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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2015

Commission file number 001-33606

VALIDUS HOLDINGS, LTD.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

BERMUDA (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	98-0501001 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
29 Richmond Road, Pembroke, Bermuda HM 08 (Address of principal executive offices and zip code) (441) 278-9000 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)	

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

Yes No

As of November 4, 2015 there were 81,923,744 outstanding Common Shares, \$0.175 par value per share, of the registrant.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Validus Holdings, Ltd.

Consolidated Balance Sheets

As at September 30, 2015 (unaudited) and December 31, 2014

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share information)

	September 30, 2015 (unaudited)	December 31, 2014
Assets		
Fixed maturities, at fair value (amortized cost: 2015—\$5,581,846; 2014—\$5,534,494)	\$5,578,856	\$5,532,731
Short-term investments, at fair value (amortized cost: 2015—\$1,661,705; 2014—\$1,051,222)	1,661,687	1,051,074
Other investments, at fair value (cost: 2015—\$864,651; 2014—\$879,176)	817,374	813,011
Cash and cash equivalents	408,485	577,240
Restricted cash	74,002	173,003
Total investments and cash	8,540,404	8,147,059
Investments in affiliates	347,962	261,483
Premiums receivable	1,062,654	707,647
Deferred acquisition costs	225,065	161,295
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	125,547	81,983
Securities lending collateral	6,461	470
Loss reserves recoverable	385,212	377,466
Paid losses recoverable	21,681	38,078
Income taxes recoverable	15,870	—
Deferred tax asset	22,352	23,821
Receivable for investments sold	15,055	18,318
Intangible assets	122,676	126,924
Goodwill	196,758	195,897
Accrued investment income	23,755	24,865
Other assets	124,511	164,633
Total assets	\$ 11,235,963	\$ 10,329,939
Liabilities		
Reserve for losses and loss expenses	\$3,169,334	\$3,234,394
Unearned premiums	1,281,319	990,564
Reinsurance balances payable	90,838	127,128
Securities lending payable	6,927	936
Deferred tax liability	8,921	5,541
Payable for investments purchased	118,164	68,574
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	248,834	318,245
Notes payable to AlphaCat investors	1,443,198	671,465
Senior notes payable	247,387	247,306
Debentures payable	538,054	539,277
Total liabilities	\$7,152,976	\$6,203,430

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Commitments and contingent liabilities		
Redeemable noncontrolling interest	—	79,956
Shareholders' equity		
Common shares, 571,428,571 authorized, par value \$0.175 (Issued: 2015—158,434,541; 2014—155,554,224; Outstanding: 2015—81,997,891; 2014—83,869,845)	\$27,726	\$27,222
Treasury shares (2015—76,436,650; 2014—71,684,379)	(13,376)	(12,545)
Additional paid-in-capital	1,048,917	1,207,493
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(10,869)	(8,556)
Retained earnings	2,592,162	2,374,344
Total shareholders' equity available to Validus	3,644,560	3,587,958
Noncontrolling interest	438,427	458,595
Total shareholders' equity	\$4,082,987	\$4,046,553
Total liabilities, noncontrolling interests and shareholders' equity	\$11,235,963	\$10,329,939
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited).		

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Validus Holdings, Ltd.

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

For the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 (unaudited)

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share information)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Revenues				
Gross premiums written	\$401,681	\$ 358,974	\$2,248,147	\$ 2,026,639
Reinsurance premiums ceded	(48,425)	(30,137)	(294,161)	(275,610)
Net premiums written	353,256	328,837	1,953,986	1,751,029
Change in unearned premiums	202,203	165,859	(247,191)	(307,373)
Net premiums earned	555,459	494,696	1,706,795	1,443,656
Net investment income	31,524	25,261	96,153	69,909
Net realized (losses) gains on investments	(41,906)	4,595	(35,493)	16,193
Change in net unrealized (losses) gains on investments	(34,908)	(84,974)	19,766	16,146
Income from investment affiliate	2,482	1,754	5,542	7,881
Other insurance related income and other (loss)	8,187	(4,080)	15,559	14,985
Foreign exchange losses	(2,274)	(11,441)	(9,061)	(14,761)
Total revenues	518,564	425,811	1,799,261	1,554,009
Expenses				
Losses and loss expenses	258,258	224,125	765,333	545,541
Policy acquisition costs	105,091	86,404	308,152	251,006
General and administrative expenses	95,999	83,319	263,990	231,606
Share compensation expenses	9,983	8,764	28,279	24,252
Finance expenses	17,498	15,354	55,085	47,380
Transaction expenses	—	149	—	3,401
Total expenses	486,829	418,115	1,420,839	1,103,186
Income before taxes, income from operating affiliates and (income) attributable to AlphaCat investors	31,735	7,696	378,422	450,823
Tax (expense) benefit	(2,018)	953	(7,132)	(398)
Income from operating affiliates	5,526	3,761	12,083	13,580
(Income) attributable to AlphaCat investors	(40,256)	(25,807)	(94,341)	(82,833)
Net (loss) income	\$(5,013)	\$(13,397)	\$289,032	\$ 381,172
Net loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interest	71,663	53,069	15,042	(25,745)
Net income available to Validus	\$66,650	\$ 39,672	\$304,074	\$ 355,427
Other comprehensive loss				
Change in foreign currency translation adjustments	(1,850)	(5,198)	(2,106)	(2,121)
Change in minimum pension liability, net of tax	(28)	—	129	—
Change in fair value of cash flow hedge	75	—	(336)	—
Other comprehensive loss	\$(1,803)	\$(5,198)	\$(2,313)	\$(2,121)

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Comprehensive income available to Validus	\$64,847	\$ 34,474	\$301,761	\$ 353,306
Earnings per share				
Weighted average number of common shares and common share equivalents outstanding				
Basic	82,635,316	90,593,329	83,296,703	91,665,950
Diluted	85,629,494	91,939,610	86,841,927	95,937,641
Basic earnings per share available to common shareholders	\$0.79	\$ 0.42	\$3.61	\$ 3.83
Earnings per diluted share available to common shareholders	\$0.78	\$ 0.41	\$3.50	\$ 3.70
Cash dividends declared per share	\$0.32	\$ 0.30	\$0.96	\$ 0.90

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Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 (unaudited)

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share information)

	September 30, 2015 (unaudited)	September 30, 2014 (unaudited)
Common shares		
Balance - Beginning of period	\$27,222	\$27,036
Common shares issued, net	504	133
Balance - End of period	\$27,726	\$27,169
Treasury shares		
Balance - Beginning of period	\$(12,545)	\$(10,228)
Repurchase of common shares	(831)	(1,347)
Balance - End of period	\$(13,376)	\$(11,575)
Additional paid-in capital		
Balance - Beginning of period	\$1,207,493	\$1,677,894
Common shares issued, net	16,231	(3,822)
Repurchase of common shares	(203,086)	(285,179)
Share compensation expenses	28,279	24,252
Balance - End of period	\$1,048,917	\$1,413,145
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		
Balance - Beginning of period	\$(8,556)	\$(617)
Other comprehensive loss	(2,313)	(2,121)
Balance - End of period	\$(10,869)	\$(2,738)
Retained earnings		
Balance - Beginning of period	\$2,374,344	\$2,010,009
Dividends	(86,256)	(89,027)
Net income	289,032	381,172
Net loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interest	15,042	(25,745)
Balance - End of period	\$2,592,162	\$2,276,409
Total shareholders' equity available to Validus	\$3,644,560	\$3,702,410
Noncontrolling interest	\$438,427	\$522,287
Total shareholders' equity	\$4,082,987	\$4,224,697
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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 (unaudited)

(Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share information)

	September 30, 2015 (unaudited)	September 30, 2014 (unaudited)
Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities		
Net income	\$289,032	\$381,172
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Share compensation expenses	28,279	24,252
Loss (gain) on deconsolidation/sale of subsidiary	1,777	(2,081)
Amortization of discount on senior notes	81	81
Income from investment affiliate	(5,542)	(7,881)
Net realized losses (gains) on investments	35,493	(16,193)
Change in net unrealized gains on investments	(19,766)	(16,146)
Amortization of intangible assets	4,248	3,120
Income from operating affiliates	(12,083)	(13,580)
Foreign exchange losses included in net income	16,549	10,841
Amortization of premium on fixed maturities	17,866	11,922
Change in:		
Premiums receivable	(357,285)	(241,175)
Deferred acquisition costs	(63,770)	(52,008)
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	(43,564)	(26,558)
Loss reserves recoverable	(9,111)	70,444
Paid losses recoverable	16,408	17,245
Income taxes recoverable	(16,088)	—
Deferred tax asset	1,390	—
Accrued investment income	1,059	3,431
Other assets	38,400	30,125
Reserve for losses and loss expenses	(55,889)	(271,063)
Unearned premiums	290,755	333,933
Reinsurance balances payable	(35,457)	(12,836)
Deferred tax liability	3,323	(7,385)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(74,227)	(70,809)
Net cash provided by operating activities	51,878	148,851
Cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities		
Proceeds on sales of investments	2,888,919	3,585,728
Proceeds on maturities of investments	260,179	466,872
Purchases of fixed maturities	(3,164,787)	(3,160,512)
Purchases of short-term investments, net	(639,211)	(933,148)
Purchases of other investments, net	(26,648)	(47,752)
Increase in securities lending collateral	(5,991)	(5,664)
Investment in operating affiliates	(10,400)	—
Redemption from operating affiliates	57,402	58,547

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Investment in investment affiliates	(19,086) —
Decrease (increase) in restricted cash	99,001	(7,856)
Proceeds on sale of subsidiary, net of cash	—	16,459
Net cash used in investing activities	(560,622	) (27,326)
Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities		
Proceeds on issuance of notes payable to AlphaCat investors	1,307,789	645,243
Repayments on notes payable to AlphaCat investors	(709,059	) (602,068)
Issuance (redemption) of common shares, net	16,735	(3,689)
Purchases of common shares under share repurchase program	(203,917	) (286,526)
Dividends paid	(86,423	) (89,719)
Increase in securities lending payable	5,991	5,664
Third party investment in redeemable noncontrolling interest	55,700	61,200
Third party redemption of redeemable noncontrolling interest	(19,395	) (10,496)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	367,421	(280,391)
Effect of foreign currency rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(27,432	) (11,293)
Net decrease in cash	(168,755	) (170,159)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of period	\$577,240	\$734,148
Cash and cash equivalents - end of period	\$408,485	\$563,989
Taxes paid during the period	\$14,959	\$7,286
Interest paid during the period	\$46,847	\$46,421

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited).

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)

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1. Basis of preparation and consolidation

These unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements (the "Consolidated Financial Statements") include Validus Holdings, Ltd. and its wholly and majority owned subsidiaries (together the "Company") and have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 in Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements. In addition, the year-end balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements but does not include all disclosures required by U.S. GAAP. This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and related notes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

In the opinion of management, these Consolidated Financial Statements reflect all adjustments (including normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation of the Company's financial position and results of operations as at the end of and for the periods presented. The Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 includes a revision to decrease net cash used in investing activities by \$42,440. There are no changes to the sub-totals of net cash used in operating activities, financing activities or the effect of foreign currency rate changes on cash and cash equivalents. This revision resulted in an increase in net cash of \$42,440 for the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

The effect of this revision does not impact any per-share amounts or other components of equity or net assets in the statement of financial position in the prior period presented. The Company does not believe this revision is material to the prior period. The Company has revised these prior period amounts to provide comparability with current period cash flows. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. The results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results for a full year.

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. While management believes that the amounts included in the Consolidated Financial Statements reflect its best estimates and assumptions, actual results could differ materially from those estimates. The Company's principal estimates include:

- reserve for losses and loss expenses;
- premium estimates for business written on a line slip or proportional basis;
- the valuation of goodwill and intangible assets;
- reinsurance recoverable balances including the provision for uncollectible amounts; and
- investment valuation of financial assets.

The term "ASC" used in these notes refers to Accounting Standard Codification issued by the U.S. Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB").

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2. Recent accounting pronouncements

Recently Issued Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standard Update 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)" (ASU 2014-09). The guidance in this Update affects any entity that either enters into contracts with customers to transfer goods or services or enters into contracts for the transfer of nonfinancial assets, unless those contracts are within the scope of other standards (for example, insurance contracts or lease contracts). The core principle of the guidance is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The original effective date for the amendments in this Update was for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016; however, in August 2015, the FASB delayed the effective date by one year through the issuance of Accounting Standards Update 2015-14, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Deferral of the Effective Date" (ASU 2015-14). As such, the new effective date is for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Entities may adopt the standard as of the original effective date, however, earlier adoption is not permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this guidance on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements.

In February 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standard Update 2015-02, "Consolidation (Topic 810) Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis" (ASU 2015-02). The amendments in this Update modify the evaluation of whether limited partnerships and similar legal entities are variable interest entities (VIEs) or voting interest entities. The amendment also eliminates the presumption that a general partner should consolidate a limited partnership and affects the consolidation analysis of reporting entities that are involved with VIEs, particularly those that have fee arrangements and related party relationships. The amendment also provides a scope exception from consolidation guidance for reporting entities with interests in legal entities that are required to comply with or operate in accordance with requirements that are similar to those in Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for registered money market funds. The amendments in this Update are effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this guidance and it may have a material impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standard Update 2015-03, "Interest - Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30) - Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs" (ASU 2015-03). The amendments in this Update simplify the presentation of debt issuance costs and require that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. The recognition and measurement guidance for debt issuance costs are not affected by the amendments in this Update. The amendments in this Update are effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. The Company has evaluated the impact of this guidance and it will not have a material impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements.

In May 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standard Update 2015-07, "Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820) - Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent)" (ASU 2015-07). The amendments in this Update remove the requirement to categorize within the fair value hierarchy all investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient. The amendments in this Update are effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Earlier application is permitted. The Company has evaluated the impact of this guidance and it will not have a material impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements.

In May 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standard Update 2015-09, "Financial Services - Insurance (Topic 944) - Disclosures about Short-Duration Contracts" (ASU 2015-09). The amendments in this Update enhance annual disclosures relating to reserves for losses and loss expenses by requiring the following: (1) net incurred and paid

claims development information by accident year; (2) a reconciliation of incurred and paid claims development information to the aggregate carrying amount of the reserve for losses and loss expenses; (3) for each accident year presented, total IBNR plus expected development on case reserves included in the reserve for losses and loss expenses, accompanied by a description of reserving methodologies and any changes thereto; (4) for each accident year presented, quantitative information about claim frequency (unless impracticable) accompanied by a qualitative description of methodologies used for determining claim frequency information and any changes thereto; and (5) the average annual percentage payout of incurred claims by age for the same number of accident years presented. The amendments in this Update are effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015 and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2016. Early application is permitted. The Company has evaluated the impact of this guidance and it will not have a material impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements, but will require changes to disclosures.

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In September 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standard Update 2015-16, “Business Combinations (Topic 805): Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments” (ASU 2015-16). The amendments in this Update simplify the accounting for adjustments made to provisional amounts recognized in a business combination by eliminating the requirement to retrospectively account for those adjustments. The amendments in this Update are effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The Company has evaluated the impact of this guidance and it will not have a material impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements.

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3. Investments

(a) Fixed maturity, short-term and other investments

The Company's investments in fixed maturities, short-term investments and other investments are classified as trading and carried at fair value, with related changes in net unrealized gains or losses included in earnings.

The amortized cost (or cost), gross unrealized gains and (losses) and estimated fair value of investments as at September 30, 2015 were as follows:

	Amortized Cost (or Cost)	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
U.S. government and government agency	\$ 868,750	\$3,787	\$(609)	) \$871,928
Non-U.S. government and government agency	224,288	1,205	(2,529)	) 222,964
U.S. states, municipalities and political subdivisions	316,868	3,097	(439)	) 319,526
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	488,827	9,503	(1,060)	) 497,270
Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities	27,054	400	(400)	) 27,054
U.S. corporate	1,530,344	4,387	(8,837)	) 1,525,894
Non-U.S. corporate	472,736	1,628	(6,544)	) 467,820
Bank loans	517,129	642	(8,298)	) 509,473
Catastrophe bonds	160,835	908	(1,767)	) 159,976
Asset-backed securities	624,444	2,038	(1,234)	) 625,248
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	350,571	2,045	(913)	) 351,703
Total fixed maturities	5,581,846	29,640	(32,630)	) 5,578,856
Total short-term investments (a)	1,661,705	49	(67)	) 1,661,687
Other investments				
Fund of hedge funds	2,378	—	(938)	) 1,440
Hedge funds (b)	559,737	43,541	(99,653)	) 503,625
Private equity investments	51,037	8,891	(2,305)	) 57,623
Investment funds	247,104	577	—	) 247,681
Mutual funds	4,395	2,610	—	) 7,005
Total other investments	864,651	55,619	(102,896)	) 817,374
Total investments including assets managed on behalf of AlphaCat investors, catastrophe bonds and noncontrolling interest	\$ 8,108,202	\$85,308	\$(135,593)	) \$8,057,917
Assets managed on behalf of AlphaCat investors (a)	(1,364,692)	) —	—	(1,364,692)
Catastrophe bonds	(160,835)	) (908)	) 1,767	(159,976)
Noncontrolling interest (b)	(491,204)	) (32,920)	) 89,688	(434,436)
Total investments, excluding assets managed on behalf of AlphaCat investors, catastrophe bonds and noncontrolling interest	\$ 6,091,471	\$51,480	\$(44,138)	) \$6,098,813

(a) Included in the short-term investments balance are assets managed in support of AlphaCat's fully collateralized reinsurance transactions.

Included in the hedge funds balance are investments held by PaCRE in which the Company has an equity interest (b) of 10%. The remaining 90% interest is held by third party investors and included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as noncontrolling interest.

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The amortized cost (or cost), gross unrealized gains and (losses) and estimated fair value of investments as at December 31, 2014 were as follows:

	Amortized Cost (or Cost)	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
U.S. government and government agency	\$ 759,232	\$1,755	\$(901)	) \$760,086
Non-U.S. government and government agency	279,493	1,215	(1,980)	) 278,728
U.S. states, municipalities and political subdivisions	448,668	1,780	(825)	) 449,623
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	520,685	9,697	(1,151)	) 529,231
Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities	37,954	369	(516)	) 37,807
U.S. corporate	1,500,963	3,960	(5,217)	) 1,499,706
Non-U.S. corporate	564,386	2,765	(3,989)	) 563,162
Bank loans	457,537	200	(8,733)	) 449,004
Catastrophe bonds	75,822	768	(926)	) 75,664
Asset-backed securities	647,422	1,250	(1,190)	) 647,482
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	242,332	598	(692)	) 242,238
Total fixed maturities	5,534,494	24,357	(26,120)	) 5,532,731
Total short-term investments (a)	1,051,222	13	(161)	) 1,051,074
Other investments				
Fund of hedge funds	2,570	125	(920)	) 1,775
Preferred stock	6,535	—	(201)	) 6,334
Hedge funds (b)	570,371	60,792	(134,203)	) 496,960
Private equity investments	48,995	4,987	(611)	) 53,371
Investment funds	244,506	437	(111)	) 244,832
Mutual funds	6,199	3,540	—	) 9,739
Total other investments	879,176	69,881	(136,046)	) 813,011
Total investments including assets managed on behalf of AlphaCat investors, catastrophe bonds and noncontrolling interest	\$ 7,464,892	\$94,251	\$(162,327)	) \$7,396,816
Assets managed on behalf of AlphaCat investors (a)	(696,924)	) —	—	(696,924)
Catastrophe bonds	(75,822)	) (768)	) 926	(75,664)
Noncontrolling interest (b)	(502,830)	) (48,446)	) 120,782	(430,494)
Total investments, excluding assets managed on behalf of AlphaCat investors, catastrophe bonds and noncontrolling interest	\$ 6,189,316	\$45,037	\$(40,619)	) \$6,193,734

Included in the short-term investments balance are assets managed in support of AlphaCat's fully collateralized reinsurance transactions. Also, included in the short-term investments balance are investments held by one (a) AlphaCat ILS fund which was consolidated by the Company through May 31, 2015, but in which the Company had an equity interest of less than 100%. The remaining interests are held by third party investors and included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as redeemable noncontrolling interest.

Included in the hedge funds balance are investments held by PaCRe in which the Company has an equity interest (b) of 10%. The remaining 90% interest is held by third party investors and included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as noncontrolling interest.

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The following table sets forth certain information regarding the investment ratings of the Company's fixed maturities portfolio as at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

	September 30, 2015		December 31, 2014		
	Estimated Fair Value	% of Total	Estimated Fair Value	% of Total	
AAA	\$2,454,181	44.0	% \$2,494,239	45.1	%
AA	530,473	9.5	% 848,226	15.4	%
A	1,145,331	20.5	% 1,086,091	19.6	%
BBB	674,489	12.1	% 505,208	9.1	%
Total investment-grade fixed maturities	4,804,474	86.1	% 4,933,764	89.2	%
BB	316,602	5.7	% 362,972	6.6	%
B	216,544	4.0	% 145,240	2.6	%
CCC	4,374	0.0	% 12,733	0.2	%
CC	1,002	0.0	% 3,926	0.1	%
C	—	0.0	% 1,344	0.0	%
D/NR	235,860	4.2	% 72,752	1.3	%
Total non-investment grade fixed maturities	774,382	13.9	% 598,967	10.8	%
Total fixed maturities	\$5,578,856	100.0	% \$5,532,731	100.0	%

The amortized cost and estimated fair value amounts for fixed maturities held at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 are shown below by contractual maturity. Actual maturity may differ from contractual maturity because certain borrowers may have the right to call or prepay certain obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

	September 30, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value
Due in one year or less	\$342,554	\$343,201	\$312,843	\$313,248
Due after one year through five years	2,996,003	2,991,774	3,163,225	3,159,200
Due after five years through ten years	566,908	560,971	497,175	491,870
Due after ten years	185,485	181,635	112,858	111,655
	4,090,950	4,077,581	4,086,101	4,075,973
Asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities	1,490,896	1,501,275	1,448,393	1,456,758
Total fixed maturities	\$5,581,846	\$5,578,856	\$5,534,494	\$5,532,731

(b) Net investment income

Net investment income was derived from the following sources:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
Fixed maturities and short-term investments	\$28,117	\$22,544	\$88,519	\$68,048
Other investments	5,086	2,879	12,288	2,879
Restricted cash and cash and cash equivalents	373	1,581	1,259	4,534
Securities lending income	4	1	13	5
Total gross investment income	33,580	27,005	102,079	75,466
Investment expenses	(2,056)	(1,744)	(5,926)	(5,557)

Total net investment income	\$31,524	\$25,261	\$96,153	\$69,909
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Net investment income from other investments includes distributed and undistributed net income from certain investment funds.

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(c) Net realized (losses) gains and change in net unrealized (losses) gains on investments

The following represents an analysis of net realized gains and the change in net unrealized (losses) gains on investments:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
Fixed maturities, short-term and other investments				
Gross realized gains	\$1,872	\$8,075	\$14,450	\$23,184
Gross realized (losses)	(43,778)	) (3,480	) (49,943	) (6,991
Net realized (losses) gains on investments (a)	(41,906)	) 4,595	(35,493	) 16,193
Change in net unrealized (losses) gains on investments (a)	(34,908	) (84,974	) 19,766	16,146
Total net realized and change in net unrealized (losses) gains on investments including assets managed on behalf of AlphaCat investors, catastrophe bonds and noncontrolling interest	(76,814	) (80,379	) (15,727	) 32,339
Assets managed on behalf of AlphaCat investors	—	—	—	—
Catastrophe bonds	(2,208	) (201	) 701	1,787
Noncontrolling interest (a)	71,589	52,595	21,078	(22,613
Total net realized and change in net unrealized (losses) gains on investments excluding assets managed on behalf of AlphaCat investors, catastrophe bonds and noncontrolling interest	\$(7,433	) \$(27,985	) \$6,052	\$11,513

Includes the net realized (losses) gains and change in net unrealized (losses) gains on investments held by PaCRE in which the Company has an equity interest of 10%. The remaining 90% interest is held by third party investors and (a) is included in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income as net loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interest.

(d) Pledged investments

The following tables outline investments and cash pledged as collateral under the Company's credit facilities. For further details on the credit facilities, please refer to Note 12: "Debt and financing arrangements."

Description	September 30, 2015		
	Commitment	Issued and Outstanding	Investments and cash pledged as collateral
\$400,000 syndicated unsecured letter of credit facility	\$400,000	\$—	\$—
\$525,000 syndicated secured letter of credit facility	525,000	244,358	385,279
\$30,000 secured bi-lateral letter of credit facility	30,000	10,172	47,471
Talbot FAL facility	25,000	25,000	31,318
AlphaCat Re secured letter of credit facility	30,000	30,000	30,134
IPC bi-lateral facility	25,000	10,782	—
\$230,000 Flagstone bi-lateral facility	230,000	205,593	381,302
Total	\$1,265,000	\$525,905	\$875,504

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Description	December 31, 2014		
	Commitment	Issued and Outstanding	Investments and cash pledged as collateral
\$400,000 syndicated unsecured letter of credit facility	\$400,000	\$—	\$—
\$525,000 syndicated secured letter of credit facility	525,000	276,455	395,750
\$200,000 secured bi-lateral letter of credit facility	200,000	15,649	35,645
Talbot FAL facility	25,000	25,000	31,048
PaCRe senior secured letter of credit facility	10,000	294	—
AlphaCat Re secured letter of credit facility	30,000	30,000	30,078
IPC bi-lateral facility	40,000	15,897	99,437
\$375,000 Flagstone bi-lateral facility	375,000	198,389	430,782
Total	\$1,605,000	\$561,684	\$1,022,740

In addition, \$3,856,717 of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, short-term investments and fixed maturities were pledged during the normal course of business as at September 30, 2015 (December 31, 2014: \$3,150,295). Of those, \$3,809,087 were held in trust (December 31, 2014: \$3,122,074). Pledged assets are generally for the benefit of the Company's cedants and policyholders, to support AlphaCat's fully collateralized reinsurance transactions and to facilitate the accreditation of Talbot as an alien insurer/reinsurer by certain regulators.

4. Fair value measurements

(a) Classification within the fair value hierarchy

Fair value is defined as the price to sell an asset or transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. Under U.S. GAAP, a company must determine the appropriate level in the fair value hierarchy for each fair value measurement. The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs, which refer broadly to assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability, into three levels. It gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The level in the fair value hierarchy within which a fair value measurement in its entirety falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 - Fair values are measured based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that we have the ability to access.

Level 2 - Fair values are measured based on quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in inactive markets, or for which significant inputs are observable (e.g., interest rates, yield curves, prepayment speeds, default rates, loss severities, etc.) or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 - Fair values are measured based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. The unobservable inputs reflect the Company's own judgments about assumptions where there is little, if any, market activity for that asset or liability that market participants might use.

The availability of observable inputs can vary from financial instrument to financial instrument and is affected by a wide variety of factors including, for example, the type of financial instrument, whether the financial instrument is new and not yet established in the marketplace, and other characteristics particular to the instrument. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires significantly more judgment.

Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by management in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3. In periods of market dislocation, the observability of prices and inputs may be reduced for many instruments. This may lead the Company to change the selection of our valuation technique (for example, from

market to cash flow approach) or to use multiple valuation techniques to estimate the fair value of a financial instrument. These circumstances could cause an instrument to be reclassified between levels within the fair value hierarchy.

There have been no material changes in the Company's valuation techniques during the period, or periods, represented by these Consolidated Financial Statements. The following methods and assumptions were used in estimating the fair value of each class of financial instrument recorded in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

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At September 30, 2015, the Company's investments were allocated between Levels 1, 2 and 3 as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
U.S. government and government agency	\$—	\$871,928	\$—	\$871,928
Non-U.S. government and government agency	—	222,964	—	222,964
U.S. states, municipalities and political subdivisions	—	319,526	—	319,526
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	—	497,270	—	497,270
Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities	—	27,054	—	27,054
U.S. corporate	—	1,525,894	—	1,525,894
Non-U.S. corporate	—	467,820	—	467,820
Bank loans	—	347,637	161,836	509,473
Catastrophe bonds	—	158,976	1,000	159,976
Asset-backed securities	—	625,248	—	625,248
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	—	351,703	—	351,703
Total fixed maturities	—	5,416,020	162,836	5,578,856
Total short-term investments (a)	1,652,981	8,706	—	1,661,687
Other investments				
Fund of hedge funds	—	—	1,440	1,440
Hedge funds (b)	—	—	503,625	503,625
Private equity investments	—	—	57,623	57,623
Investment funds	—	80,470	167,211	247,681
Mutual funds	—	7,005	—	7,005
Total other investments	—	87,475	729,899	817,374
Total investments including assets managed on behalf of AlphaCat investors, catastrophe bonds and noncontrolling interest	\$1,652,981	\$5,512,201	\$892,735	\$8,057,917
Assets managed on behalf of AlphaCat investors (a)	(1,364,692)	—	—	(1,364,692)
Catastrophe bonds	—	(158,976)	(1,000)	(159,976)
Noncontrolling interest (b)	—	—	(434,436)	(434,436)
Total investments, excluding assets managed on behalf of AlphaCat investors, catastrophe bonds and noncontrolling interest	\$288,289	\$5,353,225	\$457,299	\$6,098,813

(a) Included in the short-term investments balance are assets managed in support of AlphaCat's fully collateralized reinsurance transactions.

Included in the hedge funds balance are investments held by PaCRe in which the Company has an equity interest (b) of 10%. The remaining 90% interest is held by third party investors and included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as noncontrolling interest.

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At December 31, 2014, the Company's investments were allocated between Levels 1, 2 and 3 as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
U.S. government and government agency	\$—	\$760,086	\$—	\$760,086
Non-U.S. government and government agency	—	278,728	—	278,728
U.S. states, municipalities and political subdivisions	—	449,623	—	449,623
Agency residential mortgage-backed securities	—	529,231	—	529,231
Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities	—	37,807	—	37,807
U.S. corporate	—	1,499,706	—	1,499,706
Non-U.S. corporate	—	563,162	—	563,162
Bank loans	—	416,256	32,748	449,004
Catastrophe bonds	—	70,664	5,000	75,664
Asset-backed securities	—	647,482	—	647,482
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	—	242,238	—	242,238
Total fixed maturities	—	5,494,983	37,748	5,532,731
Total short-term investments (a)	942,716	108,358	—	1,051,074
Other investments				
Fund of hedge funds	—	—	1,775	1,775
Preferred stock	—	6,334	—	6,334
Hedge funds (b)	—	—	496,960	496,960
Private equity investments	—	—	53,371	53,371
Investment fund	—	140,045	104,787	244,832
Mutual funds	—	9,739	—	9,739
Total other investments	—	156,118	656,893	813,011
Total investments including assets managed on behalf of AlphaCat investors, catastrophe bonds and noncontrolling interest	\$942,716	\$5,759,459	\$694,641	\$7,396,816
Assets managed on behalf of AlphaCat investors (a)	(696,924)	—	—	(696,924)
Catastrophe bonds	—	(70,664)	(5,000)	(75,664)
Noncontrolling interest (b)	—	—	(430,494)	(430,494)
Total investments, excluding assets managed on behalf of AlphaCat investors, catastrophe bonds and noncontrolling interest	\$245,792	\$5,688,795	\$259,147	\$6,193,734

Included in the short-term investments balance are assets managed in support of AlphaCat's fully collateralized reinsurance transactions. Also, included in the short-term investments balance are investments held by one (a) AlphaCat ILS fund which was consolidated by the Company through May 31, 2015, but in which the Company had an equity interest of less than 100%. The remaining interests are held by third party investors and included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as redeemable noncontrolling interest.

Included in the hedge funds balance are investments held by PaCRE in which the Company has an equity interest (b) of 10%. The remaining 90% interest is held by third party investors and included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as noncontrolling interest.

At September 30, 2015, Level 3 investments excluding the catastrophe bonds and noncontrolling interests totaled \$457,299 (December 31, 2014: \$259,147), representing 7.5% (December 31, 2014: 4.2%) of total investments, excluding assets managed on behalf of AlphaCat investors, catastrophe bonds and noncontrolling interests, measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

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(b) Level 1 assets measured at fair value

Short term investments

Short term investments categorized as Level 1 consist primarily of highly liquid securities, all with maturities less than one year from the date of purchase. The fair value of the Company's portfolio of short term investments are generally determined using amortized cost which approximates fair value. The Company has determined that certain of its short-term investments, held in highly liquid money market-type funds, should be included in Level 1 as their fair values are based on quoted market prices in active markets.

(c) Level 2 assets measured at fair value

Fixed maturity investments

Fixed maturity investments included in Level 2 include U.S. government and government agency, non-U.S. government and government agency, U.S. states, municipalities and political subdivisions, agency residential mortgage-backed securities, non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities, U.S. corporate, non-U.S. corporate, bank loans, catastrophe bonds, asset-backed securities and commercial mortgage-backed securities.

In general, valuation of the Company's fixed maturity investment portfolios is provided by pricing services, such as index providers and pricing vendors, as well as broker quotations. The pricing vendors provide valuations for a high volume of liquid securities that are actively traded. For securities that do not trade on an exchange, the pricing services generally utilize market data and other observable inputs in matrix pricing models to determine month end prices. Prices are generally verified using third party data. Securities which are priced by an index provider are generally included in the index.

In general, broker-dealers value securities through their trading desks based on observable inputs. The methodologies include mapping securities based on trade data, bids or offers, observed spreads, and performance on newly issued securities. Broker-dealers also determine valuations by observing secondary trading of similar securities. Prices obtained from broker quotations are considered non-binding, however they are based on observable inputs and by observing secondary trading of similar securities obtained from active, non-distressed markets.

The Company considers these Level 2 inputs as they are corroborated with other market observable inputs. The techniques generally used to determine the fair value of the Company's fixed maturity investments are detailed below by asset class.

U.S. government and government agency

U.S. government and government agency securities consist primarily of debt securities issued by the U.S. Treasury and mortgage pass-through agencies such as the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and the Government National Mortgage Association. Fixed maturity investments included in U.S. government and government agency securities are primarily priced by pricing services. When evaluating these securities, the pricing services gather information from market sources and integrate other observations from markets and sector news. Evaluations are updated by obtaining broker dealer quotes and other market information including actual trade volumes, when available. The fair value of each security is individually computed using analytical models which incorporate option adjusted spreads and other daily interest rate data.

Non-U.S. government and government agency

Non-U.S. government and government agency securities consist of debt securities issued by non-U.S. governments and their agencies along with supranational organizations (also known as sovereign debt securities). Securities held in these sectors are primarily priced by pricing services who employ proprietary discounted cash flow models to value the securities. Key quantitative inputs for these models are daily observed benchmark curves for treasury, swap and high issuance credits. The pricing services then apply a credit spread for each security which is developed by in-depth and real time market analysis. For securities in which trade volume is low, the pricing services utilize data from more frequently traded securities with similar attributes. These models may also be supplemented by daily market and credit

research for international markets.

U.S. states, municipalities and political subdivisions

The Company's U.S. states, municipalities and political subdivisions portfolio contains debt securities issued by U.S. domiciled state and municipal entities. These securities are generally priced by independent pricing services using the techniques described for U.S. government and government agency securities described above.

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Agency residential mortgage-backed securities

The Company's agency residential mortgage-backed investments are primarily priced by pricing services using a mortgage pool specific model which utilizes daily inputs from the active to be announced ("TBA") market which is very liquid, as well as the U.S. treasury market. The model also utilizes additional information, such as the weighted average maturity, weighted average coupon and other available pool level data which is provided by the sponsoring agency. Valuations are also corroborated with daily active market quotes.

Non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities

The Company's non-agency mortgage-backed investments include non-agency prime residential mortgage-backed fixed maturity investments. The Company has no fixed maturity investments classified as sub-prime held in its fixed maturity investments portfolio. Securities held in these sectors are primarily priced by pricing services using an option adjusted spread model or other relevant models, which principally utilize inputs including benchmark yields, available trade information or broker quotes, and issuer spreads. The pricing services also review collateral prepayment speeds, loss severity and delinquencies among other collateral performance indicators for the securities valuation, when applicable.

U.S. corporate

Corporate debt securities consist primarily of investment-grade debt of a wide variety of U.S. corporate issuers and industries. The Company's corporate fixed maturity investments are primarily priced by pricing services. When evaluating these securities, the pricing services gather information from market sources regarding the issuer of the security and obtain credit data, as well as other observations, from markets and sector news. Evaluations are updated by obtaining broker dealer quotes and other market information including actual trade volumes, when available. The pricing services also consider the specific terms and conditions of the securities, including any specific features which may influence risk. In certain instances, securities are individually evaluated using a spread which is added to the U.S. treasury curve or a security specific swap curve as appropriate.

Non-U.S. corporate

Non-U.S. corporate debt securities consist primarily of investment-grade debt of a wide variety of non-U.S. corporate issuers and industries. The Company's non-U.S. corporate fixed maturity investments are primarily priced by pricing services. When evaluating these securities, the pricing services gather information from market sources regarding the issuer of the security and obtain credit data, as well as other observations, from markets and sector news. Evaluations are updated by obtaining broker dealer quotes and other market information including actual trade volumes, when available. The pricing services also consider the specific terms and conditions of the securities, including any specific features which may influence risk.

Bank loans

The Company's bank loan investments consist primarily of below-investment-grade debt of a wide variety of corporate issuers and industries. The Company's bank loans are primarily priced by pricing services. When evaluating these securities, the pricing services gather information from market sources regarding the issuer of the security and obtain credit data, as well as other observations, from markets and sector news. Evaluations are updated by obtaining broker dealer quotes and other market information including actual trade volumes, when available. The pricing services also consider the specific terms and conditions of the securities, including any specific features which may influence risk.

Catastrophe bonds

Catastrophe bonds are based on broker or underwriter bid indications. To the extent that these indications are based on significant unobservable inputs, the relevant bonds will be classified as a Level 3 asset.

Asset-backed securities

Asset backed securities include mostly investment-grade debt securities backed by pools of loans with a variety of underlying collateral, including automobile loan receivables, student loans, credit card receivables, and collateralized loan obligations originated by a variety of financial institutions. Securities held in these sectors are primarily priced by pricing services. The pricing services apply dealer quotes and other available trade information such as bids and offers, prepayment speeds which may be adjusted for the underlying collateral or current price data, the U.S. treasury curve and swap curve as well as cash settlement. The pricing services determine the expected cash flows for each security held in this sector using historical prepayment and default projections for the underlying collateral and current market data. In addition, a spread is applied to the relevant benchmark and used to discount the cash flows noted above to determine the fair value of the securities held in this sector.

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Commercial mortgage-backed securities

Commercial mortgage backed securities are investment-grade debt primarily priced by pricing services. The pricing services apply dealer quotes and other available trade information such as bids and offers, prepayment speeds which may be adjusted for the underlying collateral or current price data, the U.S. treasury curve and swap curve as well as cash settlement. The pricing services determine the expected cash flows for each security held in this sector using historical prepayment and default projections for the underlying collateral and current market data. In addition, a spread is applied to the relevant benchmark and used to discount the cash flows noted above to determine the fair value of the securities held in this sector.

Short term investments

Short term investments consist primarily of highly liquid securities, all with maturities of less than one year from the date of purchase. The fair value of the Company's portfolio of short term investments is generally determined using amortized cost which approximates fair value. The Company has determined that, other than highly liquid money market-type funds, the majority of the remaining securities are classified within Level 2 because these securities are typically not actively traded due to their approaching maturity and, as such, their amortized cost approximates fair value. To the extent that these valuations are based on significant unobservable inputs, the relevant short term investments will be classified as a Level 3 asset.

Preferred stock

The Company's preferred stock portfolio contains preferred term securities typically sold by non-public financial services companies, through a collateralized debt obligation product and are classified as Level 2 assets. The fair value of these investments is determined based on quoted market prices in active markets.

Investment funds

Investment funds classified as Level 2 assets includes one pooled investment which is invested in fixed income securities with high credit ratings. The investment fund is only open to Lloyd's Trust Fund participants. The fair value of units in the investment fund is based on the net asset value of the fund as reported by Lloyd's Treasury & Investment Management.

Also included within investment funds is the Company's share of a portfolio of Lloyd's overseas deposits, which is also classified as a Level 2 asset. The underlying deposits are managed centrally by Lloyd's and invested according to local regulatory requirements. The composition of the portfolio varies and the deposits are made across the market. The fair value of the deposits is based on the portfolio level reporting that is provided by Lloyd's.

Mutual funds

Mutual funds consist of two investment funds which are invested in various quoted investments. The fair value of units in the mutual funds is based on the net asset value of the fund as reported by the fund manager.

(d)Level 3 assets measured at fair value

Level 3 includes financial instruments that are valued using market approach and income approach valuation techniques. These models incorporate both observable and unobservable inputs. The Company's hedge funds, a fund of hedge funds, private equity investments, certain bank loans, an investment fund and certain catastrophe bonds are the only financial instruments in this category as at September 30, 2015. For each respective hedge fund investment, the Company obtains and reviews the valuation methodology used by the fund administrators and investment managers to ensure that the hedge fund investments are following fair value principles consistent with U.S. GAAP in determining the net asset value ("NAV").

Within the hedge fund industry, there is a general lack of transparency necessary to facilitate a detailed independent assessment of the values placed on the securities underlying the NAV provided by the fund manager or fund administrator. To address this, on a quarterly basis, we perform a number of monitoring procedures designed to assist us in the assessment of the quality of the information provided by managers and administrators. These procedures

include, but are not limited to, regular review and discussion of each fund's performance with its manager and regular evaluation of fund performance against applicable benchmarks.

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Bank loans

Included in the bank loans portfolio is a collection of loan participations held through an intermediary. These investments are classified as Level 3 assets. A third party pricing service provides monthly valuation reports for each loan and participation using a combination of quotations from loan pricing services, leveraged loan indices or market price quotes obtained directly from the intermediary.

Fund of hedge funds

The fund of hedge funds includes a side pocket. While a redemption request has been submitted, the timing of receipt of proceeds on the side pocket is unknown. The fund's administrator provides a monthly reported NAV with a one month delay in its valuation which was used as a basis for fair value measurement in the Company's September 30, 2015 Consolidated Balance Sheet. The fund manager has provided an estimate of the fund NAV at September 30, 2015 based on the estimated performance provided from the underlying funds. To determine the reasonableness of the estimated NAV, the Company compares the one month delayed fund administrator's NAV to the fund manager's estimated NAV that incorporates relevant valuation sources on a timely basis. Material variances are recorded in the current reporting period while immaterial variances are recorded in the following reporting period. As this valuation technique incorporates both observable and significant unobservable inputs, the fund of hedge funds is classified as a Level 3 asset.

Hedge funds

The hedge funds were valued at \$503,625 at September 30, 2015 (December 31, 2014: \$496,960). The hedge funds consist of investments in five Paulson & Co. managed funds (the "Paulson hedge funds") and one hedge fund assumed in the acquisition of Flagstone Reinsurance Holdings, S.A. (the "Flagstone Acquisition") (the "Flagstone hedge fund").

The Paulson hedge funds' administrator provides monthly reported NAVs with a one month delay in its valuation which was used as a partial basis for fair value measurement in the Company's September 30, 2015 Consolidated Balance Sheet. The fund manager provides an estimate of the NAV as at September 30, 2015 based on estimated performance. The Company adjusts fair value to the fund manager's estimated NAV that incorporates relevant valuation sources on a timely basis. To determine the reasonableness of the estimated NAV, the Company assesses the variance between the fund manager's estimated NAV and the fund administrator's NAV. Material variances are recorded in the current reporting period while immaterial variances are recorded in the following reporting period. Historically, the Company's valuation estimates have not materially differed from the subsequent NAVs.

The Flagstone hedge fund's administrator provides quarterly NAVs with a three-month delay in valuation which was used as a basis for fair value measurement in the Company's September 30, 2015 Consolidated Balance Sheet.

As these valuation techniques incorporate both observable and significant unobservable inputs, both the Paulson hedge funds and the Flagstone hedge fund are classified as Level 3 assets. The Paulson hedge funds are subject to quarterly liquidity.

Private equity investments

The private equity funds provide quarterly or semi-annual partnership capital statements with a three or six month delay which are used as a basis for valuation in the Company's September 30, 2015 Consolidated Balance Sheet.

These private equity investments vary in investment strategies and are not actively traded in any open markets. As this valuation technique can incorporate significant unobservable inputs, the private equity investments are classified as Level 3 assets.

Investment funds

Investment funds classified as Level 3 assets consists of one structured securities fund that invests across asset backed securities, residential mortgage backed securities and commercial mortgage backed securities. The fair value of units in the investment fund is based on the NAV of the fund as reported by the independent fund administrator. The fund's

administrator provides a monthly reported NAV with a one-month delay in its valuation which was used as a basis for fair value measurement in the Company's September 30, 2015 Consolidated Balance Sheet. As this valuation technique incorporates both observable and significant unobservable inputs, the investment fund investment is classified as a Level 3 asset.

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The following table presents a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for all investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis using Level 3 inputs during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
Level 3 investments - Beginning of period	\$931,649	\$746,396	\$694,641	\$576,871
Purchases	127,350	25,784	326,949	125,784
Sales	(73,105)	(24,175)	(86,143)	(49,508)
Settlements	(13,815)	—	(22,013)	(1,500)
Net realized (losses) gains	(40,721)	2,554	(40,732)	8,198
Change in net unrealized (losses) gains	(38,623)	(57,776)	20,033	26,235
Transfers into Level 3	—	—	—	6,703
Level 3 investments - End of period	\$892,735	\$692,783	\$892,735	\$692,783
Catastrophe Bonds	(1,000)	—	(1,000)	—
Noncontrolling interest (a)	(434,436)	(495,365)	(434,436)	(495,365)
Level 3 investments - End of period excluding catastrophe bonds and noncontrolling interest	\$457,299	\$197,418	\$457,299	\$197,418

Includes Level 3 investments held by PaCRE in which the Company has an equity interest of 10%. The remaining (a)90% interest is held by third party investors and included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as noncontrolling interest.

There have not been any transfers into or out of Level 3 during the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 or the nine months ended September 30, 2015. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014 there was a transfer of investments from Level 2 into Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. This transfer was due to a reassessment of the extent of unobservable inputs used in establishing the fair value of certain catastrophe bonds.

5. Investments in affiliates

The following table presents the Company's investments in affiliates as at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Investment affiliates	\$88,134	\$63,506
Operating affiliates	259,828	197,977
Investments in affiliates	\$347,962	\$261,483

(a)Investment affiliate

Aquiline Financial Services Fund II L.P.

On December 20, 2011, the Company entered into an Assignment and Assumption Agreement (the "Agreement") with Aquiline Capital Partners LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Assignor") and Aquiline Capital Partners II GP (Offshore) Ltd., a Cayman Islands company limited by shares (the "Aquiline II General Partner") pursuant to which the Company has assumed 100% of the Assignor's interest in Aquiline Financial Services Fund II L.P. (the "Aquiline II Partnership") representing a total capital commitment of \$50,000 (the "Aquiline II Commitment"), as a limited partner in the Partnership (the "Transferred Interest"). The Transferred Interest is governed by the terms of an Amended and Restated Exempted Limited Partnership Agreement of the Fund dated January 9, 2013 (the "Aquiline II Limited Partnership Agreement").

On October 2, 2014, the Company assumed an additional investment in the Aquiline II Partnership as part of the Western World acquisition representing a total capital commitment of \$10,000. This interest is also governed by the terms of the Aquiline II Limited Partnership Agreement.

The Partnership provides a quarterly capital account statement, with a three month delay in its valuation, which was used as the basis for calculating the Company's share of partnership income for the period.

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Aquiline Financial Services Fund III L.P.

On November 7, 2014, the Company, entered into a Subscription Agreement (the "Subscription Agreement") with Aquiline Capital Partners III GP (Offshore) Ltd., a Cayman Islands company limited by shares (the "Aquiline III General Partner") pursuant to which the Company committed and agreed to purchase limited partnership or other comparable limited liability equity interests (the "Limited Partnership Interests") in Aquiline Financial Services Fund III L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership (the "Aquiline III Partnership"), and/or one or more Alternative Investment Vehicles and Intermediate Entities (together with the Aquiline III Partnership, the "Fund" or the "Entities") with a capital commitment (the "Aquiline III Commitment") in an amount equal to \$100,000, as a limited partner in the Aquiline III Partnership. The Limited Partnership Interests are governed by the terms of an Amended and Restated Exempted Limited Partnership Agreement dated as of November 7, 2014 (the "Aquiline III Limited Partnership Agreement").

The Partnership provides a quarterly capital account statement, with a three month delay in its valuation, which was used as the basis for calculating the Company's share of partnership income for the period.

The following table presents a reconciliation of the beginning and ending investment in the Company's investment affiliates balance for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
Investment affiliates, beginning of period	\$89,681	\$40,627	\$63,506	\$34,500
Net capital (distributions) contributions	(4,029)	—	19,086	—
Income from investment affiliate	2,482	1,754	5,542	7,881
Investment affiliates, end of period	\$88,134	\$42,381	\$88,134	\$42,381

The following table presents the Company's investment in the Partnerships as at September 30, 2015:

	Investment in investment affiliate			
	Investment at cost	Voting ownership %	Equity Ownership %	Carrying Value
Aquiline Financial Services Fund II L.P.	\$55,098	—	% 8.1	% \$74,341
Aquiline Financial Services Fund III L.P.	\$13,890	—	% 13.7	% \$13,793
Total	\$68,988			\$88,134

The following table presents the Company's investment in the Partnership as at December 31, 2014:

	Investment in investment affiliate			
	Investment at cost	Voting ownership %	Equity Ownership %	Carrying Value
Aquiline Financial Services Fund II L.P.	\$51,001	—	% 8.1	% \$63,506

(b) Operating affiliates

AlphaCat Re 2011 Ltd.

On May 25, 2011, the Company joined with other investors in capitalizing AlphaCat Re 2011 Ltd. ("AlphaCat Re 2011"), a special purpose reinsurer formed for the purpose of writing collateralized reinsurance and retrocessional reinsurance. AlphaCat Re 2011 was a market facing entity and the Company's investment in AlphaCat Re 2011 has been treated as an equity method investment.

AlphaCat Re 2011 is now considered "off-risk" as the risk periods for all reinsurance contracts written have expired. As a result, partial returns of investment have been made to the investors of AlphaCat Re 2011. The Company's portion of the returns made during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 are included in the tables below.

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AlphaCat Re 2012 Ltd.

On May 29, 2012, the Company joined with other investors in capitalizing AlphaCat Re 2012 Ltd. ("AlphaCat Re 2012"), a special purpose reinsurer formed for the purpose of writing collateralized reinsurance with a particular focus on windstorm risks for Florida domiciled insurance companies. AlphaCat Re 2012 was a market facing entity and the Company's investment in AlphaCat Re 2012 has been treated as an equity method investment.

AlphaCat Re 2012 is now considered "off-risk" as the risk periods for all reinsurance contracts written have expired. As a result, partial returns of investment have been made to the investors of AlphaCat Re 2012. The Company's portion of the returns made during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 are included in the tables below.

AlphaCat 2013, Ltd.

On December 17, 2012, the Company joined with other investors in capitalizing AlphaCat 2013, Ltd. ("AlphaCat 2013"), an entity formed for the purpose of investing in collateralized reinsurance and retrocession on a worldwide basis. AlphaCat 2013 deployed its capital through transactions entered into by AlphaCat Reinsurance Ltd. ("AlphaCat Re") and the Company's investment in AlphaCat 2013 has been treated as an equity method investment.

AlphaCat 2013 is now considered "off-risk" as the risk periods for all risk-linked instruments have expired. As a result, partial returns of investment have been made to the investors of AlphaCat 2013. The Company's portion of the returns made during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 are included in the tables below.

AlphaCat 2014, Ltd.

On December 20, 2013, the Company joined with other investors in capitalizing AlphaCat 2014, Ltd. ("AlphaCat 2014"), an entity formed for the purpose of investing in collateralized reinsurance and retrocessional contracts for the January 1, 2014 renewal season. AlphaCat 2014 deploys its capital through transactions entered into by AlphaCat Re and the Company's investment in AlphaCat 2014 has been treated as an equity method investment.

AlphaCat 2014 is now considered "off-risk" as the risk periods for all risk-linked instruments have expired. As a result, partial returns of investment have been made to the investors of AlphaCat 2014. The Company's portion of the returns made during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 are included in the table below.

AlphaCat 2015, Ltd.

On December 29, 2014, the Company joined with other investors in capitalizing AlphaCat 2015, Ltd. ("AlphaCat 2015"), an entity formed for the purpose of investing in collateralized reinsurance and retrocessional contracts for the January 1, 2015 renewal season. AlphaCat 2015 deploys its capital through transactions entered into by AlphaCat Re and the Company's investment in AlphaCat 2015 has been treated as an equity method investment.

AlphaCat ILS funds

The AlphaCat ILS funds invest in instruments with returns linked to property catastrophe reinsurance, retrocession and insurance linked securities ("ILS") contracts. AlphaCat ILS funds primarily deploy their capital through the AlphaCat Master Fund Ltd. (the "AlphaCat Master Fund") and AlphaCat Re. All of the funds are variable interest entities and are accounted for as equity method investments because the Company holds an equity interest of less than 50% and has significant influence. Two of these funds had been consolidated by the Company as the primary beneficiary from formation through to December 31, 2013 and May 31, 2015, respectively. However, on January 1, 2014 and June 1, 2015 the funds received \$35,000 and \$40,000 in additional third party subscriptions, respectively, resulting in a reduction of the Company's equity interest below 50%. Therefore, these funds were deconsolidated and accounted for as an equity method investments from January 1, 2014 and June 1, 2015, respectively, since the Company retained significant influence. The fair value of the retained interest, based on the fair value of the underlying instruments in AlphaCat Master Fund and AlphaCat Re, amounted to \$113,455 and \$96,770 as at January 1, 2014 and June 1, 2015, respectively. The deconsolidations resulted in a gain of \$1,372 and a loss of \$1,777 which is included in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income as other insurance related income for the nine

months ended September 30, 2014 and the nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The Company's maximum exposure to any of the funds is the amount of capital invested at any given time.

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AlphaCat Master Fund Ltd. and AlphaCat Reinsurance Ltd.

The Company utilizes AlphaCat Master Fund and AlphaCat Re for the purpose of investing in capital market products and writing collateralized reinsurance, respectively, on behalf of certain entities within the AlphaCat operating segment and other third party investors. AlphaCat Master Fund and AlphaCat Re are market facing entities which enter into transactions on behalf of AlphaCat 2014, AlphaCat 2015, the AlphaCat ILS funds and other third party investors ("AlphaCat direct"). The Company owns all of the voting equity interest in AlphaCat Master Fund and AlphaCat Re and, as a result, their financial statements are included in the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company.

BetaCat ILS funds

The BetaCat ILS funds invest exclusively in catastrophe bonds (principal-at-risk variable rate notes and other event-linked securities, being referred to collectively as "Cat Bonds") focused on property and casualty risk and issued under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, following a passive buy-and-hold investment strategy. One of the funds is a variable interest entity and is consolidated by the Company as the primary beneficiary. The remaining fund is consolidated by the Company as it owns all of the voting equity interest. The Company's maximum exposure to either of the funds is the amount of capital invested at any given time. As at September 30, 2015, no third party subscriptions had been received.

The following tables present a reconciliation of the beginning and ending investment in operating affiliates for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015						
	AlphaCat Re 2011	AlphaCat Re 2012	AlphaCat 2013	AlphaCat 2014	AlphaCat 2015	AlphaCat ILS funds	Total
As at June 30, 2015	\$4,601	\$707	\$1,043	\$723	\$30,598	\$246,768	\$284,440
Gain on redemption of shares	—	—	—	—	—	(6,761)	(6,761)
Return of investment	—	—	—	—	—	(23,377)	(23,377)
Income (loss) from operating affiliates	396	(8)	(8)	(12)	1,077	4,081	5,526
As at September 30, 2015	\$4,997	\$699	\$1,035	\$711	\$31,675	\$220,711	\$259,828
	Three Months Ended September 30, 2014						
	AlphaCat Re 2011	AlphaCat Re 2012	AlphaCat 2013	AlphaCat 2014	AlphaCat 2014	AlphaCat ILS funds	Total
As at June 30, 2014	\$4,172	\$2,204	\$2,580	\$25,014	\$139,022	\$172,992	\$172,992
Return of investment	—	(1,516)	(6)	—	—	—	(1,522)
(Loss) income from operating affiliates	(5)	(9)	7	1,367	2,401	3,761	3,761
As at September 30, 2014	\$4,167	\$679	\$2,581	\$26,381	\$141,423	\$175,231	\$175,231

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	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015						Total
	AlphaCat Re 2011	AlphaCat Re 2012	AlphaCat 2013	AlphaCat 2014	AlphaCat 2015	AlphaCat ILS funds	
As at December 31, 2014	\$4,606	\$735	\$1,068	\$28,085	\$25,600	\$137,883	\$197,977
Purchase of shares	—	—	—	—	2,400	8,000	10,400
Gain on redemption of shares	—	—	—	—	—	(6,761)	(6,761)
Return of investment	—	—	—	(27,264)	—	(23,377)	(50,641)
Fair value of retained interest on deconsolidation of AlphaCat ILS fund	—	—	—	—	—	96,770	96,770
Income (loss) from operating affiliates	391	(36)	(33)	(110)	3,675	8,196	12,083
As at September 30, 2015	\$4,997	\$699	\$1,035	\$711	\$31,675	\$220,711	\$259,828
	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014						Total
	AlphaCat Re 2011	AlphaCat Re 2012	AlphaCat 2013	AlphaCat 2014	AlphaCat 2014	AlphaCat ILS funds	
As at December 31, 2013	\$9,809	\$1,313	\$51,744	\$21,982	\$21,982	\$21,895	\$106,743
Return of investment	(5,825)	(1,516)	(51,206)	—	—	—	(58,547)
Fair value of retained interest on deconsolidation of AlphaCat ILS fund	—	—	—	—	—	113,455	113,455
Income from operating affiliates	183	882	2,043	4,399	6,073	6,073	13,580
As at September 30, 2014	\$4,167	\$679	\$2,581	\$26,381	\$26,381	\$141,423	\$175,231

The following table presents the Company's investments in AlphaCat Re 2011, AlphaCat Re 2012, AlphaCat 2013, AlphaCat 2014, AlphaCat 2015 and the AlphaCat ILS funds in the Consolidated Financial Statements as at September 30, 2015:

	Investment in operating affiliates			
	Cost	Voting ownership %	Equity ownership %	Carrying value
AlphaCat Re 2011	\$4,997	43.7 %	22.3 %	\$4,997
AlphaCat Re 2012	699	49.0 %	37.9 %	699
AlphaCat 2013	1,035	40.9 %	19.7 %	1,035
AlphaCat 2014	711	42.3 %	19.6 %	711
AlphaCat 2015	28,000	40.0 %	20.0 %	31,675
AlphaCat ILS funds	214,484	n/a	(a)	220,711
Total	\$249,926			\$259,828

(a)Equity ownership in the funds was 7.6%, 19.4%, 9.1% and 32.5% as at September 30, 2015.

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The following table presents the Company's investments in AlphaCat Re 2011, AlphaCat Re 2012, AlphaCat 2013, AlphaCat 2014, AlphaCat 2015 and the AlphaCat ILS funds in the Consolidated Financial Statements as at December 31, 2014:

	Investment in operating affiliates			
	Cost	Voting ownership %	Equity ownership %	Carrying value
AlphaCat Re 2011	\$4,606	43.7	% 22.3	% \$4,606
AlphaCat Re 2012	735	49.0	% 37.9	% 735
AlphaCat 2013	1,068	40.9	% 19.7	% 1,068
AlphaCat 2014	22,000	42.3	% 19.6	% 28,085
AlphaCat 2015	25,600	40.0	% 20.0	% 25,600
AlphaCat ILS funds	133,091	n/a	(a)	137,883
Total	\$187,100			\$197,977

(a) Equity ownership in the funds was 7.9%, 39.7% and 9.1% as at December 31, 2014.

(c) Notes payable and (income) attributable to AlphaCat investors

Notes are issued during the course of a year by AlphaCat Master Fund and AlphaCat Re to AlphaCat 2014, AlphaCat 2015, the AlphaCat ILS funds (collectively the "feeder funds") and AlphaCat direct in order to fund the purchase of capital market products and to write collateralized reinsurance on their behalf. The underlying capital market products and collateralized reinsurance typically have at least a twelve month duration; however, they do not have a stated maturity date. Since repayment is dependent on the settlement of the underlying transactions, the notes are subsequently redeemed as the underlying transactions are settled. The Company's investments in the feeder funds, together with investments made by third parties in the feeder funds and on a direct basis, are provided as consideration for these notes to AlphaCat Master Fund and AlphaCat Re, which are consolidated in the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements. The effective economic interest in AlphaCat Master Fund and AlphaCat Re that results from these transactions is represented on the Consolidated Balance Sheet as notes payable to AlphaCat investors. The subsequent income or loss generated by the relevant capital market products or collateralized reinsurance is transferred to the operating affiliates and other third party investors as (income) loss attributable to AlphaCat investors in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. The notes do not have any principal amount, since the final amount payable is dependent on the income or loss. To the extent that the (income) loss attributable to AlphaCat investors has not been returned to investors, it is included in accounts payable and accrued expenses in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The following tables present a reconciliation of the beginning and ending notes payable to AlphaCat investors for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015				
	AlphaCat 2014	AlphaCat 2015	AlphaCat ILS funds	AlphaCat direct	Total
As at June 30, 2015	\$—	\$145,985	\$1,235,328	\$—	\$1,381,313
Issuance of notes payable to AlphaCat investors	—	8,491	68,244	75,770	152,505
Redemption of notes payable to AlphaCat investors	—	—	(87,615)	—	(87,615)
Foreign exchange gain	—	(143)	(2,698)	(164)	(3,005)
As at September 30, 2015	\$—	\$154,333	\$1,213,259	\$75,606	\$1,443,198

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	Three Months Ended September 30, 2014				
	AlphaCat 2014	AlphaCat ILS funds			Total
As at June 30, 2014	\$157,992	\$464,958			\$622,950
Issuance of notes payable to AlphaCat investors	—	53,498			53,498
Redemption of notes payable to AlphaCat investors	—	(13,990)		(13,990))
Foreign exchange gain	(410)	(6,072)		(6,482))
As at September 30, 2014	\$157,582	\$498,394			\$655,976
	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015				
	AlphaCat 2014	AlphaCat 2015	AlphaCat ILS funds	AlphaCat direct	Total
As at December 31, 2014	\$157,384	\$—	\$514,081	\$—	\$671,465
Notes payable to AlphaCat investors recognized on deconsolidation of AlphaCat ILS fund	—	—	179,316	—	179,316
Issuance of notes payable to AlphaCat investors	—	154,358	1,077,661	75,770	1,307,789
Redemption of notes payable to AlphaCat investors	(157,074)	—	(551,985)	—	(709,059)
Foreign exchange gain	(310)	(25)	(5,814)	(164)	(6,313)
As at September 30, 2015	\$—	\$154,333	\$1,213,259	\$75,606	\$1,443,198
	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014				
	AlphaCat 2013	AlphaCat 2014	AlphaCat ILS funds		Total
As at December 31, 2013	\$223,809	\$—	\$215,463		\$439,272
Notes payable to AlphaCat investors recognized on deconsolidation of AlphaCat ILS fund	—	—	178,837		178,837
Issuance of notes payable to AlphaCat investors	—	157,914	487,329		645,243
Redemption of notes payable to AlphaCat investors	(223,512)	—	(378,556)		(602,068)
Foreign exchange gain	(297)	(332)	(4,679)		(5,308)
As at September 30, 2014	\$—	\$157,582	\$498,394		\$655,976

The portion of notes payable to AlphaCat investors that was due to the Company, as an investor in the operating affiliates, and third party investors as at September 30, 2015 amounted to \$234,751 and \$1,208,447, respectively (December 31, 2014: \$148,264 and \$523,201).

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The following table presents the (income) attributable to AlphaCat investors for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
AlphaCat 2013	\$—	\$(98	) \$—	\$(14,218
AlphaCat 2014	—	(11,309	) (255	) (32,990
AlphaCat 2015	(8,862	) —	(27,446) —
AlphaCat ILS funds	(29,956	) (14,400	) (65,202	) (35,625
AlphaCat direct	(1,438	) —	(1,438) —
(Income) attributable to AlphaCat investors	\$(40,256	) \$(25,807	) \$(94,341	) \$(82,833

The portion of income attributable to AlphaCat investors that was due to the Company, as an investor in the operating affiliates, and third party investors for the three months ended September 30, 2015 amounted to \$6,623 and \$33,633, respectively (2014: \$4,993 and \$20,814). The portion of income attributable to AlphaCat investors that was due to the Company, as an investor in the operating affiliates, and third party investors for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 amounted to \$15,031 and \$79,310, respectively (2014: \$16,552 and \$66,281).

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6. Noncontrolling interest

On April 2, 2012, the Company joined with other investors in capitalizing PaCRE Ltd. ("PaCRE"), a Class 4 Bermuda reinsurer formed for the purpose of writing high excess property catastrophe reinsurance. The Company has an equity interest of 10% and the remaining 90% interest is held by third party investors. The Company has a majority voting equity interest in PaCRE and as a result, the financial statements of PaCRE are included in the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company. The portion of PaCRE's earnings attributable to third party investors is recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income as net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interest. PaCRE's shareholder rights do not include redemption features within the control of the third party shareholders. The third party equity is recorded in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets as noncontrolling interest.

The AlphaCat ILS funds have rights that enable shareholders, subject to certain limitations, to redeem their shares. The third party equity is therefore recorded in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets as redeemable noncontrolling interest. When and if a redemption notice is received, the fair value of the redemption is reclassified to a liability. On June 1, 2015, the one remaining consolidated AlphaCat ILS fund was deconsolidated and accounted for as an equity method investment. Therefore, the portion of earnings attributable to third party investors from that fund is recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income as net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interest through May 31, 2015.

The following tables present a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of redeemable noncontrolling interest and noncontrolling interest for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		
	Redeemable noncontrolling interest	Noncontrolling interest	Total
As at June 30, 2015	\$—	\$510,090	\$510,090
Loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	—	(71,663)	(71,663)
As at September 30, 2015	\$—	\$438,427	\$438,427
	Three Months Ended September 30, 2014		
	Redeemable noncontrolling interest	Noncontrolling interest	Total
As at June 30, 2014	\$66,282	\$575,347	\$641,629
Issuance of shares	4,200	—	4,200
Loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	(9)	(53,060)	(53,069)
As at September 30, 2014	\$70,473	\$522,287	\$592,760
	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015		
	Redeemable noncontrolling interest	Noncontrolling interest	Total
As at December 31, 2014	\$79,956	\$458,595	\$538,551
Issuance of shares	55,700	—	55,700
Income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	5,126	(20,168)	(15,042)
Adjustment to noncontrolling interest as a result of deconsolidation	(121,387)	—	(121,387)
Redemption of shares	(19,395)	—	(19,395)
As at September 30, 2015	\$—	\$438,427	\$438,427

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	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014		
	Redeemable noncontrolling interest	Noncontrolling interest	Total
As at December 31, 2013	\$86,512	\$497,657	\$584,169
Issuance of shares	61,200	—	61,200
Income attributable to noncontrolling interest	1,115	24,630	25,745
Adjustment to noncontrolling interest as a result of deconsolidation	(78,354)	—	(78,354)
As at September 30, 2014	\$70,473	\$522,287	\$592,760

7. Derivative instruments

The Company enters into derivative instruments for risk management purposes, specifically to hedge unmatched foreign currency exposures and interest rate exposures. As at September 30, 2015, the Company held foreign currency forward contracts to mitigate the risk of fluctuations in the U.S. dollar against a number of foreign currencies. As at September 30, 2015, the Company held two interest rate swaps to fix the payment of interest on the Company's 2006 and 2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures, as well as three interest rate swaps and one cross-currency interest rate swap to fix the payment of interest and mitigate the foreign exchange rate impact on Flagstone's 2006 and 2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures.

As at September 30, 2015, the Company held one foreign currency forward contract to mitigate the risk of fluctuations in the U.S. dollar against the Euro that was not designated as a hedging instrument.

The following table summarizes information on the classification and amount of the fair value of derivatives not designated as hedging instruments on the Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	As at September 30, 2015			As at December 31, 2014		
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:	Net Notional Exposure	Asset Derivative at Fair Value (a)	Liability Derivative at Fair Value (a)	Net Notional Exposure	Asset Derivative at Fair Value (a)	Liability Derivative at Fair Value (a)
Foreign currency forward contracts	\$23,346	\$174	\$—	\$26,755	\$1,685	\$—

Asset and liability derivatives are classified within other assets and accounts payable and accrued expenses respectively on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The net impact on earnings during the three and nine months (a) ended September 30, 2015, recognized in income within other income, relating to the foreign currency forward contract that was not designated as a hedging instrument was (\$184) and (\$311), respectively (2014: \$nil and \$nil).

The following table summarizes information on the classification and amount of the fair value of derivatives designated as hedging instruments on the Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	As at September 30, 2015			As at December 31, 2014		
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:	Net Notional Exposure	Asset Derivative at Fair Value (a)	Liability Derivative at Fair Value (a)	Net Notional Exposure	Asset Derivative at Fair Value (a)	Liability Derivative at Fair Value (a)
Foreign currency forward contracts	\$188,691	\$1,390	\$4,918	\$189,026	\$401	\$3,136
	\$552,263	\$21	\$1,444	\$552,263	\$25	\$1,169

Interest rate swap
contracts

(a) Asset and liability derivatives are classified within other assets and accounts payable and accrued expenses, respectively on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

(a) Classification within the fair value hierarchy

As described in Note 4: "Fair value measurements" under U.S. GAAP, a company must determine the appropriate level in the fair value hierarchy for each fair value measurement. The assumptions used within the valuation of the Company's derivative instruments are observable in the marketplace, can be derived from observable data or are supported by observable levels at which other similar transactions are executed in the marketplace. Accordingly, these derivatives were classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

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(b) Derivative instruments designated as a fair value hedge

The Company designates certain foreign currency derivative instruments as fair value hedges and formally and contemporaneously documents all relationships between the derivative instruments and hedged items and links the derivative instruments to specific assets and liabilities. The Company assesses the effectiveness of the hedges, both at inception and on an on-going basis and determines whether the hedges are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair value of the linked hedged items.

The following table provides the total impact on earnings, recognized in income within foreign exchange gains (losses), relating to the derivative instruments formally designated as fair value hedges along with the impact of the related hedged items for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
Foreign currency forward contracts				
Amount of loss recognized in income on derivative	\$ (4,175)	\$ (14,817)	\$ (21,965)	\$ (9,979)
Amount of gain on hedged item recognized in income attributable to risk being hedged	\$ 4,175	\$ 14,817	\$ 21,965	\$ 9,979
Amount of gain (loss) recognized in income on derivative (ineffective portion)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —

(c) Derivative instruments designated as a cash flow hedge

The Company designates its interest rate derivative instruments as cash flow hedges and formally and contemporaneously documents all relationships between the hedging instruments and hedged items and links the derivative instruments to specific assets and liabilities. The Company assesses the effectiveness of the hedges, both at inception and on an on-going basis and determines whether the hedges are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair value of the linked hedged items. The Company currently applies the long haul method when assessing the hedge's effectiveness.

The following table provides the total impact on other comprehensive income (loss) and earnings relating to the derivative instruments formally designated as cash flow hedges along with the impact of the related hedged items for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
Interest rate swap contracts				
Amount of effective portion recognized in other comprehensive income	\$ 3,178	\$ 3,302	\$ 10,064	\$ 9,762
Amount of effective portion subsequently reclassified to earnings	\$ (3,253)	\$ (3,302)	\$ (9,728)	\$ (9,762)
Amount of ineffective portion excluded from effectiveness testing	\$ 75	\$ —	\$ (336)	\$ —

The above balances relate to interest payments and have therefore been classified as finance expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

(d) Balance sheet offsetting

There was no balance sheet offsetting activity as at September 30, 2015 or December 31, 2014.

The Company currently provides cash collateral as security for interest rate swap contracts. The Company does not provide cash collateral or financial instruments as security for foreign currency forward contracts. Our derivative instruments are generally traded under International Swaps and Derivatives Association master netting agreements, which establish terms that apply to all transactions. On a periodic basis, the amounts receivable from or payable to the counterparties are settled in cash.

The Company has not elected to settle multiple transactions with an individual counterparty on a net basis.

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8. Reserve for losses and loss expenses

Reserves for losses and loss expenses are based in part upon the estimation of case reserves from broker, insured and ceding company reported data. The Company also uses statistical and actuarial methods to estimate ultimate expected losses and loss expenses, from which incurred but not reported losses can be calculated. The period of time from the occurrence of a loss to the reporting of a loss to the Company and to the settlement of the Company's liability may be several months or years. During this period, additional facts and trends may be revealed. As these factors become apparent, reserves will be adjusted, sometimes requiring an increase or decrease in the overall reserves of the Company, and at other times requiring a reallocation of incurred but not reported reserves to specific case reserves. These estimates are reviewed and adjusted regularly, and such adjustments, if any, are reflected in earnings in the period in which they become known. While management believes that it has made a reasonable estimate of ultimate losses, there can be no assurances that ultimate losses and loss expenses will not exceed this estimate.

The following table represents an analysis of paid and unpaid losses and loss expenses incurred and a reconciliation of the beginning and ending unpaid losses and loss expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
Reserve for losses and loss expenses, beginning of period	\$3,187,177	\$2,867,307	\$3,234,394	\$3,030,399
Losses and loss expenses recoverable	(376,665)	(338,734)	(377,466)	(370,154)
Net reserves for losses and loss expenses, beginning of period	2,810,512	2,528,573	2,856,928	2,660,245
Increase (decrease) in net reserves for losses and loss expenses in respect of losses occurring in:				
Current year	349,759	279,690	1,011,111	713,177
Prior years (a)	(91,501)	(55,565)	(245,778)	(167,636)
Total incurred losses and loss expenses (a)	258,258	224,125	765,333	545,541
Less net losses and loss expenses paid in respect of losses occurring in:				
Current year	(63,151)	(74,618)	(105,216)	(99,326)
Prior years	(207,514)	(183,697)	(700,507)	(633,048)
Total net paid losses	(270,665)	(258,315)	(805,723)	(732,374)
Foreign exchange gain	(13,983)	(40,717)	(32,416)	(19,746)
Net reserve for losses and loss expenses, end of period	2,784,122	2,453,666	2,784,122	2,453,666
Losses and loss expenses recoverable	385,212	298,502	385,212	298,502
Reserve for losses and loss expenses, end of period	\$3,169,334	\$2,752,168	\$3,169,334	\$2,752,168
Incurred losses and loss expenses comprise:				
	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
Gross losses and loss expenses (a)	\$285,871	\$222,356	\$854,438	\$587,111
Reinsurance recoverable	(27,613)	1,769	(89,105)	(41,570)
Net incurred losses and loss expenses (a)	\$258,258	\$224,125	\$765,333	\$545,541
(a)				

Upon closing the acquisition of Western World, an adjustment of \$15,586 was made to increase net reserves to reflect fair value. This adjustment was amortized to income through a reduction in losses and loss expenses of \$2,524 and \$8,639 during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The remaining fair value adjustment of \$2,340 will be amortized during the remainder of 2015.

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The September 30, 2015 gross reserves balances comprise reserves for reported claims of \$1,295,473 (December 31, 2014: \$1,495,323) and reserves for claims incurred but not reported of \$1,873,861 (December 31, 2014: \$1,739,071). The net favorable development on prior years by segment and line of business for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 is as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015				
	Property	Marine	Specialty	Liability	Total (a)
Validus Re	\$(27,613)	\$(13,556)	\$(9,306)	\$—	\$(50,475)
Talbot	(9,706)	(14,854)	(11,412)	—	(35,972)
Western World (b)	(1,054)	—	—	(4,000)	(5,054)
Net favorable development (b)	\$(38,373)	\$(28,410)	\$(20,718)	\$(4,000)	\$(91,501)

(a) AlphaCat has not had any development on prior accident years.

Upon closing the acquisition of Western World, an adjustment of \$15,586 was made to increase net reserves to reflect fair value. This adjustment was amortized to income through a reduction in losses and loss expenses of (b) \$2,524 during the three months ended September 30, 2015. The remaining fair value adjustment of \$2,340 will be amortized during the remainder of 2015.

The Validus Re segment experienced favorable development on prior years primarily due to favorable development on events, including Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Ike and the 2010 Chilean earthquake, along with favorable development on attritional losses. The Talbot segment experienced favorable development on prior years primarily due to favorable development on attritional losses. The Western World segment experienced favorable development on prior years primarily due to the amortization of the fair value adjustment made at the acquisition date as well as favorable development on attritional losses.

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2014				
	Property	Marine	Specialty	Total (a)	
Validus Re	\$(16,384)	\$(2,843)	\$(913)	\$(20,140)	
Talbot	(13,285)	(11,922)	(10,218)	(35,425)	
Net favorable development	\$(29,669)	\$(14,765)	\$(11,131)	\$(55,565)	

(a) AlphaCat has not had any development on prior accident years.

The Validus Re and Talbot segments experienced favorable development on prior years primarily due to favorable development on attritional losses.

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015				
	Property	Marine	Specialty	Liability	Total
Validus Re	\$(58,437)	\$(29,225)	\$(18,388)	\$—	\$(106,050)
AlphaCat	(844)	—	—	—	(844)
Talbot	(47,141)	(51,178)	(24,926)	—	(123,245)
Western World (a)	(4,648)	—	—	(10,991)	(15,639)
Net favorable development (a)	\$(111,070)	\$(80,403)	\$(43,314)	\$(10,991)	\$(245,778)

Upon closing the acquisition of Western World, an adjustment of \$15,586 was made to increase net reserves to reflect fair value. This adjustment was amortized to income through a reduction in losses and loss expenses of (a) \$8,639 during the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The remaining fair value adjustment of \$2,340 will be amortized during the remainder of 2015.

The Validus Re segment experienced favorable development on prior years primarily due to favorable development on events and attritional losses. The Talbot segment experienced favorable development on prior years primarily due to favorable development on attritional losses and certain events, including the Thailand floods, which was a 2011 notable loss event. The Western World segment experienced favorable development on prior years primarily due to

the amortization of the fair value adjustment made at the acquisition date as well as favorable development on attritional losses.

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	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014			
	Property	Marine	Specialty	Total
Validus Re	\$(50,598)	\$(5,213)	\$(1,025)	\$(56,836)
AlphaCat	(11,608)	—	—	(11,608)
Talbot	(43,905)	(18,191)	(37,096)	(99,192)
Net favorable development	\$(106,111)	\$(23,404)	\$(38,121)	\$(167,636)

The Validus Re segment experienced favorable development on prior years primarily due to favorable development on attritional losses, partially offset by an increase in the loss estimate on agriculture losses. The AlphaCat segment experienced favorable development on prior years primarily due to the partial release of a 2013 aggregate excess of loss contract. The Talbot segment experienced favorable development on prior years primarily due to a combination of favorable development on attritional losses and notable loss events, primarily the Tohoku earthquake.

9. Reinsurance

The Company enters into reinsurance and retrocession agreements in order to mitigate its accumulation of loss, reduce its liability on individual risks, enable it to underwrite policies with higher limits and increase its aggregate capacity. The cession of insurance and reinsurance does not legally discharge the Company from its primary liability for the full amount of the policies, and the Company is required to pay the loss and bear collection risk if the reinsurer fails to meet its obligations under the reinsurance or retrocession agreement. Amounts recoverable from reinsurers are estimated in a manner consistent with the underlying liabilities.

Credit risk

The Company evaluates the financial condition of its reinsurers and monitors concentration of credit risk arising from its exposure to individual reinsurers. The reinsurance program is generally placed with reinsurers whose rating, at the time of placement, was A- or better as rated by Standard & Poor's or the equivalent with other rating agencies.

Exposure to a single reinsurer is also controlled with restrictions dependent on rating. At September 30, 2015, 98.7% (December 31, 2014: 98.0%) of reinsurance recoverables (which includes loss reserves recoverable and recoverables on paid losses and \$241,283 of total IBNR recoverable (December 31, 2014: \$231,129)) were fully collateralized or from reinsurers rated A- or better.

Reinsurance recoverables by reinsurer as at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 are as follows:

	September 30, 2015		December 31, 2014		
	Reinsurance Recoverable	% of Total	Reinsurance Recoverable	% of Total	
Top 10 reinsurers	\$330,550	81.2	% \$312,205	75.1	%
Other reinsurers' balances > \$1 million	67,209	16.5	% 94,247	22.7	%
Other reinsurers' balances < \$1 million	9,134	2.3	% 9,092	2.2	%
Total	\$406,893	100.0	% \$415,544	100.0	%

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	September 30, 2015			
Top 10 Reinsurers	Rating	Reinsurance Recoverable	% of Total	
Swiss Re	AA-	\$78,548	19.3	%
Lloyd's Syndicates	A+	71,085	17.5	%
Everest Re	A+	47,395	11.6	%
Hannover Re	AA-	42,706	10.5	%
Fully Collateralized	NR	27,604	6.8	%
Munich Re	AA-	19,063	4.7	%
Hamilton Re	A-	12,613	3.1	%
Transatlantic Re	A+	11,921	2.9	%
National Indemnity Company	AA+	10,293	2.5	%
XL Re	A+	9,322	2.3	%
Total		\$330,550	81.2	%
NR: Not rated				

	December 31, 2014			
Top 10 Reinsurers	Rating	Reinsurance Recoverable	% of Total	
Swiss Re	AA-	\$70,848	17.0	%
Lloyd's Syndicates	A+	62,318	15.0	%
Everest Re	A+	51,425	12.4	%
Hannover Re	AA-	40,927	9.8	%
Fully Collateralized	NR	23,315	5.6	%
Munich Re	AA-	19,384	4.7	%
Transatlantic Re	A+	12,418	3.0	%
XL Re	A+	11,114	2.7	%
Berkshire Hathaway Homestate	AA+	10,372	2.5	%
Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance	A+	10,084	2.4	%
Total		\$312,205	75.1	%
NR: Not rated				

At September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the provision for uncollectible reinsurance relating to reinsurance recoverables was \$5,069 and \$4,755, respectively. To estimate the provision for uncollectible reinsurance, the reinsurance recoverable is first allocated to applicable reinsurers. This determination is based on a process rather than an estimate, although an element of judgment is applied, especially in relation to ceded IBNR. The Company then uses default factors to determine the portion of a reinsurer's balance deemed to be uncollectible. Default factors require considerable judgment and are determined in part using the current rating, or rating equivalent, of each reinsurer as well as other key considerations and assumptions.

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10. Share capital

(a) Authorized and issued

The Company's authorized share capital is 571,428,571 common shares with a par value of \$0.175 per share. The holders of common shares are entitled to receive dividends. Holders of common shares are allocated one vote per share, provided that, if the controlled shares of any shareholder or group of related shareholders constitute more than 9.09 percent of the outstanding common shares of the Company, their voting power will be reduced to 9.09 percent. The Company may from time to time repurchase its securities, including common shares, Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures and Senior Notes. On February 3, 2015, the Board of Directors of the Company approved an increase in the Company's common share purchase authorization to \$750,000. This amount is in addition to the \$2,274,401 of common shares repurchased by the Company through February 3, 2015 under its previously authorized share repurchase programs.

The Company has repurchased 74,797,775 common shares for an aggregate purchase price of \$2,435,218 from the inception of its share repurchase program to September 30, 2015. The Company had \$589,183 remaining under its authorized share repurchase program as of September 30, 2015.

The Company expects the purchases under its share repurchase program to be made from time to time in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. The timing, form and amount of the share repurchases under the program will depend on a variety of factors, including market conditions, the Company's capital position relative to internal and rating agency targets, legal requirements and other factors. The repurchase program may be modified, extended or terminated by the Board of Directors at any time.

The following table is a summary of the common shares issued and outstanding:

	Common Shares
Common shares issued, December 31, 2014	155,554,224
Restricted share awards vested, net of shares withheld	610,714
Restricted share units vested, net of shares withheld	13,260
Options exercised	782,465
Warrants exercised	1,461,715
Direct issuance of common stock	639
Performance share awards vested, net of shares withheld	11,524
Common shares issued, September 30, 2015	158,434,541
Treasury shares, September 30, 2015	(76,436,650)
Common shares outstanding, September 30, 2015	81,997,891
	Common Shares
Common shares issued, December 31, 2013	154,488,497
Restricted share awards vested, net of shares withheld	594,582
Restricted share units vested, net of shares withheld	10,265
Options exercised	133,385
Direct issuance of common stock	1,060
Performance share awards vested, net of shares withheld	25,767
Common shares issued, September 30, 2014	155,253,556
Treasury shares, September 30, 2014	(66,141,285)
Common shares outstanding, September 30, 2014	89,112,271

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(b) Warrants

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, 1,796,793 warrants were exercised, which resulted in the issuance of 1,461,715 common shares. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, no warrants were exercised.

Holder of the outstanding warrants are entitled to exercise the warrants in whole or in part at any time until the expiration date. All outstanding warrants are due to expire on December 12, 2015. The total outstanding warrants at September 30, 2015 were 3,377,320 (December 31, 2014: 5,174,114). No further warrants are anticipated to be issued.

(c) Dividends

On August 5, 2015, the Company announced a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.32 (2014: \$0.30) per common share and \$0.32 per common share equivalent for which each outstanding warrant is exercisable. This dividend was paid on September 30, 2015 to holders of record on September 15, 2015.

On May 7, 2015, the Company announced a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.32 (2014: \$0.30) per common share and \$0.32 per common share equivalent for which each outstanding warrant is exercisable. This dividend was paid on June 30, 2015 to holders of record on June 15, 2015.

On February 3, 2015, the Company announced a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.32 (2014: \$0.30) per common share and \$0.32 per common share equivalent for which each outstanding warrant is exercisable. This dividend was paid on March 31, 2015 to holders of record on March 13, 2015.

11. Stock plans

(a) Long Term Incentive Plan and Short Term Incentive Plan

The Company's Amended and Restated 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP") provides for grants to employees of options, stock appreciation rights ("SARs"), restricted shares, restricted share units, performance shares, dividend equivalents or other share-based awards. In addition, the Company may issue restricted share awards or restricted share units in connection with awards issued under its annual Short Term Incentive Plan ("STIP"). The total number of shares reserved for issuance under the LTIP and STIP are 14,976,896 shares of which 1,988,523 shares remain available for issuance at September 30, 2015. The LTIP and STIP are administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. No SARs have been granted to date. Grant prices are established at the fair market value of the Company's common shares at the date of grant.

i. Options

Options may be exercised for voting common shares upon vesting. Options have a life of 10 years and vest either pro rata or at the end of the required service period from the date of grant. Fair value of the option awards at the date of grant is determined using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model.

Expected volatility is based on stock price volatility of comparable publicly-traded companies. The Company used the simplified method consistent with U.S. GAAP authoritative guidance on stock compensation expenses to estimate expected lives for options granted during the period as historical exercise data was not available and the options met the requirement as set out in the guidance.

The Company has not granted any stock options since September 4, 2009.

There were no share compensation expenses in respect of options recognized for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

Activity with respect to options for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was as follows:

	Options	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Weighted Average Grant Date Exercise Price
Options outstanding, December 31, 2014	1,160,057	\$7.12	\$17.74
Options exercised	(1,094,656)	7.09	17.60
Options outstanding, September 30, 2015	65,401	\$7.74	\$20.17

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Activity with respect to options for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 was as follows:

	Options	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Weighted Average Grant Date Exercise Price
Options outstanding, December 31, 2013	1,572,713	\$6.66	\$18.88
Options exercised	(133,385	) 3.81	25.10
Options outstanding, September 30, 2014	1,439,328	\$6.93	\$18.30

At September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, there were no unrecognized share compensation expenses in respect of options.

ii. Restricted share awards

Restricted shares granted under the LTIP and STIP vest either pro rata or at the end of the required service period and contain certain restrictions during the vesting period, relating to, among other things, forfeiture in the event of termination of employment and transferability. The Company recognized share compensation expenses during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 of \$9,081 (2014: \$8,180) and \$26,213 (2014: \$23,101), respectively. The expenses represent the proportionate accrual of the fair value of each grant based on the remaining vesting period. Activity with respect to unvested restricted share awards for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was as follows:

	Restricted Share Awards	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Restricted share awards outstanding, December 31, 2014	2,858,711	\$35.81
Restricted share awards granted	706,341	43.58
Restricted share awards vested	(783,704	) 34.40
Restricted share awards forfeited	(52,642	) 38.03
Restricted share awards outstanding, September 30, 2015	2,728,706	\$38.19

Activity with respect to unvested restricted share awards for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 was as follows:

	Restricted Share Awards	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Restricted share awards outstanding, December 31, 2013	2,684,745	\$33.74
Restricted share awards granted	925,610	37.33
Restricted share awards vested	(769,971	) 31.47
Restricted share awards forfeited	(69,117	) 36.28
Restricted share awards outstanding, September 30, 2014	2,771,267	\$35.50

At September 30, 2015, there were \$77,222 (December 31, 2014: \$74,670) of total unrecognized share compensation expenses in respect of restricted share awards that are expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.6 years (December 31, 2014: 2.7 years).

iii. Restricted share units

Restricted share units under the LTIP and STIP vest either ratably or at the end of the required service period and contain certain restrictions during the vesting period, relating to, among other things, forfeiture in the event of termination of employment and transferability. The Company recognized share compensation expenses during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 of \$310 (2014: \$269) and \$851 (2014: \$602), respectively. The expenses represent the proportionate accrual of the fair value of each grant based on the remaining vesting period.

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Activity with respect to unvested restricted share units for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was as follows:

	Restricted Share Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Restricted share units outstanding, December 31, 2014	103,484	\$36.54
Restricted share units granted	28,057	42.91
Restricted share units vested	(19,455	) 34.58
Restricted share units issued in lieu of cash dividends	2,337	37.21
Restricted share units forfeited	(892	) 35.42
Restricted share units outstanding, September 30, 2015	113,531	\$38.47

Activity with respect to unvested restricted share units for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 was as follows:

	Restricted Share Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Restricted share units outstanding, December 31, 2013	66,518	\$33.74
Restricted share units granted	53,025	38.10
Restricted share units vested	(18,325	) 30.71
Restricted share units issued in lieu of cash dividends	1,479	34.19
Restricted share units outstanding, September 30, 2014	102,697	\$36.54

At September 30, 2015, there were \$3,085 (December 31, 2014: \$2,774) of total unrecognized share compensation expenses in respect of restricted share units that are expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.8 years (December 31, 2014: 3.1 years).

iv. Performance share awards

The performance share awards contain a performance based component. The performance component relates to the compounded growth in the Dividend Adjusted Diluted Book Value per Share ("DBVPS") over a three-year period relative to the Company's peer group. For performance share awards granted during the period, the grant date Diluted Book Value per Share is based on the DBVPS at the end of the most recent financial reporting year. The Dividend Adjusted Performance Period End DBVPS will be the DBVPS three years after the grant date DBVPS. The fair value estimate earns over the requisite attribution period and the estimate will be reassessed at the end of each performance period which will reflect any adjustments in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income in the period in which they are determined.

The Company recognized share compensation expenses during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 of \$592 (2014: \$315) and \$1,215 (2014: \$549), respectively.

Activity with respect to unvested performance share awards for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was as follows:

	Performance Share Awards	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Performance share awards outstanding, December 31, 2014	106,369	\$36.03
Performance share awards granted	81,569	45.03
Performance share awards vested	(15,344) 31.38
Performance share awards outstanding, September 30, 2015	172,594	\$40.70

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Activity with respect to unvested performance share awards for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 was as follows:

	Performance Share Awards	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Performance share awards outstanding, December 31, 2013	101,820	\$33.56
Performance share awards granted	52,639	37.33
Performance share awards vested	(32,746	) 32.62
Performance share awards conversion adjustment	(15,344	) \$31.38
Performance share awards outstanding, September 30, 2014	106,369	\$36.03

At September 30, 2015, there were \$4,559 (December 31, 2014: \$2,232) of total unrecognized share compensation expenses in respect of performance share awards that are expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.3 years (December 31, 2014: 2.1 years).

(b) Total share compensation expenses

The breakdown of share compensation expenses by award type for the periods indicated was as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
Restricted share awards	\$9,081	\$8,180	26,213	23,101
Restricted share units	310	269	851	602
Performance share awards	592	315	1,215	549
Total	\$9,983	\$8,764	\$28,279	\$24,252

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12. Debt and financing arrangements

(a) Financing structure

The financing structure at September 30, 2015 was:

	Commitment	Issued and outstanding (a)	Drawn
2006 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	200,000	139,800	139,800
Flagstone 2006 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	134,504	134,504	134,504
Flagstone 2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	113,750	113,750	113,750
Total debentures payable	598,254	538,054	538,054
2010 Senior Notes due 2040	250,000	250,000	247,387
Total debentures and senior notes payable	848,254	788,054	785,441
\$400,000 syndicated unsecured letter of credit facility	400,000	—	—
\$525,000 syndicated secured letter of credit facility	525,000	244,358	—
\$30,000 secured bi-lateral letter of credit facility	30,000	10,172	—
Talbot FAL facility	25,000	25,000	—
AlphaCat Re secured letter of credit facility	30,000	30,000	—
IPC bi-lateral facility	25,000	10,782	—
\$230,000 Flagstone bi-lateral facility	230,000	205,593	—
Total credit and other facilities	1,265,000	525,905	—
Total debt and financing arrangements	\$2,113,254	\$ 1,313,959	\$ 785,441

The financing structure at December 31, 2014 was:

	Commitment	Issued and outstanding (a)	Drawn
2006 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	200,000	139,800	139,800
Flagstone 2006 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	135,727	135,727	135,727
Flagstone 2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	113,750	113,750	113,750
Total debentures payable	599,477	539,277	539,277
2010 Senior Notes due 2040	250,000	250,000	247,306
Total debentures and senior notes payable	849,477	789,277	786,583
\$400,000 syndicated unsecured letter of credit facility	400,000	—	—
\$525,000 syndicated secured letter of credit facility	525,000	276,455	—
\$200,000 secured bi-lateral letter of credit facility	200,000	15,649	—
Talbot FAL facility	25,000	25,000	—
PaCRe senior secured letter of credit facility	10,000	294	—
AlphaCat Re secured letter of credit facility	30,000	30,000	—
IPC bi-lateral facility	40,000	15,897	—
\$375,000 Flagstone bi-lateral facility	375,000	198,389	—
Total credit and other facilities	1,605,000	561,684	—
Total debt and financing arrangements	\$2,454,477	\$ 1,350,961	\$ 786,583

(a) Indicates utilization of commitment amount, not necessarily drawn borrowings.

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(b) Senior notes and junior subordinated deferrable debentures

The following table summarizes the key terms of the Company's senior notes and junior subordinated deferrable debentures as at the issuance date for each placement.

Description	Issuance date	Commitment	Maturity date	Fixed/Spread	Interest payments due
2006 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	June 15, 2006	\$ 150,000	June 15, 2036	9.069 % (a)	Quarterly
Flagstone 2006 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	August 23, 2006	\$ 134,504	September 15, 2036	3.540 % (b)	Quarterly
2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	June 21, 2007	\$ 200,000	June 15, 2037	8.480 % (a)	Quarterly
Flagstone 2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	June 8, 2007	\$ 88,750	July 30, 2037	3.000 % (b)	Quarterly
Flagstone 2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	September 20, 2007	\$ 25,000	September 15, 2037	3.100 % (b)	Quarterly
2010 Senior Notes due 2040	January 26, 2010	\$ 250,000	January 26, 2040	8.875 % (a)	Semi-annually in arrears

(a) Fixed interest rate.

(b) Variable interest rate is the three-month LIBOR, reset quarterly, plus spread as noted in the table.

The following table summarizes the key terms of the Company's senior notes and junior subordinated deferrable debentures as at September 30, 2015:

Description	Issuance date	Commitment	Maturity date	Fixed/Spread	Interest payments due
2006 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	June 15, 2006	\$ 150,000	June 15, 2036	5.831 % (b)	Quarterly
Flagstone 2006 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	August 23, 2006	\$ 134,482	September 15, 2036	6.463 % (b)	Quarterly
2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	June 21, 2007	\$ 200,000	June 15, 2037	5.180 % (b)	Quarterly
Flagstone 2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	June 8, 2007	\$ 88,750	July 30, 2037	5.900 % (b)	Quarterly
Flagstone 2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	September 20, 2007	\$ 25,000	September 15, 2037	5.983 % (b)	Quarterly
	January 26, 2010	\$ 250,000	January 26, 2040	8.875 % (a)	

2010 Senior Notes due
2040

Semi-annually in
arrears

(a) Fixed interest rate.

(b) Interest rate has been fixed as a result of interest rate swap contracts entered into by the Company.

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Senior Notes

The Senior Notes due 2040 (the “2010 Senior Notes”) were part of a registered public offering. The 2010 Senior Notes mature on January 26, 2040. The Company may redeem the notes, in whole at any time, or in part from time to time, at the Company’s option on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days’ notice, at a make-whole redemption price as described in “Description of the Notes - Optional Redemption” in the 2010 Senior Notes prospectus supplement. In addition, the Company may redeem the notes, in whole, but not in part, at any time upon the occurrence of certain tax events as described in “Description of the Notes - Redemption for Tax Purposes” in the prospectus supplement.

Debt issuance costs were deferred as an asset and are amortized over the life of the 2010 Senior Notes. There were no redemptions made during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

The 2010 Senior Notes are unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Company and rank equally in right of payment with all of the Company’s existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The 2010 Senior Notes will be effectively junior to all of the Company’s future secured debt, to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such debt, and will rank senior to all our existing and future subordinated debt. The 2010 Senior Notes are structurally subordinated to all obligations of the Company’s subsidiaries.

Future payments of principal of \$250,000 on the 2010 Senior Notes are all expected to be after 2020.

Junior subordinated deferrable debentures

The Company participated in private placements of junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures due 2036 and 2037 (respectively, the “2006 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures” and “2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures”).

Debt issuance costs for the 2006 and 2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures were deferred as an asset and were amortized to income over the five year optional redemption periods. They are redeemable at the Company’s option at par. There were no redemptions made during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. As part of the acquisition of Flagstone, the Company assumed junior subordinated deferrable debentures due 2036 and 2037 (respectively, the “Flagstone 2006 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures” and “Flagstone 2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures”). These debentures are redeemable quarterly at par. There were no redemptions made during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

Future payments of principal of \$538,054 on the debentures discussed above are all expected to be after 2020.

(c) Credit facilities

i. \$400,000 syndicated unsecured letter of credit facility and \$525,000 syndicated secured letter of credit facility
On March 9, 2012, the Company entered into a \$400,000 four-year unsecured credit facility with various counter parties as co-documentation agents and the lenders party thereto, which provides for letter of credit and revolving credit availability for the Company (the “Four Year Unsecured Facility”) (the full \$400,000 of which is available for letters of credit and/or revolving loans). The Four Year Unsecured Facility was provided by a syndicate of commercial banks. Letters of credit under the Four Year Unsecured Facility are available to support obligations in connection with the insurance business of the Company and its subsidiaries. Loans under the Four Year Unsecured Facility are available for the general corporate and working capital purposes of the Company. The Company may request that existing lenders under the Four Year Unsecured Facility or prospective additional lenders agree to make available additional commitments from time to time so long as the aggregate commitments under the Four Year Unsecured Facility do not exceed \$500,000.

Also on March 9, 2012, the Company entered into a \$525,000 four-year secured credit facility, with the same parties, which provides for letter of credit availability for the Company (the “Four Year Secured Facility” and together with the Four Year Unsecured Facility, the “Credit Facilities”). The Four Year Secured Facility was also provided by a syndicate of commercial banks. Letters of credit under the Four Year Secured Facility will be available to support obligations in connection with the insurance business of the Company. The Company may request that existing lenders under the

Four Year Secured Facility or prospective additional lenders agree to make available additional commitments from time to time so long as the aggregate commitments under the Four Year Secured Facility do not exceed \$700,000. The obligations of the Company under the Four Year Secured Facility are secured by cash and securities deposited into cash collateral accounts from time to time with The Bank of New York Mellon.

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As of September 30, 2015, there were \$244,358 in outstanding letters of credit under the Four Year Secured Facility (December 31, 2014: \$276,455) and \$nil (December 31, 2014: \$nil) outstanding under the Four Year Unsecured Facility.

The Credit Facilities contain covenants that include, among other things (i) the requirement that the Company initially maintain a minimum level of consolidated net worth of at least \$2,600,000 and, commencing with the end of the fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2012, to be increased quarterly by an amount equal to 50.0% of the Company's consolidated net income (if positive) for such quarter plus 50.0% of the aggregate increases in the consolidated shareholders' equity of the Company during such fiscal quarter by reason of the issuance and sale of common equity interests of the Company, including upon any conversion of debt securities of the Company into such equity interests, (ii) the requirement that the Company maintain at all times a consolidated total debt to consolidated total capital ratio not greater than 0.35:1.00, and (iii) the requirement that Validus Reinsurance, Ltd. and any other material insurance subsidiaries maintain a financial strength rating by A.M. Best of not less than "B++" (Fair). In addition, the Credit Facilities contain customary negative covenants applicable to the Company, including limitations on the ability to pay dividends and other payments in respect of equity interests at any time that the Company is otherwise in default with respect to certain provisions under the respective Credit Facilities, limitations on the ability to incur liens, sell assets, merge or consolidate with others, enter into transactions with affiliates, and limitations on the ability of its subsidiaries to incur indebtedness. The Credit Facilities also contain customary affirmative covenants, representations and warranties and events of default for credit facilities of its type. As of September 30, 2015, and throughout the reporting periods presented, the Company was in compliance with all covenants and restrictions under the Credit Facilities.

ii. \$25,000 Talbot FAL facility

On November 19, 2013, Validus Holdings, Ltd. ("Validus Holdings"), as Guarantor, and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Talbot Holdings Ltd. ("Talbot Holdings"), as Borrower, entered into an Amendment and Restatement Agreement relating to its \$25,000 Funds-at-Lloyd's Standby Letter of Credit Facility (the "Facility") which amends the Facility to support underwriting capacity provided to Talbot 2002 Underwriting Ltd through Syndicate 1183 at Lloyd's of London for the 2015 and prior underwriting years of account (the "Restated Facility"). The Restated Facility was provided and arranged by Lloyds Bank plc and ING Bank N.V., London Branch. The Restated Facility provides for the issuance of up to \$25,000 (denominated in US Dollars or Pound Sterling) of secured letters of credit to be issued for the benefit of Lloyd's of London.

The Restated Facility contains affirmative covenants that include, among other things, (i) the requirement that Validus Holdings and its subsidiaries initially maintain a minimum level of consolidated net worth of at least \$3,225,727, and commencing with the fiscal quarter ending September 30, 2013, to be increased quarterly by an amount equal to 50% of our consolidated net income (if positive) for such quarter plus 50% of the aggregate increases in our consolidated shareholder's equity interests by reason of issuance and sale of Validus Holdings' common equity interests including upon any conversion of Validus Holdings' debt securities into equity interests during such quarter and (ii) the requirement that Validus Holdings and its subsidiaries maintain at all times a consolidated total debt to consolidated total capitalization ratio not greater than 0.35:1.00. The Restated Facility defines net worth to include preferred and preference securities and "hybrid" securities (which includes Validus Holdings' and its Flagstone subsidiaries' Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures). The Restated Facility also requires that Talbot Holdings maintain at least \$300,000 of its own Funds at Lloyd's, and to obtain a letter of comfort from Lloyd's of London confirming that Lloyd's of London will take into account a requested order of drawdown to drawdown Talbot Holdings' own Funds at Lloyd's ahead of letters of credit issued under the Facility.

The Restated Facility also contains restrictions on Validus Holdings' ability to pay dividends and other payments in respect of equity interests at any time that it is otherwise in default under the Facility (with certain exceptions for

dividends in respect of preferred securities and hybrid securities, which are only limited during the continuance of certain specified defaults), incur debt at its subsidiaries level, transact with affiliates, incur liens, sell assets and merge or consolidate with others and other restrictions customary for transactions of this type, in each case subject to agreed exceptions.

Secured letter of credit availability under the Restated Facility is subject to a borrowing base limitation comprised of (a) the aggregate amount of cash and eligible securities owned by Validus Reinsurance, Ltd. and placed in a collateral account subject to a customary account control agreement in favor of the lenders and agents under the Restated Facility multiplied by (b) an agreed upon advance rate applicable for each category of cash and eligible securities. Obligations in respect of secured letters of credit under the Restated Facility are secured by a first-priority security interest on the cash and eligible securities comprising the borrowing base in favor of the trustee under the Restated Facility.

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The Restated Facility contains representations and warranties customary for facilities of this type. The Restated Facility also contains customary events of default including without limitation, with agreed grace periods and thresholds, failure to make payments due under the Restated Facility, material inaccuracy of representations and warranties, breach of covenants, cross defaults to material indebtedness, bankruptcy defaults, judgments defaults, and failure to maintain certain material insurance licenses.

As of September 30, 2015, the Company had \$25,000 (December 31, 2014: \$25,000) in outstanding letters of credit under the Talbot FAL facility.

As of September 30, 2015, and throughout the reporting periods presented, the Company was in compliance with all covenants and restrictions under the Talbot FAL facility.

iii. \$25,000 IPC bi-lateral facility

The Company assumed an existing evergreen letter of credit facility through the acquisition of IPC Holdings, Ltd. (the "IPC bi-lateral facility"). As of September 30, 2015, there were \$10,782 outstanding letters of credit issued under the IPC bi-lateral facility (December 31, 2014: \$15,897). As of September 30, 2015, and throughout the reporting periods presented, the Company was in compliance with all covenants and restrictions under the IPC bi-lateral facility.

iv. \$30,000 secured bi-lateral letter of credit facility

The Company is party to an evergreen secured bi-lateral letter of credit facility with Citibank Europe plc (the "Secured bi-lateral letter of credit facility"). As of September 30, 2015, \$10,172 (December 31, 2014: \$15,649) of letters of credit were outstanding under the Secured bi-lateral letter of credit facility. The Secured bi-lateral letter of credit facility has no fixed termination date and as of September 30, 2015, and throughout the reporting periods presented, the Company is in compliance with all terms and covenants thereof. During the period ended March 31, 2015 the size of the facility was decreased to \$30,000 from \$200,000.

v. \$10,000 PaCRe senior secured letter of credit facility

On May 11, 2012, PaCRe and its subsidiary, PaCRe Investments, Ltd. entered into a secured evergreen credit and letter of credit facility with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. This facility provides for revolving borrowings by PaCRe and for letters of credit issued by PaCRe to be used to support its reinsurance obligations. This facility was terminated on May 29, 2015; therefore, as of September 30, 2015, \$nil (December 31, 2014: \$294) letters of credit were outstanding under this facility. PaCRe was in compliance with all covenants and restrictions thereof through the termination date.

vi. \$30,000 AlphaCat Re secured letter of credit facility

In 2013, AlphaCat Re entered into a secured evergreen letter of credit facility with Comerica Bank. This facility provided for letters of credit issued by AlphaCat Re to be used to support its reinsurance obligations in the aggregate amount of \$24,800. During the period ended March 31, 2014 the size of the facility was increased to \$30,000 from \$24,800. As of September 30, 2015, \$30,000 (December 31, 2014: \$30,000) of letters of credit were outstanding under this facility. As of September 30, 2015, and throughout the reporting periods presented, AlphaCat Re was in compliance with all covenants and restrictions thereof.

vii. \$230,000 Flagstone bi-lateral facility

As part of the Flagstone Acquisition, the Company assumed an evergreen Letters of Credit Master Agreement between Citibank Europe Plc and Flagstone Reassurance Suisse, S.A. (the "Flagstone Bi-Lateral Facility"). At September 30, 2015, the Flagstone Bi-Lateral Facility had \$205,593 (December 31, 2014: \$198,389) letters of credit issued and outstanding. As of September 30, 2015, and throughout the reporting periods presented, the Company was in compliance with all covenants and restrictions under the Flagstone Bi-Lateral Facility. During the period ended March 31, 2015 the size of the facility was decreased to \$230,000 from \$375,000.

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(d) Finance expenses

Finance expenses consist of interest on the junior subordinated deferrable debentures and senior notes, the amortization of debt offering costs, credit facilities fees, bank charges, AlphaCat financing fees and Talbot FAL costs as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
2006 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	\$2,235	\$ 2,235	\$6,633	\$ 6,633
2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	1,848	1,848	5,492	5,492
Flagstone 2006 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	2,274	2,269	6,735	6,736
Flagstone 2007 Junior Subordinated Deferrable Debentures	1,807	1,807	5,335	5,335
2010 Senior Notes due 2040	5,597	5,597	16,791	16,791
Credit facilities	1,293	1,295	4,193	4,225
Bank charges	76	88	337	303
AlphaCat fees (a)	2,348	384	9,456	2,030
Talbot FAL Facility	20	(169	) 113	(165
Total finance expenses	\$17,498	\$ 15,354	\$55,085	\$ 47,380

(a) Includes finance expenses incurred by AlphaCat Managers, Ltd. in relation to fund raising for AlphaCat direct, the AlphaCat ILS funds, AlphaCat 2015 and AlphaCat 2014.

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13. Accumulated other comprehensive loss

The changes in accumulated other comprehensive loss, by component for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 is as follows:

Three Months Ended September 30, 2015	Foreign currency translation adjustment	Minimum pension liability	Cash flow hedge	Total
Balance beginning of period, net of tax	\$(8,374)	\$(53)	\$(639)	\$(9,066)
Net current period other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax	(1,850)	(28)	75)	(1,803)
Balance end of period, net of tax	\$(10,224)	\$(81)	\$(564)	\$(10,869)
Three Months Ended September 30, 2014			Foreign currency translation adjustment	Total
Balance beginning of period, net of tax			\$2,460	\$2,460
Net current period other comprehensive loss, net of tax			(5,198)	(5,198)
Balance end of period, net of tax			\$(2,738)	\$(2,738)
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	Foreign currency translation adjustment	Minimum pension liability	Cash flow hedge	Total
Balance beginning of period, net of tax	\$(8,118)	\$(210)	\$(228)	\$(8,556)
Net current period other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax	(2,106)	129)	(336)	(2,313)
Balance end of period, net of tax	\$(10,224)	\$(81)	\$(564)	\$(10,869)
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014			Foreign currency translation adjustment	Total
Balance beginning of period, net of tax			\$(617)	\$(617)
Net current period other comprehensive loss, net of tax			(2,121)	(2,121)
Balance end of period, net of tax			\$(2,738)	\$(2,738)

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14. Commitments and contingencies

(a) Concentrations of credit risk

The Company attempts to limit its credit exposure by purchasing high quality fixed income investments to maintain a minimum weighted-average portfolio credit rating of A+. In addition, the portfolio limits the amount of "risk assets," such as non-investment grade debt and equity securities, to a maximum of 35% of shareholders' equity. The Company also limits its exposure to any single issuer to 3.75% or less of total cash and investments, excluding government and agency securities, depending on the credit rating of the issuer. With the exception of the Company's non-investment grade bank loan portfolio, which represents 7.7% of total managed cash and investments as at September 30, 2015, and certain capital securities issued by investment grade corporations, the minimum credit rating of any security purchased is Baa3/BBB-. Managed cash and investments consist of total cash and investments less restricted cash, assets managed on behalf of AlphaCat investors, catastrophe bonds and noncontrolling interests. In total, investments in below investment grade securities are limited to no more than 15% of the Company's managed cash and investment portfolio. As at September 30, 2015, 9.5% of the Company's total managed cash and investment portfolio was below investment grade. The Company did not have an aggregate exposure to any single issuer of more than 0.7% of total cash and investments, other than with respect to government and agency securities as at September 30, 2015.

(b) Funds at Lloyd's

The amounts provided under the Talbot FAL Facility would become a liability of the Company in the event of Syndicate 1183 declaring a loss at a level which would call on this arrangement.

Talbot operates in Lloyd's through a corporate member, Talbot 2002 Underwriting Capital Ltd ("T02"), which is the sole participant in Syndicate 1183. Lloyd's sets T02's required capital annually based on Syndicate 1183's business plan, rating environment and reserving environment together with input arising from Lloyd's discussions with, inter alia, regulatory and rating agencies. Such capital, called Funds at Lloyd's ("FAL"), comprises: cash, investments and undrawn letters of credit provided by various banks.

The amounts of cash, investments and letters of credit provided for each year of account as follows:

	2015	2014
	Underwriting	Underwriting
	Year	Year
Talbot FAL facility	\$25,000	\$25,000
Group funds	570,100	450,000
Total	\$595,100	\$475,000

The amounts which are provided as FAL are not available for distribution to the Company for the payment of dividends. Talbot's corporate member may also be required to maintain funds under the control of Lloyd's in excess of its capital requirement and such funds also may not be available for distribution to the Company for the payment of dividends. See Note 3 (d) for investments pledged as collateral.

(c) Lloyd's Central Fund

Whenever a member of Lloyd's is unable to pay its debts to policyholders, such debts may be payable by the Lloyd's Central Fund. If Lloyd's determines that the Central Fund needs to be increased, it has the power to assess premium levies on current Lloyd's members up to 3% of a member's underwriting capacity in any one year. The Company does not believe that any assessment is likely in the foreseeable future and has not provided any allowance for such an assessment. However, based on the Company's 2015 estimated premium income at Lloyd's of £625,000, at the September 30, 2015 exchange rate of £1 equals \$1.51 and assuming the maximum 3% assessment, the Company would be assessed approximately \$28,313.

(d) Investment in affiliate commitments

As discussed in Note 5 "Investments in affiliates," on December 20, 2011 the Company entered into an Assignment and Assumption Agreement with Aquiline Capital Partners LLC, pursuant to which it assumed total capital commitments of \$50,000. This interest is governed by the terms of an Amended and Restated Exempted Limited Partnership Agreement dated as of January 9, 2013. The Company's remaining commitment at September 30, 2015 was \$4,085 (December 31, 2014: \$7,500).

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On October 2, 2014, the Company assumed an additional investment in Aquiline Capital Partners II GP (Offshore) Ltd. as part of the Western World acquisition representing a total capital commitment of \$10,000. This interest is governed by the terms of an Amended and Restated Exempted Limited Partnership Agreement dated as of January 9, 2013. The Company's remaining capital commitment at September 30, 2015 was \$817 (December 31, 2014: \$1,499).

On November 7, 2014, the Company entered into a Subscription Agreement with Aquiline Capital Partners III GP (Offshore) Ltd., pursuant to which it assumed total capital commitments of \$100,000 in respect of Limited Partnership Interests in Aquiline Financial Services Fund III L.P. (the "Fund"). The Limited Partnership Interests are governed by the terms of the Aquiline III Limited Partnership Agreement dated November 7, 2014. The Company's remaining commitment at September 30, 2015 was \$86,110 (December 31, 2014: \$100,000).

On December 29, 2014, the Company entered into an agreement with AlphaCat 2015 pursuant to which it assumed total capital commitments of \$28,000. The Company's remaining commitment at September 30, 2015 was \$nil (December 31, 2014: \$2,400).

On December 29, 2014, the Company entered into an agreement with an AlphaCat ILS fund pursuant to which it assumed total capital commitments of \$20,000. The Company's remaining commitment at September 30, 2015 was \$nil (December 31, 2014: \$8,000).

(e) Fixed maturity commitment

As at September 30, 2015, the Company had an outstanding commitment to participate in certain secured loan facilities through participation agreements with an established loan originator. The undrawn amount under the revolver facility participations as at September 30, 2015 was \$28,831 (December 31, 2014: \$7,539).

(f) Other investment commitments

As at September 30, 2015, the Company had capital commitments in private equity investments of \$153,000 (December 31, 2014: \$153,000). The Company's remaining commitment to these investments at September 30, 2015 was \$76,519 (December 31, 2014: \$83,712).

(g) Multi-Beneficiary Reinsurance Trust ("MBRT")

In December 2014, the Company established an MBRT to collateralize its (re)insurance liabilities associated with and for the benefit of U.S. domiciled cedants, and was approved as a trustee reinsurer in the State of New Jersey. As at September 30, 2015, the Company was approved in a total of 46 jurisdictions. As a result, cedants domiciled in those jurisdictions will receive automatic credit in their regulatory filings for reinsurance provided by the Company.

(h) Income tax examinations

The Company has open examinations by the U.K. HM Revenue and Customs for the tax years 2011 to 2013 and the Company believes that these examinations will be concluded within the next 12 months.

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15. Related party transactions

The transactions listed below are classified as related party transactions as principals and/or directors of each counter party are members of the Company's board of directors.

Aquiline Capital Partners, LLC and its related companies ("Aquiline"), which hold warrants to purchase 2,756,088 shares, and have two employees on the Company's Board of Directors who do not receive compensation from the Company, are shareholders of Group Ark Insurance Holdings Ltd. ("Group Ark"). Christopher E. Watson, a director of the Company, serves as a director of Group Ark. Pursuant to reinsurance agreements with a subsidiary of Group Ark, the Company recognized gross premiums written during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 of \$322 (2014: \$246) and \$2,718 (2014: \$2,190), respectively with \$1,484 included in premiums receivable at September 30, 2015 (December 31, 2014: \$335). The Company also recognized reinsurance premiums ceded during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 of \$23 (2014: \$127) and \$24 (2014: \$127) and had reinsurance balances payable of \$4 at September 30, 2015 (December 31, 2014: \$4). The Company recorded \$815 of loss reserves recoverable at September 30, 2015 (December 31, 2014: \$1,063). Earned premium adjustments of \$870 (2014: \$694) and \$2,187 (2014: \$1,653) were recorded during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015.

On November 24, 2009, the Company entered into an Investment Management Agreement with Conning, Inc. ("Conning") to manage a portion of the Company's investment portfolio. Aquiline acquired Conning on June 16, 2009. Jeffrey W. Greenberg, a director of the Company, serves as a director of Conning Holdings Corp., the parent company of Conning. During the three months ended September 30, 2015, Aquiline disposed of its investment in Conning. Therefore, effective September 30, 2015, Conning was no longer a related party. Investment management fees earned by Conning for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 were \$436 and \$841, respectively. Investment management fees earned by Conning for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 were (\$7) and \$219 respectively, with \$515 included in accounts payable and accrued expenses at December 31, 2014.

On December 20, 2011, the Company entered into an Assignment and Assumption Agreement (the "Agreement") with Aquiline Capital Partners LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Assignor") and Aquiline Capital Partners II GP (Offshore) Ltd., a Cayman Islands company limited by shares (the "General Partner") pursuant to which the Company has assumed 100% of the Assignor's interest in Aquiline Financial Services Fund II L.P. (the "Aquiline II Partnership") representing a total capital commitment of \$50,000 (the "Aquiline II Commitment"), as a limited partner in the Partnership (the "Transferred Interest"). On October 2, 2014, the Company assumed an additional investment in the Aquiline II Partnership as part of the Western World acquisition representing a total capital commitment of \$10,000. Messrs. Greenberg and Watson, directors of the Company, serve as managing principal and senior principal, respectively, of Aquiline Capital Partners LLC. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company incurred \$155 (2014: \$nil) and \$1,092 (2014: \$nil) in partnership fees and made net capital (distributions) contributions of (\$3,684) (2014: \$nil) and \$5,293 (2014: \$nil), with \$nil included in accounts payable and accrued expenses at September 30, 2015 (December 31, 2014: \$nil).

On November 7, 2014, the Company, entered into a Subscription Agreement (the "Subscription Agreement") with Aquiline Capital Partners III GP (Offshore) Ltd., a Cayman Islands company limited by shares (the "Aquiline III General Partner") pursuant to which the Company is committing and agreeing to purchase limited partnership or other comparable limited liability equity interests (the "Limited Partnership Interests") in Aquiline Financial Services Fund III L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership (the "Aquiline III Partnership"), and/or one or more Alternative Investment Vehicles and Intermediate Entities (together with the Aquiline III Partnership, the "Fund" or the "Entities") with a capital commitment (the "Aquiline III Commitment") in an amount equal to \$100,000, as a limited partner in the Aquiline Financial Services III Partnership. For the three months ended September 30, 2015, the Company incurred partnership fees of \$nil and made net capital distributions of (\$345). For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company incurred partnership fees of \$nil and made net capital contributions of \$13,793,

with \$nil included in accounts payable and accrued expenses at September 30, 2015 (December 31, 2014: \$nil). Certain shareholders of the Company and their affiliates, as well as employers of entities associated with directors or officers have purchased insurance and/or reinsurance from the Company in the ordinary course of business. The Company believes these transactions were settled for arm's length consideration.

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16. Earnings per share

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and earnings per diluted share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
Basic earnings per share				
Net (loss) income	\$ (5,013	) \$ (13,397	) \$ 289,032	\$ 381,172
Loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interest	71,663	53,069	15,042	(25,745)
Net income available to Validus	66,650	39,672	304,074	355,427
Less: Dividends and distributions declared on outstanding warrants	(1,080	) (1,552	) (3,566	) (4,656)
Income available to common shareholders	\$ 65,570	\$ 38,120	\$ 300,508	\$ 350,771
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	82,635,316	90,593,329	83,296,703	91,665,950
Basic earnings per share available to common shareholders	\$ 0.79	\$ 0.42	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.83
Earnings per diluted share				
Net (loss) income	\$ (5,013	) \$ (13,397	) \$ 289,032	\$ 381,172
Loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interest	71,663	53,069	15,042	(25,745)
Net income available to Validus	66,650	39,672	304,074	355,427
Less: Dividends and distributions declared on outstanding warrants	—	(1,552) —	—
Income available to common shareholders	\$ 66,650	\$ 38,120	\$ 304,074	\$ 355,427
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	82,635,316	90,593,329	83,296,703	91,665,950
Share equivalents:				
Warrants	2,054,378	—	2,290,892	2,747,399
Stock options	47,702	760,267	190,429	752,145
Unvested restricted shares	892,098	586,014	1,063,903	772,147
Weighted average number of diluted common shares outstanding	85,629,494	91,939,610	86,841,927	95,937,641
Earnings per diluted share available to common shareholders	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.41	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.70

Share equivalents that would result in the issuance of 25,237 common shares (2014: 4,712) were outstanding for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, but were not included in the computation of earnings per diluted share because the effect would be antidilutive.

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17. Segment information

The Company conducts its operations worldwide through four operating segments, which have been determined under U.S. GAAP segment reporting to be Validus Re, AlphaCat, Talbot and Western World. The Company's operating segments are strategic business units that offer different products and services. They are managed and have capital allocated separately because each segment requires different strategies.

Validus Re Segment

The Validus Re segment is focused on short-tail lines of reinsurance. The primary lines in which the segment conducts business are property, marine and specialty which includes agriculture, aerospace and aviation, financial lines of business, nuclear, terrorism, life, accident & health, workers' compensation, crisis management, contingency, motor, technical lines, composite and trade credit.

AlphaCat Segment

The AlphaCat segment manages strategic relationships that leverage the Company's underwriting and investment expertise and earns management, performance and underwriting fees primarily from the Company's operating affiliates and other third party investors, AlphaCat Re 2011, AlphaCat Re 2012, AlphaCat 2013, AlphaCat 2014 and AlphaCat 2015, as well as PaCRe, the AlphaCat ILS funds, the BetaCat ILS funds and AlphaCat direct.

Talbot Segment

The Talbot segment focuses on a wide range of marine and energy, war, political violence, commercial property, financial lines, contingency, accident & health and aviation classes of business on an insurance or facultative reinsurance basis and principally property, aerospace and marine classes of business on a treaty reinsurance basis.

Western World Segment

The Western World segment is focused on providing commercial insurance products on a surplus lines and specialty admitted basis. Western World specializes in underwriting classes of business that are not easily placed in the standard insurance market due to their complexity, high hazard, or unusual nature; including general liability, property and professional liability classes of business.

Corporate and eliminations

The Company has a corporate function ("Corporate"), which includes the activities of the parent company, and which carries out certain functions for the group. Corporate includes 'non-core' underwriting expenses, predominantly general and administrative and stock compensation expenses. Corporate also denotes the activities of certain key executives such as the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. For internal reporting purposes, corporate is reflected separately, however corporate is not considered an operating segment under these circumstances. Other reconciling items include, but are not limited to, the elimination of inter segment revenues and expenses and unusual items that are not allocated to segments.

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The following tables summarize the results of our operating segments and "Corporate":

Three Months Ended September 30, 2015	Validus Re Segment	AlphaCat Segment	Talbot Segment	Western World Segment	Corporate & Eliminations	Total
Underwriting income						
Gross premiums written	\$ 102,913	\$ 9,448	\$ 226,025	\$ 70,871	\$(7,576)	\$ 401,681
Reinsurance premiums ceded	(15,462)	—	(35,823)	(4,716)	7,576	(48,425)
Net premiums written	87,451	9,448	190,202	66,155	—	353,256
Change in unearned premiums	153,210	35,276	15,942	(2,225)	—	202,203
Net premiums earned	240,661	44,724	206,144	63,930	—	555,459
Underwriting deductions						
Losses and loss expenses	120,958	2,076	94,414	40,810	—	258,258
Policy acquisition costs	42,989	4,658	44,575	13,214	(345)	105,091
General and administrative expenses	19,964	4,674	43,292	9,587	18,482	95,999
Share compensation expenses	2,691	141	3,214	554	3,383	9,983
Total underwriting deductions	186,602	11,549	185,495	64,165	21,520	469,331
Underwriting income (loss)	\$ 54,059	\$ 33,175	\$ 20,649	\$(235)	\$(21,520)	\$ 86,128
Net investment income	18,362	1,533	6,457	5,634	(462)	31,524
Other insurance related income (loss)	2,569	7,522	470	248	(652)	10,157
Finance expenses	(3,624)	(2,355)	(57)	—	(11,462)	(17,498)
Operating income (loss) before taxes, income from operating affiliates and (income) attributable to AlphaCat investors	71,366	39,875	27,519	5,647	(34,096)	110,311
Tax benefit (expense)	851	—	(1,141)	(2,431)	703	(2,018)
Income from operating affiliates	—	5,526	—	—	—	5,526
(Income) attributable to AlphaCat investors	—	(40,256)	—	—	—	(40,256)
Net operating income (loss)	\$ 72,217	\$ 5,145	\$ 26,378	\$ 3,216	\$(33,393)	\$ 73,563
Net realized (losses) gains on investments	(1,512)	(40,673)	199	80	—	(41,906)
Change in net unrealized (losses) gains on	(6,257)	(36,673)	1,263	6,406	353	(34,908)

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investments							
Income from investment affiliate	1,842	—	—	640	—	2,482	
Foreign exchange (losses) gains	(441)	57	(3,682)	—	1,792	(2,274)	
Other loss	(1,970)	—	—	—	—	(1,970)	
Net income (loss)	\$63,879	\$(72,144)	\$24,158	\$10,342	\$(31,248)	\$(5,013)	
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	—	71,663	—	—	—	71,663	
Net income (loss) available (attributable) to Validus	\$63,879	\$(481)	\$24,158	\$10,342	\$(31,248)	\$66,650	
Selected ratios (a):							
Net premiums written / Gross premiums written	85.0	% 100.0	% 84.2	% 93.3	%	87.9	%
Losses and loss expenses	50.3	% 4.6	% 45.8	% 63.8	%	46.5	%
Policy acquisition costs	17.9	% 10.4	% 21.6	% 20.7	%	18.9	%
General and administrative expenses (b)	9.4	% 10.8	% 22.6	% 15.9	%	19.1	%
Expense ratio	27.3	% 21.2	% 44.2	% 36.6	%	38.0	%
Combined ratio	77.6	% 25.8	% 90.0	% 100.4	%	84.5	%
Total assets	\$4,441,212	\$2,313,667	\$2,923,237	\$1,475,881	\$81,966	\$11,235,963	

(a) Ratios are based on net premiums earned.

(b) The general and administrative expense ratio includes share compensation expenses.

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Three Months Ended September 30, 2014	Validus Re Segment (c)	AlphaCat Segment	Talbot Segment	Corporate & Eliminations (c)	Total
Underwriting income					
Gross premiums written	\$ 114,380	\$ 6,936	\$ 245,685	\$(8,027)	\$ 358,974
Reinsurance premiums ceded	(10,382)	(648)	(27,134)	8,027	(30,137)
Net premiums written	103,998	6,288	218,551	—	328,837
Change in unearned premiums	122,712	28,850	14,297	—	165,859
Net premiums earned	226,710	35,138	232,848	—	494,696
Underwriting deductions					
Losses and loss expenses	102,005	3,738	118,382	—	224,125
Policy acquisition costs	36,177	3,378	47,862	(1,013)	86,404
General and administrative expenses	18,522	7,719	37,709	19,369	83,319
Share compensation expenses	2,582	179	2,990	3,013	8,764
Total underwriting deductions	159,286	15,014	206,943	21,369	402,612
Underwriting income (loss)	\$ 67,424	\$ 20,124	\$ 25,905	\$(21,369)	\$ 92,084
Net investment income	20,270	837	4,965	(811)	25,261
Other insurance related income (loss)	863	5,980	109	(3,342)	3,610
Finance expenses	(3,622)	(385)	162	(11,509)	(15,354)
Operating income (loss) before taxes, income from operating affiliates and (income) attributable to AlphaCat investors	84,935	26,556	31,141	(37,031)	105,601
Tax benefit (expense)	1,058	—	332	(437)	953
Income from operating affiliates (Income) attributable to AlphaCat investors	—	3,761	—	—	3,761
	—	(25,807)	—	—	(25,807)
Net operating income (loss)	\$ 85,993	\$ 4,510	\$ 31,473	\$(37,468)	\$ 84,508
Net realized gains on investments	1,641	2,563	391	—	4,595
Change in net unrealized losses on investments	(21,624)	(60,253)	(3,097)	—	(84,974)
Income from investment affiliate	1,754	—	—	—	1,754
Foreign exchange (losses) gains	(6,056)	(51)	(7,114)	1,780	(11,441)
Other loss	(7,690)	—	—	—	(7,690)
Transaction expenses (d)	—	—	—	(149)	(149)
Net income (loss)	\$ 54,018	\$(53,231)	\$ 21,653	\$(35,837)	\$(13,397)
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	—	53,069	—	—	53,069
Net income (loss) available (attributable) to Validus	\$ 54,018	\$(162)	\$ 21,653	\$(35,837)	\$ 39,672

Selected ratios (a):

Net premiums written / Gross premiums written	90.9	%	90.7	%	89.0	%	91.6	%
Losses and loss expenses	45.0	%	10.6	%	50.8	%	45.3	%
Policy acquisition costs	16.0	%	9.6	%	20.6	%	17.5	%
General and administrative expenses (b)	9.3	%	22.5	%	17.5	%	18.6	%
Expense ratio	25.3	%	32.1	%	38.1	%	36.1	%
Combined ratio	70.3	%	42.7	%	88.9	%	81.4	%
Total assets	\$4,740,003		\$1,688,191		\$2,901,264		\$749,678	
							\$10,079,136	

(a) Ratios are based on net premiums earned.

(b) The general and administrative expense ratio includes share compensation expenses.

Beginning in the first quarter of 2015, certain intercompany reinsurance transactions were presented on a net basis for segmental reporting purposes. As a result, gross premiums written and reinsurance premiums ceded for the

(c) Validus Re segment and Corporate & Eliminations were reduced by \$517 for the three months ended September 30, 2014 for comparative purposes. There was no impact to total gross premiums written and reinsurance premiums ceded on a consolidated basis.

The transaction expenses relate to costs incurred in connection with the acquisition of Western World, which was completed on October 2, 2014. Western World results have not been included in the Company's consolidated

(d) results for the three months ended September 30, 2014. Transaction expenses are primarily comprised of legal, financial advisory and audit related services.

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Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	Validus Re Segment	AlphaCat Segment	Talbot Segment	Western World Segment	Corporate & Eliminations	Total
Underwriting income						
Gross premiums written	\$1,111,020	\$176,129	\$789,148	\$207,372	\$(35,522)	\$2,248,147
Reinsurance premiums ceded	(147,611)	(4,538)	(164,144)	(13,390)	35,522	(294,161)
Net premiums written	963,409	171,591	625,004	193,982	—	1,953,986
Change in unearned premiums	(205,110)	(54,196)	9,167	2,948	—	(247,191)
Net premiums earned	758,299	117,395	634,171	196,930	—	1,706,795
Underwriting deductions						
Losses and loss expenses	357,491	1,232	268,512	138,098	—	765,333
Policy acquisition costs	128,909	12,162	141,338	27,110	(1,367)	308,152
General and administrative expenses	58,254	12,202	115,341	29,137	49,056	263,990
Share compensation expenses	7,665	440	9,195	1,525	9,454	28,279
Total underwriting deductions	552,319	26,036	534,386	195,870	57,143	1,365,754
Underwriting income (loss)	\$205,980	\$91,359	\$99,785	\$1,060	\$(57,143)	\$341,041
Net investment income	56,694	4,872	19,168	16,660	(1,241)	96,153
Other insurance related income (loss)	3,318	17,048	564	787	(3,580)	18,137
Finance expenses	(11,068)	(9,462)	(231)	—	(34,324)	(55,085)
Operating income (loss) before taxes, income from operating affiliates and (income) attributable to AlphaCat investors	254,924	103,817	119,286	18,507	(96,288)	400,246
Tax expense	(14)	—	(4,286)	(2,420)	(412)	(7,132)
Income from operating affiliates	—	12,083	—	—	—	12,083
(Income) attributable to AlphaCat investors	—	(94,341)	—	—	—	(94,341)
Net operating income (loss)	\$254,910	\$21,559	\$115,000	\$16,087	\$(96,700)	\$310,856
Net realized gains (losses) on investments	717	(40,544)	2,140	2,194	—	(35,493)
Change in net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	76	17,258	163	2,340	(71)	19,766
Income from investment affiliate	4,204	—	—	1,338	—	5,542
Foreign exchange (losses) gains	(6,571)	(37)	(4,949)	—	2,496	(9,061)
Other loss	(2,578)	—	—	—	—	(2,578)
Net income (loss)	\$250,758	\$(1,764)	\$112,354	\$21,959	\$(94,275)	\$289,032
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	—	15,042	—	—	—	15,042