assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis, including fixed maturities, equity securities, trading securities, investments held by VIEs, derivatives, separate account assets and embedded derivatives. We carry our COLI, which is invested in a series of mutual funds, at its cash surrender value, which approximates fair value. In addition, we disclose fair value for certain financial instruments that are not carried at fair value, including mortgage loans, policy loans, cash and cash equivalents, insurance liabilities for interest-sensitive products and funding agreements, investment borrowings, notes payable and borrowings related to VIEs.

The degree of judgment utilized in measuring the fair value of financial instruments is largely dependent on the level to which pricing is based on observable inputs. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect our view of market assumptions in the absence of observable market information. Financial instruments with readily available active quoted prices would be considered to have fair values based on the highest level of observable inputs, and little judgment would be utilized in measuring fair value. Financial instruments that rarely trade would often have fair value based on a lower level of observable inputs, and more judgment would be utilized in measuring fair value.

##### Valuation Hierarchy

There is a three-level hierarchy for valuing assets or liabilities at fair value based on whether inputs are observable or unobservable.

- Level 1 – includes assets and liabilities valued using inputs that are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Our Level 1 assets primarily include cash and cash equivalents and exchange-traded securities.
- Level 2 – includes assets and liabilities valued using inputs that are quoted prices for similar assets in an active market, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in a market that is not active, observable inputs, or observable inputs that can be corroborated by market data. Level 2 assets and liabilities include those financial instruments that are valued by independent pricing services using models or other valuation methodologies. These models consider various inputs such as credit rating, maturity, corporate credit spreads, reported trades and other inputs that are observable or derived from observable information in the marketplace or are supported by transactions executed in the marketplace. Financial assets in this category primarily include: certain publicly registered and privately placed corporate fixed maturity securities; certain government or agency securities; certain mortgage and asset-backed securities; certain equity securities; most investments held by our consolidated VIEs; and derivatives

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such as call options. Financial liabilities in this category include investment borrowings, notes payable and borrowings related to VIEs.

- Level 3 – includes assets and liabilities valued using unobservable inputs that are used in model-based valuations that contain management assumptions. Level 3 assets and liabilities include those financial instruments whose fair value is estimated based on broker-dealer quotes, pricing services or internally developed models or methodologies utilizing significant inputs not based on, or corroborated by, readily available market information. Financial assets in this category include certain corporate securities, certain structured securities, mortgage loans, policy loans, and other less liquid securities. Financial liabilities in this category include our insurance liabilities for interest-sensitive products, which includes embedded derivatives (including embedded derivatives related to our fixed indexed annuity products and to a modified coinsurance arrangement), and funding agreements since their values include significant unobservable inputs, including actuarial assumptions.

At each reporting date, we classify assets and liabilities into the three input levels based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the measurement of fair value for each asset and liability reported at fair value. This classification is impacted by a number of factors, including the type of financial instrument, whether the financial instrument is new to the market and not yet established, the characteristics specific to the transaction and overall market conditions. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement and the ultimate classification of each asset and liability requires judgment and is subject to change from period to period based on the observability of the valuation inputs.

The vast majority of our assets carried at fair value use Level 2 inputs for the determination of fair value. These fair values are obtained primarily from independent pricing services, which use Level 2 inputs for the determination of fair value. Our Level 2 assets are valued as follows:

- Fixed maturities available for sale, equity securities and trading securities

Corporate securities are generally priced using market and income approaches using independent pricing services. Inputs generally consist of trades of identical or similar securities, quoted prices in inactive markets, issuer rating, benchmark yields, maturity and credit spreads.

U.S. Treasuries and obligations of U.S. Government corporations and agencies are generally priced using the market approach. Inputs generally consist of trades of identical or similar securities, quoted prices in inactive markets and maturity.

States and political subdivisions are generally priced using the market approach using independent pricing services. Inputs generally consist of trades of identical or similar securities, quoted prices in inactive markets, new issuances and credit spreads.

Foreign governments are generally priced using the market approach using independent pricing services. Inputs generally consist of trades of identical or similar securities, quoted prices in inactive markets, new issuances, benchmark yields, credit spreads and issuer rating.

Asset-backed securities, agency and non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities, collateralized loan obligations and commercial mortgage-backed securities are generally priced using market and income approaches using independent pricing services. Inputs generally consist of quoted prices in inactive markets, spreads on actively traded securities, expected prepayments, expected default rates, expected recovery rates and issue specific information including, but not limited to, collateral type, seniority and vintage.

Equity securities are generally priced using the market approach. Inputs generally consist of trades of identical or similar securities, quoted prices in inactive markets, issuer rating, benchmark yields, maturity and credit spreads.

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- Investments held by VIEs

Corporate securities are generally priced using market and income approaches using independent pricing services. Inputs generally consist of trades of identical or similar securities, quoted prices in inactive markets, issuer rating, benchmark yields, maturity, and credit spreads.

- Other invested assets - derivatives

The fair value measurements for derivative instruments, including embedded derivatives requiring bifurcation, are determined based on the consideration of several inputs including closing exchange or over-the-counter market price quotes, time value and volatility factors underlying options, market interest rates and non-performance risk.

Third-party pricing services normally derive security prices through recently reported trades for identical or similar securities making adjustments through the reporting date based upon observable market information. If there are no recently reported trades, the third-party pricing services may use matrix or model processes to develop a security price where future cash flow expectations are discounted at an estimated risk-adjusted market rate. The number of prices obtained for a given security is dependent on the Company's analysis of such prices as further described below.

As the Company is responsible for the determination of fair value, we have control processes designed to ensure that the fair values received from third-party pricing sources are reasonable and the valuation techniques and assumptions used appear reasonable and consistent with prevailing market conditions. Additionally, when inputs are provided by third-party pricing sources, we have controls in place to review those inputs for reasonableness. As part of these controls, we perform monthly quantitative and qualitative analysis on the prices received from third parties to determine whether the prices are reasonable estimates of fair value. The Company's analysis includes: (i) a review of the methodology used by third-party pricing services; (ii) where available, a comparison of multiple pricing services' valuations for the same security; (iii) a review of month to month price fluctuations; (iv) a review to ensure valuations are not unreasonably dated; and (v) back testing to compare actual purchase and sale transactions with valuations received from third parties. As a result of such procedures, the Company may conclude a particular price received from a third party is not reflective of current market conditions. In those instances, we may request additional pricing quotes or apply internally developed valuations. However, the number of such instances is insignificant and the aggregate change in value of such investments is not materially different from the original prices received.

The categorization of the fair value measurements of our investments priced by independent pricing services was based upon the Company's judgment of the inputs or methodologies used by the independent pricing services to value different asset classes. The Company categorizes such fair value measurements based upon asset classes and the underlying observable or unobservable inputs used to value such investments.

For securities that are not priced by pricing services and may not be reliably priced using pricing models, we obtain broker quotes. These broker quotes are non-binding and represent an exit price, but assumptions used to establish the fair value may not be observable and therefore represent Level 3 inputs. Approximately 93 percent of our Level 3 fixed maturity securities and trading securities were valued using unadjusted broker quotes or broker-provided valuation inputs. The remaining Level 3 fixed maturity investments do not have readily determinable market prices and/or observable inputs. For these securities, we use internally developed valuations. Key assumptions used to determine fair value for these securities may include risk premiums, projected performance of underlying collateral and other factors involving significant assumptions which may not be reflective of an active market. For certain investments, we use a matrix or model process to develop a security price where future cash flow expectations are discounted at an estimated market rate. The pricing matrix incorporates term interest rates as well as a spread level based on the issuer's credit rating, other factors relating to the issuer, and the security's maturity. In some instances issuer-specific spread adjustments, which can be positive or negative, are made based upon internal analysis of security specifics such as liquidity, deal size, and time to maturity.

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The categorization of fair value measurements, by input level, for our financial instruments carried at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2025 is as follows (dollars in millions):

	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Total
<b>Assets:</b>				
Fixed maturities, available for sale:				
Corporate securities	\$ —	\$ 13,130.7	\$ 131.8	\$ 13,262.5
Certificates of deposit	—	—	—	—
United States Treasury securities and obligations of United States government corporations and agencies	—	177.1	—	177.1
States and political subdivisions	—	2,954.7	—	2,954.7
Foreign governments	—	120.5	—	120.5
Asset-backed securities	—	1,710.8	36.5	1,747.3
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	—	849.5	—	849.5
Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities	—	1,585.7	—	1,585.7
Collateralized loan obligations	—	1,142.5	—	1,142.5
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	—	2,043.5	3.5	2,047.0
Total fixed maturities, available for sale	—	23,715.0	171.8	23,886.8
Equity securities - corporate securities	176.5	117.0	73.7	367.2
Trading securities:				
Asset-backed securities	—	38.7	—	38.7
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	—	97.5	—	97.5
Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities	—	44.2	—	44.2
Collateralized loan obligations	—	9.7	—	9.7
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	—	104.7	—	104.7
Total trading securities	—	294.8	—	294.8
Investments held by variable interest entities - corporate securities	—	293.0	—	293.0
Other invested assets:				
Derivatives	—	323.5	—	323.5
Residual tranches	—	—	4.2	4.2
Total other invested assets	—	323.5	4.2	327.7
Assets held in separate accounts	—	2.8	—	2.8
Total assets carried at fair value by category	\$ 176.5	\$ 24,746.1	\$ 249.7	\$ 25,172.3
Equity securities measured at net asset value				22.0
Total assets carried at fair value				\$ 25,194.3
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Market risk benefit liability	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 48.1	\$ 48.1
Embedded derivatives associated with fixed indexed annuity products	—	—	1,600.6	1,600.6
Total liabilities carried at fair value	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,648.7	\$ 1,648.7

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The categorization of fair value measurements, by input level, for our financial instruments carried at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2024 is as follows (dollars in millions):

	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Total
<b>Assets:</b>				
Fixed maturities, available for sale:				
Corporate securities	\$ —	\$ 11,912.8	\$ 128.0	\$ 12,040.8
Certificates of deposit	—	488.3	—	488.3
United States Treasury securities and obligations of United States government corporations and agencies	—	186.2	—	186.2
States and political subdivisions	—	2,834.3	—	2,834.3
Foreign governments	—	91.1	—	91.1
Asset-backed securities	—	1,496.6	19.8	1,516.4
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	—	819.6	—	819.6
Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities	—	1,539.1	—	1,539.1
Collateralized loan obligations	—	1,012.8	4.0	1,016.8
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	—	2,193.4	4.1	2,197.5
Total fixed maturities, available for sale	—	22,574.2	155.9	22,730.1
Equity securities - corporate securities	64.0	134.9	73.4	272.3
Trading securities:				
Asset-backed securities	—	40.6	—	40.6
Collateralized loan obligations	—	9.5	—	9.5
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	—	97.1	—	97.1
Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities	—	53.3	—	53.3
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	—	103.7	—	103.7
Total trading securities	—	304.2	—	304.2
Investments held by variable interest entities - corporate securities	—	433.8	—	433.8
Other invested assets:				
Derivatives	—	279.0	—	279.0
Residual tranches	—	1.5	95.4	96.9
Total other invested assets	—	280.5	95.4	375.9
Assets held in separate accounts	—	3.3	—	3.3
<b>Total assets carried at fair value by category</b>	<b>\$ 64.0</b>	<b>\$ 23,730.9</b>	<b>\$ 324.7</b>	<b>\$ 24,119.6</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Market risk benefit liability	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 60.0	\$ 60.0
Embedded derivatives associated with fixed indexed annuity products	—	—	1,471.6	1,471.6
<b>Total liabilities carried at fair value</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 1,531.6</b>	<b>\$ 1,531.6</b>

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The following table presents additional information about assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and for which we have utilized significant unobservable (Level 3) inputs to determine fair value as of December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions):

	Fixed Maturities	Equity Securities	Other Invested Assets	Total
Beginning of period	\$ 155.9	\$ 73.4	\$ 95.4	\$ 324.7
Gains (losses) included in net income	(1.0)	0.3	0.1	(0.6)
Gains (losses) included in accumulated other comprehensive loss	(0.3)	—	—	(0.3)
Purchases, sales, issuances and settlements (a)				
Purchases	56.7	—	1.4	58.1
Sales	(2.6)	—	—	(2.6)
Transfers into Level 3 (b)	13.1	—	—	13.1
Transfers out of Level 3 (b)	(50.0)	—	(92.7)	(142.7)
End of period	<u>\$ 171.8</u>	<u>\$ 73.7</u>	<u>\$ 4.2</u>	<u>\$ 249.7</u>
Change in unrealized gains or losses for the period included in net income for assets held at the end of the reporting period	<u>\$ (1.0)</u>	<u>\$ 0.3</u>	<u>\$ 0.1</u>	<u>\$ (0.6)</u>
Change in unrealized gains or losses for the period included in other comprehensive loss for assets held at the end of the reporting period	<u>\$ (0.3)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (0.3)</u>

- (a) Purchases, sales, issuances and settlements represent the activity that occurred during the period that results in a change of the asset but does not represent changes in fair value for the instruments held at the beginning of the period. Such activity primarily consists of purchases and sales of fixed maturity and equity securities. There were no issuances or settlements during the year ended December 31, 2025.
- (b) Transfers into Level 3 are the result of unobservable inputs utilized within valuation methodologies for assets that were previously valued using observable inputs. Transfers out of Level 3 are due to the use of observable inputs in valuation methodologies as well as the utilization of independent pricing service information for certain assets that the Company is able to validate. Transfers out of Level 3 other invested assets include \$92.7 million of residual tranches that are valued based on our ownership share of the equity of the investee, as reported to us by the General Partner. These are not held at fair value and have been transferred out of Level 3.

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The following table presents additional information about assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and for which we have utilized significant unobservable (Level 3) inputs to determine fair value as of December 31, 2024 (dollars in millions):

	Fixed Maturities	Equity Securities	Other Invested Assets	Total
Beginning of period	\$ 197.9	\$ 72.7	\$ 31.5	\$ 302.1
Gains (losses) included in net income	(4.2)	0.7	19.1	15.6
Gains (losses) included in accumulated other comprehensive loss	(2.6)	—	—	(2.6)
Purchases, sales, issuances and settlements (a)				
Purchases	64.4	—	44.5	108.9
Sales	(47.2)	—	(7.2)	(54.4)
Transfers into Level 3 (b)	4.8	—	7.5	12.3
Transfers out of Level 3 (b)	(57.2)	—	—	(57.2)
End of period	<u>\$ 155.9</u>	<u>\$ 73.4</u>	<u>\$ 95.4</u>	<u>\$ 324.7</u>
Change in unrealized gains or losses for the period included in net income for assets held at the end of the reporting period	\$ (1.7)	\$ 0.8	\$ 19.1	\$ 18.2
Change in unrealized gains or losses for the period included in other comprehensive loss for assets held at the end of the reporting period	<u>\$ (8.3)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (8.3)</u>

- (a) Purchases, sales, issuances and settlements represent the activity that occurred during the period that results in a change of the asset but does not represent changes in fair value for the instruments held at the beginning of the period. Such activity primarily consists of purchases and sales of fixed maturity and equity securities. There were no issuances or settlements during the year ended December 31, 2024.
- (b) Transfers into Level 3 are the result of unobservable inputs utilized within valuation methodologies for assets that were previously valued using observable inputs. Transfers out of Level 3 are due to the use of observable inputs in valuation methodologies as well as the utilization of independent pricing service information for certain assets that the Company is able to validate.

Realized and unrealized investment gains and losses presented in the preceding tables represent gains and losses during the time the applicable financial instruments were classified as Level 3. Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on Level 3 assets are primarily reported in either net investment income for policyholder and other special-purpose portfolios or investment gains (losses) within the consolidated statement of operations; or accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) within shareholders' equity based on the appropriate accounting treatment for the instrument. The amount presented for gains (losses) included in our net income for assets still held as of the reporting date primarily represents: (i) the change in the allowance for credit losses for fixed maturities, available for sale; and (ii) changes in fair value of equity securities and trading securities that are held as of the reporting date. The amount presented for gains (losses) included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for assets still held as of the reporting date primarily represents changes in the fair value of fixed maturities, available for sale, that are held as of the reporting date.

At December 31, 2025, 66.5 percent of our Level 3 fixed maturities, available for sale, were investment grade and 76.7 percent of our Level 3 fixed maturities, available for sale, consisted of corporate securities.

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The following table summarizes changes in the value of our embedded derivatives associated with fixed indexed annuity products (classified in policyholder account balances as presented in the note to the consolidated financial statements entitled "Derivatives") which are measured at fair value on a recurring basis and for which we have utilized significant unobservable (Level 3) inputs to determine fair value (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024
Balance at beginning of the period	\$ 1,471.6	\$ 1,376.7
Premiums less benefits	(36.4)	(62.6)
Change in fair value, net	165.4	157.5
Balance at end of the period	\$ 1,600.6	\$ 1,471.6

The change in fair value, net for each period in our embedded derivatives is included in the insurance policy benefits line item in the consolidated statement of operations.

The following table provides additional information about the significant unobservable (Level 3) inputs developed internally by the Company to determine fair value for certain assets and liabilities carried at fair value at December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions):

	Fair value at December 31, 2025	Valuation techniques	Unobservable inputs	Range (weighted average) (a)
<b>Assets:</b>				
Corporate securities (c)	\$ 0.5	Recovery method	% Recovery expected	50.00%
Asset-backed securities (b)	7.6	Discounted cash flow analysis	Discount margins	1.61%
Asset-backed securities (c)	3.5	Recovery method	% Recovery expected	61.24%
Equity securities (d)	64.5	Market comparables	EBITDA multiples	10.9X
Total assets	\$ 76.1			
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Market risk benefit liability (e)	\$ 48.1	Discounted cash flow analysis	Surrender rates	0.46% - 17.68% (3.44%)
			Partial withdrawal rates	0.00% - 3.00% (0.96%)
			Mortality	0.03% - 39.75% (3.63%)
			GLWB utilization	5.92% - 47.62% (25.07%)
			Non-performance risk spread	0.09% - 0.31% (N/A)
Embedded derivatives related to fixed indexed annuity products (f)	1,600.6	Discounted projected embedded derivatives	Surrender rates	0.46% - 23.36% (6.11%)
			Partial withdrawal rates	0.00% - 4.50% (2.78%)
			Mortality	0.03% - 39.75% (4.05%)
			GLWB utilization	5.92% - 47.62% (25.07%)
			Option budget	0.90% - 3.38% (2.64%)
		Non-performance risk spread	0.09% - 0.31% (N/A)	
Total liabilities	\$ 1,648.7			

(a) The weighted average is based on the relative fair value of the related assets or liabilities.

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- (b) Asset-backed securities - The significant unobservable input used in the fair value measurement of these asset-backed securities is discount margin added to the applicable risk-free rate. Significant increases (decreases) in discount margin in isolation would have resulted in a significantly lower (higher) fair value measurement.
- (c) Corporate and asset-backed securities - The significant unobservable input used in the fair value measurement of these securities is percentage of recovery expected. Significant increases (decreases) in percentage of recovery expected in isolation would have resulted in a significantly higher (lower) fair value measurement.
- (d) Equity securities - The significant unobservable input used in the fair value measurement of these equity securities is multiples of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization ("EBITDA"). Generally, increases (decreases) in the EBITDA multiples would result in higher (lower) fair value measurements.
- (e) Market risk benefits – Many of our fixed indexed annuity products include a GLWB that is considered a MRB. The calculation of the value of MRBs is based on significant unobservable inputs including nonmarket assumptions related to surrender rates, partial withdrawal rates, mortality and GLWB utilization. These assumptions are based on actuarial estimates and past experience. Increases in assumed surrender rates would generally decrease the value of a MRB liability. Increases in partial withdrawal rates would generally decrease the value of a MRB liability. A decrease in the mortality assumption would generally increase the MRB liability. Increases in utilization rates would generally increase the value of a MRB liability. Increases in non-performance risk spread decrease the MRB liability.
- (f) Embedded derivatives related to fixed indexed annuity products are classified as policyholder account liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet. The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of our embedded derivatives associated with fixed indexed annuity products are surrender rates, partial withdrawal rates, mortality, GLWB utilization, option budget, and non-performance risk. Assumed surrender rates, partial withdrawal rates, and mortality rates are used to project how long the contracts remain in force. Generally, the longer the contracts are assumed to be in force the higher the fair value of the embedded derivative. Increases (decreases) in utilization rates would generally increase (decrease) the value of the embedded derivative. Increases (decreases) in option budget in isolation would have resulted in a higher (lower) fair value measurement. Increases in non-performance risk spread result in a lower fair value measurement.

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The following table provides additional information about the significant unobservable (Level 3) inputs developed internally by the Company to determine fair value for certain assets and liabilities carried at fair value at December 31, 2024 (dollars in millions):

	Fair value at December 31, 2024	Valuation techniques	Unobservable inputs	Range (weighted average) (a)
<b>Assets:</b>				
Corporate securities (c)	\$ —	Recovery method	% Recovery expected	0.00%
Asset-backed securities (b)	8.1	Discounted cash flow analysis	Discount margins	1.49%
Asset-backed securities (c)	4.1	Recovery method	% Recovery expected	71.30%
Equity securities (d)	64.2	Market comparables	EBITDA multiples	14.0X
Total assets	\$ 76.4			
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Market risk benefit liability (e)	60.0	Discounted cash flow analysis	Surrender rates	0.45% - 14.00% (2.09%)
			Partial withdrawal rates	0.00% - 3.00% (0.63%)
			Mortality	0.03% - 38.41% (4.64%)
			GLWB utilization	5.92% - 47.62% (24.95%)
			Non-performance risk spread	0.09% - 0.35% (N/A)
Embedded derivatives related to fixed indexed annuity products (f)	1,471.6	Discounted projected embedded derivatives	Surrender rates	0.45% - 25.60% (5.81%)
			Partial withdrawal rates	0.00% - 4.50% (2.61%)
			Mortality	0.03%- 38.41% (4.12%)
			GLWB utilization	5.92%- 47.62% (24.95%)
			Option budget	0.90%- 3.37% (2.57%)
			Non-performance risk spread	0.09%- 0.35% (N/A)
			Total liabilities	\$ 1,531.6

(a) The weighted average is based on the relative fair value of the related assets or liabilities.

(b) Asset-backed securities - The significant unobservable input used in the fair value measurement of these asset-backed securities is discount margin added to the applicable risk-free rate. Significant increases (decreases) in discount margin in isolation would have resulted in a significantly lower (higher) fair value measurement.

(c) Corporate and asset-backed securities - The significant unobservable input used in the fair value measurement of these securities is percentage of recovery expected. Significant increases (decreases) in percentage of recovery expected in isolation would have resulted in a significantly higher (lower) fair value measurement.

(d) Equity securities - The significant unobservable input used in the fair value measurement of these equity securities is multiples of EBITDA. Generally, increases (decreases) in the EBITDA multiples would result in higher (lower) fair value measurements.

(e) Market risk benefits – Many of our fixed indexed annuity products include a GLWB that is considered a MRB. The calculation of the value of MRBs is based on significant unobservable inputs including nonmarket assumptions related to surrender rates, partial withdrawal rates, mortality and GLWB utilization. These assumptions are based on actuarial estimates and past experience. Increases in assumed surrender rates would generally decrease the value of a MRB liability. Increases in partial withdrawal rates would generally decrease the value of a MRB liability. A

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decrease in the mortality assumption would generally increase the MRB liability. Increases in utilization rates would generally increase the value of a MRB liability. Increases in non-performance risk spread decrease the MRB liability.

- (f) Embedded derivatives related to fixed indexed annuity products are classified as policyholder account liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet. The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of our embedded derivatives associated with fixed indexed annuity products are surrender rates, partial withdrawal rates, mortality, GLWB utilization, option budget, and non-performance risk. Assumed surrender rates, partial withdrawal rates, and mortality rates are used to project how long the contracts remain in force. Generally, the longer the contracts are assumed to be in force the higher the fair value of the embedded derivative. Increases (decreases) in utilization rates would generally increase (decrease) the value of the embedded derivative. Increases (decreases) in option budget in isolation would have resulted in a higher (lower) fair value measurement. Increases in non-performance risk spread result in a lower fair value measurement.

The fair value of our financial instruments not carried at fair value on a recurring basis are as follows (dollars in millions):

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	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Total estimated fair value	Total carrying amount
<b>Assets:</b>					
Mortgage loans	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 3,196.9	\$ 3,196.9	\$ 3,256.8
Policy loans	—	—	140.9	140.9	140.9
<b>Other invested assets:</b>					
Company-owned life insurance (a)	—	420.9	—	420.9	420.9
<b>Cash and cash equivalents:</b>					
Unrestricted	956.1	—	—	956.1	956.1
Held by variable interest entities	27.4	—	—	27.4	27.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 983.5</b>	<b>\$ 420.9</b>	<b>\$ 3,337.8</b>	<b>\$ 4,742.2</b>	<b>\$ 4,802.1</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Policyholder account balances	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 17,312.0	\$ 17,312.0	\$ 17,312.0
Investment borrowings	—	2,443.2	—	2,443.2	2,441.7
Borrowings related to variable interest entities	—	277.1	—	277.1	274.4
Notes payable – direct corporate obligations	—	1,365.7	—	1,365.7	1,335.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 4,086.0</b>	<b>\$ 17,312.0</b>	<b>\$ 21,398.0</b>	<b>\$ 21,363.7</b>

- (a) Includes \$222.3 million of COLI purchased as an investment vehicle to fund our agent deferred compensation plan as further described in the footnote to the consolidated financial statements entitled "Agent Deferred Compensation Plan" and a \$198.6 million investment in a COLI policy for key employees that is recorded in our general account assets.

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The fair value of our financial instruments not carried at fair value on a recurring basis are as follows (dollars in millions):

	December 31, 2024					
	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Total estimated fair value	Total carrying amount	
<b>Assets:</b>						
Mortgage loans	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,376.0	\$ 2,376.0	\$ 2,506.3	
Policy loans	—	—	135.3	135.3	135.3	
<b>Other invested assets:</b>						
Company-owned life insurance (a)	—	402.1	—	402.1	402.1	
<b>Cash and cash equivalents:</b>						
Unrestricted	1,656.7	—	—	1,656.7	1,656.7	
Held by variable interest entities	341.0	—	—	341.0	341.0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,997.7</b>	<b>\$ 402.1</b>	<b>\$ 2,511.3</b>	<b>\$ 4,911.1</b>	<b>\$ 5,041.4</b>	
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Policyholder account balances	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 16,122.6	\$ 16,122.6	\$ 16,122.6	
Investment borrowings	—	2,189.8	—	2,189.8	2,188.8	
Borrowings related to variable interest entities	—	499.0	—	499.0	497.6	
Notes payable – direct corporate obligations	—	1,837.9	—	1,837.9	1,833.5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 4,526.7</b>	<b>\$ 16,122.6</b>	<b>\$ 20,649.3</b>	<b>\$ 20,642.5</b>	

(a) Includes \$212.6 million of COLI purchased as an investment vehicle to fund our agent deferred compensation plan as further described in the footnote to the consolidated financial statements entitled "Agent Deferred Compensation Plan" and a \$189.5 million investment in a COLI policy for key employees that is recorded in our general account assets.

#### 5. LIABILITIES FOR INSURANCE PRODUCTS

The liability for future policy benefits is determined based on numerous assumptions. The most significant assumptions for our life and annuity business are based on our experience and, in cases of limited experience, industry experience. Mortality and lapse/withdrawal rates also take into consideration future expectations in policyholder behavior that may vary from past experience. For our health business, mortality rates, lapse rates, morbidity assumptions and future rate increases are based on our experience and, in cases of limited experience, industry experience. Such assumptions also consider future expectations in policyholder behavior that may vary from past experience.

In 2025 and 2024, we reviewed our actual experience and updated our assumptions for future cash flows. The impact of updating these assumptions is reflected in the "Effect of changes in cash flow assumptions" line items in the tables below.

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The following tables summarize balances and changes in the liability for future policy benefits for traditional and limited-payment contracts for the year ended December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions):

	Supplemental health	Medicare supplement	Long-term care	Traditional life	Other annuities	Total
Present value of expected net premiums ("PVENP"), beginning of period	\$ 2,643.9	\$ 3,161.9	\$ 1,102.8	\$ 2,203.9	\$ —	\$ 9,112.5
Effect of changes in discount rate assumptions, beginning of period	180.0	195.2	25.7	113.5	—	514.4
Beginning PVENP at original discount rate	2,823.9	3,357.1	1,128.5	2,317.4	—	9,626.9
Effect of changes in cash flow assumptions	(63.2)	182.7	31.0	2.3	—	152.8
Effect of actual variances from expected experience	(68.6)	79.3	(36.7)	(125.9)	—	(151.9)
Adjusted beginning of period PVENP	2,692.1	3,619.1	1,122.8	2,193.8	—	9,627.8
Issuances	292.0	471.8	183.8	365.1	7.5	1,320.2
Interest accrual	121.7	147.6	53.9	94.4	—	417.6
Net premiums collected	(352.5)	(465.4)	(168.7)	(396.7)	(7.5)	(1,390.8)
Ending PVENP at original discount rate	2,753.3	3,773.1	1,191.8	2,256.6	—	9,974.8
Effect of changes in discount rate assumptions, end of period	(107.6)	(111.5)	4.8	(42.9)	—	(257.2)
PVENP, end of period	<u>\$ 2,645.7</u>	<u>\$ 3,661.6</u>	<u>\$ 1,196.6</u>	<u>\$ 2,213.7</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 9,717.6</u>
Present value of expected future policy benefits ("PVEFPB"), beginning of period	\$ 5,828.2	\$ 3,375.6	\$ 4,240.1	\$ 4,570.6	\$ 264.5	\$ 18,279.0
Effect of changes in discount rate assumptions, beginning of period	516.6	211.5	94.1	333.3	16.2	1,171.7
Beginning PVEFPB at original discount rate	6,344.8	3,587.1	4,334.2	4,903.9	280.7	19,450.7
Effect of changes in cash flow assumptions	(87.2)	192.0	25.8	1.9	(2.8)	129.7
Effect of actual variances from expected experience	(79.3)	86.3	(61.6)	(153.8)	2.9	(205.5)
Adjusted beginning of period PVEFPB	6,178.3	3,865.4	4,298.4	4,752.0	280.8	19,374.9
Issuances	295.7	471.9	183.9	373.4	7.4	1,332.3
Interest accrual	291.0	157.7	228.9	210.6	12.8	901.0
Benefit payments	(421.6)	(510.4)	(291.5)	(458.7)	(29.9)	(1,712.1)
Ending PVEFPB at original discount rate	6,343.4	3,984.6	4,419.7	4,877.3	271.1	19,896.1
Effect of changes in discount rate assumptions, end of period	(359.2)	(120.6)	(10.5)	(199.5)	(11.1)	(700.9)
PVEFPB, end of period	<u>\$ 5,984.2</u>	<u>\$ 3,864.0</u>	<u>\$ 4,409.2</u>	<u>\$ 4,677.8</u>	<u>\$ 260.0</u>	<u>\$ 19,195.2</u>
Net liability for future policy benefits	\$ 3,338.5	\$ 202.4	\$ 3,212.6	\$ 2,464.1	\$ 260.0	\$ 9,477.6
Flooring impact	—	1.1	—	—	—	1.1
Adjusted net liability for future policy benefits	3,338.5	203.5	3,212.6	2,464.1	260.0	9,478.7
Related reinsurance recoverable	(1.8)	—	(383.1)	(157.8)	—	(542.7)
Net liability for future policy benefits, net of reinsurance recoverable	<u>\$ 3,336.7</u>	<u>\$ 203.5</u>	<u>\$ 2,829.5</u>	<u>\$ 2,306.3</u>	<u>\$ 260.0</u>	<u>\$ 8,936.0</u>
Adjusted net liability for future policy benefits						\$ 9,478.7
Reserves excluded from rollforward (a)						2,324.0
Deferred profit liability						70.5
Future loss reserves (b)						24.8
Future policy benefits						<u>\$ 11,898.0</u>

(a) Primarily comprised of blocks of business that are 100% ceded.

(b) In certain instances for interest-sensitive products, the total insurance liabilities for a particular line of business may not be deficient in the aggregate to trigger loss recognition, but the pattern of earnings may be such that profits are expected to be recognized in earlier years followed by losses in later years. In these situations, accounting standards require that an additional liability (the "future loss reserve") be recognized by an amount necessary to sufficiently offset the losses that would be recognized in later years.

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The following tables summarize balances and changes in the liability for future policy benefits for traditional and limited-payment contracts for the year ended December 31, 2024 (dollars in millions):

	Supplemental health	Medicare supplement	Long-term care	Traditional life	Other annuities	Total
PVENP, beginning of period	\$ 2,718.2	\$ 3,009.2	\$ 1,055.6	\$ 2,279.6	\$ —	\$ 9,062.6
Effect of changes in discount rate assumptions, beginning of period	86.8	99.1	(7.6)	67.6	—	245.9
Beginning PVENP at original discount rate	2,805.0	3,108.3	1,048.0	2,347.2	—	9,308.5
Effect of changes in cash flow assumptions	(28.4)	89.8	9.6	(20.0)	—	51.0
Effect of actual variances from expected experience	(3.6)	71.2	(11.3)	(76.4)	—	(20.1)
Adjusted beginning of period PVENP	2,773.0	3,269.3	1,046.3	2,250.8	—	9,339.4
Issuances	275.2	406.9	190.6	371.8	5.1	1,249.6
Interest accrual	124.0	133.8	53.4	97.9	—	409.1
Net premiums collected	(348.3)	(452.9)	(161.8)	(403.1)	(5.1)	(1,371.2)
Ending PVENP at original discount rate	2,823.9	3,357.1	1,128.5	2,317.4	—	9,626.9
Effect of changes in discount rate assumptions, end of period	(180.0)	(195.2)	(25.7)	(113.5)	—	(514.4)
PVENP, end of period	<u>\$ 2,643.9</u>	<u>\$ 3,161.9</u>	<u>\$ 1,102.8</u>	<u>\$ 2,203.9</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 9,112.5</u>
PVEFPB, beginning of period	\$ 6,023.3	\$ 3,236.6	\$ 4,364.6	\$ 4,694.7	\$ 308.9	\$ 18,628.1
Effect of changes in discount rate assumptions, beginning of period	229.8	108.3	(132.8)	170.9	3.0	379.2
Beginning PVEFPB at original discount rate	6,253.1	3,344.9	4,231.8	4,865.6	311.9	19,007.3
Effect of changes in cash flow assumptions	(39.2)	99.8	8.2	(20.7)	—	48.1
Effect of actual variances from expected experience	(3.8)	77.5	(32.4)	(91.8)	(17.9)	(68.4)
Adjusted beginning of period PVEFPB	6,210.1	3,522.2	4,207.6	4,753.1	294.0	18,987.0
Issuances	275.9	403.3	190.9	380.8	4.9	1,255.8
Interest accrual	291.9	144.2	228.7	213.0	13.6	891.4
Benefit payments	(433.1)	(482.6)	(293.0)	(443.0)	(31.8)	(1,683.5)
Ending PVEFPB at original discount rate	6,344.8	3,587.1	4,334.2	4,903.9	280.7	19,450.7
Effect of changes in discount rate assumptions, end of period	(516.6)	(211.5)	(94.1)	(333.3)	(16.2)	(1,171.7)
PVEFPB, end of period	<u>\$ 5,828.2</u>	<u>\$ 3,375.6</u>	<u>\$ 4,240.1</u>	<u>\$ 4,570.6</u>	<u>\$ 264.5</u>	<u>\$ 18,279.0</u>
Net liability for future policy benefits	\$ 3,184.3	\$ 213.7	\$ 3,137.3	\$ 2,366.7	\$ 264.5	\$ 9,166.5
Flooring impact	—	0.6	—	—	—	0.6
Adjusted net liability for future policy benefits	3,184.3	214.3	3,137.3	2,366.7	264.5	9,167.1
Related reinsurance recoverable	(1.4)	—	(360.8)	(168.1)	—	(530.3)
Net liability for future policy benefits, net of reinsurance recoverable	<u>\$ 3,182.9</u>	<u>\$ 214.3</u>	<u>\$ 2,776.5</u>	<u>\$ 2,198.6</u>	<u>\$ 264.5</u>	<u>\$ 8,636.8</u>
Adjusted net liability for future policy benefits						\$ 9,167.1
Reserves excluded from rollforward (a)						2,443.1
Deferred profit liability						67.9
Future loss reserves (b)						27.4
Future policy benefits						<u>\$ 11,705.5</u>

(a) Primarily comprised of blocks of business that are 100% ceded.

(b) In certain instances for interest-sensitive products, the total insurance liabilities for a particular line of business may not be deficient in the aggregate to trigger loss recognition, but the pattern of earnings may be such that profits are expected to be recognized in earlier years followed by losses in later years. In these situations, accounting standards require that an additional liability (the "future loss reserve") be recognized by an amount necessary to sufficiently offset the losses that would be recognized in later years.

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Many of our fixed indexed annuity products include a GLWB that is considered a MRB. The calculation of MRBs includes market assumptions (interest rate, equity returns, volatility and dividend yields) and nonmarket assumptions (mortality rates, surrender and withdrawal rates, GLWB utilization and spreads). Market assumptions are updated quarterly to reflect current market conditions.

During 2025, we reviewed our non-market assumptions used to calculate the MRBs and determined updates were warranted. The impact of updating these assumptions is reflected in the Effect of changes in future expected policyholder behavior line items in the table below.

The following table presents the balance of and changes in MRBs associated with our fixed indexed annuities (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024
Net liability (asset), beginning of period	\$ 60.0	\$ 117.1
Effect of changes in the instrument-specific credit risk, beginning of period	1.4	4.8
Balance, beginning of period, before effect of changes in the instrument-specific credit risk	61.4	121.9
Issuances	4.2	4.3
Interest accrual	2.6	4.3
Effect of changes in interest rates	(1.6)	(30.2)
Effect of changes in equity markets	(1.9)	0.8
Effect of changes in equity index volatility	1.3	1.0
Actual policyholder behavior different from expected behavior	(1.2)	(0.4)
Effect of changes in future expected policyholder behavior - other	(13.3)	(36.2)
Effect of changes in future expected policyholder behavior - risk margin	0.1	0.2
Effect of changes in assumptions	(2.6)	(4.3)
Net liability (asset), end of period, before effect of changes in the instrument-specific credit risk	49.0	61.4
Effect of changes in the instrument-specific credit risk, end of period	(0.9)	(1.4)
Net liability (asset), end of period	48.1	60.0
Reinsurance recoverable, end of period	—	—
Net liability (asset), end of period, net of reinsurance	\$ 48.1	\$ 60.0
Balance reported as an asset	\$ —	\$ —
Balance reported as a liability	48.1	60.0
Net liability (asset)	\$ 48.1	\$ 60.0
Net amount at risk	\$ 16.6	\$ 21.7
Weighted average attained age of contract holders	70	69

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The following table summarizes the amount of revenue and interest related to traditional and limited-payment contracts recognized in the consolidated statement of operations (dollars in millions):

	Gross premiums (a)			Interest accretion (b)		
	2025	2024	2023	2025	2024	2023
Other annuities	\$ 8.9	\$ 5.9	\$ 8.1	\$ 12.8	\$ 13.6	\$ 14.8
Supplemental health	743.9	724.8	705.4	169.3	167.9	167.6
Medicare supplement	625.2	618.8	608.1	10.1	10.4	10.6
Long-term care	357.9	344.1	325.5	175.0	175.3	174.0
Traditional life	736.0	724.2	708.7	116.2	115.1	112.7
Total	\$ 2,471.9	\$ 2,417.7	\$ 2,355.8	\$ 483.4	\$ 482.3	\$ 479.7

(a) Such amounts are included in insurance policy income in the consolidated statement of operations.

(b) Such amounts are included in insurance policy benefits in the consolidated statement of operations.

The following table provides the amount of undiscounted and discounted expected gross premiums and expected future benefits and expenses for traditional and limited-payment contracts (dollars in millions):

	2025		2024	
	Undiscounted	Discounted (a)	Undiscounted	Discounted (a)
Other annuities				
Expected future gross premiums	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Expected future benefits and expenses	308.5	260.0	328.4	264.5
Supplemental health				
Expected future gross premiums	9,128.4	5,673.7	8,994.0	5,479.1
Expected future benefits and expenses	10,801.1	5,984.2	10,942.1	5,828.2
Medicare supplement				
Expected future gross premiums	7,086.2	4,827.0	6,248.7	4,248.6
Expected future benefits and expenses	5,688.2	3,864.0	4,993.9	3,375.6
Long-term care				
Expected future gross premiums	3,705.7	2,587.8	3,508.4	2,419.8
Expected future benefits and expenses	8,165.6	4,409.2	7,930.4	4,240.1
Traditional life				
Expected future gross premiums	5,728.7	4,162.6	5,639.0	4,006.3
Expected future benefits and expenses	7,637.1	4,677.8	7,632.9	4,570.6

(a) Calculated at the discount rates at period end.

Loss expense as a result of net premium ratio capping was not material in each of the three years ended December 31, 2025.

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The following table provides the weighted average durations (under locked-in discount rates) of the liability for future policy benefits in years:

	2025	2024
Other annuities	9.5	9.6
Supplemental health	10.8	11.2
Medicare supplement	5.6	6.3
Long-term care	10.8	10.7
Traditional life	10.0	10.2

The following table provides the weighted average interest rates for the liability for future policy benefits:

	2025	2024
Other annuities		
Interest accretion rate	4.86 %	4.82 %
Current discount rate	5.41	5.63
Supplemental health		
Interest accretion rate	4.95	4.98
Current discount rate	5.34	5.62
Medicare supplement		
Interest accretion rate	4.14	4.30
Current discount rate	5.11	5.43
Long-term care		
Interest accretion rate	5.63	5.66
Current discount rate	5.44	5.68
Traditional life		
Interest accretion rate	4.81	4.78
Current discount rate	5.39	5.64

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The following tables present the balances of and changes in the liability for policyholder account balances (dollars in millions):

	2025						
	Fixed indexed annuities	Fixed interest annuities	Other annuities	Interest-sensitive life (a)	Funding agreements	Other (b)	Total
Policyholder account values, beginning of period excluding contracts 100% ceded	\$ 10,766.3	\$ 1,646.6	\$ 107.4	\$ 1,321.8	\$ 3,021.2	\$ 359.1	\$ 17,222.4
Issuances (funds collected from new business)	1,710.7	191.7	—	44.4	749.4	—	2,696.2
Premiums received (premiums collected from inforce business)	28.9	2.2	30.1	219.5	—	265.6	546.3
Policy charges	(27.3)	(1.8)	—	(201.4)	—	—	(230.5)
Surrenders and withdrawals	(919.8)	(155.3)	(29.8)	(37.9)	(511.2)	(278.4)	(1,932.4)
Benefit payments	(290.3)	(96.9)	(5.4)	(25.4)	—	—	(418.0)
Interest credited	301.4	50.9	2.6	62.2	114.2	2.4	533.7
Other	63.1	0.1	(0.4)	—	—	—	62.8
Policyholder account values, ending of period excluding contracts 100% ceded	11,633.0	1,637.5	104.5	1,383.2	3,373.6	348.7	18,480.5
Policyholder account values, end of period for contracts 100% ceded	112.3	494.2	29.6	92.7	—	9.7	738.5
Amount of reserves above (below) policyholder account values (c)	(325.9)	—	—	19.5	—	—	(306.4)
Policyholder account balance, end of period	<u>\$ 11,419.4</u>	<u>\$ 2,131.7</u>	<u>\$ 134.1</u>	<u>\$ 1,495.4</u>	<u>\$ 3,373.6</u>	<u>\$ 358.4</u>	<u>\$ 18,912.6</u>
Balance, end of period, reinsurance ceded	(107.8)	(494.2)	(29.6)	(110.7)	—	(22.5)	(764.8)
Balance, end of period, net of reinsurance	<u>\$ 11,311.6</u>	<u>\$ 1,637.5</u>	<u>\$ 104.5</u>	<u>\$ 1,384.7</u>	<u>\$ 3,373.6</u>	<u>\$ 335.9</u>	<u>\$ 18,147.8</u>
Weighted average crediting rate (d)	2.2 %	3.0 %	2.7 %	4.6 %	4.2 %	0.8 %	
Cash surrender value, net of reinsurance	\$ 10,880.0	\$ 1,589.6	\$ 104.5	\$ 1,135.5	\$ —	\$ 335.9	

- (a) The amount of insurance policy benefit expense resulting from death claims that we would incur in excess of the policyholder account balance (net amount at risk) for interest-sensitive life contracts was \$30,902.4 million at the balance sheet date.
- (b) Predominantly consists of retained asset accounts associated with our traditional life and supplemental health blocks.
- (c) Such amount represents the difference between: (i) the total insurance liabilities for our fixed indexed products (including the host contract and the related embedded derivative); and (ii) the policyholder account balances for these products. The accounting requirement to bifurcate the embedded derivative and value it at the current estimated fair value results in this amount.
- (d) Excludes any impact from the amount of reserves above (below) policyholder account balances.

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	2024						
	Fixed indexed annuities	Fixed interest annuities	Other annuities	Interest-sensitive life (a)	Funding agreements	Other (b)	Total
Policyholder account values, beginning of period excluding contracts 100% ceded	\$ 9,999.2	\$ 1,636.4	\$ 113.1	\$ 1,255.2	\$ 1,411.0	\$ 381.0	\$ 14,795.9
Issuances (funds collected from new business)	1,541.6	236.4	—	40.4	1,599.2	—	3,417.6
Premiums received (premiums collected from inforce business)	2.6	2.9	30.8	211.8	—	274.6	522.7
Policy charges	(29.7)	(1.4)	—	(196.0)	—	—	(227.1)
Surrenders and withdrawals	(927.6)	(171.5)	(32.8)	(35.0)	(50.6)	(299.1)	(1,516.6)
Benefit payments	(274.4)	(103.8)	(5.8)	(23.7)	—	—	(407.7)
Interest credited	399.8	48.0	2.2	69.5	61.6	2.6	583.7
Other	54.8	(0.4)	(0.1)	(0.4)	—	—	53.9
Policyholder account values, ending of period excluding contracts 100% ceded	10,766.3	1,646.6	107.4	1,321.8	3,021.2	359.1	17,222.4
Policyholder account values, end of period for contracts 100% ceded	124.0	540.4	28.2	98.2	—	10.1	800.9
Amount of reserves above (below) policyholder account values (c)	(446.1)	—	—	17.0	—	—	(429.1)
Policyholder account balance, end of period	<u>\$ 10,444.2</u>	<u>\$ 2,187.0</u>	<u>\$ 135.6</u>	<u>\$ 1,437.0</u>	<u>\$ 3,021.2</u>	<u>\$ 369.2</u>	<u>\$ 17,594.2</u>
Balance, end of period, reinsurance ceded	(116.7)	(540.4)	(28.2)	(116.6)	—	(23.5)	(825.4)
Balance, end of period, net of reinsurance	<u>\$ 10,327.5</u>	<u>\$ 1,646.6</u>	<u>\$ 107.4</u>	<u>\$ 1,320.4</u>	<u>\$ 3,021.2</u>	<u>\$ 345.7</u>	<u>\$ 16,768.8</u>
Weighted average crediting rate (d)	2.1 %	2.9 %	2.6 %	5.3 %	3.8 %	0.8 %	
Cash surrender value, net of reinsurance	\$ 10,056.2	\$ 1,607.0	\$ 107.4	\$ 1,074.8	\$ —	\$ 345.7	

- (a) The amount of insurance policy benefit expense resulting from death claims that we would incur in excess of the policyholder account balance (net amount at risk) for interest-sensitive life contracts was \$29,490.2 million at the balance sheet date.
- (b) Predominantly consists of retained asset accounts associated with our traditional life and supplemental health blocks.
- (c) Such amount represents the difference between: (i) the total insurance liabilities for our fixed indexed products (including the host contract and the related embedded derivative); and (ii) the policyholder account balances for these products. The accounting requirement to bifurcate the embedded derivative and value it at the current estimated fair value results in this amount.
- (d) Excludes any impact from the amount of reserves above (below) policyholder account balances.

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The following tables present the policyholder account values by range of guaranteed minimum crediting rates and the related range of difference, in basis points, between rates being credited to policyholders and the respective guaranteed minimums (dollars in millions):

Range of guaranteed minimum crediting rates (a)	2025				Total
	At guaranteed minimum	1-50 basis points above	51-150 basis points above	Greater than 150 basis points above	
<b>Fixed interest annuities</b>					
0.00%-2.99%	\$ 81.4	\$ 184.5	\$ 356.7	\$ 78.8	\$ 701.4
3.00%-4.99%	1,222.2	99.8	28.4	2.7	1,353.1
5.00% and greater	77.2	—	—	—	77.2
Subtotal	1,380.8	284.3	385.1	81.5	2,131.7
<b>Other annuities</b>					
0.00%-2.99%	22.4	20.0	—	—	42.4
3.00%-4.99%	58.6	—	—	—	58.6
5.00% and greater	33.1	—	—	—	33.1
Subtotal	114.1	20.0	—	—	134.1
<b>Interest-sensitive life</b>					
0.00%-2.99%	18.6	—	0.4	765.0	784.0
3.00%-4.99%	376.0	93.2	199.9	2.6	671.7
5.00% and greater	20.0	0.2	—	—	20.2
Subtotal	414.6	93.4	200.3	767.6	1,475.9
<b>Other</b>					
0.00%-2.99%	15.9	321.9	—	—	337.8
3.00%-4.99%	20.3	—	—	—	20.3
5.00% and greater	0.3	—	—	—	0.3
Subtotal	36.5	321.9	—	—	358.4
<b>Total</b>					
0.00%-2.99%	138.3	526.4	357.1	843.8	1,865.6
3.00%-4.99%	1,677.1	193.0	228.3	5.3	2,103.7
5.00% and greater	130.6	0.2	—	—	130.8
Total policyholder account values, excluding fixed indexed annuities	\$ 1,946.0	\$ 719.6	\$ 585.4	\$ 849.1	\$ 4,100.1
Fixed indexed annuity account values					11,745.3
Funding agreements					3,373.6
Total policyholder account values					19,219.0
Amount of reserves above (below) policyholder account values					(306.4)
Total policyholder account balances					\$ 18,912.6

(a) Excludes the account values related to: (i) fixed indexed annuity contracts that include an index fund component with index credits tied to the performance of the index. The minimum guarantee is determined by a participation or cap rate

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linked to an index, such as the Standard & Poor's 500 index, rather than a predetermined rate of returns; and (ii) funding agreements which have a fixed crediting rate.

Range of guaranteed minimum crediting rates (a)	2024				
	At guaranteed minimum	1-50 basis points above	51-150 basis points above	Greater than 150 basis points above	Total
<b>Fixed interest annuities</b>					
0.00%-2.99%	\$ 92.5	\$ 194.7	\$ 233.9	\$ 73.5	\$ 594.6
3.00%-4.99%	1,256.3	48.3	176.7	29.8	1,511.1
5.00% and greater	81.3	—	—	—	81.3
Subtotal	1,430.1	243.0	410.6	103.3	2,187.0
<b>Other annuities</b>					
0.00%-2.99%	27.3	22.7	—	—	50.0
3.00%-4.99%	47.9	—	—	—	47.9
5.00% and greater	37.7	—	—	—	37.7
Subtotal	112.9	22.7	—	—	135.6
<b>Interest-sensitive life</b>					
0.00%-2.99%	15.2	—	0.4	718.7	734.3
3.00%-4.99%	370.6	113.0	179.6	1.4	664.6
5.00% and greater	20.6	0.5	—	—	21.1
Subtotal	406.4	113.5	180.0	720.1	1,420.0
<b>Other</b>					
0.00%-2.99%	16.7	330.8	—	—	347.5
3.00%-4.99%	21.5	—	—	—	21.5
5.00% and greater	0.2	—	—	—	0.2
Subtotal	38.4	330.8	—	—	369.2
<b>Total</b>					
0.00%-2.99%	151.7	548.2	234.3	792.2	1,726.4
3.00%-4.99%	1,696.3	161.3	356.3	31.2	2,245.1
5.00% and greater	139.8	0.5	—	—	140.3
Total policyholder account values, excluding fixed indexed annuities	\$ 1,987.8	\$ 710.0	\$ 590.6	\$ 823.4	4,111.8
Fixed indexed annuity account values					10,890.3
Funding agreements					3,021.2
Total policyholder account values					18,023.3
Amount of reserves above (below) policyholder account values					(429.1)
Total policyholder account balances					\$ 17,594.2

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- (a) Excludes the account values related to: (i) fixed indexed annuity contracts that include an index fund component with index credits tied to the performance of the index. The minimum guarantee is determined by a participation or cap rate linked to an index, such as the Standard & Poor's 500 index, rather than a predetermined rate of returns; and (ii) funding agreements which have a fixed crediting rate.

**6. INCOME TAXES**

The components of income tax expense were as follows (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024	2023
Income from continuing operations	\$ 293.4	\$ 539.9	\$ 356.8
<b>Current tax expense (benefit):</b>			
U.S.	53.4	23.3	53.1
State and local	10.3	3.1	15.2
Total current tax expense (benefit)	\$ 63.7	\$ 26.4	\$ 68.3
<b>Deferred tax expense (benefit):</b>			
U.S.	1.1	82.9	14.9
State and local	(0.7)	9.8	(2.9)
Total deferred tax expense (benefit)	0.4	92.7	12.0
Total income tax expense	\$ 64.1	\$ 119.1	\$ 80.3

A reconciliation of the U.S. statutory corporate tax rate to the effective rate reflected in the consolidated statement of operations is as follows:

	December 31, 2025		December 31, 2024		December 31, 2023	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
U.S. federal statutory tax rate	\$ 61.6	21.0 %	\$ 113.4	21.0 %	\$ 74.9	21.0 %
State and local income taxes, net of federal income tax effect (a)	7.1	2.4	12.9	2.4	8.0	2.2
Tax credits	(2.1)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.1)	(1.2)	(0.3)
<b>Nontaxable or nondeductible items:</b>						
Limitations on deduction for executive compensation (IRC §162 (m))	4.4	1.5	3.5	0.6	4.4	1.2
Tax benefits related to share-based compensation ("windfall benefits")	(3.7)	(1.3)	(0.8)	(0.1)	(1.2)	(0.3)
Tax-exempt interest and dividends received deduction	(5.7)	(1.9)	(5.8)	(1.1)	(3.2)	(0.9)
Tax-exempt income from company-owned life insurance	(5.5)	(1.9)	(2.4)	(0.4)	(2.8)	(0.8)
Goodwill impairment	6.4	2.2	—	—	—	—
All other, net (under 5%)	1.6	0.6	(1.0)	(0.3)	1.4	0.4
Effective tax rate	\$ 64.1	21.9 %	\$ 119.1	22.0 %	\$ 80.3	22.5 %

- (a) In 2025, state taxes in Illinois and Florida made up the majority (greater than 50 percent) of the tax effect in this category. In 2024, state taxes in Illinois and Indiana made up the majority of the tax effect in this category. In 2023, state taxes in Illinois, Florida, New York, and Pennsylvania made up the majority of the tax effect in this category.

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The components of income taxes paid, net of refunds, were as follows (dollars in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Income taxes paid, net of refunds:			
U.S.	\$ 32.7	\$ 44.3	\$ 44.8
State and local	5.0	10.8	14.3
Total income taxes paid, net of refunds	<u>\$ 37.7</u>	<u>\$ 55.1</u>	<u>\$ 59.1</u>

Income taxes paid (net of refunds) exceeded 5 percent of total income taxes paid (net of refunds) in the following jurisdictions (dollars in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Illinois	(a)	\$ 3.4	(a)
Florida	(a)	3.0	4.3

(a) Jurisdiction below the threshold for the period presented.

The components of the Company's income tax assets and liabilities are summarized below (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024
Deferred tax assets:		
Net federal operating loss carryforwards	\$ 205.0	\$ 72.2
Net state operating loss carryforwards	38.0	4.4
Capital loss carryforwards	11.3	1.2
Insurance liabilities	362.3	325.5
Indirect costs allocable to self-constructed real estate assets	0.9	205.1
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	310.3	385.1
Other	19.2	18.2
Gross deferred tax assets	<u>947.0</u>	<u>1,011.7</u>
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Investments	(47.9)	(40.8)
Present value of future profits and deferred acquisition costs	(187.4)	(184.3)
Gross deferred tax liabilities	<u>(235.3)</u>	<u>(225.1)</u>
Net deferred tax assets	711.7	786.6
Current income taxes prepaid (accrued)	1.6	27.5
Income tax assets, net	<u>\$ 713.3</u>	<u>\$ 814.1</u>

Effective January 1, 2024, the Company elected to change its tax method of accounting for indirect costs allocable to self-constructed real estate assets. The change in accounting method results in a tax deduction of certain indirect costs previously capitalized under the Company's prior method of accounting. In the second quarter of 2024, the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") revised the list of tax method accounting changes that require approval from the IRS to include tax method accounting changes related to indirect costs allocable to self-constructed real estate assets. Previously, only a taxpayer-initiated election was necessary and formal IRS approval was not required. The Company requested approval for its tax method change in June 2024. At December 31, 2024, the Company had not yet received approval from the IRS and was therefore required to account for the existing tax assets under the prior tax method of accounting. In March 2025, the Company executed a consent agreement with the IRS that provides formal approval for the tax method

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change. As a result, the Company recharacterized the remaining \$797.6 million of capitalized indirect costs under the prior accounting method to a NOL with no expiration date.

We evaluate the need to establish a valuation allowance for our deferred income tax assets on an ongoing basis using a deferred tax valuation model. Our model is adjusted to reflect changes in our projections of future taxable income. Our estimates of future taxable income are based on evidence we consider to be objectively verifiable. At December 31, 2025, our projection of future taxable income for purposes of determining the valuation allowance is based on our estimates of such future taxable income through the date our NOLs expire. Such estimates are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties and the extent to which actual impacts differ from the assumptions used in our deferred tax valuation model. Based on our assessment, we have concluded that it is more likely than not that our net deferred tax assets of \$711.7 million will be realized through future taxable earnings.

Recovery of our deferred tax asset is dependent on achieving the level of future taxable income projected in our deferred tax valuation model and failure to do so could result in the recognition of a valuation allowance in a future period. The recognition of a valuation allowance would increase income tax expense and reduce shareholders' equity.

Section 382 of the Code imposes limitations on a corporation's ability to use its NOLs when the company undergoes a 50 percent ownership change over a three-year period. Future transactions and the timing of such transactions could cause an ownership change for Section 382 income tax purposes. Such transactions may include, but are not limited to, additional repurchases under our securities repurchase program, issuances of common stock and acquisitions or sales of shares of CNO stock by certain holders of our shares, including persons who have held, currently hold or may accumulate in the future five percent or more of our outstanding common stock for their own account. Many of these transactions are beyond our control. If an ownership change were to occur for purposes of Section 382, we would be required to calculate an annual restriction on the use of our NOLs to offset future taxable income. The annual restriction would be calculated based upon the value of CNO's equity at the time of such ownership change, multiplied by a federal long-term tax-exempt rate (3.58 percent at December 31, 2025), and the annual restriction could limit our ability to use a substantial portion of our NOLs to offset future taxable income or may defer the utilization of such NOLs. We regularly monitor ownership change (as calculated for purposes of Section 382) and, as of December 31, 2025, we were below the 50 percent ownership change level that could limit our ability to utilize our NOLs.

In 2009, the Company's Board of Directors adopted a Section 382 Rights Agreement designed to protect shareholder value by preserving the value of our tax assets primarily associated with tax NOLs under Section 382. The Section 382 Rights Agreement was adopted to reduce the likelihood of an ownership change occurring by deterring the acquisition of stock that would create "5 percent shareholders" as defined in Section 382. The Section 382 Rights Agreement has been amended five times, most recently effective November 13, 2023 (the "Fifth Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement"). The Fifth Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement extended the expiration date of the Section 382 Rights Agreement to November 13, 2026, updated the purchase price of the rights described below and provided for a new series of preferred stock relating to the rights that is substantially identical to the prior series of preferred stock. The Company's shareholders approved the Fifth Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement at the Company's 2024 annual meeting.

Under the Section 382 Rights Agreement, one right was distributed for each share of our common stock outstanding as of the close of business on January 30, 2009 and for each share issued after that date. Pursuant to the Fifth Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement, if any person or group (subject to certain exemptions) becomes an owner of more than 4.99 percent of the Company's outstanding common stock (or any other interest in the Company that would be treated as "stock" under applicable Section 382 regulations) without the approval of the Board of Directors, there would be a triggering event causing significant dilution in the voting power and economic ownership of that person or group. Shareholders who held more than 4.99 percent of the Company's outstanding common stock as of November 13, 2023 will trigger a dilutive event only if they acquire additional shares exceeding one percent of our outstanding shares without prior approval from the Board of Directors.

In 2010, our shareholders approved an amendment to CNO's certificate of incorporation designed to prevent certain transfers of common stock which could otherwise adversely affect our ability to use our NOLs (the "Original Section 382 Charter Amendment"). Subject to the provisions set forth in the Original Section 382 Charter Amendment, the transfer

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restrictions generally will restrict any direct or indirect transfer (such as transfers of our common stock that results from the transfer of interests in other entities that own our stock) if: (i) the transferor is a person or public group (as defined in the regulations under Section 382) who directly or indirectly owns or is deemed to own 4.99% or more of our common stock; (ii) the effect of the transfer would be to increase the direct or indirect ownership of our common stock by any person or public group from less than 4.99% to 4.99% or more of our common stock; or (iii) the effect of the transfer would be to increase the percentage of our common stock owned directly or indirectly by a person or public group owning or deemed to own 4.99% or more of our common stock. The Original Section 382 Charter Amendment was amended and extended in 2013, 2016, 2019, 2022, and 2025 (the "2025 Section 382 Charter Amendment"). The expiration date for the 2025 Section 382 Charter Amendment is July 31, 2028.

We have \$976.4 million of federal NOLs as of December 31, 2025, as summarized below (dollars in millions):

Year of expiration	Net operating loss carryforwards
2032 through 2035	\$ 16.5
No expiration date	959.9
<b>Total federal NOLs</b>	<b>\$ 976.4</b>

Our non-life NOLs with expiration dates can be used to offset 35 percent of life insurance company taxable income and 100 percent of non-life company taxable income until all non-life NOLs are utilized or expire. Our non-life NOLs with no expiration date of \$832.4 million can be used to offset 35 percent of life insurance company taxable income and 80 percent of non-life company taxable income. Our life NOLs with no expiration date of \$127.5 million can be used to offset 80% of life company taxable income, subject to certain limitations in the Code.

We also had deferred tax assets related to NOLs for state income taxes of \$38.0 million at December 31, 2025, primarily resulting from the tax method change discussed previously, and \$4.4 million at December 31, 2024. The related state NOLs are available to offset future state taxable income in certain states and are expected to be fully utilized prior to expiration.

The Company had a capital loss carryforward of \$53.7 million and \$5.6 million as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. Capital loss carryforwards can be carried forward for up to five years to offset future capital gains. We expect this carryforward to be fully utilized prior to the expiration date in 2030.

The IRS is conducting an examination of our 2016 through 2018 tax returns. The federal statute of limitations remains open with respect to tax years 2016 through 2025. The Company's various state income tax returns are generally open for tax years based on individual state statutes of limitation. Generally, for tax years which generate NOLs, capital losses or tax credit carryforwards, the statute remains open until the expiration of the statute of limitations for the tax year in which such carryforwards are utilized. The outcome of tax audits cannot be predicted with certainty. If the Company's tax audits are not resolved in a manner consistent with management's expectations, the Company may be required to adjust its provision for income taxes.

On July 4, 2025, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025 was enacted in the United States, which among other things, provides permanent extension of certain expiring provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, modifications to the international tax framework and the restoration of favorable tax treatment for certain business provisions. The legislation has multiple effective dates, with certain provisions effective in 2025 and others implemented through 2027. These changes primarily impacted the timing of our tax deductions and did not have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

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**7. NOTES PAYABLE - DIRECT CORPORATE OBLIGATIONS**

The following notes payable were direct corporate obligations of the Company as of December 31, 2025 and 2024 (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024
6.450% Senior Notes due June 2034	\$ 700.0	\$ 700.0
5.125% Subordinated Debentures due 2060	150.0	150.0
5.250% Senior Notes due May 2029	500.0	500.0
5.250% Senior Notes due May 2025	—	500.0
Unamortized discount on 6.450% Senior Notes due June 2034	(2.0)	(2.2)
Unamortized debt issuance costs	(12.4)	(14.3)
Direct corporate obligations	<u>\$ 1,335.6</u>	<u>\$ 1,833.5</u>

**2034 Notes**

On May 13, 2024, the Company issued \$700.0 million of 6.450% Senior Notes due 2034 (the "2034 Notes"). The 2034 Notes were issued under the Indenture, dated as of June 12, 2019 (the "2019 Base Indenture") as supplemented by the Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 13, 2024 (the "2024 Supplemental Indenture" and, together with the Base Indenture, the "2024 Indenture"), each between the Company and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association (as successor in interest to U.S. Bank National Association), as trustee (the "Trustee"). The 2034 Notes mature on June 15, 2034, unless earlier repurchased by the Company, and interest on the 2034 Notes is payable at 6.450% per annum. Interest on the 2034 Notes is paid semi-annually on June 15 and December 15 of each year, beginning on December 15, 2024. The Company used a portion of the net proceeds from the issuance of the 2034 Notes for the repayment of our 2025 Notes.

The 2034 Notes are senior unsecured obligations and rank equally with the Company's other senior unsecured and unsubordinated debt from time to time outstanding, including obligations under our Revolving Credit Agreement (as defined below). The 2034 Notes are effectively subordinated to all of the Company's future indebtedness that is secured, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. The 2034 Notes are structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of the Company's subsidiaries.

The 2024 Indenture contains customary terms and covenants, including that upon certain events of default occurring and continuing, either the Trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the 2034 Notes then outstanding may declare the entire principal amount of all the 2034 Notes, and the interest accrued on such 2034 Notes, if any, to be immediately due and payable. In the case of certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization relating to the Company, the principal amount of the securities together with any accrued and unpaid interest thereon will automatically be and become immediately due and payable.

Prior to March 15, 2034 (the date that is three months prior to the maturity date of the 2034 Notes) (the "Par Call Date"), the 2034 Notes are redeemable at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the 2034 Notes to be redeemed, or (ii)(a) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest thereon discounted to the redemption date (assuming the 2034 Notes matured on the Par Call Date) on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate (as defined in the 2024 Indenture) plus 30 basis points less (b) interest accrued to the date of redemption, plus, in either case, accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but excluding, the redemption date. On and after the Par Call Date, the 2034 Notes are redeemable at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2034 Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but excluding, the date of redemption.

**Subordinated Debentures due 2060**

In November 2020, the Company issued \$150.0 million of 5.125% Subordinated Debentures due 2060 (the "Debentures"). The terms of the Debentures are set forth in the Indenture, dated as of June 12, 2019 (the "2019 Base

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Indenture") as supplemented by the Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 25, 2020 (the "2020 Supplemental Indenture" and, together with the 2019 Base Indenture, the "2020 Indenture"), each between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"). The Debentures bear interest at an annual rate of 5.125%, payable quarterly in arrears on February 25, May 25, August 25 and November 25 commencing on February 25, 2021. The Debentures mature on November 25, 2060. The Company used the net proceeds from the issuance of the Debentures for general corporate purposes.

The Debentures are unsecured and rank junior to all existing and future senior indebtedness (including the 2025 Notes, 2029 Notes and 2034 Notes each as defined above and below). In addition, the Debentures are structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of the Company's subsidiaries.

The Company may redeem the Debentures in whole at any time or in part from time to time on or after November 25, 2025, at a redemption price equal to their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of redemption; provided that if the Debentures are not redeemed in whole, at least \$25 million aggregate principal amount of the Debentures must remain outstanding after giving effect to such redemption.

The 2020 Indenture contains covenants that will limit the ability of the Company and certain of its subsidiaries to consolidate, merge or sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of its properties and assets substantially as an entirety.

An event of default with respect to the Debentures will occur only upon certain events of our bankruptcy, insolvency or receivership (as specified in the 2020 Indenture).

### **2029 Notes**

On June 12, 2019, the Company executed the 2019 Base Indenture and the First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 12, 2019 (the "2019 Supplemental Indenture" and, together with the 2019 Base Indenture, the "2019 Indenture"), between the Company and the Trustee pursuant to which the Company issued \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of 5.250% Senior Notes due 2029 (the "2029 Notes").

The Company used the net proceeds from the offering of the 2029 Notes to: (i) repay all amounts outstanding under its existing Revolving Credit Agreement (as defined below); (ii) redeem and satisfy and discharge all of its outstanding 4.500% Senior Notes due May 2020 (the "2020 Notes"); and (iii) pay fees and expenses related to the foregoing. The remaining proceeds were used for general corporate purposes.

The 2029 Notes mature on May 30, 2029 and interest on the 2029 Notes is payable at 5.250% per annum. Interest on the 2029 Notes is payable semi-annually in cash in arrears on May 30 and November 30 of each year, commencing on November 30, 2019.

The 2029 Notes are senior unsecured obligations and rank equally with the Company's other senior unsecured and unsubordinated debt from time to time outstanding, including obligations under our Revolving Credit Agreement (as defined below). The 2029 Notes are effectively subordinated to all of the Company's existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. The 2029 Notes are structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of the Company's subsidiaries.

Prior to February 28, 2029, the Company may redeem some or all of the 2029 Notes at any time or from time to time at a "make-whole" redemption price plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the redemption date. On and after February 28, 2029, the Company may redeem some or all of the 2029 Notes at any time or from time to time at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the redemption date.

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Repurchase Event (as defined in the 2019 Indenture), the Company will be required to make an offer to repurchase the 2029 Notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the date of repurchase. So long as the 2029 Notes are rated investment grade and there is no default under the Indenture, this covenant does not apply.

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The 2019 Indenture contains covenants that restrict the Company's ability, with certain exceptions, to:

- create liens;
- issue, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any shares of capital stock of any Insurance Subsidiary (as defined in the 2019 Indenture); and
- consolidate or merge with or into other companies or transfer all or substantially all of the Company's assets.

The 2019 Indenture provides for customary events of default (subject in certain cases to customary grace and cure periods), which include nonpayment, breach of covenants in the 2019 Indenture, failure to pay at maturity or acceleration of other indebtedness, a failure to pay certain judgments and certain events of bankruptcy and insolvency. Generally, if an event of default occurs, the Trustee or holders of at least 50% in principal amount of the then outstanding 2029 Notes may declare the principal of and accrued but unpaid interest, including any additional interest, on all of the 2029 Notes to be due and payable.

**2025 Notes**

During May 2025, the Company used a portion of the net proceeds from the issuance of the Senior Notes due June 2034 to repay our Senior Notes due May 2025.

**Credit Agreement**

On May 8, 2025, the Company entered into a sixth amendment and restatement agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with respect to its existing credit agreement. The \$250.0 million Credit Agreement, among other things, (i) requires the Company to maintain (each as calculated in accordance with the Credit Agreement): (i) a debt to total capitalization ratio (excluding hybrid securities, except to the extent that the aggregate amount outstanding of all such hybrid securities exceeds an amount equal to 15.0 percent of total capitalization) of not more than 35.0 percent (such ratio was 23.6 percent at December 31, 2025); and (ii) a minimum consolidated net worth of not less than the sum of \$2,674.8 million plus 25.0 percent of the net equity proceeds received by the Company from the issuance and sale of equity interests in the Company, including the conversion of debt securities of the Company into Equity interests (the Company's consolidated net worth was \$3,753.2 million at December 31, 2025 compared to the minimum requirement of \$2,674.8 million). The maturity date of the Credit Agreement is May 8, 2030. The Credit Agreement contains certain other restrictive covenants with which the Company must comply. The interest rate applicable to loans under the Credit Agreement is calculated as the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR") or the base rate (as defined in the Credit Agreement), at the Company's option, plus a margin based on the Company's unsecured debt rating. The applicable margins under the Credit Agreement range from 1.125 percent to 1.750 percent, in the case of loans at the SOFR, and 0.125 percent to 0.750 percent, in the case of loans at the base rate. The commitment fee under the Credit Agreement is based on the Company's unsecured debt rating. The Credit Agreement also provides that the Company may incur up to \$200 million of incremental loans (which may include new term loans), subject to conditions that are set forth therein.

As of December 31, 2025, we are in compliance with the covenants of the Credit Agreement. There were no amounts outstanding under the Credit Agreement during the year ended or as of December 31, 2025.

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**Scheduled Repayment of our Direct Corporate Obligations**

The scheduled repayment of our direct corporate obligations was as follows at December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions):

Year ending December 31,

2026	\$	—
2027		—
2028		—
2029		500.0
2030		—
2031 and thereafter		850.0
	\$	<u>1,350.0</u>

**8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES****Legal Proceedings**

The Company and its subsidiaries are involved in various legal actions in the normal course of business, in which claims for compensatory and punitive damages are asserted, some for substantial amounts. We recognize an estimated loss from these loss contingencies when we believe it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Some of the pending matters have been filed as purported class actions and some actions have been filed in certain jurisdictions that permit punitive damage awards that are disproportionate to the actual damages incurred. The amounts sought in certain of these actions are often large or indeterminate and the ultimate outcome of certain actions is difficult to predict. In the event of an adverse outcome in one or more of these matters, there is a possibility that the ultimate liability may be in excess of the liabilities we have established and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. The resolution of pending or future litigation may involve modifications to the terms of outstanding insurance policies or could impact the timing and amount of rate increases, which could adversely affect the future profitability of the related insurance policies. Based upon information presently available, and in light of legal, factual and other defenses available to the Company and its subsidiaries, the Company does not believe that it is probable that the ultimate liability from either pending or threatened legal actions, after consideration of existing loss provisions, will have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition, operating results or cash flows. However, given the inherent difficulty in predicting the outcome of legal proceedings, there exists the possibility that such legal actions could have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition, operating results or cash flows.

In addition to the inherent difficulty of predicting litigation outcomes, particularly those that will be decided by a jury, some matters purport to seek substantial or an unspecified amount of damages for unsubstantiated conduct spanning several years based on complex legal theories and damages models. The alleged damages typically are indeterminate or not factually supported in the complaint, and, in any event, the Company's experience indicates that monetary demands for damages often bear little relation to the ultimate loss. In some cases, plaintiffs are seeking to certify classes in the litigation and class certification either has been denied or is pending and we have filed oppositions to class certification or sought to decertify a prior class certification. In addition, for many of these cases: (i) there is uncertainty as to the outcome of pending appeals or motions; (ii) there are significant factual issues to be resolved; and/or (iii) there are novel legal issues presented. Accordingly, the Company cannot reasonably estimate the possible loss or range of loss in excess of amounts accrued, if any, or predict the timing of the eventual resolution of these matters. The Company reviews these matters on an ongoing basis. When assessing reasonably possible and probable outcomes, the Company bases its assessment on the expected ultimate outcome following all appeals.

On June 7, 2019, Platinum Partners Value Arbitrage Fund L.P. (in Official Liquidation) ("PPVA"), the Joint Official Liquidators of PPVA (the "JOLs") and Principal Growth Strategies, LLC ("PGS") commenced suit against, among others, CNO Financial Group, Inc., Bankers Consec Life Insurance Company ("BCLIC"), Washington National and 4086 Advisors, Inc. (collectively, the "CNO Parties") in Delaware Chancery Court. Plaintiffs seek an unspecified amount of

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damages, costs, attorney's fees, and other relief as the court deems appropriate. Plaintiffs allege that the CNO Parties were unjustly enriched when they terminated BCLIC and Washington National's reinsurance agreements with Beechwood Re Ltd. ("BRe") and recaptured assets from reinsurance trusts, in particular, Agera securities. Plaintiffs contend that the Agera securities were fraudulently transferred to the reinsurance trusts by other Platinum-related entities and they are seeking to claw back those Agera securities, or the value of those assets, from the CNO Parties. On January 25, 2024, the Delaware Chancery Court granted in part and denied in part the CNO Parties' motion to dismiss the Amended Complaint. Based on the Court's ruling, PPVA and the JOLs' claims against the CNO Parties were dismissed. On April 9, 2024, PGS filed a second amended complaint, which contains the same claims against the CNO Parties that PGS had previously asserted. The CNO Parties are vigorously contesting PGS's claims. All case deadlines are currently held in abeyance pursuant to Court order, which provides that the parties will submit a proposed revised schedule following the issuance of certain decisions by the Court.

On October 5, 2012, plaintiffs William Jeffrey Burnett and Joe H. Camp commenced an action entitled *Burnett v. Conseco Life Ins. Co.* against, among others, CNO Financial Group, Inc. and CNO Services, LLC (collectively, the "CNO Entities") in the United States District Court for the Central District of California on behalf of a putative class of former interest-sensitive whole life insurance policyholders who surrendered their policies or let them lapse. Plaintiffs' first amended complaint alleges that the CNO Entities are liable under an alter ego theory for Conseco Life Insurance Company's purported breach of the optional premium payment provision (the "Optional Premium Payment") and other provisions of plaintiffs' insurance policies. In January 2018, the case was transferred to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. On August 17, 2020, the Court denied the CNO Entities' motions to dismiss. On January 13, 2021, the Court granted final approval of a class action settlement between plaintiffs and co-defendant Conseco Life Insurance Company (n/k/a Wilco Life Insurance Company). The case remains pending against the CNO Entities. On March 25, 2022, the Court certified a Rule 23(b)(3) class of under 2,000 policyholders who invoked the policy's Optional Premium Payment prior to October 2008 and who surrendered their policies between October 7, 2008 and September 1, 2011. The Court's certification order acknowledged the existence of individualized issues of causation and damages, which the Court stated could be addressed in individualized proceedings following a class trial on the alter ego allegations and the meaning of the subject insurance policy language. A three-day jury trial on causation and damages as to the two class representatives commenced on June 16, 2025, and the jury returned a verdict in favor of the class representatives on June 18, 2025 for approximately \$0.2 million collectively. This verdict is notional and contingent and has no preclusive effect on any follow on trials by absent class members in terms of causation and damages. The class representatives' ability to collect any damages from the CNO Entities will depend on the outcome of the bench trial on alter ego liability. The bench trial on alter ego liability was held between August 26 to September 2, 2025, but no ruling has been made yet. The parties prepared post-trial briefing, which was completed at the end of December 2025. Any liability of any kind will depend on the outcome of the alter ego trial, and in the event the court rules in favor of Plaintiffs on that issue, whether absent class members will participate in follow on trials to determine whether they are entitled to damages, and the outcome of those trials. The outcome of all trials will be subject to appeal. Any follow on trials and appeals with respect to absent class members may take years to resolve. The CNO Entities continue to vigorously defend the case.

#### **Regulatory Examinations and Fines**

Insurance companies face significant risks related to regulatory investigations and actions. Regulatory investigations generally result from matters related to sales or underwriting practices, payment of contingent or other sales commissions, claim payments and procedures, product design, product disclosure, additional premium charges for premiums paid on a periodic basis, denial or delay of benefits, charging excessive or impermissible fees on products, procedures related to canceling policies, changing the way cost of insurance charges are calculated for certain life insurance products or recommending unsuitable products to customers. We are, in the ordinary course of our business, subject to various examinations, inquiries and information requests from state, federal and other authorities. The ultimate outcome of these regulatory actions (including the costs of complying with information requests and policy reviews) cannot be predicted with certainty. In the event of an unfavorable outcome in one or more of these matters, the ultimate liability may be in excess of liabilities we have established and we could suffer significant reputational harm as a result of these matters, which could also have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

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### Guaranty Fund Assessments

The balance sheet at December 31, 2025, included: (i) accruals of \$6.6 million, representing our estimate of all known assessments that will be levied against the Company's insurance subsidiaries by various state guaranty associations based on premiums written through December 31, 2025; and (ii) receivables of \$15.3 million that we estimate will be recovered through a reduction in future premium taxes as a result of such assessments. At December 31, 2024, such guaranty fund assessment accruals were \$7.8 million and such receivables were \$18.3 million. These estimates are subject to change when the associations determine more precisely the losses that have occurred and how such losses will be allocated among the insurance companies. We recognized expense for such assessments of \$3.1 million, \$2.4 million and \$2.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

### Guarantees

In accordance with the terms of the employment agreements of two of the Company's former chief executives, certain wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company are the guarantors of the former executives' nonqualified supplemental retirement benefits. The liability for such benefits was \$18.4 million and \$19.1 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, and is recorded in other liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet.

### Leases and Certain Other Long-Term Commitments

The Company leases office space, equipment and computer software under contractual commitments or noncancellable operating lease agreements. Total expense pursuant to these agreements was \$104.7 million, \$98.7 million and \$96.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The Company leases office space for certain administrative operations under agreements that expire between 2026 and 2034. We lease sales offices in various states which are generally short-term in length with remaining lease terms expiring between 2026 and 2032. Many leases include an option to extend or renew the lease term. The exercise of the renewal option is at the Company's discretion. The operating lease liability includes lease payments related to options to extend or renew the lease term only if the Company is reasonably certain of exercising those options. In determining the present value of lease payments, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate for borrowings secured by collateral commensurate with the terms of the underlying lease. Right of use assets and liabilities are included within other assets and other liabilities, respectively, on the consolidated balance sheet.

Information related to our right of use assets are as follows (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024
Operating lease expense	\$ 27.4	\$ 26.4
Cash paid for operating lease liability	26.8	25.4
Right of use assets obtained in exchange for lease liabilities (non-cash transactions)	18.5	28.1
Total right of use assets	83.6	90.7

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Maturities of our operating lease liabilities as of December 31, 2025 are as follows (dollars in millions):

2026	\$	25.4
2027		20.6
2028		16.7
2029		12.4
2030		8.2
Thereafter		21.1
Total undiscounted lease payments		104.4
Less interest		(11.7)
Present value of lease liabilities	\$	<u>92.7</u>
Weighted average remaining lease term (in years)		5.5
Weighted average discount rate		4.19 %

**9. AGENT DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

For our agent deferred compensation plan, it is our policy to immediately recognize changes in the actuarial benefit obligation resulting from either actual experience being different than expected or from changes in actuarial assumptions.

One of our insurance subsidiaries has a noncontributory, unfunded deferred compensation plan for qualifying members of its exclusive agency force. Benefits were based on years of service and career earnings. In 2016, the agent deferred compensation plan was amended to: (i) freeze participation in the plan; (ii) freeze benefits accrued under the plan; and (iii) add a limited cashout feature. The actuarial measurement date of this deferred compensation plan is December 31. The liability recognized in the consolidated balance sheet for the agent deferred compensation plan was \$122.6 million and \$122.5 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. Interest costs incurred on this plan were \$6.5 million, \$6.3 million and \$6.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The recognition of (losses) gains were \$(1.7) million, \$6.5 million and \$(3.6) million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively, primarily resulting from: (i) changes in the discount rate assumption used to determine the deferred compensation plan liability to reflect current investment yields; and (ii) changes in mortality table assumptions. These expenses are recorded in other operating costs and expenses within the consolidated statement of operations. We purchased COLI as an investment vehicle to fund the agent deferred compensation plan. The COLI assets are not assets of the agent deferred compensation plan, and as a result, are accounted for outside the plan and are recorded in other invested assets on the consolidated balance sheet. The carrying value of the COLI assets was \$222.3 million and \$212.6 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. Death benefits related to COLI and changes in the cash surrender value (which approximates net realizable value) of the COLI assets are recorded as net investment income (loss) on special-purpose portfolios and totaled \$9.7 million, \$11.3 million and \$13.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

We used the following assumptions for the deferred compensation plan to calculate:

	2025	2024
Benefit obligations:		
Discount rate	5.25 %	5.50 %
Net periodic cost:		
Discount rate	5.50 %	5.00 %

The discount rate is based on the yield of a hypothetical portfolio of high quality debt instruments which could effectively settle plan benefits on a present value basis as of the measurement date.

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The benefits expected to be paid pursuant to our agent deferred compensation plan as of December 31, 2025 were as follows (dollars in millions):

2026	\$	8.8
2027		8.9
2028		8.9
2029		9.0
2030		8.9
2031 - 2035		42.7

One of our insurance subsidiaries has another unfunded nonqualified deferred compensation program for qualifying members of its exclusive agency force. Such agents may defer a certain percentage of their net commissions into the program. In addition, annual Company contributions are made based on the agent's production and vest over a period of five to 10 years. The liability recognized in the consolidated balance sheet for this program was \$124.0 million and \$103.6 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. Company contribution expenses are recorded to other operating costs and expenses in the consolidated statement of operations and totaled \$4.9 million, \$5.6 million and \$6.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. We purchased Trust-Owned Life Insurance ("TOLI") as an investment vehicle to fund the program. The TOLI assets are not assets of the program, and as a result, are accounted for outside the program and are recorded in other invested assets on the consolidated balance sheet. The carrying value of the TOLI assets was \$116.2 million and \$95.3 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

The Company has a qualified defined contribution plan for which substantially all employees are eligible. Company contributions, which match a portion of certain voluntary employee contributions to the plan, totaled \$11.8 million, \$11.4 million and \$10.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Employer matching contributions are discretionary.

## 10. DERIVATIVES

Our freestanding and embedded derivatives, which are not designated as hedging instruments, are held at fair value and are summarized as follows (dollars in millions):

	Fair value	
	2025	2024
Assets:		
Other invested assets:		
Fixed indexed call options	\$ 323.5	\$ 279.0
Reinsurance receivables	(15.3)	(17.1)
Total assets	<u>\$ 308.2</u>	<u>\$ 261.9</u>
Liabilities:		
Embedded derivatives related to fixed indexed annuities at fair value:		
Policyholder account balances	\$ 1,600.6	\$ 1,471.6

We are required to establish an embedded derivative related to a modified coinsurance agreement pursuant to which we assume the risks of a block of health insurance business. The embedded derivative represents the mark-to-market adjustment for \$69.5 million in underlying investments held by the ceding reinsurer at December 31, 2025.

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The activity associated with freestanding derivative instruments is measured as either the notional or the number of contracts. The activity associated with the fixed indexed annuity embedded derivatives are shown by the number of policies. The following table represents activity associated with derivative instruments as of the dates indicated:

	Measurement	December 31, 2024	Additions	Maturities/terminations	December 31, 2025
Fixed indexed annuities - embedded derivative	Policies	125,464	12,665	(11,364)	126,765
Fixed indexed call options	Notional (a)	\$ 4,158.7	\$ 4,576.9	\$ (4,256.3)	\$ 4,479.3

(a) Dollars in millions.

Purchases of fixed indexed call options that are used to hedge the effects of certain policyholder benefits were \$202.2 million and \$179.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. Sales, which generally represent option exercises, were \$277.7 million and \$395.6 million, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024.

The following table provides the pre-tax impact recognized in net income for derivative instruments, which are not designated as hedges for the periods indicated (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024	2023
Net investment income (loss) from policyholder and other special-purpose portfolios:			
Fixed indexed call options	\$ 120.0	\$ 255.8	\$ 129.0
Total investment gains (losses):			
Embedded derivative related to modified coinsurance agreement	1.8	0.4	0.3
Total revenues from derivative instruments, not designated as hedges	121.8	256.2	129.3
Insurance policy benefits:			
Embedded derivatives related to fixed indexed annuities	165.4	157.5	137.1
Net pre-tax impact	\$ (43.6)	\$ 98.7	\$ (7.8)

**Derivative Counterparty Risk**

If the counterparties to the call options fail to meet their obligations, we may recognize a loss. We limit our exposure to such a loss by diversifying among several counterparties believed to be strong and creditworthy. At December 31, 2025, all of our counterparties were rated "A" or higher by S&P.

The Company and its subsidiaries are parties to master netting arrangements with its counterparties related to entering into various derivative contracts.

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The following table summarizes information related to derivatives with master netting arrangements or collateral as of December 31, 2025 and 2024 (dollars in millions):

	Gross amounts recognized	Gross amounts offset in the balance sheet	Net amounts of assets presented in the balance sheet	Gross amounts not offset in the balance sheet		Net amount
				Non-cash collateral	Cash collateral received	
December 31, 2025:						
Fixed indexed call options	\$ 323.5	\$ —	\$ 323.5	\$ 43.5	\$ —	\$ 280.0
December 31, 2024:						
Fixed indexed call options	279.0	—	279.0	78.0	—	201.0

## 11. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

In May 2011, the Company announced a securities repurchase program. In 2025, 2024 and 2023, we repurchased 8.1 million, 8.9 million and 6.6 million shares, respectively, for \$319.9 million, \$281.6 million and \$165.1 million, respectively, under the securities repurchase program. The Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of an additional \$500.0 million of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock in February 2025. The Company had remaining repurchase authority of \$420.4 million as of December 31, 2025.

In 2025, 2024 and 2023, dividends declared on common stock totaled \$66.4 million (\$0.67 per common share), \$67.5 million (\$0.63 per common share) and \$67.9 million (\$0.59 per common share), respectively. In May 2025, the Company increased its quarterly common stock dividend to \$0.17 per share from \$0.16 per share. In May 2024, the Company increased its quarterly common stock dividend to \$0.16 per share from \$0.15 per share. In May 2023, the Company increased its quarterly common stock dividend to \$0.15 per share from \$0.14 per share.

The Company has a long-term incentive plan which permits the grant of CNO incentive or non-qualified stock options, restricted stock awards, restricted stock units, stock appreciation rights, performance shares or units and certain other equity-based awards to certain directors, officers and employees of the Company and certain other individuals who perform services for the Company (although no grants have been made to such other individuals). As of December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, there were 4.3 million shares, 2.9 million shares and 4.1 million shares, respectively, that were available for issuance under the plan. Our stock option awards are generally granted with an exercise price equal to the market price of the Company's stock on the date of grant and a maximum term of ten years. Our stock options granted in 2015 through 2019 generally vested on a graded basis over a three year service term and expire ten years from the date of grant. In 2018, one grant of 1.6 million of stock options vested on a graded basis over a five year service term and expires ten years from the date of grant. There have been no stock options granted since 2019. The vesting periods for our awards of restricted stock units generally range from immediate vesting to a period of three years. We record forfeitures as they occur.

A summary of the Company's stock option activity and related information for 2025 is presented below (shares in thousands; dollars in millions, except per share amounts):

	Shares	Weighted average exercise price	Weighted average remaining life (in years)	Aggregate intrinsic value
Outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,791	\$ 19.48		
Exercised	(400)	(18.33)		\$ 8.9
Forfeited or terminated	(32)	(20.38)		
Outstanding at the end of the year	<u>1,359</u>	<u>19.79</u>	<u>2.4</u>	<u>\$ 30.8</u>
Options exercisable at the end of the year	<u>1,359</u>		<u>2.4</u>	<u>\$ 30.8</u>

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A summary of the Company's stock option activity and related information for 2024 is presented below (shares in thousands; dollars in millions, except per share amounts):

	Shares	Weighted average exercise price	Weighted average remaining life (in years)	Aggregate intrinsic value
Outstanding at the beginning of the year	2,185	\$ 19.45		
Exercised	(374)	(19.24)		\$ 5.7
Forfeited or terminated	(20)	(20.38)		
Outstanding at the end of the year	<u>1,791</u>	<u>19.48</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>\$ 31.8</u>
Options exercisable at the end of the year	<u>1,791</u>		<u>3.0</u>	<u>\$ 31.8</u>

A summary of the Company's stock option activity and related information for 2023 is presented below (shares in thousands; dollars in millions, except per share amounts):

	Shares	Weighted average exercise price	Weighted average remaining life (in years)	Aggregate intrinsic value
Outstanding at the beginning of the year	2,736	\$ 19.45		
Exercised	(484)	(19.43)		\$ 2.9
Forfeited or terminated	(67)	(19.62)		
Outstanding at the end of the year	<u>2,185</u>	<u>19.45</u>	<u>3.9</u>	<u>\$ 11.8</u>
Options exercisable at the end of the year	<u>2,185</u>		<u>3.9</u>	<u>\$ 11.8</u>

Compensation expense related to stock options was not material for each of the three years ended December 31, 2025. Compensation expense related to stock options had no impact on either basic or diluted earnings per share in 2025 or 2024, and reduced both by less one cent in 2023. At December 31, 2025, there was no unrecognized compensation expense for non-vested stock options. Cash received by the Company from the exercise of stock options was \$7.4 million, \$7.2 million and \$9.2 million during 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding at December 31, 2025 (shares in thousands):

Range of exercise prices	Number outstanding	Options outstanding		Options exercisable	
		Remaining life (in years)	Weighted Average exercise price	Number exercisable	Average exercise price
\$15.08 - \$21.06	1,140	2.4	\$ 19.12	1,140	\$ 19.12
\$23.33	219	2.1	23.33	219	23.33
	<u>1,359</u>			<u>1,359</u>	

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The Company granted restricted stock of 0.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2025 and 0.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, to certain directors, officers and employees of the Company at a weighted average fair value of \$40.50 per share, \$27.59 per share and \$24.93 per share, respectively, based on the market value of the underlying share on the date of grant. The fair value of such grants totaled \$13.5 million, \$12.4 million and \$11.5 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Such amounts are recognized as compensation expense over the vesting period of the restricted stock. A summary of the Company's non-vested restricted stock activity for 2025 is presented below (shares in thousands):

	Shares	Weighted average grant date fair value
Non-vested shares, beginning of year	971	\$ 25.12
Granted	334	40.50
Vested	(418)	26.54
Forfeited	(6)	30.95
Non-vested shares, end of year	<u>881</u>	<u>30.24</u>

At December 31, 2025, the unrecognized compensation expense for non-vested restricted stock totaled \$11.6 million which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.8 years. At December 31, 2024, the unrecognized compensation expense for non-vested restricted stock totaled \$10.9 million. We recognized compensation expense related to restricted stock awards totaling \$12.7 million, \$11.4 million and \$10.9 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The fair value of restricted stock that vested during 2025, 2024 and 2023 was \$17.4 million, \$12.6 million and \$10.4 million, respectively.

The Company granted performance units totaling 0.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2025 and 0.4 million in the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. The criteria for payment for such awards are based on certain company-wide performance levels that must be achieved within a specified performance time (generally one to three years), each as defined in the award. The performance units granted in 2025, 2024 and 2023 provide for a payout of up to 200 percent of the award if certain performance thresholds are achieved. Unless antilutitive, the diluted weighted average shares outstanding would reflect the number of performance units expected to be issued, using the treasury stock method.

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A summary of the Company's performance units is presented below (shares in thousands):

	Total shareholder return awards	Operating return on equity awards	Operating earnings per share awards
Awards outstanding at December 31, 2022	2	611	604
Granted in 2023	—	215	216
Additional shares issued pursuant to achieving certain performance criteria (a)	—	221	221
Shares vested in 2023	(1)	(443)	(441)
Forfeited	—	(9)	(9)
Awards outstanding at December 31, 2023	1	595	591
Granted in 2024	—	197	197
Additional shares issued pursuant to achieving certain performance criteria (a)	—	68	80
Shares vested in 2024	(1)	(258)	(269)
Forfeited	—	(9)	(9)
Awards outstanding at December 31, 2024	—	593	590
Granted in 2025	—	151	151
Additional shares issued pursuant to achieving certain performance criteria (a)	—	—	—
Shares vested in 2025	—	(160)	(163)
Forfeited	—	(30)	(27)
Awards outstanding at December 31, 2025	—	554	551

(a) The performance units that vested in 2023, 2024 and 2025 provided for a payout of up to 200 percent of the award if certain performance levels were achieved.

The grant date fair value of the performance units awarded is determined using the Monte Carlo valuation method, including an assumption of volatility based on historical share prices, and was \$13.2 million and \$11.1 million in 2025 and 2024, respectively. We recognized compensation expense of \$12.3 million, \$11.0 million and \$11.3 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively, related to the performance units.

As further discussed in the footnote to the consolidated financial statements entitled "Income Taxes", the Company's Board of Directors adopted the Section 382 Rights Agreement in 2009 and has amended and extended the Section 382 Rights Agreement on five occasions, most recently effective November 13, 2023. The Section 382 Rights Agreement, as amended, is designed to protect shareholder value by preserving the value of our tax assets primarily associated with NOLs. At the time the Section 382 Rights Agreement was adopted, the Company declared a dividend of one preferred share purchase right (a "Right") for each outstanding share of common stock. The dividend was payable on January 30, 2009, to the shareholders of record as of the close of business on that date and a Right is also attached to each share of CNO common stock issued after that date. Pursuant to the Section 382 Rights Agreement, as amended, each Right entitles the shareholder to purchase from the Company one one-thousandth of a share of Series F Junior Participating Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Junior Preferred Stock"), of the Company at a price of \$110.00 per one one-thousandth of a share of Junior Preferred Stock. The description and terms of the Rights are set forth in the Section 382 Rights Agreement, as amended. The Rights would become exercisable in the event any person or group (subject to certain exemptions) becomes an owner of more than 4.99 percent of the outstanding stock of CNO (a "Threshold Holder") without the approval of the Board of Directors or an existing shareholder who is currently a Threshold Holder acquires additional shares exceeding one percent of our outstanding shares without prior approval from the Board of Directors.

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A reconciliation of net income and shares used to calculate basic and diluted earnings per share is as follows (dollars in millions and shares in thousands):

	2025	2024	2023
Net income for basic earnings per share	\$ 229.3	\$ 420.8	\$ 276.5
Shares:			
Weighted average shares outstanding for basic earnings per share	97,763	106,144	113,275
Effect of dilutive securities on weighted average shares:			
Amounts related to employee benefit plans	2,059	1,972	1,849
Weighted average shares outstanding for diluted earnings per share	99,822	108,116	115,124

Basic earnings per common share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Restricted shares (including our performance units) are not included in basic earnings per share until vested. Diluted earnings per share reflect the potential dilution that could occur if outstanding stock options were exercised and restricted stock was vested. The dilution from options and restricted shares is calculated using the treasury stock method. Under this method, we assume the proceeds from the exercise of the options (or the unrecognized compensation expense with respect to restricted stock and performance units) will be used to purchase shares of our common stock at the average market price during the period, reducing the dilutive effect of the exercise of the options (or the vesting of the restricted stock and performance units).

Accumulated other comprehensive loss included in shareholders' equity as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, is comprised of the following (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024
Net unrealized losses on investments having no allowance for credit losses (a)	\$ (661.6)	\$ (1,281.6)
Unrealized losses on investments with an allowance for credit losses	(1,193.9)	(1,108.7)
Change in discount rates for liability for future policy benefits	421.1	624.5
Change in instrument-specific credit risk for market risk benefits	0.9	1.4
Deferred income tax assets	318.5	393.0
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ (1,115.0)	\$ (1,371.4)

- (a) The amortized cost and fair value of fixed maturity securities, available for sale, for which we have elected the fair value option were \$12.0 million and \$13.0 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2025. Accordingly, the net unrealized losses associated with these investments are excluded from accumulated other comprehensive loss. There were no fixed maturity securities, available for sale, for which we have elected the fair value option as of December 31, 2024.

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**12. OTHER OPERATING STATEMENT DATA**

Insurance policy income consisted of the following (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024	2023
Direct premiums collected (a)	\$ 5,046.6	\$ 4,857.8	\$ 4,574.9
Reinsurance assumed	14.0	15.5	16.6
Reinsurance ceded	(173.5)	(191.8)	(194.6)
Premiums collected, net of reinsurance	4,887.1	4,681.5	4,396.9
Change in unearned premiums	(2.4)	(9.1)	18.5
Less premiums on interest-sensitive life and products without mortality and morbidity risk which are recorded as additions to insurance liabilities (a)	(2,484.6)	(2,333.0)	(2,111.7)
Premiums on traditional products with mortality or morbidity risk	2,400.1	2,339.4	2,303.7
Fees and surrender charges on interest-sensitive products	222.5	219.1	201.8
Insurance policy income	<u>\$ 2,622.6</u>	<u>\$ 2,558.5</u>	<u>\$ 2,505.5</u>

(a) Excludes \$749.4 million and \$1,599.2 million of funds received from the issuance of funding agreements pursuant to our FABN program for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024. There were no funding agreements issued during 2023.

The five states with the largest shares of 2025 collected premiums were Florida (12 percent), Iowa (6 percent), Texas (6 percent), California (5 percent), and Pennsylvania (5 percent). No other state accounted for more than five percent of total collected premiums.

Other operating costs and expenses were as follows (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024	2023
Commission expense	\$ 134.6	\$ 121.8	\$ 111.1
Salaries and wages	305.0	304.5	290.9
Other	680.0	629.0	646.3
Total other operating costs and expenses	<u>\$ 1,119.6</u>	<u>\$ 1,055.3</u>	<u>\$ 1,048.3</u>

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Changes in deferred acquisition costs were as follows (dollars in millions):

	2025								
	Fixed indexed annuities	Fixed interest annuities	Supplemental health	Medicare supplement	Long-term care	Interest-sensitive life	Traditional life	Funding agreements	Total
Beginning of period	\$ 450.0	\$ 35.9	\$ 438.1	\$ 157.4	\$ 148.6	\$ 256.0	\$ 529.5	\$ 9.9	\$ 2,025.4
Capitalizations	111.9	12.3	73.1	30.3	32.4	38.4	132.0	3.7	434.1
Amortization expense	(64.5)	(6.4)	(37.7)	(24.8)	(15.7)	(16.9)	(69.3)	(3.5)	(238.8)
End of period	\$ 497.4	\$ 41.8	\$ 473.5	\$ 162.9	\$ 165.3	\$ 277.5	\$ 592.2	\$ 10.1	\$ 2,220.7

	2024								
	Fixed indexed annuities	Fixed interest annuities	Supplemental health	Medicare supplement	Long-term care	Interest-sensitive life	Traditional life	Funding agreements	Total
Beginning of period	\$ 407.6	\$ 27.0	\$ 408.0	\$ 157.5	\$ 140.3	\$ 234.5	\$ 471.9	\$ 4.5	\$ 1,851.3
Capitalizations	99.2	14.0	64.6	26.0	23.1	37.1	117.6	7.8	389.4
Amortization expense	(56.8)	(5.1)	(34.5)	(26.1)	(14.8)	(15.6)	(60.0)	(2.4)	(215.3)
End of period	\$ 450.0	\$ 35.9	\$ 438.1	\$ 157.4	\$ 148.6	\$ 256.0	\$ 529.5	\$ 9.9	\$ 2,025.4

	2023								
	Fixed indexed annuities	Fixed interest annuities	Supplemental health	Medicare supplement	Long-term care	Interest-sensitive life	Traditional life	Funding agreements	Total
Beginning of period	\$ 365.6	\$ 19.6	\$ 378.8	\$ 161.2	\$ 137.9	\$ 212.2	\$ 409.1	\$ 6.0	\$ 1,690.4
Capitalizations	88.9	11.3	60.6	24.1	17.5	36.8	114.3	—	353.5
Amortization expense	(46.9)	(3.9)	(31.4)	(27.8)	(15.1)	(14.5)	(51.5)	(1.5)	(192.6)
End of period	\$ 407.6	\$ 27.0	\$ 408.0	\$ 157.5	\$ 140.3	\$ 234.5	\$ 471.9	\$ 4.5	\$ 1,851.3

Changes in the present value of future profits were as follows (dollars in millions):

	2025						
	Supplemental health	Medicare supplement	Long-term care	Traditional life	Fixed indexed annuities	Fixed interest annuities	Total
Beginning of period	\$ 128.8	\$ 15.7	\$ 4.4	\$ 11.3	\$ 0.5	\$ 0.3	\$ 161.0
Amortization expense	(11.4)	(3.7)	(0.7)	(1.4)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(17.4)
End of period	\$ 117.4	\$ 12.0	\$ 3.7	\$ 9.9	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.2	\$ 143.6

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2024							
	Supplemental health	Medicare supplement	Long-term care	Traditional life	Fixed indexed annuities	Fixed interest annuities	Total
Beginning of period	\$ 141.0	\$ 20.6	\$ 5.2	\$ 12.9	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.3	\$ 180.7
Amortization expense	(12.2)	(4.9)	(0.8)	(1.6)	(0.2)	—	(19.7)
End of period	<u>\$ 128.8</u>	<u>\$ 15.7</u>	<u>\$ 4.4</u>	<u>\$ 11.3</u>	<u>\$ 0.5</u>	<u>\$ 0.3</u>	<u>\$ 161.0</u>

2023							
	Supplemental health	Medicare supplement	Long-term care	Traditional life	Fixed indexed annuities	Fixed interest annuities	Total
Beginning of period	\$ 154.0	\$ 27.5	\$ 6.2	\$ 14.8	\$ 0.8	\$ 0.4	\$ 203.7
Amortization expense	(13.0)	(6.9)	(1.0)	(1.9)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(23.0)
End of period	<u>\$ 141.0</u>	<u>\$ 20.6</u>	<u>\$ 5.2</u>	<u>\$ 12.9</u>	<u>\$ 0.7</u>	<u>\$ 0.3</u>	<u>\$ 180.7</u>

Based on current conditions and assumptions as to future events on all policies in force, the Company expects to amortize approximately 11 percent of the December 31, 2025 balance of the present value of future profits in 2026, 10 percent in 2027, 9 percent in 2028, 8 percent in 2029 and 7 percent in 2030.

Changes in sales inducements were as follows (dollars in millions):

2025			
	Fixed indexed annuities	Fixed interest annuities	Total
Beginning of period	\$ 128.1	\$ 5.1	\$ 133.2
Capitalizations	62.8	2.4	65.2
Amortization expense	(20.8)	(1.0)	(21.8)
End of period	<u>\$ 170.1</u>	<u>\$ 6.5</u>	<u>\$ 176.6</u>

2024			
	Fixed indexed annuities	Fixed interest annuities	Total
Beginning of period	\$ 88.5	\$ 4.6	\$ 93.1
Capitalizations	54.9	1.4	56.3
Amortization expense	(15.3)	(0.9)	(16.2)
End of period	<u>\$ 128.1</u>	<u>\$ 5.1</u>	<u>\$ 133.2</u>

2023			
	Fixed indexed annuities	Fixed interest annuities	Total
Beginning of period	\$ 76.0	\$ 4.5	\$ 80.5
Capitalizations	23.5	0.9	24.4
Amortization expense	(11.0)	(0.8)	(11.8)
End of period	<u>\$ 88.5</u>	<u>\$ 4.6</u>	<u>\$ 93.1</u>

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**13. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

The following disclosures supplement our consolidated statement of cash flows.

The following reconciles net income to net cash provided by operating activities (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 229.3	\$ 420.8	\$ 276.5
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:			
Amortization and depreciation	318.5	292.4	267.4
Income taxes	26.3	63.9	21.1
Insurance liabilities	618.1	534.7	449.7
Accrual, amortization, and fair value changes included in investment income	(220.5)	(334.0)	(170.7)
Deferral of policy acquisition costs	(499.3)	(445.7)	(377.9)
Net investment losses	54.7	49.9	69.0
Gain on extinguishment of borrowings related to variable interest entities	(1.5)	—	—
Goodwill and other asset impairment	101.9	—	—
Other (a)	48.2	45.7	47.8
Net cash from operating activities	<u>\$ 675.7</u>	<u>\$ 627.7</u>	<u>\$ 582.9</u>

(a) Primarily relates to: (i) changes in other assets and liabilities related to the timing of payments and receipts; and (ii) the change in fair value of the deferred compensation plan liability.

Other non-cash items not reflected in the investing and financing activities sections of the consolidated statement of cash flows (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024	2023
Stock options, restricted stock, performance units, and Employee Stock Purchase Program	\$ 25.9	\$ 23.2	\$ 23.3

**14. STATUTORY INFORMATION (BASED ON NON-GAAP MEASURES)**

Statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted by regulatory authorities for the Company's insurance subsidiaries differ from GAAP. The Company's U.S. based insurance subsidiaries will report the following amounts to regulatory agencies, after appropriate elimination of intercompany accounts among such subsidiaries (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024
Statutory capital and surplus	\$ 1,405.3	\$ 1,458.1
Asset valuation reserve	508.7	407.1
Interest maintenance reserve	252.6	334.2
Total	<u>\$ 2,166.6</u>	<u>\$ 2,199.4</u>

Such statutory capital and surplus included investments in upstream affiliates of \$42.6 million at both December 31, 2025 and 2024, which were eliminated in the consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Statutory earnings build the capital required by ratings agencies and regulators. Statutory earnings, fees and interest paid by our U.S. based insurance subsidiaries to the parent company create the "cash flow capacity" the parent company needs to meet its obligations, including debt service. The consolidated statutory net (loss) income of our U.S. based

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insurance subsidiaries was \$(14.6) million, \$176.6 million and \$105.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Included in net income were net realized capital losses, net of income taxes, of \$63.4 million, \$20.3 million and \$26.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. In addition, such net income included pre-tax amounts for fees and interest paid to CNO or its non-life subsidiaries of \$193.9 million, \$197.5 million and \$190.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Insurance regulators may prohibit the payment of dividends or other payments by our insurance subsidiaries to parent companies if they determine that such payment could be adverse to our policyholders or contract holders. Otherwise, the ability of our insurance subsidiaries to pay dividends is subject to state insurance department regulations. Insurance regulations generally permit dividends to be paid from statutory earned surplus of our U.S. based insurance subsidiaries without regulatory approval for any 12-month period in amounts equal to the greater of (or in some states, the lesser of): (i) statutory net gain from operations or statutory net income for the prior year; or (ii) 10 percent of statutory capital and surplus as of the end of the preceding year. However, as each of the immediate U.S. based insurance subsidiaries of CDOC, Inc. ("CDOC"), our wholly owned subsidiary and the immediate parent of Washington National and Consec Life Insurance Company of Texas ("CLTX"), has negative earned surplus, any dividend payments from the insurance subsidiaries to CNO requires the prior approval of the director or commissioner of the applicable state insurance department. During 2025, our U.S. based insurance subsidiaries paid dividends of \$458.4 million to CDOC. In 2025, CDOC also made capital contributions of \$140.0 million to our U.S. based insurance subsidiaries.

The payment of interest on surplus debentures requires either prior written notice or approval of the director or commissioner of the applicable state insurance department. Dividends and other payments from our non-insurance subsidiaries to CNO or CDOC do not require approval by any regulatory authority or other third party.

In accordance with an order from the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, Washington National may not distribute funds to any affiliate or shareholder, except pursuant to agreements that have been approved, without prior notice to the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation. In addition, the risk-based capital ("RBC") and other capital requirements described below can also limit, in certain circumstances, the ability of our insurance subsidiaries to pay dividends.

RBC requirements provide a tool for state insurance regulators to determine the levels of statutory capital and surplus an insurer must maintain in relation to its insurance and investment risks and the need for possible regulatory attention. The RBC requirements provide four levels of regulatory attention, varying with the ratio of the insurance company's total adjusted capital (defined as the total of its statutory capital and surplus, asset valuation reserve and certain other adjustments) to its RBC (as measured on December 31 of each year) as follows: (i) if a company's total adjusted capital is less than 100 percent but greater than or equal to 75 percent of its RBC, the company must submit a comprehensive plan to the regulatory authority proposing corrective actions aimed at improving its capital position (the "Company Action Level"); (ii) if a company's total adjusted capital is less than 75 percent but greater than or equal to 50 percent of its RBC, the regulatory authority will perform a special examination of the company and issue an order specifying the corrective actions that must be taken; (iii) if a company's total adjusted capital is less than 50 percent but greater than or equal to 35 percent of its RBC, the regulatory authority may take any action it deems necessary, including placing the company under regulatory control; and (iv) if a company's total adjusted capital is less than 35 percent of its RBC, the regulatory authority must place the company under its control. In addition, the RBC requirements provide for a trend test if a company's total adjusted capital is between 100 percent and 150 percent of its RBC at the end of the year. The trend test calculates the greater of the decrease in the margin of total adjusted capital over RBC: (i) between the current year and the prior year; and (ii) for the average of the last 3 years. It assumes that such decrease could occur again in the coming year. Any company whose trended total adjusted capital is less than 95 percent of its RBC would trigger a requirement to submit a comprehensive plan as described above for the Company Action Level. The 2025 statutory annual statements of each of our U.S. based insurance subsidiaries reflect total adjusted capital in excess of the levels that would subject our subsidiaries to any regulatory action.

In addition, although we are under no obligation to do so, we may elect to contribute additional capital or retain greater amounts of capital to strengthen the surplus of certain insurance subsidiaries. Any election to contribute or retain additional capital could impact the amounts our insurance subsidiaries pay as dividends to the holding company. The ability of our insurance subsidiaries to pay dividends is also impacted by various criteria established by rating agencies to maintain or receive higher ratings and by the capital levels that we target for our insurance subsidiaries.

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We calculate the consolidated RBC ratio by assuming all of the assets, liabilities, capital and surplus and other aspects of the business of our U.S. based insurance subsidiaries are combined together in one insurance subsidiary, with appropriate intercompany eliminations.

CNO Bermuda Re, Ltd. ("CNO Bermuda Re") is registered by and subject to the supervision of the Bermuda Monetary Authority (the "BMA") as a Class C insurer under the Bermuda Insurance Act 1978 and its related rules and regulations, each as amended (the "Insurance Act"). The Insurance Act imposes solvency and capital requirements as well as auditing and reporting requirements. The Insurance Act requires the value of an insurer's statutory assets to exceed the value of their statutory liabilities by an amount greater than or equal to their prescribed minimum solvency margin. The minimum solvency margin that must be maintained by a Class C insurer is the greater of: (i) \$0.5 million; or (ii) 1.5 percent of assets; or (iii) 25 percent of its enhanced capital requirement ("ECR") as reported at the end of the relevant year.

A Class C insurer is also required to maintain available statutory economic capital and surplus at a level equal to or in excess of its ECR, which is established by reference to either the Bermuda Solvency Capital Requirement ("BSCR") model or a Bermuda-approved internal capital model. The BSCR model is a risk-based capital model which provides a method for determining an insurer's capital requirements (statutory economic capital and surplus) by taking into account the risk characteristics of different aspects of the Class C insurer's business. The BSCR formula establishes capital requirements for certain categories of risk, including: fixed income investment risk, equity investment risk, long-term interest rate/liquidity risk, currency risk, concentration risk, certain insurance risks, credit risk, catastrophe risk, and operational risk. For each category, the capital requirement is determined by applying factors to asset, premium, reserve, creditor, probable maximum loss and operation items, with higher factors applied to items with greater underlying risk and lower factors for less risky items.

While not specifically referred to in the Insurance Act, the BMA has also established a target capital level ("TCL") for each insurer equal to 120 percent of an insurer's ECR. The TCL serves as an early warning tool for the BMA and failure to maintain statutory capital at least equal to the TCL will likely result in increased regulatory oversight. CNO Bermuda Re has entered into a Capital and Liquidity Maintenance Agreement (as amended, the "CLMA") with CDOC. Pursuant to the CLMA, CDOC will contribute funds to CNO Bermuda Re in the event: (i) CNO Bermuda Re's statutory economic capital and surplus is less than 150 percent of its ECR at the end of any calendar quarter; or (ii) CNO Bermuda Re's liquid assets are insufficient to meet its contractual obligations to ceding insurers, in each case, unless one or more ceding insurers has provided notice of recapture pursuant to the terms of the applicable reinsurance agreement between it and CNO Bermuda Re and such recapture will cause CNO Bermuda Re to meet (i) and (ii) above. Further, CNO Bermuda Re may not pay any dividends or make any capital distributions to its parent within the five years following the 2023 reinsurance transaction unless approved by the BMA.

We are in the process of completing CNO Bermuda Re's capital and solvency return in respect of the year ended December 31, 2025, which includes the BSCR. We believe that CNO Bermuda Re's level of capitalization will exceed the minimum solvency margin and result in its statutory economic capital and surplus being in excess of the TCL.

## 15. BUSINESS SEGMENTS

We view our operations as three insurance product lines (annuity, health and life) and the investment and fee income segments. Our segments are aligned based on their common characteristics, comparability of profit margins and the way the CODM makes operating decisions and assesses the performance of the business. Our CODM is the Chief Executive Officer.

Our insurance product line segments (annuity, health and life) include marketing, underwriting and administration of the policies our insurance subsidiaries sell. The business written in each of the three product categories through all of our insurance subsidiaries is aggregated allowing management and investors to assess the performance of each product category. When analyzing profitability of these segments, we use insurance product margin as the measure of profitability, which is: (i) insurance policy income; and (ii) net investment income allocated to the insurance product lines; less (i) insurance policy benefits and interest credited to policyholders; and (ii) amortization of deferred acquisition costs and present value of future profits, non-deferred commissions and advertising expense. Net investment income is allocated to the product lines using the book yield of investments backing the block of business, which is applied to the average net

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insurance liabilities for the block in each period. Net insurance liabilities for the purpose of allocating investment income to product lines are equal to: (i) policyholder account values for interest sensitive products; (ii) total reserves before the fair value adjustments reflected in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), if applicable, for all other products; less (iii) amounts related to reinsured business; (iv) deferred acquisition costs; (v) the present value of future profits; and (vi) the value of unexpired options credited to insurance liabilities.

Income from insurance products is the sum of the insurance product margins of the annuity, health and life product lines, less expenses allocated to the insurance product lines. It excludes the income from our fee income business, investment income not allocated to product lines, net expenses not allocated to product lines (primarily holding company expenses) and income taxes. Management believes insurance product margin and income from insurance products provides an additional understanding of the business and a more meaningful analysis of the results of our insurance product lines.

We market our products through the Consumer and Worksite Divisions that reflect the customers served by the Company. The Consumer and Worksite Divisions are primarily focused on marketing insurance products, several types of which are sold in both divisions and underwritten in the same manner.

The Consumer Division serves individual consumers, engaging with them on the phone, virtually, online, face-to-face with agents, or through a combination of sales channels. This structure unifies consumer capabilities into a single division and integrates the strength of our agent sales forces with one of the largest direct-to-consumer insurance businesses with proven experience in advertising, web/digital and call center support.

The Worksite Division focuses on the sale of voluntary insurance benefits, including supplemental health and life insurance products in the workplace for businesses, associations, and other membership groups, interacting with customers at their place of employment and virtually. With a separate Worksite Division, we are bringing a sharper focus to this high-growth business.

The investment segment involves the management of our capital resources, including investments and the management of corporate debt and liquidity. Our measure of profitability of this segment is the total net investment income not allocated to the insurance products. Investment income not allocated to product lines represents net investment income less: (i) equity returns credited to policyholder account balances; (ii) the investment income allocated to our product lines; (iii) interest expense on notes payable, investment borrowings and financing agreements; (iv) expenses related to the FABN program; and (v) certain expenses related to benefit plans that are offset by special-purpose investment income; plus (vi) the impact of annual option forfeitures related to fixed indexed annuity surrenders. Investment income not allocated to product lines includes investment income on investments in excess of amounts allocated to product lines, investments held by our holding companies, the spread we earn from our FHLB investment borrowing and FABN programs and variable components of investment income (including call and prepayment income, adjustments to returns on structured securities due to cash flow changes, income (loss) from COLI and alternative investments income not allocated to product lines), net of interest expense on corporate debt and financing agreements. The spread earned from our FHLB investment borrowing and FABN programs includes the investment income on the matched assets less: (i) interest on investment borrowings related to the FHLB investment borrowing program; (ii) interest credited on funding agreements; and (iii) amortization of deferred acquisition costs related to the FABN program.

Our fee income segment includes the earnings generated from sales of third-party insurance products, services provided to employers through our Worksite division and the operations of our broker-dealer and registered investment advisor. In November 2025, we announced our intention to exit the fee services business within our Worksite Division to sharpen our focus on the core insurance business. As a result, beginning in the fourth quarter of 2025, the net results of this business are no longer presented within the fee income segment, but are presented within Net loss related to divested business as a reconciling item to net income.

Our CODM allocates resources and assesses the performance of each operating segment based on the respective product line insurance margin, investment income not allocated, and fee income metrics described above.

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Expenses not allocated to product lines include the expenses of our corporate operations, excluding interest expense on debt.

We measure segment performance by excluding total investment gains (losses), changes in fair value of embedded derivative liabilities and MRBs, fair value changes related to the agent deferred compensation plan, income taxes and other non-operating items including earnings attributable to VIEs ("pre-tax operating earnings") because we believe that this performance measure is a better indicator of the ongoing business and trends in our business. Our primary investment focus is on investment income to support our liabilities for insurance products as opposed to the generation of investment gains (losses), and a long-term focus is necessary to maintain profitability over the life of the business.

Investment gains (losses), changes in fair value of embedded derivative liabilities and MRBs, fair value changes related to the agent deferred compensation plan and other non-operating items consisting primarily of earnings attributable to VIEs depend on market conditions or represent unusual items that do not necessarily relate to the underlying business of our segments. Investment gains (losses) and changes in fair value of embedded derivative liabilities and MRBs may affect future earnings levels since our underlying business is long-term in nature and changes in our investment portfolio may impact our ability to earn the assumed interest rates needed to maintain the profitability of our business.

Operating information by segment is as follows (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024	2023
Revenues:			
Annuity:			
Insurance policy income	\$ 39.3	\$ 35.5	\$ 28.4
Net investment income	621.3	565.0	516.3
Total annuity revenues	660.6	600.5	544.7
Health:			
Insurance policy income	1,661.4	1,618.3	1,594.6
Net investment income	301.9	299.6	296.7
Total health revenues	1,963.3	1,917.9	1,891.3
Life:			
Insurance policy income	921.9	904.7	882.5
Net investment income	151.1	147.1	144.8
Total life revenues	1,073.0	1,051.8	1,027.3
Change in market values of the underlying options supporting the fixed indexed annuity and life products (offset by market value changes credited to policyholder balances)	119.0	253.7	131.5
Investment income not allocated to product lines	506.6	449.9	335.6
Fee revenue and other income:			
Fee revenue	185.3	190.5	177.6
Amounts netted in expenses not allocated to product lines	3.7	3.4	36.6
Total segment revenues	\$ 4,511.5	\$ 4,467.7	\$ 4,144.6

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	2025	2024	2023
Expenses:			
Annuity:			
Insurance policy benefits	\$ 25.0	\$ (15.2)	\$ 29.0
Interest credited	293.5	253.8	209.4
Amortization and non-deferred commissions	103.5	87.7	71.3
Total annuity expenses	422.0	326.3	309.7
Health:			
Insurance policy benefits	1,241.8	1,239.6	1,234.9
Amortization and non-deferred commissions	164.9	161.5	162.1
Total health expenses	1,406.7	1,401.1	1,397.0
Life:			
Insurance policy benefits	568.2	576.0	570.0
Interest credited	53.7	51.5	49.3
Amortization and non-deferred commissions	111.0	98.0	85.8
Advertising expense	67.7	77.3	92.5
Total life expenses	800.6	802.8	797.6
Allocated expenses	611.3	615.3	599.0
Expenses not allocated to product lines	91.4	75.2	88.3
Market value changes of options credited to fixed indexed annuity and life policyholders	119.0	253.7	131.5
Amounts netted in investment income not allocated to product lines:			
Interest expense	207.4	219.7	169.8
Interest credited	114.2	61.6	28.8
Impact of annual option forfeitures related to fixed indexed annuity surrenders	(14.4)	(26.0)	(7.1)
Amortization	3.4	2.4	1.6
Other expenses	26.7	24.3	22.3
Expenses netted in fee revenue:			
Commissions and other operating expenses	170.1	160.5	146.6
Total segment expenses	3,958.4	3,916.9	3,685.1
Pre-tax measure of profitability:			
Annuity margin	238.6	274.2	235.0
Health margin	556.6	516.8	494.3
Life margin	272.4	249.0	229.7
Total insurance product margin	1,067.6	1,040.0	959.0
Allocated expenses	(611.3)	(615.3)	(599.0)
Income from insurance products	456.3	424.7	360.0
Fee income margin	15.2	30.0	31.0
Investment income not allocated to product lines	169.4	167.9	120.2
Expenses not allocated to product lines	(87.7)	(71.8)	(51.7)
Operating earnings before taxes	553.2	550.8	459.5
Income tax expense on operating income	114.0	121.5	103.4
Net operating income	\$ 439.2	\$ 429.3	\$ 356.1

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A reconciliation of segment revenues and expenses to consolidated revenues and expenses and net income is as follows (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024	2023
Total segment revenues	\$ 4,511.5	\$ 4,467.7	\$ 4,144.6
Total investment gains (losses)	(54.7)	(49.9)	(69.0)
Revenues related to earnings attributable to VIEs	23.7	31.7	71.2
Fee revenue related to divested business	6.9	—	—
Consolidated revenues	<u>4,487.4</u>	<u>4,449.5</u>	<u>4,146.8</u>
Total segment expenses	3,958.4	3,916.9	3,685.1
Insurance policy benefits - fair value changes in embedded derivative liabilities	64.0	(46.3)	29.9
Expenses attributable to VIEs	25.0	36.9	70.5
Fair value changes related to agent deferred compensation plan	1.7	(6.6)	3.5
Expenses related to TechMod initiative	20.3	—	—
Goodwill and other asset impairment	101.9	—	—
Expenses related to divested business	24.2	—	—
Other expenses	(1.5)	8.7	1.0
Consolidated expenses	<u>4,194.0</u>	<u>3,909.6</u>	<u>3,790.0</u>
Income before tax	293.4	539.9	356.8
Income tax expense	64.1	119.1	80.3
Net income	<u>\$ 229.3</u>	<u>\$ 420.8</u>	<u>\$ 276.5</u>

Segment balance sheet information was as follows (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024
Assets:		
Annuity	\$ 13,692.5	\$ 13,001.4
Health	9,367.1	9,116.7
Life	4,331.3	4,194.7
Investments not allocated to product lines	10,879.8	10,599.1
Assets of our non-life companies included in the fee income segment	161.0	257.7
Assets of our other non-life companies	358.9	679.7
Total assets	<u>\$ 38,790.6</u>	<u>\$ 37,849.3</u>
Liabilities:		
Annuity	\$ 14,445.0	\$ 13,539.6
Health	9,573.7	9,490.7
Life	4,448.9	4,311.2
Liabilities associated with investments not allocated to product lines (a)	7,425.3	7,541.1
Liabilities of our non-life companies included in the fee income segment	50.5	37.0
Liabilities of our other non-life companies	209.0	414.5
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 36,152.4</u>	<u>\$ 35,334.1</u>

- (a) Includes investment borrowings, policyholder account balances related to funding agreements, borrowings related to VIEs and notes payable - direct corporate obligations.

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**16. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)**

We compute earnings per common share for each quarter independently of earnings per share for the year. The sum of the quarterly earnings per share may not equal the earnings per share for the year because of: (i) transactions affecting the weighted average number of shares outstanding in each quarter; and (ii) the uneven distribution of earnings during the year. Quarterly financial data (unaudited) were as follows (dollars in millions, except per share data):

2025	Three months ended			
	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31
Revenues	\$ 1,004.1	\$ 1,151.5	\$ 1,188.7	\$ 1,143.1
Income before income taxes	\$ 27.8	\$ 118.0	\$ 36.2	\$ 111.4
Income tax expense	6.3	26.2	13.1	18.5
Net income	\$ 21.5	\$ 91.8	\$ 23.1	\$ 92.9
Earnings per common share:				
Basic:				
Net income	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.98
Diluted:				
Net income	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.91	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.95
2024	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31
Revenues	\$ 1,156.5	\$ 1,066.2	\$ 1,129.6	\$ 1,097.2
Income before income taxes	\$ 146.2	\$ 150.6	\$ 11.0	\$ 232.1
Income tax expense	33.9	34.3	1.7	49.2
Net income	\$ 112.3	\$ 116.3	\$ 9.3	\$ 182.9
Earnings per common share:				
Basic:				
Net income	\$ 1.03	\$ 1.08	\$ 0.09	\$ 1.78
Diluted:				
Net income	\$ 1.01	\$ 1.06	\$ 0.09	\$ 1.74

**17. INVESTMENTS IN VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITIES**

We have concluded that we are the primary beneficiary with respect to certain VIEs, which are consolidated in our financial statements. In consolidating the VIEs, we consistently use the financial information most recently distributed to investors in the VIE.

All of the VIEs are collateralized loan trusts that were established to issue securities to finance the purchase of commercial bank loans and other permitted investments. The assets held by the trusts are legally isolated and not available to the Company. The liabilities of the VIEs are expected to be satisfied from the cash flows generated by the underlying loans held by the trusts, not from the assets of the Company. The scheduled repayments of the remaining principal balance of the borrowings related to the VIEs are estimated as follows: \$56.7 million in 2030 and \$217.7 million in 2031 and thereafter. The Company has no financial obligation to the VIEs beyond its investment in each VIE.

Interest expense of \$23.5 million, \$34.7 million and \$68.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively, was recognized related to total borrowings related to the VIEs.

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Certain of our subsidiaries are noteholders of the VIEs. Another subsidiary of the Company is the investment manager for the VIEs. As such, it has the power to direct the most significant activities of the VIEs which materially impacts the economic performance of the VIEs.

During 2025, two VIEs were liquidated, which resulted in approximately \$4.8 million of realized losses related to sales of invested assets as well as a \$1.5 million gain on extinguishment of debt. The impact to net income was \$(3.3) million on our consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2025. These liquidations largely resulted in a decrease in invested assets and cash of \$182.6 million and \$59.0 million, respectively, and a decrease in borrowings related to variable interest entities of \$222.6 million. In addition, a VIE purchased \$38.4 million of additional invested assets during 2025, which along with the settlement of approximately \$208.6 million of investment payables from the prior year, resulted in a decrease in cash of \$247.1 million on our consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2025.

The following tables provide supplemental information about the assets and liabilities of the VIEs which have been consolidated (dollars in millions):

	December 31, 2025		
	VIEs	Eliminations	Net effect on consolidated balance sheet
<b>Assets:</b>			
Investments held by variable interest entities	\$ 293.0	\$ —	\$ 293.0
Other invested assets, affiliated	—	(107.8)	(107.8)
Cash and cash equivalents held by variable interest entities	27.4	—	27.4
Accrued investment income	1.0	—	1.0
Income tax assets, net	16.0	—	16.0
Other assets	0.6	(0.2)	0.4
Total assets	<u>\$ 338.0</u>	<u>\$ (108.0)</u>	<u>\$ 230.0</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Other liabilities	\$ 16.7	\$ (0.9)	\$ 15.8
Borrowings related to variable interest entities	274.4	—	274.4
Notes payable of VIEs held by subsidiaries	107.8	(107.8)	—
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 398.9</u>	<u>\$ (108.7)</u>	<u>\$ 290.2</u>

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	December 31, 2024		
	VIEs	Eliminations	Net effect on consolidated balance sheet
<b>Assets:</b>			
Investments held by variable interest entities	\$ 433.8	\$ —	\$ 433.8
Other invested assets, affiliated	—	(130.0)	(130.0)
Cash and cash equivalents held by variable interest entities	341.0	—	341.0
Accrued investment income	0.9	—	0.9
Income tax assets, net	15.0	—	15.0
Other assets	5.5	(0.2)	5.3
Total assets	<u>\$ 796.2</u>	<u>\$ (130.2)</u>	<u>\$ 666.0</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Other liabilities	\$ 225.5	\$ (0.6)	\$ 224.9
Borrowings related to variable interest entities	497.6	—	497.6
Notes payable of VIEs held by subsidiaries	131.2	(131.2)	—
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 854.3</u>	<u>\$ (131.8)</u>	<u>\$ 722.5</u>

The following table provides supplemental information about the revenues and expenses of the VIEs which have been consolidated in accordance with authoritative guidance, after giving effect to the elimination of our investment in the VIEs and investment management fees earned by a subsidiary of the Company (dollars in millions):

	2025	2024	2023
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Net investment income – policyholder and other special-purpose portfolios	\$ 23.4	\$ 40.9	\$ 85.2
Fee revenue and other income	0.3	2.6	4.4
Total revenues	<u>23.7</u>	<u>43.5</u>	<u>89.6</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Interest expense	23.5	34.7	68.7
Gain on extinguishment of borrowings related to variable interest entities	(1.5)	—	—
Other operating expenses	3.0	2.2	1.8
Total expenses	<u>25.0</u>	<u>36.9</u>	<u>70.5</u>
Income before net investment losses and income taxes	(1.3)	6.6	19.1
Net investment losses	(6.5)	(16.9)	(4.4)
Income before income taxes	<u>\$ (7.8)</u>	<u>\$ (10.3)</u>	<u>\$ 14.7</u>

The investment portfolios held by the VIEs are primarily comprised of commercial bank loans to corporate obligors. At December 31, 2025, such investments had an amortized cost of \$294.1 million; gross unrealized gains of \$0.9 million; gross unrealized losses of \$1.4 million; an allowance for credit losses of \$0.6 million; and an estimated fair value of \$293.0 million. The estimated fair value of the below-investment grade portfolio was \$282.0 million, or 99 percent of the amortized cost. At December 31, 2025, the amortized cost of the below-investment grade investments held by the VIEs was \$283.1 million, or 96 percent of the VIEs' investment portfolio.

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The following table summarizes changes in the allowance for credit losses related to investments held by VIEs for each of the three years ended December 31, 2025 (dollars in millions):

	Corporate securities
Allowance at December 31, 2022	\$ 5.5
Additions for securities for which credit losses were not previously recorded	0.8
Additions (reductions) for securities where an allowance was previously recorded	(0.3)
Reduction for securities disposed during the period	(2.9)
Allowance at December 31, 2023	3.1
Additions for securities for which credit losses were not previously recorded	0.8
Additions (reductions) for securities where an allowance was previously recorded	1.9
Reduction for securities disposed during the period	(4.5)
Allowance at December 31, 2024	1.3
Additions for securities for which credit losses were not previously recorded	1.4
Additions (reductions) for securities where an allowance was previously recorded	1.5
Reduction for securities disposed during the period	(3.6)
Allowance at December 31, 2025	\$ 0.6

The following table sets forth the amortized cost and estimated fair value of the investments held by the VIEs at December 31, 2025, by contractual maturity. Actual maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without penalties.

	Amortized cost	Estimated fair value
(Dollars in millions)		
Due in one year or less	\$ —	\$ —
Due after one year through five years	130.2	129.2
Due after five years through ten years	163.9	163.8
Total	\$ 294.1	\$ 293.0

The following table sets forth the amortized cost and estimated fair value of those investments held by the VIEs with unrealized losses at December 31, 2025, by contractual maturity. Actual maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without penalties.

	Amortized cost	Estimated fair value
(Dollars in millions)		
Due in one year or less	\$ —	\$ —
Due after one year through five years	87.2	86.0
Due after five years through ten years	76.8	76.0
Total	\$ 164.0	\$ 162.0

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The following summarizes the investments sold at a loss during 2025, which had been continuously in an unrealized loss position exceeding 20 percent of the amortized cost basis prior to the sale for the period indicated (dollars in millions):

	Number of issuers	At date of sale	
		Amortized cost	Fair value
Less than 6 months prior to sale	1	\$ 0.9	\$ 0.6
Greater than or equal to 6 months and less than 12 months prior to sale	6	4.6	2.6
Greater than 12 months prior to sale	3	2.9	1.2
		<u>\$ 8.4</u>	<u>\$ 4.4</u>

As of December 31, 2025, there was one investment with an amortized cost of \$0.4 million and a fair value of \$0.3 million held by the VIEs rated below-investment grade not deemed to have a credit loss with an unrealized loss of \$0.1 million which has been continuously in an unrealized loss position exceeding 20 percent of the cost basis for less than six months.

During 2025, the VIEs recognized net investment losses of \$6.5 million which were comprised of: (i) \$7.2 million of net losses from the sales of fixed maturities; and (ii) a \$0.7 million decrease in the allowance for credit losses. Such net investment losses included gross realized losses of \$7.6 million from the sale of \$95.5 million of investments. Sales activity in 2025 was partially driven by the liquidation of two collateralized loan trusts.

During 2024, the VIEs recognized net investment losses of \$16.9 million which were comprised of: (i) \$18.7 million of net losses from the sales of fixed maturities; and (ii) a \$1.8 million decrease in the allowance for credit losses. Such net investment losses included gross realized losses of \$23.8 million from the sale of \$199.6 million of investments.

During 2023, the VIEs recognized net investment losses of \$4.4 million which were comprised of: (i) \$6.8 million of net losses from the sales of fixed maturities; and (ii) a \$2.4 million increase in the allowance for credit losses. Such net investment losses included gross realized losses of \$6.9 million from the sale of \$18.5 million of investments.

At December 31, 2025, there were no fixed maturity investments held by the VIEs in default.

At December 31, 2025, the VIEs held: (i) investments (for which an allowance for credit losses has not been recorded) with a fair value of \$86.7 million and gross unrealized losses of \$0.9 million that had been in an unrealized loss position for less than twelve months; and (ii) investments (for which an allowance for credit losses has not been recorded) with a fair value of \$34.2 million and gross unrealized losses of \$0.3 million that had been in an unrealized loss position for greater than twelve months.

At December 31, 2024, the VIEs held: (i) investments (for which an allowance for credit losses has not been recorded) with a fair value of \$183.2 million and gross unrealized losses of \$0.9 million that had been in an unrealized loss position for less than twelve months; and (ii) investments (for which an allowance for credit losses has not been recorded) with a fair value of \$25.6 million and gross unrealized losses of \$0.3 million that had been in an unrealized loss position for greater than twelve months.

The investments held by the VIEs are evaluated for impairment in a manner that is consistent with the Company's fixed maturities, available for sale.

## ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.

None.

## ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

*Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.* CNO's management, under the supervision and with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of CNO's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended). Based on its evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of December 31, 2025, CNO's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by CNO in reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures are also designed to reasonably assure that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

*Limitations on the Effectiveness of Controls.* Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, acknowledges that our disclosure controls over financial reporting will not prevent all error and fraud. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty and that breakdowns can occur because of error or mistake. Controls can also be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the controls. The design of any system of controls is based in part on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or deterioration in the degree of compliance with policies or procedures. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

*Conclusion Regarding the Effectiveness of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.* Based on our controls evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this annual report, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance that: (i) the information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms; and (ii) material information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

*Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.* Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on our evaluation under the framework in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)*, our management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2025.

The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2025 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which is included herein.

*Changes to Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.* There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) during the quarter ended December 31, 2025, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION.**

During the three months ended December 31, 2025, certain officers (as defined in Rule 16a-1(f) of the Exchange Act) (the "Section 16 officers") of the Company adopted separate Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangements (as defined in Item 408(a) of Regulation S-K) for the sale of shares of the Company's common stock. The following summarizes the material terms of such Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangements, each of which is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense of Rule 10b5-1(c) of the Exchange Act and the Company's policies regarding transactions in the Company's securities:

<u>Name and title of officer</u>	<u>Date of trading arrangement</u>	<u>Duration of trading arrangement (a)</u>	<u>Aggregate shares of common stock to be sold pursuant to the trading arrangement</u>
Scott L. Goldberg President Consumer Division	November 6, 2025	November 6, 2026	22,120

(a) Trading arrangement will terminate on the earlier of the date: (i) stated in this column; (ii) on which the aggregate number of shares has been sold; or (iii) on which the individual gives the designated agent notice to terminate.

During the three months ended December 31, 2025, other than the individual included in the table above, none of the Company's directors and no other Section 16 officers adopted, terminated or modified a Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement or a non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement (as such terms are defined in Item 408 of Regulation S-K).

On February 23, 2026, the Company and Gary C. Bhojwani entered into a Third Amendment to Mr. Bhojwani's Amended and Restated Employment Agreement (the "Employment Agreement") to clarify in Section 5(b) that Mr. Bhojwani's maximum annual bonus opportunity is "200% of the Target Bonus" in alignment with the administration of the Company's Amended and Restated Pay for Performance Incentive Plan and the original intent of the provision.

**ITEM 9C. DISCLOSURE REGARDING FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS THAT PREVENT INSPECTIONS.**

Not applicable.

## PART III

### ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE.

We will provide information that is responsive to this Item 10. in our definitive proxy statement or in an amendment to this Annual Report not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Annual Report. That information is incorporated by reference into this Item 10. Additional information called for by this item is contained in Part I of this Annual Report under the caption "Executive Officers of the Registrant."

#### Insider Trading Policies and Procedures

We have adopted an Insider Securities Trading Policy governing the purchase, sale and other dispositions of the Company's securities by our directors, officers and employees. Our Insider Securities Trading Policy is reasonably designed to promote compliance with insider trading laws, rules and regulations and the New York Stock Exchange listing standards. In addition, our Insider Securities Trading Policy includes provisions regarding the Company trading in its own securities. A copy of our Insider Securities Trading Policy is filed as Exhibit 19.1 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.

As a result of the revision of our previously issued audited consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, as described in the "Revision of Prior Period Amounts" section of Note 2 in this Form 10-K, the Company conducted a recovery analysis for the relevant period, as contemplated by Rule 10D-1 under the Exchange Act, New York Stock Exchange Listing Standards, and in accordance with the Company's Clawback Policy. Based on this analysis, the Company's Human Resources and Compensation Committee concluded that no recovery of incentive-based compensation was required as a result of the revision because no paid-out incentive-based compensation was impacted by the revised items during the relevant recovery period, and thus, there was no erroneously awarded compensation.

We will provide any additional information that is responsive to this Item 11. in our definitive proxy statement or in an amendment to this Annual Report not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Annual Report. That information is incorporated by reference into this Item 11., other than disclosure under the heading "Pay versus Performance" information responsive to Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K of SEC rules.

### ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS.

We will provide information that is responsive to this Item 12. in our definitive proxy statement or in an amendment to this Annual Report not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Annual Report. That information is incorporated by reference into this Item 12.

### ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE.

We will provide information that is responsive to this Item 13. in our definitive proxy statement or in an amendment to this Annual Report not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Annual Report. That information is incorporated by reference into this Item 13.

### ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

We will provide information that is responsive to this Item 14. in our definitive proxy statement or in an amendment to this Annual Report not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Annual Report. That information is incorporated by reference into this Item 14.

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All other schedules are omitted, either because they are not applicable, not required, or because the information they contain is included elsewhere in the consolidated financial statements or notes.

3. Exhibit Index.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
2.1	<a href="#">Master Transaction Agreement, dated August 1, 2018, by and between Bankers Life and Casualty Company and Wilton Reassurance Company, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 2, 2018.</a>
3.1	<a href="#">Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of CNO Financial Group, Inc., dated July 31, 2025, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2025.</a>
3.2	<a href="#">Amended and Restated Bylaws of CNO Financial Group, Inc., dated August 7, 2024, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2024.</a>
3.3	<a href="#">Certificate of Designations of Series F Junior Participating Preferred Stock of CNO Financial Group, Inc., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 13, 2023.</a>
4.1	<a href="#">Description of the registrant's securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.</a>
4.2	<a href="#">Form of specimen stock certificate for common stock, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 12, 2010.</a>
4.3	<a href="#">Fifth Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement, dated November 10, 2023, between CNO Financial Group, Inc. and Equiniti Trust Company, LLC as rights agent, which includes the Certificate of Designations for the Series F Junior Participating Preferred Stock as Exhibit A, the Form of Right Certificate as Exhibit B and the Summary of Rights to Purchase Preferred Shares as Exhibit C, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 13, 2023.</a>
4.4	<a href="#">Indenture, dated June 12, 2019, between CNO Financial Group, Inc. and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association (as successor to U.S. Bank National Association) as trustee, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 12, 2019.</a>
4.5	<a href="#">First Supplemental Indenture, dated June 12, 2019, by and between CNO Financial Group, Inc. and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association (as successor to U.S. Bank National Association) as trustee, relating to the 5.250% Senior Notes due 2029, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 12, 2019.</a>
4.6	<a href="#">Form of 5.250% Senior Notes due 2029 (included as Exhibit A to Exhibit 4.5 above).</a>

- 4.7 [Second Supplemental Indenture, dated November 25, 2020, by and between CNO Financial Group, Inc. and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association \(as successor to U.S. Bank National Association\) as trustee, relating to the 5.125% Subordinated Debentures due 2060, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 25, 2020.](#)
- 4.8 [Form of 5.125% Subordinated Debentures due 2060 \(included as Exhibit A to Exhibit 4.7 above\).](#)
- 4.9 [Third Supplemental Indenture, dated May 13, 2024, by and between CNO Financial Group, Inc. and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association \(as successor to U.S. Bank National Association\) as trustee, relating to the 6.450% Senior Notes due 2034, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 13, 2024.](#)
- 4.10 [Form of 6.450% Senior Notes due 2034 \(included as Exhibit A to Exhibit 4.9 above\).](#)
- 10.1 [Sixth Amendment and Restatement Agreement, dated May 8, 2025, among CNO Financial Group, Inc., the lenders party thereto and KeyBank National Association as administrative agent for the lenders, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 12, 2025.](#)
- 10.2 [Coinsurance and Administration Agreement, dated January 1, 2007, between Conseco Insurance Company and Reassure America Life Insurance Company, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.34 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2007.](#)
- 10.3 [Coinsurance Agreement, dated September 27, 2018, by and between Bankers Life and Casualty Company and Wilton Reassurance Company, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 2, 2018.](#)
- 10.4 [Trust Agreement, dated September 27, 2018, by and among Bankers Life and Casualty Company, Wilton Reassurance Company and Citibank, N.A., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 2, 2018.](#)
- 10.5 [Administrative Services Agreement, dated September 27, 2018, by and between Bankers Life and Casualty Company and Wilton Reassurance Company, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 2, 2018.](#)
- 10.6\* [CNO Financial Group, Inc. Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2020.](#)
- 10.7\* [CNO Financial Group, Inc. Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan, dated May 8, 2025, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 12, 2025.](#)
- 10.8\* [Form of stock option agreement for 2017 and 2018 under Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2017.](#)
- 10.9\* [Form of stock option agreement for 2019, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018.](#)
- 10.10\* [Form of restricted stock unit award agreement for 2023 under the Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2023.](#)
- 10.11\* [Form of restricted stock unit award agreement for 2024 under the Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2024.](#)
- 10.12\* [Form of restricted stock unit award agreement for 2025 under the Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2025.](#)
- 10.13\* [Form of executive leadership group restricted stock unit award agreement for 2023 under the Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2023.](#)
- 10.14\* [Form of executive leadership group restricted stock unit award agreement for 2024 under the Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2024.](#)

- 10.15\* [Form of executive leadership group restricted stock unit award agreement for 2025 under the Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2025.](#)
- 10.16\* [Form of performance stock unit award agreement for 2023 under the Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2023.](#)
- 10.17\* [Form of performance stock unit award agreement for 2024 under the Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2024.](#)
- 10.18\* [Form of performance share award agreement for 2025 under the Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2025.](#)
- 10.19\* [Form of executive leadership group performance stock unit award agreement for 2023 under the Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2023.](#)
- 10.20\* [Form of executive leadership group performance stock unit award agreement for 2024 under the Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2024.](#)
- 10.21\* [Form of executive leadership group performance share award agreement for 2025 under the Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2025.](#)
- 10.22\* [Form of Indemnification Agreement among the Corporation, CDOC, Inc., CNO Services, LLC \(formerly Conseco Services, LLC\) and each director of the Corporation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.](#)
- 10.23\* [CNO Deferred Compensation Plan \(Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2017\), incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.](#)
- 10.24\* [First Amendment to the CNO Deferred Compensation Plan \(Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2017\), incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020.](#)
- 10.25\* [Second Amendment to the CNO Deferred Compensation Plan \(Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2017\), effective January 1, 2020, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020.](#)
- 10.26\* [Third Amendment to the CNO Deferred Compensation Plan \(Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2017\), effective January 1, 2021, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020.](#)
- 10.27\* [Fourth Amendment to the CNO Deferred Compensation Plan \(Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2017\), effective January 1, 2026, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2025.](#)
- 10.28\* [CNO Board of Directors Deferred Compensation Plan \(Effective January 1, 2017\), incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.31 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.](#)
- 10.29\* [First Amendment to the CNO Board of Directors Deferred Compensation Plan \(Effective January 1, 2017\), effective January 1, 2021, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.25 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020.](#)
- 10.30\* [Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated August 6, 2019, between CNO Financial Group, Inc. and Gary C. Bhojwani, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 8, 2019.](#)
- 10.31\* [Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated November 12, 2020, between CNO Financial Group, Inc. and Gary C. Bhojwani, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 12, 2020.](#)

10.32*	<a href="#">Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated November 10, 2023, between CNO Financial Group, Inc. and Gary C. Bhojwani, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 13, 2023.</a>
10.33*	<a href="#">Third Amendment to the Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated February 23, 2026, between CNO Financial Group, Inc. and Gary C. Bhojwani.</a>
10.34*	<a href="#">Form of Confidential Information and Nonsolicitation Agreement between CNO Financial Group, Inc. and each of Yvonne Franzese, Eric Johnson, Joel Koehneman, Jeanne Linnenbringer, Paul McDonough, Michael Mead, Rocco Tarasi, Jeremy Williams and Matthew Zimpfer, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 8, 2019.</a>
10.35*	<a href="#">Form of Confidential Information, Noncompetition and Nonsolicitation Agreement between CNO Financial Group, Inc. and each of Scott Goldberg and Karen DeToro, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 8, 2019.</a>
10.36*	<a href="#">Form of Officer Acknowledgement and Agreement Pertaining to CNO Financial Group, Inc. Clawback Policy, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2020.</a>
10.37*	<a href="#">CNO Services, LLC Executive Severance Pay Plan, restated effective September 1, 2023, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2023.</a>
10.38*	<a href="#">CNO Financial Group, Inc. 2020 Amended and Restated Pay For Performance Incentive Plan, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 12, 2020.</a>
19.1	<a href="#">CNO Financial Group, Inc. Insider Securities Trading Policy, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 19.1 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024.</a>
21.1	<a href="#">Subsidiaries of the Registrant.</a>
23.1	<a href="#">Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.</a>
31.1	<a href="#">Certification of the Chief Executive Officer of CNO Financial Group, Inc., pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>
31.2	<a href="#">Certification of the Chief Financial Officer of CNO Financial Group, Inc., pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>
32.1	<a href="#">Certification of the Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>
32.2	<a href="#">Certification of the Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>
97.1*	<a href="#">CNO Financial Group, Inc. Clawback Policy, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 97.1 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023.</a>
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document - the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

\*Identifies a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

**ITEM 16. FORM 10-K SUMMARY.**

None.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

Dated: February 24, 2026

By: /s/ Gary C. Bhojwani

Gary C. Bhojwani

Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this Report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title (Capacity)</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ GARY C. BHOJWANI</u> Gary C. Bhojwani	Director and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	February 24, 2026
<u>/s/ PAUL H. MCDONOUGH</u> Paul H. McDonough	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	February 24, 2026
<u>/s/ JOEL T. KOEHNEMAN</u> Joel T. Koehneman	Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	February 24, 2026
<u>/s/ ARCHIE M. BROWN</u> Archie M. Brown	Director	February 24, 2026
<u>/s/ DAVID B. FOSS</u> David B. Foss	Director	February 24, 2026
<u>/s/ LINDA T. GIBSON</u> <u>Linda T. Gibson</u>	Director	February 24, 2026
<u>/s/ MARY R. NINA HENDERSON</u> Mary R. Nina Henderson	Director	February 24, 2026
<u>/s/ ADRIANNE B. LEE</u> Adrienne B. Lee	Director	February 24, 2026
<u>/s/ DANIEL R. MAURER</u> Daniel R. Maurer	Director	February 24, 2026
<u>/s/ CHETLUR S. RAGAVAN</u> Chetlur S. Ragavan	Director	February 24, 2026
<u>/s/ STEVEN E. SHEBIK</u> Steven E. Shebik	Director	February 24, 2026
<u>/s/ JESSICA A. TURNER</u> Jessica A. Turner	Director	February 24, 2026

**CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**SCHEDULE II**

Condensed Financial Information of Registrant (Parent Company)

Balance Sheet  
as of December 31, 2025 and 2024  
(Dollars in millions)

ASSETS		
	2025	2024
Fixed maturities, available for sale, at fair value (amortized cost: 2025 - \$0; 2024 - \$500.2)	\$ —	\$ 518.6
Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted	412.3	355.8
Investment in wholly-owned subsidiaries*	3,808.0	3,777.8
Income tax assets, net	51.8	64.6
Receivable from subsidiaries*	65.3	38.0
Other assets	10.1	18.5
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,347.5</b>	<b>\$ 4,773.3</b>
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Notes payable	\$ 1,335.6	\$ 1,833.5
Payable to subsidiaries*	330.5	389.4
Other liabilities	43.2	35.2
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,709.3</b>	<b>2,258.1</b>
Commitments and Contingencies		
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock and additional paid-in capital (\$0.01 par value, 8,000,000,000 shares authorized, shares issued and outstanding: 2025 - 94,484,339; 2024 - 101,618,957)	1,337.2	1,633.5
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,115.0)	(1,371.4)
Retained earnings	2,416.0	2,253.1
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>2,638.2</b>	<b>2,515.2</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 4,347.5</b>	<b>\$ 4,773.3</b>

\* Eliminated in consolidation

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

**CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**SCHEDULE II**

Condensed Financial Information of Registrant (Parent Company)

Statement of Operations  
for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023  
(Dollars in millions)

	2025	2024	2023
Revenues:			
Net investment income	\$ 26.8	\$ 37.0	\$ 13.3
Net investment income - affiliated*	1.7	1.1	3.7
Net investment gains	—	—	0.1
Total revenues	<u>28.5</u>	<u>38.1</u>	<u>17.1</u>
Expenses:			
Interest expense	92.5	91.8	62.7
Intercompany expenses*	18.8	13.4	8.4
Operating costs and expenses	58.6	37.7	63.2
Total expenses	<u>169.9</u>	<u>142.9</u>	<u>134.3</u>
Loss before income taxes and equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiaries	(141.4)	(104.8)	(117.2)
Income tax benefit	<u>(27.7)</u>	<u>(25.7)</u>	<u>(32.2)</u>
Loss before equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiaries	(113.7)	(79.1)	(85.0)
Equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiaries*	343.0	499.9	361.5
Net income	<u>\$ 229.3</u>	<u>\$ 420.8</u>	<u>\$ 276.5</u>

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of the condensed financial statements.

CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

SCHEDULE II

Condensed Financial Information of Registrant (Parent Company)

Statement of Cash Flows  
for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023  
(Dollars in millions)

	2025	2024	2023
Cash flows used by operating activities:	\$ (68.0)	\$ (65.1)	\$ (106.8)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Sales of investments	500.3	—	43.2
Purchases of investments	—	(499.8)	(6.5)
Net sales of trading securities	—	5.0	6.6
Dividends received from consolidated subsidiary*	250.0	—	150.0
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>750.3</u>	<u>(494.8)</u>	<u>193.3</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Issuance of notes payable, net	—	691.0	—
Payments on notes payable	(500.0)	—	—
Issuance of common stock	11.6	11.1	13.2
Payments to repurchase common stock	(331.4)	(300.2)	(166.1)
Common stock dividends paid	(66.2)	(67.7)	(68.1)
Issuance of notes payable to affiliates*	420.9	419.1	400.3
Payments on notes payable to affiliates*	(160.7)	(92.9)	(147.2)
Net cash (used) provided by financing activities	<u>(625.8)</u>	<u>660.4</u>	<u>32.1</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	56.5	100.5	118.6
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	355.8	255.3	136.7
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	<u>\$ 412.3</u>	<u>\$ 355.8</u>	<u>\$ 255.3</u>

\* Eliminated in consolidation

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of the condensed financial statements.

**CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**SCHEDULE II**

Notes to Condensed Financial Information

**1. Basis of Presentation**

The condensed financial information should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of CNO Financial Group, Inc. The condensed financial information includes the accounts and activity of the parent company.

**CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**SCHEDULE IV**

Reinsurance  
for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023  
(Dollars in millions)

	2025	2024	2023
Life insurance inforce:			
Direct	\$ 33,198.6	\$ 32,283.5	\$ 31,335.5
Assumed	72.5	77.0	82.0
Ceded	(2,847.7)	(2,804.1)	(2,804.9)
Net insurance inforce	\$ 30,423.4	\$ 29,556.4	\$ 28,612.6
Percentage of assumed to net	0.2 %	0.3 %	0.3 %
	2025	2024	2023
Insurance policy income:			
Direct	\$ 2,538.3	\$ 2,492.9	\$ 2,468.5
Assumed	14.1	15.5	16.6
Ceded	(152.3)	(169.0)	(181.4)
Net premiums	\$ 2,400.1	\$ 2,339.4	\$ 2,303.7
Percentage of assumed to net	0.6 %	0.7 %	0.7 %

**DESCRIPTION OF THE REGISTRANT'S SECURITIES  
REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

The definitions of certain capitalized terms used in the following description are set forth below under “– Certain Definitions.” The terms “the Company,” “we,” “our” and “us” refer solely to CNO Financial Group, Inc. and not to its subsidiaries.

CNO Financial Group, Inc. has three classes of securities registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “*Exchange Act*”): (i) our common stock; (ii) our Series F Preferred Stock (defined below); and (iii) our 5.125% Subordinated Debentures due 2060 (the “*Debentures*”).

**DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY'S CAPITAL STOCK**

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation authorizes us to issue 8,000,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 265,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. Of the authorized preferred shares, 2,000,000 are designated as Series F Junior Participating Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (“*Series F Preferred Stock*”). See “– Preferred Stock” and “– Fifth Amended Rights Agreement” below.

The following description of our capital stock is a summary. You should keep in mind, however, that it is our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, including any certificates of designations that are a part of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our amended and restated by-laws, our Fifth Amended Rights Agreement (defined below) and Delaware law, and not this summary, which define your rights as a security holder. There may be other provisions in these documents that are also important to you. We encourage you to read these documents for additional information.

**Common Stock**

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “CNO.” Equiniti Trust Company, LLC (successor to American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, LLC) is the transfer agent and registrar for our common stock. All outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and non-assessable.

In accordance with our Fifth Amended Rights Agreement, each of our outstanding shares of common stock has associated with it the right to purchase a one one-thousandth of a share of our Series F Preferred Stock and each share of common stock that we issue prior to the earlier of (i) the date the preferred share purchase rights become exercisable and (ii) the expiration date of the Fifth Amended Rights Agreement, will be issued with an associated preferred share purchase right. See “– Fifth Amended Rights Agreement” below.

**Dividends.** Except as otherwise provided by Delaware law or our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, and subject to all rights and preferences of holders of any outstanding shares of preferred stock, holders of common stock share ratably in all dividends and distributions, whether upon liquidation or dissolution or otherwise.

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**Voting.** Except as otherwise provided by Delaware law or our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and subject to the rights of holders of any outstanding shares of preferred stock, all of the voting power of our stockholders is vested in the holders of our common stock, and each holder of common stock has one vote for each share held by such holder on all matters voted upon by our stockholders.

Notwithstanding the voting rights granted to holders of common stock and preferred stock in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation or in any certificate of designations relating to any preferred stock, the voting rights of any stock held by any holder as of September 10, 2003, the effective date of our predecessor company's plan of reorganization, are automatically reduced with respect to any particular stockholder vote or action by written consent to the extent, if any, required to avoid a presumption of control arising from the beneficial ownership of voting securities under the insurance statutes or regulations applicable to any of our direct or indirect insurance company subsidiaries, provided that no such reduction reduces such voting rights, without such holder's written consent:

- By more than the minimum amount required to reduce such voting rights to less than 10% of the aggregate voting rights of all stock entitled to vote or consent with respect to such vote or action, or
- To the extent that such holder's acquisition of control or deemed acquisition of control of our direct and indirect insurance company subsidiaries has been approved under, or is exempt from the approval requirements of, all insurance statutes and regulations applicable to our direct and indirect insurance company subsidiaries.

**Board of Directors.** Except as otherwise provided in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation or any duly authorized certificate of designations of any series of preferred stock, directors are elected in accordance with the procedures and requirements prescribed by our amended and restated by-laws. Our amended and restated by-laws provide that, except in the case of vacancies and newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the total number of directors, each director shall be elected by the vote of the majority of the votes cast (where the number of votes cast "for" a director exceeds the number of votes cast "against" that director) with respect to the directors at any meeting for the election of directors at which a quorum is present, provided that, if the number of nominees exceeds the number of directors to be elected, the directors shall be elected by a plurality of the shares represented in person or by proxy at any such meeting and entitled to vote on the election of directors.

**Other.** Our common stock is not convertible into, or exchangeable for, any other class or series of our capital stock. Except as contemplated by our Fifth Amended Rights Agreement, holders of common stock have no preemptive or other rights to subscribe for or purchase additional securities of ours. Shares of our common stock are not subject to calls or assessments.

## **Preferred Stock**

Each of our outstanding shares of common stock has associated with it the right to purchase a one one-thousandth of a share of our Series F Preferred Stock and each share of common stock that we issue prior to the earlier of the date such preferred share purchase rights become exercisable

and the expiration date of the Fifth Amended Rights Agreement will be issued with an associated preferred share purchase right. See “–Fifth Amended Rights Agreement” below.

### ***Fifth Amended Rights Agreement***

CNO entered into a Fifth Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement, dated as of November 10, 2023 (the “*Fifth Amended Rights Agreement*”), with Equiniti Trust Company, LLC (successor to American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC), as rights agent (the “*Rights Agent*”), which became effective on November 13, 2023. Our board of directors had previously declared a dividend of one preferred share purchase right (a “*Right*”) for each outstanding share of common stock that was paid to the stockholders of record as of the close of business on January 30, 2009 pursuant to that certain Section 382 Rights Agreement, dated as of January 20, 2009, which was amended and restated by that certain Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement, dated December 6, 2011, as further amended by the Second Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement, dated November 13, 2014, as further amended by the Third Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement, dated as of October 3, 2017, as further amended by that certain Fourth Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement, dated as of November 12, 2020, each between the Company and the Rights Agent.

The Fifth Amended Rights Agreement is intended to help protect the Company’s tax net operating loss carryforwards (“*NOLs*”). Our board of directors may redeem the Rights, as discussed more fully below. The Fifth Amended Rights Agreement is intended to act as a deterrent to any person (other than an Exempted Person or any person who has the status of a Threshold Holder on the date of the Fifth Amended Rights Agreement so long as such person does not increase its ownership above an additional 1% of Company 382 Securities then outstanding) from becoming or obtaining the right to become, a person who or which, together with all affiliates and associates of such person, is the beneficial owner of 4.99% or more of the shares of our common stock or any other class of Company 382 Securities then outstanding (each such person, a “*Threshold Holder*”), without the approval of our board of directors.

**The Rights.** Pursuant to the Fifth Amended Rights Agreement, each Right entitles the registered holder to purchase from the Company one one-thousandth of a share of Series F Preferred Stock of the Company at a price of \$110.00 per one one-thousandth of a share of Series F Preferred Stock (as the same may be adjusted, the “*Purchase Price*”). The description and terms of the Rights are as set forth in the Fifth Amended Rights Agreement.

Until the close of business on the earlier of (i) the tenth business day after the first date of a public announcement that a person (other than an Exempted Person or Grandfathered Person) or group of affiliated or associated persons (an “*Acquiring Person*”) has become a Threshold Holder or (ii) the tenth business day (or such later date as may be determined by action of our board of directors prior to such time as any person or group of affiliated persons becomes an Acquiring Person) after the date of commencement of, or the first public announcement of an intention to commence, a tender offer or exchange offer, the consummation of which would result in any person (other than an Exempted Person) becoming an Acquiring Person (the earlier of such dates being herein referred to as the “*Distribution Date*”), the Rights will be evidenced by the shares of our common stock represented by the certificates for our common stock or uncertificated book entry

shares outstanding as of the record date, together with a copy of the summary of rights disseminated in connection with the original dividend of Rights.

The Fifth Amended Rights Agreement provides that, until the Distribution Date (or earlier expiration of the Rights), new common stock certificates issued after the record date will contain a notation incorporating the Fifth Amended Rights Agreement by reference and, with respect to any uncertificated book entry shares issued after the record date, proper notice will be provided that incorporates the Fifth Amended Rights Agreement by reference. Until the Distribution Date (or earlier redemption or expiration of the Rights), the Rights will be transferable only in connection with the transfer of shares of our common stock. Until the Distribution Date (or earlier redemption or expiration of the Rights), the surrender for transfer of any certificates for shares of our common stock (or uncertificated book entry shares) outstanding as of the record date, even without a notation incorporating the Fifth Amended Rights Agreement by reference (or such notice, in the case of uncertificated book entry shares) or a copy of the summary of rights included in connection with the Fifth Amended Rights Agreement, will also constitute the transfer of the Rights associated with the shares of our common stock represented by such certificate or uncertificated book entry shares, as the case may be. As soon as practicable following the Distribution Date, separate certificates evidencing the Rights (“*Right Certificates*”) will be mailed to holders of record of our common stock as of the close of business on the Distribution Date and such separate Right Certificates alone will evidence the Rights.

### ***Certain Definitions***

“*Approved Acquisition*” means (i) any acquisition of Company 382 Securities that would cause a person to qualify as a Threshold Holder and that is approved in advance by our board of directors or (ii) a conversion (or other exchange) of Company 382 Securities for other Company 382 Securities where such conversion (or other exchange) does not increase the beneficial ownership in the Company by any person for purposes of Section 382 (defined below).

“*Company 382 Securities*” means our common stock and any other interest that would be treated as “stock” of the Company for purposes of Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended, the “*Code*”) (including pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.382-2T(f)(18)) (“*Section 382*”).

“*Exempted Person*” means: (i) the Company; (ii) any subsidiary of the Company, (in the case of subclauses (i) and (ii) including, without limitation, in its fiduciary capacity); (iii) any employee benefit plan or compensation arrangement of the Company or of any subsidiary of the Company; (iv) any entity or trustee holding (or acting in a fiduciary capacity in respect of) Company 382 Securities to the extent organized, appointed or established by the Company or any subsidiary of the Company for or pursuant to the terms of any such plan or for the purpose of funding any such employee benefit plan or compensation arrangement; (v) any person (together with its affiliates and associates) whose status as a Threshold Holder will, in the sole judgment of our board of directors, not jeopardize or endanger the availability to the Company of its NOLs to be used to offset its taxable income in such year or future years (but in the case of any person determined by our board of directors to be an Exempted Person pursuant to this subclause (v) only for so long as such person’s status as a Threshold Holder continues not to jeopardize or endanger the availability of such NOLs, as determined by our board of directors in its good faith discretion);

or (vi) any person who or which would qualify as a Threshold Holder as a result of an Approved Acquisition and, to the extent approved by our board of directors, any person who or which acquires Company 382 Securities from any such person.

“*Grandfathered Person*” means any person who or which, together with all affiliates and associates of such person, was as on November 13, 2023, the beneficial owner of 4.99% or more of the Company 382 Securities outstanding on such date, unless and until such time as such person after the date of the Fifth Amended Rights Agreement acquires beneficial ownership of additional shares or other interests in Company 382 Securities representing more than 1% of the Company 382 Securities then outstanding. Any Grandfathered Person who, together with all of its affiliates and associates, subsequently becomes the beneficial owner of less than 4.99% of the Company 382 Securities shall cease to be a Grandfathered Person.

**Exercisability.** The Rights will not be exercisable until the Distribution Date.

**Transfer.** Any transfer of shares of our common stock prior to the Distribution Date will constitute a transfer of the associated Rights. After the Distribution Date, the Rights may be transferred other than in connection with the transfer of the underlying shares of our common stock.

**Expiration.** The Rights are not exercisable until the Distribution Date and will expire at the earliest to occur of: (i) the close of business on November 13, 2026; (ii) the repeal of Section 382 or any successor statute if our board of directors determines that the Fifth Amended Rights Agreement is no longer necessary for the preservation of tax benefits; or (iii) the beginning of a taxable year of the Company to which our board of directors determines that no tax benefits may be carried forward (the “*Final Expiration Date*”), subject to (a) the extension of the Fifth Amended Rights Agreement by our board of directors by the amendment of the Fifth Amended Rights Agreement or (b) the redemption or exchange of the Rights by the Company, as described below.

**Adjustments.** The Purchase Price payable, and the number of shares of Series F Preferred Stock or other securities or property issuable, upon exercise of the Rights are subject to adjustment from time to time to prevent dilution: (i) in the event of a stock dividend on, or a subdivision, combination or reclassification of, the Series F Preferred Stock; (ii) upon the grant to holders of the Series F Preferred Stock of certain rights or warrants to subscribe for or purchase Series F Preferred Stock at a price, or securities convertible into Series F Preferred Stock with a conversion price, less than the then current market price of the Series F Preferred Stock; or (iii) upon the distribution to holders of the Series F Preferred Stock of evidences of indebtedness or assets (excluding regular periodic cash dividends or dividends payable in Series F Preferred Stock) or of subscription rights or warrants (other than those referred to above).

The Rights are also subject to adjustment in the event of a stock dividend on our common stock payable in shares of our common stock or subdivisions, consolidations or combinations of our common stock occurring, in any such case, prior to the Distribution Date.

**Junior Participating Preferred Stock.** Shares of Series F Preferred Stock purchasable upon exercise of the Rights will not be redeemable. Each share of Series F Preferred Stock will be entitled, when, as and if declared, to a minimum preferential quarterly dividend payment of the greater of (i) \$1 per share and (ii) an amount equal to 1,000 times the dividend declared per share of

our common stock. In the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, the holders of the Series F Preferred Stock will be entitled to a minimum preferential liquidation payment of \$1,000 per share (plus any accrued but unpaid dividends) but will be entitled to an aggregate 1,000 times the payment made per share of our common stock. Each share of Series F Preferred Stock will have 1,000 votes, voting together with our common stock. Finally, in the event of any merger, consolidation or other transaction in which shares of our common stock are converted or exchanged, each share of Series F Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive 1,000 times the amount received per share of our common stock. These rights are protected by customary antidilution provisions.

In the event that the quarterly dividends or certain other dividends or distributions payable on the Series F Preferred Stock are in arrears, until such accrued and unpaid dividends or distributions are paid, the company may not redeem, purchase or declare and pay dividends on our common stock or preferred stock on parity with the Series F Preferred Stock.

Because of the nature of the Series F Preferred Stock's dividend, liquidation and voting rights, the value of the one one-thousandth interest in a share of Series F Preferred Stock purchasable upon exercise of each Right should approximate the value of one share of our common stock.

**Effects of Triggering Events.** In the event that any person or group of affiliated or associated persons becomes an Acquiring Person, each holder of a Right, other than Rights beneficially owned by the Acquiring Person (which will thereupon become void), will thereafter have the right to receive upon exercise of a Right and payment of the Purchase Price, that number of shares of our common stock and/or other securities or property having a market value of two times the Purchase Price.

In the event that, after a person or group has become an Acquiring Person, the Company is acquired in a merger or other business combination transaction or 50% or more of its consolidated assets or earning power are sold, proper provision will be made so that each holder of a Right (other than Rights beneficially owned by an Acquiring Person which will have become void) will thereafter have the right to receive, upon the exercise thereof at the then-current exercise price of the Right, that number of shares of common stock of the person with whom the Company has engaged in the foregoing transaction (or its parent), which number of shares at the time of such transaction will have a market value of two times the Purchase Price.

At any time after any person or group becomes an Acquiring Person and prior to the acquisition by such person or group of 50% or more of the outstanding shares of our common stock or the occurrence of an event described in the prior paragraph, our board of directors may exchange the Rights (other than Rights owned by such person or group which will have become void), in whole or in part, at an exchange ratio of one share of our common stock, or a fractional share of Series F Preferred Stock (or of a share of a similar class or series of the Company's preferred stock having similar rights, preferences and privileges) of equivalent value, per Right (subject to adjustment).

With certain exceptions, no adjustment in the Purchase Price will be required until cumulative adjustments require an adjustment of at least 1% in such Purchase Price. No fractional

shares of Series F Preferred Stock or our common stock will be issued (other than fractions of Series F Preferred Stock which are integral multiples of one one-thousandth of a share of Series F Preferred Stock, which may, at the election of the Company, be evidenced by depositary receipts) and in lieu thereof, an adjustment in cash will be made based on the market price of the Series F Preferred Stock or our common stock on the last trading day prior to the date of exercise.

**Redemption.** At any time prior to the time an Acquiring Person becomes such, our board of directors may redeem all but not less than all of the then-outstanding Rights, at a redemption price of \$0.01 per Right, appropriately adjusted to reflect any stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction occurring after the date of adoption of the Fifth Amended Rights Agreement (the “*Redemption Price*”) payable, at the option of the Company, in cash, shares of our common stock or such other form of consideration as our board of directors shall determine. The redemption of the Rights may be made effective at such time, on such basis and with such conditions as our board of directors in its sole discretion may establish. Immediately upon any redemption of the Rights, the right to exercise the Rights will terminate and the only right of the holders of Rights will be to receive the Redemption Price.

**Amendments.** For so long as the Rights are then redeemable, the Company may, except with respect to the Redemption Price, amend the Fifth Amended Rights Agreement in any manner. After the Rights are no longer redeemable, the Company may, except with respect to the Redemption Price, amend the Fifth Amended Rights Agreement in any manner that does not adversely affect the interests of holders of the Rights.

Until a Right is exercised or exchanged, the holder thereof, as such, will have no rights as a stockholder of the Company, including, without limitation, the right to vote or to receive dividends.

### **NOL Protective Amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation**

The Fifth Amended Rights Agreement assists in protecting Tax Benefits by acting as a deterrent to any person or group acquiring 4.99% or more of our stock without the approval of the board of directors of the Company (the “*Board*”), but it does not completely restrict transactions that could adversely affect such Tax Benefits. To address this concern, on May 8, 2025, our stockholders approved an amendment to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation (the “*NOL Protective Amendment*”), following earlier approvals by our stockholders of similar amendments. The NOL Protective Amendment seeks to preserve the value of our NOLs by restricting any direct or indirect transfer (such as transfers of our stock that result from the transfer of interests in other entities that own our stock) if:

- The transferor is a Person who directly or indirectly owns or is deemed to own 4.99% or more of our stock;
- The effect of the transfer would be to increase the direct or indirect ownership of our stock by any Person from less than 4.99% to 4.99% or more of our stock; or
- The effect of the transfer would be to increase the percentage of our stock owned directly or indirectly by a Person owning or deemed to own 4.99% or more of our stock.

Transfers included under the transfer restrictions include sales to Persons whose resulting percentage ownership (direct or indirect) of stock would exceed the 4.99% thresholds discussed above, or to Persons whose direct or indirect ownership of stock would by attribution cause another Person to exceed such threshold. For purposes of determining the existence and identity of, and the amount of stock owned by, any shareholder, we are entitled to rely on the existence or absence of filings with the SEC of Schedules 13D and 13G (or any similar filings) as of any date, subject to our actual knowledge of the ownership of stock. A transfer from one member of a “public group” (as defined under Treasury Regulation Section 1.382-2T(f)(13)) to another member of the same public group does not increase the percentage of our stock owned directly or indirectly by the public group, and, therefore, such transfers are not restricted.

The transfer restrictions include the right to require a proposed transferee, as a condition to registration of a transfer of any stock, to provide all information reasonably requested regarding such person’s direct and indirect ownership of stock. The transfer restrictions also apply to proscribe the creation or transfer of certain “options” (which are broadly defined by Section 382) in respect of our stock to the extent that, in certain circumstances, creation, transfer or exercise of the option would result in a proscribed level of ownership.

**Consequences of Prohibited Transfers.** Any direct or indirect transfer attempted in violation of the NOL Protective Amendment would be void as of the date of the purported transfer as to the purported transferee (or, in the case of an indirect transfer, the ownership of the direct owner of stock would terminate simultaneously with the transfer), and the purported transferee (or in the case of any indirect transfer, the direct owner) would not be recognized as the owner of the shares owned in violation of the restrictions for any purpose, including for purposes of voting and receiving dividends or other distributions in respect of such stock, or in the case of options, receiving stock in respect of their exercise.

In addition to the purported transfer being void as of the date of the purported transfer, upon demand by the Company sent within 30 days of the date on which the Board determines that such transfer would result in stock purportedly acquired in violation of the transfer restrictions (“*excess stock*”), the purported transferee must transfer the excess stock to our agent along with any dividends or other distributions paid with respect to such excess stock within 30 days of such demand. Our agent is required to sell such excess stock in an arm’s length transaction (or series of transactions) that would not constitute a violation under the transfer restrictions. The net proceeds of the sale, together with any dividends or other distributions with respect to such excess stock received by our agent, after deduction of all costs incurred by the agent, will be distributed first to the purported transferee in an amount, if any, up to the cost (or in the case of gift, inheritance or similar transfer, the fair market value of the excess stock at the time of the prohibited transfer) incurred by the purported transferee to acquire such excess stock, and the balance of the proceeds, if any, will be distributed to one or more charitable organizations selected by the Board. If the excess stock is sold by the purported transferee before receiving the Company’s demand, such person will be treated as having sold the excess stock on behalf of the agent, and will be required to remit all proceeds to our agent, along with any dividends or other distributions paid with respect to such excess stock (except to the extent we grant written permission to the purported transferee to retain a portion of such sales proceeds not exceeding the amount such purported transferee would have received from our agent had our agent sold such shares).

To the fullest extent permitted by law, any shareholder who knowingly violates the transfer restrictions, and any persons controlling, controlled by or under common control with such shareholder, will be jointly and severally liable for any and all damages suffered by the Company as a result of such violation, including damages resulting from a reduction in or elimination of the ability to utilize the Tax Benefits and any professional fees incurred in connection with addressing such violation.

With respect to any transfer of stock which does not involve a transfer of “securities” of the Company within the meaning of Delaware law but which would cause any 4.99% shareholder to violate the transfer restrictions, the following procedure will apply in lieu of those described above. In such case, no such 4.99% shareholder shall be required to dispose of any interest that is not a security of the Company, but such 4.99% shareholder and/or any Person whose ownership of securities of the Company is attributed to such 4.99% shareholder shall be deemed to have disposed of (and shall be required to dispose of) sufficient securities, simultaneously with the transfer, to cause such 4.99% shareholder, following such disposition, not to be in violation of the transfer restrictions, and such securities shall be treated as excess stock to be disposed of through the agent under the provisions summarized above, with the maximum aggregate amount payable to such 4.99% shareholder, or such other Person that was the direct holder of such excess stock, from the proceeds of sale by the agent being the fair market value of such excess stock at the time of the prohibited transfer.

**Modification and Waiver of Transfer Restrictions.** Our Board has the discretion to approve a transfer of stock that would otherwise violate the transfer restrictions.

If the Board decides to grant a waiver, it may impose conditions on the acquirer or selling party. In addition, in the event of a change in law, the Board will be authorized to modify the applicable allowable percentage ownership interest (currently less than 4.99%) or modify any of the definitions, terms and conditions of the transfer restrictions or to eliminate the transfer restrictions; provided that the Board determines, by adopting a written resolution, that such action is reasonably necessary or advisable to preserve the Tax Benefits or that the continuation of the transfer restrictions is no longer reasonably necessary for such purpose, as applicable. Shareholders of the Company will be notified of any such determination through a filing with the SEC or such other method of notice as the secretary of the Company shall deem appropriate.

The Board may establish, modify, amend or rescind bylaws, regulations and procedures of the Company not inconsistent with the provisions of the NOL Protective Amendment for purposes of determining whether any transfer of stock would jeopardize the Company’s ability to preserve and use the Tax Benefits.

***Expiration of the NOL Protective Amendment***

The NOL Protective Amendment will expire on the earlier of (i) July 31, 2028; (ii) the repeal of Section 382 or any successor statute if the Board determines that the NOL Protective Amendment is no longer necessary for the preservation of the Tax Benefits; and (iii) the beginning of a taxable year of the Company to which the Board determines that no Tax Benefits may be carried forward. The Board is also permitted to accelerate the expiration date of the transfer restrictions in the event of a change in law if it determines by adopting a written resolution that such

action is reasonably necessary or advisable to preserve the Tax Benefits or that the continuation of the transfer restrictions is no longer reasonably necessary for the preservation of Tax Benefits, as applicable.

**Anti-Takeover Effect.** The basis for the transfer restrictions specified above is to preserve certain tax attributes of the Company. Such transfer restrictions could be deemed to have an “anti-takeover” effect because, among other things, it will restrict the ability of a person, entity, or group to accumulate 4.99% or more of the Company’s common stock and the ability of persons, entities, or groups now owning 4.99% or more of the common stock from acquiring additional common stock, without the approval of the Board. Such transfer restrictions could discourage or prohibit a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or accumulations of substantial blocks of common stock for which some stockholders might receive a premium above market value. In addition, such transfer restrictions may delay the assumption of control by a holder of a large block of common stock and the removal of incumbent directors and management, even if such removal may be beneficial to some or all of the Company’s stockholders.

***Additional Anti-Takeover Provisions of our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated By-laws***

In addition to shares of Series F Preferred Stock authorized in connection with our Fifth Amended Rights Agreement and our NOL Protective Amendment to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated by-laws contain certain provisions that are intended to enhance the likelihood of continuity and stability in the composition of our board of directors and which may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing our future takeover or change of control unless the takeover or change of control is approved by our board of directors. These provisions may also render the removal of the current board of directors and of management more difficult. These provisions include:

- Advance notice requirements for stockholder proposals and nominations;
- The authority of our board of directors to issue, without stockholder approval, certain series of preferred stock with such terms as the Board may determine;
- Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of preferred stock to remove directors and fill the vacancies thereby created (as specified in any duly authorized certificate of designation of any series of preferred stock), vacancies occurring on the Board for any reason may be filled by vote of a majority of the remaining members of the Board, although less than a quorum, at any meeting of the Board or the stockholders;
- Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation does not provide for cumulative voting in the election of directors; and
- Special meetings of the Company’s stockholders may only be held upon the call of a majority of the Board then in office, the chairman of the Board or the chief executive officer of the Company, or by the secretary of the Company upon request in writing of the stockholder or stockholders holding of record at least 25% of the voting power of the issued and outstanding shares of stock of the Company entitled to vote at such meeting.

### ***Anti-Takeover Effects of Certain Insurance Laws***

The insurance laws and regulations of the jurisdictions in which we or our insurance subsidiaries do business may impede or delay a business combination involving us. State insurance holding company laws and regulations applicable to us generally provide that no person may acquire control of a company, and thus indirect control of its insurance subsidiaries, unless the person has provided required information to, and the acquisition is approved or not disapproved by, the appropriate insurance regulatory authorities. Generally, any person acquiring beneficial ownership of 10% or more of the voting power of our capital stock would be presumed to have acquired control, unless the appropriate insurance regulatory authorities upon advance application determine otherwise.

### ***Certain Definitions***

“*Person*” means any individual, firm, corporation, business trust, joint stock company, partnership, trust association, limited liability company, limited partnership, or other entity, or any group of Persons making a “coordinated acquisition” of stock or otherwise treated as an entity within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.382 3(a)(1)(i), and shall include any successor (by merger or otherwise) of any such entity; provided, however, that a Person shall not mean a “public group” (as defined under Treasury Regulation Section 1.382 2T(f) (13)).

“*Tax Benefits*” means the net operating loss carryovers, capital loss carryovers, general business credit carryovers, alternative minimum tax credit carryovers and foreign tax credit carryovers, as well as any loss or deduction attributable to a “net unrealized built in loss” of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, within the meaning of Section 382 of the Code.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY’S DEBENTURES**

The following description of our Debentures is a summary. You should keep in mind, however, that it is our Indenture, dated as of June 12, 2019, between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, a national banking association (“*U.S. Bank*”), as trustee, as supplemented by the Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 25, 2020 (as so supplemented, the “*Indenture*”), and not this summary, which define your rights as a security holder. There may be other provisions in the Indenture that are also important to you. We encourage you to read the Indenture for additional information.

### **General**

The following is a description of certain of the specific terms of the Debentures.

The Debentures are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “CNO PR A.”

The Debentures were initially issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$150,000,000.

The Debentures are unsecured obligations of the Company and rank in right of payment and upon liquidation junior to our Senior Indebtedness and are pari passu with each other and any other

future Indebtedness Ranking on a Parity with the Debentures. The Debentures are structurally subordinated to all liabilities of our subsidiaries. The Debentures do not limit us or our subsidiaries' ability to incur additional debt, including debt that ranks senior in right of payment and upon our liquidation to the Debentures.

The maturity date of the Debentures is November 25, 2060.

The Debentures were issued in a form of one or more fully registered global securities, without coupons, in denominations of \$25 and multiples of \$25 in excess thereof.

The Debentures are not redeemable at the option of the holder prior to maturity and will not benefit from any sinking fund.

### **Certain Definitions**

*“Indebtedness Ranking on a Parity with the Debentures”* means the Indebtedness, whether outstanding on the date of the first issuance of the Debentures or thereafter created, assumed or incurred, which specifically by its terms ranks equally with and not prior to the Debentures in right of payment upon our dissolution, winding-up, liquidation, reorganization or similar events. The securing of any Indebtedness, otherwise constituting Indebtedness Ranking on a Parity with the Debentures, shall not be deemed to prevent such Indebtedness from constituting Indebtedness Ranking on a Parity with the Debentures.

*“Indebtedness”* means: (i) any obligation of, or any obligation guaranteed by, us for which we are responsible or liable as obligor or otherwise including principal, premium and interest (whether accruing before or after filing of any petition in bankruptcy or any similar proceedings by or against us and whether or not allowed as a claim in bankruptcy or similar proceedings) for (a) indebtedness for money borrowed, (b) indebtedness evidenced by securities, bonds, debentures, notes or other similar written instruments, (c) any deferred obligation for the payment of the purchase price or conditional sale obligation of property or assets acquired other than in the ordinary course of business, (d) all obligations for the reimbursement of any letter of credit, banker's acceptance, security purchase facility or similar credit transaction, (e) all obligations under “keep-well” agreements required by insurance regulators or (f) any obligation referred to in (a) through (e) above of other persons secured by any lien on any property or asset of the Company; and (ii) all indebtedness for obligations to make payment in respect of derivative products such as interest and foreign exchange rate contracts, commodity contracts (including future or options contracts) swap agreements, cap agreements, repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements and similar arrangements, whether outstanding on the first issuance of the debentures or thereafter created, assumed or incurred.

*“Indebtedness Ranking Junior to the Debentures”* means any Indebtedness, whether outstanding on the date of the first issuance of the Debentures or thereafter created, assumed or incurred, which specifically by its terms ranks junior to and not equally with or prior to the Debentures (and any Indebtedness Ranking on a Parity with the Debentures) in right of payment upon our dissolution, winding-up, liquidation, reorganization, or similar events. The securing of any Indebtedness, otherwise constituting Indebtedness Ranking Junior to the Debentures, shall not be

deemed to prevent such Indebtedness from constituting Indebtedness Ranking Junior to the Debentures.

“*Senior Indebtedness*” means all our existing and future senior indebtedness, including our \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.250% Senior Notes due 2029.

### **Interest and Principal**

The Debentures bear interest at an annual rate of 5.125%.

We will pay interest on the Debentures quarterly in arrears on February 25, May 25, August 25, and November 25 of each year, subject to our right to defer the payment of interest on the Debentures, on one or more occasions, for up to five consecutive years. We will make interest payments on the Debentures to the holders of record at the close of business on the February 15, May 15, August 15 or November 15, as the case may be, immediately preceding such February 25, May 25, August 25, and November 25, whether or not a business day. However, interest that we pay on the maturity date or redemption date will be payable to the person to whom the principal will be payable.

Interest payments will include accrued interest from, and including, the original issue date (November 25, 2020), or, if interest has already been paid, from the last date in respect of which interest has been paid or duly provided for to, but excluding, the next succeeding interest payment date, the maturity date or the redemption date, as the case may be. The amount of interest payable for any interest payment period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months. If any date on which interest is payable on the debentures is not a business day, then payment of the interest payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a business day (and without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay).

Interest not paid on any payment date will accrue and compound quarterly at a rate per year equal to the rate of interest on the debentures until paid. References to “interest” include interest accruing on the debentures, interest on deferred interest payments and other unpaid amounts and compounded interest, as applicable and in each case to the extent permitted by applicable law.

### **Optional Interest Deferral**

So long as no event of default has occurred and is continuing, we may, on one or more occasions, defer interest payments on the Debentures for one or more optional deferral periods of up to five consecutive years without giving rise to an event of default under the terms of the Debentures. A deferral of interest payments cannot extend, however, beyond the maturity date or the earlier acceleration or redemption of the Debentures. During an optional deferral period, interest will continue to accrue on the Debentures, and deferred interest payments will accrue additional interest at the same rate, compounded quarterly as of each interest payment date to the extent permitted by applicable law. During an optional deferral period, we will be prohibited from paying current interest on the Debentures until we have paid all accrued and unpaid deferred interest plus any accrued interest thereon. No interest otherwise due during an optional deferral period will be due and payable on the Debentures until the end of such optional deferral period except upon an acceleration or redemption of the Debentures during such deferral period.

At the end of five years following the commencement of an optional deferral period, we must pay all accrued and unpaid deferred interest, including compounded interest. If, at the end of any optional deferral period, we have paid all deferred interest due on the Debentures, including compounded interest, we can again defer interest payments on the Debentures as described above.

We will provide to the trustee and the holders of the Debentures written notice of any deferral of interest at least three and not more than 60 business days prior to the applicable interest payment date. We have no present intention of exercising our right to defer payments of interest.

### **Payment Restrictions During a Deferral Period**

After the commencement of an optional deferral period until we have paid all accrued and unpaid interest on the Debentures, we will not, and will not permit any of our subsidiaries to:

- Declare or pay any dividends or distributions on, or redeem, purchase, acquire, or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of our capital stock (which includes Common Stock and Preferred Stock);
- Make any payment of principal, interest or premium on or repay, repurchase or redeem any Indebtedness Ranking on a Parity with the Debentures or Indebtedness Ranking Junior to the Debentures; or
- Make any guarantee payments with respect to any guarantee by us of any securities of any of our subsidiaries if such guarantee ranks pari passu with or junior in right of payment to the Debentures;

other than:

- Dividends or distributions in shares of, or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of, our capital stock where the dividend stock or stock issuable upon exercise of such options, warrants or other rights is the same stock as that on which the dividend is being paid or ranks equally with or junior to such stock;
- Any declaration of a dividend in connection with the implementation of a stockholder's rights plan, or the issuance of capital stock under any such plan in the future, or the redemption or repurchase of any such rights pursuant thereto;
- As a result of a reclassification of any series or class of our capital stock or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of our capital stock for or into another class or series of our capital stock;
- The purchase of fractional interests in shares of our capital stock pursuant to an acquisition or the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged;
- Purchases or acquisitions of shares of our capital stock in connection with any employment contract, benefit plan or other similar arrangement with or for the benefit of directors, officers, agents, consultants or employees or our satisfaction of our obligations under any dividend reinvestment plan or our director, officer, agent, consultant or employee stock purchase plans;

- Any exchange, redemption or conversion of any class or series of our capital stock, or the capital stock of one of our subsidiaries, for any other class or series of our capital stock, or of any class or series of our Indebtedness for any class or series of our capital stock;
- Purchases or acquisitions of shares of our capital stock in connection with our satisfaction of our obligations under any contract or security entered into before commencement of the optional deferral period; and
- Payment of current or deferred interest on our Indebtedness Ranking on a Parity with the Debentures made pro rata to the amounts due on our Indebtedness Ranking on a Parity with the Debentures and the Debentures and (ii) payment of principal or current or deferred interest on our Indebtedness Ranking on a Parity with the Debentures that, if not made, would cause us to breach the terms of the instrument governing such Indebtedness Ranking on a Parity with the Debentures.

### **Optional Redemption**

We may elect to redeem the Debentures in whole at any time or in part from time to time on or after November 25, 2025, at a redemption price equal to their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of redemption; provided that if the Debentures are not redeemed in whole, at least \$25 million aggregate principal amount of the Debentures must remain outstanding after giving effect to such redemption.

### **Consolidation, Merger or Sale**

The Indenture provides that we cannot consolidate or merge with or into, or sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets to, any person, and we cannot permit any other person to consolidate with or merge into us, unless:

- We will be the continuing entity; or
- The successor person is a corporation, trust, limited liability company, partnership or other entity organized under the laws of the United States or any State thereof or the District of Columbia that expressly assumes our obligations under the Debentures and the Indenture.

In addition, we cannot complete such transaction unless immediately after completing the transaction, no event of default under the Indenture, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time or both, would become an event of default under the Indenture, shall have occurred and be continuing. When the successor person has assumed our obligations under Debentures and the Indenture, we shall not be discharged from all our obligations under the Debentures and the Indenture except in the case of the sale of all of our assets.

This covenant would not apply to any recapitalization transaction, a change of control of us or a highly leveraged transaction, unless the transaction or change of control were structured to include a merger or consolidation or sale, lease or transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of our assets.

## Events of Default

An event of default with respect to the Debentures will occur only upon certain events of our bankruptcy, insolvency or receivership (as specified in the Indenture).

The Indenture refers to breaches that are not events of default as defaults. They include, among other things:

- The failure to pay interest, including compounded interest, in full the Debentures for a period of 30 days after the conclusion of a five-year period following the commencement of any deferral period if such deferral period has not ended prior to the conclusion of such five-year period;
- The failure to pay principal of or premium, if any, on, or additional amounts with respect to, the Debentures when due; or
- The failure to comply with our covenants or agreements under the Indenture or the Debentures.

A default also includes, for example, a failure to pay interest when due if we do not give a timely written notice of our election to commence or continue a deferral period. If we do not give a timely written notice of our election to commence or continue a deferral period and fail to pay interest when due, any holder of the Debentures may seek to enforce our obligation to make the missed interest payment, including through legal process. However, there is no right of acceleration except upon the occurrence of an event of default as described above.

If we do give a timely written notice of our election to commence or continue a deferral period on any interest payment date (and, if such notice continues a deferral period, the deferral period has not continued for five years), then no default arises from our non-payment of interest on such interest payment date.

The Indenture provides that the trustee must give holders notice of all defaults or events of default within 90 days after it becomes actually known to a responsible officer of the trustee. However, except in the case of a default in payment on the Debentures, the trustee will be protected in withholding the notice if its responsible officers determine that withholding of the notice is in the interest of such holders.

If an event of default under the Indenture occurs, the entire principal amount of the Debentures will automatically become due and payable without any declaration or other action on the part of the trustee or any holder of the Debentures. There is no right of acceleration in the case of any payment default or other breaches of covenants under the Indenture or the Debentures. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of a default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Debentures including any compound interest (and, in the case of payment of deferred interest, such failure to pay will have continued for 30 calendar days after the conclusion of the deferral period), the holder of the Debentures may, or, if directed by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the Debentures, the trustee will, subject to the conditions set forth in the Indenture, demand payment of the amount then due and payable and may institute legal proceedings for the collection of such amount if we fail to make payment thereof upon demand.

The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Debentures may waive any past default, except:

- A default in payment of principal or interest, or any additional amounts; or
- A default under any provision of the Indenture that itself cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holders of all outstanding Debentures.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Debentures will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee, subject to the provisions of the Indenture.

We are required to deliver a written statement to the trustee each year that states, to the knowledge of the officer making such statement, whether we have complied with all conditions and covenants under the terms of the Indenture.

The trustee will have no right or obligation under the Indenture or otherwise to exercise any remedies on behalf of any holders of the Debentures pursuant to the Indenture in connection with any default, unless such remedies are available under the Indenture and the trustee is directed to exercise such remedies by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the Debentures pursuant to and subject to the conditions of the Indenture. In connection with any such exercise of remedies, the trustee will be entitled to the same immunities and protections and remedial rights (other than acceleration) as if such default were an event of default.

### **Discharge, Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance**

**Discharge.** The Indenture provides that we may be discharged from any and all obligations in respect of the Debentures. We will be so discharged if the Debentures either have become due and payable by reason of the mailing of a notice of redemption or otherwise or will become due and payable within one year, upon the deposit with the trustee, in trust, of money and/or U.S. government obligations or, in the case of any Debentures denominated in a single currency other than U.S. dollars, foreign government obligations, that will provide money in an amount sufficient, without consideration of any reinvestment of interest, to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on the Debentures not delivered to the trustee for cancellation for principal, premium, if any, and accrued interest to the date of maturity or redemption, in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and the Debentures.

**Legal Defeasance.** The Indenture provides that we may be discharged from any and all obligations in respect of the Debentures (except for certain obligations to register the transfer or exchange of the Debentures, to replace stolen, lost or mutilated Debentures, and to maintain paying agencies and certain provisions relating to the treatment of funds held by paying agents). We will be so discharged upon the deposit with the trustee, in trust, of money and/or U.S. government obligations or, in the case of Debentures denominated in a single currency other than U.S. dollars, foreign government obligations, that, through the payment of interest and principal in accordance with their terms, will provide money in an amount sufficient in the opinion of a nationally recognized investment bank, appraisal firm or firm of independent public accountants to pay and discharge each installment of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on and any mandatory

sinking fund payments in respect of the Debentures on the stated maturity of those payments in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and the Debentures.

This defeasance may occur only if, among other things, we have delivered to the trustee an opinion of counsel stating that we have received from, or there has been published by, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service a ruling or, since the date of execution of the Indenture, there has been a change in the applicable U.S. federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such opinion shall confirm that, the holders and beneficial owners of the Debentures will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit and defeasance and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amounts and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if the deposit and defeasance had not occurred.

**Defeasance of Certain Covenants.** The Indenture provides that, upon compliance with certain conditions:

- We may omit to comply with the covenant described under the heading “Consolidation, Merger or Sale” and certain other covenants set forth in the Indenture; and
- Any omission to comply with those covenants will not constitute a default or an event of default with respect to the Debentures or covenant defeasance.

The conditions include:

- Depositing with the trustee money and/or U.S. government obligations or, in the case of Debentures denominated in a single currency other than U.S. dollars, foreign government obligations, that, through the payment of interest and principal in accordance with their terms, will provide money;
- In an amount sufficient in the opinion of a nationally recognized investment bank, appraisal firm or firm of independent public accountants to pay and discharge each installment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on, and any mandatory sinking fund payments in respect of the Debentures on the stated maturity of those payments in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and the Debentures; and
- Delivering to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the holders and beneficial owners of the Debentures will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit and related covenant defeasance and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amounts and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if the deposit and related covenant defeasance had not occurred.

**Covenant Defeasance and Events of Default.** In the event we exercise our option to effect covenant defeasance with respect to the Debentures and the Debentures are declared due and payable because of the occurrence of any Event of Default, the amount of money and/or U.S. government obligations or foreign government obligations on deposit with the trustee will be sufficient to pay amounts due on the Debentures at the time of their stated maturity but may not be sufficient to pay amounts due on Debentures at the time of the acceleration resulting from the Event of Default. However, we shall remain liable for those payments.

## **Book-Entry and Settlement**

The Debentures were issued in book-entry form and represented by one or more global debentures. Beneficial interests in the global debentures are represented through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of the beneficial owners as direct and indirect participants in DTC. Investors may elect to hold interests in a global debenture through either DTC (in the United States) or Clearstream Banking, S.A. (“*Clearstream*”), or Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System (“*Euroclear*”) (in Europe), either directly if they are participants in such systems or indirectly through organizations that are participants in such systems. Clearstream and Euroclear hold interests on behalf of their participants through customers’ securities accounts in Clearstream’s and Euroclear’s names on the books of their U.S. depositories, which in turn hold such interests in customers’ securities accounts in U.S. depositories’ names on the books of DTC.

## **Trustee and Paying Agent**

U.S. Bank is the trustee under the Indenture governing the Debentures and acts as the paying agent for the Debentures. We have entered, and from time to time may continue to enter, into banking or other relationships with U.S. Bank or its affiliates.

## **Governing Law**

The Debentures and the Indenture are governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

**THIRD AMENDMENT TO  
THE AMENDED AND RESTATED  
EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

This THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT is entered into this 23rd day of February, 2026, between CNO Financial Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), and Gary C. Bhojwani (“Executive”).

Recitals

A. The Company and Executive entered into an Amended and Restated Employment Agreement dated as of August 6, 2019 (the “Agreement”).

B. The Company and Executive entered into an Amendment to the Agreement dated as of November 12, 2020 and a Second Amendment to the Agreement dated as of November 10, 2023.

C. The Company and Executive desire to further amend the Agreement, as amended, to make the change set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants contained herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged:

1. Section 5(b) of the Agreement is hereby amended solely to change “320% of Executive’s Base Salary” in the first sentence to “200% of the Target Bonus.” All other provisions of Section 5(b) of the Agreement shall remain unchanged.
2. All provisions of the Agreement not amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

*[Signatures appear on the following page.]*

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Third Amendment to the Employment Agreement as of the date first above written.

**CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.**

By: /s/ Yvonne K. Franzese  
Yvonne K. Franzese  
Chief Human Resources Officer

/s/ Gary C. Bhojwani  
**Gary C. Bhojwani**

Exhibit 21.1

Subsidiaries of CNO Financial Group, Inc.

Name	State or Other Jurisdiction
40 86 Advisors, Inc.	DE
40 86 Mortgage Capital, Inc.	DE
American Life and Casualty Marketing Division Co.	IA
Bankers Conesco Life Insurance Company	NY
Bankers Life Advisory Services, Inc.	IN
Bankers Life Agency, Inc.	IL
Bankers Life and Casualty Company	IL
Bankers Life Securities General Agency, Inc.	IN
Bankers Life Securities, Inc.	IN
Benetek Corporation	FL
Business Credit Administration Corporation	IN
C.P. Real Estate Services Corporation	NJ
CDOC, Inc.	DE
CNO Bermuda Re, Ltd.	Bermuda
CNO Management Services Company	TX
CNO Services, LLC	IN
Colonial Penn Life Insurance Company	PA
Conesco Life Insurance Company of Texas	TX
Conesco Marketing, L.L.C.	IN
CreekSource LLC	DE
Design Benefit Plans, Inc.	IL
Green Bay Trail Investment Corp.	DE
Green Bay Trail Investment Trust	DE
Hawthorne Advertising Agency Incorporated	PA
Illinois General Investment Corp.	DE
Illinois General Investment Corp. II	DE
Illinois General Investment Trust	DE
Illinois General Investment Trust II	DE
Indiana General Investment Corp.	DE

Indiana General Investment Trust	DE
Optavise, LLC	DE
Performance Matters Associates, Inc.	IN
Washington National Insurance Company	IN

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements on Form S-8 (No. 333-108835, 333-166788, 333-217884, 333-224819, 333-238163, 333-289444, and 333-289445) and Form S-3 (No. 333-279143) of CNO Financial Group, Inc. of our report dated February 24, 2026 relating to the financial statements, financial statement schedules and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in this Form 10-K.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Indianapolis, Indiana  
February 24, 2026

**CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.,  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Gary C. Bhojwani, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of CNO Financial Group, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 24, 2026

/s/ Gary C. Bhojwani  
Gary C. Bhojwani  
Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.,  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Paul H. McDonough, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of CNO Financial Group, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 24, 2026

/s/ Paul H. McDonough  
Paul H. McDonough  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Annual Report of CNO Financial Group, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ending December 31, 2025 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Gary C. Bhojwani, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my actual knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Gary C. Bhojwani  
Gary C. Bhojwani  
Chief Executive Officer

February 24, 2026

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to CNO Financial Group, Inc. and will be retained by CNO Financial Group, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Annual Report of CNO Financial Group, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ending December 31, 2025 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Paul H. McDonough, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my actual knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Paul H. McDonough  
Paul H. McDonough  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

February 24, 2026

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to CNO Financial Group, Inc. and will be retained by CNO Financial Group, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.