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FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)

OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2014

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)

OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to ____

Commission file number 1-10804

XL GROUP

Public Limited Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ireland 98-0665416

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

XL House, 8 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, Ireland (Address of principal executive offices and zip code) +353 (1) 400-5500

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

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

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer "Non-accelerated filer "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 "No x

As of August 4, 2014, there were 265,499,119 outstanding Ordinary Shares, \$0.01 par value per share, of the registrant.

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PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS		
XL GROUP PLC		
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS	1 20 2014	D 1 21 2012
(U.S. dollars in thousands, except share data)	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
ASSETS		
Investments:		
Fixed maturities, at fair value (amortized cost: 2014, \$29,065,531; 2013,	\$30,442,921	\$27,500,136
\$27,111,874) Equity securities, at fair value (cost: 2014, \$839,716; 2013, \$903,201)	988 710	1,040,237
Short-term investments, at fair value (amortized cost: 2014, \$347,473; 2013		
\$455,470)	7347,674	456,288
Total investments available for sale	\$31,779,305	\$28,996,661
Fixed maturities, held to maturity at amortized cost (fair value: 2014, \$0;		2 050 605
2013, \$3,131,235)	_	2,858,695
Investments in affiliates	1,500,548	1,370,943
Other investments	1,204,564	1,164,630
Total investments	\$34,484,417	\$34,390,929
Cash and cash equivalents	3,071,139	1,800,832
Accrued investment income	322,100	346,809
Deferred acquisition costs	459,081	670,659
Ceded unearned premiums	1,129,091	788,871
Premiums receivable	3,409,296	2,612,602
Reinsurance balances receivable	149,995	118,885
Unpaid losses and loss expenses recoverable	3,354,273	3,435,230
Receivable from investments sold	59,469	144,765
Goodwill and other intangible assets	455,057	411,611
Deferred tax asset	216,312	237,884
Other assets	738,685	693,810
Total assets	\$47,848,915	\$45,652,887
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Unpaid losses and loss expenses	\$20,281,934	\$20,481,065
Deposit liabilities	1,288,376	1,509,243
Future policy benefit reserves	5,273,549	4,803,816
Funds withheld on life retrocession arrangements (net of future policy	842,753	_
benefit reserves recoverable: 2014, \$4,823,680; 2013, nil)	042,733	
Unearned premiums	4,704,993	3,846,526
Notes payable and debt	2,262,452	2,263,203
Reinsurance balances payable	779,914	302,399
Payable for investments purchased	169,222	60,162
Deferred tax liability	72,527	86,330
Other liabilities	764,618	950,845
Total liabilities	\$36,440,338	\$34,303,589
Commitments and Contingencies		
Shareholders' Equity:		
	\$2,683	\$2,783

Ordinary shares, 999,990,000 authorized, par value \$0.01; issued and outstanding (2014, 268,307,061; 2013, 278,253,308)

Additional paid in capital	7,700,377	7,994,100
Accumulated other comprehensive income	1,207,034	736,657
Retained earnings	1,124,195	1,264,093
Shareholders' equity attributable to XL Group plc	\$10,034,289	\$9,997,633
Non-controlling interest in equity of consolidated subsidiaries	1,374,288	1,351,665
Total shareholders' equity	\$11,408,577	\$11,349,298
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$47.848.915	\$45,652,887

Total liabilities and shareholders' equity See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements

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XL GROUP PLC UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS)

	Three Month June 30,	is]	Ended		Six Months June 30,	En	ided	
(U.S. dollars in thousands, except per share data) Revenues:	2014		2013		2014		2013	
Net premiums earned	\$1,496,594		\$1,562,393		\$2,985,433		\$3,092,084	
Net investment income:								
Net investment income - excluding Life Funds Withheld Assets	213,608		232,546		446,797		479,014	
Net investment income - Life Funds Withheld Assets	19,165		_		19,165		_	
Total net investment income	\$232,773		\$232,546		\$465,962		\$479,014	
Realized investment gains (losses):			•		·			
Net realized gains (losses) on investments sold -	105 460		42.257		120 416		04.504	
excluding Life Funds Withheld Assets	105,460		43,357		128,416		84,504	
Other-than-temporary impairments ("OTTI") on	(24.262	`	(1.561	,	(26,620	,	(5.2 00	,
investments - excluding Life Funds Withheld Assets	(24,362)	(1,561)	(26,638)	(5,288)
OTTI on investments transferred to (from) other								
comprehensive income - excluding Life Funds Withheld	(254)	(828)	(1,705)	(1,739)
Assets	`				,	_	,	
Net realized gains (losses) on investments sold - Life	624				62.4			
Funds Withheld Assets	624				624		_	
OTTI on investments - Life Funds Withheld Assets	(8,771)			(8,771)	_	
Total net realized gains (losses) on investments	\$72,697		\$40,968		\$91,926		\$77,477	
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on derivative								
instruments	11,599		(5,105)	13,409		2,780	
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on life	(17.546	`			(17.546	,		
retrocession embedded derivative	(17,546)			(17,546)	_	
Income (loss) from investment fund affiliates	17,683		46,543		50,986		78,764	
Fee income and other	9,706		10,871		21,160		20,503	
Total revenues	\$1,823,506		\$1,888,216		\$3,611,330		\$3,750,622	
Expenses:								
Net losses and loss expenses incurred	\$827,880		\$937,606		\$1,659,385		\$1,780,690	
Claims and policy benefits	85,299		116,767		198,886		227,720	
Acquisition costs	184,619		231,886		384,033		452,145	
Operating expenses	333,030		303,159		643,454		586,991	
Exchange (gains) losses	21,141		(11,331)	31,582		(44,766)
Loss on sale of life reinsurance subsidiary	666,423		_		666,423		_	
Interest expense	14,085		38,204		57,026		76,904	
Total expenses	\$2,132,477		\$1,616,291		\$3,640,789		\$3,079,684	
Income (loss) before income tax and income (loss) from								
operating affiliates	\$(308,971)	\$271,925		\$(29,459)	\$670,938	
Income (loss) from operating affiliates	27,738		32,825		74,023		63,823	
Provision (benefit) for income tax	(5,654)	28,872		28,667		72,351	
Net income (loss)	•	-	\$275,878		\$15,897		\$662,410	
Non-controlling interests	3,682	•	3,180		39,441		38,922	
Net income (loss) attributable to ordinary shareholders	•)	\$272,698		\$(23,544)	\$623,488	
Weighted average ordinary shares and ordinary share	270,924		289,513		273,616	_	292,277	
equivalents outstanding, in thousands – basic	270,924		294,333		273,616		297,044	

Weighted average ordinary shares and ordinary share						
equivalents outstanding, in thousands – diluted						
Earnings (loss) per ordinary share and ordinary share	\$(1.03) \$0.94	\$(0.09) \$2.13		
equivalent – basic	\$(1.03) \$0.94	\$(0.09) \$2.13		
Earnings (loss) per ordinary share and ordinary share	\$(1.03) \$0.93	\$(0.09) \$2.10		
equivalent – diluted	\$(1.03) \$0.93	\$(0.09) \$2.10		
See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements						

XL GROUP PLC UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) Three Months Ended Six Months Ended

	Three Months	s I	Ended		Six Months	En	ded	
	June 30,				June 30,			
(U.S. dollars in thousands)	2014		2013		2014		2013	
Net income (loss) attributable to ordinary shareholders	\$(279,261)	\$272,698		\$(23,544)	\$623,488	
Change in net unrealized gains (losses) on investments - excluding Life Funds Withheld Assets, net of tax	260,690		(682,278)	502,076		(794,501)
Unrealized gains on held to maturity investment portfolio at time of transfer to available for sale, net of tax	424,861		_		424,861		_	
Change in adjustments related to future policy benefit reserves, net of tax	(440,461)	(32,900)	(474,461)	(32,900)
Change in net unrealized gains (losses) on investments - Life Funds Withheld Assets, net of tax	12,297		_		12,297		_	
Change in net unrealized gains (losses) on affiliate and other investments, net of tax	10,850		30,076		13,973		25,642	
Change in OTTI losses recognized in other comprehensive income, net of tax	1,636		14,438		4,932		19,620	
Change in underfunded pension liability, net of tax	(8)	(91)	(39)	295	
Change in value of cash flow hedge	110		110		220		220	
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax	(9,602)	(23,718)	(13,482)	(27,637)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$(18,888)	\$(421,665)	\$446,833		\$(185,773)

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements

XL GROUP PLC UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

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Buybacks of ordinary shares (28,085) (15,092)
Balance - end of period \$1,124,195 \$928,378
Non-controlling Interest in Equity of Consolidated Subsidiaries:
Balance - beginning of year \$1,351,665 \$1,346,325
Non-controlling interests - contributions 21,494 —
Non-controlling interests - distributions — (37)
Non-controlling interests 1,129 82
Non-controlling interest share in change in accumulated other comprehensive income
(loss) (29
Non-controlling interests - deconsolidation — (1,841)
Balance - end of period \$1,374,288 \$1,344,500
Total Shareholders' Equity \$11,408,577 \$11,237,075
See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements

XL GROUP PLC UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

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	Six Months June 30,	En	ided	
(U.S. dollars in thousands)	2014		2013	
Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities:				
Net income (loss)	\$15,897		\$662,410	
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating				
activities:				
Net realized (gains) losses on investments	(91,926	-	(77,477)
Net realized and unrealized (gains) losses on derivative instruments	(13,409)	(2,780)
Net realized and unrealized (gains) losses on life retrocession embedded derivative	17,546			
Amortization of premiums (discounts) on fixed maturities	76,846		84,095	
(Income) loss from investment and operating affiliates	(68,292)	(142,587)
Loss on sale of life reinsurance subsidiary	666,423			
Share-based compensation	40,563		28,400	
Depreciation	29,107		23,693	
Accretion of deposit liabilities	(7,762)	25,467	
Changes in:				
Unpaid losses and loss expenses	(264,804)	(293,927)
Future policy benefit reserves	(93,202)	(90,147)
Funds withheld on life retrocession agreements, net	(52,104)		
Unearned premiums	848,937	ĺ	751,455	
Premiums receivable	(792,588)	(779,737)
Unpaid losses and loss expenses recoverable	136,758	_	95,046	
Ceded unearned premiums	(338,855)	(222,467)
Reinsurance balances receivable	(28,270		(48,420)
Deferred acquisition costs	216,453	,	(74,886)
Reinsurance balances payable	420,902		478,012	,
Deferred tax asset - net	(51,571)	(9,476)
Derivatives	(45,306		68,445	,
Other assets	(15,478		(58,729)
Other liabilities	(286,737	-	(60,531)
Other	34,501	,	3,794	,
Total adjustments	\$337,732		\$(302,757)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$353,629		\$359,653	,
Cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities:	ψ333,027		Ψ337,033	
Proceeds from sale of fixed maturities and short-term investments	\$3,043,659		\$2,110,114	
Proceeds from redemption of fixed maturities and short-term investments	1,837,319		2,266,692	
Proceeds from sale of equity securities	295,448		74,310	
Purchases of fixed maturities and short-term investments	(3,801,109)	(4,108,180)
Purchases of equity securities	(239,680	-	(331,865)
Proceeds from sale of affiliates	156,481	,	95,988	,
Purchases of affiliates	(196,487	`	(259,630	`
Proceeds from sale of life reinsurance subsidiary	570,000)	(239,030)
•	•	`	110 122	
Other, net Not each provided by (used in) investing activities	(96,222)	110,133	`
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	\$1,569,409		\$(42,438)
Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities:	¢2.057		¢0 205	
Proceeds from issuance of ordinary shares and exercise of stock options	\$3,057	`	\$8,385	`
Buybacks of ordinary shares	(351,654)	(375,423)

(87,056) (41,975)
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21,494	_	
(213,869) (44,117)
\$(666,530) \$(492,150)
13,799	(23,361)
\$1,270,307	\$(198,296)
1,800,832	2,618,378	
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1. Basis of Preparation and Consolidation

Unless the context otherwise indicates, references herein to the "Company" include XL Group plc, an Irish public limited company ("XL-Ireland"), and its consolidated subsidiaries.

These unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and all of its subsidiaries and have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and disclosures required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In addition, the year-end balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements but do not include all disclosures required by GAAP. In the opinion of management, these unaudited financial statements reflect all adjustments considered necessary for a fair statement of financial position and results of operations at the end of and for the periods presented. The results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results for a full year. All inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ materially from these estimates. For further information, see Item 8, Note 2(a), "Significant Accounting Policies – Basis of Preparation and Consolidation," to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

To facilitate period-to-period comparisons, certain reclassifications have been made to prior period consolidated financial statement amounts to conform to current period presentation.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Investments Related to Life Retrocession Agreements written on a Funds Withheld Basis

The designated investments that support certain life retrocession agreements written on a funds withheld basis ("Life Funds Withheld Assets") are included within "Total investments available for sale". Investment results for these assets - including interest income, unrealized gains and losses, and gains and losses from sales - are passed directly to the reinsurer pursuant to a contractual arrangement which is accounted for as a derivative. See Note 3, "Sale of Life Reinsurance Subsidiary", for information regarding the reinsurance arrangement.

Changes in the fair value of the embedded derivative associated with these life retrocession agreements are recorded in "Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on life retrocession embedded derivative" on the consolidated statements of income. The fair value of the embedded derivative is included within "Funds withheld on life retrocession arrangements, net of future policy benefit reserves recoverable" on the consolidated balance sheets.

(b) Reinsurance

The Company enters into reinsurance agreements with other companies in the normal course of business. All balances related to reinsurance agreements are reported on a gross basis on our consolidated balance sheets as an asset for amounts recoverable from reinsurers or as a component of other liabilities for amounts, such as premiums, owed to the reinsurers, with the exception of the life retrocession agreements written on a funds withheld basis. The future policy benefit reserves recoverable related to these retrocession agreements are netted against the funds withheld liability owing to the counterparty on the consolidated balance sheets due to the right of offset.

(c) Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2013, the FASB issued an accounting standards update concerning the presentation of unrecognized tax benefits. The objective of the guidance is to improve the financial statement presentation of an unrecognized tax benefit when a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward exists. The guidance seeks to reduce the diversity in practice by providing guidance on the presentation of unrecognized tax benefits to better reflect the manner in which an entity would settle, at the reporting date, any additional income taxes that would result from the disallowance of a tax position when net operating loss carryforwards, similar tax losses, or tax credit carryforwards exist. The guidance was effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2013, with both early adoption and retrospective application permitted. This guidance did not have a significant

impact on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In April 2014, the FASB issued an accounting standards update intended to improve financial reporting by changing key criteria used to evaluate whether disposal transactions meet the definition of discontinued operations. Under the guidance

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only those disposals of components of an entity - either by sale or otherwise - which represent strategic shifts that have, or will have, a major effect on an entity's operations and financial results would qualify for reporting as discontinued operations. Disposals that are considered to be routine in nature can no longer be reported as discontinued operations. However, a disposal may now qualify for discontinued operations reporting even if the disposed component's operations and cash flows are not eliminated from on-going operations of the disposing entity, or if post-disposal, the disposing entity still has significant continuing involvement in the component's operations. The standard also establishes both additional disclosure requirements and expanded disclosures regarding on-going involvement an entity may have with a discontinued operation after its disposal. The guidance is effective prospectively for all public company disposals (or component reclassifications to held-for-sale) that occur within annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2014. Early adoption is permitted, but only for disposals (or component reclassifications to held-for-sale) that have not been reported in financial statements issued or available for issuance prior to the effective date. This guidance is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

3. Sale of Life Reinsurance Subsidiary

On May 1, 2014, XL Insurance (Bermuda) Ltd ("XLIB") entered into a sale and purchase agreement with GreyCastle Holdings Ltd. ("GreyCastle") providing for the sale of 100% of the common shares of XL Life Reinsurance (SAC) Ltd ("XLLR") (subsequent to the transaction XLLR changed its name to GreyCastle Life Reinsurance (SAC) Ltd), a wholly-owned subsidiary of XLIB, to GreyCastle for \$570 million in cash. This transaction was completed on May 30, 2014. As a result of the transaction, XLLR reinsures the majority of the Company's life reinsurance business via 100% quota share reinsurance (the "Life Retro Arrangements"). This transaction covers a substantial portion of the Company's life reinsurance reserves. The Company announced the run-off of its life reinsurance business in 2009. The run-off life reinsurance business, including the business subject to the transaction, was previously reported within the Company's Life operations segment. Subsequent to the transaction, the Company no longer considers the Life Operations to be a separate operating segment and the results of the life run-off business are reported within "Corporate and Other." See Note 5, "Segment Information" for further information. In addition, certain securities within fixed maturities were reclassified from held to maturity to available for sale in conjunction with this transaction. See Note 6, "Investments" for further information.

All of the reclassified securities are included within Life Funds Withheld Assets, along with certain other available for sale securities as defined in the sale and purchase agreement. The Life Funds Withheld Assets are managed pursuant to agreed investment guidelines that meet the contractual commitments of the XL ceding companies and applicable laws and regulations. All of the investment results associated with the Life Funds Withheld Assets ultimately accrue to GreyCastle. Because the Company no longer shares in the risks and rewards of the underlying performance of the supporting invested assets, disclosures within the financial statement notes included herein separate the Life Funds Withheld Assets from the rest of the Company's investments.

At May 30, 2014, gross future policy benefit reserves relating to the Life operations were approximately \$5.2 billion. Subsequent to the completion of this transaction the Company has retained approximately \$0.4 billion of these reserves, and has recorded a reinsurance recoverable from XLLR of \$4.8 billion. Under the terms of the transaction, the Company continues to own, on a funds withheld basis, \$5.7 billion of assets supporting the Life Retro Arrangements consisting of cash, fixed maturity securities and accrued interest. Based upon the right of offset, the funds withheld liability owing to GreyCastle is recorded net of future policy benefit reserves recoverable, and is included within "Funds withheld on life retrocession arrangements, net of future policy benefit reserves recoverable" on the unaudited consolidated balance sheets.

The transaction resulted in an overall after-tax U.S. GAAP net loss of \$621.3 million. The changes in this amount from the previous estimate provided by the Company were primarily the result of movements in the mark-to-market value of the Life Funds Withheld Assets, additional underwriting profits earned on the business subject to the Life Retro Arrangements and foreign exchange rate movements from March 31, 2014 through completion of the transaction.

The impact of the Life Retro Arrangements on the Company's results from the completion of the transaction on May 30, 2014 through June 30, 2014 were as follows:

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Import of Life Patro Arrangements	May 30 to J	lune
Impact of Life Retro Arrangements	30	
(U.S. dollars in thousands)	2014	
Underwriting profit (loss)	\$	
Net investment income - Life Funds Withheld Assets	19,165	
Net realized gains (losses) on investments sold - Life Funds Withheld Assets	624	
OTTI on investments - Life Funds Withheld Assets	(8,771)
Other income and expenses	(19)
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on life retrocession embedded derivative	(17,546)
Net income (loss)	\$(6,547)
Change in net unrealized gains (losses) on investments - Life Funds Withheld Assets, net of tax	12,297	
Change in cumulative translation adjustment - Life Funds Withheld Assets, net of tax	(5,750)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ —	

As shown in the table above, although the Company's net income (loss) is subject to variability related to the Life Retro Arrangements, there is no net impact on the company's comprehensive income in any period. The life retrocession embedded derivative value includes the interest income, unrealized gains and losses, and realized gains and losses from sales on the Life Funds Withheld Assets subsequent to May 30, 2014.

4. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the amount that would be received for the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price), in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants as of the measurement date. Applicable accounting guidance provides an established hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. Observable inputs are inputs that market participants would use in valuing the asset or liability and are developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Company. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the Company's assumptions about the factors that market participants would use in valuing the asset or liability. Assets and liabilities are classified based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurements. The Company reviews the fair value hierarchy classification on a quarterly basis. Changes in the observability of valuation inputs may result in a reclassification of levels for certain securities within the fair value hierarchy.

The fair values for available for sale investments are generally sourced from third parties. The fair value of fixed income securities is based upon quoted market values where available, "evaluated bid" prices provided by third party pricing services ("pricing services") where quoted market values are not available, or by reference to broker quotes where pricing services do not provide coverage for a particular security. While the Company receives values for the majority of the investment securities it holds from pricing services, it is ultimately management's responsibility to determine whether the values received and recorded in the financial statements are representative of appropriate fair value measurements.

The Company performs regular reviews of the prices received from its third party valuation sources to assess if the prices represent a reasonable estimate of the fair value. This process is completed by investment and accounting personnel who are independent of those responsible for obtaining the valuations. The approaches taken by the Company include, but are not limited to, annual reviews of the controls of the external parties responsible for sourcing valuations, which are subjected to automated tolerance checks, quarterly reviews of the valuation sources and dates, and monthly reconciliations between the valuations provided by our external parties and valuations provided by our third party investment managers at a portfolio level.

Where broker quotes are the primary source of the valuations, sufficient information regarding the specific inputs utilized by the brokers is generally not available to support a Level 2 classification. The Company obtains the majority of broker quoted values from third party investment managers who perform independent verifications of these

valuations using pricing matrices based upon information gathered by market traders. In addition, for the majority of these securities, the Company compares the broker quotes to independent valuations obtained from third party pricing vendors, which may also consist of broker quotes, to assess if the prices received represent a reasonable estimate of the fair value.

As discussed in Note 2(a), "Significant Accounting Policies - Investments Related to Life Retrocession Agreements written on a Funds Withheld Basis," under the Life Retro Arrangements, all of the investment results associated with the Life Funds Withheld Assets ultimately accrue to GreyCastle. Because the Company no longer shares in the risks and rewards of the underlying performance of the Life Funds Withheld Assets, the financial statements and accompanying notes included herein separate the Life Funds Withheld Assets from the rest of the Company's investments.

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For further information, see Item 8, Note 2(b), "Significant Accounting Policies - Fair Value Measurements," to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

(a) Fair Value Summary

The following tables set forth the Company's assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 by level within the fair value hierarchy:

June 30, 2014 (U.S. dollars in thousands)	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Other Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Collateral and Counterparty Netting	Balance at June 30, 2014
Assets					
Fixed maturities - Available for Sale					
("AFS") - Excluding Life Funds					
Withheld Assets					
U.S. Government and	\$ —	\$2,084,294	\$ —	\$ —	\$2,084,294
Government-Related/Supported					
Corporate (1) Residential mortgage-backed securities	_	9,723,691	3,933	_	9,727,624
Agency ("RMBS - Agency")		3,296,150	6,896		3,303,046
Residential mortgage-backed securities	_				
Non-Agency ("RMBS - Non-Agency")	_	415,492	11	_	415,503
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	S	1 100 0 10	1.045		1 124 207
("CMBS")	_	1,122,342	1,945		1,124,287
Collateralized debt obligations ("CDO") —	5,249	732,824	_	738,073
Other asset-backed securities (2)	_	1,298,568	11,704	_	1,310,272
U.S. States and political subdivisions of	·	1,939,590			1,939,590
the States		1,737,370			1,737,370
Non-U.S. Sovereign Government,					1077061
Provincial, Supranational and	_	4,355,861		_	4,355,861
Government-Related/Supported	_				
Total fixed maturities - AFS - Excluding Funds Withheld Assets, at fair value	g \$—	\$24,241,237	\$757,313	\$	\$24,998,550
Equity securities, at fair value (3)	603,993	384,717			988,710
Short-term investments, at fair value	003,773				
(1)(4)	_	347,674		_	347,674
Total investments AFS - Excluding	Φ.CO2.002	¢04.072.600	Ф 757 212	ф	ΦΩC 224 024
Funds Withheld Assets	\$603,993	\$24,973,628	\$757,313	\$ —	\$26,334,934
Fixed maturities - Life Funds Withheld					
Assets					
U.S. Government and	\$ —	\$18,225	\$ —	\$ —	\$18,225
Government-Related/Supported	Ψ		Ψ	Ψ	
Corporate	_	3,017,446	_	_	3,017,446
RMBS – Agency		4,023			4,023
RMBS – Non-Agency CMBS	_	88,104 216,844	_	_	88,104 216,844
CMIDO		410,0 11		_ _	410,0 11

CDO		_	_		
Other asset-backed securities		293,617	_	_	293,617
U.S. States and political subdivisions of	, 				
the States	_			_	
Non-U.S. Sovereign Government,					
Provincial, Supranational and	_	1,806,112	_	_	1,806,112
Government-Related/Supported					
Total fixed maturities - AFS - Life	\$ —	\$5,444,371	\$ —	\$ —	\$5,444,371
Funds Withheld Assets, at fair value	•				
Total investments - AFS, at fair value	\$603,993	\$30,417,999	\$757,313	\$—	\$31,779,305
Cash equivalents (5)	1,792,096	464,544		_	2,256,640
Cash equivalents - Life Funds Withheld	646	122,393			123,039
Assets	0.10	122,373			•
Other investments (6)	_	804,268	124,475	_	928,743
Other assets (7)	_	48,117	12,453	(1,240)	59,330
Total assets accounted for at fair value	\$2,396,735	\$31,857,321	\$894,241	\$(1,240)	\$35,147,057
Liabilities					
Financial instruments sold, but not yet	\$1,854	\$29,296	\$ —	\$ —	\$31,150
purchased (8)	Ψ1,054	Ψ27,270	Ψ	Ψ	ψ31,130
Other liabilities (7)	_	38,277	31,363	(1,240)	68,400
Total liabilities accounted for at fair	\$1,854	\$67,573	\$31,363	\$(1,240)	\$99,550
value	Ψ1,05	Ψ01,515	Ψ51,505	ψ(1,2π0)	Ψ , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
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December 31, 2013 (U.S. dollars in thousands)	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Other Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Collateral and Counterparty Netting	Balance at December 31, 2013
Assets					
U.S. Government and Government - Related/Supported	\$—	\$2,501,851	\$ —	\$ —	\$2,501,851
Corporate (1)	_	11,094,257	31,573	_	11,125,830
RMBS – Agency	_	3,535,649	10,473	_	3,546,122
RMBS – Non-Agency		398,759	9	_	398,768
CMBS	_	1,234,262	12,533		1,246,795
CDO	_	7,060	710,253	_	717,313
Other asset-backed securities (2)	_	1,230,227	11,877	_	1,242,104
U.S. States and political subdivisions of the States	· —	1,845,812	_	_	1,845,812
Non-U.S. Sovereign Government,					
Provincial, Supranational and		4,875,541			4,875,541
Government-Related/Supported					
Total fixed maturities, at fair value	\$ —	\$26,723,418	\$776,718	\$ —	\$27,500,136
Equity securities, at fair value (3)	540,331	499,906			1,040,237
Short-term investments, at fair value (1)(4)	_	454,273	2,015	_	456,288
Total investments available for sale	\$540,331	\$27,677,597	\$778,733	\$ —	\$28,996,661
Cash equivalents (5)	834,514	226,636	Ψ110,133 —	Ψ——	1,061,150
Other investments (6)	_	757,110	113,472		870,582
Other assets (7)	_	27,487	_	(1,342)	
Total assets accounted for at fair value	\$1,374,845	\$28,688,830	\$892,205	\$(1,342)	
Liabilities			,	,	
Financial instruments sold, but not yet	\$ —	\$28,861	\$ —	\$ —	\$28,861
purchased (8) Other liabilities (7)		76,375	29,110	(1,342)	104,143
Total liabilities accounted for at fair		,	•	(1,344)	
value	\$ —	\$105,236	\$29,110	\$(1,342)	\$133,004

Included within Corporate are certain medium term notes supported primarily by pools of European investment grade credit with varying degrees of leverage. The notes had a fair value of \$155.9 million and \$154.6 million and

⁽¹⁾ an amortized cost of \$143.6 million and \$147.7 million at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. These notes allow the investor to participate in cash flows of the underlying bonds including certain residual values, which could serve to either decrease or increase the ultimate values of these notes.

The Company invests in covered bonds ("Covered Bonds"). Covered Bonds are senior secured debt instruments issued by financial institutions and backed by over-collateralized pools of public sector or mortgage loans. At June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, Covered Bonds with a fair value of \$763.6 million and \$553.1 million, respectively, are included within Other asset-backed securities.

Included within Equity securities are investments in fixed income funds with a fair value of \$92.1 million and \$87.4 million at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

- (4) Short-term investments consist primarily of Corporate securities and U.S. and Non-U.S. Government and Government-Related/Supported securities.
- Cash equivalents balances subject to fair value measurement include certificates of deposit and money market funds. Operating cash balances are not subject to recurring fair value measurement guidance.
 - The Other investments balance excludes certain structured transactions including certain investments in project
- (6) finance transactions, a payment obligation and liquidity financing provided to a structured credit vehicle as a part of a third party medium term note facility. These investments, which totaled \$275.8 million at June 30, 2014