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FORM 10-Q

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

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED September 30, 2015

OR

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

Commission file number 1-7933

Aon plc

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

ENGLAND AND WALES 98-1030901
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 98-1030901
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

122 LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON, ENGLAND (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) +44 20 7623 5500 (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 ý NO o

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

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.

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company o

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES o NO \circ

Number of Class A Ordinary Shares of Aon plc, \$0.01 nominal value, outstanding as of October 22, 2015: 273,916,827 million

PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Aon plc Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)

	Three Montl		Nine Months	
(millions, except per share data)	September 3 2015	30,September 30, 2014	2015	0,September 30, 2014
Revenue				
Commissions, fees and other	\$2,736	\$ 2,873	\$8,378	\$ 8,727
Fiduciary investment income	6	7	16	19
Total revenue	2,742	2,880	8,394	8,746
Expenses				
Compensation and benefits	1,644	1,707	4,980	5,166
Other general expenses	685	756	2,283	2,249
Total operating expenses	2,329	2,463	7,263	7,415
Operating income	413	417	1,131	1,331
Interest income	3	3	10	7
Interest expense	(72) (65	(205)) (188
Other income	8	35	51	34
Income before income taxes	352	390	987	1,184
Income taxes	49	75	155	220
Net income	303	315	832	964
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	8	6	31	26
Net income attributable to Aon shareholders	\$295	\$ 309	\$801	\$ 938
Basic net income per share attributable to Aon shareholders	\$1.05	\$ 1.06	\$2.83	\$ 3.15
Diluted net income per share attributable to Aon shareholders	\$1.04	\$ 1.04	\$2.80	\$ 3.11
Cash dividends per share paid on ordinary shares	\$0.30	\$ 0.25	\$0.85	\$ 0.68
Weighted average ordinary shares outstanding - basic	280.9	292.3	283.2	298.1
Weighted average ordinary shares outstanding - diluted	283.8	296.1	285.9	301.6

See accompanying Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited).

Aon plc Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)

	Three Mo			Nine Mont		
(millions)	September 2015		September 30, 2014	September 2015	30,Septembe 2014	er 30,
Net income	\$303	\$	315	\$832	\$ 964	
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	8	6)	31	26	
Net income attributable to Aon shareholders	295	3	809	801	938	
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax:						
Change in fair value of financial instruments	(10	3) (8)	(11) 12	
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(229) (3	318)	(376) (228)
Post-retirement benefit obligation	18	2	26	62	70	
Total other comprehensive (loss)	(221) (3	300)	(325) (146)
Less: Other comprehensive (loss) income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(4) –	_	(6) (2)
Total other comprehensive (loss) attributable to Aon shareholders	(217) (3	300)	(319) (144)
Comprehensive income attributable to Aon shareholders	\$78	\$	59	\$482	\$ 794	

See accompanying Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited).

Aon plc Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

(millions, except nominal value)	September 30, 2015 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2014
ASSETS	(Chadanea)	
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 398	\$ 374
Short-term investments	385	394
Receivables, net	2,453	2,815
Fiduciary assets	9,956	11,638
Other current assets	728	602
Total Current Assets	13,920	15,823
Goodwill	8,571	8,860
Intangible assets, net	2,257	2,520
Fixed assets, net	785	765
Other non-current assets	1,673	1,804
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 27,206	\$29,772
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Fiduciary liabilities	\$ 9,956	\$11,638
Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt	1,327	783
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,447	1,805
Other current liabilities	811	788
Total Current Liabilities	13,541	15,014
Long-term debt	4,799	4,799
Pension, other post-retirement and post-employment liabilities	1,833	2,141
Other non-current liabilities	1,091	1,187
TOTAL LIABILITIES	21,264	23,141
EQUITY		
Ordinary shares - \$0.01 nominal value	3	3
Authorized: 750 shares (issued: 2015 - 273.9; 2014 - 280.0)	3	3
Additional paid-in capital	5,318	5,097
Retained earnings	4,015	4,605
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(3,453)	(-,,
TOTAL AON SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	5,883	6,571
Noncontrolling interests	59	60
TOTAL EQUITY	5,942	6,631
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 27,206	\$ 29,772

See accompanying Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited).

Aon plc Condensed Consolidated Statement of Shareholders' Equity (Unaudited)

(millions)	Shares	Ordinary Shares and Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Othe Comprehensive (Loss) Income, Net of Ta	Non- controlling	g Total	
Balance at December 31, 2014	280.0	\$5,100	\$4,605	\$ (3,134	\$60	\$6,631	
Net income	_	_	801	_	31	832	
Shares issued - employee benefit plans	0.4	33	(1)	_	_	32	
Shares issued - employee compensation	5.2	(180)	_	_	_	(180)
Shares purchased	(11.7)	_	(1,150)			(1,150)
Tax benefit - employee benefit plans	_	128	_	_	_	128	
Share-based compensation expense	_	239			_	239	
Dividends to shareholders	_		(240)		_	(240)
Net change in fair value of financial instruments		_		(11	_	(11)
Net foreign currency translation adjustments	_	_	_	(370	(6)	(376)
Net post-retirement benefit obligation	_	_	_	62	_	62	
Purchases of shares from noncontrolling interests		1	_	_	(5)	(4)
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests on subsidiary common stock	_	_	_	_	(21)	(21)
Balance at September 30, 2015	273.9	\$5,321	\$4,015	\$ (3,453)	\$59	\$5,942	

See accompanying Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited).

Nine Months Ended

Aon plc

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

	Nille Wolldis Efficed		20	
(millions)		er 30,Septembe	r 30,	
	2015	2014		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	4.022	. 0.64		
Net income	\$832	\$ 964		
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:	(20	\	,	
Gain from sales of businesses and investments, net	(29) (41)	
Depreciation of fixed assets	169	183		
Amortization of intangible assets	237	263		
Share-based compensation expense	239	247		
Deferred income taxes	(83) 77		
Change in assets and liabilities:				
Fiduciary receivables	795	988		
Short-term investments — funds held on behalf of clients	200	(177)	
Fiduciary liabilities	(995) (811)	
Receivables, net	232	220		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(415) (408)	
Restructuring reserves	(25) (75)	
Current income taxes	(69) (211)	
Pension, other post-retirement and other post-employment liabilities	(191) (299)	
Other assets and liabilities	178	(37)	
CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1,075	883		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Proceeds from sale of long-term investments	23	51		
Purchases of long-term investments	(3) (19)	
Net (purchases) sales of short-term investments — non-fiduciary	(9) 301		
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	(26) (464)	
Proceeds from sale of businesses	54	48		
Capital expenditures	(225) (179)	
CASH USED FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(186) (262)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Share repurchase	(1,150) (1,750)	
Issuance of shares for employee benefit plans	72	58		
Issuance of debt	3,494	4,255		
Repayment of debt	(2,860) (3,073)	
Cash dividends to shareholders	(240) (201)	
(Purchases) sales of shares (from) to noncontrolling interests	(5) 1		
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests	(21) (18)	
Proceeds from sale-leaseback		25		
CASH USED FOR FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(710) (703)	
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH AND CASH	(155) (13	`	
EQUIVALENTS	(133) (13	,	
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	24	(95)	

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	374	477
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$398	\$ 382
Supplemental disclosures:		
Interest paid	\$190	\$ 194
Income taxes paid, net of refunds	\$180	\$ 280

See accompanying Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited).

Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP"). The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of Aon plc and all of its controlled subsidiaries ("Aon" or the "Company"). All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include, in the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments and reclassifications) necessary to present fairly the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows for all periods presented.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in the financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP have been condensed or omitted. These Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. The results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 are not necessarily indicative of operating results that may be expected for the full year ending December 31, 2015.

Reclassification

Certain amounts in prior years' Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes have been reclassified to conform to the 2015 presentation. In prior periods, long-term investments were included in Investments in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. These amounts are now included in Other non-current assets in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, as shown in Note 4 to these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Long-term investments were \$136 million at September 30, 2015 and \$143 million at December 31, 2014.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of reserves and expenses. These estimates and assumptions are based on management's best estimates and judgments. Management evaluates its estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis using historical experience and other factors, including the current economic environment. Management believes its estimates to be reasonable given the current facts available. Aon adjusts such estimates and assumptions when facts and circumstances dictate. Illiquid credit markets, volatile equity markets, and foreign currency exchange rate movements increase the uncertainty inherent in such estimates and assumptions. As future events and their effects cannot be determined, among other factors, with precision, actual results could differ significantly from these estimates. Changes in estimates resulting from continuing changes in the economic environment would, if applicable, be reflected in the financial statements in future periods.

2. Accounting Principles and Practices

New Accounting Pronouncements

Debt Issuance Costs

In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued new accounting guidance on the presentation of debt issuance costs, which requires debt issuance costs to be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the associated debt liability. This guidance will also be applied to Aon's debt issuance costs related to its line-of-credit arrangements. The new guidance will be applied on a retrospective basis effective in the first quarter of 2016. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Consolidations

In February 2015, the FASB issued new accounting guidance on consolidations, which will eliminate the deferral granted to investment companies from applying the variable interest entities guidance and make targeted amendments to the current consolidation guidance. The new guidance applies to all entities involved with limited partnerships or similar entities and will require re-evaluation of these entities under the revised guidance, which could change previous consolidation conclusions. The guidance is effective for the Company in the first quarter of 2016. Aon is currently evaluating the impact that the standard will have on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Revenue Recognition

In May 2014, the FASB issued new accounting guidance on revenue from contracts with customers, which, when effective, will supersede nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance under U.S. GAAP. The core principal of the guidance is that an entity should recognize revenue when it transfers 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 guidance also requires additional disclosure about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from customer contracts, including significant judgments and changes in judgments and assets recognized from costs incurred to obtain or fulfill a contract. The guidance is effective for Aon in the first quarter of 2018 and early adoption is permitted beginning the first quarter of 2017. The guidance permits two methods of transition upon adoption: full retrospective and modified retrospective. Under the full retrospective method, prior periods would be restated under the new revenue standard, providing a comparable view across all periods presented. Under the modified retrospective method, prior periods would not be restated. Rather, revenues and other disclosures for pre-2018 periods would be provided in the notes to the financial statements as previously reported under the current revenue standard. The impact from the adoption of this guidance on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements cannot be determined at this time as the standard is still undergoing changes. The Company is also determining the appropriate method of transition to the guidance and the timing of adoption of the guidance.

Discontinued Operations

In April 2014, the FASB issued new accounting guidance that increased the threshold for a disposal to qualify as a discontinued operation and requires new disclosures of both discontinued operations and certain other disposals that do not meet the definition of a discontinued operation. The guidance was effective for Aon in the first quarter of 2015. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents and Short-term Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include cash balances and all highly liquid investments with initial maturities of three months or less. Short-term investments include certificates of deposit, money market funds and highly liquid debt instruments purchased with initial maturities in excess of three months but less than one year and are carried at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

At September 30, 2015, Cash and cash equivalents and Short-term investments were \$783 million compared to \$768 million at December 31, 2014. Of the total balances, \$107 million and \$169 million was restricted as to its use at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. Included within the September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 balances, respectively, were £42.7 million (\$64.8 million at September 30, 2015 exchange rates) and £42.0 million (\$65.3 million at December 31, 2014 exchange rates) of operating funds required to be held by the Company in the U.K. by the Financial Conduct Authority, a U.K.-based regulator, which were included in Short-term investments. In addition, Cash and cash equivalents included additional restricted balances of \$42 million and \$104 million at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

4. Other Financial Data

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income Information

Other Income

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Other income consists of the following (in millions):

C ,	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended Septem		
	2015	2014	2015	2014	
Foreign currency remeasurement (loss) gain	16	7	\$33	\$11	
Gain on disposal of business		25	20	25	
Equity earnings	4	4	10	10	
Income (loss) on financial instruments	(12) (2) (12) (17)
Other		1		5	
Total	\$8	\$35	\$51	\$34	
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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position Information

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

An analysis of the allowance for doubtful accounts is as follows (in millions):

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September		
	2015	2014	2015	2014	
Balance at beginning of period	\$65	\$88	\$74	\$90	
Provision charged to operations	1	1	12	9	
Accounts written off, net of recoveries	(5) (14) (27) (23)
Foreign currency translation	2	4	4	3	
Balance at end of period	\$63	\$79	\$63	\$79	

Other Current Assets

The components of Other current assets are as follows (in millions):

	September 30,	December 31,	
	2015	2014	
Taxes receivable	\$244	\$99	
Deferred tax assets	208	212	
Prepaid expenses	161	164	
Deferred project costs	101	102	
Other	14	25	
Total	\$728	\$602	

Other Non-Current Assets

The components of Other non-current assets are as follows (in millions):

	September 30,	December 31,
	2015	2014
Prepaid pension	\$923	\$933
Deferred project costs	220	250
Deferred tax assets	125	144
Investments	136	143
Taxes receivable	70	101
Other	199	233
Total	\$1,673	\$1,804

Other Current Liabilities

The components of Other current liabilities are as follows (in millions):

	September 30,	December 31,
	2015	2014
Deferred revenue	\$400	\$408
Taxes payable	8	64
Deferred tax liabilities	2	2
Other	401	314

Total \$811 \$788

Other Non-Current Liabilities

The components of Other non-current liabilities are as follows (in millions):

	September 30,	December 31,
	2015	2014
Deferred tax liabilities	\$317	\$313
Taxes payable	215	210
Deferred revenue	169	167
Leases	154	184
Compensation and benefits	54	57
Other	182	256
Total	\$1,091	\$1,187

5. Acquisitions and Dispositions

Acquisitions

During the three months ended September 30, 2015, the Company completed the acquisition of one business in the HR Solutions segment. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company completed the acquisition of two businesses in the Risk Solutions segment and three businesses in the HR Solutions segment. During the three months ended September 30, 2014, the Company completed the acquisition of four businesses in the Risk Solutions segment and one business in the HR Solutions segment. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Company completed the acquisition of seven businesses in the Risk Solutions segment and two business in the HR Solutions segment.

The following table includes the aggregate consideration transferred and the preliminary value of intangible assets recorded as a result of the Company's acquisitions (in millions):

	Nine months ended Septem	
	30,	
	2015	2014
Consideration	\$26	\$446
Intangible assets:		
Goodwill	\$18	\$261
Other intangible assets	1	310
Total	\$19	\$571

The results of operations of these acquisitions are included in the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements as of the acquisition date. The results of operations of the Company would not have been materially different if these acquisitions had been reported from the beginning of the period in which they were acquired.

Dispositions

During the three months ended September 30, 2015, the Company completed the disposition of one business in the Risk Solutions segment. The pretax loss recognized on this disposition was insignificant to the quarter ended September 30, 2015. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company completed the disposition of two business in the Risk Solutions segment and one business in the HR Solutions segment. A pretax gain of \$20 million was recognized on these dispositions in the nine months ended September 30, 2015. During the three months ended September 30, 2014, the Company completed the disposition of one business in the Risk Solutions segment.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Company completed the disposition of two businesses in the Risk Solutions segment. A pretax gain of \$25 million was recognized on these sales in both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014. Gains and losses recognized as a result of a disposition are included in Other income in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

6. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The changes in the net carrying amount of goodwill by reportable segment for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 are as follows (in millions):

	Risk	HR	Total	
	Solutions	Solutions	Total	
Balance as of January 1, 2015	\$5,911	\$2,949	\$8,860	
Goodwill related to current year acquisitions	3	15	18	
Goodwill related to disposals	_	(13) (13)
Goodwill related to prior year acquisitions	4	_	4	
Foreign currency translation	(266) (32) (298)
Balance as of September 30, 2015	\$5,652	\$2,919	\$8,571	

Other intangible assets by asset class are as follows (in millions):

-	September 3	0, 2015		December 3	1, 2014	
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization		Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
Intangible assets with indefinite						
lives:						
Tradenames	\$1,019	\$ —	\$1,019	\$1,019	\$ —	\$1,019
Intangible assets with finite lives: Customer related and contract	2,899	1,753	1,146	2,952	1,579	1,373
based	2,0))	1,733	1,140	2,732	1,577	1,575
Technology and other	541	449	92	571	443	128
Total	\$4,459	\$2,202	\$2,257	\$4,542	\$2,022	\$2,520

Amortization expense from finite lived intangible assets was \$78 million and \$237 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. Amortization expense from finite lived intangible assets was \$90 million and \$263 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, respectively.

The estimated future amortization for finite lived intangible assets as of September 30, 2015 is as follows (in millions):

	Risk Solutions	HR Solutions	Total
Remainder of 2015	\$51	\$28	\$79
2016	172	100	272
2017	137	91	228
2018	91	78	169
2019	72	68	140
Thereafter	164	186	350
Total	\$687	\$551	\$1,238

7. Debt

Revolving Credit Facilities

As of December 31, 2014, Aon plc had two primary committed credit facilities outstanding: its \$400 million U.S. credit facility expiring in March 2017 (the "2017 Facility") and its €650 million (\$792 million based on exchange rates

at December 31, 2014) European credit facility expiring in October 2015 (the "2015 Facility"). Aon Corporation entered into the 2015 Facility on October 15, 2010 (Aon plc became a borrower under such facility on April 29, 2013) and Aon plc entered into the 2017 Facility on March 20, 2012. On February 2, 2015, Aon plc replaced the 2015 Facility with a new \$900 million multi-currency U.S. credit facility expiring in February 2020 (the "2020 Facility").

Each of these facilities included customary representations, warranties and covenants, including financial covenants that require Aon plc to maintain specified ratios of adjusted consolidated EBITDA to consolidated interest expense and consolidated debt to adjusted consolidated EBITDA, in each case, tested quarterly. At September 30, 2015, Aon plc did not have borrowings under either the 2017 Facility or the 2020 Facility, and was in compliance with these financial covenants and all other covenants contained therein during the nine months ended September 30, 2015.

Commercial Paper

Aon Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aon plc, has established a U.S. commercial paper program, which provides for commercial paper to be issued in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$900 million, and Aon plc has established a European multi-currency commercial paper program that provides for commercial paper to be issued in an aggregate principal amount of up to €300 million. The U.S. commercial paper program is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Aon plc and the European commercial paper program is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Aon Corporation. In the aggregate, the Company had \$810 million and \$168 million of commercial paper outstanding at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, which was included in Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position. The weighted average commercial paper outstanding for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 was \$309 million and \$328 million, respectively. The weighted average interest rate of the commercial paper outstanding for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 was 0.51% and 0.49%, respectively.

Notes

On May 20, 2015, the Aon plc issued \$600 million of 4.750% Senior Notes due May 2045. The 4.750% Notes due May 2045 are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Aon Corporation. The Company used the proceeds of the issuance for general corporate purposes.

On September 30, 2015, \$600 million of 3.50% Senior Notes issued by Aon Corporation matured and were repaid.

8. Income Taxes

The effective tax rate on net income was 14.0% and 15.8% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The effective tax rate on net income was 19.1% and 18.5% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, respectively. The effective tax rate in the third quarter of 2015 was favorably impacted by certain discrete items.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company's uncertain tax positions increased by \$7 million, excluding interest and penalties, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2014. The increase in uncertain tax positions was primarily related to current and prior year tax positions offset by the settlement of certain issues related to the IRS audit for tax years 2008-2011. As of September 30, 2015, the Company's liability for uncertain tax positions was \$208 million, which was included in Other non-current liabilities in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, including interest and penalties of \$30 million and net of \$21 million of tax attributes.

The Company's liability for uncertain tax positions as of September 30, 2015 includes \$161 million related to amounts that would impact the effective tax rate if recognized.

9. Shareholders' Equity

Ordinary Shares

In April 2012, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program under which up to \$5.0 billion of Class A Ordinary Shares may be repurchased ("2012 Share Repurchase Program"). In November 2014, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a new \$5.0 billion share repurchase program in addition to the existing program ("2014 Share Repurchase Program" and, together, the "Repurchase Programs"). Under each program, shares may be repurchased through the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, from time to time, based on prevailing market conditions, and will be funded from available capital.

In the three months ended September 30, 2015, the Company repurchased 6.3 million shares at an average price per share of \$95.75 for a total cost of approximately \$600 million under the Repurchase Programs. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company repurchased 11.7 million shares at an average price per share of \$98.00 for a total cost of approximately \$1.15 billion under the Repurchase Programs. In the three months ended September 30, 2014, the Company repurchased 5.8 million shares at an average price per share of \$86.07 for a total cost of \$500 million under the 2012 Share

Repurchase Program. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Company repurchased 20.4 million shares at an average price per share of \$85.73 for a total cost of \$1.8 billion under the 2012 Share Repurchase Program. In August 2015, the \$5 billion of Class A Ordinary Shares authorized under the 2012 Share Repurchase Program was exhausted. At September 30, 2015, the remaining authorized amount for share repurchase under the 2014 Share Repurchase Program is \$4.5 billion. Under the Repurchase Programs, the Company has repurchased a total of 73.8 million shares for an aggregate cost of \$5.5 billion.

Net Income Per Share

Weighted average shares outstanding are as follows (in millions):

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Shares for basic earnings per share	280.9	292.3	283.2	298.1
Common stock equivalents	2.9	3.8	2.7	3.5
Shares for diluted earnings per share	283.8	296.1	285.9	301.6

Certain ordinary share equivalents may be excluded from the computation of diluted net income per share if their inclusion would be antidilutive. There were no shares excluded from the calculation for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, .

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

Changes in Accumulated other comprehensive loss by component, net of related tax, are as follows (in millions):

	Change in Fa Value of Financial Instruments (1)	air	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments		Post-Retirer Benefit Obligation		t Total	
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$(17)	\$(335)	\$ (2,782)	\$(3,134)
Other comprehensive (loss) income before reclassifications, net Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss:	(7)	(370)	1		(376)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	13		_		88		101	
Tax benefit	(17)			(27)	(44)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss, net	(4)	_		61		57	
Net current period other comprehensive (loss) income Balance at September 30, 2015	(11 \$(28		(370 \$(705)	62 \$ (2,720)	(319 \$(3,453)

⁽¹⁾ Reclassifications from this category included in Accumulated other comprehensive loss are recorded in Other income.

⁽²⁾ Reclassifications from this category included in Accumulated other comprehensive loss are recorded in Compensation and benefits.

10. Employee Benefits

The following table provides the components of the net periodic (benefit) cost recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income in Compensation and benefits for Aon's material U.K., U.S., and other significant international pension plans located in the Netherlands and Canada (in millions):

	Three m	onths ended	d September	30,		
	U.K.		U.S.		Other	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Service cost	\$ —	\$ —	\$	\$ —	\$	\$ —
Interest cost	50	58	33	32	8	12
Expected return on plan assets	(77) (82) (38) (39) (12) (15)
Amortization of net actuarial loss	11	13	14	11	2	2
Net periodic (benefit) cost	(16) (11) 9	4	(2) (1)
Curtailment loss (gain) and other	_	_	_	_	_	
Total net periodic (benefit) cost	\$(16) \$(11) \$9	\$4	\$(2) \$(1)
	Nine mo	onths ended	September 3	30,		
	Nine mo	onths ended	September 3 U.S.	30,	Other	
		onths ended 2014	-	30, 2014	Other 2015	2014
Service cost	U.K.		U.S.			2014 \$—
Service cost Interest cost	U.K. 2015	2014	U.S. 2015	2014	2015	
	U.K. 2015 \$—	2014 \$—	U.S. 2015 \$2	2014 \$—	2015 \$—	\$ —
Interest cost	U.K. 2015 \$— 149	2014 \$— 174	U.S. 2015 \$2 99	2014 \$— 96	2015 \$— 25	\$— 36
Interest cost Expected return on plan assets	U.K. 2015 \$— 149 (229	2014 \$— 174) (247	U.S. 2015 \$2 99) (115	2014 \$— 96) (117	2015 \$— 25) (37	\$— 36) (45
Interest cost Expected return on plan assets Amortization of net actuarial loss	U.K. 2015 \$— 149 (229 31	2014 \$— 174) (247 40	U.S. 2015 \$2 99) (115 41	2014 \$— 96) (117 32	2015 \$— 25) (37 8	\$— 36) (45 6

The Company expected to contribute approximately \$65 million, \$132 million, and \$23 million, based on exchange rates as of December 31, 2014, to its material U.K., U.S., and other significant international pension plans, respectively, during 2015. During the three months ended September 30, 2015, contributions of \$16 million, \$41 million, and \$3 million were made to the Company's material U.K., U.S., and other significant international pension plans, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, contributions of \$50 million, \$103 million, and \$11 million were made to the Company's material U.K., U.S., and other significant international pension plans, respectively.

During the three months ended September 30, 2014, contributions of \$24 million, \$39 million, and \$7 million were made to the Company's material U.K., U.S., and other significant international pension plans, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, contributions of \$145 million, \$112 million, and \$23 million were made to the Company's material U.K., U.S., and other significant international pension plans, respectively.

11. Share-Based Compensation Plans

The following table summarizes share-based compensation expense recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income in Compensation and benefits (in millions):

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Restricted share units ("RSUs")	\$44	\$41	\$153	\$144
Performance share awards ("PSAs")	28	29	77	96

Share options				
Employee share purchase plans	3	2	9	7
Total share-based compensation expense	\$75	\$72	\$239	\$247

Restricted Share Units

A summary of the status of the Company's RSUs is as follows (shares in thousands):

	Nine months ended September 30,				
	2015			2014	
	Shares		Fair Value (1)	Shares	Fair Value (1)
Non-vested at beginning of period	8,381		\$63	9,759	\$51
Granted	2,298		98	2,675	84
Vested	(3,217)	58	(3,561) 49
Forfeited	(228)	70	(385) 56
Non-vested at end of period	7,234		77	8,488	63

⁽¹⁾ Represents per share weighted average fair value of award at date of grant.

Performance Share Awards

The vesting of PSAs is contingent upon meeting a cumulative level of earnings per share performance over a three-year period. The performance conditions are not considered in the determination of the grant date fair value for these awards. The fair value of PSAs is based upon the market price of an Aon ordinary share at the date of grant. Compensation expense is recognized over the performance period based on management's estimate of the number of units expected to vest. Compensation expense is adjusted to reflect the actual number of shares issued at the end of the programs. The actual issue of shares may range from 0-200% of the target number of PSAs granted, based on the terms of the plan and level of achievement of the related performance target. Dividend equivalents are not paid on PSAs.

Information as of September 30, 2015 regarding the Company's target PSAs granted and shares that would be issued at current performance levels for PSAs granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, is as follows (shares in thousands, dollars in millions, except fair value):

	2015	2014	2013
Target PSAs granted during period	993	816	1,135
Weighted average fair value per share at date of grant	\$96	\$81	\$58
Number of shares that would be issued based on current performance levels	s 991	1,198	2,191
Unamortized expense, based on current performance levels	\$77	\$44	\$11

Share Options

The Company did not grant any share options during either the nine months ended September 30, 2015 or the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

A summary of the status of the Company's share options and related information is as follows (shares in thousands):

Nine months ended September 30

	which months ended september 50,				
	2015		2014		
	Shares	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Shares	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	
Beginning outstanding	2,300	\$ 32	3,462	\$ 32	
Granted		_	_	_	
Exercised	(1,432	27	(953) 32	
Forfeited and expired	(13	39	(6) 37	
Outstanding at end of period	855	40	2,503	32	

Exercisable at end of period 855 40 2,464 32

The weighted average remaining contractual life, in years, of outstanding options was 2.6 years and 1.7 years at September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The aggregate intrinsic value represents the total pretax intrinsic value, based on options with an exercise price less than the Company's closing share price of \$88.61 as of September 30, 2015, which would have been received by the option holders had those option holders exercised their options as of that date. At September 30, 2015, the aggregate intrinsic value of options outstanding, all of which were exercisable, was \$42 million.

Other information related to the Company's share options is as follows (in millions):

	Three months	ended September	Nine months ended September		
	30,		30,		
	2015	2014	2015	2014	
Aggregate intrinsic value of stock options exercised	\$3	\$6	\$103	\$51	
Cash received from the exercise of stock options	1	3	39	30	
Tax benefit realized from the exercise of stock options	1	2	36	14	

Unamortized deferred compensation expense, which includes both options and RSUs, amounted to \$417 million as of September 30, 2015, with a remaining weighted-average amortization period of approximately 2.1 years.

12. Derivatives and Hedging

The Company is exposed to market risks, including changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. To manage the risk related to these exposures, the Company enters into various derivative instruments that reduce these risks by creating offsetting exposures. The Company does not enter into derivative transactions for trading or speculative purposes.

Foreign Exchange Risk Management

The Company is exposed to foreign exchange risk when it earns revenues, pays expenses, or enters into monetary intercompany transfers denominated in a currency that differs from its functional currency, or other transactions that are denominated in a currency other than its functional currency. The Company uses foreign exchange derivatives, typically forward contracts, options and cross currency swaps, to reduce its overall exposure to the effects of currency fluctuations on cash flows. These exposures are hedged, on average, for less than two years. These derivatives are accounted for as hedges, and changes in fair value are recorded each period in Other comprehensive income (loss) in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

The Company also uses foreign exchange derivatives, typically forward contracts and options to economically hedge the currency exposure of the Company's global liquidity profile, including monetary assets or liabilities that are denominated in a non-functional currency of an entity, typically on a rolling 30 day basis, but may be for up to one year in the future. These derivatives are not accounted for as hedges, and changes in fair value are recorded each period in Other income in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

Interest Rate Risk Management

The Company holds variable-rate short-term brokerage and other operating deposits. The Company uses interest rate derivatives, typically swaps, to reduce its exposure to the effects of interest rate fluctuations on the forecasted interest receipts from these deposits for up to two years in the future.

Certain derivatives also give rise to credit risks from the possible non-performance by counterparties. The credit risk at the balance sheet date is generally limited to the fair value of those contracts that are favorable to the Company. The Company has reduced its credit risk by (1) using International Swaps and Derivatives Association master

agreements, collateral and credit support arrangements, (2) entering into non-exchange-traded derivatives with highly-rated major financial institutions and (3) using exchange-traded instruments. The Company monitors the creditworthiness of, and exposure to, its counterparties. As of September 30, 2015, all net derivative positions were free of credit risk contingent features. The Company had not received or pledged any collateral related to derivative arrangements as of September 30, 2015.

The notional and fair values of derivative instruments are as follows (in millions):

	Notional Amount		Derivative As	sets (1)	Derivative Liabilities (2)	
	September 30,	December 31,	September 30	December 31,	September 30.	December 31,
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Derivatives accounted for as						
hedges:						
Interest rate contracts	\$—	\$ <i>-</i>	\$ —	\$ <i>-</i>	\$ —	\$ <i>—</i>
Foreign exchange contracts	965	1,200	34	46	50	58
Total	965	1,200	34	46	50	58
Derivatives not accounted fo	r					
as hedges:						
Foreign exchange contracts (3)	176	165	_	_	1	_
Total	\$1,141	\$ 1,365	\$34	\$ 46	\$51	\$ 58

⁽¹⁾ Included within Other current assets (\$16 million at September 30, 2015 and \$24 million at December 31, 2014) or Other non-current assets (\$18 million at September 30, 2015 and \$22 million at December 31, 2014).

Offsetting of financial assets and derivatives assets are as follows (in millions):

	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets		Gross Amou Statement of Position			Net Amounts of Assets Presented in the Statement of Financial Position (1)	
	September 30,	December 31,	September 3	0,	December 31	September 30,	December 31,
	2015	2014	2015		2014	2015	2014
Derivatives accounted for as							
hedges:							
Interest rate contracts	\$ —	\$	\$		\$	\$ —	\$
Foreign exchange contracts	34	46	(14)	(14)	20	32
Total	34	46	(14)	(14)	20	32
Derivatives not accounted fo as hedges:	r						
Foreign exchange contracts	_	_	_		_	_	_
Total	\$34	\$ 46	\$(14)	\$ (14)	\$20	\$ 32

⁽¹⁾ Included within Other current assets (\$8 million at September 30, 2015 and \$12 million at December 31, 2014) or Other non-current assets (\$12 million at September 30, 2015 and \$20 million at December 31, 2014).

⁽²⁾ Included within Other current liabilities (\$40 million at September 30, 2015 and \$52 million at December 31, 2014) or Other non-current liabilities (\$11 million at September 30, 2015 and \$6 million at December 31, 2014).

⁽³⁾ These contracts typically are for 30 day durations and executed close to the last day of the most recent reporting month, thereby resulting in nominal fair values at the balance sheet date.

Offsetting of financial liabilities and derivative liabilities are as follows (in millions):

	Gross Amounts of		Gross Amou	ınt	s Offset in th	Net Amounts of Liabilities			
			Statement of	f F	inancial	Presented in the Statement			
	Recognized Liabilities		Position				of Financial Position (1)		
	September 30, December 31, S		September 30, December 31,			September 30, December 31,			
	2015	2014	2015		2014		2015	2014	
Derivatives accounted for as									
hedges:									
Interest rate contracts	\$ —	\$	\$		\$		\$	\$ <i>—</i>	
Foreign exchange contracts	50	58	(15)	(14)	35	44	
Total	50	58	(15)	(14)	35	44	
Derivatives not accounted for	r								
as hedges:									
Foreign exchange contracts	1	_	_		_		1	_	
Total	\$51	\$ 58	\$(15)	\$ (14)	\$36	\$ 44	

⁽¹⁾ Included within Other current liabilities (\$32 million at September 30, 2015 and \$40 million at December 31, 2014) or Other non-current liabilities (\$4 million at September 30, 2015 and \$4 million at December 31, 2014).

The amounts of derivative gains (losses) recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 are as follows (in millions):

Three Months Ended September 30, 2015

Three from Septem	Location of fu Comprehensiv	Gain (Loss) recognized in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss:			
	Compensation and Benefits	Other General Expenses	Interest Expense	Other Income (Expense)	Total
Cash flow hedges:					
Interest rate contracts	\$ —	\$—	\$ —	\$ —	\$ <u> </u>
Foreign exchange contracts	(8)	(2)	_	(4) \$(4)	(14)
Total	\$(8)	\$(2)	\$ —	\$(4)	\$(14)
Three Months Ended Septemb	ber 30, 2014				
	Location of fu Comprehensiv	ture reclassifica e Loss	Gain (Loss) recognized in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss:		
	Compensation and Benefits	Other General Expenses	Interest Expense	Other Income (Expense)	Total
Cash flow hedges:		-	-	-	
Interest rate contracts	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$
Foreign exchange contracts	(2)	(3)	_	2	(3)
Total	\$(2)	\$(3)	\$ —	\$2	\$(3)
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Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015

Nine Months Ended Septemb	er 30,	2015									
		Location of future reclassification from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss								Gain (Loss) recognized in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss:	
Cash flow hedges:		pensation Benefits	Other Exper		Interes: Expens		Other In (Expense)		Total		
Interest rate contracts	\$		\$—		\$—		\$ —		\$		
Foreign exchange contracts	(2		(1)	_		2		(1)
Total	\$(2	,	\$(1)	\$ —		\$2		\$(1)
Nine Months Ended Septemb	er 30,	2014							α . α		
		ntion of futu prehensive		classifica	tion fror	n Accu	mulated	Other	Gain (Loss) recognized in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss:		
		pensation Benefits	Other Exper		Interes		Other In (Expense)		_		
Cash flow hedges:	Ф		Ф		¢.		Ф		ф		
Interest rate contracts	\$— 14		\$— (1	`	\$ —		\$— (9	,	\$— 4		
Foreign exchange contracts Total	\$14		(1 \$(1)	<u> </u>		\$(9 \$(9)	4 \$4		
Three Months Ended Septem			Ψ(Ι	,	Ψ		Ψ()	,	Ψ٦		
Gain (Loss) reclassified from		,									
Accumulated Other		Compens	ation	Other C	General	Interes	st	Othe	er Income	Total	
Comprehensive Loss into Inc	ome	and Bene	fits	Expens	es	Expen	ise	(Exp	ense)	Total	
(Effective Portion):											
Cash flow hedges:		ф		Ф		Ф		Ф		Ф	
Interest rate contracts Foreign exchange contracts		\$— 2		5 —		\$— (2	,	, >—		5 —	
Total		\$2		<u> </u>		\$(2	() —) \$—		<u> </u>	
Three Months Ended Septem	ber 30	•		Ψ		Ψ(2	,	, ψ		Ψ	
Gain (Loss) reclassified from		, -									
Accumulated Other		Compens	ation	Other C	General	Interes	st	Othe	er Income	Total	
Comprehensive Loss into Inc	ome	and Bene	fits	Expens	es	Expen	ise	(Exp	ense)	Total	
(Effective Portion):											
Cash flow hedges:		¢		¢.		Ф		Ф		ф	
Interest rate contracts		\$— (1	`	\$— 3		\$— (3	,	\$—) 5		\$— 1	
Foreign exchange contracts Total		\$(1)	\$3		\$(3	<u> </u>) \$5		\$4	
Nine Months Ended Septemb	er 30.	•	,	ΨΣ		Ψ(3	,	, ψ5		Ψ٦	
2015	,										
Gain (Loss) reclassified from	l										
Accumulated Other		Compens				Interes			er Income	Total	
Comprehensive Loss into Inc	ome	and Bene	fits	Expens	es	Expen	ise	(Exp	ense)	10141	
(Effective Portion):											
Cash flow hedges: Interest rate contracts		\$		\$—		\$ —		\$		\$ —	
Foreign exchange contracts		ъ— 3		ه— (1)	ъ— (6	,	ъ—) (3)	ъ— (7)
Total		\$3		\$(1)	\$(6	``) \$(3)	\$(7)
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Nine Months Ended September 30,

2014

Gain (Loss) reclassified from

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss into Income	Compensation and Benefits	Other General Expenses	Interest Expense	Other Income (Expense)	Total	
(Effective Portion):		•	•	•		
Cash flow hedges:						
Interest rate contracts	\$ —	\$	\$(1) \$—	\$(1)
Foreign exchange contracts	(4)	3	(8) (6) (15)
Total	\$(4)	\$3	\$(9) \$(6) \$(16)

The Company estimates that approximately \$8 million of pretax losses currently included within Accumulated other comprehensive loss will be reclassified into earnings in the next twelve months.

The amount of gain (loss) recognized in income on the ineffective portion of derivatives for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 was not material.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company recorded a loss of \$15 million and \$6 million, respectively, in Other income for foreign exchange derivatives not designated or qualifying as hedges. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Company recorded a loss of \$11 million and \$13 million, respectively, in Other income for foreign exchange derivatives not designated or qualifying as hedges.

13. Fair Value Measurements and Financial Instruments

Accounting standards establish a three tier fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair values as follows:

Level 1 — observable inputs such as quoted prices for identical assets in active markets;

Level 2 — inputs other than quoted prices for identical assets in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3 — unobservable inputs in which there is little or no market data which requires the use of valuation techniques and the development of assumptions.

The following methods and assumptions are used to estimate the fair values of the Company's financial instruments:

Money market funds and highly liquid debt securities are carried at cost and amortized cost, respectively, as an approximation of fair value. Based on market convention, the Company considers cost a practical and expedient measure of fair value.

Equity investments consist of domestic and international equity securities valued using the closing stock price on a national securities exchange. The Company reviews the listing of Level 1 equity securities in the portfolio and agrees the closing stock prices to a national securities exchange, and on a sample basis, independently verifies the observable inputs for Level 2 equity securities.

Fixed income investments consist of corporate and government bonds. Corporate and government bonds are valued by pricing vendors who estimate fair value using recently executed transactions and proprietary models based on observable inputs, such as interest rate spreads, yield curves and credit risk. The Company obtains a detailed understanding of the models, inputs, and assumptions used in developing prices provided by its vendors. This understanding includes discussions with valuation resources at the vendor. During these discussions, the Company

uses a fair value measurement questionnaire, which is part of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting, to obtain the information necessary to assert the model, inputs and assumptions used to comply with U.S. GAAP, including disclosure requirements. The Company also obtains observable inputs from the pricing vendor and independently verifies the observable inputs, as well as assesses assumptions used for reasonableness based on relevant market conditions and internal Company guidelines. If an assumption is deemed unreasonable, based on the Company's guidelines, it is then reviewed by management and the fair value estimate provided by the vendor is adjusted, if deemed appropriate. These adjustments do not occur frequently and have historically not been material to the fair value estimates used in the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Derivatives are carried at fair value, based upon industry standard valuation techniques that use, where possible, current market-based or independently sourced pricing inputs, such as interest rates, currency exchange rates, or implied volatilities.

Debt is carried at outstanding principal balance, less any unamortized discount or premium. Fair value is based on quoted market prices or estimates using discounted cash flow analyses based on current borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements.

The following tables present the categorization of the Company's assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 (in millions):

		surements Using		
	Balance at September 30, 2015	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1	Ubservable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Assets:				
Money market funds and highly liquid debt securities	\$1,606	\$1,606	\$	\$
(1)	φ1,000	Ψ1,000	Ψ —	Ψ —
Other investments:				
Corporate bonds	1	_	_	1
Government bonds	1	_	1	
Equity investments	9	5	4	_
Derivatives:				
Interest rate contracts	_	_		
Foreign exchange contracts	34	_	34	
Liabilities:				
Derivatives:				
Foreign exchange contracts	51	_	51	_

⁽¹⁾ Includes \$1,606 million of money market funds that are classified as Fiduciary assets, Short-term investments or Cash and cash equivalents in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position, depending on their nature and initial maturity.

	Balance at December 31, 2014	Fair Value Mea Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1	Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs
Assets:				
Money market funds and highly liquid debt securities (1)	\$1,850	\$1,850	\$ —	\$ <i>—</i>
Other investments:				
Corporate bonds	1	_	_	1
Government bonds	6		6	
Equity investments	11	6	5	
Derivatives:				
Interest rate contracts				
Foreign exchange contracts	46		46	
Liabilities:				
Derivatives:				
Foreign exchange contracts	58	_	58	_

(1) Includes \$1,850 million of money market funds that are classified as Fiduciary assets, Short-term investments or Cash and cash equivalents in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position, depending on their nature and initial maturity.

There were no transfers of assets or liabilities between fair value hierarchy levels in either the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 or 2014. The Company recognized no realized or unrealized gains or losses in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income during either the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 or 2014, related to assets and liabilities measured at fair value using unobservable inputs.

The fair value of Long-term debt is classified as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. The following table discloses the Company's financial instruments where the carrying amounts and fair values differ (in millions):

September 30, 2015 December 31, 2014
Carrying Value Fair Value
\$4,799 \$5,060 \$4,799 \$5,268

Long-term debt

14. Commitments and Contingencies

Legal

Aon and its subsidiaries are subject to numerous claims, tax assessments, lawsuits and proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of business, which frequently include errors and omissions ("E&O") claims. The damages claimed in these matters are or may be substantial, including, in many instances, claims for punitive, treble or extraordinary damages. While Aon maintains meaningful E&O insurance and other insurance programs to provide protection against certain losses that arise in such matters, Aon has exhausted or materially depleted its coverage under some of the policies that protect the Company and, consequently, is self-insured or materially self-insured for some claims. Accruals for these exposures, and related insurance receivables, when applicable, are included in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position and have been recognized in Other general expenses in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income to the extent that losses are deemed probable and are reasonably estimable. These amounts are adjusted from time to time as developments warrant. Matters that are not probable and estimable are not accrued for in the financial statements.

We have included in the matters described below certain matters in which (1) loss is probable, (2) loss is reasonably possible; that is, more than remote but not probable, or (3) there exists the reasonable possibility of loss greater than the accrued amount. In addition, we may from time to time disclose matters for which the probability of loss could be remote but the claim amounts associated with such matters are potentially significant. The reasonably possible range of loss for the matters described below, in excess of amounts that are deemed probable and estimable and therefore already accrued, is estimated to be between \$0 and \$0.3 billion, exclusive of any insurance coverage. These estimates are based on currently available information. As available information changes, the matters for which Aon is able to estimate may change, and the estimates themselves may change. In addition, many estimates involve significant judgment and uncertainty. For example, at the time of making an estimate, Aon may only have limited information about the facts underlying the claim, and predictions and assumptions about future court rulings and outcomes may prove to be inaccurate. Although management at present believes that the ultimate outcome of all matters described below, individually or in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position of Aon, legal proceedings are subject to inherent uncertainties and unfavorable rulings or other events. Unfavorable resolutions could include substantial monetary or punitive damages imposed on Aon or its subsidiaries. If unfavorable outcomes of these matters were to occur, future results of operations or cash flows for any particular quarterly or annual period could be materially adversely affected.

Current Matters

A retail insurance brokerage subsidiary of Aon was sued on September 14, 2010 in the Chancery Court for Davidson County, Tennessee, Twentieth Judicial District, at Nashville by a client, Opry Mills Mall Limited Partnership ("Opry Mills") that sustained flood damage to its property in May 2010. The lawsuit seeks \$200 million in coverage from numerous insurers with whom this Aon subsidiary placed the client's property insurance coverage. The insurers contend that only \$50 million in coverage (which has already been paid) is available for the loss because the flood event occurred on property in a high hazard flood zone. Opry Mills is seeking full coverage from the insurers for the loss and has sued this Aon subsidiary in the alternative for the same \$150 million difference on various theories of

professional liability if the court determines there is not full coverage. In addition, Opry Mills seeks prejudgment interest, attorneys' fees and enhanced damages which could substantially increase Aon's exposure. In March 2015, the trial court granted partial summary judgment in favor of plaintiffs

and against the insurers, holding generally that the plaintiffs are entitled to \$200 million in coverage under the language of the policies. In August 2015, a jury returned a verdict in favor of Opry Mills and against the insurers in the amount of \$204 million. Aon understands that the insurers intend to appeal both of these trial court decisions. Aon believes it has meritorious defenses and intends to vigorously defend itself against these claims.

A pensions consulting and administration subsidiary of Hewitt before its acquisition by Aon provided advisory services to the Trustees of the Philips UK pension fund and the relevant employer of fund beneficiaries. On January 2, 2014, Philips Pension Trustees Limited and Philips Electronics UK Limited (together, "Philips") sued Aon in the High Court, Chancery Division, London alleging negligence and breach of duty. The proceedings assert Philips' right to claim damages related to Philips' use of

a credit default swap hedging strategy pursuant to the supply of the advisory services, which is said to have resulted in substantial damages to Philips. Philips is seeking approximately £189 million (\$287 million at September 30, 2015 exchange rates), plus interest and costs. In June 2015, the High Court ordered Philips to clarify several aspects of its claim. In its clarification, Philips seeks to increase the amount of its claim to £290 million (\$440 million at September 30, 2015 exchange rates), plus interest and costs. Aon believes that it has meritorious defenses and intends to vigorously defend itself against these allegations.

On June 1, 2007, the International Road Transport Union ("IRU") sued Aon in the Geneva Tribunal of First Instance in Switzerland. IRU alleges, among other things, that, between 1995 and 2004, a business acquired by Aon and, later, an Aon subsidiary (1) accepted commissions for certain insurance placements that violated a fee agreement entered between the parties and (2) negligently failed to ask certain insurance carriers to contribute to the IRU's risk management costs. IRU sought damages of approximately CHF 46 million (\$47 million at September 30, 2015 exchange rates) and \$3 million, plus legal fees and interest of approximately \$30 million. On December 2, 2014, the Geneva Tribunal of First Instance entered a judgment that accepted some, and rejected other, of IRU's claims. The judgment awarded IRU CHF 16.8 million (\$17 million at September 30, 2015 exchange rates) and \$3.1 million, plus interest and adverse costs. The entire amount of the judgment, including interest through December 31, 2014, totaled CHF 27.9 million (\$28 million at September 30, 2015 exchange rates) and \$5 million. On January 26, 2015, in return for IRU agreeing not to appeal the bulk of its dismissed claims, the Aon subsidiary agreed not to appeal a part of the judgment and to pay IRU CHF 12.8 million (\$13 million at September 30, 2015 exchange rates) and \$4.7 million without Aon admitting liability. The Aon subsidiary appealed those aspects of the judgment it retained the right to appeal. IRU did not appeal. The Aon subsidiary's maximum liability on appeal is limited to CHF 8.7 million (\$9 million at September 30, 2015 exchange rates) and \$115,000 (plus interest and costs) beyond what the subsidiary has already paid. The appeal is now under submission.

A pensions consulting and administration subsidiary of Aon provided advisory services to the Trustees of the Gleeds pension fund in the United Kingdom and, on occasion, to the relevant employer of the fund. In April 2014, the High Court, Chancery Division, London found that certain governing documents of the fund that sought to alter the fund's benefit structure and that had been drafted by Aon were procedurally defective and therefore invalid. No lawsuit naming Aon as a party has been filed, although a tolling agreement has been entered. The High Court decision says that the additional liabilities in the pension fund resulting from the alleged defect in governing documents amount to approximately £45 million (\$68 million at September 30, 2015 exchange rates). In December 2014, the Court of Appeal granted the employer leave to appeal the High Court decision. The Court of Appeal hearing was set for October 2015, but has been postponed to permit the parties to discuss possible settlement. Aon believes that it has meritorious defenses and intends to vigorously defend itself against this potential claim.

On June 29, 2015, Lyttelton Port Company Limited ("LPC") sued Aon New Zealand (Aon) in the Christchurch Registry of the High Court of New Zealand. LPC alleges, among other things, that Aon was negligent and in breach of contract in arranging LPC's property insurance program for the period covering June 30, 2010, to June 30, 2011. LPC contends that acts and omissions by Aon caused LPC to recover less than it otherwise would have from insurers for losses suffered in the 2010/2011 Canterbury Earthquakes. LPC claims damages of approximately NZD 184 million (\$117.5 million at September 30, 2015 exchange rates) plus interest and costs. Aon believes that it has meritorious defenses and intends to vigorously defend itself against these claims.

In addition, from time to time, Aon's clients may bring claims and take legal action pertaining to the performance of fiduciary responsibilities. Whether client claims and legal action related to the Company's performance of fiduciary responsibilities are founded or unfounded, if such claims and legal actions are resolved in a manner unfavorable to the Company, they may adversely affect Aon's financial results and materially impair the market perception of the Company and that of its products and services.

Settled/Closed Matters

As described more fully in our Quarterly Report for the period ended June 30, 2015, in the second quarter of 2015, we settled legacy litigation with Huntington Ingalls Industries, Inc. in exchange for a payment of \$150 million made by Aon during the same period, and an arbitral panel issued an award that rejected claims made by AXA Versicherung Aktiengesellschaft ("AXA") and ordered AXA to reimburse Aon for its legal fees and costs in the amount of €1.6 million (\$2 million at June 30, 2015 exchange rates).

Guarantees and Indemnifications

In connection with the redomicile of Aon's headquarters (the "Redomestication"), the Company on April 2, 2012 entered into various agreements pursuant to which it agreed to guarantee the obligations of its subsidiaries arising under issued and

outstanding debt securities. Those agreements included the (1) Amended and Restated Indenture, dated as of April 2, 2012, among Aon Corporation, Aon plc, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee") (amending and restating the Indenture, dated as of September 10, 2010, between Aon Corporation and the Trustee), (2) Amended and Restated Indenture, dated as of April 2, 2012, among Aon Corporation, Aon plc and the Trustee (amending and restating the Indenture, dated as of April 2, 2012, among Aon Corporation, Aon plc and the Trustee), (3) Amended and Restated Indenture, dated as of April 2, 2012, among Aon Corporation, Aon plc and the Trustee (amending and restating the Indenture, dated as of January 13, 1997, as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 2, 2012, among Aon Finance N.S. 1, ULC, as issuer, Aon Corporation, as guarantor, Aon plc, as guarantor, and Computershare Trust Company of Canada, as trustee.

The Company provides a variety of guarantees and indemnifications to its customers and others. The maximum potential amount of future payments represents the notional amounts that could become payable under the guarantees and indemnifications if there were a total default by the guaranteed parties, without consideration of possible recoveries under recourse provisions or other methods. These amounts may bear no relationship to the expected future payments, if any, for these guarantees and indemnifications. Any anticipated amounts payable are included in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, and are recorded at fair value.

The Company expects that, as prudent business interests dictate, additional guarantees and indemnifications may be issued from time to time.

Letters of Credit

The Company had total letters of credit ("LOCs") outstanding of approximately \$59 million at September 30, 2015, compared to \$95 million at December 31, 2014. These letters of credit cover the beneficiaries related to certain of Aon's U.S. and Canadian non-qualified pension plan schemes and secure deductible retentions for Aon's own workers compensation program. The Company has also issued LOCs to cover contingent payments for taxes and other business obligations to third parties, and other guarantees for miscellaneous purposes at its international subsidiaries.

Commitments

The Company has provided commitments to fund certain limited partnerships in which it has an interest in the event that the general partners request funding. Some of these commitments have specific expiration dates and the maximum potential funding under these commitments was \$12 million at September 30, 2015 compared to \$14 million at December 31, 2014. During the three months ended September 30, 2015, the Company did not fund these commitments. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the company funded \$2 million of these commitments.

Premium Payments

The Company has certain contractual contingent guarantees for premium payments owed by clients to certain insurance companies. The maximum exposure with respect to such contractual contingent guarantees was approximately \$82 million at September 30, 2015 compared to \$112 million at December 31, 2014.

15. Segment Information

The Company has two reportable segments: Risk Solutions and HR Solutions. Unallocated income and expenses, when combined with the operating segments and after the elimination of intersegment revenues and expenses, equal the amounts in the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Reportable operating segments have been determined using a management approach, which is consistent with the basis and manner in which Aon's chief operating decision-maker ("CODM") uses financial information for the purposes of allocating resources and evaluating performance. The CODM assesses performance based on operating income and generally accounts for inter-segment revenue as if the revenue were from third parties and at what management believes are current market prices. The Company does not present net assets by segment as this information is not reviewed by the CODM.

Risk Solutions acts as an advisor and insurance and reinsurance broker, helping clients manage their risks, via consultation, as well as negotiation and placement of insurance risk with insurance carriers through Aon's global distribution network.

HR Solutions partners with organizations to solve their most complex benefits, talent and related financial challenges, and improve business performance by designing, implementing, communicating and administering a wide range of human capital, retirement, investment management, health care, compensation and talent management strategies.

Aon's total revenue is as follows (in millions):

	Three mont	hs ended September	Nine month	ns ended September	
	30,		30,		
	2015	2014	2015	2014	
Risk Solutions	\$1,689	\$1,836	\$5,417	\$5,778	
HR Solutions	1,064	1,057	3,013	3,004	
Intersegment eliminations	(11) (13	(36) (36)
Total revenue	\$2,742	\$2,880	\$8,394	\$8,746	

Commissions, fees and other revenues by product are as follows (in millions):

	Three mon	ths ended September	Nine months ended September				
	30,		30,				
	2015	2014	2015	2014			
Retail brokerage	\$1,352	\$1,458	\$4,363	\$4,619			
Reinsurance brokerage	331	371	1,038	1,140			
Total Risk Solutions Segment	1,683	1,829	5,401	5,759			
Consulting services	460	466	1,222	1,245			
Outsourcing	616	604	1,819	1,788			
Intrasegment	(12) (13	(28) (29			
Total HR Solutions Segment	1,064	1,057	3,013	3,004			
Intersegment	(11) (13	(36) (36			
Total commissions, fees and other revenue	\$2,736	\$2,873	\$8,378	\$8,727			

Fiduciary investment income by segment is as follows (in millions):

	Three months e	ended September	Nine months ended Septemb			
	30,		30,			
	2015	2014	2015	2014		
Risk Solutions	\$6	\$7	\$16	\$19		
HR Solutions	_		_			
Total fiduciary investment income	\$6	\$7	\$16	\$19		

A reconciliation of segment operating income before tax to income before income taxes is as follows (in millions):

	Three months	ended September	Nine months ended September				
	30,		30,				
	2015	2014	2015	2014			
Risk Solutions	\$324	\$343	\$1,015	\$1,205			
HR Solutions	134	113	249	249			
Segment income before income taxes	458	456	1,264	1,454			
Unallocated expenses	(45) (39	(133)	(123)			
Interest income	3	3	10	7			
Interest expense	(72) (65	(205)	(188)			
Other income	8	35	51	34			
Income before income taxes	\$352	\$390	\$987	\$1,184			

Unallocated expenses include administrative or other costs not attributable to the operating segments, such as corporate governance costs. Interest income represents income earned primarily on operating cash balances and certain income producing securities. Interest expense represents the cost of debt obligations.

Other income consists of equity earnings, realized gains or losses on the sale of investments, gains or losses on the disposal of businesses, gains or losses on derivatives, and gains or losses on foreign currency transactions.

16. Guarantee of Registered Securities

As described in Note 14, in connection with the Redomestication, Aon plc entered into various agreements pursuant to which it agreed to guarantee the obligations of Aon Corporation arising under issued and outstanding debt securities, including the 3.125% Notes due May 2016, the 5.00% Notes due September 2020, the 8.205% Notes due January 2027 and the 6.25% Notes due September 2040. Aon Corporation is a 100% indirectly owned subsidiary of Aon plc. All guarantees of Aon plc are full and unconditional. There are no other subsidiaries of Aon plc that are guarantors of the debt. In addition, Aon Corporation entered into an agreement pursuant to which it agreed to guarantee the obligations of Aon plc arising under the 4.250% Notes due 2042 exchanged for Aon Corporation's outstanding 8.205% Notes due January 2027 and also agreed to guarantee the obligations of Aon plc arising under the 4.45% Notes due 2043, the 4.00% Notes due November 2023, the 2.875% Notes due May 2026, the 3.50% Notes due June 2024, the 4.60% Notes due June 2044, and the 4.75% Notes due May 2045. In each case, the guarantee of Aon Corporation is full and unconditional. There are no subsidiaries of Aon plc, other than Aon Corporation, that are guarantors of the 4.250% Notes due 2042, the 4.45% Notes due 2043, the 4.00% Notes due 2023, the 2.875% Notes due 2026, the 3.50% Notes due 2024, the 4.60% Notes due 2044, or the 4.75% Notes due 2045. As a result of the existence of these guarantees, the Company is required by Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X to present the financial information set forth in this footnote.

The following tables set forth condensed consolidating statements of income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, condensed consolidating statements of comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, condensed consolidating statements of financial position as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, and condensed consolidating statements of cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 in accordance with Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X. The condensed consolidating financial information includes the accounts of Aon plc, the accounts of Aon Corporation, and the combined accounts of the non-guarantor subsidiaries. The condensed consolidating financial statements are presented in all periods as a merger under common control, with Aon plc presented as the parent company in all periods prior and subsequent to the Redomestication. The principal consolidating adjustments are to eliminate the investment in subsidiaries and intercompany balances and transactions.

In January 2015, Aon plc transferred its ownership of all of its directly held subsidiaries to Aon Global Holdings Limited, an intermediate holding company. The financial results of Aon Global Holdings Limited are included in the Other Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries column of the Condensed Consolidating Financial Statements. The Company has reflected the transfer of Aon Corporation from Aon plc to Aon Global Holdings Limited below for all periods presented.

Certain amounts in prior year's condensed consolidating statements of income have been reclassified and adjusted to conform to the 2015 presentation. In prior periods, other income (expense) from intercompany transactions were recognized in Compensation and benefits and Other general expenses. These amounts are now included in Intercompany other income (expense) in the Condensed Consolidating Statements of Income. The Company believes this provides greater clarity into the income generated from operations and intercompany transactions.

Three months	ended	September	30.	2015
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				•	Other			
	Aon		Aon		Non-Guarantor	Consolidating	3	
(millions)	plc		Corporatio	n	Subsidiaries	Adjustments	Consolida	ated
Revenue								
Commissions, fees and other	\$ —		\$ —		\$ 2,736	\$ <i>-</i>	\$ 2,736	
Fiduciary investment income			_		6		6	
Total revenue			_		2,742		2,742	
Expenses								
Compensation and benefits	28		8		1,608		1,644	
Other general expenses	1		3		681		685	
Total operating expenses	29		11		2,289		2,329	
Operating (loss) income	(29)	(11)	453		413	
Interest income	(5)	4		4		3	
Interest expense	(33)	(34)	(5)		(72)
Intercompany interest income (expense)	119		(128)	9		_	
Intercompany other (expense) income	(57)	(17)	74		_	
Other income			2		6		8	
(Loss) income before taxes	(5)	(184)	541		352	
Income tax (benefit) expense	(1)	(63)	113		49	
(Loss) income before equity in earnings of subsidiaries	(4)	(121)	428	_	303	
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries, net of tax	299		355		234	(888)		
Net income	295		234		662	(888)	303	
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	_		_		8	_	8	
Net income attributable to Aon shareholders	\$295		\$234		\$ 654	\$ (888)	\$ 295	

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Income	Three months ended September 30, 2014									
				1	Other					
	Aon		Aon		Non-Guaranton	Consolidating	<u> </u>			
(millions)	plc		Corporation	n	Subsidiaries	Adjustments		ited		
Revenue	_		_							
Commissions, fees and other	\$ —		\$ —		\$ 2,873	\$ <i>-</i>	\$ 2,873			
Fiduciary investment income			_		7	_	7			
Total revenue			_		2,880	_	2,880			
Expenses										
Compensation and benefits	29		4		1,674		1,707			
Other general expenses	1		1		754	_	756			
Total operating expenses	30		5		2,428		2,463			
Operating (loss) income	(30)	(5)	452		417			
Interest income	(2)	1		4		3			
Interest expense	(25)	(42)	2		(65)		
Intercompany interest income (expense)	113		(73))	(40)		_			
Intercompany other (expense) income	(29)	(14)	43	_	_			
Other income	2		2		31		35			
Income (loss) before taxes	29		(131)	492		390			
Income tax expense (benefit)	6		(52)	121	_	75			
Income (loss) before equity in earnings of subsidiaries	23		(79)	371		315			
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries, net of tax	286		241		162	(689)				
Net income	309		162		533	(689)	315			
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	_		_		6	_	6			
Net income attributable to Aon shareholders	\$309		\$162		\$ 527	\$ (689)	\$ 309			

-	Nine months ended September 30, 2015									
				Other						
	Aon	Aon		Non-Guaranto	or Consolidating	5				
(millions)	plc	Corporati	ion	Subsidiaries	Adjustments	Consolidated				
Revenue										
Commissions, fees and other	\$ —	\$ —		\$8,378	\$ <i>-</i>	\$ 8,378				
Fiduciary investment income	_			16		16				
Total revenue	_			8,394		8,394				
Expenses										
Compensation and benefits	85	29		4,866		4,980				
Other general expenses	10	6		2,267		2,283				
Total operating expenses	95	35		7,133		7,263				
Operating (loss) income	(95) (35)	1,261		1,131				
Interest income	(14) 10		14		10				
Interest expense	(87) (101)	(17	· —	(205)				
Intercompany interest income (expense)	358	(349)	(9	—					
Intercompany other (expense) income	(162) (40)	202						
Other income	_	10		41		51				
(Loss) income before taxes	_	(505)	1,492		987				
Income tax (benefit) expense	_	(180)	335		155				
(Loss) income before equity in earnings of subsidiaries	_	(325)	1,157	_	832				
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries, net of tax	801	925		600	(2,326)					
Net income	801	600		1,757	(2,326)	832				
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	_	_		31	_	31				
Net income attributable to Aon shareholders	\$801	\$600		\$ 1,726	\$ (2,326)	\$ 801				
29										

	Nine months ended September 30, 2014										
					Other						
	Aon	n Aon			Non-Guarantor		· Consolidating				
(millions)	plc		Corporation	n	Subsidiaries		Adjustments		Consolidat	ted	
Revenue											
Commissions, fees and other	\$ —		\$ —		\$ 8,727		\$ <i>-</i>		\$ 8,727		
Fiduciary investment income	_				19				19		
Total revenue	_				8,746				8,746		
Expenses											
Compensation and benefits	100		17		5,049				5,166		
Other general expenses	7		6		2,236				2,249		
Total operating expenses	107		23		7,285				7,415		
Operating (loss) income	(107)	(23)	1,461				1,331		
Interest income	(6)	1		12				7		
Interest expense	(49)	(105))	(34)			(188)	
Intercompany interest income (expense)	335		(220)	(115)			_		
Intercompany other (expense) income	(101)	(33)	134				_		
Other income	1		10		23				34		
(Loss) income before taxes	73		(370)	1,481				1,184		
Income tax (benefit) expense	15		(144)	349				220		
(Loss) income before equity in earnings of subsidiaries	58		(226)	1,132		_		964		
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries, net of tax	880		861		635		(2,376)				
Net income	938		635		1,767		(2,376))	964		
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	_		_		26		_		26		
Net income attributable to Aon shareholders	\$938		\$635		\$ 1,741		\$ (2,376))	\$ 938		

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income

Three months ended September 30, 2015

			Other			
	Aon	Aon	Non-Guaranto	r Consolidating	g	
(millions)	plc	Corporation	Subsidiaries	Adjustments	Consolida	ated
Net income	\$295	\$234	\$ 662	\$ (888)	\$ 303	
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	_	_	8	_	8	
Net income attributable to Aon shareholders	\$295	\$234	\$ 654	\$ (888)	\$ 295	
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax:						
Change in fair value of financial instruments	_	(1)	(9)	_	(10)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	_	(24)	(205)	_	(229)
Post-retirement benefit obligation	_	8	10	_	18	
Total other comprehensive loss	_	(17)	(204)	_	(221)
Equity in other comprehensive loss of subsidiaries, net of tax	(217) (196)	(213)	626	_	
Less: Other comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	_	_	(4)	_	(4)
Total other comprehensive loss attributable to Aon shareholders	(217) (213)	(413)	626	(217)
Comprehensive income attributable to Aon shareholders	\$78	\$21	\$ 241	\$ (262)	\$ 78	

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income

Three months ended September 30, 2014

			Other		
	Aon	Aon	Non-Guaranto	or Consolidating	3
(millions)	plc	Corporation	n Subsidiaries	Adjustments	Consolidated
Net income	\$309	\$162	\$ 533	\$ (689)	\$ 315
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling			6		6
interests			O		O
Net income attributable to Aon shareholders	\$309	\$162	\$ 527	\$ (689)	\$ 309
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:					
Change in fair value of financial instruments	_	(1	(7) —	(8)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	_	(17	(301) —	(318)
Post-retirement benefit obligation	_	6	20	_	26
Total other comprehensive (loss) income	_	(12	(288) —	(300)
Equity in other comprehensive income of	(300) (285	·	585	
subsidiaries, net of tax	(300	, (203		363	
Less: Other comprehensive income attributable	_			_	_
to noncontrolling interests					
Total other comprehensive income attributable	(300) (297	(288) 585	(300)
to Aon shareholders	(300	, (2)1	, (200	, 303	(300)
Comprehensive income attributable to Aon	\$9	\$(135	\$ 239	\$ (104)	\$ 9
Shareholders	Ψ	Ψ(133	Ψ 237	ψ(10-τ)	Ψ

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income

Nine months ended September 30, 2015 Other Aon Aon Non-Guarantor Consolidating (millions) Corporation Subsidiaries Adjustments Consolidated plc Net income \$801 \$600 \$1,757 \$ (2,326) \$832 Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling 31 31 interests Net income attributable to Aon shareholders \$801 \$600 \$ (2,326) \$801 \$1,726 Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax: Change in fair value of financial instruments (11)(11)) Foreign currency translation adjustments (43 (376) (333) Post-retirement benefit obligation 25 37 62 Total other comprehensive loss (325 (18) (307) Equity in other comprehensive loss of (319) (290) (308) 917 subsidiaries, net of tax Less: Other comprehensive income attributable (6 (6) to noncontrolling interests Total other comprehensive loss attributable to (319) (308) 917 (319) (609) Aon shareholders Comprehensive income attributable to Aon \$482 \$292 \$1,117 \$ (1,409) \$482 shareholders

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Nine months ended September 30, 2014										
					Other						
	Aon A		Aon	Aon No		Non-Guarantor Consolidati					
(millions)	plc		Corporatio	n	Subsidiaries		Adjustmen	ts	Consolida	ated	
Net income	\$938		\$635		\$ 1,767		\$ (2,376)	\$ 964		
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	_		_		26		_		26		
Net income attributable to Aon shareholders	\$938		\$635		\$ 1,741		\$ (2,376)	\$ 938		
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax:											
Change in fair value of financial instruments			(1)	13				12		
Foreign currency translation adjustments			(19)	(209)			(228)	
Post-retirement benefit obligation			17		53				70		
Total other comprehensive loss			(3)	(143)			(146)	
Equity in other comprehensive loss of subsidiaries, net of tax	(144)	(142)	_		286		_		
Less: Other comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	_		_		(2)	_		(2)	
Total other comprehensive loss attributable to Aon shareholders	(144)	(145)	(141)	286		(144)	
Comprehensive income attributable to Aon shareholders	\$794		\$490		\$ 1,600		\$ (2,090)	\$ 794		

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Financial Position

Condensed Consolidating Statement of I maner		ember 30, 20	15			
	1	,	Other			
	Aon	Aon	Non-Guarantor	Consolidati	ng	
(millions)	plc	Corporation	Subsidiaries		_	Consolidated
ASSETS	•	•		v		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$2,490	\$ 1,087	\$ (3,179)	\$ 398
Short-term investments	_	217	168	_		385
Receivables, net	_	_	2,453	_		2,453
Fiduciary assets		_	9,956			9,956
Intercompany receivables	360	21,073	2,402	(23,835)	
Other current assets	2	221	532	(27)	728
Total Current Assets	362	24,001	16,598	(27,041)	13,920
Goodwill		_	8,571	_		8,571
Intangible assets, net		_	2,257	_		2,257
Fixed assets, net			785	_		785
Intercompany receivables	7,380	557	1,629	(9,566)	_
Other non-current assets	187	698	1,572	(784)	1,673
Investment in subsidiary	4,627	16,060	550	(21,237)	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$12,556	\$41,316	\$ 31,962	\$ (58,628)	\$ 27,206
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Fiduciary liabilities	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 9,956	\$ <i>—</i>		\$ 9,956
Short-term debt and current portion of	56	1,254	17	_		1,327
long-term debt	2.2.10		1 261	(2.170	,	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,240	25	1,361	(3,179)	1,447
Intercompany payables	277	27,826	(4,142)	(23,961)	_
Other current liabilities		55	657	99		811
Total Current Liabilities	3,573	29,160	7,849	(27,041)	13,541
Long-term debt	3,094	1,418	287	_		4,799
Pension, other post-retirement and other		1,293	540	_		1,833
post-employment liabilities						1,000
Intercompany payables		8,796	770	(9,566)	_
Other non-current liabilities	6	99	1,770	(784	-	1,091
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,673	40,766	11,216	(37,391)	21,264
TOTAL AON SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	5,883	550	20,687	(21,237)	5,883
Noncontrolling interests			59	(41,437	,	59
TOTAL EQUITY	5,883		20,746	(21,237	`	5,942
TOTAL EQUIT I	3,003	330	∠U, /4U	(21,237	J	J,7 4 4
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$12,556	\$41,316	\$ 31,962	\$ (58,628)	\$ 27,206

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Financial Position As of De

	As of Dec	ember 31, 201	4		
			Other		
	Aon	Aon	Non-Guarantor	Consolidatin	g
(millions)	plc	Corporation	Subsidiaries	Adjustments	Consolidated
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$2,727	\$ 1,361	\$ (3,714	\$ 374
Short-term investments	_	165	229	_	394
Receivables, net		_	2,815	_	2,815
Fiduciary assets	_	_	11,638	_	11,638
Intercompany receivables	455	2,814	9,156	(12,425) —
Other current assets	2	226	407	(33) 602
Total Current Assets	457	5,932	25,606	(16,172) 15,823
Goodwill		_	8,860	_	8,860
Intangible assets, net		_	2,520	_	2,520
Fixed assets, net		_	765		765
Intercompany receivables	7,399	600	111	(8,110) —
Other non-current assets	179	697	1,718	(790	1,804
Investment in subsidiary	4,962	15,200	1,880	(22,042) —
TOTAL ASSETS	\$12,997	\$22,429	\$ 41,460	\$ (47,114	\$ 29,772
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
•					
Fiduciary liabilities	\$	\$—	\$ 11,638	\$ <i>-</i>	\$ 11,638
Short-term debt and current portion of		767	16		783
long-term debt		707	10	_	763
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,755	58	1,706	(3,714	1,805
Intercompany payables	122	8,960	3,343	(12,425) —
Other current liabilities		49	772	(33	788
Total Current Liabilities	3,877	9,834	17,475	(16,172) 15,014
Long-term debt	2,544	1,917	338		4,799
Pension, other post-retirement and other		1,396	745		2,141
post-employment liabilities		1,570			2,171
Intercompany payables		7,277	833	(8,110) —
Other non-current liabilities	5	125	1,847	(790	1,187
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,426	20,549	21,238	(25,072	23,141
TOTAL AON CHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	6 571	1 000	20.162	(22.042	6.571
TOTAL AON SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	6,571	1,880	20,162 60	(22,042	6,571
Noncontrolling interests	— 6 571	1 000		(22.042	60
TOTAL EQUITY	6,571	1,880	20,222	(22,042) 6,631
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$12,997	\$22,429	\$41,460	\$ (47,114	\$ 29,772

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows

Ç	Nine mon	ntl	hs ended Se	pt	tember 30, 201	5			
	Aon		Aon		Other Non-Guaranto	or	Consolidating	5	
(millions) CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	plc		Corporation	n	Subsidiaries		Adjustments	Consolida	ited
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$31		\$(624)	\$ 1,668		\$	\$ 1,075	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES									
Sales of long-term investments	_		3		20		_	23	
Purchase of long-term investments			(1)	(2)	_	(3)
Net sales of short-term investments - non-fiduciary	_		(51)	42		_	(9)
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	_		_		(26)		(26)
Proceeds from sale of businesses	_		_		54		_	54	
Capital expenditures	_		_		(225)	_	(225)
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR)			(49)	(137)	_	(186)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			,					`	,
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES									
Share repurchase	(1,150)	_		_		_	(1,150)
Advances from (to) affiliates	630		451		(1,616)	535	_	
Issuance of shares for employee benefit plans	72		_				_	72	
Issuance of debt	768		2,720		6		_	3,494	
Repayment of debt	•)	(2,735)	(14)	_	(2,860)
Cash dividends to shareholders	(240)	_				_	(240)
Purchase of shares from noncontrolling interests	_		_		(5)	_	(5)
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests					(21)	_	(21)
CASH (USED FOR) PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(31)	436		(1,650)	535	(710)
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES	_		_		(155)	_	(155)
ON CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH			(237	`)	535	24	
AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			(231	,	(2/7	,	555	<i>∠</i> ⊤	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	_		2,727		1,361		(3,714)	374	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$—		\$2,490		\$ 1,087		\$ (3,179)	\$ 398	

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash 1 to		nths	s ended Sep		ember 30, 201	4				
(millions) CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Aon plc		Aon Corporation		Other Non-Guaranto Subsidiaries	or	Consolidatin Adjustments	_	Consolida	ted
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$309	\$	\$(348))	\$ 922		\$—		\$ 883	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES										
Sales of long-term investments			39		12		_		51	,
Purchase of long-term investments Net sales of short-term investments -	_	((19))	_				(19)
non-fiduciary		1	103		198		_		301	
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	_	_			(464)	_		(464)
Proceeds from sale of businesses	_	_	_		48	`	_		48	`
Capital expenditures CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING	_	_	_		(179)	_		(179)
ACTIVITIES		1	123		(385)	_		(262)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES										
Share repurchase	(1,750	,							(1,750)
Advances from (to) affiliates Issuance of shares for employee benefit plans	(253 58) 4	196		371		(614)		
Issuance of debt	2,714	1	 1,541		_		_		4,255	
Repayment of debt			•)	(705)			(3,073)
Cash dividends to shareholders	(201) -							(201)
Purchase of shares from noncontrolling interests Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests	_	-	_		1 (18	`			1 (18)
Proceeds from sale-leaseback	_		_		25	,	_		25)
CASH (USED FOR) PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(309) 5	546		(226)	(614)	(703)
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	_	_	_		(13)	_		(13)
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	_	3	321		198		(614)	(95)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	_	2	247		1,246		(1,016)	477	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$—	\$	\$568		\$ 1,444		\$ (1,630)	\$ 382	

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THIRD QUARTER 2015 FINANCIAL RESULTS

During the third quarter and first nine months of 2015, we continued to face certain headwinds that had adversely impacted our business in prior periods. In our Risk Solutions segment, these headwinds included adverse changes in foreign currency exchange rates, economic weakness in continental Europe, and a negative market impact in our Reinsurance business. In our HR Solutions segment, these headwinds included price compression in our benefits administration business and economic weakness in continental Europe.

The following is a summary of our third quarter and first nine months of 2015 financial results:

For the third quarter of 2015, revenue decreased \$138 million, or 5%, to \$2.7 billion compared to the prior year third quarter due primarily to a 7% unfavorable impact from foreign currency exchange rates, partially offset by organic revenue growth of 2%. For the first nine months of 2015, revenue decreased \$352 million, or 4%, to \$8.4 billion compared to the prior year period due primarily to a 7% unfavorable impact from foreign currency exchange rates, partially offset by organic revenue growth of 2% and revenue growth of 1% attributable to acquisitions, net of divestitures. In Risk Solutions, organic revenue growth in the third quarter and first nine months of 2015 were driven by organic growth in Retail brokerage across both the Americas and International businesses, partially offset by a decline in Reinsurance in both periods. The HR Solutions segment had solid organic growth across both the Consulting and Outsourcing businesses for the third quarter and first nine months of 2015.

Operating expenses for the third quarter of 2015 were \$2.3 billion, a decrease of \$134 million, or 5%, compared to the prior year third quarter. The decrease in the third quarter was primarily due to a \$162 million favorable impact from foreign currency exchange rates, a \$12 million decrease in intangible asset amortization, and a \$5 million decrease in expenses relates to acquisitions, net of divestitures, partially offset by an increase in expense to support organic growth. Operating expenses for the first nine months of 2015 decreased \$152 million to \$7.3 billion compared to the first nine months of 2014, primarily due to a \$468 million favorable impact from foreign currency translation, partially offset by a \$176 million expense related to legacy litigation, a \$22 million increase in expenses related to acquisitions, net of divestitures, and an increase in expense to support organic revenue growth.

Operating margin increased to 15.1% in the third quarter 2015 from 14.5% in the third quarter 2014. Operating margin for the first nine months of 2015 was 13.5% as compared to 15.2% for the same period in 2014. The increase in operating margin from the prior year quarter was driven by organic revenue growth of 2%, expense discipline, and a favorable impact from changes in foreign currency exchange rates, partially offset by an increase in expense to support future growth. The decrease in operating margin from the prior year nine months is primarily due to an expense related to legacy litigation and an increase in expense to support future growth, partially offset by organic revenue growth of 2%, decreased intangible asset amortization costs, a favorable impact from changes in foreign exchange rates, and expense discipline. Operating margin for Risk Solutions increased 50 basis points from 18.7% in the third quarter 2014 to 19.2% in the third quarter 2015 and decreased 220 basis points from 20.9% for the first nine months of 2014 to 18.7% for the first nine months of 2015. Operating margin for HR Solutions increased 190 basis points from 10.7% in the third quarter 2014 to 12.6% in the third quarter 2015 and remained consistent at 8.3% for the first nine months of 2015 when compared to the first nine months of 2014.

Due to the factors set forth above, net income attributable to Aon shareholders decreased \$14 million, or 5%, to \$295 million for the third quarter 2015 compared to the third quarter 2014. During the first nine months of 2015, Net income attributable to Aon shareholders decreased \$137 million, or 15%, to \$801 million in compared to the first nine months of 2014.

Cash flow provided by operating activities was \$1,075 million for the first nine months of 2015, an increase of \$192 million from \$883 million provided by operating activities in the first nine months of 2014. The increase was driven by working capital improvements, a decrease in cash paid on income tax, a decline in pension contributions, organic growth, and a decline in cash paid for taxes and cash paid for restructuring.

The Company repurchased 6.3 million Class A Ordinary Shares for approximately \$600 million in the third quarter of 2015 and repurchased 11.7 million Class A Ordinary Shares for approximately \$1.15 billion in the first nine months of 2015.

We focus on four key non-GAAP metrics that we communicate to shareholders: organic revenue, adjusted operating margins, adjusted diluted earnings per share, and free cash flow. The following is our measure of performance against these four metrics for the third quarter and first nine months of 2015:

Organic revenue growth, a non-GAAP measure as defined under the caption "Review of Consolidated Results — Organic Revenue," was 2% for the third quarter and first nine months of 2015, compared to organic revenue growth of 3% in the prior year third quarter and 2% for the first nine months of 2014. In Risk Solutions, organic revenue growth was driven by growth in Retail brokerage across both the Americas and International businesses, partially offset by a decline in Reinsurance organic revenue. HR Solutions had solid organic growth across both the Consulting and Outsourcing businesses in both periods.

Adjusted operating margin, a non-GAAP measure as defined under the caption "Review of Consolidated Results — Adjusted Operating Margin," was 17.9% for Aon overall, 20.8% for the Risk Solutions segment, and 17.4% for the HR Solutions segment for the third quarter 2015. Adjusted operating margin was 17.6% for Aon overall, 20.3% for the Risk Solutions segment, and 16.5% for the HR Solutions segment for the third quarter 2014. For the first nine months of 2015, adjusted operating margin was 18.4% for Aon overall, 22.8% for the Risk Solutions segment, and 14.7% for the HR Solutions segment. For the first nine months of 2014, adjusted operating margin was 18.2% for Aon overall, 22.2% for the Risk Solutions segment, and 14.4% for the HR Solutions segment. The increase in adjusted operating margin for the Risk Solutions segment in the third quarter of 2015 primarily reflects organic revenue growth of 1%, return on investments in data and analytics, and a favorable impact from foreign currency exchange rates. For the first nine months of 2015, the increase in adjusted operating margin was driven by organic revenue growth of 2% and return on investments in data and analytics. In the HR Solutions segment in the third quarter of 2015, operating margin expansion was driven by organic revenue growth of 5% and a favorable impact from foreign currency exchange rates, partially offset by an increase in expense to support future growth. For the first nine months of 2015, the increase in adjusted operating margin reflects organic revenue growth of 4%, which was partially offset by an increase in expense to support future growth.

Adjusted diluted earnings per share from net income attributable to Aon's shareholders, a non-GAAP measure as defined under the caption "Review of Consolidated Results — Adjusted Diluted Earnings per Share," was \$1.24 per share in the third quarter of 2015 and \$3.92 per share in the first nine months of 2015, compared to \$1.29 per share in the third quarter of 2014 and \$3.82 in the first nine months of 2014.

Free cash flow, a non-GAAP measure as defined under the caption "Review of Consolidated Results — Free Cash Flow," increased \$146 million, or 21%, to \$850 million from the prior year period, driven by 22% growth in cash flow from operations, partially offset by an increase of \$46 million in capital expenditures primarily due to real estate related projects.

REVIEW OF CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

General

In our discussion of operating results, we sometimes refer to certain non-GAAP supplemental information derived from consolidated financial information specifically related to organic revenue growth, adjusted operating margin, adjusted diluted earnings per share, free cash flow, and the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on operating results.

Organic Revenue

We use supplemental information related to organic revenue to help us and our investors evaluate business growth from existing operations. Organic revenue is a non-GAAP measure and excludes the impact of foreign exchange rate changes, acquisitions, divestitures, transfers between business units, fiduciary investment income, reimbursable expenses, and certain unusual items. Supplemental information related to organic revenue growth represents a measure not in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and should be viewed in addition to, not instead of, our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto. Industry peers provide similar supplemental information about their revenue performance, although they may not make identical adjustments. Reconciliations of this non-GAAP measure, organic revenue growth percentages, to the reported Commissions, fees and other revenue growth percentages, have been provided under the "Review by Segment" caption below.

Adjusted Operating Margin

We use adjusted operating margin as a non-GAAP measure of core operating performance of our Risk Solutions and HR Solutions segments. Adjusted operating margin excludes the impact of certain items, including intangible asset amortization, because management does not believe these expenses reflect our core operating performance. This supplemental information related to adjusted operating margin represents a measure not in accordance with U.S. GAAP and should be viewed in addition to, not instead of, our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto.

A reconciliation of this non-GAAP measure to the reported operating margin is as follows (in millions):

•	Three months e	nde	ed September 30,	20	15			
	Total Aon (1)		Risk Solutions		HR Solutions			
Revenue — U.S. GAAP	\$2,742		\$1,689		\$1,064			
Operating income — U.S. GAAP	\$413		\$324		\$134			
Intangible asset amortization	78		27		51			
Legacy Litigation	_		_		_			
Operating income — as adjusted	\$491		\$351		\$185			
Operating margins — U.S. GAAP	15.1	%	19.2	%	12.6	%		
Operating margins — as adjusted	17.9	%	20.8	%	17.4	%		
	Nine months er	idec	l September 30,	201	5			
	Total Aon (1)		Risk Solutions		HR Solutions			
Revenue — U.S. GAAP	\$8,394		\$5,417		\$3,013			
Operating income — U.S. GAAP	\$1,131		\$1,015		\$249			
Intangible asset amortization	237		83		154			
Legacy Litigation	176		137		39			
Operating income — as adjusted	\$1,544		\$1,235		\$442			
Operating margins — U.S. GAAP	13.5	%	18.7	%	8.3	%		
Operating margins — as adjusted	18.4	%	22.8	%	14.7	%		
	Three months ended September 30, 2014							
	Total Aon (1)		Risk Solutions		HR Solutions			
Revenue — U.S. GAAP	\$2,880		\$1,836		\$1,057			
Operating income — U.S. GAAP	\$417		\$343		\$113			
Intangible asset amortization	90		29		61			
Operating income — as adjusted	\$507		\$372		\$174			
Operating margins — U.S. GAAP	14.5	%	18.7	%	10.7	%		
Operating margins — as adjusted	17.6	%	20.3	%	16.5	%		
	Nine months er	idec	l September 30,	201	4			
	Total Aon (1)		Risk Solutions		HR Solutions			
Revenue — U.S. GAAP	\$8,746		\$5,778		\$3,004			
Operating income — U.S. GAAP	\$1,331		\$1,205		\$249			
Intangible asset amortization	263		80		183			
Operating income — as adjusted	\$1,594		\$1,285		\$432			
Operating margins — U.S. GAAP	15.2		20.9		8.3	%		
Operating margins — as adjusted	18.2	%	22.2	%	14.4	%		

⁽¹⁾ Includes unallocated expenses and the elimination of inter-segment revenue.

Adjusted Diluted Earnings per Share

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We also use adjusted diluted earnings per share as a non-GAAP measure of our core operating performance. Adjusted diluted earnings per share excludes the impact of intangible asset amortization and legacy litigation, along with related income taxes, because management does not believe these expenses are representative of our core earnings. This supplemental information related to adjusted diluted earnings per share represents a measure not in accordance with U.S. GAAP and should be viewed in addition to, not instead of, our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto.

The effective tax rate used in the U.S. GAAP financial statements in the third quarter of 2015 was 14.0%, compared to the prior year quarter of 19.1%. The effective tax rate used in the U.S. GAAP financial statements in the first nine months of 2015 was 15.8%, compared to the prior year quarter of 18.5%. After adjusting to exclude the applicable tax impact associated with expenses for legacy litigation in the second quarter, the adjusted effective tax rate for the third quarter and first nine months of 2015 were 16.0% and 17.8%, respectively.

Reconciliations of this non-GAAP measure to the reported diluted earnings per share are as follows (in millions, except per share data):

except per share data).				
	Three months en	nded September 30,	2015	
	U.S. GAAP	Adjustments	As Adjusted	
Operating income	\$413	\$78	\$491	
Interest income	3	_	3	
Interest expense	(72) —	(72)
Other income	8		8	
Income before income taxes	352	78	430	
Income taxes	49	20	69	
Net income	303	58	361	
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	8	_	8	
Net income attributable to Aon shareholders	\$295	\$58	\$353	
Diluted earnings per share	\$1.04	\$0.20	\$1.24	
Weighted average ordinary shares outstanding — diluted	283.8		283.8	
	Nine months en	ded September 30,	2015	
		aca september 50,	2013	
	U.S. GAAP	Adjustments	As Adjusted	
Operating income		_		
Operating income Interest income	U.S. GAAP	Adjustments	As Adjusted	
	U.S. GAAP \$1,131	Adjustments	As Adjusted \$1,544)
Interest income	U.S. GAAP \$1,131 10	Adjustments	As Adjusted \$1,544 10)
Interest income Interest expense	U.S. GAAP \$1,131 10 (205	Adjustments	As Adjusted \$1,544 10 (205)
Interest income Interest expense Other income	U.S. GAAP \$1,131 10 (205 51	Adjustments \$413 —) —	As Adjusted \$1,544 10 (205 51)
Interest income Interest expense Other income Income before income taxes	U.S. GAAP \$1,131 10 (205 51 987	Adjustments \$413 —) — — 413	As Adjusted \$1,544 10 (205 51 1,400)
Interest income Interest expense Other income Income before income taxes Income taxes	U.S. GAAP \$1,131 10 (205 51 987 155	Adjustments \$413 —) — 413 94	As Adjusted \$1,544 10 (205 51 1,400 249)
Interest income Interest expense Other income Income before income taxes Income taxes Net income	U.S. GAAP \$1,131 10 (205 51 987 155 832	Adjustments \$413 —) — 413 94	As Adjusted \$1,544 10 (205 51 1,400 249 1,151)
Interest income Interest expense Other income Income before income taxes Income taxes Net income Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	U.S. GAAP \$1,131 10 (205 51 987 155 832 31	Adjustments \$413 —) — 413 94 319 —	As Adjusted \$1,544 10 (205 51 1,400 249 1,151 31)
Interest income Interest expense Other income Income before income taxes Income taxes Net income Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests Net income attributable to Aon shareholders	U.S. GAAP \$1,131 10 (205 51 987 155 832 31 \$801	Adjustments \$413 —) — 413 94 319 — \$319	As Adjusted \$1,544 10 (205 51 1,400 249 1,151 31 \$1,120)
Interest income Interest expense Other income Income before income taxes Income taxes Net income Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests Net income attributable to Aon shareholders Diluted earnings per share	U.S. GAAP \$1,131 10 (205 51 987 155 832 31 \$801 \$2.80	Adjustments \$413 —) — 413 94 319 — \$319	As Adjusted \$1,544 10 (205 51 1,400 249 1,151 31 \$1,120 \$3.92)

	Three months en	nded September 30,	2014	
	U.S. GAAP	Adjustments	As Adjusted	
Operating income	\$417	\$90	\$507	
Interest income	3	_	3	
Interest expense	(65) —	(65)
Other income	35	_	35	
Income before income taxes	390	90	480	
Income taxes	75	16	91	
Net income	315	74	389	
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	6	_	6	
Net income attributable to Aon shareholders	\$309	\$74	\$383	
Diluted earnings per share	\$1.04	\$0.25	\$1.29	
Weighted average ordinary shares outstanding — diluted	296.1	_	296.1	
		ded September 30,		
	Nine months en U.S. GAAP	ded September 30, Adjustments	As Adjusted	
Operating income		-		
Operating income Interest income	U.S. GAAP	Adjustments	As Adjusted	
Interest income Interest expense	U.S. GAAP \$1,331	Adjustments	As Adjusted \$1,594)
Interest income	U.S. GAAP \$1,331 7	Adjustments	As Adjusted \$1,594 7)
Interest income Interest expense	U.S. GAAP \$1,331 7 (188	Adjustments	As Adjusted \$1,594 7 (188)
Interest income Interest expense Other income	U.S. GAAP \$1,331 7 (188 34	Adjustments \$263 —) —	As Adjusted \$1,594 7 (188 34)
Interest income Interest expense Other income Income before income taxes	U.S. GAAP \$1,331 7 (188 34 1,184	Adjustments \$263 —) — — 263	As Adjusted \$1,594 7 (188 34 1,447)
Interest income Interest expense Other income Income before income taxes Income taxes	U.S. GAAP \$1,331 7 (188 34 1,184 220	Adjustments \$263 —) — ————————————————————————————————	As Adjusted \$1,594 7 (188 34 1,447 268)
Interest income Interest expense Other income Income before income taxes Income taxes Net income	U.S. GAAP \$1,331 7 (188 34 1,184 220 964	Adjustments \$263 —) — ————————————————————————————————	As Adjusted \$1,594 7 (188 34 1,447 268 1,179)
Interest income Interest expense Other income Income before income taxes Income taxes Net income Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	U.S. GAAP \$1,331 7 (188 34 1,184 220 964 26	Adjustments \$263 —) — 263 48 215 —	As Adjusted \$1,594 7 (188 34 1,447 268 1,179 26)