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(MARK ONE)

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2018**

OR

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

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-9371

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION
EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER

DELAWARE

STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION

51-0283071

I.R.S. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.

1411 BROADWAY, 34TH FLOOR, NY, NY 10018

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES, INCLUDING ZIP CODE

212-752-1356

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE

NOT APPLICABLE

FORMER NAME, FORMER ADDRESS, AND FORMER FISCAL YEAR, IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT

INDICATE BY CHECK MARK WHETHER THE REGISTRANT: (1) HAS FILED ALL REPORTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 DURING THE PRECEDING 12 MONTHS (OR FOR SUCH SHORTER PERIOD THAT THE REGISTRANT WAS REQUIRED TO FILE SUCH REPORTS), AND (2) HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO SUCH FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PAST 90 DAYS. YES NO

INDICATE BY CHECK MARK WHETHER THE REGISTRANT HAS SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY AND POSTED ON ITS CORPORATE WEB SITE, IF ANY, EVERY INTERACTIVE DATA FILE REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED AND POSTED PURSUANT TO RULE 405 OF REGULATION S-T (SECTION 232.405 OF THIS CHAPTER) DURING THE PRECEDING 12 MONTHS (OR SUCH SHORTER PERIOD THAT THE REGISTRANT WAS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AND POST SUCH FILES). YES NO

INDICATE BY CHECK MARK WHETHER THE REGISTRANT IS A LARGE ACCELERATED FILER, AN ACCELERATED FILER, A NON-ACCELERATED FILER, A SMALLER REPORTING COMPANY, OR AN EMERGING GROWTH COMPANY. SEE THE DEFINITIONS OF LARGE ACCELERATED FILER, ACCELERATED FILER, SMALLER REPORTING COMPANY, AND EMERGING GROWTH COMPANY IN RULE 12b-2 OF THE EXCHANGE ACT.

LARGE ACCELERATED FILER

ACCELERATED FILER

EMERGING GROWTH COMPANY

NON-ACCELERATED FILER

SMALLER REPORTING COMPANY

IF AN EMERGING GROWTH COMPANY, INDICATE BY CHECK MARK IF THE REGISTRANT HAS ELECTED NOT TO USE THE EXTENDED TRANSITION PERIOD FOR COMPLYING WITH ANY NEW OR REVISED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SECTION 13(A) OF THE

EXCHANGE ACT.

INDICATE BY CHECK MARK WHETHER THE REGISTRANT IS A SHELL COMPANY (AS DEFINED IN RULE 12b-2 OF THE ACT). YES NO

INDICATE THE NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING OF EACH OF THE ISSUER'S CLASSES OF COMMON STOCK, AS OF THE LAST PRACTICABLE DATE.

15,289,793 SHARES, PAR VALUE \$1.00 PER SHARE, AS OF APRIL 23, 2018

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ALLEGHANY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Balance Sheets

	March 31, 2018 (unaudited)	December 31, 2017
(\$ in thousands, except share amounts)		
Assets		
Investments:		
Securities at fair value:		
Equity securities (cost: 2018 \$3,721,932; 2017 \$3,170,673)	\$ 4,545,899	\$ 4,099,467
Debt securities (amortized cost: 2018 \$12,065,159; 2017 \$12,536,772)	12,066,223	12,721,399
Short-term investments	611,655	578,054
	17,223,777	17,398,920
Commercial mortgage loans	663,933	658,364
Other invested assets	601,555	743,358
Total investments	18,489,265	18,800,642
Cash	711,040	838,375
Accrued investment income	97,998	105,877
Premium balances receivable	856,078	797,346
Reinsurance recoverables	1,653,758	1,746,488
Ceded unearned premiums	204,640	190,252
Deferred acquisition costs	467,524	453,346
Property and equipment at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	198,707	125,337
Goodwill	345,306	334,905
Intangible assets, net of amortization	467,475	459,037
Current taxes receivable	63,568	31,085
Net deferred tax assets	123,944	136,489
Funds held under reinsurance agreements	705,433	706,042
Other assets	712,520	659,096
Total assets	\$ 25,097,256	\$ 25,384,317
Liabilities, Redeemable Noncontrolling Interests and Stockholders Equity		
Loss and loss adjustment expenses	\$ 11,714,269	\$ 11,871,250

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Unearned premiums	2,251,593	2,182,294
Senior Notes and other debt	1,540,865	1,484,897
Reinsurance payable	160,228	156,376
Other liabilities	919,270	1,068,907
Total liabilities	16,586,225	16,763,724
Redeemable noncontrolling interests	137,631	106,530
Common stock (shares authorized: 2018 and 2017 22,000,000; shares issued: 2018 and 2017 17,459,961)	17,460	17,460
Contributed capital	3,613,630	3,612,109
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(123,620)	618,118
Treasury stock, at cost (2018 2,097,820 shares; 2017 2,069,461 shares)	(843,497)	(824,906)
Retained earnings	5,709,427	5,091,282
Total stockholders' equity attributable to Alleghany stockholders	8,373,400	8,514,063
Total liabilities, redeemable noncontrolling interest and stockholders' equity	\$ 25,097,256	\$ 25,384,317

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.

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ALLEGHANY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
	(\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)	
Revenues		
Net premiums earned	\$ 1,207,856	\$ 1,209,188
Net investment income	124,126	115,538
Change in the fair value of equity securities	(42,649)	-
Net realized capital gains	44,505	59,651
Other than temporary impairment losses	(511)	(3,217)
Noninsurance revenue	251,627	151,292
Total revenues	1,584,954	1,532,452
Costs and Expenses		
Net loss and loss adjustment expenses	670,578	699,305
Commissions, brokerage and other underwriting expenses	406,295	408,515
Other operating expenses	264,897	175,138
Corporate administration	7,785	16,885
Amortization of intangible assets	5,264	3,764
Interest expense	21,531	20,935
Total costs and expenses	1,376,350	1,324,542
Earnings before income taxes	208,604	207,910
Income taxes	37,422	58,550
Net earnings	171,182	149,360
Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interest	(393)	184
Net earnings attributable to Alleghany stockholders	\$ 171,575	\$ 149,176
Net earnings	\$ 171,182	\$ 149,360
Other comprehensive income:		
Change in unrealized gains (losses), net of deferred taxes of (\$38,905) and \$67,270 for 2018 and 2017, respectively	(146,358)	124,929
Less: reclassification for net realized capital gains and other than temporary impairment losses, net of taxes of \$366 and (\$19,752) for 2018 and 2017, respectively	1,379	(36,682)

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Change in unrealized currency translation adjustment, net of deferred taxes of \$1,356 and \$2,719 for 2018 and 2017, respectively		5,100		5,049
Retirement plans		(1,322)		(395)
Comprehensive income		29,981		242,261
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest		(393)		184
Comprehensive income attributable to Alleghany stockholders	\$	30,374	\$	242,077
Basic earnings per share attributable to Alleghany stockholders	\$	11.15	\$	9.68
Diluted earnings per share attributable to Alleghany stockholders		11.04		9.67

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.

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ALLEGHANY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
	(\$ in thousands)	
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net earnings	\$ 171,182	\$ 149,360
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	33,107	35,663
Change in the fair value of equity securities	42,649	-
Net realized capital (gains) losses	(44,505)	(59,651)
Other than temporary impairment losses	511	3,217
(Increase) decrease in reinsurance recoverables, net of reinsurance payable	96,582	34,196
(Increase) decrease in premium balances receivable	(58,732)	(62,971)
(Increase) decrease in ceded unearned premiums	(14,388)	(17,874)
(Increase) decrease in deferred acquisition costs	(14,178)	(6,488)
(Increase) decrease in funds held under reinsurance agreements	609	(23,885)
Increase (decrease) in unearned premiums	69,299	39,448
Increase (decrease) in loss and loss adjustment expenses	(156,981)	(97,254)
Change in unrealized foreign exchange losses (gains)	(35,143)	(19,971)
Other, net	(95,181)	(16,322)
Net adjustments	(176,351)	(191,892)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(5,169)	(42,532)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchases of debt securities	(989,813)	(1,811,566)
Purchases of equity securities	(451,519)	(304,343)
Sales of debt securities	1,014,024	1,349,608
Maturities and redemptions of debt securities	466,457	443,960
Sales of equity securities	172,819	1,363,269
Net (purchases) sales of short-term investments	(33,634)	(949,847)
Net (purchases) sales and maturities of commercial mortgage loans	(5,569)	(24,803)
(Purchases) sales of property and equipment	(11,057)	(4,480)
Purchases of affiliates and subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	(105,386)	-
Other, net	(23,951)	29,388

Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	32,371	91,186
Cash flows from financing activities		
Treasury stock acquisitions	(21,268)	-
Increase (decrease) in other debt	9,957	(5,509)
Cash dividends paid	(153,967)	-
Other, net	4,654	(13,057)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(160,624)	(18,566)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	6,087	266
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(127,335)	30,354
Cash at beginning of period	838,375	594,091
Cash at end of period	\$ 711,040	\$ 624,445

Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information

Cash paid during period for:

Interest paid	\$ 16,942	\$ 16,359
Income taxes paid (refund received)	20,275	5,949

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.

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ALLEGHANY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Principles

(a) Principles of Financial Statement Presentation

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this Form 10-Q) should be read in conjunction with the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 (the 2017 Form 10-K) of Alleghany Corporation (Alleghany).

Alleghany Corporation, a Delaware corporation, owns and manages certain operating subsidiaries and investments, anchored by a core position in property and casualty reinsurance and insurance. Through its wholly-owned subsidiary TransRe, Alleghany is engaged in the property and casualty reinsurance business. TransRe has been Alleghany's wholly-owned subsidiary since March 2012. Through its wholly-owned subsidiary Alleghany Insurance Holdings LLC (AIHL) and its subsidiaries, Alleghany is engaged in the property and casualty insurance business. AIHL's insurance operations are principally conducted by its subsidiaries RSUI Group, Inc. (RSUI), CapSpecialty, Inc. (CapSpecialty) and, prior to December 31, 2017, Pacific Compensation Corporation (PacificComp). CapSpecialty has been a subsidiary of AIHL since January 2002 and RSUI has been a subsidiary of AIHL since July 2003. AIHL Re LLC (AIHL Re), a captive reinsurance company which provides reinsurance to Alleghany's current and former insurance operating subsidiaries and affiliates, has been a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alleghany since its formation in May 2006.

On September 12, 2017, AIHL signed a definitive agreement to sell PacificComp to CopperPoint Mutual Insurance Company (CopperPoint) for total cash consideration of approximately \$158 million. The transaction closed on December 31, 2017, at which time: (i) approximately \$442 million of PacificComp assets, consisting primarily of debt securities, and approximately \$316 million of PacificComp liabilities, consisting primarily of loss and loss adjustment expenses (LAE) reserves, were transferred; and (ii) AIHL recorded an after-tax gain of approximately \$16 million, which included a tax benefit. In connection with the transaction, AIHL Re will continue to provide adverse development reinsurance coverage on PacificComp's pre-acquisition claims, subject to certain terms and conditions. AIHL Re's obligations, which are guaranteed by Alleghany, are subject to: (i) an aggregate limit of \$150.0 million; and (ii) a final commutation and settlement as of December 31, 2024.

Although Alleghany's primary sources of revenues and earnings are its reinsurance and insurance operations and investments, Alleghany also sources, executes, manages and monitors certain private investments primarily through its wholly-owned subsidiary Alleghany Capital Corporation (Alleghany Capital). Alleghany Capital's investments include:

Bourn & Koch, Inc. (Bourn & Koch), a manufacturer/remanufacturer of specialty machine tools and supplier of replacement parts, accessories and services for a variety of cutting technologies, headquartered in Rockford, Illinois;

R.C. Tway Company, LLC (Kentucky Trailer), a manufacturer of custom trailers and truck bodies for the moving and storage industry and other markets, headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky;

IPS-Integrated Project Services, LLC (IPS), a technical engineering-focused service provider focused on the global pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, headquartered in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania;

Jazwares, LLC (together with its affiliates, Jazwares), a global toy, entertainment and musical instrument company, headquartered in Sunrise, Florida;

WWSC Holdings, LLC (W&WIAFCO Steel), a structural steel fabricator and erector, headquartered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and

a 45 percent equity interest in Wilbert Funeral Services, Inc. (Wilbert), a provider of products and services for the funeral and cemetery industries and precast concrete markets, headquartered in Overland Park, Kansas.

The results of W&WIAFCO Steel have been included in Alleghany's consolidated results beginning with its acquisition by Alleghany Capital on April 28, 2017. On February 7, 2018, W&WIAFCO Steel acquired Hirschfeld Holdings, LP (Hirschfeld).

Wilbert is accounted for under the equity method of accounting and is included in other invested assets. The results of Wilbert have been included in Alleghany's consolidated results beginning with its acquisition by Alleghany Capital on August 1, 2017.

In addition, Alleghany owns certain other holding-company investments. Stranded Oil Resources Corporation (SORC) is an exploration and production company focused on enhanced oil recovery, headquartered in Golden, Colorado. Alleghany also owns and manages properties in the Sacramento, California region through its wholly-owned subsidiary Alleghany Properties Holdings LLC (Alleghany Properties). Alleghany's public equity investments are managed primarily through Alleghany's wholly-owned subsidiary Roundwood Asset Management LLC.

Unless the context otherwise requires, references to Alleghany include Alleghany together with its subsidiaries.

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The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the results of Alleghany and its wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries and have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. (GAAP). All material inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The portion of stockholders' equity, net earnings and comprehensive income that is not attributable to Alleghany stockholders is presented on the Consolidated Balance Sheets and the Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income as noncontrolling interests. Because all noncontrolling interests have the option to sell their ownership interests to Alleghany in the future (generally through 2024), the portion of stockholders' equity that is not attributable to Alleghany stockholders is presented on the Consolidated Balance Sheets as redeemable noncontrolling interests for all periods presented. During the first three months of 2018, the approximate noncontrolling interests outstanding were as follows: Bourn & Koch - 11 percent; Kentucky Trailer - 21 percent; IPS - 16 percent; Jazwares - 23 percent; and W&WIAFCO Steel - 20 percent.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Alleghany relies on historical experience and on various other assumptions that it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances to make judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ materially from those reported results to the extent that those estimates and assumptions prove to be inaccurate. Changes in estimates are reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income in the period in which the changes are made.

(b) Other Significant Accounting Principles

Alleghany's significant accounting principles can be found in Note 1 to Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of the 2017 Form 10-K.

(c) Recent Accounting Standards***Recently Adopted***

In February 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the FASB) issued guidance on certain tax effects caused by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (the Tax Act), which was signed into law on December 22, 2017. The Tax Act reduced the corporate federal income tax rate from 35.0 percent to 21.0 percent, effective January 1, 2018 for the 2018 tax year, among other provisions. Under such circumstances, GAAP requires that the value of deferred tax assets and liabilities be reduced through tax expense. The new guidance provides an option to reclassify any stranded tax amounts that remain in accumulated other comprehensive income to retained earnings, either retrospectively or at the beginning of the period in which the adoption is elected. This guidance became effective in the first quarter of 2018 for public entities, with early adoption permitted in 2017. Alleghany adopted this new guidance in the first quarter of 2018, and has elected to reclassify stranded tax amounts that remain in accumulated other comprehensive income, in the amount of approximately \$135 million, to retained earnings as of January 1, 2018. See Note 7(b) of this Form 10-Q for further information on accumulated other comprehensive income, and see Note 9 to Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of the 2017 Form 10-K for additional information on the Tax Act and its impact on Alleghany.

In March 2017, the FASB issued guidance that reduces the amortization period for the premium on certain purchased callable debt securities to the earliest call date. The guidance applies specifically to noncontingent call features that are callable at a predetermined and fixed price and date. The accounting for purchased callable debt securities held at a

discount is not affected. This guidance is effective in the first quarter of 2019 for public entities, with early adoption permitted. Alleghany adopted this guidance in the fourth quarter of 2017, and recorded a cumulative effect reduction of approximately \$13 million directly to opening 2017 retained earnings and an offsetting increase in opening 2017 accumulated other comprehensive income. The implementation did not have a material impact on Alleghany's results of operations and financial condition. See Note 7(b) of this Form 10-Q for further information on accumulated other comprehensive income.

In May 2014, the FASB, together with the International Accounting Standards Board, issued guidance on the recognition of revenue from contracts with customers. Under this guidance, revenue is recognized as the transfer of goods and services to customers takes place and in amounts that reflect the payment or payments that are expected to be received from the customers for those goods and services. This guidance also requires new disclosures about revenue. Revenues related to insurance and reinsurance contracts and revenues from investments are not impacted by this guidance, whereas noninsurance revenues arising from the sale of manufactured goods and services is generally included within the scope of this guidance. This guidance became effective in the first quarter of 2018 for public entities, with early adoption permitted in 2017. Alleghany adopted this guidance in the first quarter of 2018 using the modified retrospective transition approach, and the implementation did not have a material impact on its results of operations and financial condition.

In January 2016, the FASB issued guidance that changes the recognition and measurement of certain financial instruments. This guidance requires investments in equity securities (except those accounted for under the equity method of accounting, but including

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partnership investments not accounted for under the equity method) to be measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income. For equity securities that do not have readily determinable fair values, measurement may be at cost, adjusted for any impairment and changes resulting from observable price changes for a similar investment of the same issuer. This guidance also changes the presentation and disclosure of financial instruments by: (i) requiring that financial instrument disclosures of fair value use the exit price notion; (ii) requiring separate presentation of financial assets and financial liabilities by measurement category and form, either on the balance sheet or the accompanying notes to the financial statements; (iii) requiring separate presentation in other comprehensive income for the portion of the change in a liability's fair value resulting from instrument-specific credit risk when an election has been made to measure the liability at fair value; and (iv) eliminating the requirement to disclose the methods and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value for financial instruments measured at amortized cost on the balance sheet. This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017 for public entities, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Except for the change in presentation for instrument-specific credit risk, this guidance does not permit early adoption. Alleghany adopted this guidance in the first quarter of 2018. As of January 1, 2018, approximately \$736 million of net unrealized gains of equity securities, net of deferred taxes, were reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income to retained earnings. Subsequently, all changes in unrealized gains or losses of equity securities, net of deferred taxes, were presented in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings rather than the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, under the caption "change in the fair value of equity securities." Results arising from partnership investments, whether accounted for under the equity method or at fair value, continue to be reported as a component of net investment income. The implementation did not have a material impact on Alleghany's financial condition. See Note 3 of this Form 10-Q for further information on Alleghany's equity securities, and Note 7(b) of this Form 10-Q for further information on accumulated other comprehensive income.

Future Application of Accounting Standards

In February 2016, the FASB issued guidance on leases. Under this guidance, a lessee is required to recognize lease liabilities and corresponding right-of-use assets for leases with terms of more than one year, whereas under current guidance, a lessee is only required to recognize assets and liabilities for those leases qualifying as capital leases. This guidance also requires new disclosures about the amount, timing and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. The accounting by lessors is to remain largely unchanged. This guidance is effective in the first quarter of 2019 for public entities, with early adoption permitted. A modified retrospective transition approach is required for all leases in existence as of, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements. Alleghany will adopt this guidance in the first quarter of 2019 and does not currently believe that the implementation will have a material impact on its results of operations and financial condition. See Note 12(b) to Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of the 2017 Form 10-K for further information on Alleghany's leases.

In June 2016, the FASB issued guidance on credit losses. Under this guidance, a company is required to measure all expected credit losses on loans, reinsurance recoverables and other financial assets accounted for at cost or amortized cost, as applicable. Estimates of expected credit losses are to be based on historical experience, current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts. Credit losses for securities accounted for on an available-for-sale (AFS) basis are to be measured in a manner similar to GAAP as currently applied and cannot exceed the amount by which the fair value is less than the amortized cost. Credit losses for all financial assets are to be recorded through an allowance for credit losses. Subsequent reversals in credit loss estimates are permitted and are to be recognized in earnings. This guidance also requires new disclosures about the significant estimates and judgments used in estimating credit losses, as well as the credit quality of financial assets. This guidance is effective in the first quarter of 2020 for public entities, with early adoption permitted. Alleghany will adopt this guidance in the first quarter of 2020 and does not currently believe that the implementation will have a material impact on its results of operations and financial condition.

In January 2017, the FASB issued guidance that simplifies the subsequent measurement of goodwill. Under this guidance, if an initial qualitative assessment indicates that the fair value of an operating subsidiary may be less than its carrying amount, an impairment charge is recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount of the operating subsidiary exceeds its estimated fair value. Any resulting impairment loss recognized cannot exceed the total amount of goodwill associated with the operating subsidiary. This guidance is effective in the first quarter of 2020 for public entities, with early adoption permitted. Alleghany will adopt this guidance in the first quarter of 2020 and does not currently believe that the implementation will have a material impact on its results of operations and financial condition. See Note 2 to Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of the 2017 Form 10-K for further information on Alleghany's goodwill.

In August 2017, the FASB issued guidance that simplifies the requirements to achieve hedge accounting, better reflects the economic results of hedging in the financial statements and better aligns hedge accounting with a company's risk management activities. This guidance is effective in the first quarter of 2019 for public entities, with early adoption permitted. Alleghany will adopt this guidance in the first quarter of 2019 and does not currently believe that the implementation will have a material impact on its results of operations and financial condition.

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The following table presents the carrying value and estimated fair value of Alleghany's consolidated financial instruments as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017:

	March 31, 2018		December 31, 2017	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value
(\$ in millions)				
Assets				
Investments (excluding equity method investments and loans) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 17,284.1	\$ 17,284.1	\$ 17,406.5	\$ 17,406.5
Liabilities				
Senior Notes and other debt ⁽²⁾	\$ 1,540.9	\$ 1,677.8	\$ 1,484.9	\$ 1,614.6

(1) This table includes debt and equity securities, as well as partnership and non-marketable equity investments carried at fair value that are included in other invested assets. This table excludes investments accounted for using the equity method and commercial mortgage loans that are carried at unpaid principal balance. The fair value of short-term investments approximates amortized cost. The fair value of all other categories of investments is discussed below.

(2) See Note 8 to Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of the 2017 Form 10-K for additional information on the senior notes and other debt.

The following tables present Alleghany's financial instruments measured at fair value and the level of the fair value hierarchy of inputs used as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	(\$ in millions)			
As of March 31, 2018				
Equity securities:				
Common stock	\$ 4,537.1	\$ 3.6	\$ -	\$ 4,540.7
Preferred stock	-	-	5.2	5.2
Total equity securities	4,537.1	3.6	5.2	4,545.9
Debt securities:				
U.S. Government obligations	-	1,031.7	-	1,031.7
Municipal bonds	-	3,140.6	-	3,140.6
Foreign government obligations	-	958.1	-	958.1
U.S. corporate bonds	-	1,985.5	290.2	2,275.7
Foreign corporate bonds	-	1,343.3	73.0	1,416.3
Mortgage and asset-backed securities:				
Residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS ⁽¹⁾)	-	897.4	161.8	1,059.2

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Commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS)	-	525.1	-	525.1
Other asset-backed securities ⁽²⁾	-	578.2	1,081.3	1,659.5
Total debt securities	-	10,459.9	1,606.3	12,066.2
Short-term investments	-	611.7	-	611.7
Other invested assets ⁽³⁾	-	-	60.3	60.3
Total investments (excluding equity method investments and loans)	\$ 4,537.1	\$ 11,075.2	\$ 1,671.8	\$ 17,284.1
Senior Notes and other debt	\$ -	\$ 1,520.9	\$ 156.9	\$ 1,677.8

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	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	(\$ in millions)			
As of December 31, 2017				
Equity securities:				
Common stock	\$ 4,090.7	\$ 3.8	\$ -	\$ 4,094.5
Preferred stock	-	3.1	1.9	5.0
Total equity securities	4,090.7	6.9	1.9	4,099.5
Debt securities:				
U.S. Government obligations	-	948.0	-	948.0
Municipal bonds	-	3,682.1	-	3,682.1
Foreign government obligations	-	1,006.6	-	1,006.6
U.S. corporate bonds	-	2,173.0	260.0	2,433.0
Foreign corporate bonds	-	1,424.6	75.2	1,499.8
Mortgage and asset-backed securities:				
RMBS ⁽¹⁾	-	833.8	161.8	995.6
CMBS	-	550.1	1.6	551.7
Other asset-backed securities ⁽²⁾	-	503.3	1,101.3	1,604.6
Total debt securities	-	11,121.5	1,599.9	12,721.4
Short-term investments	-	578.1	-	578.1
Other invested assets ⁽³⁾	-	-	7.5	7.5
Total investments (excluding equity method investments and loans)	\$ 4,090.7	\$ 11,706.5	\$ 1,609.3	\$ 17,406.5
Senior Notes and other debt	\$ -	\$ 1,513.6	\$ 101.0	\$ 1,614.6

- (1) Primarily includes government agency pass-through securities guaranteed by a government agency or government sponsored enterprise, among other types of RMBS.
- (2) Includes \$1,071.8 million and \$1,101.3 million of collateralized loan obligations as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.
- (3) Includes partnership and non-marketable equity investments accounted for at fair value, and excludes investments accounted for using the equity method.

In the three months ended March 31, 2018, Alleghany transferred \$1.6 million of CMBS securities out of Level 3, principally due to an increase in observable inputs related to the valuation of such assets and, specifically, an increase in broker quotes.

As further described in Note 3(g), on March 15, 2018, most of AIHL's limited partnership interests in certain subsidiaries of Ares Management LLC ("Ares") were converted into Ares common units. As a result of the conversion, \$208.2 million of Ares common units, classified as common stock, was transferred into Level 1, and \$58.7 million of Ares limited partner interests, classified as other invested assets, was transferred into Level 3 as of March 15, 2018.

In addition to the above, in the three months ended March 31, 2018, Alleghany transferred \$4.3 million of financial instruments into Level 3, principally due to a decrease in observable inputs related to the valuation of such assets and, specifically, a decrease in broker quotes. Of the \$4.3 million of transfers, \$3.1 million related to preferred stock and \$1.2 million related to U.S. corporate bonds. There were no other material transfers between Levels 1, 2 or 3 in the three months ended March 31, 2018.

In the three months ended March 31, 2017, Alleghany transferred \$4.1 million of financial instruments out of Level 3, principally due to an increase in observable inputs related to the valuation of such assets and, specifically, an increase in broker quotes. Of the \$4.1 million of transfers, \$2.3 million related to common stock and \$1.8 million related to U.S. corporate bonds.

In the three months ended March 31, 2017, Alleghany transferred \$2.6 million of financial instruments into Level 3, principally due to a decrease in observable inputs related to the valuation of such assets and, specifically, a decrease in broker quotes. Of the \$2.6 million of transfers, \$1.9 million related to U.S. corporate bonds, \$0.4 million related to common stock and \$0.3 million related to foreign corporate bonds. There were no other material transfers between Levels 1, 2 or 3 in the three months ended March 31, 2017.

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The following tables present reconciliations of the changes during the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 in Level 3 assets measured at fair value:

Three Months Ended March, 2018	Preferred Stock	U.S. Corporate Bonds	Foreign Corporate Bonds	Debt Securities				Other Invested Assets ⁽¹⁾
				Mortgage and asset-backed				
				RMBS	CMBS	Other Asset-backed Securities		
				(\$ in millions)				
Balance as of January 1, 2018	\$ 1.9	\$ 260.0	\$ 75.2	\$ 161.8	\$ 1.6	\$ 1,101.3	\$ 7.5	
Net realized/unrealized gains (losses) included in:								
Net earnings ⁽²⁾	-	-	-	-	-	0.4	1.2	
Other comprehensive income	0.2	(5.4)	(1.3)	-	-	(3.3)	(1.6)	
Purchases	-	36.2	-	-	-	128.2	-	
Sales	-	(1.8)	(0.9)	-	-	(145.3)	(5.5)	
Issuances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Settlements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers into Level 3	3.1	1.2	-	-	-	-	58.7	
Transfers out of Level 3	-	-	-	-	(1.6)	-	-	
Balance as of March 31, 2018	\$ 5.2	\$ 290.2	\$ 73.0	\$ 161.8	\$ -	\$ 1,081.3	\$ 60.3	

Three Months Ended March, 2017	Equity Securities			Debt Securities				Other Asset-backed Securities
	Common Stock	Preferred Stock	U.S. Corporate Bonds	Foreign Corporate Bonds	RMBS	CMBS		
				(\$ in millions)				
Balance as of January 1, 2017	\$ 4.3	\$ -	\$ 72.9	\$ 0.4	\$ 5.9	\$ 4.3	\$ 903.8	
Net realized/unrealized gains (losses) included in:								
Net earnings ⁽²⁾	-	-	(0.1)	-	0.1	-	1.5	
Other comprehensive income	0.2	-	0.2	-	-	-	11.6	
Purchases	-	2.4	43.8	3.1	-	-	380.6	
Sales	(1.8)	-	(2.0)	-	-	-	(16.0)	
Issuances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Settlements	-	-	(3.2)	-	(0.4)	(0.2)	(82.2)	
Transfers into Level 3	0.4	-	1.9	0.3	-	-	-	
Transfers out of Level 3	(2.3)	-	(1.8)	-	-	-	-	
Balance as of March 31, 2017	\$ 0.8	\$ 2.4	\$ 111.7	\$ 3.8	\$ 5.6	\$ 4.1	\$ 1,199.3	

- (1) Includes partnership and non-marketable equity investments accounted for at fair value.
- (2) There were no other than temporary impairment (OTTI) losses recorded in net earnings related to Level 3 assets still held as of March 31, 2018 and 2017.

Net unrealized losses related to Level 3 assets as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 were not material.

See Note 1(c) to Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of the 2017 Form 10-K for Alleghany s accounting policy on fair value.

Table of Contents**3. Investments****(a) Unrealized Gains and Losses**

The following tables present the amortized cost or cost and the fair value of AFS securities as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017:

	Amortized Cost or Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
	(\$ in millions)			
As of March 31, 2018				
Debt securities:				
U.S. Government obligations	\$ 1,060.4	\$ 1.0	\$ (29.7)	\$ 1,031.7
Municipal bonds	3,101.2	58.2	(18.8)	3,140.6
Foreign government obligations	954.6	9.6	(6.1)	958.1
U.S. corporate bonds	2,275.4	29.5	(29.2)	2,275.7
Foreign corporate bonds	1,416.5	15.4	(15.6)	1,416.3
Mortgage and asset-backed securities:				
RMBS	1,077.0	3.9	(21.7)	1,059.2
CMBS	526.4	3.9	(5.2)	525.1
Other asset-backed securities ⁽¹⁾	1,653.7	9.2	(3.4)	1,659.5
Total debt securities	12,065.2	130.7	(129.7)	12,066.2
Short-term investments	611.7	-	-	611.7
Total investments	\$ 12,676.9	\$ 130.7	\$ (129.7)	\$ 12,677.9

	Amortized Cost or Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
	(\$ in millions)			
As of December 31, 2017				
Equity securities:				
Common stock	\$ 3,165.8	\$ 932.5	\$ (3.8)	\$ 4,094.5
Preferred stock	4.9	0.1	-	5.0
Total equity securities	3,170.7	932.6	(3.8)	4,099.5
Debt securities:				
U.S. Government obligations	963.9	1.7	(17.6)	948.0
Municipal bonds	3,578.9	109.8	(6.6)	3,682.1
Foreign government obligations	1,000.1	11.2	(4.7)	1,006.6
U.S. corporate bonds	2,381.1	61.6	(9.7)	2,433.0

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Foreign corporate bonds	1,481.8	24.5	(6.5)	1,499.8
Mortgage and asset-backed securities:				
RMBS	993.9	6.3	(4.6)	995.6
CMBS	545.0	9.0	(2.3)	551.7
Other asset-backed securities ⁽¹⁾	1,592.1	13.8	(1.3)	1,604.6
Total debt securities	12,536.8	237.9	(53.3)	12,721.4
Short-term investments	578.1	-	-	578.1
Total investments	\$ 16,285.6	\$ 1,170.5	\$ (57.1)	\$ 17,399.0

(1) Includes \$1,071.8 million and \$1,101.3 million of collateralized loan obligations as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

Table of Contents**(b) Contractual Maturity**

The following table presents the amortized cost or cost and estimated fair value of debt securities by contractual maturity as of March 31, 2018. Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

	Amortized Cost or Cost	Fair Value
	(\$ in millions)	
As of March 31, 2018		
Short-term investments due in one year or less	\$ 611.7	\$ 611.7
Mortgage and asset-backed securities ⁽¹⁾	3,257.1	3,243.8
Debt securities with maturity dates:		
One year or less	293.9	294.7
Over one through five years	3,096.4	3,089.4
Over five through ten years	2,979.0	2,968.3
Over ten years	2,438.8	2,470.0
Total debt securities	\$ 12,065.2	\$ 12,066.2

(1) Mortgage and asset-backed securities by their nature do not generally have single maturity dates.

(c) Net Investment Income

The following table presents net investment income for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2018	2017
	(\$ in millions)	
Interest income	\$ 102.0	\$ 99.2
Dividend income	16.4	9.4
Investment expenses	(12.0)	(7.3)
Pillar Investments ⁽¹⁾	-	3.4
Limited partnership interests in certain subsidiaries of Ares ⁽¹⁾	13.7	5.2
Other investment results	4.0	5.6

Total	\$	124.1	\$	115.5
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(1) See Note 3(g) of this Form 10-Q for discussion of the Pillar Investments, as defined therein, and limited partnership interests in certain subsidiaries of Ares.

As of March 31, 2018, non-income producing invested assets were immaterial.

(d) Realized Gains and Losses

The proceeds from sales of debt and equity securities were \$1.2 billion and \$2.7 billion for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

In the first quarter of 2018, Alleghany adopted new accounting guidance which requires changes in the fair value of equity securities, except those accounted for under the equity method, to be recognized in net income. See Note 1(c) of this Form 10-Q for additional information regarding Alleghany's adoption of this new investment accounting guidance.

Realized capital gains and losses for the three months ended March 31, 2018 primarily reflect a \$45.7 million gain on AIHL's conversion of its limited partnership interests in certain subsidiaries of Ares into Ares common units. See Note 3(g) of this Form 10-Q for additional information on this conversion.

Realized capital gains and losses for the three months ended March 31, 2017 primarily reflect sales of equity securities.

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The following table presents amounts of gross realized capital gains and gross realized capital losses for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
	(\$ in millions)	
Gross realized capital gains	\$ 60.3	\$ 108.7
Gross realized capital losses	(15.8)	(49.1)
Net realized capital gains	\$ 44.5	\$ 59.6

Gross realized loss amounts exclude OTTI losses, as discussed below.

(e) OTTI Losses

Alleghany holds its debt securities as AFS and, as such, these securities are recorded at fair value. Alleghany continually monitors the difference between amortized cost and the estimated fair value of its debt investments, which involves uncertainty as to whether declines in value are temporary in nature. The analysis of a security's decline in value is performed in its functional currency. If the decline is deemed temporary, Alleghany records the decline as an unrealized loss in stockholders' equity. If the decline is deemed to be other than temporary, Alleghany writes its amortized cost-basis down to the fair value of the security and records an OTTI loss on its statement of earnings. In addition, any portion of such decline related to a debt security that is believed to arise from factors other than credit is recorded as a component of other comprehensive income rather than charged against earnings.

Debt securities in an unrealized loss position are evaluated for OTTI if they meet any of the following criteria: (i) they are trading at a discount of at least 20 percent to amortized cost for an extended period of time (nine consecutive months or more); (ii) there has been a negative credit or news event with respect to the issuer that could indicate the existence of an OTTI; or (iii) Alleghany intends to sell, or it is more likely than not that Alleghany will sell, the debt security before recovery of its amortized cost basis.

If Alleghany intends to sell, or it is more likely than not that Alleghany will sell, a debt security before recovery of its amortized cost basis, the total amount of the unrealized loss position is recognized as an OTTI loss in earnings. To the extent that a debt security that is in an unrealized loss position is not impaired based on the preceding, Alleghany will consider a debt security to be impaired when it believes it to be probable that Alleghany will not be able to collect the entire amortized cost basis. For debt securities in an unrealized loss position as of the end of each quarter, Alleghany develops a best estimate of the present value of expected cash flows. If the results of the cash flow analysis indicate that Alleghany will not recover the full amount of its amortized cost basis in the debt security, Alleghany records an OTTI loss in earnings equal to the difference between the present value of expected cash flows and the amortized cost basis of the debt security. If applicable, the difference between the total unrealized loss position on the debt security and the OTTI loss recognized in earnings is the non-credit related portion, which is recorded as a component of other comprehensive income.

In developing the cash flow analyses for debt securities, Alleghany considers various factors for the different categories of debt securities. For municipal bonds, Alleghany takes into account the taxing power of the issuer, source of revenue, credit risk and enhancements and pre-refunding. For mortgage and asset-backed securities, Alleghany

discounts its best estimate of future cash flows at an effective rate equal to the original effective yield of the security or, in the case of floating rate securities, at the current coupon. Alleghany's models include assumptions about prepayment speeds, default and delinquency rates, underlying collateral (if any), credit ratings, credit enhancements and other observable market data. For corporate bonds, Alleghany reviews business prospects, credit ratings and available information from asset managers and rating agencies for individual securities.

OTTI losses in the first three months of 2018 reflect \$0.5 million of unrealized losses on debt securities that were deemed to be other than temporary and, as such, were required to be charged against earnings.

OTTI losses in the first three months of 2017 reflect \$3.2 million of unrealized losses that were deemed to be other than temporary and, as such, were required to be charged against earnings. Of the \$3.2 million of OTTI losses, \$3.1 million related to equity securities, primarily in the retail sector, and \$0.1 million related to debt securities. The determination that unrealized losses on equity and debt securities were other than temporary was primarily due to the duration of the decline in the fair value of equity and debt securities relative to their costs.

Upon the ultimate disposition of the securities for which OTTI losses have been recorded, a portion of the loss may be recoverable depending on market conditions at the time of disposition. After adjusting the amortized cost basis of securities for the recognition of OTTI losses, the remaining gross unrealized investment losses for debt securities as of March 31, 2018 were deemed to be temporary, based on, among other factors: (i) the duration of time and the relative magnitude to which the fair value of these investments had been below cost were not indicative of an OTTI loss; (ii) the absence of compelling evidence that would cause

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Alleghany to call into question the financial condition or near-term business prospects of the issuer of the security; and (iii) Alleghany's ability and intent to hold the security for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery.

Alleghany may ultimately record a realized loss after having originally concluded that the decline in value was temporary. Risks and uncertainties are inherent in the methodology. Alleghany's methodology for assessing other than temporary declines in value contains inherent risks and uncertainties which could include, but are not limited to, incorrect assumptions about financial condition, liquidity or future prospects, inadequacy of any underlying collateral and unfavorable changes in economic conditions or social trends, interest rates or credit ratings.

(f) Aging of Gross Unrealized Losses

The following tables present gross unrealized losses and related fair values for Alleghany's AFS securities, grouped by duration of time in a continuous unrealized loss position, as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017:

	Less Than 12 Months		12 Months or More		Total	
	Gross	Gross	Gross	Gross	Gross	Gross
	Unrealized	Unrealized	Unrealized	Unrealized	Unrealized	Unrealized
	Fair Value	Losses	Fair Value	Losses	Fair Value	Losses
	(\$ in millions)					
As of March 31, 2018						
Debt securities:						
U.S. Government obligations	\$ 480.1	\$ 10.8	\$ 381.6	\$ 18.9	\$ 861.7	\$ 29.7
Municipal bonds	594.7	9.5	220.5	9.3	815.2	18.8
Foreign government obligations	301.5	3.9	70.6	2.2	372.1	6.1
U.S. corporate bonds	1,070.4	21.1	191.4	8.1	1,261.8	29.2
Foreign corporate bonds	648.3	10.2	155.4	5.4	803.7	15.6
Mortgage and asset-backed securities:						
RMBS	768.6	16.7	120.5	5.0	889.1	21.7
CMBS	223.7	3.0	32.7	2.2	256.4	5.2
Other asset-backed securities	581.4	2.9	34.0	0.5	615.4	3.4
Total temporarily impaired securities	\$ 4,668.7	\$ 78.1	\$ 1,206.7	\$ 51.6	\$ 5,875.4	\$ 129.7

	Less Than 12 Months		12 Months or More		Total	
	Gross	Gross	Gross	Gross	Gross	Gross
	Unrealized	Unrealized	Unrealized	Unrealized	Unrealized	Unrealized
	Fair Value	Losses	Fair Value	Losses	Fair Value	Losses
	(\$ in millions)					
As of December 31, 2017						
Equity securities:						

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Common stock	\$ 145.7	\$ 3.8	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145.7	\$ 3.8
Preferred stock	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total equity securities	145.7	3.8	-	-	145.7	3.8
Debt securities:						
U.S. Government obligations	447.8	4.4	416.6	13.2	864.4	17.6
Municipal bonds	240.0	1.5	267.3	5.1	507.3	6.6
Foreign government obligations	321.9	2.7	72.2	2.0	394.1	4.7
U.S. corporate bonds	568.8	6.1	207.3	3.6	776.1	9.7
Foreign corporate bonds	417.4	3.0	159.4	3.5	576.8	6.5
Mortgage and asset-backed securities:						
RMBS	284.2	1.6	131.5	3.0	415.7	4.6
CMBS	112.2	0.5	34.7	1.8	146.9	2.3
Other asset-backed securities	211.1	0.9	65.7	0.4	276.8	1.3
Total debt securities	2,603.4	20.7	1,354.7	32.6	3,958.1	53.3
Total temporarily impaired securities	\$ 2,749.1	\$ 24.5	\$ 1,354.7	\$ 32.6	\$ 4,103.8	\$ 57.1

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As of March 31, 2018, Alleghany held a total of 1,820 debt securities that were in an unrealized loss position, of which 390 securities were in an unrealized loss position continuously for 12 months or more. The unrealized losses associated with these debt securities consisted primarily of losses related primarily to U.S. Government obligations, municipal bonds and U.S. corporate bonds.

As of March 31, 2018, the vast majority of Alleghany's debt securities were rated investment grade, with 4.4 percent of debt securities having issuer credit ratings that were below investment grade or not rated, compared with 5.3 percent as of December 31, 2017.

(g) Investments in Certain Other Invested Assets

In December 2012, TransRe obtained an ownership interest in Pillar Capital Holdings Limited (Pillar Holdings), a Bermuda-based insurance asset manager focused on collateralized reinsurance and catastrophe insurance-linked securities. Additionally, TransRe invested \$175.0 million and AIHL invested \$25.0 million in limited partnership funds managed by Pillar Holdings (the Funds). The objective of the Funds is to create portfolios with attractive risk-reward characteristics and low correlation with other asset classes, using the extensive reinsurance and capital market experience of the principals of Pillar Holdings. Alleghany has concluded that both Pillar Holdings and the Funds (collectively, the Pillar Investments) represent variable interest entities and that Alleghany is not the primary beneficiary, as it does not have the ability to direct the activities that most significantly impact each entity's economic performance. Therefore, the Pillar Investments are not consolidated and are accounted for under the equity method of accounting. Alleghany's potential maximum loss in the Pillar Investments is limited to its cumulative net investment. As of March 31, 2018, Alleghany's carrying value in the Pillar Investments, as determined under the equity method of accounting, was \$217.9 million, which is net of returns of capital received from the Pillar Investments.

In July 2013, AIHL invested \$250.0 million in Ares, an asset manager, in exchange for a 6.25 percent equity stake in Ares, with an agreement to engage Ares to manage up to \$1.0 billion in certain investment strategies. In May 2014, Ares completed an initial public offering of its common units. Upon completion of the initial public offering, Alleghany's equity investment in Ares converted into limited partner interests in certain Ares subsidiaries that were convertible into Ares common units. On March 15, 2018, most of AIHL's limited partner interests were converted into Ares common units. As a result of the conversion and with respect to the limited partnership interests that were converted into Ares common units, AIHL: (i) reclassified its converted interests from other invested assets to equity securities; (ii) increased its carrying value to \$208.2 million to reflect the fair value of Ares common units; and (iii) recorded the \$45.7 million increase in carrying value as a realized capital gain as of March 15, 2018. As a result of the conversion and with respect to the unconverted limited partnership interests, AIHL: (i) changed its accounting from the equity method to fair value; (ii) increased its carrying value to \$58.7 million to reflect the fair value of Ares limited partnership interests; and (iii) recorded the \$12.9 million increase in carrying value as a component of net investment income as of March 15, 2018.

(h) Investments in Commercial Mortgage Loans

As of March 31, 2018, the carrying value of Alleghany's commercial mortgage loan portfolio was \$663.9 million, representing the unpaid principal balance on the loans. As of March 31, 2018, there was no allowance for loan losses. The commercial mortgage loan portfolio consists primarily of first mortgages on commercial properties in major metropolitan areas in the U.S. The loans earn interest at fixed- and floating-rates, mature in two to ten years from loan origination and the principal amounts of the loans were no more than approximately two-thirds of the property's appraised value at the time the loans were made.

4. Reinsurance Ceded

Alleghany's reinsurance and insurance subsidiaries reinsure portions of the risks they underwrite in order to reduce the effect of individual or aggregate exposure to losses, manage capacity, protect capital resources, reduce volatility in specific lines of business, improve risk-adjusted portfolio returns and enable them to increase gross premium writings and risk capacity without requiring additional capital. Alleghany's reinsurance and insurance subsidiaries purchase reinsurance and retrocessional coverages from highly-rated third-party reinsurers. If the assuming reinsurers are unable or unwilling to meet the obligations assumed under the applicable reinsurance agreements, Alleghany's reinsurance and insurance subsidiaries would remain liable for such reinsurance portion not paid by these reinsurers. As such, funds, trust agreements and letters of credit are held to collateralize a portion of Alleghany's reinsurance recoverables and Alleghany's reinsurance and insurance subsidiaries reinsure portions of the risks they underwrite or assume with multiple reinsurance programs.

TransRe enters into retrocession arrangements, including property catastrophe retrocession arrangements, in order to reduce the effect of individual or aggregate exposure to losses, reduce volatility in specific lines of business, improve risk-adjusted portfolio returns and increase gross premium writings and risk capacity without requiring additional capital.

RSUI reinsures its property lines of business through a program consisting of surplus share treaties, facultative placements, per risk and catastrophe excess of loss treaties. RSUI's catastrophe reinsurance program and property per risk reinsurance program run on an annual basis from May 1 to the following April 30 and portions expired on April 30, 2018. Both programs were renewed on May 1, 2018 with substantially similar terms as the expired programs.

Table of Contents**5. Liability for Loss and LAE****(a) Liability Rollforward**

The following table presents the activity in the liability for loss and LAE in the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
	(\$ in millions)	
Reserves as of January 1	\$ 11,871.3	\$ 11,087.2
Less: reinsurance recoverables ⁽¹⁾	1,650.1	1,236.2
Net reserves as of January 1	10,221.2	9,851.0
Incurred loss and LAE, net of reinsurance, related to:		
Current year	756.3	747.0
Prior years	(85.7)	(47.7)
Total incurred loss and LAE, net of reinsurance	670.6	699.3
Paid loss and LAE, net of reinsurance, related to: ⁽²⁾		
Current year	100.5	114.0
Prior years	690.8	647.2
Total paid loss and LAE, net of reinsurance	791.3	761.2
Foreign exchange effect	49.9	(12.2)
Net reserves as of March 31	10,150.4	9,776.9
Reinsurance recoverables as of March 31 ⁽¹⁾	1,563.9	1,213.0
Reserves as of March 31	\$ 11,714.3	\$ 10,989.9

(1) Reinsurance recoverables in this table include only ceded loss and LAE reserves.

(2) Includes paid losses, net of reinsurance, related to commutations.

Gross loss and LAE reserves and reinsurance recoverables as of March 31, 2018 decreased from December 31, 2017, primarily reflecting payments on catastrophe losses incurred in 2017 and favorable prior accident year loss reserve development. The decrease in net losses and LAE reserves was partially offset by the collection of reinsurance

recoverables related to catastrophe losses incurred in 2017.

Table of Contents**(b) Liability Development**

The following table presents the (favorable) unfavorable prior accident year loss reserve development for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
	(\$ in millions)	
Reinsurance Segment		
Property:		
Catastrophe events	\$ (30.4) ⁽¹⁾	\$ (0.4) ⁽²⁾
Non-catastrophe	(11.0) ⁽³⁾	(31.1) ⁽⁴⁾
Total property	(41.4)	(31.5)
Casualty & other:		
Ogden rate impact ⁽⁵⁾	-	24.4
Other	(30.2) ⁽⁶⁾	(31.2) ⁽⁷⁾
Total casualty & other	(30.2)	(6.8)
Total Reinsurance Segment	(71.6)	(38.3)
Insurance Segment		
RSUI:		
Casualty	(11.0) ⁽⁸⁾	(12.2) ⁽⁹⁾
Property and other	(0.1)	3.8 ⁽¹⁰⁾
Total RSUI	(11.1)	(8.4)
CapSpecialty	(3.0) ⁽¹¹⁾	(0.5) ⁽¹²⁾
PacificComp	-	(0.5) ⁽¹³⁾
Total incurred related to prior years	\$ (85.7)	\$ (47.7)

- (1) Reflects favorable prior accident year loss reserve development primarily related to Hurricanes Maria and Harvey that occurred in the 2017 accident year.
- (2) Reflects favorable prior accident year loss reserve development from several catastrophes that occurred in the 2010 through 2016 accident years.

- (3) Reflects favorable prior accident year loss reserve development primarily related to the 2016 and 2017 accident years.
- (4) Reflects favorable prior accident year loss reserve development primarily related to the 2014 through 2016 accident years.
- (5) Represents unfavorable prior accident year loss reserve development arising from the U.K. Ministry of Justice's decision to significantly reduce the discount rate, referred to as the Ogden rate, used to calculate lump-sum bodily injury payouts in personal injury insurance claims in the U.K. As of March 20, 2017, the Ogden rate changed from 2.50 percent to negative 0.75 percent.
- (6) Primarily reflects favorable prior accident year loss reserve development in the shorter-tailed lines of business related to the 2016 and 2017 accident years, and in the shorter-tailed and longer-tailed lines of business related to the 2005 through 2013 accident years.
- (7) Generally reflects favorable prior accident year loss reserve development in a variety of casualty & other lines of business primarily related to the 2010 through 2016 accident years.
- (8) Primarily reflects favorable prior accident year loss reserve development in the umbrella/excess lines of business related to the 2005 through 2012 accident years, partially offset by unfavorable prior accident year loss reserve development in the directors' and officers' liability lines of business related primarily to the 2009 accident year.
- (9) Primarily reflects favorable prior accident year loss reserve development in the umbrella/excess lines of business related to the 2005 through 2011 accident years.
- (10) Primarily reflects unfavorable prior accident year property loss reserve development in the binding authority lines of business related to the 2015 and 2016 accident years.
- (11) Primarily reflects favorable prior accident year loss reserve development in the surety lines of business related to the 2016 and 2017 accident years.
- (12) Primarily reflects favorable prior accident year loss reserve development in the casualty lines of business related to the 2005, 2006 and 2012 accident years.
- (13) Primarily reflects favorable prior accident year loss reserve development related to the 2013 accident year.

6. Income Taxes

The effective tax rate on earnings before income taxes for the first three months of 2018 was 17.9 percent, compared with 28.2 percent for the first three months of 2017. The decrease in the effective tax rate in the first three months of 2018 from the first three months of 2017 primarily reflects the decrease in the corporate federal income tax rate from 35.0 percent to 21.0 percent as a result of

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the Tax Act. There continues to be a degree of uncertainty as to how certain provisions in the Tax Act will be interpreted and implemented in practice in the future.

Alleghany believes that, as of March 31, 2018, it had no material uncertain tax positions. Interest and penalties relating to unrecognized tax expenses (benefits) are recognized in income tax expense, when applicable. There were no material liabilities for interest or penalties accrued as of March 31, 2018.

7. Stockholders Equity**(a) Common Stock Repurchases**

In November 2015, the Alleghany Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of shares of common stock of Alleghany, par value \$1.00 per share (Common Stock), at such times and at prices as management determines to be advisable, up to an aggregate of \$400.0 million (the 2015 Repurchase Program). As of March 31, 2018, Alleghany had \$341.9 million remaining under its share repurchase authorization.

The following table presents the shares of Common Stock that Alleghany repurchased in the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 pursuant to the 2015 Repurchase Program:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2018	2017
Shares repurchased	35,072	-
Cost of shares repurchased (in millions)	\$ 21.3	\$ -
Average price per share repurchased	\$ 606.40	\$ -

(b) Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (loss)

The following table presents a reconciliation of the changes during the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Alleghany stockholders:

	Unrealized Appreciation of Investments	Unrealized Currency Translation Adjustment	Retirement Plans	Total
	(\$ in millions)			
Balance as of January 1, 2018	\$ 718.2	\$ (84.6)	\$ (15.5)	\$ 618.1
Cumulative effect of adoption of new accounting pronouncements ⁽¹⁾ :				
Reclassification of net unrealized gains on equity securities, net of tax	(735.6)	-	-	(735.6)
Reclassification of stranded taxes	156.6	(18.2)	(3.3)	135.1

Total	(579.0)	(18.2)	(3.3)	(600.5)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:				
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	(146.4)	5.1	(1.3)	(142.6)
Reclassifications from accumulated other comprehensive income	1.4	-	-	1.4
Total	(145.0)	5.1	(1.3)	(141.2)
Balance as of March 31, 2018	\$ (5.8)	\$ (97.7)	\$ (20.1)	\$ (123.6)
	Unrealized Appreciation of Investments	Unrealized Currency Translation Adjustment	Retirement Plans	Total
Balance as of January 1, 2017	\$ 232.2	\$ (111.2)	\$ (11.7)	\$ 109.3
Cumulative effect of adoption of new accounting pronouncements ⁽¹⁾	12.9	-	-	12.9
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:				
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	124.9	5.1	(0.4)	129.6
Reclassifications from accumulated other comprehensive income	(36.7)	-	-	(36.7)
Total	88.2	5.1	(0.4)	92.9
Balance as of March 31, 2017	\$ 333.3	\$ (106.1)	\$ (12.1)	\$ 215.1

(1) See Note 1(c) of this Form 10-Q for additional information regarding Alleghany's adoption of new investment accounting guidance and adoption of new guidance on certain tax effects caused by the Tax Act.

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The following table presents reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income attributable to Alleghany stockholders during the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017:

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Component	Line in Consolidated Statement of Earnings	Three Months Ended	
		2018	2017
		March 31, (\$ in millions)	
Unrealized appreciation of investments:	Net realized capital gains ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1.2	\$ (59.6)
	Other than temporary impairment losses	0.5	3.2
	Income taxes	(0.3)	19.7
Total reclassifications:	Net earnings	\$ 1.4	\$ (36.7)

(1) For the first three months of 2018, excludes a \$45.7 million pre-tax gain from AIHL's conversion of its limited partnership interests in certain subsidiaries of Ares into Ares common units. See Note 3(g) of this Form 10-Q for additional information.

(c) Special Dividend

In February 2018, the Alleghany Board of Directors declared a special dividend of \$10 per share for stockholders of record on March 5, 2018. On March 15, 2018, Alleghany paid dividends to stockholders totaling \$154.0 million.

8. Earnings Per Share of Common Stock

The following table presents a reconciliation of the earnings and share data used in the basic and diluted earnings per share computations for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017:

	Three Months Ended	
	2018	2017
	March 31, (\$ in millions, except share amounts)	
Net earnings available to Alleghany stockholders	\$ 171.6	\$ 149.2
Effect of dilutive securities	(1.3)	-
Income available to common stockholders for diluted earnings per share	\$ 170.3	\$ 149.2
Weighted average common shares outstanding applicable to basic earnings per share	15,389,283	15,413,698

Effect of dilutive securities	29,381	6,770
Adjusted weighted average common shares outstanding applicable to diluted earnings per share	15,418,664	15,420,468

23,777 and 57,756 contingently issuable shares were potentially available during the first three months of 2018 and 2017, respectively, but were not included in the diluted earnings per share computations because the impact was anti-dilutive to the earnings per share calculation.

9. Commitments and Contingencies

(a) Legal Proceedings

Certain of Alleghany's subsidiaries are parties to pending litigation and claims in connection with the ordinary course of their businesses. Each such subsidiary makes provisions for estimated losses to be incurred in such litigation and claims, including legal costs. In the opinion of management, such provisions are adequate, and management does not believe that any pending litigation will have a material adverse effect on Alleghany's consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

(b) Leases

Alleghany and its subsidiaries lease certain facilities, furniture and equipment under long-term lease agreements. Additional information about leases can be found in Note 12(b) to Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part II, Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of the 2017 Form 10-K.

(c) Energy Holdings

As of March 31, 2018, Alleghany had holdings in energy sector businesses of \$926.7 million, comprised of \$323.9 million of debt securities, \$460.9 million of equity securities and \$141.9 million of Alleghany's equity attributable to SORC.

Table of Contents**10. Segments of Business*****(a) Overview***

Alleghany's segments are reported in a manner consistent with the way management evaluates the businesses. As such, Alleghany classifies its business into three reportable segments—reinsurance, insurance and Alleghany Capital. Alleghany determined that Alleghany Capital qualified as a reportable segment in the first quarter of 2018, reflecting the increased significance of its business to Alleghany and its projected growth.

Reinsurance and insurance underwriting activities are evaluated separately from investment and other activities. Segment accounting policies are described in Note 1 to Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of the 2017 Form 10-K.

The reinsurance segment consists of property and casualty reinsurance operations conducted by TransRe's reinsurance operating subsidiaries and is further reported through two major product lines—property and casualty & other. TransRe provides property and casualty reinsurance to insurers and reinsurers through brokers and on a direct basis to ceding companies. TransRe also writes a modest amount of insurance business, which is included in the reinsurance segment. A significant portion of the premiums earned by TransRe's operations are generated by offices located in Canada, Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa and those serving Latin America and the Caribbean. Although the majority of the premiums earned by these offices typically relate to the regions where they are located, a significant portion may be derived from other regions of the world, including the U.S. In addition, although a significant portion of the assets and liabilities of these foreign offices generally relate to the countries where ceding companies and reinsurers are located, most investments are located in the country of domicile of these offices.

The insurance segment consists of property and casualty insurance operations conducted in the U.S. by AIHL through its insurance operating subsidiaries RSUI, CapSpecialty and, prior to its sale on December 31, 2017, PacificComp. RSUI also writes a modest amount of assumed reinsurance business, which is included in the insurance segment.

The Alleghany Capital segment consists of industrial operations, non-industrial operations and corporate operations and investments at the Alleghany Capital level. Industrial operations are conducted through Bourn & Koch, Kentucky Trailer, W&WIAFCO Steel, beginning April 28, 2017, and Alleghany Capital's investment in Wilbert, beginning August 1, 2017. Non-industrial operations are conducted through IPS and Jazwares. On August 1, 2017, Alleghany Capital acquired a 45 percent equity interest in Wilbert. On April 28, 2017, Alleghany Capital acquired approximately 80 percent of the equity in W&WIAFCO Steel.

On February 7, 2018, W&WIAFCO Steel acquired the outstanding equity of Hirschfeld, a leading fabricator of steel bridges and structural steel for stadiums, airports and other large commercial and industrial projects, for \$111.3 million, consisting of \$96.6 million in cash and \$14.7 million of incremental debt. The acquisition-date consideration transferred and purchase price allocation to the acquired assets and liabilities of Hirschfeld were based on estimated fair values that have not been finalized. As a result, the fair value recorded for these items is a provisional estimate and may be subject to adjustment. Once completed, any adjustment resulting from the valuations may impact the individual amounts recorded for assets acquired and liabilities assumed, as well as the residual goodwill. The acquisition accounting for Hirschfeld is expected to be finalized during the second quarter of 2018.

Corporate activities are not classified as a segment. The primary components of corporate activities are Alleghany Properties, SORC and activities at the Alleghany parent company.

In addition, corporate activities include interest expense associated with the senior notes issued by Alleghany, whereas interest expense associated with senior notes issued by TransRe is included in Total Segments and interest expense associated with other debt is included in Alleghany Capital. Information related to the senior notes and other debt can be found in Note 8 to Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of the 2017 Form 10-K.

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The following tables present the results for Alleghany's three reportable segments and for corporate activities for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017:

Category	Reinsurance Segment		Insurance Segment				Subtotal	Alleghany Capital	Total Segments	Corporate Activities
	Casualty & Other ⁽¹⁾	Total	RSUI	Cap Specialty	Pacific Comp	Total				
(\$ in millions)										
2017	\$ 718.4	\$ 1,115.6	\$ 274.6	\$ 74.5	\$ 349.1	\$ 1,464.7	\$ -	\$ 1,464.7	\$ -	\$ -
2018	691.9	997.0	187.0	69.3	256.3	1,253.3	-	1,253.3	-	-
2017	685.1	960.2	180.9	66.7	247.6	1,207.8	-	1,207.8	-	-
2018	442.8	539.4	96.9	34.3	131.2	670.6	-	670.6	-	-
2017	228.9	322.0	53.5	30.8	84.3	406.3	-	406.3	-	-
2018	\$ 13.4	\$ 98.8	\$ 30.5	\$ 1.6	\$ 32.1	130.9	-	130.9	-	-
2017						118.4	1.9	120.3		
2018						(13.9)	-	(13.9)		
2017						43.8	0.7	44.5		
2018						(0.5)	-	(0.5)		
2017						5.7	242.7	248.4		
2018						17.0	240.0	257.0		
2017						(0.3)	-	(0.3)		
2018						(0.1)	5.4	5.3		
2017						6.7	1.3	8.0		
2018						\$ 261.1	\$ (1.4)	\$ 259.7		

Category	Reinsurance Segment		Insurance Segment				Subtotal	Alleghany Capital	Total Segments	Corporate Activities
	Casualty & Other ⁽¹⁾	Total	RSUI	Cap Specialty	Pacific Comp	Total				
(\$ in millions)										
2017	\$ 680.3	\$ 1,055.7	\$ 264.4	\$ 65.6	\$ 40.7	\$ 370.7	\$ 1,426.4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2018	664.2	949.4	182.6	61.0	40.1	283.7	1,233.1	-	-	-
2017	639.3	926.1	182.7	62.1	38.3	283.1	1,209.2	-	-	-
2018	435.3	557.1	80.6	33.1	28.5	142.2	699.3	-	-	-
2017	224.8	315.6	54.8	27.7	10.4	92.9	408.5	-	-	-
2018	\$ (20.8)	\$ 53.4	\$ 47.3	\$ 1.3	\$ (0.6)	\$ 48.0	101.4	-	-	-

	112.2	0.4
urities	-	-
	60.2	(0.1)
es	(3.2)	-
	2.5	144.7
	23.2	141.5
	0.8	-
	(0.5)	4.3
	6.8	0.9
	\$ 242.8	\$ (1.7)

- (1) Primarily consists of the following assumed reinsurance lines of business: directors and officers liability; errors and omissions liability; general liability; medical malpractice; ocean marine and aviation; auto liability; accident and health; surety; and credit.
- (2) Includes elimination of minor reinsurance activity between segments.
- (3) Underwriting profit represents net premiums earned less net loss and LAE and commissions, brokerage and other underwriting expenses, all as determined in accordance with GAAP, and does not include net investment income, change in the fair value of equity securities, net realized capital gains, OTTI losses, noninsurance revenue, other operating expenses, corporate administration, amortization of intangible assets or interest expense. Underwriting profit does not replace earnings before income taxes determined in accordance with GAAP as a measure of profitability. Rather, Alleghany believes that underwriting profit enhances the understanding of its reinsurance and insurance segments operating results by highlighting net earnings attributable to their underwriting performance. Earnings before income taxes (a GAAP measure) may show a profit despite an underlying underwriting loss. Where underwriting losses persist over extended periods, a reinsurance or an insurance company's ability to continue as an ongoing concern may be at risk. Therefore, Alleghany views underwriting profit as an important measure in the overall evaluation of performance.

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The following table presents identifiable assets, the portion of identifiable assets related to cash and invested assets, and equity attributable to Alleghany, for Alleghany's three reportable segments and for corporate activities as of March 31, 2018:

	Identifiable Assets	Invested Assets and Cash (\$ in millions)	Equity Attributable to Alleghany
Reinsurance segment	\$ 16,515.3	\$ 13,422.5	\$ 5,155.3
Insurance segment	6,692.9	5,143.1	2,854.3
Subtotal	23,208.2	18,565.6	8,009.6
Alleghany Capital	1,306.0	149.8	797.1
Total segments	24,514.2	18,715.4	8,806.7
Corporate activities	583.0	484.9	(433.3)
Consolidated	\$ 25,097.2	\$ 19,200.3	\$ 8,373.4

Included in Alleghany Capital is debt associated with its operating subsidiaries, which totaled \$156.9 million as of March 31, 2018. The \$156.9 million includes \$78.9 million of borrowings by W&WIAFCO Steel under its available credit facility and term loans (including borrowings incurred and assumed from its acquisition of Hirschfeld), \$41.0 million of borrowings by Jazwares under its available credit facility, \$14.8 million of term loans at Bourn & Koch related to borrowings to finance an acquisition and borrowings under its available credit facility, \$13.3 million of borrowings by IPS under its available credit facility, and \$8.9 million of debt at Kentucky Trailer related primarily to borrowings to finance small acquisitions. None of these liabilities are guaranteed by Alleghany or Alleghany Capital.

(d) Alleghany Capital Noninsurance Revenue

For Alleghany Capital's industrial and non-industrial operations, noninsurance revenue consists of the sale of manufactured goods and services. The following table presents noninsurance revenue for the Alleghany Capital segment for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017:

	Three months ended	
	March 31,	
	2018	2017
	(\$ in millions)	
Industrial	\$ 145.5	\$ 41.9
Non-Industrial	97.1	102.8
Corporate & other	0.1	-

Alleghany Capital	\$	242.7	\$	144.7
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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

The following is a discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our unaudited consolidated financial statements and Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part I, Item 1, Financial Statements of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, or this Form 10-Q, and our audited consolidated financial statements and Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, or the 2017 Form 10-K.

References in this Form 10-Q to the Company, Alleghany, we, us, and our refer to Alleghany Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries unless the context otherwise requires. In addition, unless the context otherwise requires, references to

TransRe are to our wholly-owned reinsurance holding company subsidiary Transatlantic Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries;

AIHL are to our wholly-owned insurance holding company subsidiary Alleghany Insurance Holdings LLC;

RSUI are to our wholly-owned subsidiary RSUI Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries;

CapSpecialty are to our wholly-owned subsidiary CapSpecialty, Inc. and its subsidiaries;

PacificComp are to our former wholly-owned subsidiary Pacific Compensation Corporation and its subsidiary, which were sold on December 31, 2017;

AIHL Re are to our wholly-owned subsidiary AIHL Re LLC;

Roundwood are to our wholly-owned subsidiary Roundwood Asset Management LLC;

Alleghany Capital are to our wholly-owned subsidiary Alleghany Capital Corporation and its subsidiaries;

SORC are to our wholly-owned subsidiary Stranded Oil Resources Corporation and its subsidiaries;

Bourn & Koch are to our majority-owned subsidiary Bourn & Koch, Inc. and its subsidiary;

Kentucky Trailer are to our majority-owned subsidiary R.C. Tway Company, LLC and its subsidiaries;

IPS are to our majority-owned subsidiary IPS-Integrated Project Services, LLC and its subsidiaries;

Jazwares are to our majority-owned subsidiary Jazwares, LLC and its subsidiaries and affiliates;

W&WIAFCO Steel are to our majority-owned subsidiary WWSC Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries; and

Alleghany Properties are to our wholly-owned subsidiary Alleghany Properties Holdings LLC and its subsidiaries.

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Note on Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this Form 10-Q may be deemed to be forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as may, will, expect, project, estimate, anticipate, plan, believe, potential, should or the use of those words or other comparable words. Forward-looking statements do not relate solely to historical or current facts, rather they are based on management's expectations as well as certain assumptions and estimates made by, and information available to, management at the time. These statements are not guarantees of future performance. These forward-looking statements are based upon Alleghany's current expectations and are subject to a number of uncertainties and risks that could significantly affect current plans, anticipated actions and Alleghany's future financial condition and results. Factors that could cause these forward-looking statements to differ, possibly materially, from that currently contemplated include:

significant weather-related or other natural or man-made catastrophes and disasters;

the cyclical nature of the property and casualty reinsurance and insurance industries;

changes in market prices of our significant equity investments and changes in value of our debt securities portfolio;

adverse loss development for events insured by our reinsurance and insurance subsidiaries in either the current year or prior years;

the long-tail and potentially volatile nature of certain casualty lines of business written by our reinsurance and insurance subsidiaries;

the cost and availability of reinsurance;

the reliance by our reinsurance and insurance operating subsidiaries on a limited number of brokers;

legal, political, judicial and regulatory changes;

increases in the levels of risk retention by our reinsurance and insurance subsidiaries;

changes in the ratings assigned to our reinsurance and insurance subsidiaries;

claims development and the process of estimating reserves;

exposure to terrorist acts and acts of war;

the willingness and ability of our reinsurance and insurance subsidiaries reinsurers to pay reinsurance recoverables owed to our reinsurance and insurance subsidiaries;

the uncertain nature of damage theories and loss amounts;

the loss of key personnel of our reinsurance or insurance operating subsidiaries;

fluctuation in foreign currency exchange rates;

the failure to comply with the restrictive covenants contained in the agreements governing our indebtedness;

the ability to make payments on, or repay or refinance, our debt;

risks inherent in international operations; and

difficult and volatile conditions in the global market.

Additional risks and uncertainties include general economic and political conditions, including the effects of a prolonged U.S. or global economic downturn or recession; changes in costs; variations in political, economic or other factors; risks relating to conducting operations in a competitive environment; effects of acquisition and disposition activities, inflation rates, or recessionary or expansive trends; changes in interest rates; extended labor disruptions, civil unrest, or other external factors over which we have no control; changes in our plans, strategies, objectives, expectations, or intentions, which may happen at any time at our discretion; and other factors discussed in the 2017 Form 10-K and subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made and are based on information available at that time. Alleghany does not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent circumstances or events. See Part I, Item 1A, Risk Factors of the 2017 Form 10-K for additional information.

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Throughout this Form 10-Q, our analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based on our consolidated financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S., or GAAP. Our results of operations have been presented in the way that we believe will be the most meaningful and useful to investors, analysts, rating agencies and others who use financial information in evaluating our performance. This presentation includes the use of underwriting profit and operating earnings before income taxes, which are non-GAAP financial measures, as such term is defined in Item 10(e) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the SEC. The presentation of these financial measures is not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for, or superior to, financial information prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP. These measures may also be different from non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies, limiting their usefulness for comparison purposes. A discussion of our calculation and use of these financial measures is provided below.

Underwriting profit is a non-GAAP financial measure for our reinsurance and insurance segments. Underwriting profit represents net premiums earned less net loss and loss adjustment expenses, or LAE, and commissions, brokerage and other underwriting expenses, all as determined in accordance with GAAP and does not include: (i) net investment income; (ii) change in the fair value of equity securities; (iii) net realized capital gains; (iv) other than temporary impairment, or OTTI, losses; (v) noninsurance revenue; (vi) other operating expenses; (vii) corporate administration; (viii) amortization of intangible assets; and (ix) interest expense. We use underwriting profit as a supplement to earnings before income taxes, the most comparable GAAP financial measure, to evaluate the performance of our reinsurance and insurance segments and believe that underwriting profit provides useful additional information to investors because it highlights net earnings attributable to our reinsurance and insurance segments underwriting performance. Earnings before income taxes may show a profit despite an underlying underwriting loss, and when underwriting losses persist over extended periods, a reinsurance or an insurance company's ability to continue as an ongoing concern may be at risk. A reconciliation of underwriting profit to earnings before income taxes is presented within Consolidated Results of Operations.

Operating earnings before income taxes is a non-GAAP financial measure for our noninsurance operating subsidiaries and investments in the Alleghany Capital segment. Operating earnings before income taxes represents noninsurance revenue less all operating expenses, and does not include: (i) amortization of intangible assets; (ii) change in the fair value of equity securities; (iii) net realized capital gains; (iv) OTTI losses; and (v) income taxes. Because operating earnings before tax excludes income taxes, change in the fair value of equity securities, net realized capital gains, OTTI losses, and amortization of intangible assets, it provides an indication of economic performance that is not affected by investment activity, levels of effective tax rates or levels of amortization resulting from acquisition accounting. We use operating earnings before income taxes as a supplement to earnings before income taxes, the most comparable GAAP financial measure, to evaluate the performance of certain of our noninsurance operating subsidiaries and investments. A reconciliation of operating earnings before income taxes to earnings before income taxes is presented within Consolidated Results of Operations.

In prior filings, we used Adjusted EBITDA as a non-GAAP financial measure for our noninsurance operating subsidiaries and investments held by Alleghany Capital. We believe that operating earnings before income taxes is a more useful non-GAAP financial measure, as it reflects: (i) ongoing capital expenditures through the inclusion of depreciation expense (a component of other operating expenses); and (ii) ongoing levels of debt through the inclusion of interest expenses.

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Overview

The following overview does not address all of the matters covered in the other sections of Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations or contain all of the information that may be important to our stockholders or the investing public. This overview should be read in conjunction with the other sections of Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Net earnings attributable to Alleghany stockholders were \$171.6 million in the first quarter of 2018, compared with \$149.2 million in the first quarter of 2017, an increase of 15 percent.

Earnings before income taxes were \$208.6 million in the first quarter of 2018, compared with \$207.9 million in the first quarter of 2017.

Net investment income increased by 7.4 percent in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017.

Net premiums written increased by 1.6 percent in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017.

Underwriting profit was \$130.9 million in the first quarter of 2018, compared with \$101.4 million in the first quarter of 2017.

The combined ratio for our reinsurance and insurance segments was 89.1 percent in the first quarter of 2018, compared with 91.6 percent in the first quarter of 2017.

Catastrophe losses, net of reinsurance, were \$4.1 million in the first quarter of 2018, compared with \$4.6 million in the first quarter of 2017.

Net favorable prior accident year loss reserve development was \$85.7 million in the first quarter of 2018, compared with \$47.7 million in the first quarter of 2017.

Noninsurance revenues for Alleghany Capital were \$242.7 million in the first quarter of 2018, compared with \$144.7 million in the first quarter of 2017.

Losses before income taxes for Alleghany Capital were \$1.4 million in the first quarter of 2018, compared with \$1.7 million in the first quarter of 2017. Operating earnings before income taxes was \$3.3 million in the first quarter of 2018, compared with \$2.7 million in the first quarter of 2017.

As of March 31, 2018, we had total assets of \$25.1 billion and total stockholders' equity attributable to Alleghany stockholders of \$8.4 billion. As of March 31, 2018, we had consolidated total investments of approximately \$18.5 billion, consisting of \$12.1 billion invested in debt securities, \$4.5 billion invested in equity securities, \$0.6 billion invested in short-term investments, \$0.7 billion invested in commercial mortgage loans and \$0.6 billion invested in other invested assets.

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The following table presents our consolidated revenues, costs and expenses and earnings.

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
	(\$ in millions)	
Revenues		
Net premiums earned	\$ 1,207.8	\$ 1,209.2
Net investment income	124.1	115.5
Change in the fair value of equity securities	(42.5)	-
Net realized capital gains	44.5	59.6
Other than temporary impairment losses	(0.5)	(3.2)
Noninsurance revenue	251.6	151.3
 Total revenues	 1,585.0	 1,532.4
Costs and Expenses		
Net loss and loss adjustment expenses	670.6	699.3
Commissions, brokerage and other underwriting expenses	406.3	408.5
Other operating expenses	264.9	175.1
Corporate administration	7.8	16.9
Amortization of intangible assets	5.3	3.8
Interest expense	21.5	20.9
 Total costs and expenses	 1,376.4	 1,324.5
 Earnings before income taxes	 208.6	 207.9
Income taxes	37.4	58.5
 Net earnings	 171.2	 149.4
Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interest	(0.4)	0.2
 Net earnings attributable to Alleghany stockholders	 \$ 171.6	 \$ 149.2

Alleghany's segments are reported in a manner consistent with the way management evaluates the businesses. As such, Alleghany classifies its business into three reportable segments—reinsurance, insurance and Alleghany Capital. Alleghany determined that Alleghany Capital qualified as a reportable segment in the first quarter of 2018, reflecting the increased significance of its business to Alleghany and its projected growth. Corporate activities are not classified as a segment.

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See Note 10 to Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part I, Item 1, Financial Statements of this Form 10-Q for additional detail on our segments and other activities. The tables below present the results for our segments and for other activities for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017.

	Segments					
	Reinsurance Segment	Insurance Segment	Subtotal	Alleghany Capital	Total Segments	Corporate Activities ⁽¹⁾ C
Three Months Ended March 31, 2018						
				(\$ in millions)		
Premiums written	\$ 1,115.6	\$ 349.1	\$ 1,464.7	\$ -	\$ 1,464.7	\$ (6.0)
Claims written	997.0	256.3	1,253.3	-	1,253.3	-
Claims earned	960.2	247.6	1,207.8	-	1,207.8	-
Underwriting Loss and LAE:						
Underwriting Loss (excluding catastrophe losses)	611.0	141.2	752.2	-	752.2	-
Underwriting Loss catastrophe losses	-	4.1	4.1	-	4.1	-
Reserves	(71.6)	(14.1)	(85.7)	-	(85.7)	-
Underwriting Loss and LAE	539.4	131.2	670.6	-	670.6	-
Commissions, brokerage and other underwriting expenses	322.0	84.3	406.3	-	406.3	-
Operating profit ⁽²⁾	\$ 98.8	\$ 32.1	130.9	-	130.9	-
Operating income			118.4	1.9	120.3	3.8
Change in the fair value of equity securities			(13.9)	-	(13.9)	(28.6)
Net capital gains			43.8	0.7	44.5	-
Temporary impairment losses			(0.5)	-	(0.5)	-
License revenue			5.7	242.7	248.4	3.2
Operating expenses			17.0	240.0	257.0	7.9
Administration			(0.3)	-	(0.3)	8.1
Amortization of intangible assets			(0.1)	5.4	5.3	-
Depreciation expense			6.7	1.3	8.0	13.5
Operating profit (losses) before income taxes			\$ 261.1	\$ (1.4)	\$ 259.7	\$ (51.1)
Operating profit (losses):						
Operating profit (losses) (excluding catastrophe losses)	63.7%	57.0%	62.3%			
Operating profit (losses) catastrophe losses	- %	1.7%	0.3%			
Operating profit (losses) reserves	(7.5%)	(5.7%)	(7.1%)			
Operating profit (losses) and LAE	56.2%	53.0%	55.5%			
Operating profit (losses) ratio ⁽⁴⁾	33.5%	34.0%	33.6%			

ratio ⁽⁵⁾	89.7%	87.0%	89.1%
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ended March 31, 2017	Segments			Alleghany Capital (\$ in millions)	Total Segments	Corporate Activities ⁽¹⁾
	Reinsurance Segment	Insurance Segment	Subtotal			
Written	\$ 1,055.7	\$ 370.7	\$ 1,426.4	\$ -	\$ 1,426.4	\$ (5.6)
Rewritten	949.4	283.7	1,233.1	-	1,233.1	-
Earned	926.1	283.1	1,209.2	-	1,209.2	-
Operating Profit:						
(including catastrophe losses)	595.4	147.0	742.4	-	742.4	-
Catastrophe losses	-	4.6	4.6	-	4.6	-
	(38.3)	(9.4)	(47.7)	-	(47.7)	-
and LAE	557.1	142.2	699.3	-	699.3	-
brokerage and other underwriting expenses	315.6	92.9	408.5	-	408.5	-
Profit ⁽²⁾	\$ 53.4	\$ 48.0	101.4	-	101.4	-
Investment income			112.2	0.4	112.6	2.9
Change in fair value of equity securities			-	-	-	-
Capital gains			60.2	(0.1)	60.1	(0.5)
Provision for impairment losses			(3.2)	-	(3.2)	-
Revenue			2.5	144.7	147.2	4.1
Underwriting expenses			23.2	141.5	164.7	10.4
Administrative expenses			0.8	-	0.8	16.1
Change in intangible assets			(0.5)	4.3	3.8	-
			6.8	0.9	7.7	13.2
Profit before income taxes			\$ 242.8	\$ (1.7)	\$ 241.1	\$ (33.2)
Operating Profit as a Percentage of Earned Premiums:						
(including catastrophe losses)	64.3%	51.9%	61.3%			
Catastrophe losses	- %	1.6%	0.4%			
	(4.1%)	(3.3%)	(3.9%)			
and LAE	60.2%	50.2%	57.8%			
	34.1%	32.8%	33.8%			
Profit ⁽²⁾	94.3%	83.0%	91.6%			

(1) Includes elimination of minor reinsurance activity between segments.

(2) Underwriting profit represents net premiums earned less net loss and LAE and commissions, brokerage and other underwriting expenses, all as determined in accordance with GAAP, and does not include net investment income, change in the fair value of equity securities, net realized capital gains, OTTI losses, noninsurance revenue, other

operating expenses, corporate administration, amortization of intangible assets and interest expense. Underwriting profit is a non-GAAP financial measure and does not replace earnings before income taxes determined in accordance with GAAP as a measure of profitability. See Comment on Non-GAAP Financial Measures herein for additional detail on the presentation of our results of operations.

- (3) The loss ratio is derived by dividing the amount of net loss and LAE by net premiums earned, all as determined in accordance with GAAP.
- (4) The expense ratio is derived by dividing the amount of commissions, brokerage and other underwriting expenses by net premiums earned, all as determined in accordance with GAAP.
- (5) The combined ratio is the sum of the loss ratio and the expense ratio, all as determined in accordance with GAAP. The combined ratio represents the percentage of each premium dollar a reinsurance or an insurance company has to spend on net loss and LAE, and commissions, brokerage and other underwriting expenses.

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Premiums. The following table presents our consolidated premiums.

	Three Months Ended		Percent Change
	2018	2017	
	March 31, (\$ in millions)		
Premiums written:			
Gross premiums written	\$ 1,458.7	\$ 1,420.8	2.7%
Net premiums written	1,253.3	1,233.1	1.6%
Net premiums earned	1,207.8	1,209.2	(0.1%)

The increases in gross and net premiums written in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017 are primarily attributable to increases at our reinsurance segment, as well as growth at CapSpecialty and, to a lesser extent, RSUI, partially offset by the impact of the sale of PacificComp on December 31, 2017. The increases at our reinsurance segment in gross and net premiums written in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017 primarily reflect the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and increases in domestic business, partially offset by a decrease in premiums written related to a large whole account quota share treaty, or the Quota Share Treaty. Premiums related to the Quota Share Treaty were \$184.0 million and \$190.2 million in the first quarter of 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Net premiums earned in the first quarter of 2018 approximated net premiums earned in the first quarter of 2017, reflecting an increase at our reinsurance segment due mainly to the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and an increase in net premiums written, offset by a decrease at our insurance segment due primarily to the impact of sale of PacificComp on December 31, 2017.

A detailed comparison of premiums by segment for the first quarter of 2018 and 2017 is contained in the following pages.

Net loss and LAE. The following table presents our consolidated net loss and LAE.

	Three Months Ended		Percent Change
	2018	2017	
	March 31, (\$ in millions)		
Net loss and LAE:			
Current year (excluding catastrophe losses)	\$ 752.2	\$ 742.4	1.3%
Current year catastrophe losses	4.1	4.6	(10.9%)
Prior years	(85.7)	(47.7)	79.7%
Total net loss and LAE	\$ 670.6	\$ 699.3	(4.1%)

Loss ratio:

Current year (excluding catastrophe losses)	62.3%	61.3%
Current year catastrophe losses	0.3%	0.4%
Prior years	(7.1%)	(3.9%)
Total net loss and LAE	55.5%	57.8%

The decrease in net loss and LAE in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017 primarily reflects a decrease at our insurance segment due to the impact of the sale of PacificComp on December 31, 2017, partially offset by higher non-catastrophe property losses incurred at RSUI, and a decrease at our reinsurance segment due to an increase in favorable prior accident year loss reserve development.

Net loss and LAE in the first quarter of 2017 for the reinsurance segment includes \$24.4 million of unfavorable prior accident year loss reserve development arising from the U.K. Ministry of Justice's decision to significantly reduce the discount rate, referred to as the Ogden rate, used to calculate lump-sum bodily injury payouts in personal injury insurance claims in the U.K.

A detailed comparison of net loss and LAE by segment for the first quarter of 2018 and 2017 is contained in the following pages.

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Commissions, brokerage and other underwriting expenses. The following table presents our consolidated commissions, brokerage and other underwriting expenses.

	Three Months Ended		Percent Change
	2018	2017	
	March 31,		
	(\$ in millions)		
Commissions, brokerage and other underwriting expenses	\$ 406.3	\$ 408.5	(0.5%)

Expense ratio 33.6% 33.8%

The slight decrease in commissions, brokerage and other underwriting expenses in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017 primarily reflects a decrease at our insurance segment due to the impact of the sale of PacificComp on December 31, 2017, partially offset by an increase at our reinsurance segment due primarily to the impact of higher net premiums earned.

A detailed comparison of commissions, brokerage and other underwriting expenses by segment for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 is contained in the following pages.

Underwriting profit. The following table presents our consolidated underwriting profit.

	Three Months Ended		Percent Change
	2018	2017	
	March 31,		
	(\$ in millions)		
Underwriting profit	\$ 130.9	\$ 101.4	29.1%

Combined ratio 89.1% 91.6%

The increase in underwriting profit in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017 reflects an increase at our reinsurance segment due to an increase in favorable prior accident year loss reserve development, partially offset by a decrease at our insurance segment due primarily to higher non-catastrophe property losses incurred at RSUI, all as discussed above.

A detailed comparison of underwriting profit by segment for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 is contained in the following pages.

Investment results. The following table presents our consolidated investment results.

Three Months Ended

	March 31,		Percent Change
	2018	2017	
	(\$ in millions)		
Net investment income	\$ 124.1	\$ 115.5	7.4%
Change in the fair value of equity securities	(42.5)	-	
Net realized capital gains	44.5	59.6	(25.3%)
Other than temporary impairment losses	(0.5)	(3.2)	(84.4%)

The increase in net investment income in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017 primarily reflects higher dividend income arising from an increase in the size of the equity securities portfolio and higher interest income, partially offset by higher performance-based investment fees from our outside investment advisors. The increase in interest income primarily reflects higher yields on short-term investments and floating-rate debt securities, and higher income from funds withheld, partially offset by the impact of the sale of PacificComp as of December 31, 2017.

In addition, net investment income in the first quarter of 2018 reflects higher partnership income at AIHL, partially offset by lower partnership income at TransRe and RSUI. AIHL's partnership income includes a \$12.9 million increase in carrying value of AIHL's limited partnership interests in certain subsidiaries of Ares Management LLC, or Ares. See Note 3(g) to Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part I, Item 1, Financial Statements of this Form 10-Q for additional information.

In the first quarter of 2018, we adopted new accounting guidance which required changes in the fair value of equity securities, except those accounted for under the equity method, to be recognized in net income. See Note 1(c) to Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part I, Item 1, Financial Statements of this Form 10-Q for additional information regarding our adoption of this new investment accounting guidance.

Change in the fair value of equity securities in the first quarter of 2018 reflects a modest decline in the value of our equity securities portfolio, primarily from certain exchange-traded funds and holdings in the energy sector.

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The decrease in net realized capital gains in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017 primarily reflects a lack of net realized capital gains from equity securities in the first quarter of 2018 as a consequence of our adoption of the new accounting guidance discussed above, partially offset by a \$45.7 million gain on AIHL's conversion of a portion of its limited partnership interests in certain subsidiaries of Ares into Ares common units. See Note 3(g) to Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part I, Item 1, "Financial Statements" of this Form 10-Q for additional information on AIHL's conversion.

The decrease in OTTI losses in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017 primarily reflects a lack of impairments from equity securities in the first quarter of 2018 as a consequence of our adoption of the new accounting guidance, as discussed above.

A detailed comparison of investment results for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 is contained in the following pages.

Noninsurance revenue and expenses. The following table presents our consolidated noninsurance revenue and expenses.

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Percent Change
	2018	2017	
	(\$ in millions)		
Noninsurance revenue	\$ 251.6	\$ 151.3	66.3%
Other operating expenses	264.9	175.1	51.3%
Corporate administration	7.8	16.9	(53.8%)
Amortization of intangible assets	5.3	3.8	39.5%
Interest expense	21.5	20.9	2.9%

Noninsurance revenue and Other operating expenses. Noninsurance revenue and other operating expenses primarily include sales revenues and expenses associated with our Alleghany Capital segment. Other operating expenses also include the long-term incentive compensation of our reinsurance and insurance segments, which totaled \$14.3 million and \$21.4 million in the first quarter of 2018 and 2017, respectively. The decrease in long-term incentive compensation at our reinsurance and insurance segments in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017 primarily reflects the impact of a decline in unrealized appreciation on our debt securities portfolio in the first three months of 2018 on incentive compensation expense accruals at TransRe and RSUI.

On April 28, 2017, Alleghany Capital acquired approximately 80 percent of the equity in W&WIAFCO Steel. On February 7, 2018, W&WIAFCO Steel acquired the outstanding equity of Hirschfeld Holdings, LP, or Hirschfeld, a leading fabricator of steel bridges and structural steel for stadiums, airports and other large commercial and industrial projects, for \$111.3 million.

The increases in noninsurance revenue and other operating expenses in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017 primarily reflect the acquisitions of W&WIAFCO Steel and, to a lesser extent, Hirschfeld.

Corporate administration. The decrease in corporate administration expense in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017 primarily reflects a decrease in Alleghany's long-term expense accruals due to the impact of a decline in unrealized appreciation on our debt securities portfolio in the first three months of 2018.

Amortization of intangible assets. The increase in amortization expenses in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017 primarily reflects the amortization of net intangible assets related to the acquisition of W&WIAFCO Steel and, to a lesser extent, Hirschfeld.

Interest expense. The increase in interest expense in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017 primarily reflects borrowings at W&WIAFCO Steel and, to a lesser extent, Hirschfeld.

A detailed comparison of noninsurance revenues and expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 is contained in the following pages.

Income taxes. The following table presents our consolidated income tax expense.

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Percent Change
	2018	2017	
	(\$ in millions)		
Income taxes	\$ 37.4	\$ 58.5	(36.1%)
Effective tax rate	17.9%	28.2%	

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The decreases in income taxes and the effective tax rate in the first three months of 2018 from the first three months of 2017 primarily reflects the decrease in the corporate federal income tax rate from 35.0 percent to 21.0 percent as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, or the Tax Act.

Net earnings. The following table presents our consolidated earnings.

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Percent Change
	2018	2017	
	(\$ in millions)		
Earnings before income taxes	\$ 208.6	\$ 207.9	0.3%
Net earnings attributable to Alleghany stockholders	171.6	149.2	15.0%

Earnings before income taxes in the first quarter of 2018 approximated earnings before income taxes in the first quarter of 2017, primarily reflecting higher underwriting profits offset by a decline in the value of our equity securities portfolio in the first quarter of 2018, all as discussed above.

The increase in net earnings attributable to Alleghany stockholders primarily reflects lower income tax expenses, as discussed above.

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The reinsurance segment is comprised of TransRe's property and casualty & other lines of business. TransRe also writes a modest amount of property and casualty insurance business, which is included in the reinsurance segment. For a more detailed description of our reinsurance segment, see Part I, Item 1, Business Segment Information Reinsurance Segment of the 2017 Form 10-K.

The underwriting results of the reinsurance segment are presented below.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2018	Property	Casualty & Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
		(\$ in millions)	
Gross premiums written	\$ 397.2	\$ 718.4	\$ 1,115.6
Net premiums written	305.1	691.9	997.0
Net premiums earned	275.1	685.1	960.2
Net loss and LAE:			
Current year (excluding catastrophe losses)	138.0	473.0	611.0
Current year catastrophe losses	-	-	-
Prior years	(41.4)	(30.2)	(71.6)
Total net loss and LAE	96.6	442.8	539.4
Commissions, brokerage and other underwriting expenses	93.1	228.9	322.0
Underwriting profit ⁽²⁾	\$ 85.4	\$ 13.4	\$ 98.8
Loss ratio ⁽³⁾ :			
Current year (excluding catastrophe losses)	50.2%	69.0%	63.7%
Current year catastrophe losses	- %	- %	- %
Prior years	(15.0%)	(4.4%)	(7.5%)
Total net loss and LAE	35.2%	64.6%	56.2%
Expense ratio ⁽⁴⁾	33.8%	33.4%	33.5%
Combined ratio ⁽⁵⁾	69.0%	98.0%	89.7%

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Three Months Ended March 31, 2017	Property	Casualty & Other ⁽¹⁾ (\$ in millions)	Total
Gross premiums written	\$ 375.4	\$ 680.3	\$ 1,055.7
Net premiums written	285.2	664.2	949.4
Net premiums earned	286.8	639.3	926.1
Net loss and LAE:			
Current year (excluding catastrophe losses)	153.3	442.1	595.4
Current year catastrophe losses	-	-	-
Prior years	(31.5)	(6.8)	(38.3)
Total net loss and LAE	121.8	435.3	557.1
Commissions, brokerage and other underwriting expenses	90.8	224.8	315.6
Underwriting profit (loss) ⁽²⁾	\$ 74.2	\$ (20.8)	\$ 53.4
Loss ratio ⁽³⁾ :			
Current year (excluding catastrophe losses)	53.5%	69.2%	64.3%
Current year catastrophe losses	- %	- %	- %
Prior years	(11.0%)	(1.1%)	(4.1%)
Total net loss and LAE	42.5%	68.1%	60.2%
Expense ratio ⁽⁴⁾	31.7%	35.2%	34.1%
Combined ratio ⁽⁵⁾	74.2%	103.3%	94.3%

- (1) Primarily consists of the following assumed reinsurance lines of business: directors and officers liability; errors and omissions liability; general liability; medical malpractice; ocean marine and aviation; auto liability; accident and health; surety; and credit.
- (2) Underwriting profit represents net premiums earned less net loss and LAE and commissions, brokerage and other underwriting expenses, all as determined in accordance with GAAP, and does not include net investment income, change in the fair value of equity securities, net realized capital gains, OTTI losses, noninsurance revenue, other operating expenses, corporate administration, amortization of intangible assets and interest expense. Underwriting profit is a non-GAAP financial measure and does not replace earnings before income taxes determined in accordance with GAAP as a measure of profitability. See Comment on Non-GAAP Financial Measures herein for additional detail on the presentation of our results of operations.
- (3) The loss ratio is derived by dividing the amount of net loss and LAE by net premiums earned, all as determined in accordance with GAAP.
- (4) The expense ratio is derived by dividing the amount of commissions, brokerage and other underwriting expenses by net premiums earned, all as determined in accordance with GAAP.
- (5) The combined ratio is the sum of the loss ratio and the expense ratio, all as determined in accordance with GAAP. The combined ratio represents the percentage of each premium dollar a reinsurance or an insurance company has to spend on net loss and LAE, and commissions, brokerage and other underwriting expenses.

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Reinsurance Segment: Premiums. The following table presents premiums for the reinsurance segment.

	Three Months Ended		
	2018	2017	Percent Change
	March 31, (\$ in millions)		
Property			
Premiums written:			
Gross premiums written	\$ 397.2	\$ 375.4	5.8%
Net premiums written	305.1	285.2	7.0%
Net premiums earned	275.1	286.8	(4.1%)
Casualty & other			
Premiums written:			
Gross premiums written	\$ 718.4	\$ 680.3	5.6%
Net premiums written	691.9	664.2	4.2%
Net premiums earned	685.1	639.3	7.2%
Total			
Premiums written:			
Gross premiums written	\$ 1,115.6	\$ 1,055.7	5.7%
Net premiums written	997.0	949.4	5.0%
Net premiums earned	960.2	926.1	3.7%

Property. The increase in gross premiums written in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017 primarily reflects the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and increases in domestic business, partially offset by a decline in property-related premiums written related to the Quota Share Treaty. Gross premiums written related to the Quota Share Treaty were \$69.3 million and \$107.8 million in the first quarter of 2018 and the first quarter of 2017, respectively. Excluding the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates, gross premiums written increased 3.3 percent in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017.

The decrease in net premiums earned in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017 primarily reflects higher ceded premiums earned due to an increase in retrocessional coverage purchased, partially offset by the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Excluding the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates, net premiums earned decreased 7.0 percent in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017.

Casualty & other. The increase in gross premiums written in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017 primarily reflects the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates, increases in domestic business, and an increase in casualty-related premiums written related to the Quota Share Treaty. Gross premiums written related to the Quota Share Treaty were \$114.7 million and \$82.4 million in the first quarter of 2018 and the first quarter of 2017, respectively. Excluding the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates, gross premiums written increased 3.3 percent in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017.

The increase in net premiums earned in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017 primarily reflects the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and an increase in net premiums written, partially offset by higher ceded premiums earned due to an increase in retrocessional coverage purchased. Excluding the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates, net premiums earned increased 4.8 percent in the first quarter of 2018 from the first quarter of 2017.

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Reinsurance Segment: Net loss and LAE. The following table presents net loss and LAE for the reinsurance segment.