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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

### **FORM 10-K**

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 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 001-31468

### MONTPELIER RE HOLDINGS LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

> Montpelier House, 94 Pitts Bay Road Pembroke, Bermuda HM 08

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (441) 296-5550

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

Title of each class

Common Shares, par value 1/6 cent per share ("Common Shares") Preferred Shares, Series A, par value 1/6 cent per share ("Preferred Shares") New York Stock Exchange and Bermuda Stock Exchange New York Stock Exchange and Bermuda Stock Exchange

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

None

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

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

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

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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 definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  $\boxtimes$ Accelerated filer  $\Box$ Non-accelerated filer  $\Box$ Smaller reporting company  $\Box$ 

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

The aggregate market value of the outstanding Common Shares held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter (based on the New York Stock Exchange closing price as of June 30, 2014 for Common Shares) was \$1,235,712,737.

As of February 20, 2015, 43,619,124 Common Shares were outstanding.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The definitive proxy statement relating to Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd.'s Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, to be held May 15, 2015, is incorporated by reference in Part III of this Report on Form 10-K to the extent described therein.

98-0428969 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Name of each exchange on which registered

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#### PART I

#### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the United States ("U.S.") federal securities laws, pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, that are not historical facts, including statements about our beliefs and expectations. These statements are based upon current plans, estimates and projections. Forward-looking statements rely on a number of assumptions concerning future events and are subject to a number of uncertainties and various risk factors, many of which are outside our control. See "*Risk Factors*" contained in Item 1A herein for specific important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward looking statements. In particular, statements using words such as "may," "should," "estimate," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "believe," "predict," "potential," or words of similar meaning generally involve forward-looking statements.

Important events and uncertainties that could cause our results or future dividends on, or repurchases of, Common Shares or Preferred Shares to change include, but are not limited to: market conditions affecting the prices of our Common Shares or Preferred Shares; the possibility of severe or unanticipated losses from natural or man-made catastrophes, including those that may result from changes in climate conditions, including, but not limited to, global temperatures and expected sea levels; the effectiveness of our loss limitation methods; our dependence on principal employees; our ability to effectively execute the business plans of the Company, its subsidiaries and any new ventures that it may enter into; the cyclical nature of the insurance and reinsurance business; the levels of new and renewal business achieved; opportunities to increase writings in our core property and specialty insurance and reinsurance lines of business and in specific areas of the casualty reinsurance market and our ability to capitalize on those opportunities; the sensitivity of our business to financial strength ratings established by independent rating agencies; the inherent uncertainty of our risk management processes, which are subject to, among other things, industry loss estimates and estimates generated by modeling techniques; the accuracy of written premium estimates reported by cedants and brokers on pro-rata contracts and certain excess-of-loss contracts where a deposit or minimum premium is not specified in the contract; the inherent uncertainties of establishing reserves for loss and loss adjustment expenses, including our dependency on the loss information we receive from cedants and brokers; unanticipated adjustments to premium estimates; changes in the availability, cost or quality of reinsurance or retrocessional coverage; changes in general economic and financial market conditions; changes in and the impact of governmental legislation or regulation, including changes in tax laws in the jurisdictions where we conduct business; the amount and timing of reinsurance recoverables and reimbursements we actually receive from our reinsurers; the overall level of competition, and the related demand and supply dynamics in our markets relating to growing capital levels in our industry; declining demand due to increased retentions by cedants and other factors; the impact of terrorist activities on the Company and the economy; rating agency policies and practices; unexpected developments concerning the small number of insurance and reinsurance brokers upon whom we rely for a large portion of revenues; our dependence as a holding company upon dividends or distributions from our operating subsidiaries; and the impact of foreign currency and interest rate fluctuations.

We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the dates on which they are made.

#### Item 1. Business

#### **OVERVIEW**

#### The Company

Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd. (the "Company" or the "Registrant") was incorporated as a Bermuda exempted limited liability company under the laws of Bermuda in November 2001. Through our subsidiaries and affiliates in Bermuda, the United Kingdom (the "U.K.") and the U.S. (collectively "Montpelier"), we provide customized and innovative insurance and reinsurance solutions to the global market. Through our affiliates in Bermuda, we also provide institutional and retail investors with direct access to the global property catastrophe reinsurance market.

At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company had \$3,629.1 million and \$3,758.5 million of consolidated total assets, respectively, and total shareholders' equity available to the Company of \$1,648.2 million and \$1,642.1 million, respectively. The Company's headquarters and principal executive offices are located at Montpelier House, 94 Pitts Bay Road, Pembroke, Bermuda HM 08.

#### **Our Reportable Segments**

We operate through three reportable segments: Montpelier Bermuda, Montpelier at Lloyd's and Collateralized Reinsurance. Each of our segments represents a separate and distinct underwriting platform through which we conduct insurance and reinsurance business. Our segment disclosures present the operations of Montpelier Bermuda, Montpelier at Lloyd's and Collateralized Reinsurance prior to the effects of any inter-segment quota share reinsurance agreements among them. This presentation allows the reader, as well as the Company's chief operating decision makers, to objectively analyze the business originated through each of our underwriting platforms, regardless of where such business ultimately resides within Montpelier's group of companies.

Detailed financial information about our reportable segments for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2014 is presented in Note 12 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. The activities of the Company, certain intermediate holding and service companies, intercompany eliminations relating to inter-segment reinsurance agreements and support services and the business retained upon the Company's 2011 sale (the "MUSIC Sale") of Montpelier U.S. Insurance Company ("MUSIC") to Selective Insurance Group, Inc. ("Selective"), collectively referred to as "Corporate and Other", are also presented in Note 12.

The nature and composition of each of our reportable segments and our Corporate and Other activities is as follows:

#### Montpelier Bermuda

Our Montpelier Bermuda segment consists of the assets and operations of Montpelier Reinsurance Ltd. ("Montpelier Re").

Montpelier Re, our wholly-owned operating subsidiary based in Pembroke, Bermuda, is registered as a Bermuda Class 4 insurer. Montpelier Re seeks to identify and underwrite insurance and reinsurance opportunities by combining underwriting experience with proprietary risk pricing and capital allocation models and catastrophe modeling tools. Montpelier Re focuses on writing short-tail U.S. and international catastrophe treaty reinsurance on both an excess-of-loss and proportional basis. Montpelier Re also writes specialty treaty reinsurance, including casualty, accident & health, aviation, space, crop, financial risk, political risk, terrorism and workers' compensation catastrophe classes of business, as well as insurance and facultative reinsurance business.

#### Montpelier at Lloyd's

Our Montpelier at Lloyd's segment consists of the collective assets and operations of Montpelier Syndicate 5151 ("Syndicate 5151"), Montpelier Capital Limited ("MCL"), Montpelier at Lloyd's Limited ("MAL"), Montpelier Underwriting Services Limited ("MUSL") and Montpelier Underwriting Inc. ("MUI").

Syndicate 5151, our wholly-owned Lloyd's of London ("Lloyd's") syndicate based in London, was established in July 2007. Syndicate 5151 underwrites property insurance and reinsurance, engineering, marine hull and liability, cargo and specie, political & financial risks and specialty casualty classes sourced mainly from the London, U.S. and European markets through MUI and other authorized Lloyd's coverholders ("Lloyd's Coverholders").

MCL, our wholly-owned U.K. subsidiary based in London, serves as Syndicate 5151's corporate underwriting member at Lloyd's.

MAL, our wholly-owned Lloyd's Managing Agent based in London, manages Syndicate 5151.

MUSL, our wholly-owned U.K. subsidiary based in London, provides support services to Syndicate 5151, MAL and MCL.

MUI, our wholly-owned subsidiary based in Woburn, Massachusetts serves as a Lloyd's Coverholder on behalf of Syndicate 5151. MUI underwrites facultative reinsurance business through managing general agents and intermediaries.

Since its inception, approximately 70% of Montpelier at Lloyd's business has been ceded to Montpelier Re through inter-segment quota share reinsurance agreements consisting of a quota share agreement between Syndicate 5151 and Montpelier Re and a quota share agreement between MCL and Montpelier Re. As previously stated, our segment disclosures provided herein present the operations of Montpelier at Lloyd's prior to the effects of these inter-segment quota share reinsurance agreements.

#### Collateralized Reinsurance

Our Collateralized Reinsurance segment, which we market under the name Blue Capital<sup>®</sup> (Blue Capital is a registered trademark of the Company), was launched in 2012 as an asset management platform offering a range of property catastrophe reinsurance-linked investment products to institutional and retail investors. Blue Capital<sup>®</sup> differentiates itself by providing institutional and retail investors with the opportunity to directly invest in global property catastrophe reinsurance risks.

Our Collateralized Reinsurance segment consists of the assets and operations of Blue Water Re Ltd. ("Blue Water Re"), Blue Water Fund Ltd. (the "Master Fund"), Blue Capital Management Ltd. ("BCML") and the operating subsidiaries of Blue Capital Reinsurance Holdings Ltd. ("BCRH"). On December 15, 2014, Blue Capital Insurance Managers Ltd., our former wholly-owned subsidiary, was merged into BCML.

Blue Water Re, our wholly-owned Bermuda-based special purpose insurance vehicle, provides collateralized property catastrophe reinsurance coverage and related products. Blue Water Re was established in November 2011 and commenced operations in June 2012.

The Master Fund is an exempted mutual fund segregated accounts company which was incorporated in Bermuda in December 2011. The Master Fund has various segregated accounts, including the BCAP Mid Vol Fund cell (the "Mid Vol Cell"), the Blue Capital Low Volatility Strategy cell (the "Low Vol Cell") and the Blue Capital Global Reinsurance SA-I cell (the "BCGR Cell"), (collectively, the "Cells").

The Cells may invest in: (i) fully-collateralized property catastrophe reinsurance contracts by subscribing for non-voting redeemable preference shares issued by Blue Water Re, with each series of such preference shares linked to a specific reinsurance contract with a third-party ceding company; and (ii) various insurance-linked securities issued by entities other than Blue Water Re.

Montpelier Re has been the sole investor in the Mid Vol Cell and the Low Vol Cell since their inception.

BCML, our wholly-owned Bermuda-based subsidiary, provides investment and insurance management services to: (i) Blue Water Re; (ii) the Cells; and (iii) BCRH and its subsidiaries. BCML is a registered investment advisor with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

BCRH is a Bermuda-based exempted limited liability holding company which provides fully-collateralized property catastrophe reinsurance and invests in various insurance-linked securities through its wholly-owned Bermuda-based subsidiaries Blue Capital Re Ltd. ("Blue Capital Re") and Blue Capital Re ILS Ltd. ("Blue Capital Re ILS"). The underwriting decisions and operations of BCRH and its subsidiaries are managed by BCML, and each uses Montpelier's reinsurance underwriting expertise and infrastructure to conduct its business. BCRH commenced its operations in November 2013 pursuant to its initial public offering (the "BCRH IPO") and its common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, under the symbol BCRH, and the Bermuda Stock Exchange, under the symbol BCRH BH. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, Montpelier owned 33.3% and 28.6% of BCRH's outstanding common shares, respectively. Montpelier increased its ownership in BCRH during 2014 through a series of open-market purchases of BCRH common shares.

BCRH is considered a "variable interest entity" under GAAP and we have determined that we are BCRH's primary beneficiary. As a result, we fully consolidate the assets, liabilities and operations of BCRH and its subsidiaries within our consolidated financial statements and our Collateralized Reinsurance segment disclosures. The interests in BCRH and its subsidiaries that we fully consolidate which are attributable to third-party investors are reported within our consolidated financial statements as non-controlling interests.

Blue Capital Global Reinsurance Fund Limited (the "BCGR Listed Fund") is a closed-ended mutual fund incorporated in Bermuda that serves as the feeder fund for the BCGR Cell. The BCGR Listed Fund commenced its operations in October 2012 and its ordinary shares are listed on the Specialist Fund Market of the London Stock Exchange, under the symbol BCGR, and on the Bermuda Stock Exchange, under the symbol BCGR BH. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, Montpelier Re owned 25.1% and 29.0% of the BCGR Listed Fund's ordinary shares, respectively. Montpelier's ownership in the BCGR Listed Fund decreased during 2014 as a result of investments made by non-controlling interests.

The BCGR Listed Fund is considered a "voting interest entity" under GAAP and, because we own less than 50% of its outstanding ordinary shares, we do not consolidate its assets, liabilities or operations within our consolidated financial statements or our Collateralized Reinsurance segment disclosures. However, the BCGR Cell and Blue Water Re are considered variable interest entities under GAAP and we have determined that we are the primary beneficiary for these entities. Therefore, as funds held in the BCGR Listed Fund are deployed into the BCGR Cell, and ultimately into Blue Water Re, they are included in our consolidated financial statements and our Collateralized Reinsurance segment disclosures. Conversely, as funds previously deployed by the BCGR Listed Fund and the BCGR Cell into Blue Water Re are returned to the BCGR Listed Fund, they are no longer included in our consolidated financial statements or our Collateralized Reinsurance segment disclosures.

The interests in the BCGR Cell and Blue Water Re that we fully consolidate which are attributable to third-party investors are reported within our consolidated financial statements as non-controlling interests.

Montpelier is entitled to receive management and performance fees from BCRH and the BCGR Listed Fund for the services that it performs for these entities.

#### Corporate and Other

Our Corporate and Other activities consist of the assets and operations of: (i) the Company and certain of its intermediate holding and service and support companies, including Montpelier Technical Resources Ltd. ("MTR") and Cladium, Inc. ("Cladium"); (ii) intercompany eliminations relating to inter-segment reinsurance agreements; and (iii) the business we retained upon the MUSIC Sale ("MUSIC Run-Off").

MTR, our wholly-owned U.S. subsidiary with its main offices in Woburn, Massachusetts and Hanover, New Hampshire, provides accounting, finance, legal, risk management, information technology, internal audit, human resources and advisory services to many of our subsidiaries.

Cladium, Inc. ("Cladium"), our wholly-owned U.S. subsidiary with its main offices in Sunrise, Florida, is a managing general agency for a third-party insurer.

On December 31, 2011, we completed the sale of MUSIC, our former U.S.-based excess and surplus lines insurance company that we acquired in 2007, to Selective. During the period in which we owned MUSIC, it was a domestic surplus lines insurer and was authorized as an excess and surplus lines insurer in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. MUSIC underwrote smaller commercial property and casualty risks that did not conform to standard insurance lines.

Prior to the MUSIC Sale, MUSIC ceded 75% of its business to Montpelier Re through an inter-segment quota share agreement (the "MUSIC Quota Share").

Prior to 2014, we presented our MUSIC Run-Off operations as a separate reportable segment. Beginning in 2014, we revised our reportable segments to present our former MUSIC Run-Off operations within Corporate and Other. All periods presented in this report have been restated to conform with the current presentation.

#### **Our Strategy and Operating Principles**

We manage our business by the following tenets:

<u>Maintaining a Strong Balance Sheet.</u> We focus on maintaining a strong balance sheet in support of our underwriting activities and we actively manage our capital with a view towards maximizing our fully converted book value per Common Share based on prudent risk tolerances. Our total capital was \$2,047.5 million at December 31, 2014, which consisted of \$399.3 million of long-term debt, \$150.0 million of preferred shareholders' equity and \$1,498.2 million of common shareholders' equity available to the Company. As part of our capital management strategy, we intend to actively increase or decrease our total capital, as needed, in order to support our current and future underwriting opportunities, including those relating to the third-party capital we manage.

<u>Enhancing Our Lead Position With Cedants and Brokers.</u> We believe that by leading reinsurance programs our underwriters can attract, and can selectively write, exposures from a broad range of business in the marketplace. Our financial strength and the experience and reputation of our underwriters permit us to play an active role in this process, which provides us with greater access to preferred risks and greater influence in negotiation of policy terms, attachment points and premium rates than many other reinsurers.

<u>Combining Subjective Underwriting Methods With Objective Modeling Tools.</u> Through the use of proprietary underwriting tools our underwriters seek to identify those exposures that meet our objectives in terms of return on capital and underwriting criteria. Our underwriters use risk modeling tools, both proprietary and third-party, together with their market knowledge, experience and judgment, and seek to achieve the highest available price per unit of risk assumed. We also seek to exploit pricing inefficiencies that may exist in the market from time to time.

<u>Developing and Maintaining a Balanced Portfolio of Insurance and Reinsurance Risks.</u> We aim to maintain a balanced portfolio of risks, diversified by product, geography and marketing source within each chosen class of business. We employ risk management techniques to monitor correlation risk and we seek to enhance underwriting returns through careful risk selection using advanced capital allocation methodologies. We also actively seek to write more business in classes experiencing attractive conditions and to avoid those classes suffering from intense price competition or poor fundamentals. We believe a balanced portfolio of risks reduces the volatility of returns and optimizes our fully converted book value per Common Share. From time to time, however, we may choose to be overweight in certain classes, products or geographies based on market conditions.

<u>Delivering Customized, Innovative and Timely Insurance and Reinsurance Solutions for Our Clients.</u> We aim to be a premier provider of global property and casualty insurance and reinsurance products and we aim to provide superior customer service. Our objective is to establish and solidify long-term relationships with brokers and clients while developing an industry reputation for innovative and timely quotes for difficult technical risks.

<u>Investing For Total Return.</u> We invest with a view towards optimizing our risk-adjusted return on our investments over time. Under this approach, we equally value net investment income (interest and dividends) and investment gains and losses (both realized and unrealized), each of which is reflected in our net income and earnings per common share. We also believe that investing in prudent levels of equity securities and other investments, in addition to fixed maturities, will enhance our investment returns over time without significantly increasing the overall risk profile of our investment portfolio.

#### **Property and Casualty Insurance and Reinsurance in General**

Property and casualty insurers write insurance policies in exchange for premiums paid by the policyholder. An insurance policy is a contract between the insurance company and the policyholder whereby the insurance company agrees to pay for losses suffered by the policyholder that are covered under the contract. Property insurance typically covers the financial consequences of accidental losses to the policyholder's property. Casualty insurance typically covers the financial consequences of losses to a third-party that are the result of unforeseen acts and accidents.

Property and casualty reinsurers assume, from insurance and reinsurance companies (referred to as "ceding companies," or "cedants"), all or a portion of the insurance risks that the ceding company has underwritten under one or more insurance policies. In return, the reinsurer receives a premium for the risks that it assumes from the ceding company. Reinsurance can benefit a ceding company in a number of ways, including reducing exposure on individual risks and providing catastrophe protections from larger or multiple losses. Reinsurance can also provide a ceding company with additional underwriting capacity permitting it to accept larger risks and/or write more business than would be possible without an accompanying increase in its capital or surplus. Reinsurers may also purchase reinsurance, known as retrocessional reinsurance, to cover their own risks assumed from ceding companies. Reinsurance companies often enter into retrocessional agreements for many of the same reasons that ceding companies enter into reinsurance agreements.

Insurance and reinsurance companies derive substantially all of their revenues from net earned premiums, net investment income and net gains and losses from investment securities. Premiums represent amounts received from policyholders and ceding companies, and net earned premiums represent the portion of net premiums (gross premiums less ceded reinsurance) which are recognized as revenue over the period of time that coverage is provided (i.e., ratably over the life of the policy). In insurance and reinsurance operations, "float" arises when premiums are received before losses and other expenses are paid, an interval that may extend over many years. During that time, the insurer may choose to invest the money, thereby earning investment income and generating investment gains and losses.

Insurance and reinsurance companies incur a significant amount of their total expenses from policyholder and assumed reinsurance losses, commonly referred to as "claims." In settling claims, various loss adjustment expenses ("LAE") are incurred, such as claim adjusters' fees and litigation expenses. In addition, insurance and reinsurance companies incur policy acquisition costs, such as commissions, profit commissions, brokerage costs, premium taxes and excise taxes, when applicable.

A widely-used measure of relative underwriting performance for an insurance or reinsurance company is the combined ratio. Our combined ratio is calculated by adding: (i) the ratio of incurred losses and LAE to earned premiums (known as the "loss and LAE ratio"); (ii) the ratio of acquisition costs to earned premiums (known as the "acquisition cost ratio"); and (iii) the ratio of general and administrative expenses to earned premiums (known as the "general and administrative expense ratio"), with each component determined in accordance with GAAP (the "GAAP combined ratio"). A GAAP combined ratio under 100% indicates that an insurance or reinsurance company is generating an underwriting profit. A GAAP combined ratio over 100% indicates that an insurance or reinsurance company is generating an underwriting loss.

Insurance and reinsurance companies operating at a GAAP combined ratio of greater than 100% can be profitable when investment income and net investment gains are taken into account. The length of time between receiving premiums and paying out claims, commonly referred to as the "tail," can significantly affect how profitable float can be. Long-tail losses, such as medical malpractice, pay out over longer periods of time providing the insurance or reinsurance company the opportunity to generate significant investment earnings from float. Short-tail losses, such as fire or physical damage, pay out over shorter periods of time providing the insurance or reinsurance company with a reduced opportunity to generate significant investment earnings from float.

#### **Underwriting and Risk Strategy**

Our reinsurance contracts can be written on either an excess-of-loss or a proportional basis. In the case of reinsurance written on an excess-of-loss basis, we receive a specified premium for the risk assumed and indemnify the cedant against all or a specified portion of losses and expenses in excess of a specified dollar or percentage amount. With proportional reinsurance, we share the premiums as well as the losses and expenses in an agreed proportion with the cedant. In both types of contracts, we may provide a ceding commission to the cedant which compensates them for certain underwriting expenses they incur.

Our primary business focus is on short-tail property and other specialty treaty reinsurance written on both an excess-of-loss and proportional basis. We also underwrite certain direct insurance risks.

Our reinsurance contracts can be written on either a traditional or a fully-collateralized basis. In the case of traditional reinsurance, ceding companies often require their reinsurers to have, and to maintain, strong financial strength ratings as assurance that their claims will be paid. In the case of collateralized reinsurance, the reinsurer provides collateral to the cedant for the full amount of any potential claim under the contract in question. In most instances, the collateral posted under each collateralized contract is equal to the total contract value less the net premium charged for the reinsurance protection.

Montpelier Re and Syndicate 5151 (in common with all Lloyd's syndicates) each have financial strength ratings from one or more independent rating agencies, including A.M. Best, Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings Ltd. Blue Water Re and Blue Capital Re fully-collateralize their reinsurance obligations and do not have financial strength ratings.

Blue Water Re and Blue Capital Re also offer participation in fronting arrangements with Montpelier Re or with other well capitalized third-party rated reinsurers. Under a typical fronting arrangement, a rated insurer issues an insurance policy on behalf of an unrated, fully-collateralized, reinsurer without the intention of retaining any of the risk. The economic risk remains with the unrated reinsurer via an indemnity/reinsurance agreement but the contractual and credit risk is assumed by the fronting insurer, which is required to honor obligations under the policy if the unrated reinsurer fails to indemnify the fronting insurer. Through fronting arrangements, Blue Water Re and Blue Capital Re are able to participate in reinsurance opportunities that would not otherwise be available to a fully-collateralized reinsurer, although they are still required to provide collateral to the fronting reinsurer.

Across all our locations and classes of business, our operating strategy is to write only those risks that we expect will generate an attractive return on allocated capital while seeking to limit our exposure to the potential loss that may arise from a single or a series of loss events to within acceptable levels.

Our insurance and reinsurance underwriting teams work with proprietary and third-party risk analytic and exposure databases that have been designed to provide consistent pricing, prudent risk selection and real-time portfolio management. Our underwriters adhere to guidelines that are developed by senior management, are approved by the boards of directors of each of our operating subsidiaries and are reviewed by the Underwriting Committee of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board").

#### **Reinsurance Modeling and Pricing**

As part of our pricing and underwriting process we assess a variety of available factors, including, but not limited to: (i) the reputation and management of the ceding company and the likelihood of establishing a long-term relationship; (ii) the geographical location of the ceding company's original risks; (iii) the historical loss data of the ceding company; (iv) the historical loss data of the industry as a whole in the relevant regions (in order to compare the ceding company's historical loss experience to industry averages); and (v) the perceived financial strength of the ceding company.

Historically in the reinsurance market, one lead reinsurer would act as the principal underwriter in terms of negotiating key policy terms and pricing of reinsurance contracts with a broker. In the current environment, brokers typically obtain prices and terms submitted by several quoting reinsurers, all of which are taken into account during the binding process. Our financial strength and the experience and reputation of our underwriters permit us to play an active role in this process. We believe this provides us with greater access to preferred risks and greater influence in negotiation of policy terms, attachment points and premium rates than many other reinsurers.

We have developed a sophisticated proprietary risk management system, called CATM<sup>®</sup> (CATM is a registered trademark of the Company), to analyze and manage the reinsurance exposures we assume from cedants. This computer-based underwriting system, the technical components of which incorporate the fundamentals of modern portfolio theory, is designed to measure the amount of capital required to support individual contracts based on the degree of correlation between contracts that we underwrite as well as other factors. CATM<sup>®</sup> consists of a set of risk assessment tools which estimate the amount of potential loss and volatility associated with the contracts we assume. CATM<sup>®</sup> is designed to use output from models developed by our actuarial team as well as from those of commercial vendors. In addition, CATM<sup>®</sup> serves as an important component of our corporate enterprise-wide risk model which we use as a guide in managing our risk exposures.

#### **Our Treaty Reinsurance Book of Business**

The majority of the reinsurance products we currently write are in the form of treaty reinsurance contracts, which are contractual arrangements that provide for the automatic reinsurance of a type or category of risk underwritten by our clients. When writing a treaty reinsurance contract, we do not typically evaluate separately each of the individual risks assumed under the contract. Accordingly, we are largely dependent on the individual underwriting decisions made by the cedant and, as a result, we carefully consider the cedant's risk management, underwriting practices, exposure data, loss history and other factors in deciding whether to provide such treaty reinsurance and in appropriately pricing the contract. The majority of our current treaty reinsurance book of business represents short-tail property reinsurance, which includes a limited amount of retrocessional business. Our gross short-tail treaty reinsurance writings totaled \$473.7 million, \$462.0 million and \$503.0 million during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. We also write a modest amount of long-tail treaty reinsurance business, mainly casualty risks, which totaled \$88.4 million, \$79.4 million and \$71.9 million during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

The terms of reinsurance contracts we underwrite vary by contract and by type, whether they are excess-of-loss or proportional. We typically provide coverage under excess-of-loss contracts on either an occurrence basis or on an aggregate basis. Some contracts provide coverage on a per risk basis versus a per event basis. Most of our excess-of-loss contracts provide for a reinstatement of coverage following a covered loss event in return for an additional premium.

We manage certain key risks using a combination of CATM<sup>®</sup>, various third-party models and underwriting judgment. Our three-tiered approach focuses on tracking exposed contract limits, estimating the potential impact of single and multiple natural catastrophe events, and simulating our yearly net operating result to reflect aggregate underwriting and investment risk. We seek to refine and improve each of these approaches based on operational feedback. Underwriting judgment involves important assumptions about matters that are inherently unpredictable and beyond our control and for which historical experience and probability analysis may not provide accurate guidance.

Treaty reinsurance premiums, which are typically due in installments, are a function of the number and type of contracts we write, as well as prevailing market prices. The timing of premiums written vary by line of business. The majority of our property catastrophe business is written in the January 1, April 1, June 1 and July 1 renewal periods, while our property specialty and other specialty business is typically written throughout the year. In the case of pro-rata contracts and excess-of-loss contracts where no deposit or minimum premium is specified in the contract, written premium is recognized evenly through the term of the reinsurance contract based on estimates of ultimate premiums provided by the ceding companies. Subsequent adjustments, based on reports of actual premium or revisions to estimates by ceding companies, are recorded in the period in which they are determined.



Excess-of-loss contracts are typically written on a losses occurring basis, which means that they cover losses that occur during the contract term, regardless of when the underlying policies incept. Premiums from excess-of-loss contracts are earned ratably over the contract term, which is ordinarily twelve months. In contrast, most pro-rata contracts are written on a risks attaching basis, which means that we assume a stated percentage of each original policy that the ceding company writes during the contract term. As a result, the risk period for pro-rata contracts, which extends from the inception date of the first policy bound during the contract term to the termination date of the last policy bound, exceeds the contract term. Premiums from pro-rata contracts are earned over the associated risk periods.

#### **Our Individual Risk Book of Business**

We write direct insurance and facultative reinsurance contracts where we insure and reinsure individual risks. Our individual risk business is currently underwritten by Montpelier Re and Syndicate 5151 and our excess and surplus lines insurance was formerly underwritten by MUSIC.

Our gross short-tail direct insurance and facultative reinsurance writings totaled \$172.3 million, \$162.6 million and \$157.9 million during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. We also wrote a small amount of long-tail direct insurance and facultative reinsurance business which totaled \$5.9 million, \$2.0 million and \$2.5 million during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

#### **Our Operating Platforms**

#### Montpelier Re

Montpelier Re, our largest operating platform, focuses on writing short-tail U.S. and international catastrophe treaty reinsurance on both an excess-of-loss and proportional basis. Montpelier Re also writes specialty treaty reinsurance, including casualty, accident & health, aviation, space, crop, financial risk, political risk, terrorism and workers' compensation catastrophe classes of business, as well as insurance and facultative reinsurance business.

Montpelier Re focuses on providing reinsurance protection to small and mid-sized regional U.S. insurance companies. This has allowed Montpelier Re to form long-term relationships with its cedants, thereby increasing client persistency as well as its understanding of the risks it assumes.

#### Montpelier at Lloyd's

MAL's London team underwrites property insurance and reinsurance, engineering, marine hull and liability, cargo and specie, political & financial risks and specialty casualty classes sourced mainly from the London, U.S. and European markets with a view to underwriting business that would not normally be accessible to our Bermuda underwriters.

MUI, our U.S. Lloyd's Coverholder, underwrites facultative reinsurance business through managing general agents and intermediaries on behalf of Syndicate 5151. MUI's business is produced through two underwriting divisions as follows: (i) the Brokered Property Facultative division, which writes North American property exposures, covering both fire and catastrophe perils, attaching in a proportional or excess-of-loss position; and (ii) the Direct Property Facultative division, which writes predominantly non-catastrophe U.S. business that is produced without broker involvement. The policies typically incorporate low-frequency, high-severity risks written on an excess-of-loss basis.

#### Blue Water Re

Blue Water Re is our market-facing collateralized reinsurer which provides property catastrophe reinsurance protection and related products to Montpelier Re and other third-party insurance and reinsurance companies. A portion of Blue Water Re's business is retroceded to Blue Capital Re through a fully-collateralized retrocessional contract (the "BW Retrocessional Contract") and the remaining portion of its business is retained in support of the financial interests of the Cells.

#### <u>Blue Capital Re</u>

Blue Capital Re provides collateralized property catastrophe reinsurance protection and related products to Blue Water Re and other third-party insurance and reinsurance companies. In addition to providing fully-collateralized reinsurance protection to third parties, through the BW Retrocessional Contract, Blue Capital Re may also participate in up to 100% of Blue Water Re's participation in: (i) quota share agreements among Blue Water Re and Montpelier Re or other third-party reinsurers; and (ii) fronting agreements among Blue Water Re and Montpelier Re or other well capitalized third-party rated reinsurers.

#### The Montpelier Risk Institute ("MRI")

In 2013 we created MRI, a virtual risk institute that leverages the complementary capabilities of scientists and insurance specialists to target new methods for quantifying risk. Partnering with us in this endeavor are the University of Western Ontario, the affiliated Institute for Catastrophic Research in Ontario, Canada, and several private research institutions in Europe.

MRI was formed to promote global research, knowledge exchange and advanced model development on natural catastrophe and man-made risks. MRI's goal is to collaborate to better understand, calculate, mitigate and hedge risk in a changing environment. MRI is overseen by a steering committee led by Montpelier Re's Chief Risk Officer, Dr. Gero Michel, and is composed of representatives from academia and government.

#### **Ceded Reinsurance Protection**

We purchase reinsurance from third parties in the normal course of our business in order to manage our exposures. The amount and type of reinsurance that we purchase varies from year to year and is dependent on a variety of factors, including the cost of a particular reinsurance contract and the nature of our gross exposures assumed. All of our reinsurance purchases to date have represented prospective cover, meaning that the coverage has been purchased to protect us against the risk of future losses as opposed to covering losses that have already occurred but have not yet been paid. Our ceded reinsurance consists of excess-of-loss contracts covering one or more lines of business and pro-rata reinsurance with respect to specific lines of business. We also purchase industry loss warranty policies that provide us with coverage for certain losses we incur, provided they are triggered by events exceeding a specified industry loss size. In addition, for certain pro-rata contracts that we purchase, the associated direct insurance contracts carry underlying reinsurance protection from third-party reinsures, known as inuring reinsurance, which we net against our gross premiums written and our gross loss and LAE reserves.

We remain liable for losses we incur to the extent that any third-party reinsurer is unable or unwilling to make timely payments to us under our reinsurance agreements. Under our reinsurance security policy, our reinsurers are generally required to be rated "A-" (Excellent) or better by A.M. Best (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency) at the time the policy is written. We also consider reinsurers that are not rated or do not fall within the above threshold on a case-by-case basis if adequately collateralized. We monitor the financial condition and ratings of our reinsurers on an ongoing basis.

Montpelier Re also purchases collateralized reinsurance protection from Blue Water Re pursuant to inter-segment reinsurance agreements, and Blue Water Re purchases collateralized reinsurance protection from Blue Capital Re pursuant to the BW Retrocessional Contract.

#### **Claims Management**

Our personnel oversee and administer claims arising from our insurance and reinsurance contracts, including validating and monitoring claims, posting case reserves and approving payments. Authority for establishing reserves and paying claims is based upon the level and experience of our claims personnel.

Our reinsurance claim specialists work closely with our brokers to obtain specific claims information from ceding companies. In addition, when necessary, we or an established thirdparty provider instructed on our behalf perform on-site claims reviews of the claims handling abilities and reserving techniques of ceding companies. The results of such claims reviews are shared with our underwriters and actuaries to assist them in pricing products and establishing loss reserves.

As a reinsurer, we recognize that a fair interpretation of our reinsurance agreements and timely payment of covered claims is a valuable service to our clients which also enhances our reputation.

#### Loss and LAE Reserves

Our loss and LAE reserves are estimates of the future amounts needed to pay claims and related expenses for insured events that have occurred. Our reserving methodology does not lend itself well to a statistical calculation of a range of estimates surrounding the best point estimate of our loss and LAE reserves. Due to the low frequency and high-severity nature of much of our business, our reserving methodology principally involves arriving at a specific point estimate for the ultimate expected loss on a contract by contract basis, and our aggregate loss reserves are the sum of the individual loss reserves established.

Our internal actuaries review our reserving assumptions and our methodologies on a quarterly basis. Our third quarter and year-end loss estimates are subject to a corroborative review by both an independent loss reserve specialist and an independent registered public accounting firm using generally accepted actuarial principles. The Audit Committee of the Board (the "Audit Committee") reviews our quarterly and annual reserve analyses.

Our loss and LAE reserves are comprised of case reserves (which are based on claims that have been reported to us) and IBNR reserves (which are based on losses that we believe have occurred but for which claims have not yet been reported to us and which may include a provision for expected future development on our case reserves). The process of establishing our loss reserves can be complex and is subject to considerable variability. It requires the use of informed estimates and judgments based on circumstances known at the date of accrual, and is highly dependent on the loss information we receive from our cedants and brokers. Estimating loss reserves requires us to make assumptions regarding future reporting and development patterns, frequency and severity trends, claims settlement practices, potential changes in the legal environment and other factors such as foreign currency fluctuations and inflation. Another assumption we must make relates to "loss amplification," which refers to inflationary and heightened loss adjustment pressure within a local economy that has the potential to occur after a catastrophe loss and which can escalate overall losses.

We believe that our loss and LAE reserves fairly estimate the losses that fall within our assumed coverages. There can be no assurance, however, that actual losses will not be less than or exceed our total established reserves. Our loss and LAE reserve estimates and our methodology of estimating such reserves are regularly reviewed and updated as new information becomes known. Any resulting adjustments are reflected in our consolidated financial results in the period in which they become known.

#### Lines of Business

We categorize our lines of business as follows: (i) Property Catastrophe - Treaty; (ii) Property Specialty - Treaty; (iii) Other Specialty - Treaty; and (iv) Property and Specialty Individual Risk. Montpelier Re and Syndicate 5151 write each of these lines of business, Blue Water Re and Blue Capital Re write only Property Catastrophe - Treaty business and MUSIC wrote only Property and Specialty Individual Risk business.

#### Property Catastrophe - Treaty

Our Property Catastrophe reinsurance contracts are typically "all risk" in nature, providing protection to the ceding company against losses from earthquakes and hurricanes, as well as other natural and man-made catastrophes such as floods, tornados, storms and fires. The predominant exposures covered by these contracts are losses stemming from property damage and business interruption resulting from a covered peril.

Our Property Catastrophe reinsurance contracts are typically written on an excess-of-loss basis, which provides coverage to the ceding company when aggregate losses from a single occurrence for a covered peril exceed an amount specified in a particular contract. Under these contracts, we provide protection to an insurer for a portion of the total losses in excess of a specified loss amount, up to a maximum amount per loss specified in the contract.

In the event of a loss, property catastrophe excess-of-loss contracts typically include a second (or reinstated) contractual limit of coverage following a covered loss event in return for an additional premium. When Blue Water Re or Blue Capital Re write an excess-of-loss reinsurance contract which includes a second (or reinstated) limit, as collateralized reinsurers, each are required to fully collateralize both the original limit and the reinstated limit.

The coverage provided under excess-of-loss reinsurance contracts may be on a worldwide basis or limited in scope to specific regions or geographical areas. Coverage can also vary from "all natural" perils, which is the most expansive form, to more limited types such as windstorm-only coverage.

#### Property Specialty - Treaty

We write Property Specialty reinsurance contracts on either an excess-of-loss or pro-rata basis, which protects the ceding company on its primary insurance risks and facultative reinsurance transactions on a "single risk" basis. A "risk" in this context might mean the insurance coverage on one building or a group of buildings or the insurance coverage under a single policy which the reinsured treats as a single loss. Coverage on an excess-of-loss basis is usually triggered by a large loss sustained by an individual risk rather than by smaller losses that fall below the specified retention of the reinsurance contract. Coverage on a pro-rata basis may be triggered by individual losses of any size, as reinsurance protection is typically provided on the same basis and attachment as the original insurance policy.

#### Other Specialty - Treaty

We write Other Specialty reinsurance covering classes such as aviation (including liability), engineering, space, marine, workers' compensation, medical malpractice and other casualty risks, political & financial risks, accident & health, crop and other specialty reinsurance business.

Our aviation and space business is written either as pro-rata or excess-of-loss with a focus on the major airlines and associated liabilities for aviation business and launch plus in-orbit risks for space business.

Our coverage for workers' compensation and personal accident contracts tends to attach at the upper layers of such reinsurance programs. We therefore regard our workers' compensation and personal accident classes as being catastrophe exposed and relatively short-tail in nature.

Our medical malpractice book includes excess treaty reinsurance for insurers that write medical malpractice insurance for physicians, typically single state insurers. Certain of our medical malpractice contracts are written on a swing-rated basis, meaning that the ultimate premium will vary based on the level of ultimate losses incurred.

We also write a limited amount of professional liability business on both an excess-of-loss and pro-rata basis, and pro-rata treaties covering general liability for municipalities in the U.S.

We have written a number of reinsurance contracts providing coverage for losses arising from acts of terrorism in the U.S. and in a number of other countries.

In the U.S., the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 ("TRIA") established a system for sharing losses from terrorist attacks between the private insurance industry and the U.S. government and regulates the terms of insurance relating to terrorism coverage. Extensions of TRIA were authorized in 2005 and 2007, with the latter extending the program through December 31, 2014. On January 12, 2015, TRIA was reauthorized through December 31, 2020. The most notable changes made to TRIA pursuant to its 2015 reauthorization were to increase: (i) the threshold for industry losses before qualifying for U.S. government financial support to \$200 million from \$100 million (through annual increases of \$20 million beginning in 2016); and (ii) the industry co-participation to 20% from 15% (through annual increases of one percent per year beginning in 2016).

In a number of countries outside of the U.S., we have written reinsurance contracts through government-backed programs or "pools", which provide coverage for stipulated acts of terrorism.

Most of the reinsurance contracts that we write that provide coverage for losses arising from acts of terrorism exclude coverage protecting against nuclear, biological or chemical attacks.

#### Property and Specialty Individual Risk

We underwrite direct insurance and facultative reinsurance coverage on industrial, commercial, and residential property, liability, marine and space risks where we assume all or part of a risk under a single insurance contract. We also underwrite stand-alone political and financial risks, pandemic and event contingency business, as well as U.S. and international terrorism coverage on either a stand-alone basis or embedded within an existing property policy. Facultative reinsurance is normally purchased by clients where individual risks are not covered by their reinsurance treaties, for amounts in excess of the dollar limits of their reinsurance treaties or for unusual risks.

Through MUSIC, we also underwrote certain insurance risks, referred to as excess and surplus lines, coverage which is not available from state licensed insurers (called admitted insurers) and must be purchased from a non-admitted carrier. These risks, primarily smaller commercial property and casualty risks, were written through select general agents. These risks involved specialized treatment with respect to coverage, forms, price and other policy terms.

#### **GROSS PREMIUMS WRITTEN**

#### By Line of Business and Segment

The following tables present our gross premiums written, by line of business and reportable segment, during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

(Millions) Year Ended December 31, 2014	Montpelier Bermuda			Montpelier at Lloyd's		Collateralized Reinsurance		Corporate and Other (1)		Total
Property Catastrophe - Treaty Property Specialty - Treaty Other Specialty - Treaty Property and Specialty Individual Risk	\$	256.1 54.0 76.4 29.9	\$	3.4 3.8 93.2 172.6	\$	83.4 	\$	(31.9) - (0.5) - (0.1)	\$	311.0 57.8 169.1 202.4
Total gross premiums written	\$	416.4	\$	273.0	\$	83.4	\$	(32.5)	\$	740.3
Year Ended December 31, 2013	Montpelier Bermuda			Montpelier at Lloyd's		Collateralized Reinsurance		Corporate and Other (1)		Total
Property Catastrophe - Treaty Property Specialty - Treaty Other Specialty - Treaty Property and Specialty Individual Risk	\$	279.0 50.3 68.7 31.4	\$	4.7 4.3 78.3 147.9	\$	39.8 	\$	1.0 0.1 (0.1) 0.6	\$	324.5 54.7 146.9 179.9
Total gross premiums written	\$	429.4	\$	235.2	\$	39.8	\$	1.6	\$	706.0
Year Ended December 31, 2012	Montpelier Bermuda			Montpelier at Lloyd's		Collateralized Reinsurance		Corporate and Other (1)		Total
Property Catastrophe - Treaty Property Specialty - Treaty Other Specialty - Treaty Property and Specialty Individual Risk Total gross premiums written	\$ \$	332.8 47.5 70.4 29.8 480.5	\$ \$	10.9 6.1 82.1 146.9 246.0	\$ \$	2.4 — — 2.4	\$ \$	3.9  2.5  6.4	\$ \$	350.0 53.6 152.5 179.2 735.3

(1) Represents: (i) the elimination of inter-segment reinsurance arrangements between Montpelier Bermuda and Montpelier at Lloyd's; and (ii) premiums earned within the Company's former MUSIC Run-Off segment.

#### **By Broker**

The majority of our insurance and reinsurance business is originated through independent brokers. Brokers are intermediaries that assist the ceding company in structuring a particular reinsurance program and in negotiating and placing risks with third-party reinsurers. In this capacity, the broker is selected and retained by the ceding company on a treaty-by-treaty basis, rather than by us. Once the ceding company has approved the terms of a particular reinsurance program, as quoted by the lead underwriter or a group of reinsurers acting as such, the broker will offer participation to qualified reinsurers until the program is fully subscribed. The broker is not a party to the reinsurance contract.

We seek to build long-term relationships with brokers by providing: (i) prompt and responsive service on underwriting submissions; (ii) innovative and customized insurance and reinsurance solutions to their clients; and (iii) timely payment of claims. Brokers receive compensation, typically in the form of a commission, based on negotiated percentages of the premium they produce and the performance of other necessary services. Brokerage costs constitute a significant portion of our insurance and reinsurance acquisition costs.

We monitor our broker concentrations on a company-wide basis rather than by reportable segment.

The following table sets forth a breakdown of our gross premiums written by broker:

	Year Ended December 31,													
(\$ in millions)		2014		2013		2012								
Aon Corporation	\$	175.4	24% \$	164.7	23% \$	192.1	26%							
Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc.		142.4	19	147.2	21	158.3	22							
Willis Group Holdings Limited		111.9	15	121.3	17	109.9	15							
JLT Group		48.7	7	36.0	5	27.3	4							
All other brokers		241.9	35	220.2	32	226.3	30							
Gross premiums written through brokers		720.3	97	689.4	98	713.9	97							
Gross premiums not written through brokers		20.0	3	16.6	2	21.4	3							
Total gross premiums written	\$	740.3	<u>100</u> % <u>\$</u>	706.0	100% \$	735.3	100%							

As illustrated above, the majority of our gross premiums written are sourced through a limited number of brokers, with Aon Corporation, Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc., Willis Group Holdings Limited and JLT Group providing a total of 65% of our gross premiums written for the year ended December 31, 2014. We are therefore highly dependent on these brokers and a loss of all or a substantial portion of the business provided by one or more of these brokers could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. See "*Risk Factors*" contained in Item 1A herein.

#### By Geographic Area of Risks Insured

We seek to diversify our exposure across geographic zones around the world in order to obtain a prudent spread of risk. The spread of these exposures is also a function of market conditions and opportunities. We monitor our geographic exposures on a company-wide basis rather than by segment.

The following table sets forth a breakdown of our gross premiums written by geographic area of risks insured:

	Year Ended December 31,													
(\$ in millions)		2014		2013		2012								
U.S. and Canada	\$	344.6	47% \$	346.2	49% \$	351.7	48%							
Worldwide (1)		239.3	32	210.4	30	231.5	31							
Western Europe, excluding U.K. and Ireland		34.6	5	31.9	4	30.7	4							
Worldwide, excluding U.S. and Canada (2)		26.9	4	33.8	5	23.1	3							
Australia and Oceania		26.8	4	20.4	3	23.4	3							
U.K. and Ireland		18.5	2	20.1	3	24.1	3							
Japan		16.8	2	22.1	3	27.5	4							
Other		32.8	4	21.1	3	23.3	4							
Total gross premiums written	<u>\$</u>	740.3	<u>100%</u> <u>\$</u>	706.0	100% \$	735.3	100%							

(1) "Worldwide" comprises insurance and reinsurance contracts that cover risks in more than one geographic area and do not specifically exclude the U.S. and Canada.

(2) "Worldwide, excluding U.S. and Canada" comprises insurance and reinsurance contracts that cover risks in more than one geographic area but specifically exclude the U.S. and Canada.

#### LOSS AND LAE RESERVE DEVELOPMENT

Loss and LAE reserves consist of estimates of future amounts needed to pay claims and related expenses for insured events that have occurred. The process of estimating these reserves involves a considerable degree of judgment and, as of any given date, is inherently uncertain. See "Summary of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" contained in Item 7 herein for a full discussion regarding our loss and LAE reserving process. We do not discount any of our loss and LAE reserves for time value.

The following information presents: (i) our loss and LAE reserve development over the preceding ten years (the "Loss Table"); and (ii) a reconciliation of reserves determined in accordance with accounting principles and practices prescribed or permitted by insurance authorities, which we refer to as "statutory basis", to such reserves determined in accordance with GAAP, each as prescribed by Securities Act Industry Guide No. 6.

The Loss Table represents the development of our loss and LAE reserves from 2004 through 2014. The top line of the table shows the gross loss and LAE reserves at the balance sheet date for each of the indicated years. This represents the estimated amounts of loss and LAE reserves, both case and IBNR, arising in the current year and all prior years that are unpaid at the balance sheet date. The table also shows the re-estimated amount of the previously recorded reserves based on experience as of the end of each succeeding year. The estimate changes as more information becomes known about the frequency and severity of claims for individual years. The "cumulative net redundancy" represents the aggregate change to date from the indicated estimate of the gross reserve for claims and claim expenses, net of losses recoverable on the third line of the table. The table also shows the cumulative net paid amounts as of successive years with respect to the net reserve liability.

The Loss Table does not reflect any loss development relating to MUSIC for periods prior to November 2007, the date we acquired that company. See "MUSIC Sale Considerations" contained in Item 1 herein.

	Consolidated Loss and LAE Reserves Years ended December 31,																					
(Millions)		2004		2005	_	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		2011	_	2012		2013		2014
ENDING UNPAID LOSS AND LAE RESERVES:																						
Gross balance Less: reinsurance recoverables on unpaid losses Net liability	\$ <del>\$</del>	549.5 (94.7) 454.8	\$ \$	1,781.9 (305.7) 1,476.2	\$ \$	1,089.2 (197.3) 891.9	\$ \$	860.7 (152.5) 708.2	\$ \$	808.9 (122.9) 686.0	\$ \$	680.8 (69.6) 611.2	\$ \$	784.6 (62.4) 722.2	\$ \$	1,077.1 (77.7) 999.4	\$ \$	1,112.4 (102.7) 1,009.7	\$ \$	881.6 (63.6) 818.0	\$ \$	775.7 (48.7) 727.0
CUMULATIVE NET LIABILITY PAID:																						
1 year later 2 years later 3 years later 4 years later 5 years later 6 years later 7 years later 8 years later 9 years later 10 years later	\$	214.2 309.7 325.2 334.1 353.2 356.5 359.5 360.4 363.2 363.7	\$	716.1 1,026.5 1,150.4 1,229.7 1,243.6 1,259.9 1,271.2 1,295.5 1,297.1	\$	335.2 480.3 570.9 588.3 608.2 622.9 648.5 651.5	\$	192.5 304.4 330.6 354.9 372.3 409.2 414.1	\$	182.8 262.0 318.7 357.9 400.7 410.5	\$	115.8 191.8 240.1 290.5 304.9	\$	175.5 261.4 343.9 375.7	\$	239.2 430.8 518.9	\$	272.2 393.9	\$	178.5		
NET LIABILITY RE-ESTIMATED:																						
1 year later 2 years later 3 years later 4 years later 5 years later 6 years later 7 years later 8 years later 9 years later 10 years later	\$	437.7 407.8 400.3 390.6 385.4 384.1 378.7 376.0 373.1 371.1	\$	$\begin{array}{c} 1,452.4\\ 1,447.7\\ 1,398.4\\ 1,383.4\\ 1,364.7\\ 1,349.5\\ 1,343.8\\ 1,333.5\\ 1,322.1 \end{array}$	\$	855.5 783.1 764.4 737.9 715.6 707.5 694.7 681.8	\$	604.1 555.7 518.6 495.7 491.6 474.3 455.3	\$	610.3 552.5 521.8 514.3 494.0 465.9	\$	501.9 450.8 440.0 413.6 383.0	\$	632.9 607.1 565.8 514.4	\$	912.0 835.3 750.2		865.3 747.9	\$	666.2		
CUMULATIVE NET REDUNDANCY	\$	83.7	\$	154.1	\$	210.1	\$	252.9	\$	220.1	\$	228.2	\$	207.8	\$	249.2	\$	261.8	\$	151.8		
RECONCILIATION OF NET LIABILITY RE-ESTIMAT	ED AS	OF THE E	END	OF THE L	ATES	ST RE-ES	TIMA	ATION PE	RIOI	D:												
Gross re-estimated liability Less: re-estimated reinsurance recoverable Net re-estimated liability CUMULATIVE GROSS REDUNDANCY	\$ \$ \$	496.8 (125.7) 371.1 52.7	\$ \$ \$	1,622.0 (299.9) 1,322.1 159.9	\$ \$ \$	843.7 (161.9) 681.8 245.5	\$ \$ \$	562.5 (107.2) 455.3 298.2	\$	535.5 (69.6) 465.9 273.4	\$ \$ \$	439.4 (56.4) 383.0 241.4	\$ \$ \$	550.5 (36.1) 514.4 234.1	\$ \$ \$	796.7 (46.5) 750.2 280.4	\$ \$ \$	840.0 (92.1) 747.9 272.4	\$	720.3 (54.1) 666.2 161.3		

See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Summary of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates," each contained in Item 7 herein, for an analysis of our aggregate loss and LAE reserves for each of the latest three years, including a discussion of our loss reserve development experienced during those periods.

#### INVESTMENTS, CASH AND INVESTMENT-RELATED DERIVATIVES

#### Investments

Our investment portfolio is structured to support our need for: (i) optimizing our risk-adjusted total return; (ii) adequate liquidity; (iii) financial strength and stability; and (iv) regulatory and legal compliance. While we oversee all of our investment activities, the portfolio is actively managed by a number of registered investment advisors. Our investment advisors adhere to an investment policy and guidelines developed by senior management, as approved by the Finance Committee of the Board (the "Finance Committee"), which specify minimum criteria regarding the credit quality and liquidity characteristics of the portfolio as well as the use of certain derivative instruments. These guidelines also set limitations on the size of certain holdings, as well as the types of securities and industries in which the portfolio can be invested.

The Finance Committee also oversees our investment activities and reviews compliance with our investment objectives and guidelines. These objectives and guidelines stress diversification of risk, capital preservation, market liquidity and stability of portfolio income. Our investment advisors have the discretion to invest our assets as they see fit, provided that they comply with our objectives and guidelines.

The components of our investment assets as of December 31, 2014 are as follows:

*Fixed Maturity Investments.* As a provider of insurance and reinsurance for natural and man-made catastrophes, we could be required to pay significant losses on short notice. As a result, our asset allocation is predominantly oriented toward high-quality fixed maturity securities with a short average duration. Our asset allocation is designed to reduce our sensitivity to interest rate fluctuations and provide adequate liquidity for the settlement of our expected liabilities. As of December 31, 2014, our fixed maturities, which totaled \$1,901.0 million, comprised 70% of our total investments at such date.

<u>Equity Securities.</u> Over longer time horizons, we believe that investments in equity securities can enhance our investment returns. Our equity investment strategy is expected to maximize our risk-adjusted total return through investments in a variety of equity and equity-related instruments with a focus on value investing. As of December 31, 2014, our equity securities, which totaled \$173.1 million, comprised 6% of our total investments at such date.

<u>Other Investments.</u> Our other investments consist primarily of investments in investment funds, limited partnership interests, the BCGR Listed Fund, event-linked securities whose principal and interest are forgiven if specific events occur and certain derivative instruments. The investment funds that we hold contain primarily fixed maturity investments. As of December 31, 2014, our other investments, which totaled \$642.0 million, comprised 24% of our total investments at such date.

In addition to the investment assets described above, we also held investment liabilities of \$76.2 million as of December 31, 2014, consisting of \$70.5 million of open short fixed maturity positions and \$5.7 million of open short equity and investment option and future positions. Our investment liabilities are collateralized largely with restricted cash and investment securities.

As of December 31, 2014, the average duration of our investment portfolio, including cash, was 0.9 years (inclusive of relevant derivative and short positions).

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

Our cash and cash equivalents consist of unrestricted cash and fixed income securities with maturities of less than three months from the date of purchase. These balances are comprised of: (i) collateral supporting our Collateralized Reinsurance operations; (ii) undeployed cash and cash equivalents held by our investment advisors; (iii) amounts held to pay our operating expenses, including a provision for losses that may become due for payment on short notice; and (iv) amounts held for other obligations and contingencies. As of December 31, 2014, we held \$447.7 million of cash and cash equivalents.

#### **Restricted Cash**

Our restricted cash consists of cash held in support of: (i) investments sold short; (ii) open derivative positions; and (iii) foreign deposit accounts held at Lloyd's. As of December 31, 2014, we held \$26.6 million of restricted cash.

#### **Investment-Related Derivatives**

At times we use various derivative instruments to enhance our investment performance, replicate certain investment positions or manage market exposures and duration risk. Our investment-related derivative activities are governed by our investment policy and guidelines and are overseen by the Finance Committee.

See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" contained in Item 7 herein for further information concerning our investment portfolio, our investment results, our liquidity and capital resources and our use of investment-related derivatives.

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the "Risk Factors" contained in Item 1A herein, in particular the specific risk factor entitled "There may be conflicts of interest that result from our relationships with the BCGR Listed Fund and BCRH and its subsidiaries."

BCML, our wholly-owned investment and insurance management service company, provides services to the BCGR Cell (which serves as a segregated account of the Master Fund for the benefit of the BCGR Listed Fund) and to BCRH and its subsidiaries. In addition, Blue Water Re, our wholly-owned special purpose insurance vehicle, is the sole source of collateralized reinsurance business for the BCGR Cell and is a significant source of business for BCRH and its subsidiaries through the BW Retrocessional Contract. As of December 31, 2014, Montpelier Re owned 25.1% of the BCGR Listed Fund's ordinary shares and 33.3% of BCRH's outstanding common shares, with third-party investors (which we refer to as "non-controlling interests") owning the remainder.

We provide reinsurance opportunities to, and make investments on behalf of, these affiliates that we determine are appropriate for them, provided that such business is in accordance with their respective underwriting guidelines. We intend to primarily allocate those reinsurance opportunities that are made available to these affiliates on a proportional basis in accordance with our allocation policies.

In addition, William Pollett, the Company's Chief Corporate Development and Strategy Officer and Treasurer, serves as a director and the Chief Executive Officer of BCRH, Michael Paquette, the Company's Chief Financial Officer, serves as BCRH's Chief Financial Officer, and Christopher Harris, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, serves as Chairman of BCRH.

As a result, our officers, BCML and Blue Water Re may have conflicts of interest between their duties to Montpelier and their duties to the BCGR Listed Fund and BCRH and its subsidiaries.

#### MUSIC SALE CONSIDERATIONS

On December 31, 2011, we completed the MUSIC Sale, received total proceeds of \$54.9 million therefrom and recorded a gain on the sale of \$11.1 million, which is net of \$1.0 million in expenses related to the transaction.

In connection with this transaction, we have either retained, reinsured or otherwise indemnified Selective for all business written by MUSIC with an effective date on or prior to December 31, 2011. These protections were effected through the following arrangements, each of which became effective as of the closing date:

- (i) we amended and increased the MUSIC Quota Share from 75% to 100%, which had the effect of ceding the majority of MUSIC's unearned premiums at December 31, 2011 to Montpelier Re;
- (ii) we entered into a Loss Development Cover (the "Loss Development Cover") with MUSIC, which had the effect of ensuring that MUSIC's net loss and LAE reserves relating to retained business written on or prior to December 31, 2011 (that business not otherwise covered by the MUSIC Quota Share) remain adequate. Under the Loss Development Cover, any future adverse development associated with such retained reserves will be protected by Montpelier Re and any future favorable development associated with such retained reserves will benefit Montpelier Re; and
- (iii) we provided Selective with an indemnification which had the effect of guaranteeing each of the contractual arrangements (those with MUSIC and/or Selective) of Montpelier Re U.S. Holdings Ltd., as MUSIC's seller, and Montpelier Re, as MUSIC's primary reinsurer.

During the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, we assumed \$(0.1) million, \$0.5 million and \$2.5 million of MUSIC's premium writings, respectively, which primarily represented audit premiums and other premium adjustments relating to policies written on or prior to December 31, 2011. We may be required to assume additional MUSIC premium writings in future periods, but we do not expect such additional writings to be significant.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, Montpelier Re had remaining loss and LAE reserves of \$19.3 million and \$31.2 million, respectively, under the MUSIC Quota Share.

We acquired MUSIC, formerly known as General Agents Insurance Company of America, Inc. ("General Agents"), from GAINSCO, Inc. ("GAINSCO") in November 2007 (the "MUSIC Acquisition"). Prior to the MUSIC Acquisition, General Agents wrote general liability, commercial auto liability, specialty and umbrella lines of business. From 2003 to 2007 General Agents did not write any new business and entered into run-off.

As of December 31, 2014, MUSIC's remaining gross loss and LAE reserves relating to business underwritten by General Agents prior to the MUSIC Acquisition (the "Acquired Reserves") were not significant and, as protection against these liabilities, MUSIC continues to hold a GAINSCO-maintained trust deposit and reinsurance recoverables from third-party reinsurers rated "A-" or better by A.M. Best, which collectively support the Acquired Reserves. In addition, the Company has the benefit of a full indemnity from GAINSCO (the "GAINSCO Indemnity") covering any adverse development from its past business.

If the remaining Acquired Reserves were to develop unfavorably in the future and the trust deposits and reinsurance recoverables held by MUSIC ultimately prove to be insufficient, these liabilities would become MUSIC's liability and MUSIC would be entitled to reinsurance protection from us under the Loss Development Cover. If this adverse development were to occur and we were unable to recover such losses under the GAINSCO Indemnity, these liabilities, which are not significant, would become our responsibility.

#### RATINGS

#### **Financial Strength Ratings**

Reinsurance contracts do not discharge ceding companies from their obligations to policyholders. Therefore, ceding companies often require reinsurers to have, and to maintain, strong financial strength ratings as assurance that their claims will be paid. Montpelier Re and Syndicate 5151 (in common with all Lloyd's syndicates) each has financial strength ratings from one or more independent rating agencies, as outlined below.

The financial strength ratings of Montpelier Re and Syndicate 5151 are not evaluations directed to the investment community with regard to Common Shares, Preferred Shares or debt securities or a recommendation to buy, sell or hold such securities. Montpelier Re and Syndicate 5151's financial strength ratings may be revised or revoked at the sole discretion of the independent rating agencies.

#### Montpelier Re

Montpelier Re is currently rated "A" by A.M. Best (Excellent, with a stable outlook), "A-" by Standard & Poor's (Strong, with a stable outlook) and "A" by Fitch Ratings Ltd. (Strong, with a negative outlook). "A" is the third highest of fifteen A.M. Best financial strength ratings, "A-" is the seventh highest of twenty-one Standard & Poor's financial strength ratings and "A" is the sixth highest of twenty-four Fitch Ratings Ltd. financial strength ratings.

Montpelier Re's ability to underwrite business is dependent upon its financial strength rating as evaluated by these independent rating agencies. In the event that Montpelier Re is downgraded below "A-" by A.M. Best or Standard & Poor's, we believe our ability to write business through Montpelier Re would be adversely affected. In the normal course of business, we evaluate Montpelier Re's capital needs to support the amount of business it writes in order to maintain its financial strength ratings.

A downgrade of Montpelier Re's A.M. Best or Standard & Poor's rating could also trigger provisions allowing some ceding companies to opt to cancel their reinsurance contracts with Montpelier Re. For the majority of contracts that incorporate rating provisions, a downgrade of below "A-" by A.M. Best, or below "A-" by Standard and Poor's constitutes grounds for cancellation. In the event of such a downgrade, we cannot predict whether or how many of our clients would actually exercise such cancellation rights or the extent to which any such cancellations would impact Montpelier Re and the Company. See "*Risk Factors*" contained in Item 1A herein.

A downgrade of Montpelier Re's A.M. Best financial strength rating below "B++," would constitute an event of default under our secured letter of credit facilities.

At our request, in 2009 Moody's Investors Services ("Moody's") withdrew its financial strength rating of Montpelier Re. Immediately prior to this withdrawal, Moody's had reaffirmed Montpelier Re's "Baa1" rating (Adequate, with a positive outlook).

#### Syndicate 5151

Syndicate 5151, as is the case with all Lloyd's syndicates, benefits from Lloyd's central resources, including the Lloyd's brand, its network of global licenses and the Lloyd's New Central Fund. Pursuant to the byelaws of the Society of Lloyd's, the Lloyd's New Central Fund is obligated to meet any valid claim that cannot be met by the resources of the liable member. As all Lloyd's policies are ultimately backed by this common security, the Lloyd's single market rating is applied to all syndicates, including Syndicate 5151, equally. Lloyd's is currently rated "A" by A.M. Best (Excellent, with a stable outlook), "A+" by Standard & Poor's (Strong, with a stable outlook) and "AA-" by Fitch Ratings Ltd. (Very Strong, with a stable outlook). "A" is the third highest of fifteen A.M. Best financial strength ratings, "A+" is the fifth highest of twenty-one Standard & Poor's financial strength ratings and "AA-" is the fourth highest of twenty-four Fitch Ratings Ltd. financial strength ratings.

A downgrade of Lloyd's A.M. Best or Standard & Poor's rating could also trigger provisions allowing some ceding companies to opt to cancel their reinsurance contracts with Syndicate 5151. For the majority of contracts that incorporate rating provisions, a downgrade of below "A-" by A.M. Best, or "A-" by Standard and Poor's constitutes grounds for cancellation. In the event of such a downgrade, we cannot predict whether or how many of our clients would actually exercise such cancellation rights or the extent to which any such cancellations would impact Syndicate 5151 and the Company. See "*Risk Factors*" contained in Item 1A herein.

At our request, in 2011 Standard & Poor's withdrew its interactive Lloyd's Syndicate Assessment rating of Syndicate 5151. Immediately prior to this withdrawal, Standard & Poor's had reaffirmed Syndicate 5151's "3-" rating (Average Dependency, with a positive outlook).

#### Blue Water Re and Blue Capital Re

Blue Water Re and Blue Capital Re do not operate with a financial strength rating and, alternatively, each fully-collateralizes its reinsurance obligations.

#### Enterprise Risk Management ("ERM") Rating

Our ERM infrastructure consists of the methods and processes we utilize in order to prudently manage risk in the achievement of our objectives. We consider ERM to be a key process within our organization as it helps us to identify potential events that may affect us, to quantify, evaluate and manage the risks to which we are exposed and to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of our objectives. ERM is managed by our senior management under the oversight of the Board and is implemented by personnel across our organization.

Our current ERM rating, as issued by Standard & Poor's, is "Strong", which is the second highest of six Standard & Poor's ERM ratings.

#### **COMPETITION**

We compete with other Bermuda and international insurers and reinsurers and certain underwriting syndicates and insurers, many of which have greater financial, marketing and management resources than we do. We consider our primary competitors to include: Aspen Insurance Holdings Ltd., Endurance Specialty Holdings Ltd., Everest Re Group, Ltd., PartnerRe Ltd., Platinum Underwriters Holdings Ltd., RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. and Validus Holdings, Ltd. Competition varies depending on the type of business being insured or reinsured and whether we are in a leading position or acting on a following basis.

In addition, affiliates of some of the brokers we transact with have co-sponsored the formation of reinsurance companies that directly compete with us, and these brokers may favor those reinsurers over us.

Competition in the types of business that we underwrite is based on many factors, including: (i) premiums charged and other terms and conditions offered; (ii) quality of services provided; (iii) financial strength ratings assigned by independent rating agencies; (iv) speed of claims payment; (v) reputation; (vi) perceived financial strength; and (vii) the experience of the underwriter in the line of insurance or reinsurance to be written.



Competition in the insurance and reinsurance industry has increased over the past several years and may increase further, either as a result of capital provided by new entrants or of the commitment of additional capital by existing insurers or reinsurers. In addition, alternative products, such as the collateralized reinsurance contracts that we and others write and the insurance-linked securities that we and others may invest in, may also provide increased capacity. Continued increases in the supply of property reinsurance may have adverse consequences for us and for the property catastrophe industry generally, including fewer contracts written, lower premium rates, increased expenses for customer acquisition and retention and less favorable policy terms and conditions.

Increased competition could result in fewer submissions, lower premium rates and less favorable policy terms, which could adversely impact our growth and profitability.

#### **REGULATION AND CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

Insurance and reinsurance entities are highly regulated in most countries, although the degree and type of regulation varies significantly from one jurisdiction to another with reinsurers generally subject to less regulation than primary insurers. The Company, Montpelier Re, Blue Water Re, Blue Capital Re and Blue Capital Re ILS are regulated by the Bermuda Monetary Authority (the "BMA"). BCML is licensed and supervised by the BMA and is a registered investment advisor with the SEC. MAL is subject to regulation by the Prudential Regulation Authority (the "PRA") and the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA"), each of which is a successor to the former U.K. Financial Services Authority. MAL and MCL are regulated by Lloyd's. MUI is subject to approval by Lloyd's as a Coverholder for Syndicate 5151.

#### **Bermuda Regulation**

The Insurance Act 1978 of Bermuda and related regulations, as amended (the "Insurance Act"), provides that no person may carry on an insurance business in or from within Bermuda unless registered as an insurer under the Insurance Act by the BMA. In deciding whether to grant registration, the BMA has broad discretion to act as it thinks fit in the public interest. The BMA is required by the Insurance Act to determine whether the applicant is a fit and proper body to be engaged in the insurance business and, in particular, whether it has, or has available to it, adequate knowledge and expertise. The registration of an applicant as an insurer is subject to the insurer complying with the terms of its registration and such other conditions as the BMA may impose at any time. The Insurance Act also grants to the BMA powers to supervise, investigate and intervene in the affairs of insurance companies.

The Insurance Act is currently proposed to be amended by the Insurance Amendment Act 2014 (the "Insurance Amendment Act"). Once in force, the Insurance Amendment Act will make the following material amendments to the Insurance Act: (i) the BMA may take certain intervention actions where it appears that the business of an insurer is being conducted in such a manner that the insurer will be unable to meet its obligations to policyholders; (ii) includes an additional material change that would require an insurer to notify the BMA in writing, where an insurer effects the sale of an insurer; (iii) increases the time period from 14 days to 30 days following a notification of a material change by an insurer within which the BMA must either notify the insurer that it has no objection to the proposed material change or that the period has lapsed without the BMA having issued a notice of objection to such material change; (iv) extends the restriction that applies to a Class 3B and a Class 4 insurer to not in any financial year pay dividends which would exceed 25% of its total statutory capital and surplus without the consent of the BMA to include Class 3A insurers; and (v) provides that an insurer will be required to file a declaration of compliance signed by two directors together with its statutory financial statements declaring whether or not the insurer has: (A) complied with all requirements of the minimum criteria available to it; (B) complied with the minimum margin of solvency as of its financial year-end; (C) complied with applicable enhanced capital requirements as of its financial year end; and (D) where a license is issued by the BMA subject to limitations, restrictions or conditions it has observed such limitations, restrictions. Where the insurer has failed to comply with these requirements it shall, at the time it delivers the declaration of compliance, give the BMA details of such failure in writing.

The BMA utilizes a risk-based approach when it comes to licensing and supervising insurance and reinsurance companies. As part of the BMA's risk-based system, an assessment of the inherent risks within each particular class of insurer or reinsurer is used to determine the limitations and specific requirements that may be imposed. Thereafter the BMA keeps its analysis of relative risk within individual institutions under review on an ongoing basis, including through the scrutiny of audited financial statements, and, as appropriate, meeting with senior management during onsite visits.

#### **Regulatory Framework**

The Insurance Act imposes on Bermuda insurance companies solvency and liquidity standards, as well as auditing and reporting requirements. Certain significant aspects of the Bermuda insurance regulatory framework are set forth below.

#### **Classification of Insurers**

The Insurance Act distinguishes between insurers and reinsurers carrying on long-term business, general business (everything except life, annuity and certain types of accident and health insurance) and special purpose business. There are six general business classifications for insurers ranging from Class 1 (pure captives) to Class 4 (very large commercial underwriters).

Montpelier Re is registered with the BMA as a Class 4 insurer, meaning that it is licensed to write a broad array of insurance and reinsurance contracts. Class 4 insurers are subject to greater regulatory stringency than other classes of Bermuda insurers and have substantial capital and surplus requirements.

Blue Capital Re is registered with the BMA as a Class 3A insurer. As a result of the approvals received from the BMA and the terms of its business plan, Blue Capital Re's insurance and reinsurance contracts must be fully-collateralized. Class 3A insurers benefit from an expedited application process, less regulatory stringency and minimal capital and surplus requirements. The total annual net premiums from unrelated business written by Blue Capital Re may, in the future, exceed \$50.0 million, the maximum amount of total annual net premiums currently permitted by a Class 3A insurer, however, Blue Capital Re has obtained a waiver from the BMA so that it may remain a Class 3A insurer at all times, even if it writes more than \$50.0 million in total annual net premiums from unrelated business.

Blue Water Re is registered with the BMA as a Special Purpose Insurer, meaning that its insurance and reinsurance contracts must be fully-collateralized and the parties to the transactions must be sophisticated. Blue Water Re is also required to notify the BMA of each reinsurance contract it writes. Special Purpose Insurers benefit from an expedited application process, less regulatory stringency and minimal capital and surplus requirements.

#### Principal Representative and Principal Office

Every registered insurer or reinsurer is required to maintain a principal office in Bermuda and to appoint and maintain a principal representative in Bermuda.

Montpelier Re's principal office is located at Montpelier House, 94 Pitts Bay Road, Pembroke, HM 08, Bermuda. Christopher Schaper, Montpelier Re's President, has been appointed by Montpelier Re's Board of Directors as its principal representative and has been approved by the BMA.

Mr. Schaper has also been appointed as the group representative for the Company, including Montpelier Re as the Company's Designated Insurer. See "Group Supervision."

Blue Water Re and Blue Capital Re each maintains its principal office at Montpelier House, 94 Pitts Bay Road, Pembroke, HM 08, Bermuda. The Board of Directors of each company has appointed BCML as its principal representative and the BMA has approved the respective appointments.

#### Loss Reserve Specialist

The Company is required to submit annually an opinion of its loss reserve specialist with respect to its consolidated loss and loss expense provisions. The loss reserve specialist, who will normally be a qualified property and casualty actuary, must be approved by the BMA.

Montpelier Re is also required to submit annually an opinion of its approved loss reserve specialist with its annual statutory financial return in respect of its stand-alone loss and LAE provisions.

Blue Water Re and Blue Capital Re are not currently required to obtain an opinion from a loss reserve specialist in respect of their stand-alone loss and LAE provisions.

#### Cancellation of Insurer's Registration

The BMA may revoke or suspend an insurer's license in certain circumstances, including circumstances in which: (i) false, misleading or inaccurate information has been supplied to the BMA by the insurer or on its behalf; (ii) the insurer has ceased to carry on business; (iii) the insurer has persistently failed to pay fees due under the Insurance Act; (iv) the insurer has failed to comply with a condition attached to its registration or with an applicable requirement of the Insurance Act; (v) the insurer is convicted of an offense against a provision of the Insurance Act; (vi) in the opinion of the BMA, the insurer has not been carrying on business in accordance with sound insurance principles; or (vii) any of the minimum criteria for registration under the Insurance Act is not or will not have been fulfilled.

#### Annual Statutory Financial Statements and Return; Independent Approved Auditor

The Insurance Act generally requires all insurers to: (i) prepare annual statutory financial statements and returns; and (ii) appoint an independent auditor who will annually audit and report on such financial statements and returns. The independent auditor of the insurer must be approved by the BMA and may be the same person or firm that audits the insurer's financial statements and reports for presentation to its shareholders. If the insurer fails to appoint an approved auditor or at any time fails to fill a vacancy for such auditor, the BMA may appoint an approved auditor for the insurer and shall fix the remuneration to be paid to the approved auditor.

Montpelier Re submits audited statutory financial statements and a statutory financial return with the BMA annually.

Each of Blue Water Re and Blue Capital Re has filed an application under the Insurance Act to have the requirement to file audited statutory financial statements and statutory financial returns annually with the BMA waived, and each has obtained such a waiver from the BMA. However, Blue Capital Re and Blue Water Re are each required to file annual audited GAAP financial statements with the BMA.

The independent auditor of Montpelier Re, Blue Water Re and Blue Capital Re has been approved by the BMA.

#### Minimum Liquidity Ratio

The Insurance Act provides a minimum liquidity ratio and requires general business insurers and reinsurers to maintain the value of their relevant assets at not less than 75% of the amount of their relevant liabilities. Relevant assets include, but are not limited to, cash and cash equivalents, investments, investment income due and accrued, accounts and premiums receivable, reinsurance balances receivable and funds held by ceding companies. Relevant liabilities include, but are not limited to, loss and LAE reserves, other liabilities, letters of credit and guarantees.

Montpelier Re and Blue Capital Re, as Class 4 and 3A insurers, respectively, are subject to the foregoing minimum liquidity ratio requirements. Blue Water Re, as a Special Purpose Insurer, is not subject to the foregoing minimum liquidity ratio requirements.

#### Minimum Solvency Margin

The Insurance Act provides that the value of the assets of an insurer must exceed the value of its liabilities by an amount greater than its prescribed minimum solvency margin.

The minimum solvency margin that must be maintained by Montpelier Re, as a Class 4 insurer is the greatest of: (i) \$100.0 million; (ii) 50% of net premiums written; (iii) 15% of net undiscounted aggregate loss and loss expense provisions and other insurance reserves; and (iii) 15% of net undiscounted aggregate loss and loss expense provisions and other insurance reserves.

There is no minimum solvency margin that must be maintained by Blue Water Re, as a Special Purpose Insurer, provided that the value of its assets exceeds the value of its liabilities.

The minimum solvency margin that must be maintained by a Class 3A insurer is the greatest of: (i) \$1.0 million; (ii) 20% of net premiums written where such net premiums do not exceed \$6.0 million and \$1.2 million plus 15% of net premiums written where such net premiums exceed \$6.0 million; (iii) 15% of net undiscounted aggregate loss and loss expense provisions and other insurance reserves; and (iv) 25% of the insurer's enhanced capital requirement. However, an insurer may file an application under the Insurance Act to waive the aforementioned requirements. Blue Capital Re has obtained such a waiver from the BMA so that its minimum solvency margin shall remain at \$1.0 million at all times, so long as: (i) Blue Capital Re only enters into contracts of reinsurance that are fully-collateralized; and (ii) each transaction represents no material deviation from the original business plan filed with BMA at the time of Blue Capital Re's registration.

#### Enhanced Capital Requirement ("ECR")

The BMA has promulgated the Insurance (Prudential Standards) (Class 4 and Class 3B Solvency Requirement) Amendment Rules 2008, as amended (the "Rules"), which mandate that a Class 4 insurer calculate its enhanced capital requirements ("ECR") at the end of its relevant year by reference to either: (i) the BMA's model set out in Schedule 1 to the Rules, a standard mathematical model that correlates the risk underwritten by Bermuda insurers and reinsurers to the capital dedicated to their business (termed the Bermuda Solvency Capital Requirement or "BSCR"); or (ii) where an insurer or reinsurer believes that its own internal model for measuring risk and determining appropriate levels of capital better reflects the inherent risk of its business, an internal capital model approved by the BMA.

The risk-based solvency capital framework referred to above represents a modification of the minimum solvency margin test set out in the Insurance Returns and Solvency Amendment Regulations 1980 (as amended). While it must calculate its ECR annually by reference to either the BSCR or an approved internal model, a Class 4 insurer such as Montpelier Re must also ensure at all times that its ECR is at least equal to its minimum solvency margin.

The BMA has also introduced a three-tiered capital system for Class 4 insurers designed to assess the quality of capital resources that an insurer has available to meet its capital requirements. The system classifies all capital instruments into one of three tiers based on their "loss absorbency" characteristics, with the highest quality capital classified as Tier 1 Capital and lesser quality capital classified as either Tier 2 or Tier 3 Capital. Only Tier 1 and Tier 2 Capital may be used to support an insurer's minimum solvency margin. Certain percentages of each of Tier 1, 2 and 3 Capital may be used to satisfy an insurer's ECR. Any combination of Tier 1, 2 or 3 Capital may be used to meet an insurer's capital requirements.

The Rules introduced a regime that requires Class 4 insurers to perform an assessment of their own risk and solvency requirements, referred to as a Commercial Insurer's Solvency Self Assessment ("CISSA"). The CISSA will allow the BMA to obtain an insurer's view of the capital resources required to achieve its business objectives and to assess the company's governance, risk management and controls surrounding this process. The Rules also introduced a Catastrophe Risk Return, which must be filed annually with the BMA, which assesses an insurer's reliance on vendor models in assessing its catastrophe exposure.

As a Class 4 insurer, Montpelier Re is subject to the foregoing ECR requirements.

Class 3A insurers are required to maintain available capital and surplus at a level equal to or in excess of the applicable ECR, which is established by reference to either the BSCR -Small and Medium-Sized Entities model or an approved internal capital model. Furthermore, to enable the BMA to better assess the quality of the insurer's capital resources, a Class 3A insurer is required to disclose the makeup of its capital in accordance with the BMA's 3-tiered capital system.

An insurer may file an application under the Insurance Act to have the aforementioned ECR requirements waived. In this instance, Blue Capital Re has obtained such a waiver from the BMA.

Blue Water Re, as a Special Purpose Insurer, is not subject to the foregoing ECR requirements.

#### Restrictions on Dividends and Distributions

In addition to the requirements under the Companies Act 1981, as amended (the "Companies Act"), which are discussed below, the Insurance Act limits the maximum amount of annual dividends and distributions that may be paid by Montpelier Re and Blue Capital Re.

Montpelier Re is prohibited from declaring or paying a dividend if it fails to meet its minimum solvency margin, ECR or minimum liquidity ratio, or if the declaration or payment of such dividend would cause such a breach. The declaration of dividends in any financial year that would exceed 25% of Montpelier re's prior year-end statutory capital and surplus also requires the approval of the BMA. Additionally, annual distributions by either Montpelier Re or Blue Capital Re that would result in a reduction of the distributing company's prior year-end balance of statutory capital (defined as its statutory capital and surplus less its statutory earnings retained) by more than 15% also require the approval of the BMA.

If any of Montpelier Re, Blue Capital Re or Blue Water Re were to fail to meet its minimum solvency margin or minimum liquidity ratio on the last day of any financial year, it would be prohibited from declaring or paying any dividends during the next financial year without the approval of the BMA.

The Companies Act further limits the Company's, BCRH's, Montpelier Re's, Blue Water Re's, Blue Capital Re's and Blue Capital Re ILS' ability to pay dividends and make distributions to their shareholders. None of these entities is permitted to declare or pay a dividend, or make a distribution out of contributed surplus, if it is, or would after the payment be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due or if the realizable value of its assets would be less than its liabilities.

#### **Reduction of Capital**

Neither Montpelier Re nor Blue Capital Re may reduce its total statutory capital by 15% or more, as set out in its previous year's financial statements, unless it has received BMA approval. Total statutory capital consists of the insurer's paid-in share capital, its contributed surplus (sometimes called additional paid-in capital) and any other fixed capital designated by the BMA as statutory capital.

#### Supervision, Investigation and Intervention

The BMA may appoint an inspector to investigate the affairs of an insurer or a designated insurer (as detailed in "Group Supervision" below) if the BMA believes that an investigation is required in the interest of the insurer's or insurance group's policyholders or potential policyholders. In order to verify or supplement information otherwise provided to it, the BMA may direct an insurer or designated insurer to produce documents or information relating to matters connected with the insurer's or insurance group's business. Further, the BMA has the power to appoint a professional person to prepare a report on any aspect of any matter about which the BMA has required or could require information.

If it appears to the BMA that: (i) there is a risk of the insurer or designated insurer becoming insolvent; (ii) the insurer or designated insurer is in breach of the Insurance Act; (iii) any conditions imposed upon its registration, or the minimum criteria stipulated in the Insurance Act are not or have not been fulfilled in respect of a registered insurer; (iv) a person has become a Controller (which for this purpose means a managing director, chief executive or other person in accordance with whose directions or instructions the directors of an insurer are accustomed to act, including any person who holds 10% or more of the shares carrying rights to vote at any general meeting, or is entitled to exercise 10% or more of the voting shares or voting power or is otherwise able to exercise a significant influence over the management of an insurer) without providing the BMA with the appropriate notice or in contravention of a notice of objection; (v) the registered insurer is in breach of its enhanced capital requirement; or (vi) a designated insurer is in breach of any provision of the Insurance Act or the regulations or rules applicable to it, the BMA may issue such directions as appear desirable for safeguarding the interests of policyholders or potential policyholders of the insurer or the insurance group. The BMA may also direct the insurer or designated insurer: (i) not to effect further contracts of insurance business; (ii) not to vary any insurance contract when the direction is given if the effect would be to increase the insurer's liabilities; (iii) not to make any investments of a specified class; (v) to realize any existing investments of a specified class; (v) to maintain in, or transfer to the custody of, a specified bank assets of the insurer that are specified in the direction; (vi) not to declare or pay any dividends or make other distributions or to restrict the making of such payments; (vii) to limit its premium income; (viii) to remove a Controller or officer; or (ix) to file a petition for the

The BMA may also make rules prescribing prudential standards with which the insurer must comply. An insurer may make an application to be exempted from such rules.

#### Winding-up

The BMA may present a petition for the winding-up of an insurer on the grounds that: (i) the insurer is unable to pay its debts within the meaning of sections 161 and 162 of the Companies Act; (ii) the insurer has failed to satisfy an obligation to which it is or was subject by virtue of the Insurance Act; or (iii) the insurer has failed to satisfy the obligation imposed upon it by section 15 of the Insurance Act as to the preparation of accounts or to produce or file financial statements in accordance with section 17 of the Insurance Act, and that the BMA is unable to ascertain the insurer's financial position. In addition, if it appears to the BMA that it is expedient in the public interest that an insurer should be wound up, it may present a petition for it to be so wound up if a court thinks it just and equitable for it to be so wound up.

#### Disclosure of Information

In addition to powers under the Insurance Act to investigate the affairs of an insurer, the BMA may require certain information from an insurer (or certain other persons) to be produced to it. The BMA has also been given powers to assist foreign regulatory authorities with their investigations involving insurance and reinsurance companies in Bermuda, subject to certain restrictions. For example, the BMA must be satisfied that the assistance being requested is in connection with the discharge of regulatory responsibilities of the foreign regulatory authority. Further, the BMA must consider whether cooperation with the foreign regulatory authorities is in the public interest. The grounds for disclosure by the BMA to a foreign regulatory authority without consent of the insurer are limited and the Insurance Act provides sanctions for breach of the statutory duty of confidentiality.

#### Bermuda Insurance Code

The BMA implemented the Insurance Code of Conduct (the "Bermuda Insurance Code") on July 1, 2010, which was revised in December 2014. The deadline for compliance with the revised Bermuda Insurance Code is July 1, 2015. The Bermuda Insurance Code contains the duties, requirements and compliance standards to be adhered to by all insurers. The Bermuda Insurance Code stipulates that insurers are to develop and apply policies and procedures capable of assessment by the BMA. The board of directors of an insurer has the responsibility to ensure that the insurer is compliant with the Bermuda Insurance Code.

#### **Group Supervision**

The BMA serves as Montpelier's group supervisor. In this instance, an "insurance group" is defined as a group of companies that conducts insurance business.

Where the BMA determines that it should act as the group supervisor, it shall designate a specified insurer that is a member of the insurance group to be the designated insurer in respect of that insurance group for purposes of the Insurance Act (the "Designated Insurer") and it shall give to the Designated Insurer and other competent authorities written notice of its intention to act as group supervisor. Once the BMA has been designated as group supervisor, the Designated Insurer must ensure that an approved group actuary is appointed to provide an opinion as to the adequacy of the insurance group's insurance reserves as reported in its group statutory financial statements. Montpelier Re has been designated by the BMA to act as Montpelier's Designated Insurer.

As group supervisor, the BMA performs a number of supervisory functions including: (i) coordinating the gathering and dissemination of information which is of importance for the supervisory task of other competent authorities; (ii) carrying out a supervisory review and assessment of the insurance group; (iii) carrying out an assessment of the insurance group; (iii) carrying out an assessment of the insurance group; (iii) carrying out an assessment of the insurance group; (iv) planning and coordinating through regular meetings held at least annually or by other appropriate means with other competent authorities, supervisory activities in respect of the insurance group, both as a going concern and in emergency situations; (v) coordinating any enforcement action that may need to be taken against the insurance group or any of its members; and (vi) planning and coordinating meetings of colleges of supervisors (consisting of insurance regulators) in order to facilitate the carrying out of the functions described above.

In carrying out its group supervisor functions, the BMA may make rules for: (i) assessing the financial situation and the solvency position of the insurance group and its members; and (ii) regulating intra-group transactions, risk concentration, governance procedures, risk management and regulatory reporting and disclosure.

Other international supervisory authorities are not, at the current time, under any obligation to accept or otherwise rely on the BMA's determination that it is acting as group supervisor, rather the BMA's decision defines the scope and extent of the BMA's interest in Montpelier's operations group-wide.

#### Notifications to the BMA

#### Notification of Material Changes

All registered insurers are required to give notice to the BMA of their intention to effect a material change within the meaning of the Insurance Act. For the purposes of the Insurance Act, the following changes are material: (i) the transfer or acquisition of insurance business that is part of a scheme falling under section 25 of the Insurance Act or section 99 of the Companies Act; (ii) the amalgamation with or acquisition of another firm; (iii) engaging in unrelated business that is retail business; (iv) the acquisition of a controlling interest in an undertaking that is engaged in non-insurance business which offers services and products to persons who are not affiliates of the insurer; (v) outsourcing all or substantially all of the insurer's actuarial, risk management and internal audit functions; (vi) outsourcing all or a material part of an insurer's underwriting activity; or (vii) the transfer, other than by way of reinsurance, of all or substantially all of a line of business; (viii) the expansion into a material new line of business.

No registered insurer shall take any steps to give effect to a material change unless it has first served notice on the BMA that it intends to effect such material change and, before the end of 14 days, either the BMA has notified such company in writing that it has no objection to such change or the period has lapsed without the BMA having issued a notice of objection.

Before issuing a notice of objection, the BMA is required to serve upon the person concerned a preliminary written notice stating the BMA's intention to issue a formal notice of objection. Upon receipt of the preliminary written notice, the person served may, within 28 days, file written representations with the BMA which shall be taken into account by the BMA in making its final determination.

#### Change of Shareholder Controller

In the event that the share capital of an insurer (or its parent) is traded on any stock exchange recognized by the BMA, then any shareholder must notify the BMA within 45 days of becoming a 10%, 20%, 33% or 50% shareholder of such insurer. An insurer or reinsurer must also provide written notice to the BMA that a person has become, or ceased to be, a Controller of that insurer or reinsurer.

An insurer is also required to notify the BMA in writing in the event any person has become or has ceased to be a Controller or an officer of it, an officer being a director, chief executive or senior executive performing duties of underwriting, actuarial, risk management, compliance, internal audit, finance or investment matters. Failure to give any required notice is an offense under the Insurance Act.

#### Certain Other Bermuda Law Considerations

Although the Company, BCRH, Montpelier Re, Blue Water Re, Blue Capital Re and Blue Capital Re ILS are incorporated in Bermuda, each is classified as non-resident for exchange control purposes by the BMA. Pursuant to their non-resident status, each of these entities may engage in transactions in currencies other than Bermuda dollars, and there are no restrictions on their ability to transfer funds (other than funds denominated in Bermuda dollars) in and out of Bermuda.

BCML is licensed and supervised by the BMA as an investment manager and an insurance agent/manager. BCML is not subject to any material minimum solvency requirements.

Each of the Company, BCRH, BCML, Montpelier Re, Blue Water Re, Blue Capital Re and Blue Capital Re ILS is incorporated in Bermuda as an "exempted company." Under Bermuda law, exempted companies are companies formed for the purpose of conducting business outside Bermuda from a principal place of business in Bermuda. As a result, the Company, BCRH, BCML, Montpelier Re, Blue Water Re, Blue Capital Re and Blue Capital Re ILS are each exempt from Bermuda laws restricting the percentage of share capital that may be held by non-Bermudians, but they may not participate in certain business transactions, including: (i) the acquisition or holding of land in Bermuda (except that required for their businesses and held by way of lease or tenancy for a term of not more than 50 years, or, with the consent of the Minister of Economic Development, that which is used to provide accommodations or recreational facilities for their officers and employees and is held by way of lease or tenancy for a term of not more than 21 years) without the express authorization of the Bermuda legislature; (ii) the taking of mortgages on land in Bermuda to secure an amount in excess of \$50,000 without the consent of the relevant Ministers; (iii) the acquisition of any bonds or debentures secured by any land in Bermuda, other than certain types of Bermuda government securities; or (iv) the carrying on of business of any kind in Bermuda, except in furtherance of their business carried on outside Bermuda or under license granted by the Minister of Economic Development.

Each of Montpelier Re, Blue Water Re and Blue Capital Re is a licensed insurer in Bermuda, and so each may carry on activities from Bermuda that are related to and in support of its insurance business.

The Company has the consent of the Minister of Finance to carry on restricted business under the Companies Act, which means it may: (i) operate a financial institution within the meaning of the Bermuda Monetary Authority Act 1969 and other institutions that are investment funds or persons registered as insurers or insurance managers under the Insurance Act; (ii) provide by way of business to the general public various professional services; or (iii) acquire land or hold land other than land required for its business.

Exempted companies, such as the Company, BCRH, Montpelier Re, Blue Water Re, Blue Capital Re and Blue Capital Re ILS must comply with Bermuda resident representation provisions under the Companies Act. Securities may be offered or sold in Bermuda only in compliance with the provisions of the Investment Business Act 2003 and the Exchange Control Act 1972 and related regulations of Bermuda which regulate the sale of securities in Bermuda. In addition, specific permission is required from the BMA, pursuant to the provisions of the Exchange Control Act 1972 and related regulations, for all issuances and transfers of securities of Bermuda companies, other than in cases where the BMA has granted a general permission. The BMA's policy dated June 1, 2005 provides that whenever any equity securities of a Bermuda company, which would include Common Shares, are listed on an appointed stock exchange, general permission is given for the issue and subsequent transfer of any securities of such company from and to a non-resident, for as long as any equity securities of such company remain so listed. This general permission also currently applies to the Company's Preferred Shares, which are not considered to be equity securities pursuant to the BMA's policy.

Notwithstanding the above general permission, the Company has applied for and received permission from the BMA to, subject to the Company's Common Shares being listed on an appointed stock exchange, issue, grant, create, sell and transfer freely its Common Shares, its Preferred Shares and certain of its investment securities to and among persons who are either resident or non-resident of Bermuda for exchange control purposes.

#### **U.K. Regulation**

We participate in the Lloyd's market through Syndicate 5151, which is managed by MAL. Under the legislation governing U.K. financial services regulation, including the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and the Financial Services Act 2012, MAL is subject to regulation by the PRA and the FCA. The PRA and FCA oversee compliance with their rules and the threshold conditions that must be met by financial services firms carrying on business in the U.K.

The PRA, which is a subsidiary of the Bank of England, is responsible for promoting the stable and prudent operation of the U.K. financial system through regulation of all deposittaking institutions, insurers, Lloyd's managing agents and investment banks. Specifically, the PRA has responsibility for promoting the safety and soundness of Lloyd's and its members taken together, including the Lloyd's New Central Fund, and the prudential regulation of managing agents.

The FCA is responsible for regulation of conduct in financial markets and the infrastructure that supports those markets. The FCA also has responsibility for the prudential regulation of firms that do not fall under the PRA's scope. The FCA regulates the conduct of Lloyd's and its managing agents and, on a prudential and conduct basis, its members' agents, advisors and brokers. Particular conduct issues include the management of the auction system (whereby members can buy and sell syndicate capacity) and the handling of policyholders' complaints.

The PRA and the FCA have established a supervisory college for oversight of Lloyd's and maintain arrangements with Lloyd's in support of its vestigial regulatory activities. They also have powers of direction over Lloyd's and are expected to consult with each other in the exercise of such powers. Accordingly, the PRA, the FCA and the Council of Lloyd's have entered into cooperation arrangements which deal with instances where regulators might need to cooperate over the supervision of firms that are subject the jurisdiction of all three bodies. These arrangements seek to minimize duplication of supervision and provide clarity to regulated firms over which regulator will lead in specific circumstances.

The Council of Lloyd's is responsible under the Lloyd's Act 1982 for the management and supervision of Lloyd's, including its members, syndicates and managing agents, and has rulemaking and enforcement powers. The Council of Lloyd's may discharge some of its functions directly by making decisions and issuing resolutions, requirements, rules and byelaws. Other decisions are delegated to the Lloyd's Franchise Board and associated committees. The PRA and FCA, when relevant, coordinate with each other and Lloyd's over its use of enforcement powers.

MCL, Syndicate 5151's corporate underwriting member at Lloyd's, provides 100% of the stamp capacity of Syndicate 5151. Stamp capacity is a measure of the amount of premium a syndicate is authorized to write by Lloyd's. Syndicate 5151's stamp capacity for 2014, 2013 and 2012 was £180 million.

As the corporate underwriting member of Lloyd's, MCL is bound by the rules of Lloyd's, which are prescribed by Byelaws and Requirements made by the Council of Lloyd's under powers conferred by the Lloyd's Act 1982. These rules, among other matters, prescribe MCL's membership subscription, the level of its contribution to the Lloyd's New Central Fund and the assets it must deposit with Lloyd's in support of its underwriting. The Council of Lloyd's has broad powers to sanction breaches of its rules, including the power to restrict or prohibit a member's participation in Lloyd's syndicates.

Under the U.K. regulatory regime, managing agents have been required, among other matters, to adopt internal systems and controls appropriate to the risks of their business, obtain regulatory approval for those members of staff responsible for performing certain controlled functions and calculate the level of capital required to support the underwriting of the syndicates that they manage. They are also subject to minimum solvency tests established by Lloyd's and are required to conduct their business according to eleven core regulatory principles, to which all firms regulated by the PRA and FCA have been subject.

The Council of Lloyd's supervises Coverholders such MUI as part of its statutory role in managing and supervising the Lloyd's market. This supervision is carried out through the approval process and through Lloyd's ongoing supervision of approved Coverholders. Local regulators may require Lloyd's to demonstrate that it has control over, and responsibility for, the business carried out by Coverholders under the terms of Lloyd's authorization in that jurisdiction. Nonetheless, the primary responsibility for the oversight of Coverholders and binding authorities on a day-to-day basis rests with Lloyd's managing agents, which in our case is currently MAL.

Each corporate or individual member of Lloyd's is required to deposit cash, securities or letters of credit (or a combination of these assets) with Lloyd's to support its participation on Lloyd's syndicates. These assets are known as a member's "Funds at Lloyd's." Funds at Lloyd's requirements are calculated according to a minimum capital resources requirement, which is assessed at the syndicate level by Lloyd's and at the level of the Lloyd's market as a whole by the PRA. This requirement is similar in effect to a required solvency margin.

At the syndicate level, managing agents are required to calculate the capital resources requirement of the members of each syndicate they manage. In the case of Syndicate 5151, MAL carries out an annual syndicate Individual Capital Assessment ("ICA") according to detailed rules prescribed by the PRA under the Individual Capital Adequacy Standards regime in force. Lloyd's has also anticipated the arrival of the Solvency II regime across Europe by mandating that each syndicate calculates a Solvency II Solvency Capital Requirement ("SCR"), utilizing MAL's own internal model equivalent to the forthcoming Solvency II principles. Both the ICA and SCR evaluate the risks faced by the syndicate, including insurance risk, operational risk, market risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and group risk, and assess the amount of capital that syndicate members should hold against those risks.

Lloyd's reviews each syndicate's SCR annually and may challenge it. In order to ensure that Lloyd's aggregate capital is maintained at a high enough level to support its overall security rating, Lloyd's adds an uplift to each member's overall capital resources requirement produced by the ICA or SCR. The aggregate amount is known as a syndicate's Economic Capital Assessment, which is used by Lloyd's to determine the syndicate's required Funds at Lloyd's.

At market level, Lloyd's is required to demonstrate to the PRA that each member's capital resources requirement is met by that member's capital resources made available to Lloyd's, which for this purpose comprises its Funds at Lloyd's and its share of member capital held at syndicate level. Any deficits must be covered by the Lloyd's New Central Fund, which is itself subject to review by the PRA for the purposes of the capital adequacy of the market as a whole. The Council of Lloyd's has wide discretionary powers to regulate members' underwriting at Lloyd's. It may, for instance, vary the amount of a member's Funds at Lloyd's requirement (or alter the ways in which those funds may be invested). The exercise of any of these powers may reduce the amount of premium which a member is allowed to accept for its account in an underwriting year and/or increase a member's costs of doing business at Lloyd's. As a consequence, the member's ability to achieve an anticipated return on capital during that year may be compromised.

Each syndicate is required to submit a business plan to Lloyd's on an annual basis, which is subject to the review and approval of the Lloyd's Franchise Board. The Franchise Board is the managing agents' principal interface with the Council of Lloyd's. The main goal of the Franchise Board is to seek to create and maintain a commercial environment at Lloyd's in which underwriting risk is prudently managed while providing maximum long-term returns to capital providers.

Lloyd's syndicates are treated as "annual ventures" and members' participation on syndicates may change from underwriting year to underwriting year. Ordinarily, a syndicate will accept business over the course of one calendar year (an underwriting year of account), which will remain open for a further two calendar years before being closed by means of "reinsurance to close." An underwriting year may be reinsured to close by the next underwriting year of the same syndicate or by an underwriting year of a different syndicate. Prior to 2005, the London market operated according to a three-year accounting cycle so that members were not able to distribute profits made in an underwriting year until it had been reinsured to close, usually at the end of three years. Since then, provided that certain solvency requirements are met, underwriting profits may be distributed in part before the year has been reinsured to close. Once an underwriting year has been reinsured to close, Lloyd's will release the Funds at Lloyd's provided that they are not required to support open underwriting years or to meet a loss made on the closed underwriting year. If reinsurance to close cannot be obtained at the end of an underwriting year's third open year (either at all, or on terms that the managing agent considers to be acceptable on behalf of the members participating on that underwriting year of account will be considered to be in run-off, and the Funds at Lloyd's of the participating members will continue to be held by Lloyd's to support their continuing liabilities unless the members can demonstrate that their Funds at Lloyd's are in excess of the amount required to be held in relation to that year.

The reinsurance to close of an underwriting year does not discharge participating members from the insurance liabilities they incurred during that year. Rather, it provides them with a full indemnity from the members participating in the reinsuring underwriting year in respect of those liabilities. Therefore, even after all the underwriting years in which a member has participated have been reinsured to close, the member is required to stay in existence and to remain a non-underwriting member of Lloyd's. Accordingly, although Lloyd's will release members' Funds at Lloyd's, there nevertheless continues to be an administrative and financial burden for corporate members between the time of the reinsurance to close of the underwriting years on which they participated and the time that their insurance obligations are entirely extinguished. This includes the completion of financial accounts in accordance with the Companies Act and the submission of an annual compliance declaration to Lloyd's.

Underwriting losses incurred by a syndicate during an underwriting year must be paid according to the links in the Lloyd's chain of security. Claims must be funded first from the member's premiums trust fund (which is held under the control of the syndicate's managing agent), second from a cash call made to the corporate name and third from member's Funds at Lloyd's. In the event that any member is unable to pay its debts owed to policyholders from these assets, such debts may be paid by the Lloyd's New Central Fund.

Syndicate 5151's contribution to the Lloyd's New Central Fund, which is available to satisfy claims if a member of Lloyd's is unable to meet its obligation to policyholders and is funded annually by members, was determined by Lloyd's to be 0.5% of Syndicate 5151's written premiums with respect to 2014, 2013 and 2012. In addition, the Council of Lloyd's has power to call on members to make an additional contribution to the New Central Fund of up to 3.0% of their underwriting capacity each year should it decide that such additional contributions are necessary.

Lloyd's also imposes other charges to its members and the syndicates on which they participate, including an annual subscription charge of 0.5% of written premiums and an overseas business charge, levied as a percentage of gross international premiums (defined as business outside the U.K. and the Channel Islands), with the percentage depending on the type of business written. Lloyd's also has power to impose additional charges under Lloyd's Powers of Charging Byelaw.

#### U.S. Regulation

#### <u>BCML</u>

BCML is subject to registration and supervision by the SEC as a registered investment advisor but is not subject to any minimum solvency requirements.

#### Collateral Requirements For Non-Admitted Reinsurers

U.S. ceding companies typically receive full credit for outwards reinsurance protections in their statutory financial statements with respect to liabilities ceded to admitted U.S. domestic reinsurers. However, most states in the U.S. do not confer full credit for outwards reinsurance protections for liabilities ceded to non-admitted or unlicensed reinsurers, such as Montpelier Re, unless the reinsurer specifically collateralizes its obligations to the ceding company or is an authorized or trusteed reinsurer in the ceding company's state of domicile through the establishment of a multi-beneficiary trust.



Under applicable statutory provisions, permissible collateral arrangements include letters of credit, reinsurance trusts maintained by third-party trustees and funds withheld arrangements.

In 2010 Montpelier Re established a Multi-Beneficiary U.S. Reinsurance Trust (the "Reinsurance Trust") as a means of providing statutory credit to Montpelier Re's cedants. Montpelier Re has been granted authorized or trusteed reinsurer status in all U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

A number of states in the U.S. have considered reducing their collateral requirements for risks ceded to financially sound non-U.S. reinsurers. Montpelier Re is currently authorized to post reduced collateral with respect to certain risks ceded from insurers domiciled in Florida and New York. Montpelier Re also intends to take advantage of reduced collateral statutes as and when they may be adopted in other states.

In 2011 Montpelier Re entered into a Reinsurance Trust (the "MUSIC Trust") in connection with the MUSIC Sale. The MUSIC Trust was established as a means of providing statutory credit to MUSIC in support of the MUSIC Quota Share and the Loss Development Cover.

#### Legislative and Regulatory Proposals

Government intervention in the insurance and reinsurance markets, both in the U.S. and worldwide, continues to evolve. For example, Florida has enacted insurance reforms that have caused declines in our property catastrophe gross premiums in past years. See *"Risk Factors"* contained in Item 1A herein. Federal and state legislators have also considered numerous government initiatives. While we cannot predict the exact nature, timing, or scope of other such proposals, if adopted they could adversely affect our business by: (i) providing government supported insurance and reinsurance capacity in markets and to consumers that we target; (ii) regulating the terms of insurance and reinsurance policies; (iii) impacting producer compensation; or (iv) disproportionately benefitting the companies of one country over those of another.

We are unable to predict whether any proposed legislation or any other proposed laws and regulations will be adopted, the form in which any such laws and regulations would be adopted, or the effect, if any, these developments would have on our operations and financial condition.

#### Solvency II

Solvency II is a fundamental review of the capital adequacy regime for the European Union ("EU") insurance industry. It establishes a revised set of EU-wide capital requirements and risk management standards that will replace the solvency requirements currently in effect in member states. Solvency II's implementation date is January 1, 2016.

Montpelier Re and Syndicate 5151 are both affected by Solvency II. Montpelier Re is affected by the BMA's Solvency II equivalence program for Bermuda Class 4 insurance companies and by the application of Solvency II to European entities ceding business to Montpelier Re. Syndicate 5151 is affected as a result of its authorization by the former Financial Services Authority and its successor bodies (the PRA and the FCA) within the EU.

In accordance with Solvency II, insurers and reinsurers are expected to seek approval from the relevant supervisory authority to use an internal model for the purpose of setting required capital. Absent an approved internal model, the capital requirements of insurers and reinsurers will be established using a standard formula which, for Montpelier, would be more punitive. In the case of Montpelier Re, the supervisory authority is the BMA under its equivalence regime. Syndicate 5151 is affected as a result of its participation in the Lloyd's market, where Lloyd's is considered an "undertaking" for the purposes of directive compliance.

In order to obtain approval for use of an internal model, the governance, risk quantification and risk management frameworks for Montpelier Re and Syndicate 5151 must support the respective supervisory authority's approach to Solvency II and meet mandated disclosure requirements. For MAL, its internal model is subject to review in the first instance by Lloyd's and, ultimately, by the PRA as the competent supervisory authority.

Montpelier Re and MAL have each developed (and continue to refine) their internal models for the purpose of setting their respective capital levels in accordance with Solvency II. Montpelier Re may apply to the BMA for approval to use its internal capital model in substitution for the BSCR model, but has not yet done so. MAL's internal model is currently being used in support of the assessment of Syndicate 5151's capital requirements.



#### EMPLOYEES

As of December 31, 2014, we had 185 full-time employees worldwide. None of our employees is subject to a collective bargaining agreement and we know of no current efforts to implement such agreements.

#### **AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

We are subject to the informational reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). In accordance therewith, we file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. These documents are electronically available at *www.montpelierre.bm* and *www.sec.gov* at the same time they are filed with or furnished to the SEC. They are also available to copy or view at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549. For further information call 1-800-SEC-0330. In addition, our Code of Conduct and Ethics as well as the various charters governing the actions of certain of our Committees of the Board, including our Audit Committee and our Compensation and Nominating Committee (the "Compensation Committee") charters, are available at *www.montpelierre.bm*. Updates to, as well as waivers of, our Code of Conduct and Ethics will also be made available on our website is not part of this report and nothing from our website shall be deemed to be incorporated into this report.

We will provide to any shareholder, upon request and without charge, copies of these documents (excluding any applicable exhibits unless specifically requested). Requests should be directed to Investor Relations, Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd., P.O. Box HM 2079, Hamilton, Bermuda HM HX, telephone (441) 299-7570 or info@montpelierre.bm. All such documents are also physically available at our principal office at 94 Pitts Bay Road, Pembroke, Bermuda HM 08.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

Our business, financial condition and results of operations can be impacted by a number of risk factors, any one of which could cause our actual results to vary materially from recent results or from our anticipated future results. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business or results of operations. Any of the risks described below could result in a significant or material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition.

#### Risks Related to Our Company

#### Unpredictable disasters and other catastrophic events could have a material adverse affect on our financial condition and results of operations.

We have substantial exposure to losses resulting from natural and man-made disasters and other catastrophic events. Many of our insurance and reinsurance policies cover unpredictable natural and other disasters, such as hurricanes, windstorms, earthquakes, floods, fires, explosions and terrorism. In recent years, the frequency of major weather-related catastrophes is believed to have increased and changes in climate conditions, primarily global temperatures and expected sea levels, may serve to further increase the severity, and possibly the frequency, of natural disasters and catastrophes.

The extent of losses from catastrophes is a function of the frequency of such loss events, the total amount of insured exposure in the area affected by each event and the severity of the events. Increases in the value of insured property, the effects of inflation and changes in cyclical weather patterns may increase the severity of claims from catastrophic events in the future. Claims from catastrophic events could reduce or eliminate our earnings and cause substantial volatility in our results of operations for any period and adversely affect our financial condition. Our ability to write new insurance and reinsurance policies could also be impacted as a result of corresponding reductions in our capital.

We manage certain key quantifiable risks using a combination of CATM®, various third-party models and underwriting judgment. We focus on tracking exposed contract limits, estimating the potential impact of a single natural catastrophe event and simulating our yearly net operating results to reflect aggregate underwriting and investment risk. Accordingly, if our assumptions are materially incorrect, the losses we might incur from an actual catastrophe could be significantly higher than our expectation of losses generated from modeled catastrophe scenarios and, as a result, such losses could have a material adverse affect on our financial condition and results of operations.



# The property reinsurance business has historically been cyclical, and we expect to experience periods with excess underwriting capacity and unfavorable pricing, which could have a material adverse affect on our business.

Historically, the property reinsurance industry has been cyclical, and reinsurers have experienced significant fluctuations in operating results due to competition, frequency of occurrence or severity of catastrophic events, levels of underwriting capacity, underwriting results of primary insurers, general economic conditions and other factors. The supply of property reinsurance is dependent upon prevailing prices, the level of insured losses and the level of industry capacity which, in turn, may fluctuate, including in response to changes in rates of return on investments being earned in the reinsurance industry.

The property catastrophe industry has historically been characterized by periods of strong price competition, also known as a "soft market," due to excessive underwriting capacity, as well as periods of more favorable pricing, also known as a "hard market," due to limited underwriting capacity. Increased capacity, frequently as a result of favorable pricing, is often provided by new entrants or by the commitment of additional capital by existing reinsurers. The industry's capacity to write business diminishes as losses are incurred and the industry's capital is depleted. As the industry's capacity decreases, a hard market begins, which ultimately attracts additional capacity.

The supply of available property reinsurance capital has increased over the past several years and may increase further, either as a result of capital provided by new entrants or of the commitment of additional capital by existing insurers or reinsurers. In addition, alternative products, such as the collateralized reinsurance contracts that we and others write and the insurance-linked securities that we and others may invest in, may also provide increased capacity. Continued increases in the supply of property reinsurance may have negative consequences for us and for the property catastrophe industry generally, including fewer contracts written, lower premium rates, increased expenses for customer acquisition and retention and less favorable policy terms and conditions.

The cyclical trends in the industry and the industry's profitability can also be affected significantly by volatile and unpredictable developments, such as fluctuations in interest rates, changes in the investment environment that affect market prices of investments, realized investment losses and inflationary pressures that may affect the size of losses experienced by insureds and primary insurance companies. We expect to experience the effects of cyclicality, which could have a material adverse affect on our business.

# Montpelier Re and Syndicate 5151 may not maintain their favorable financial strength ratings, which could have a material and adverse affect on our financial condition and results of operations and our ability to conduct business.

Third-party rating agencies assess and rate the financial strength, including claims-paying ability, of rated insurers and reinsurers such as Montpelier Re and Syndicate 5151. These ratings are based upon criteria established by the rating agencies and are subject to revision at any time at the sole discretion of the rating agencies. Some of the criteria relate to general economic conditions and other circumstances that are outside of our control. Financial strength ratings are used by policyholders, agents and brokers as an important means of assessing the suitability of rated insurers and reinsurers as business counterparties and are an important factor in establishing the competitive position of rated insurance and reinsurance companies. These financial strength ratings do not refer to our ability to meet non-insurance obligations and are not a recommendation to purchase or discontinue any policy or contract issued by us or to buy, hold or sell our Common Shares, Preferred Shares or debt securities.

Rating agencies periodically evaluate us to determine whether we continue to meet the criteria of the ratings previously assigned to us. A downgrade or withdrawal of Montpelier Re's or Lloyd's financial strength ratings could limit or prevent Montpelier Re or Syndicate 5151 from writing new insurance or reinsurance contracts or renewing existing contracts, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, a ratings downgrade by A.M. Best or Standard & Poor's could trigger provisions allowing some cedants to opt to cancel their reinsurance contracts with Montpelier Re or Syndicate 5151. In the event of such a downgrade, we cannot predict whether or how many of our clients would actually exercise such cancellation rights or the extent to which any such terminations would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or future prospects or the market price for our securities. A downgrade could also result in both a substantial loss of business for us as ceding companies and brokers that place such business may move to other insurers and reinsurers with higher ratings and the loss of key employees.

In addition, a downgrade of Montpelier Re's A.M. Best financial strength rating to below "B++" would constitute an event of default under our letter of credit facilities.

# We are highly dependent on a small number of insurance and reinsurance brokers for a large portion of our revenues. Additionally, we are subject to credit risk with respect to brokers.

We market our reinsurance worldwide primarily through insurance and reinsurance brokers. The majority of our gross premiums written are sourced through a limited number of brokers with Aon Corporation, Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc., Willis Group Holdings Limited and JLT Group providing a total of 65% of our gross premiums written for the year ended December 31, 2014.

The nature of our dependency on these brokers relates to the high volume of business they consistently refer to us. Our relationship with these brokers is based on the quality of the underwriting and claims services we provide to our cedants and on our financial strength ratings. Any deterioration in these factors could result in these brokers advising cedants to place their risks with other reinsurers rather than with us. In addition, affiliates of some of these brokers have co-sponsored the formation of reinsurance companies that directly compete with us, and these brokers may favor those reinsurers over us. A loss of all or a substantial portion of the business provided by one or more of these brokers could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

We are frequently required to pay amounts owed on claims under our policies to brokers, and these brokers, in turn, pay these amounts to the ceding companies that have reinsured a portion of their liabilities with us. In some jurisdictions, if a broker fails to make such a payment, we might remain liable to the ceding company for the deficiency. In addition, in certain jurisdictions, when the ceding company pays premiums for these policies to brokers, these premiums are considered to have been paid and the ceding insurer is no longer liable to us for those amounts, whether or not we have actually received the premiums.

#### There may be conflicts of interest that result from our relationships with the BCGR Listed Fund and BCRH and its subsidiaries.

BCML provides services to the BCGR Cell (which serves as a segregated account of the Master Fund for the benefit of the BCGR Listed Fund) and to BCRH and its subsidiaries. In addition, Blue Water Re is the sole source of collateralized reinsurance business for the BCGR Cell and is a significant source of business for BCRH and its subsidiaries. As of December 31, 2014, Montpelier owned 25.1% of the BCGR Listed Fund's ordinary shares and 33.3% of BCRH's outstanding common shares, with third-party "non-controlling" investors owning the remainder.

We provide reinsurance opportunities and make investments on behalf of these affiliates that we determine are appropriate for them, provided that such business is in accordance with their respective underwriting guidelines. We intend to primarily allocate those reinsurance opportunities that are made available to these affiliates on a proportional basis in accordance with our allocation policies.

In addition, William Pollett, the Company's Chief Corporate Development and Strategy Officer and Treasurer, serves as a director and the Chief Executive Officer of BCRH, Michael Paquette, the Company's Chief Financial Officer, serves as BCRH's Chief Financial Officer and Christopher Harris, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, serves as Chairman of BCRH.

As a result, certain of our officers, BCML and Blue Water Re may have conflicts of interest between their duties to Montpelier and their duties to the BCGR Listed Fund and BCRH and its subsidiaries.

The Audit Committee considers each of our related party arrangements and transactions and is made aware of actual or potential conflicts of interest that result from our relationship with the BCGR Listed Fund and BCRH and its subsidiaries.

#### We may be unable to collect all amounts due from our reinsurers under our existing reinsurance arrangements.

In the normal course of business, we purchase reinsurance from third parties in order to manage our exposures. However, we are not relieved of our obligations to policyholders or ceding companies by purchasing reinsurance and we are subject to credit risk with respect to our reinsurance protections in the event that a reinsurer is unable to pay amounts owed to us.

If one or more of our reinsurers is unable or unwilling to honor their obligations to us, our inability to collect amounts due to us could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.



#### We are subject to loss settlements made by ceding companies, which could materially adversely affect our performance.

When we enter into reinsurance contracts, all loss settlements made by a ceding company, provided they are within the terms of the underlying policies and within the terms of the relevant contract, will be unconditionally binding upon us. While we believe that the ceding companies will settle such claims in good faith, we are bound to accept the claims settlements agreed to by the ceding companies. Under the underlying policies, each ceding company bears the burden of proving that a contractual exclusion applies to a loss, and there may be circumstances where the facts of a loss are insufficient to support the application of an exclusion. In such circumstances, we assume such losses under the reinsured policies, which could materially adversely affect our performance.

#### Emerging claims and coverage issues could adversely affect our business.

As industry practices and legal, judicial, social and other environmental conditions change, unexpected and unintended issues related to claims and coverages may emerge. These issues may adversely affect our business by either extending coverages beyond our underwriting intent or by increasing the number or size of claims. In some instances, these changes may not become apparent until some time after we have issued reinsurance contracts that are affected by the changes. In addition, we are unable to predict the extent to which the courts may expand the theory of liability under a casualty insurance contract, such as the range of occupational hazards causing losses under employers' liability insurance, thereby increasing our reinsurance exposure.

In addition, coverage disputes are common within the insurance and reinsurance industry. For example, a reinsurance contract might limit the amount that can be recovered as a result of flooding. However, if the flood damage was caused by an event that also caused extensive wind damage, the determination and quantification of the two types of damage is often a matter of judgment. Similarly, one geographic zone could be affected by more than one catastrophic event. In this case, the amount recoverable from a reinsurer may, in part, be determined by the judgmental allocation of damage among the events. Given the magnitude of the amounts at stake involved with a catastrophic event, these types of judgment occasionally necessitate third-party resolution. As a result, the full extent of liability under our reinsurance contracts may not be known for many years after a contract is issued.

# Our loss and LAE reserves may be insufficient to cover our ultimate liability for losses and LAE, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

We maintain loss and LAE reserves to cover our estimated ultimate liabilities. Our loss and LAE reserves are estimates based on what we believe the settlement and administration of claims will cost based on facts and circumstances then known to us, including but not limited to potential changes in the legal environment and other factors such as inflation and loss amplification. Because of the uncertainties that surround estimating loss and LAE reserves, we cannot be certain that our reserves are adequate. If we determine in the future that our reserves are insufficient to cover our actual loss and LAE, we would have to increase our reserves, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

# Our stated catastrophe and enterprise-wide risk management exposures are based on estimates and judgments which are subject to significant uncertainties. These measures do not predict our actual exposure to, nor guarantee our successful management of, future losses that could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Our approach to risk management, and our estimates of the net impact from single event losses such as those provided in Item 7 herein, rely on subjective variables that entail significant uncertainties. For example, in our treaty reinsurance business, the effectiveness of our reinsurance contract zonal limits in managing risk depends largely on the degree to which an actual event is confined to the zone in question and our ability to determine the actual location of the risks insured. Moreover, in the treaties we write, the definition of a single occurrence may differ from policy to policy, and the legal interpretation of a policy's various terms and conditions following a catastrophic event may be different from that which we envisioned at its inception. For these and other reasons, there can be no assurance that our actual net aggregate reinsurance treaty limits by zone, or our net impact from single event loss by return period, will not exceed the Natural Catastrophe Risk Management disclosures provided in Item 7 herein.

In addition, our Natural Catastrophe Risk Management disclosures provided in Item 7 herein involve a substantial number of subjective variables, factors and uncertainties. Small changes in assumptions, which depend heavily on our judgment, can have a significant impact on the modeled outputs. Further, these disclosures do not take into account numerous real, but non-quantifiable, inputs and risks such as the implications of a loss of our financial strength ratings on our business. Although we believe that these probabilistic measures provide a meaningful indicator of the relative riskiness of certain events and changes to our business over time, these measures do not predict our actual exposure to, nor guarantee our successful management of, future losses that could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

#### Worldwide capital markets and general economic conditions, which may change suddenly and dramatically, could adversely affect the value of our investment portfolio.

Our investment portfolio consists of fixed maturity investments, equity securities and other investments. We also invest in various investment-related derivatives and short investment positions. Our primary investment focus is to maximize risk-adjusted total returns while maintaining adequate liquidity. Since investing entails substantial risks, we cannot assure you that we will achieve our investment objectives and our investment performance may vary substantially year-to-year.

The value of our investments and our investment-related derivatives can be significantly affected by the performance of our investment managers and can be further impacted by fluctuations in interest rates, foreign currencies, issuer and counterparty credit concerns and volatility in financial markets. Our investments and investment-related derivatives are sensitive to many factors, including governmental monetary policies, domestic and international economic and political conditions, the financial position of issuers and financial guarantors of investment securities and other factors beyond our control.

For example, during 2008, difficult conditions worldwide in the capital markets, and in worldwide economies generally, adversely affected our business and results of operations. These unfavorable and uncertain conditions originated, in large part, from difficulties encountered in the mortgage and broader credit markets in the U.S. and elsewhere and resulted in a sudden decrease in the availability of credit, a corresponding increase in borrowing costs and an increase in residential mortgage delinquencies and foreclosures. As a result, many issuers of such securities and the financial guarantors of such securities experienced a sudden deterioration in credit quality which caused both a decline in liquidity and prices for these types of securities. These factors resulted in broad and significant declines in the fair value of fixed income and equity securities worldwide, including investment securities held in our investment portfolio and our investment-related derivatives.

Although worldwide capital markets have largely improved since the events of 2008, they remain volatile due to uncertainty over the availability and cost of credit, inflation, deflation, real estate and mortgage markets, risks associated with global sovereign entities (including emerging markets), the effects of changes in the monetary policies of global sovereign entities, crude oil prices, the stability of banks and other financial institutions, solvency risks of state and local municipalities and stresses evident in European markets. In addition, continued political friction in the U.S. over debt and spending thresholds and revenue policy could result in a further downgrade of its credit rating, which could adversely impact worldwide capital markets.

To the extent that worldwide capital markets and general economic conditions deteriorate from current levels, the value of our investment portfolio could be adversely impacted.

#### As a Bermuda company, we may be unable to attract and retain staff.

Many of our employees, including the majority of our executive officers, are employed in Bermuda. Although to-date we have been successful in recruiting employees in Bermuda, this location may be an impediment to attracting and retaining experienced personnel, particularly if we are unable to secure Bermuda work permits. In addition, Bermuda is currently a highly-competitive location for qualified staff making it harder to retain employees.

As our success depends on our ability to hire and retain personnel, any future difficulties in hiring or retaining personnel in Bermuda or elsewhere could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

#### Operational risks, including the risk of fraud and employee errors and omissions, are inherent in our business.

Operational risks that are inherent to our business can result in financial losses, including those resulting from fraud or employee errors and omissions.
We believe we have established appropriate controls and mitigation procedures to prevent significant fraud, errors and omissions and any other potential irregularities from occurring, but such procedures provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance as to the absence and mitigation of such risks. It is possible that insurance policies that we have in place with third-parties would not entirely protect us in the event that we experienced a significant loss from these risks.

# If actual renewals of our insurance and reinsurance contracts do not meet expectations, our premiums written in future years and our future results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

Many of our contracts are written for a one-year term. In our financial forecasting process, we make assumptions about the level of renewals of our prior year's contracts based on indicative terms and conditions. If the level of actual renewals does not meet expectations or if we choose not to underwrite some or all of our existing contracts on a renewal basis because of pricing, changes in terms and conditions or other risk-selective criteria, our premiums written in future years and our future operations could be materially adversely affected.

# We rely on information provided by cedants and brokers in determining whether amounts are due following the occurrence of a covered event, and we may rely on incomplete or unverified information when making underwriting decisions.

The determination of whether amounts are due following the occurrence of a covered event is typically based on reports and may be based upon information provided by cedants, brokers or an independent source, such as an index. If any of this information or data is incomplete, not genuine or inaccurate, our performance may be adversely affected.

# Technology breaches or failures, including, but not limited to, those resulting from a malicious cyber attack on us, our business partners or our service providers, could disrupt or otherwise negatively impact our business.

We rely on information technology systems to process, transmit, store and protect the electronic information, financial data and proprietary models that are critical to our business. Furthermore, a significant portion of the communications between our employees and our business, banking and investment partners depends on information technology and electronic information exchange. Like all companies, our information technology systems are vulnerable to data breaches, interruptions or failures due to events that may be beyond our control, including, but not limited to, natural and man-made disasters, theft, terrorist attacks, computer viruses, hackers and general technology failures.

We believe that we have established and implemented appropriate security measures, controls and procedures to safeguard our information technology systems and to prevent unauthorized access to such systems and any data processed and/or stored in such systems, and we periodically employ third parties to evaluate, test and enhance the adequacy of such systems, controls and procedures. In addition, we have established a comprehensive business continuity plan which is designed to ensure that we are able to maintain all aspects of our key business processes functioning in the midst of certain disruptive events, including any disruptions to or breaches of our information technology systems. Our business continuity plan is routinely tested and evaluated for adequacy. Despite these safeguards, disruptions to and breaches of our information technology systems are possible and may negatively impact our business, including our reputation in the insurance and reinsurance marketplace.

It is possible that insurance policies we have in place would not entirely protect us in the event that we experienced a breach, interruption or widespread failure of our information technology systems. Furthermore, we have not secured insurance coverage designed to specifically protect us from an economic loss resulting from such events.

Although we have never experienced any known or threatened cases involving unauthorized access to our information technology systems or unauthorized appropriation of the data contained within such systems, we have no assurance that such technology breaches will not occur in the future.

### The Company is dependent upon dividends or distributions from its operating subsidiaries and affiliates.

The Company (as a holding company) has no substantial operations of its own and relies primarily on cash dividends and/or distributions from its operating subsidiaries and affiliates to pay its operating expenses, interest on its debt and dividends to its holders of Common Shares and Preferred Shares. Furthermore, our insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries are highly regulated by authoritative bodies in Bermuda and the U.K. and the various laws and regulations to which they are subject in these jurisdictions limit the declaration and payment of dividends and/or distributions to their parent.

The Companies Act limits the Company's, BCRH's, Montpelier Re's, Blue Water Re's, Blue Capital Re's and Blue Capital Re ILS' ability to pay dividends and/or distributions to their respective shareholders in that none of the Company, BCRH, Montpelier Re, Blue Water Re, Blue Capital Re or Blue Capital Re ILS is permitted to declare or pay a dividend or make a distribution out of its contributed surplus, if it is, or would after the payment be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due or if the realizable value of its assets would be less than its liabilities.

The inability of our insurance and reinsurance operating subsidiaries to pay dividends and/or distributions in an amount sufficient to enable the Company to meet its cash obligations could have a material adverse effect on us.

### We cannot assure you that we will declare or pay future dividends on Common Shares and Preferred Shares.

Although the Company has a long history of declaring and paying dividends to holders of Common Shares and Preferred Shares, we cannot provide assurance that the Company will declare or pay such dividends in the future. Any determination to declare and pay future dividends to holders of Common Shares and Preferred Shares will be at the discretion of the Board and will be dependent upon: (i) our financial position, results of operations, cash flows and capital requirements; (ii) general business conditions; (iii) legal, tax and regulatory developments and limitations; (iv) any contractual restrictions; and (v) any other factors the Board deems relevant.

In addition, so long as any Preferred Shares remain outstanding, no cash dividend shall be paid or declared on our Common Shares, unless the full dividend (which accrues at an annual rate of 8.875%) for the latest completed dividend period on all outstanding Preferred Shares has been declared and paid or otherwise provided for. As a result, if we decline or are unable to pay the full dividend on our Preferred Shares, we will be prohibited from paying or declaring a dividend on our Common Shares.

# We may require additional capital in the future, which may not be available or may be available only on unfavorable terms.

We may need to raise additional capital in the future, through the issuance of debt, additional common or preferred equity or hybrid securities, in order to, among other things: (i) write new business; (ii) pay significant losses; (iii) respond to, or comply with, any changes in the capital requirements that regulators or rating agencies use to evaluate us; (iv) acquire new businesses; (v) invest in existing businesses; or (vi) refinance our existing obligations.

The issuance of any new debt, equity or hybrid financial instruments might contain terms and conditions that are more unfavorable to us, our existing shareholders and our debtholders than those contained within our current capital structure. More specifically, any new issuances of equity or hybrid securities could include the issuance of securities with rights, preferences and privileges that are senior or otherwise superior to those of Common Shares and could be dilutive to current holders of our Common Shares. The issuance of additional preferred stock on a parity with or senior to our Preferred Shares would dilute the interests of the holders of our Preferred Shares, and any issuance of preferred stock senior to our Preferred Shares or of additional indebtedness could affect our ability to pay dividends on, redeem or pay the liquidation preference on our Preferred Shares in the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company. Further, if we cannot obtain adequate capital on favorable terms or otherwise, our business, financial condition and operating results could be adversely affected.

#### Our operating results may be adversely affected by foreign currency fluctuations.

The U.S. dollar is the Company's reporting currency. The British pound is the functional currency for the operations of Syndicate 5151, MAL, MCL and MUSL. In addition, we write a portion of our business, receive premiums and pay losses in foreign currencies and may maintain a portion of our investment portfolio in investments denominated in currencies other than U.S. dollars. We may experience net foreign currency losses to the extent our foreign currency exposure is not successfully managed or otherwise hedged, which in turn could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.



### Competition for business in our industry is intense, and this competition could adversely affect our profitability.

The reinsurance industry is highly competitive. We face intense competition, based upon, among other things, global capacity, market terms and conditions, product breadth, reputation and experience with respect to particular lines of business, relationships with reinsurance intermediaries, quality of service and perceived financial strength. We compete with a variety of operators, including: (i) major global reinsurance companies, many of which have extensive experience in reinsurance and have greater financial resources available to them than we do; (ii) other Bermuda-based reinsurers that write reinsurance and that target the same markets and utilize similar business strategies, many of which currently have more capital than we do; and (iii) capital markets participants that access business in securitized form, including through the issuance of insurance-linked securities or through special purpose vehicles, derivative transactions or other instruments. This competition or any increase in competition could result in fewer submissions (i.e., requests for quotes) and lower rates, which could have an adverse effect on our growth and profitability.

In addition, ceding companies may retain larger shares of risk, thereby reducing overall demand for reinsurance. As a result of this competition and the possible decrease in demand, there may be fewer attractively priced underwriting opportunities, which could have an adverse impact on our expected profitability and our objective to invest substantially all of our available capital.

### Regulation and changes in laws and regulations may restrict or otherwise impact our ability to operate.

Our insurance and reinsurance operations are subject to regulation under the laws of Bermuda, the U.S. and the U.K. Governmental agencies have broad administrative power to regulate many aspects of our business, which may include premium rates, marketing practices, advertising, policy forms and capital adequacy. These governmental agencies are concerned primarily with the protection of policyholders rather than shareholders and insurance laws and regulations can impose restrictions on the amount and type of investments, prescribe solvency standards that must be met and maintained and require the maintenance of reserves.

Changes in laws and regulations may restrict our ability to operate or have an adverse effect upon the profitability of our business within a given jurisdiction. For example:

- in past years there have been a number of government initiatives in Florida designed to decrease insurance rates in the state. Of most significance to reinsurers is the capacity of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund ("FHCF"), a state-run reinsurer. We believe any future increases in the capacity of private reinsurers and the FHCF will cause downward pressure on windstorm catastrophe rates for the foreseeable future, particularly for Florida residential exposures. In addition, state and Federal legislation has been proposed to establish catastrophe funds and to discourage development in coastal areas which could adversely impact our business;
- on January 12, 2015, TRIA was reauthorized through December 31, 2020. TRIA was enacted in 2002 to: (i) establish a system of sharing of losses from terrorist attacks between the private insurance industry and the U.S. government; and (ii) to regulate the terms of insurance relating to terrorism coverage. See "*Other Specialty Treaty*" contained in Item 1 herein; and
- Solvency II, a fundamental review of the capital adequacy regime for the EU insurance industry, aims to establish a revised set of EU-wide capital requirements and risk management standards that will replace the solvency requirements currently in effect in member states. Whereas we do not currently believe that we will experience a material change in the overall capital requirements of Montpelier Re or Syndicate 5151 as a result of the implementation of Solvency II, our general and administrative expenses have been, and will continue to be, adversely affected by the additional reporting and administrative burdens of this initiative. See "Solvency II" contained in Item 1 herein.

### New ventures that we may sponsor or otherwise enter into could expose us to operational, execution and reputational challenges and risks and could create conflicts of interest.

Any new ventures that we have sponsored or otherwise entered into, or may in the future enter into, could expose us to operational and executional challenges and risks, including: (i) creating, integrating or modifying financial and operational reporting systems; (ii) establishing satisfactory financial, operational, reporting and internal controls; (iii) funding increased capital needs and overhead expenses; (iv) obtaining additional personnel; and (v) compliance with regulatory matters.



Any new ventures could also create reputational risks to us to the extent such ventures ultimately prove to be unsuccessful or their projected results are not ultimately achieved.

Any new ventures could further create potential conflicts of interests in a manner similar to those that may arise out of our existing relationship with the BCGR Listed Fund and BCRH and its subsidiaries. See "Conflicts of Interest" contained in Item 1 herein.

Our failure to successfully manage these risks and potential conflicts may adversely impact our results of operations.

### Risks Related to our Common Shares and/or Preferred Shares

### The market price and trading volume of our Common Shares and Preferred Shares may be subject to significant volatility.

The market price and trading volume of our Common Shares and Preferred Shares may be subject to significant volatility in response to a variety of events and factors, including but not limited to:

- catastrophes that may specifically impact us or are perceived by investors as impacting the insurance and reinsurance market in general;
- exposure to capital market risks related to changes in interest rates, realized investment losses, credit spreads, equity prices and foreign currency rates;
- our creditworthiness, financial condition, performance and prospects;
- changes in financial estimates and recommendations by securities analysts concerning us or the insurance and reinsurance industries in general;
- whether dividends on Common Shares or Preferred Shares have been declared and are likely to be declared from time to time;
- whether our financial strength ratings or the issuer credit ratings on our Preferred Shares provided by any rating agency have changed;
- the market for similar securities; and
- economic, financial, geopolitical, regulatory or judicial events that affect us and/or the insurance or financial markets generally.

# Holders of our Common Shares or Preferred Shares may have difficulty effecting service of process on us or enforcing judgments against us in the U.S.

We are incorporated pursuant to the laws of Bermuda and are headquartered in Bermuda. In addition, certain of our directors and officers reside outside the U.S. and a substantial portion of our assets, and the assets of such persons, are located in jurisdictions outside the U.S. As such, we have been advised that there is doubt as to whether:

- a holder of Common Shares or Preferred Shares would be able to enforce, in the courts of Bermuda, judgments of U.S. courts based upon the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws; and
- a holder of Common Shares or Preferred Shares would be able to bring an original action in the Bermuda courts to enforce liabilities against us or our directors and officers, as well as the experts named in this Form 10-K, who reside outside the U.S. based solely upon U.S. federal securities laws.

Further, there is no treaty in effect between the U.S. and Bermuda providing for the enforcement of judgments of U.S. courts, and there are grounds upon which Bermuda courts may not enforce judgments of U.S. courts. Because judgments of U.S. courts are not automatically enforceable in Bermuda, it may be difficult for a holder of Common Shares or Preferred Shares to recover against us based upon such judgments.



### Dividends on our Preferred Shares are non-cumulative.

Dividends on Preferred Shares are non-cumulative and payable only out of lawfully available funds of the Company under Bermuda law. Consequently, if the Board, or a duly authorized committee of the Board, does not authorize and declare a dividend for any dividend period, holders of the Preferred Shares would not be entitled to receive any dividend for such period, and no dividend for such period will accrue or ever become payable. If dividends on Preferred Shares are authorized and declared with respect to any subsequent dividend period, the Company will be free to pay dividends on any other series of preferred shares and/or Common Shares.

### Our Preferred Shares are equity and are subordinate to our existing and future indebtedness.

Our Preferred Shares are equity interests and do not constitute indebtedness. As a result, holders of our Preferred Shares may be required to bear the financial risks of an investment in an equity interest for an indefinite period of time. In addition, Preferred Shares will rank junior to all of our indebtedness and other non-equity claims with respect to assets available to satisfy our claims, including in our liquidation. As of December 31, 2014, the face value of our long-term debt was \$400.0 million, and we may incur additional debt in the future. Our existing and future indebtedness may restrict payments of dividends on Preferred Shares. Additionally, unlike debt, where principal and interest would customarily be payable on specified due dates, in the case of Preferred Shares: (i) dividends are payable only if declared by the Board (or a duly authorized committee of the Board); and (ii) we are subject to certain regulatory and other constraints affecting our ability to pay dividends and make other payments.

# The voting rights of holders of our Common Shares and Preferred Shares are limited.

Our bye-laws provide that, if any person beneficially owns or is deemed to beneficially own directly, indirectly or constructively (within the meaning of Section 958 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code), more than 9.5% of Common Shares, the voting rights attached to such Common Shares will be reduced so that such person may not exercise and is not attributed more than 9.5% of the total voting rights. In addition, our bye-laws provide that if any U.S. person acquires actual knowledge that such person owns, directly or indirectly, 9.0% or more of our Common Shares or the common shares of our affiliates, such person must deliver notice to us within 10 days of acquiring such knowledge.

Holders of Preferred Shares have no voting rights with respect to matters that typically require the approval of voting shareholders. The limited voting rights of holders of Preferred Shares include the right to vote as a class on certain fundamental matters that affect the preference or special rights of Preferred Shares as set forth in the certificate of designation relating to the Preferred Shares. In addition, if dividends on Preferred Shares have not been declared or paid for the equivalent of six dividend payments, whether or not for consecutive dividend periods, holders of outstanding Preferred Shares will be entitled to vote for the election of two additional directors to the Board subject to the terms and to the limited extent as set forth in the certificate of designation relating to the Preferred Shares.

# Bermuda law differs from the laws in effect in the U.S. and may afford less protection to holders of our Common and Preferred Shares

We are organized under the laws of Bermuda. As a result, it may not be possible for our shareholders to enforce court judgments obtained in the U.S. against us based on the civil liability provisions of the Federal or state securities laws of the U.S., either in Bermuda or in countries other than the U.S. where we have assets. In addition, there is some doubt as to whether the courts of Bermuda and other countries would recognize or enforce judgments of U.S. courts obtained against us or our directors or officers based on the civil liabilities provisions of the Federal or state securities laws of the U.S. or would hear actions against us or those persons based on those laws.

Our corporate affairs are governed by the Companies Act, which differs in some material respects from laws typically applicable to U.S. corporations and shareholders, including the provisions relating to interested directors, amalgamations, mergers and acquisitions, takeovers, shareholder lawsuits and indemnification of directors. Generally, the duties of directors and officers of a Bermuda company are owed to the company only. Shareholders of Bermuda companies typically do not have rights to take action against directors or officers of the company and may only do so in limited circumstances. Class actions and derivative actions are typically not available to shareholders under Bermuda law. The Bermuda courts, however, would ordinarily be expected to permit a shareholder to commence an action in the name of a company to remedy a wrong to the company where the act complained of is alleged to be beyond the corporate power of the company or illegal, or would result in the violation of the company's memorandum of association or bye-laws.



Furthermore, consideration would be given by a Bermuda court to acts that are alleged to constitute a fraud against the minority shareholders or, for instance, where an act requires the approval of a greater percentage of the company's shareholders than that which actually approved it.

When the affairs of a company are being conducted in a manner that is oppressive or prejudicial to the interests of some shareholders, one or more shareholders may apply to the Supreme Court of Bermuda, which may make such order as it sees fit, including an order regulating the conduct of the company's affairs in the future or ordering the purchase of the shares of any shareholders by other shareholders or by the company. Additionally, under our bye-laws and as permitted by Bermuda law, each shareholder has waived any claim or right of action against our directors or officers for any action taken by directors or officers in the performance of their duties, except for actions involving fraud or dishonesty. In addition, the rights of holders of our Common and Preferred Shares and the fiduciary responsibilities of our directors under Bermuda law are not as clearly established as under statutes or judicial precedent in existence in jurisdictions in the U.S., particularly the State of Delaware. Therefore, holders of our Common Shares and Preferred Shares may have more difficulty protecting their interests than would shareholders of a corporation incorporated in a jurisdiction within the U.S.

#### We may require our shareholders to sell us their Common Shares or Preferred Shares.

Under our bye-laws and subject to Bermuda law, we have the option, but not the obligation, to require a shareholder to sell some or all of their Common Shares or Preferred Shares to us at fair market value (which would be based upon the average closing price of Common Shares or Preferred Shares as defined under our bye-laws) if the Board reasonably determines, in good faith based on an opinion of counsel, that share ownership, directly, indirectly or constructively by any shareholder is likely to result in adverse tax, regulatory or legal consequences to us, certain of our other shareholders or our subsidiaries.

In addition, under the terms of our Preferred Shares, on and after May 10, 2016, we have the option, but not the obligation, to require a shareholder to sell some or all of their Preferred Shares to us at a price equal to \$25.00 per share, plus declared and unpaid dividends. We may also require a shareholder to sell some or all of their Preferred Shares to us before May 10, 2016, in specified circumstances relating to certain tax or corporate events.

#### **Risks Related to Taxation**

### Our Bermuda operating companies may be subject to U.S. tax.

The Company, BCRH, Montpelier Re, Blue Water Re, Blue Capital Re and Blue Capital Re ILS currently intend to conduct substantially all of their operations in Bermuda in a manner such that they will not be engaged in a trade or business in the U.S. However, because there is no definitive authority regarding activities that constitute being engaged in a trade or business in the U.S. for U.S. federal income tax purposes, there can be no assurance that the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") will not contend, perhaps successfully, that the Company, BCRH, Montpelier Re, Blue Water Re, Blue Capital Re and/or Blue Capital Re ILS is subject to taxation in the U.S. A foreign corporation deemed to be so engaged would be subject to U.S. federal income tax, as well as the branch profits tax, on its income that is treated as effectively connected with the conduct of that trade or business unless the corporation is entitled to relief under a tax treaty.

In addition, the U.S. Congress has discussed legislation from time-to-time intended to eliminate certain perceived tax advantages of Bermuda reinsurers and U.S. companies with Bermuda affiliates, and has recently considered proposals which, if adopted, would adversely impact such operations. While these legislative proposals would not have a material impact on our current results, such proposals and/or additional legislative proposals (if adopted) could have a future material adverse impact on us or our shareholders.

### Changes in U.S. tax legislation may adversely affect U.S. holders of Common Shares or Preferred Shares.

U.S. federal income tax laws and interpretations, including those regarding whether a company is a passive foreign investment company ("PFIC"), are subject to change, possibly on a retroactive basis. Under current tax law, U.S. holders of Common Shares or Preferred Shares generally qualify for an exception to the PFIC rules because we are considered to be an active insurance company. Recent proposals seek to change this exception which, if adopted, could cause us to be treated as a PFIC in some or all taxable years. In such case, U.S. holders of Common or Preferred Shares would be subject to unfavorable U.S. federal income tax treatment, including that any dividends we pay with respect to our Common Shares or Preferred Shares would be no longer be "qualified dividends" eligible to be taxed at reduced U.S. federal income tax rates.

Provided our Common Shares and Preferred Shares remain listed on the New York Stock Exchange and we are not a PFIC, then under current U.S. law, dividends paid on our Common Shares and Preferred Shares to U.S. individual shareholders should continue to qualify as "qualified dividend income" and be eligible for reduced U.S. federal income tax rates. The U.S. Congress has, in the past, considered legislation that would exclude shareholders of foreign corporations from this preferential U.S. federal income tax treatment unless either: (i) the corporation is organized or created under the laws of a country that has entered into a "comprehensive income tax treaty" with the U.S.; or (ii) the stock of such corporation is readily tradable on an established securities market in the U.S. and the corporation is organized or created under the laws of a country that has a "comprehensive income tax system" that the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury determines is satisfactory for this purpose. We would likely not satisfy either of these tests and, accordingly, if this or similar legislation were to become law, individual U.S. shareholders would no longer qualify for reduced U.S. federal income tax rates on dividends paid by us.

### We may be subject to tax withholding under FATCA, which may reduce investment returns and distributions to shareholders.

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, commonly referred to as the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"), recently imposed a reporting regime and a 30% withholding tax ("FATCA Withholding") with respect to certain payments occurring after June 30, 2014, to a non-U.S. entity that is not otherwise excepted from FATCA Withholding and does not comply with FATCA disclosure requirements.

In December 2013, Bermuda entered into a Model 2 intergovernmental agreement with the U.S. (the "Bermuda IGA") to implement FATCA with respect to Bermudian institutions. The Bermuda IGA generally requires financial institutions in Bermuda to register with the IRS and to identify and annually report key information about U.S. persons directly to the IRS.

While the Company is excepted from FATCA Withholding as a non-financial foreign entity that is publicly traded, certain of its wholly-owned subsidiaries are classified as Foreign Financial Institutions ("FFIs") under the regime. Some of the Company's subsidiary FFIs are required to register, and have registered, with the IRS to obtain Global Intermediary Identification Numbers ("GIINs"). As a result of these registrations and the completion of ongoing reporting requirements for FFIs that hold GIINs, the Company believes that it is currently in compliance with the Bermuda IGA and FATCA.

If we are found not to be in compliance with FATCA, we may be subject to FATCA Withholding on all, or a portion of all, payments received by us, directly or indirectly, from U.S. sources or in respect of U.S. assets, including premiums owed to us in respect of U.S. sourced risks, and, beginning in 2017, the gross proceeds on the sale or disposition of certain U.S. assets. Any such withholding imposed on us would reduce the amounts available to us to make payments to our shareholders.

In addition, shareholders may be required to provide certain information to us, which we may have to report to the IRS, to avoid FATCA Withholding on certain amounts paid by us to our shareholders. If an amount in respect of FATCA Withholding is deducted or withheld on a payment made by us to shareholders, we will not pay additional amounts as a result of this deduction or withholding. As a result, shareholders may receive a smaller payment from us than expected.

FATCA and the impact of the Bermuda IGA are particularly complex and you should consult your own tax advisors to obtain a more detailed explanation of FATCA and the Bermuda IGA and to learn how they might affect you in your particular circumstances.

### We may become subject to income and other taxes in Bermuda after March 31, 2035, which may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition.

The Minister of Finance of Bermuda, under the Exempted Undertaking Tax Protection Act 1966, as amended, has exempted the Company and its Bermuda-domiciled subsidiaries from all local income, withholding and capital gains taxes until March 31, 2035. At the present time, no such taxes are levied in Bermuda. We cannot assure you that we will not be subject to any Bermuda tax after March 31, 2035.

### Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

As of the date of this report, we had no unresolved comments from the SEC regarding our periodic or current reports under the Exchange Act.

# Item 2. Properties

We lease office space in Pembroke, Bermuda, where the Company's Bermuda operations and BCRH and its subsidiaries are located. We lease office space in London, U.K. where the Company's U.K. operations are located. We lease office space in Woburn, Massachusetts, Chicago, Illinois and Hanover, New Hampshire where the Company's U.S. operations are located.

We believe our facilities are adequate for our current needs.

# Item 3. Legal Proceedings

We are subject to litigation and arbitration proceedings in the normal course of our business. Such proceedings often involve insurance or reinsurance contract disputes, which are typical for the insurance and reinsurance industry. Expected or actual reductions in our reinsurance recoveries due to insurance or reinsurance contract disputes (as opposed to a reinsurer's inability to pay) are not recorded as an uncollectible reinsurance recoverable. Rather, they are factored into the determination of, and are reflected in, our net loss and LAE reserves.

During 2011 Montpelier Re was named in a series of lawsuits filed by a group of plaintiffs in their capacity as trustees for senior debt issued by the Tribune Company ("Tribune") on behalf of various senior debt holders. Montpelier Re, along with thousands of other named defendants, formerly owned Tribune common shares and tendered such common shares pursuant to a 2007 leveraged buyout led by Tribune management (the "Tribune LBO"). Tribune subsequently filed for bankruptcy protection at the end of 2008 and emerged from bankruptcy on December 31, 2012.

The plaintiffs are suing all tendering shareholders, including Montpelier Re, on the grounds of fraudulent conveyance and seek recovery of the proceeds received pursuant to the Tribune LBO on the basis that the transaction was undertaken without fair consideration and left Tribune insolvent. The various lawsuits are still pending and, in December 2011, were consolidated in the Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York by the U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation.

Montpelier Re was also named in a similar suit filed by the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the Tribune bankruptcy case. This suit was filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware and also asserts a fraudulent conveyance claim involving the Tribune LBO.

In the event that the plaintiffs in these suits were to fully prevail, Montpelier Re would have to return the \$4.4 million in cash proceeds it received in connection with the Tribune common shares tendered pursuant to the Tribune LBO.

Other than the Tribune litigation referred to above, we had no other unresolved legal proceedings, other than those in the normal course of our business, at December 31, 2014.

# Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

# PART II

# Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Shareholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

# **Market Information**

Our Common Shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol MRH and the Bermuda Stock Exchange under the symbol MRH BH. The quarterly range of the high and low New York Stock Exchange closing prices for our Common Shares during 2014 and 2013 is presented below:

		2014		2013				
	High		Low	High		Low		
Quarter ended:								
December 31	\$	37.63 \$	36.18	\$ 29.5	) \$	25.65		
September 30		32.63	32.24	27.3	3	24.38		
June 30		32.27	31.89	27.5	)	23.91		
March 31		29.95	29.65	26.4	5	23.14		
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# **Registered Holders of Common Shares**

As of February 20, 2015, we had 85 registered holders of Common Shares.

### **Dividends Declared on Common Shares**

During 2014 and 2013, we declared quarterly cash dividends totaling \$0.65 and \$0.47 per Common Share, respectively.

The Company has no operations of its own and relies on dividends and/or distributions from its subsidiaries to pay dividends to its holders of Common Shares and to fund any Common Share repurchase activities. There are restrictions on the payment of dividends to the Company from its regulated operating companies as described under "*Regulation and Capital Requirements*" herein. Any future determination to pay dividends to holders of Common Shares will, however, be at the discretion of the Board and will be dependent upon many factors, including our results of operations, cash flows, financial position, capital requirements, general business opportunities, and legal, tax, regulatory and contractual restrictions.

### Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

The following table provides information, as of December 31, 2014, with respect to our equity compensation plans:

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (a)	Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (3) (b)	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)) (C)
Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders - 2012			
LTIP (1)	1,506,764	_	2,142,928
Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders - 2007			
LTIP (2)	14,000	_	—
Total	1,520,764		2,142,928

(1) The Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "2012 LTIP"), which was approved by the Company's shareholders in May 2012, permits the issuance of up to 4,700,000 Common Shares to selected Montpelier employees, non-employee directors and consultants. If any award granted under the 2012 LTIP: (i) is subsequently forfeited, expires, terminates or is canceled without delivery of the Common Shares underlying such award; (ii) is settled in cash; or (iii) is partially surrendered in payment of any taxes or social security (or similar) liabilities required to be withheld in respect of an award granted under the 2012 LTIP, then the number of Common Shares subject to such award will not be treated as issued and will not reduce the aggregate number of Common Shares that may be delivered pursuant to awards granted under the 2012 LTIP.

Incentive awards that may be granted under the 2012 LTIP consist of restricted share units ("RSUs"), restricted Common Shares, incentive share options (on a limited basis), nonqualified share options, share appreciation rights, deferred share units, performance compensation awards, performance units, cash incentive awards and other equity-based and equityrelated awards.

As of December 31, 2014, the only incentive awards outstanding under the 2012 LTIP were RSUs.

(2) Represents outstanding RSU awards issued under the Company's former Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "2007 LTIP"), which was approved by the Company's shareholders on May 23, 2007 and expired on May 23, 2011.

As of December 31, 2014, the only incentive awards outstanding under the 2007 LTIP were RSUs.

(3) RSUs are phantom (as opposed to actual) Common Shares which, depending on the individual award, vest in equal tranches over one- to five-year periods, subject to the recipient maintaining a continuous relationship with Montpelier through the applicable vesting date. Holders of RSUs are not entitled to voting rights but are entitled to receive cash dividends and distributions. RSUs do not require the payment of an exercise price, accordingly, there is no weighted average exercise price for RSU awards.

# **Performance Graph**

The following graph shows the five-year cumulative total return for a shareholder who invested \$100 in Common Shares as of January 1, 2010, assuming reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Cumulative returns for the five-year period ended December 31, 2014 are also shown for the Standard & Poor's 500 Index ("S&P 500") and the Standard & Poor's 500 Property & Casualty Insurance Index ("S&P 500 P&C") for comparison.

The returns presented below are based on historical results and are not intended to suggest future performance.



			Year Ended l	Decen	ıber 31,		
Company/Index	 2009	 2010	 2011		2012	 2013	 2014
Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd. Common Shares	\$ 100	\$ 118	\$ 107	\$	141	\$ 182	\$ 229
S&P 500	100	115	117		136	180	205
S&P 500 P&C	100	109	109		131	180	209

# **Issuer Purchases of Common Shares**

The following table provides information with respect to the Company's repurchases of Common Shares during the three months ended December 31, 2014:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (1)
October 1 - October 31, 2014	965,634	\$ 31.72	965,634	
November 1 - November 30, 2014	39,459	32.44	39,459	
December 1 - December 31, 2014	<u> </u>	 	<u> </u>	
Total	1,005,093	\$ 31.75	1,005,093	\$ 281,737,898

(1) On November 14, 2014, the Board increased the Company's existing share repurchase authorization by \$200.0 million to a total of \$281.7 million. There is no stated expiration date associated with the Company's Common Share repurchase authorization.



# Item 6. Selected Financial Data

Selected consolidated statement of operations data, ending consolidated balance sheet data and share data for each of the five years ended December 31, 2014, follows:

				Year En	ded December 31	,			
(Millions, except per share amounts)	_	2014	 2013		2012		2011		2010
Statement of Operations Data:									
Revenues (a)	\$	691.1	\$ 573.6	\$	757.2	\$	720.9	\$	748.4
Expenses (b)		(445.8)	 (363.1)		(529.3)		(836.7)		(537.7)
Income (loss) before income taxes		245.3	210.5		227.9		(115.8)		210.7
Income tax benefit (provision)		2.7	 0.1	_	(0.3)	_	0.6		1.3
Net income (loss)		248.0	210.6		227.6		(115.2)	_	212.0
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests (c)		(24.1)	(6.1)						_
Net income (loss) available to the Company		223.9	204.5		227.6		(115.2)		212.0
Dividends declared on Preferred Shares (d)		(13.3)	(13.3)		(13.3)		(9.1)		—
Net income (loss) available to the Company's common shareholders	\$	210.6	\$ 191.2	\$	214.3	\$	(124.3)	\$	212.0
Balance Sheet Data:									
Total assets	\$	3,629.1	\$ 3,758.5	\$	3,810.1	\$	3,499.5	\$	3,219.4
Loss and LAE reserves		775.7	881.6		1,112.4		1,077.1		784.6
Debt (e)		407.3	399.2		399.1		327.8		327.7
Preferred shareholders' equity (d)		150.0	150.0		150.0		150.0		—
Common shareholders' equity available to the Company (f)		1,498.2	1,492.1		1,479.4		1,399.3		1,628.8
Non-controlling interests (c)		266.3	244.9		—		—		—
Amounts per Common Share:									
Fully converted book value (g)	\$	33.19	\$ 29.42	\$	26.14	\$	22.71	\$	24.61
Basic and diluted earnings (loss)		4.48	3.61		3.67		(2.01)		2.97
Dividends declared		0.650	0.470		0.430		0.405		0.370

(a) During 2013 we experienced \$49.2 million in net realized and unrealized investment losses. The net investment losses we experienced in 2013, versus the net gains we experienced in all other years presented, muted our total revenues in that year.

(b) During 2012 we incurred a \$102.8 million net catastrophe loss (not including the benefit of reinstatement premiums, which we record as revenues) from windstorm Sandy. During 2011 we incurred \$409.0 million in net losses (not including the benefit of reinstatement premiums) associated with several catastrophic events, including earthquakes in New Zealand and Japan, and Thailand floods. During 2010 we incurred \$135.9 million in net losses (not including the benefit of reinstatement premiums) associated with earthquakes in Chile and New Zealand. The magnitude of these catastrophic events significantly impacted our loss and loss adjustment expenses in those years.

(c) Represents the interests in the entities included within our Collateralized Reinsurance segment that are attributable to third-party investors.

(d) In May 2011 we issued the Preferred Shares in the amount of \$150.0 million.

- (e) In October 2012 we issued \$300.0 million of senior unsecured debt due in 2022 (the "2022 Senior Notes") and used the majority of the proceeds to fully redeem \$228.0 million of outstanding senior unsecured debt due in 2013 (the "2013 Senior Notes").
- (f) During 2014 we repurchased 6,210,415 Common Shares for \$185.9 million. During 2013 we repurchased 6,590,546 Common Shares for \$168.0 million. During 2012 we repurchased 5,981,589 Common Shares for \$120.9 million. During 2011 we repurchased 4,349,302 Common Shares for \$82.7 million. During 2010 we repurchased 16,123,261 Common Shares for \$293.8 million.
- (g) See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" contained in Item 7 herein for a description and computation of our fully converted book value per Common Share.

# Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

### General

The following is a discussion and analysis of our results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 and our financial condition as of December 31, 2014 and 2013. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto included elsewhere in this report.

This discussion contains forward-looking statements that are not historical facts, including statements about our beliefs and expectations. These statements are based upon current plans, estimates and projections. Our actual results may differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements as a result of various factors. See "Forward Looking Statements" appearing at the beginning of this report and "Risk Factors" contained in Item 1A herein.

### Overview

### Summary Financial Results

# Year Ended December 31, 2014

We ended 2014 with a fully converted book value per Common Share ("FCBVPCS") of \$33.19, an increase of 15.0% for the year after taking into account dividends declared on Common Shares during the period. The increase in our FCBVPCS during 2014 was primarily the result of strong underwriting results. Our comprehensive income available to the Company for 2014 was \$221.5 million and our GAAP combined ratio was 65.6%.

Our underwriting results for 2014 benefitted from a low level of net catastrophe losses as well as \$151.8 million of prior year favorable loss reserve development. Our investment results for 2014 included \$5.4 million of net realized and unrealized investment gains, which were comprised of \$14.0 million in net gains from fixed maturities, \$1.9 million in net gains from equity securities and \$10.5 million in net losses from other investments.

# Year Ended December 31, 2013

We ended 2013 with a FCBVPCS of \$29.42, an increase of 14.3% for the year after taking into account dividends declared on Common Shares during the period. The increase in our FCBVPCS during 2013 was primarily the result of strong underwriting results. Our comprehensive income available to the Company for 2013 was \$205.4 million and our GAAP combined ratio was 56.1%.

Our underwriting results for 2013 benefitted from a low level of net catastrophe losses as well as \$144.4 million of prior year favorable loss reserve development. Our investment results for 2013 included \$49.2 million of net realized and unrealized investment losses, which were comprised of \$60.6 million in net losses from fixed maturities, \$7.2 million in net gains from equity securities and \$4.2 million in net gains from other investments.

During 2013 we also incurred a \$7.5 million non-recurring expense associated with the underwriting discount and structuring fees paid by us in connection with the BCRH IPO.

# Year Ended December 31, 2012

We ended 2012 with a FCBVPCS of \$26.14, an increase of 17.0% for the year after taking into account dividends declared on Common Shares during the period. The increase in our FCBVPCS during 2012 was primarily the result of strong underwriting and investment results. Our comprehensive income for 2012 was \$228.4 million and our GAAP combined ratio was 81.0%.

Our underwriting results for 2012 included a \$102.8 million net catastrophe loss (not including the benefit of reinstatement premiums) from windstorm Sandy. This net loss was partially offset by \$87.4 million of prior year favorable loss reserve development. Our investment results for 2012 included \$82.4 million of net realized and unrealized investment gains, which were comprised of \$64.4 million in net gains from fixed maturities, \$8.8 million in net gains from equity securities and \$9.2 million in net gains from other investments.

During 2012 we also incurred a \$9.7 million non-recurring loss upon the early extinguishment of our 2013 Senior Notes.

# Book Value Per Common Share

The following table presents our computations of book value per Common Share ("BVPCS") and FCBVPCS as of December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	December 31,									
		2014		2013		2012				
Book value numerator (in millions):										
Shareholders' Equity available to the Company	\$	1,648.2	\$	1,642.1	\$	1,629.4				
Less: Preferred Shareholders' Equity		(150.0)		(150.0)		(150.0)				
[A] Common Shareholders' Equity available to the Company	\$	1,498.2	\$	1,492.1	\$	1,479.4				
Book value denominators (in thousands):										
[B] Common Shares outstanding		43,619		49,274		55,270				
RSUs outstanding		1,521		1,449	_	1,327				
[C] Common Shares and RSUs outstanding		45,140		50,723		56,597				
BVPCS [A] / [B]	\$	34.35	\$	30.28	\$	26.77				
FCBVPCS [A] / [C]		33.19		29.42		26.14				
Increase (decrease) in FCBVPCS: (1)										
From December 31, 2013		15.0%								
From December 31, 2012		31.3%	, O	14.3%						
From December 31, 2011		53.0%	0	33.5%		17.0%				

(1) Computed as the change in FCBVPCS after taking into account dividends declared on Common Shares of \$0.65, \$0.47 and \$0.43 during 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Our computations of FCBVPCS and the increase in FCBVPCS are non-GAAP measures which we believe are important to our investors, analysts and other interested parties who benefit from having an objective and consistent basis for comparison with other companies within our industry.

The Company's increase in FCBVPCS serves as the performance measure for both the portion of our annual employee cash bonuses that are based on Company performance and for our Variable RSU awards in the Initial RSU Period (each as defined on page F-30 of this report). We believe that this performance measure: (i) directly aligns our interests and motivations with those of our stakeholders; and (ii) provides our employees with the ability to easily understand, and identify with, their incentive hurdle, and allows our stakeholders to easily track the Company's performance with respect to this goal, since we present our calculations of FCBVPCS and the increase in our FCBVPCS in our quarterly earnings releases and our annual and quarterly filings with the SEC.

### Executive Overview

We provide customized and innovative insurance and reinsurance solutions to the global market through our underwriting platforms in Bermuda, the U.K. and the U.S. Through our affiliates in Bermuda, we also provide institutional and retail investors with the opportunity to directly invest in global property catastrophe reinsurance risks.

During 2014 each of our operating segments, Montpelier Bermuda, Montpelier at Lloyd's and Collateralized Reinsurance, experienced strong profitability. Overall, we achieved a 15.0% increase in our FCBVPCS for the year while returning \$215.8 million to holders of our Common Shares through share repurchases and dividends.

In addition, the launch of BCRH on the New York Stock Exchange in November 2013 and the subsequent growth experienced by the BCGR Listed Fund further expanded our presence in the collateralized reinsurance market. These initiatives, as well as the various underwriting partnerships that we continue to successfully develop, served to significantly increase the amount of third-party assets that we manage, enabling us to provide a broader product mix and increased line sizes for select clients. As of January 1, 2015, Blue Capital<sup>®</sup> had approximately \$790 million of capital under management, of which \$625 million represented capital from third-parties.

Looking ahead to 2015, we experienced continued competition during the key January 1, 2015 renewal season, particularly within our Property Catastrophe-Treaty class, due to relatively light industry catastrophe losses experienced since 2012. As a result, we experienced an overall rate decrease of approximately 6% on the risks we wrote at January 1, 2015.

Despite the competitive market conditions we currently face, through our efforts thus far in 2015, we believe that we have: (i) achieved preferred signings; (ii) maintained strong relationships with our key business partners; and (iii) expanded our product mix. Further, through the recent reductions to our largest projected exposures from single event losses versus those of a year ago, we have retained the ability to quickly adapt and respond to new market opportunities while continuing our strategic focus on property, marine and other short-tail lines. Given our strong balance sheet, disciplined underwriting and specialist approach, we believe we are positioned to perform well into 2015 and beyond.

### Third-Party Fees and Expense Reimbursements

We have entered into specialized quota share reinsurance contracts with third-parties and certain of our affiliates, namely BCRH and the BCGR Listed Fund, with respect to a portion of Montpelier Re's Property Catastrophe - Treaty book of business, under which we are eligible to receive override and profit commissions.

We record the override and profit commissions associated with specialized quota share reinsurance contracts with third-parties (when earned) as a reduction to our acquisition costs which, in turn, reduces our acquisition cost and overall combined ratios. These benefits totaled \$8.4 million, \$12.2 million and \$10.4 million during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

We record the override and profit commissions associated with specialized quota share reinsurance contracts with BCRH and the BCGR Listed Fund (when earned), as well as the fronting fees, management and performance fees and expense reimbursements we receive as the manager for these entities, as decreases to the net income attributable to non-controlling interests, thereby increasing the net income and comprehensive income available to the Company. These benefits totaled \$7.6 million, \$3.3 million and zero during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

### Natural Catastrophe Risk Management

We insure and reinsure exposures throughout the world against various natural catastrophe perils. We manage our exposure to these perils using a combination of methods, including underwriting judgment, CATM<sup>®</sup> (our proprietary risk management system), third-party models and third-party protection such as ceded reinsurance and derivative instrument protections.

Our multi-tiered risk management approach focuses on tracking exposed contract limits, estimating the potential impact of a single natural catastrophe event and simulating our yearly net operating result to reflect an aggregation of modeled underwriting, investment and other risks. Management routinely seeks to refine and improve our risk management system and the Board regularly reviews the outputs from this process.

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the "Risk Factors" contained in Item 1A herein, in particular the specific risk factor entitled "Our stated catastrophe and enterprise-wide risk management exposures are based on estimates and judgments which are subject to significant uncertainties."

### Exposure Management

We monitor our net reinsurance treaty contract limits that we believe are exposed to a single natural catastrophe occurrence within certain broadly defined major catastrophe zones. We provide these limits as a measure of our relative potential loss exposure across major zones in the event a natural catastrophe occurs.

Our January 1, 2015 net reinsurance treaty limits by zone were as follows:

# Net Reinsurance Treaty Limits by Zone (1)

	Treaty Li (Million		Percentage of December 31, 2014 Shareholders' Equity Available to the Company				
<u>U.S. Hurricane:</u> Mid-Atlantic hurricane Northeast hurricane Florida hurricane	\$	498 413 385		30% 25% 23%			
Gulf hurricane Hawaii hurricane		363 163		22% 10%			
<u>U.S. Earthquake</u> :							
New Madrid earthquake California earthquake Northwest earthquake	\$	510 361 324		31% 22% 20%			
European Windstorm:							
Western European windstorm U.K. & Ireland windstorm Scandinavia windstorm	\$	409 364 170		25% 22% 10%			
Other Countries:							
Japan earthquake Canada earthquake Australia earthquake Australia cyclone New Zealand earthquake Turkey earthquake Chile earthquake Japan windstorm	\$	242 218 207 158 149 139 118		15% 13% 13% 13% 10% 9% 8% 7%			

(1) For purposes of this presentation, "Mid-Atlantic" includes Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and the District of Columbia; "Northeast" includes New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine; "Gulf" includes Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama; "New Madrid" includes Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan; "Northwest" includes Washington and Oregon; "Western European" includes France, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland and Austria; and "Scandinavia" includes Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

The treaty limits presented are shown net of any ceded reinsurance or other third-party protection we purchase but have not been reduced by any reinstatement premiums. The treaty limits include all business coded as property catastrophe reinsurance (including retrocessional business), property pro-rata reinsurance, workers compensation catastrophe reinsurance and event-linked derivative securities. The treaty limits also include those exposures we have assumed through our investments in BCRH and the BCGR Listed Fund, but exclude those exposures attributable to non-controlling interests. The treaty limits do not include individual risk business and other reinsurance classes.

For U.S. earthquake, the regional limits shown are for earthquake ground motion damage only, i.e., they exclude limits for contracts that do not specifically cover earthquake damage but may provide coverage for fire following an earthquake event. Contracts that provide coverage for multiple regions are included in the totals for each potentially exposed zone; therefore, the limits for a single multi-zone policy may be included within several different zone limits.

These treaty limits are a snapshot of our exposure as of January 1, 2015. As of that date, New Madrid earthquake represented our largest concentration of net reinsurance treaty limits among the selected zones. The relative comparison between zones and the absolute level of exposure may change materially at any time due to changes in the composition of our portfolio and changes in our ceded reinsurance program.

### Single Event Losses

For certain defined natural catastrophe region and peril combinations, we assess the probability and likely magnitude of losses using a combination of industry third-party models, CATM® and underwriting judgment. We attempt to model the projected net impact from a single event, taking into account contributions from property catastrophe reinsurance (including retrocessional business), property pro-rata reinsurance, workers compensation catastrophe reinsurance, event-linked derivative securities and individual risk business, offset by the net benefit of any reinsurance or derivative protections we purchase and the benefit of reinstatement premiums.

The projected single event net impact figures also include those single event exposures we have assumed through our investments in BCRH and the BCGR Listed Fund, but exclude those exposures attributable to non-controlling interests.

There is no single standard methodology or set of assumptions utilized industry-wide in estimating property catastrophe losses. As a result, it may be difficult to accurately compare estimates of risk exposure among different insurance and reinsurance companies, due to, among other things, underwriting judgment, differences in modeling, modeling assumptions, portfolio composition and concentrations, and selected event scenarios.

The table below details the projected net impact from single event losses as of January 1, 2015 for selected zones at selected return period levels using AIR Worldwide Corporation's Touchstone 2.0 and CATRADER 16.0, both of which are industry-recognized third-party vendor models. It is important to note that each catastrophe model contains its own assumptions as to the frequency and severity of loss events, and results may vary significantly from model to model.

Since we utilize a combination of third-party models, CATM<sup>®</sup> and underwriting judgment to project the net impact from single event losses, our internal projections may be higher or lower than those presented in the table below.

# Net Impact From Single Event Losses by Return Period (in years) (1)

		Net Impact (Millions)			Percentage of December 31, 2014 Shareholders' Equity Available to the Company				
	100-year		250-year		100-year	250-year			
U.S. Hurricane	\$	263	\$	313	16%	19%			
European windstorm		219		273	13%	17%			
U.S. Earthquake		158		259	10%	16%			

(1) A "100-year" return period can also be referred to as the 1.0% occurrence exceedance probability ("OEP"), meaning there is a 1.0% chance in any given year that this level will be exceeded. A "250-year" return period can also be referred to as the 0.4% OEP, meaning there is a 0.4% chance in any given year that this level will be exceeded.

As of January 1, 2015, our three largest modeled exposures to a single event loss at a 250-year return period were U.S. Hurricane, European Windstorm and U.S. Earthquake.

Our projections of the net impact from single event losses may vary considerably within a particular territory depending on the specific characteristics of the event. This is particularly true for the direct insurance and facultative reinsurance portfolio we underwrite. For example, our projected net impact from a large European windstorm may differ materially depending on whether the majority of loss comes from the U.K. & Ireland or from Continental Europe.

Given the limited availability of reliable historical data, there is a great deal of uncertainty with regard to the accuracy of any catastrophe model, especially when contemplating longer return periods.

Our single event loss estimates represent snapshots as of January 1, 2015. The composition of our in-force portfolio may change materially at any time due to the acceptance of new policies, the expiration of existing policies, losses incurred and changes in our ceded reinsurance and derivative protections.

### Annual Operating Result

In addition to monitoring treaty contract limits and single event accumulation potential, we attempt to simulate our annual operating result to reflect an aggregation of modeled underwriting, investment and other risks. This approach estimates a net operating result over simulated twelve month periods, including contributions from certain variables such as aggregate premiums, losses, expenses and investment results.

We view this approach as a supplement to our single event stress test as it allows for multiple losses from both natural catastrophe and other circumstances and attempts to take into account certain risks that are unrelated to our underwriting activities. Through our modeling, we endeavor to take into account many risks that we face as an enterprise. However, by the very nature of the insurance and reinsurance business, and due to limitations associated with the use of models in general, our simulated result does not cover every potential risk.

# **Results of Operations**

Our consolidated financial results for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 follow:

		14		ed December 31,		2012
(\$ in millions)	20	)14		2013		2012
Gross insurance and reinsurance premiums written	\$	740.3	\$	706.0	\$	735.3
Ceded reinsurance premiums	Ψ	(89.4)	Ψ	(102.9)	Ψ	(119.6)
Net insurance and reinsurance premiums written		650.9		603.1		615.7
Change in net unearned insurance and reinsurance premiums		(5.7)		(3.5)		0.8
Net insurance and reinsurance premiums earned		645.2		599.6		616.5
The instrance and remourance premiums carried		043.2		577.0		010.5
Net investment income		46.8		64.0		67.1
Net realized and unrealized investment gains (losses)		5.4		(49.2)		82.4
Net foreign currency gains (losses)		9.4		(15.9)		(12.8)
Net income (loss) from derivative instruments		(18.6)		(25.3)		3.2
Other revenues		2.9		0.4		0.8
Total revenues		691.1		573.6		757.2
Underwriting expenses:						
Loss and LAE — current year losses		(341.4)		(270.9)		(373.8)
Loss and LAE — prior year losses		151.8		144.4		87.4
Insurance and reinsurance acquisition costs		(110.2)		(90.5)		(96.6)
General and administrative expenses		(123.7)		(119.2)		(116.2)
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Non-underwriting expenses:		(10 0)		(10.0)		(20.4)
Interest and other financing expenses		(18.9)		(18.8)		(20.4)
Underwriting discount and structuring fees associated with the BCRH IPO Loss on early extinguishment of 2013 Senior Notes				(7.5)		(9.7)
Other expenses		(3.4)		(0.6)		(9.7)
		(445.8)		(363.1)		(529.3)
Total expenses		(445.6)		(303.1)		(329.3)
Income before income taxes		245.3		210.5		227.9
Income tax benefit (provision)		2.7		0.1		(0.3)
						(141)
Net income		248.0		210.6		227.6
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests		(24.1)	_	(6.1)		_
Net income available to the Company		223.9		204.5		227.6
Dividends declared on Preferred Shares		(13.3)		(13.3)		(13.3)
Net income available to the Company's common shareholders	<u>\$</u>	210.6	\$	191.2	\$	214.3
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Net income	\$	248.0	\$	210.6	\$	227.6
Change in accumulated net foreign currency translation losses		(2.4)		0.9		0.8
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Comprehensive income		245.6		211.5		228.4
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests		(24.1)		(6.1)		
Comprehensive income available to the Company	\$	221.5	\$	205.4	\$	228.4
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Loss and LAE ratio		29.4%		21.1%		46.4%
Acquisition cost ratio		17.1%		15.1%		15.7%
General and administrative expense ratio		19.1%		19.9%		18.9%
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GAAP combined ratio		65.6%	,	56.1%		81.0%



## I. Review of Underwriting Results - by Segment

We currently operate through three reportable segments: Montpelier Bermuda, Montpelier at Lloyd's and Collateralized Reinsurance. Each of our segments represents a separate underwriting platform through which we write insurance and reinsurance business. Our segment disclosures provided herein present the operations of each segment prior to the effects of intercompany quota share reinsurance agreements among them.

The activities of the Company, certain of its intermediate holding and service companies, the Company's former MUSIC Run-Off segment and eliminations relating to intercompany reinsurance and support services, collectively referred to as "Corporate and Other", are also presented herein.

# MONTPELIER BERMUDA

Underwriting results for Montpelier Bermuda for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,								
(\$ in millions)		2014	2013	2012					
Gross premiums written	\$	416.4 \$	429.4	\$ 480.5					
Ceded reinsurance premiums		(102.1)	(75.8)	(99.8)					
Net premiums written		314.3	353.6	380.7					
Change in net unearned premiums		1.6	5.6	(11.2)					
Net premiums earned		315.9	359.2	369.5					
Loss and LAE - current year losses		(148.2)	(123.7)	(205.4)					
Loss and LAE - prior year losses		125.2	106.7	45.9					
Acquisition costs		(37.1)	(34.4)	(40.5)					
General and administrative expenses		(38.7)	(39.3)	(44.2)					
Underwriting income	\$	217.1 \$	268.5	\$ 125.3					
Loss and LAE ratio		7.3%	4.7%	43.2%					
Acquisition cost ratio		11.7%	9.6%	11.0%					
General and administrative expense ratio		12.2%	11.0%	12.0%					
GAAP combined ratio		31.2%	25.3%	66.2%					

#### Gross and Net Premiums Written

The following table summarizes Montpelier Bermuda's premium writings, by line of business, for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,									
(\$ in millions)		2014		2013		2012				
Property Catastrophe - Treaty	\$	256.1	62% \$	279.0	65% \$	332.8	69%			
Property Specialty - Treaty		54.0	13	50.3	12	47.5	10			
Other Specialty - Treaty		76.4	18	68.7	16	70.4	15			
Property and Specialty Individual Risk		29.9	7	31.4	7	29.8	6			
Gross premiums written		416.4	100%	429.4	100%	480.5	100%			
Ceded reinsurance premiums		(102.1)		(75.8)		(99.8)				
Net premiums written	\$	314.3	\$	353.6	\$	380.7				

Note - Montpelier Bermuda's gross and net premiums written during the years presented include amounts assumed from Montpelier at Lloyd's. Montpelier Bermuda's reinsurance premiums ceded during 2014 includes amounts ceded to Collateralized Reinsurance. These inter-segment reinsurance agreements are eliminated in consolidation. See "Corporate and Other" under this Item 7.

Gross premiums written by Montpelier Bermuda during 2014 totaled \$416.4 million, a decrease of \$13.0 million, or 3%, as compared to 2013. This decrease was largely the result of pricing reductions in the Property Catastrophe - Treaty line of business, which led to decreased premiums on certain renewed contracts. Partially offsetting the 2014 decrease in gross premiums written by Montpelier Bermuda was a \$7.7 million increase in Other Specialty - Treaty writings, which related primarily to financial risk and aviation classes of business.

Gross premiums written by Montpelier Bermuda during 2013 totaled \$429.4 million, a decrease of \$51.1 million, or 11%, as compared to 2012. This decrease was largely the result of pricing reductions in the Property Catastrophe - Treaty line of business, which led to decreased premiums on certain renewed contracts. Also contributing to the decrease in Property Catastrophe - Treaty gross premiums written was a reduction in reinstatement premiums written in 2013 versus those written in 2012, due to the low level of catastrophe losses experienced in 2013.

Net premiums written and earned by Montpelier Bermuda in 2014, 2013 and 2012 included increases due to reinstatements of \$6.3 million, \$4.6 million and \$10.5 million, respectively. The level of reinstatement premiums that Montpelier Bermuda recognizes in any given period is a function of the nature and extent of losses recognized in that period.

Reinsurance premiums ceded by Montpelier Bermuda in 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$102.1 million, \$75.8 million and \$99.8 million, respectively. Over the past few years, Montpelier Bermuda has established several underwriting partnerships (in the form of property catastrophe quota share reinsurance treaties) with various third parties and affiliates. These underwriting partnerships allow Montpelier Bermuda to: (i) write larger property catastrophe lines with preferred clients; (ii) recover a portion of its losses from events of all sizes, not just from those events that exceed a specified loss amount; and (iii) reduce its net acquisition costs. The increases in Montpelier Bermuda's reinsurance premiums ceded from 2012 to 2014 was primarily the result of more Property Catastrophe - Treaty business being ceded on a pro-rata basis, both to third-parties and the Company's Collateralized Reinsurance segment.

Montpelier Bermuda purchases reinsurance in the normal course of its business in order to manage its exposures. The amount and type of reinsurance that Montpelier Bermuda purchases is dependent on a variety of factors, including the cost of a particular reinsurance cover and the nature of its gross premiums written during a particular period. Other factors affect Montpelier Bermuda's appetite and capacity to write and retain risk. These factors include the impact of changes in frequency and severity assumptions used in our models and the corresponding pricing required to meet our return targets, evolving industry-wide capital requirements, increased competition, market conditions and other considerations.

All of Montpelier Bermuda's reinsurance purchases to date have represented prospective cover; that is, reinsurance has been purchased to protect Montpelier Bermuda against the risk of future losses as opposed to covering losses that have already occurred but have not been paid. Montpelier Bermuda purchases: (i) excess-of-loss reinsurance covering one or more lines of its business; (ii) quota share reinsurance with respect to specific lines of its business; and (iii) industry loss warranty policies which provide coverage for certain losses provided they are triggered by events exceeding a specified industry loss size.

### Net Premiums Earned

Net premiums earned by Montpelier Bermuda in 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$315.9 million, \$359.2 million and \$369.5 million, respectively. Net premiums earned are primarily a function of the amount and timing of net premiums previously written.

### Loss and LAE Reserve Movements

The following tables summarize Montpelier Bermuda's loss and LAE reserve movements for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, and the composition of its gross loss and LAE reserves at December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	Year Ended December 31,									
(Millions)	2014		2013	2012						
Gross unpaid loss and LAE reserves - beginning Reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses - beginning	\$	520.9 \$ (48.7)	728.2 (87.7)	\$	716.9 (61.0)					
Net unpaid loss and LAE reserves - beginning		472.2	640.5		655.9					
Losses and LAE incurred: Current year losses Prior year losses Total losses and LAE incurred		148.2 (125.2) 23.0	123.7 (106.7) 17.0		205.4 (45.9) 159.5					
Losses and LAE paid and approved for payment		(131.7)	(185.3)		(174.9)					
Net unpaid loss and LAE reserves - ending Reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses - ending		363.5 45.3	472.2 48.7		640.5 87.7					
Gross unpaid loss and LAE reserves - ending (1)	\$	<b>408.8</b> \$	520.9	\$	728.2					

(1) Montpelier Bermuda's ending gross unpaid loss and LAE reserves at December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 include losses assumed from Montpelier at Lloyd's in the amount of \$8.6 million, \$8.4 million and \$13.3 million, respectively, and amounts recoverable from Collateralized Reinsurance in the amount of \$6.1 million, zero and zero, respectively. The effects of these inter-segment reinsurance contracts are eliminated in consolidation.

	December 31,						
(Millions)		2014	2013				
Gross IBNR	\$	265.6	\$	332.5			
Gross Case Reserves		143.2		188.4			
Gross unpaid loss and LAE reserves	\$	408.8	\$	520.9			

Our best estimates of Montpelier Bermuda's ending gross loss and LAE reserves at December 31, 2014 and 2013 were \$408.8 million and \$520.9 million, respectively. Montpelier Bermuda's gross IBNR reserves, as a percentage of its total gross reserves, amounted to 65% and 64% as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

We estimated Montpelier Bermuda's gross and net loss and LAE reserves using the methodology outlined in our "*Summary of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates*" contained in Item 7 herein. We did not make any significant changes in the assumptions or methodology used in Montpelier Bermuda's reserving process during each of the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

The following table presents Montpelier Bermuda's net loss and LAE ratios for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,						
	2014	2013	2012				
Loss and LAE ratio - current year	46.9%	34.4%	55.6%				
Loss and LAE ratio - prior year	(39.6)%	(29.7)%	(12.4)%				
Loss and LAE ratio	7.3%	4.7%	43.2%				

### Current Year Loss and LAE

During 2014 Montpelier Bermuda incurred \$148.2 million in current year net losses and LAE. There were no individually significant known loss events impacting Montpelier Bermuda during 2014, other than \$29.7 million of net catastrophe losses recognized in connection with U.S. and European wind and hail storms that occurred in June 2014.

During 2013 Montpelier Bermuda incurred \$123.7 million in current year net losses and LAE. There were no individually significant known loss events impacting Montpelier Bermuda during 2013, other than \$17.5 million of net catastrophe losses incurred from flooding in Europe and Canada, and U.S. tornadoes.

During 2012 Montpelier Bermuda incurred \$205.4 million in current year net losses and LAE. There were no individually significant known loss events impacting Montpelier Bermuda during 2012, other than an \$85.0 million net catastrophe loss associated with windstorm Sandy.

# Prior Year Loss and LAE Development

During 2014 Montpelier Bermuda experienced \$125.2 million in net favorable development on prior year loss and LAE reserves, which included loss reserve movements associated with:

- 2012 and prior IBNR reductions associated with medical malpractice business (\$14.3 million decrease),
- 2011 and 2010 New Zealand earthquakes (\$12.1 million decrease),
- 2005 hurricanes (\$6.6 million decrease),
- 2012 windstorm Sandy (\$5.9 million decrease),
- 2011 Japanese earthquake (\$4.9 million decrease),
- 2010 flooding in Portugal (\$4.8 million decrease),
- 2011 Thai floods (\$2.9 million decrease),
- 2013 U.S. crop losses (\$2.9 million decrease),
- 2010 Chilean earthquake (\$2.0 million decrease),
- 2008 Hurricane Gustav (\$2.2 million decrease), and
- 2012 Italian earthquake (\$1.4 million decrease).

In addition, claims reported to Montpelier Bermuda during 2014 indicated that IBNR for natural catastrophe losses initially recorded during 2013 (excluding the U.S. crop losses noted above) exceeded the extent of losses that actually occurred, and consequently Montpelier decreased its loss and LAE reserves by \$21.6 million.

During 2013 Montpelier Bermuda experienced \$106.7 million in net favorable development on prior year loss and LAE reserves, which included loss reserve movements associated with:

- 2011 Japan earthquake (\$10.1 million decrease),
- 2012 windstorm Sandy (\$9.1 million decrease)
- Casualty IBNR (excluding medical malpractice) recorded over several prior years (\$8.4 million decrease),
- IBNR reductions associated with medical malpractice business (\$7.3 million decrease),
- the settlement of several claims which occurred in 2007, 2010 and 2011 within the Property and Specialty Individual Risk line of business (\$7.2 million decrease),
- 2011 catastrophes, excluding the Japan earthquake (\$6.6 million decrease),
- 2004 and 2005 Hurricanes (\$6.2 million decrease), and
- a settlement associated with the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion and fire (\$5.6 million decrease).

In addition, claims reported to Montpelier Bermuda during 2013 indicated that IBNR for natural catastrophe and individual risk losses initially recorded during 2012 (other than those included in the foregoing) exceeded the extent of losses that actually occurred. Consequently Montpelier Bermuda decreased its loss and LAE reserves by a further \$28.4 million and \$4.1 million, respectively, for these classes of business.

During 2012 Montpelier Bermuda experienced \$45.9 million in net favorable development on prior year loss and LAE reserves, which included loss reserve movements associated with:

- 2011 catastrophe losses relating to the Japanese earthquake, Thai floods, Hurricane Irene and other events (\$34.1 million decrease), and
- 2011 and prior medical malpractice contracts (\$4.2 million decrease).

The remaining net favorable development on prior year loss reserves recognized during 2014, 2013 and 2012 related to several smaller adjustments made across multiple classes of business.

The prior year loss and LAE development recorded by Montpelier Bermuda in each of the periods presented associated with natural catastrophes such as earthquakes, hurricanes, wildfires, floods and windstorms was the result of new information received from multiple cedants and information regarding the impact of such losses on the entire reinsurance market.



# Impact of Foreign Currency Transaction Gains and Losses on Prior Year Loss and LAE Reserves

Montpelier Bermuda's prior year losses and LAE incurred also includes foreign currency transaction gains (losses) relating to its prior year loss and LAE reserves of \$1.3 million, \$3.8 million and \$(1.3) million during 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Since these foreign currency transaction gains (losses) are reported as decreases (increases) in Montpelier Bermuda's losses and LAE incurred, they have a direct impact on its underwriting results and its underwriting ratios.

# **Underwriting** Expenses

The following table summarizes Montpelier Bermuda's underwriting expenses during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,						
(\$ in millions)	2		2013	2012			
Acquisition costs	\$	37.1 \$	34.4 \$	40.5			
Acquisition cost ratio		11.7%	9.6%	11.0%			
General and administrative expenses	\$	38.7 \$	39.3 \$	44.2			
General and administrative expense ratio		12.2%	11.0%	12.0%			

Acquisition costs include commissions, profit commissions, brokerage costs and excise taxes, when applicable. Profit commissions and brokerage costs can vary based on the nature of business produced.

Profit commissions, which are accrued based on the estimated results of the subject contract, change as Montpelier Bermuda's estimates of loss and LAE fluctuate. Montpelier Bermuda pays profit commissions on certain assumed reinsurance contracts, and receives profit commissions on certain ceded reinsurance contracts. Only a few of Montpelier Bermuda's assumed and ceded reinsurance contracts contain profit commission clauses, and the terms of these profit commissions are specific to the individual contracts and vary as a percentage of the contract results.

During 2014, 2013 and 2012, the profit commissions earned by Montpelier Bermuda in connection with its ceded reinsurance contracts exceeded the profit commissions it incurred in connection with its assumed reinsurance contracts by \$3.4 million, \$9.0 million and \$4.0 million, respectively. The decrease in net profit commissions earned by Montpelier Bermuda from 2013 to 2014, as well as the resulting increase in its acquisition cost ratio for 2014, is primarily the result of an increase in current year Property Catastrophe - Treaty losses ceded to Montpelier Bermuda's various underwriting partners, including the Collateralized Reinsurance segment, which resulted from the aforementioned U.S. and European wind and hail storms that occurred in June 2014.

All other acquisition costs are generally driven by contract terms and are normally a set percentage of gross premiums written. Such acquisition costs consist of commission expenses incurred on assumed business less commission revenue earned on purchased reinsurance covers. Commission revenue on purchased reinsurance covers is earned over the same period that the corresponding premiums are expensed.

The following table summarizes Montpelier Bermuda's general and administrative expenses during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,							
(Millions)		2014	2013			2012		
Operating expenses Incentive compensation expenses	\$	25.6 13.1	\$	27.9 11.4	\$	30.9 13.3		
General and administrative expenses	\$	38.7	\$	39.3	\$	44.2		

Montpelier Bermuda's operating expenses have decreased during the periods presented primarily as a result of reductions in information technology costs and a re-allocation of certain risk management expenses from Montpelier Bermuda to Corporate and Other. This re-allocation was made in response to an increase in the Company's group-wide risk management activities, including Solvency II and related initiatives.

Incentive compensation expenses recorded at Montpelier Bermuda consist of two independent components. The first component represents amounts that are not, or are no longer, dependent on Company performance, and consist of: (i) Fixed RSUs and Variable RSUs granted in prior years that have been effectively converted to Fixed RSUs; and (ii) the portion of annual employee cash bonuses that is based on individual employee performance goals. The second component represents amounts that are entirely dependent on Company performance and consist of: (i) Variable RSUs in the Initial RSU Period; and (ii) the portion of annual employee cash bonuses that is based on Company performance.

Montpelier Bermuda's incentive compensation expenses incurred during 2014 increased versus those of 2013 primarily as a result of: (i) its 2014 accruals reflecting a higher projected payout level than that of the prior year; and (ii) a greater number of Fixed RSUs outstanding during 2014. The decrease in Montpelier Bermuda's incentive compensation expenses during 2013, versus those of 2012, was primarily the result of its 2013 accruals reflecting a lower projected payout level than those of the prior year. See Note 9 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

# MONTPELIER AT LLOYD'S

Underwriting results for Montpelier at Lloyd's for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,						
(\$ in millions)		2014	2013		2012		
Gross premiums written	\$	273.0	\$	235.2	\$	246.0	
Ceded reinsurance premiums		(19.7)		(23.0)		(15.9)	
Net premiums written		253.3		212.2		230.1	
Change in net unearned premiums		(8.5)		1.5		(12.8)	
Net premiums earned		244.8		213.7		217.3	
Loss and LAE - current year losses		(169.8)		(145.0)		(148.6)	
Loss and LAE - prior year losses		27.5		39.1		41.0	
Acquisition costs		(59.9)		(52.6)		(46.6)	
General and administrative expenses		(39.8)		(36.5)		(38.2)	
Underwriting income	\$	2.8	\$	18.7	\$	24.9	
Loss and LAE ratio		58.1%	, D	49.6%		49.5%	
Acquisition cost ratio		24.5%	, 0	24.6%		21.4%	
General and administrative expense ratio		<u>16.2</u> %	, 0	<u>17.1</u> %		17.6%	
GAAP combined ratio		<u>98.8</u> %	, 0	<u>91.3</u> %		<u>88.5</u> %	

#### Gross and Net Premiums Written

The following table summarizes Montpelier at Lloyd's premium writings, by line of business, for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

			Year Ended Decembe	er 31,		
(\$ in millions)	 2014		2013		2012	
Property Catastrophe - Treaty	\$ 3.4	1% \$	4.7	2% \$	10.9	4%
Property Specialty - Treaty	3.8	2	4.3	2	6.1	3
Other Specialty - Treaty	93.2	34	78.3	33	82.1	33
Property and Specialty Individual Risk	 172.6	63	147.9	63	146.9	60
Gross premiums written	273.0	100%	235.2	100%	246.0	100%
Ceded reinsurance premiums	(19.7)		(23.0)		(15.9)	
Net premiums written	\$ 253.3	\$	212.2	\$	230.1	

Note - Montpelier at Lloyd's reinsurance premiums ceded during the years presented include amounts ceded to Montpelier Bermuda's pursuant to inter-segment reinsurance agreements are eliminated in consolidation. See "Corporate and Other" under this Item 7.

Gross premiums written by Montpelier at Lloyd's during 2014 totaled \$273.0 million, an increase of \$37.8 million, or 16%, as compared to 2013. The increase, which was mainly within the Other Specialty - Treaty and Property and Specialty Individual Risk lines of business, was primarily the result of an expansion of Montpelier at Lloyd's direct property and casualty quota-share classes of business.

Gross premiums written by Montpelier at Lloyd's during 2013 totaled \$235.2 million, a decrease of \$10.8 million, or 4%, as compared to 2012. The largest decrease was within the Property Catastrophe - Treaty line of business, resulting from rate decreases and planned reductions in net catastrophe exposures.

Net premiums written and earned by Montpelier at Lloyd's in 2014, 2013 and 2012 include net increases (reductions) due to reinstatements of \$2.0 million, \$(3.4) million and \$2.6 million, respectively. The negative reinstatement premiums recognized during 2013 resulted from an increase in reinsurance recoveries associated with the 2012 Costa Concordia accident (which resulted in ceded reinstatement premiums). The level of reinstatement premiums that Montpelier at Lloyd's may realize in future periods will be dependent upon the occurrence of future losses.

Montpelier at Lloyd's purchases reinsurance in the normal course of its business in order to manage its exposures. The amount and type of reinsurance that Montpelier at Lloyd's purchases is dependent on a variety of factors, including the cost of a particular reinsurance cover and the nature of its gross premiums written during a particular period. Other factors affect Montpelier at Lloyd's appetite and capacity to write and retain risk. These include the impact of changes in frequency and severity assumptions used in our models and the corresponding pricing required to meet our return targets, evolving industry-wide capital requirements, increased competition, market conditions and other considerations.

All of Montpelier at Lloyd's reinsurance purchases to date have represented prospective cover; that is, reinsurance has been purchased to protect Montpelier at Lloyd's against the risk of future losses as opposed to covering losses that have already occurred but have not been paid. Montpelier at Lloyd's purchases: (i) excess-of-loss reinsurance covering one or more lines of its business; and (ii) quota share reinsurance with respect to specific lines of its business.

# Net Premiums Earned

Net premiums earned by Montpelier at Lloyd's in 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$244.8 million, \$213.7 million and \$217.3 million, respectively. Net premiums earned are primarily a function of the amount and timing of net premiums previously written.

# Loss and LAE Reserve Movements

The following tables summarize Montpelier at Lloyd's loss and LAE reserve movements for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, and the composition of its gross loss and LAE reserves at December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	Year Ended December 31,						
(Millions)	2014	2013	2012				
Gross unpaid loss and LAE reserves - beginning Reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses - beginning Net unpaid loss and LAE reserves - beginning	\$ 337.3 (23.3 314.0	(28.3)	\$ 341.6 (36.4) 305.2				
Losses and LAE incurred: Current year losses Prior year losses Total losses and LAE incurred	169.8 (27.5 142.3	<u>(39.1</u> )	148.6 (41.0) 107.6				
Net foreign currency translation movements on loss and LAE	(22.2	6.1	12.0				
Losses and LAE paid and approved for payment	(102.4	(123.7)	(99.1)				
Net unpaid loss and LAE reserves - ending Reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses - ending	331.7 18.1		325.7 28.3				
Gross unpaid loss and LAE reserves - ending (1)	\$ 349.8	\$ 337.3	\$ 354.0				

(1) Montpelier at Lloyd's ending gross unpaid loss and LAE reserves at December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 includes recoverables from Montpelier Bermuda of \$8.6 million, \$8.4 million and \$13.3 million, respectively. The effects of these inter-segment reinsurance contracts are eliminated in consolidation.

	December 31,						
(Millions)	2014			2013			
Gross IBNR Gross Case Reserves	\$	197.5 152.3	\$	198.4 138.9			
Gross unpaid loss and LAE reserves	\$	349.8	\$	337.3			

Our best estimates of Montpelier at Lloyd's ending gross loss and LAE reserves at December 31, 2014 and 2013 were \$349.8 and \$337.3 million, respectively. Montpelier at Lloyd's gross IBNR reserves, as a percentage of its total gross reserves, amounted to 56% and 59% as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

We estimated Montpelier at Lloyd's loss and LAE reserves using the methodology outlined in our "Summary of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" contained in Item 7 herein. We did not make any significant changes in the assumptions or methodology used in Montpelier at Lloyd's reserving process during each of the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

The following table presents Montpelier at Lloyd's net loss and LAE ratios for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year	Year Ended December 31,						
	2014	2013	2012					
Loss and LAE ratio - current year Loss and LAE ratio - prior year	69.3% (11.2)%	67.9% (18.3)%	68.4% (18.9)%					
Loss and LAE ratio	<u> </u>	49.6%	<u>49.5</u> %					

# Current Year Loss and LAE

During 2014 and 2013 Montpelier at Lloyd's incurred \$169.8 million and \$145.0 million, respectively, of current year net losses and LAE. There were no individually significant known catastrophe loss events affecting Montpelier at Lloyd's during those years as most of the current year loss and LAE incurred related to claims and events that had been incurred during those years but had not yet been reported to us.

During 2012 Montpelier at Lloyd's incurred \$148.6 million of current year net losses and LAE. There were no individually significant known loss events impacting Montpelier at Lloyd's during 2012, other than a \$17.8 million net catastrophe loss associated with windstorm Sandy. Most of the remaining current year loss and LAE incurred during 2012 related to claims and events that had been incurred during that year but had not yet been reported to us.

# Prior Year Loss and LAE Development

During 2014 Montpelier at Lloyd's experienced \$27.5 million in net favorable development on prior year loss and LAE reserves, which included loss reserve movements associated with:-

- 2011 Thai floods (\$7.9 million decrease),
- 2012 windstorm Sandy (\$1.4 million decrease), and-
- 2011 Japanese earthquake (\$1.2 million decrease).

In addition, claims reported to Montpelier at Lloyd's during 2014 indicated that IBNR for natural catastrophe losses it initially recorded during 2013 exceeded the extent of losses that actually occurred, and, consequently, Montpelier at Lloyd's decreased its loss and LAE reserves by \$6.6 million.

During 2013 Montpelier at Lloyd's experienced \$39.1 million in net favorable development on prior year loss and LAE reserves, which included loss reserve movements associated with:

- 2012 non-catastrophe individual risk losses (\$12.4 million decrease),
- 2011 non-catastrophe individual risk losses (\$11.0 million decrease), and
- 2012 natural catastrophes (\$4.1 million decrease, which is net of a \$3.0 million increase in connection with windstorm Sandy).

During 2012 Montpelier at Lloyd's experienced \$41.0 million in net favorable development on prior year loss and LAE reserves, which included loss reserve movements associated with:

- 2011 catastrophe losses relating to Thai floods and other events (\$16.9 million decrease), and
- three individual risk losses incurred at Montpelier at Lloyd's during 2008 and 2011 (\$5.3 million decrease).

In addition to the loss reserve movements referred to above, Montpelier at Lloyd's prior year loss development also related to movements associated with reserves established in prior years in order to provide for claims and events that had been incurred in that year but had not yet been reported to us. These reserves were originally recorded by Montpelier at Lloyd's largely on the basis of historical loss rates, industry data and actuarial judgment and experience as opposed to information received from cedants, brokers and other customers. As prior underwriting years have matured, Montpelier at Lloyd's has increased its reliance on the loss data it has received and, as a result, has adjusted its estimates of ultimate losses accordingly.

### Impact of Foreign Currency Transaction Gains and Losses on Prior Year Loss and LAE Reserves

Montpelier at Lloyd's prior year losses and LAE incurred also includes foreign currency transaction gains (losses) relating to its prior year loss and LAE reserves of \$(5.3) million, \$(1.4) million and \$5.3 million during 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Since these foreign currency transaction gains (losses) are reported as decreases (increases) in Montpelier at Lloyd's losses and LAE incurred, they have a direct impact on its underwriting results and its underwriting ratios.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, Montpelier at Lloyd's loss and LAE ratio of 58.1% (as well as its combined ratio of 98.8%) included a 2.2 percentage point detriment relating to net foreign currency transaction losses on its prior year loss and LAE reserves. For the year ended December 31, 2013, Montpelier at Lloyd's loss and LAE ratio of 49.6% (as well as its combined ratio of 91.3%) included a 0.7 percentage point detriment relating to net foreign currency transaction losses on its prior year loss and LAE ratio of 49.5% (as well as its combined ratio of 88.5%) included a 2.4 percentage point benefit relating to net foreign currency transaction gains on its prior year loss and LAE reserves.

Since a significant portion of Montpelier at Lloyd's loss and LAE reserves are denominated in U.S. dollars, changes in the value of the British pound (Montpelier at Lloyd's functional currency) relative to the U.S. dollar generate foreign currency transaction gains or losses within its losses and LAE incurred upon the conversion of these U.S. dollar-denominated liabilities to British pounds. However, the subsequent translation of these liabilities back into U.S. dollars in consolidation generates substantially offsetting foreign currency translation gains and losses, which are recorded as part of comprehensive income. Therefore, in periods in which there are meaningful movements in the relative value of the British pound versus the U.S. dollar, which was the case in 2014 and 2012, the resulting impact to Montpelier at Lloyd's losses and LAE incurred (as well as its loss and LAE and combined ratios) can significantly impact its reported underwriting performance without necessarily impacting the Company's comprehensive income or shareholders' equity.

# Impact of Foreign Currency Translation Gains and Losses on Loss and LAE Reserves

Montpelier at Lloyd's loss and LAE reserves include foreign currency translation gains (losses) of \$22.2 million, \$(6.1) million and \$(12.0) million during 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Since these foreign currency translation gains (losses) are reported as decreases (increases) in Montpelier at Lloyd's net change in foreign currency translation, which is a component of its comprehensive income or loss, they have no impact on its underwriting results or its underwriting ratios.

### **Underwriting** Expenses

The following table summarizes Montpelier at Lloyd's underwriting expenses for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,							
(\$ in millions)		2014	2013	2012				
Acquisition costs Acquisition cost ratio	\$	59.9 \$ 24.5%	52.6 \$ 24.6%	46.6 21.4%				
General and administrative expenses General and administrative expense ratio	\$	39.8 \$ 16.2%	36.5 \$ 17.1%	38.2 17.6%				
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Acquisition costs include commissions, profit commissions, brokerage costs and excise taxes, when applicable. Profit commissions and brokerage costs can vary based on the nature of business produced. Commissions earned by Montpelier at Lloyd's from business that it cedes to reinsurers are recorded as reductions in its acquisition costs.

Profit commissions, which are paid by assuming companies to ceding companies in the event of a favorable loss experience, change as Montpelier at Lloyd's estimates of loss and LAE fluctuate and are accrued based on the estimated results of the subject contract. Profit commissions incurred were less than \$0.1 million, \$3.4 million and \$1.1 million during 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

All other acquisition costs incurred by Montpelier at Lloyd's are generally driven by contract terms and are normally a set percentage of gross premiums written. Such acquisition costs consist of commission expenses incurred on assumed business and commission revenue earned on purchased reinsurance covers, all of which is earned over the same period that the corresponding premiums are expensed.

Excluding the effects of profit commissions, Montpelier at Lloyd's acquisition costs and acquisition cost ratios have increased from 2012 to 2014, primarily as a result of changes in the mix of the business it writes. Montpelier at Lloyd's marine, pro-rata engineering and casualty writings, which have increased during such periods, are typically written at a higher acquisition cost ratio than most other classes of business written by Montpelier at Lloyd's.

The following table summarizes Montpelier at Lloyd's general and administrative expenses during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,					
(Millions)		2014		2013		2012
Operating expenses Incentive compensation expenses	\$	27.2 12.6	\$	26.7 9.8	\$	28.5 9.7
General and administrative expenses	\$	39.8	\$	36.5	\$	38.2

Montpelier at Lloyd's operating expenses incurred during 2014 were largely consistent with those of 2013. Montpelier at Lloyd's operating expenses incurred during 2013 decreased, versus those incurred during 2012, due primarily to a non-recurring third-party management fee recorded in 2012.

Incentive compensation expenses recorded at Montpelier at Lloyd's consist of two independent components. The first component represents amounts that are not, or are no longer, dependent on Company performance, and consist of: (i) Fixed RSUs and Variable RSUs granted in prior years that have been effectively converted to Fixed RSUs; and (ii) the portion of annual employee cash bonuses that is based on individual employee performance goals. The second component represents amounts that are entirely dependent on Company performance and consist of: (i) Variable RSUs in the Initial RSU Period; and (ii) the portion of annual employee cash bonuses that is based on Company performance.

Montpelier at Lloyd's incentive compensation expenses incurred during 2014 increased versus those of 2013 as a result of an increase in personnel who are eligible to receive RSU awards, as well as its 2014 accruals being recorded at a higher projected payout level than that of the prior year. The increase in Montpelier at Lloyd's incentive compensation expenses during 2013, versus those of 2012, was primarily the result of additional incentive compensation costs associated with new personnel, which more than offset the benefit of its 2013 accruals being provided at a lower projected payout level than that of the prior year. See Note 9 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

# COLLATERALIZED REINSURANCE

Underwriting results for the Collateralized Reinsurance segment, which we launched in 2012, were as follows for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,							
(\$ in millions)		2014		2013	20	)12		
Gross premiums written	\$	83.4	\$	39.8	\$	2.4		
Ceded reinsurance premiums				(3.0)				
Net premiums written		83.4		36.8		2.4		
Change in net unearned premiums		1.2		(10.6)				
Net premiums earned		84.6		26.2		2.4		
Loss and LAE - current year losses		(23.4)		(2.2)		_		
Loss and LAE - prior year losses		0.2						
Acquisition costs		(13.2)		(3.2)		(0.1)		
General and administrative expenses		(7.3)		(3.5)		(1.7)		
Underwriting income	\$	40.9	\$	17.3	\$	0.6		
Loss and LAE ratio		27.4%		8.4%		%		
Acquisition cost ratio		15.6%		12.2%		4.2%		
General and administrative expense ratio		<u> </u>		13.4%		70.9%		
GAAP combined ratio		<u>51.7</u> %		34.0%		75.1%		

Since the commencement of its operations in June 2012, the Collateralized Reinsurance segment has assumed natural catastrophe exposures from third-parties and Montpelier Re (pursuant to inter-segment reinsurance arrangements), all of which is reflected within the Property Catastrophe - Treaty line of business.

# Gross and Net Premiums Written

Gross premiums written by the Collateralized Reinsurance segment totaled \$83.4 million, \$39.8 million and \$2.4 million during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The significant increases in gross premiums written within Collateralized Reinsurance during the periods presented reflect: (i) additional capital being deployed into Blue Water Re by the BCGR Listed Fund; and (ii) the operations of Blue Capital Re, which commenced operations in November 2013, but did not write any reinsurance premiums during that year.

Net reinstatement premiums earned within the Collateralized Reinsurance segment were not significant in any of the periods presented. The level of reinstatement premiums that the Collateralized Reinsurance segment may realize in future periods will be dependent upon the occurrence of future losses; however, any such reinstatement premiums are not expected to be material.

During 2014, 2013 and 2012 the Collateralized Reinsurance segment ceded zero, \$3.0 million and zero of its premiums to third-party reinsurers, respectively. The Collateralized Reinsurance segment purchases reinsurance in the normal course of its business in order to manage its exposures. The amount and type of reinsurance that the Collateralized Reinsurance segment purchases is dependent on a variety of factors, including the cost of a particular reinsurance cover and the nature of its gross premiums written during a particular period. Other factors affect the Collateralized Reinsurance segment's appetite and capacity to write and retain risk. These include the impact of changes in frequency and severity assumptions used in our models and the corresponding pricing required to meet our return targets, evolving industry-wide capital requirements, increased competition, market conditions and other considerations.

#### Net Premiums Earned

Net premiums earned at the Collateralized Reinsurance segment during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$84.6 million, \$26.2 million and \$2.4 million, respectively. Premiums earned are primarily a function of the amount and timing of net premiums previously written.

### Loss and LAE Reserve Movements

The following tables summarize the Collateralized Reinsurance segment's loss and LAE reserve movements for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, and the composition of its gross loss and LAE reserves at December 31, 2014 and 2013:



	Year Ended December 31,							
(Millions)		2014	2	013		2012		
Gross and net unpaid loss and LAE reserves - beginning	\$	0.6	\$	_	\$	_		
Losses and LAE incurred: Current year losses Prior year losses Total losses and LAE incurred		23.4 (0.2) 23.2		2.2  2.2				
Losses and LAE paid and approved for payment		(11.3)		(1.6)				
Gross and net unpaid loss and LAE reserves - ending	\$	12.5	\$	0.6	\$			
				Decem	ber 31,	2012		
(Millions)			<u>م</u>	2014	¢	2013		
Gross IBNR			Þ	7.5	\$	0.2		
Gross Case Reserves			¢	5.0	¢	0.4		
Gross unpaid loss and LAE reserves			\$	12.5	\$	0.6		

# Underwriting Expenses

The following table summarizes the Collateralized Reinsurance segment's underwriting expenses for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,							
(\$ in millions)	2014	2013		2012				
Acquisition costs	\$ 13.2		3.2 \$	0.1				
Acquisition cost ratio	15.0		12.2%	4.2%				
General and administrative expenses	\$ 7.3		3.5 \$	1.7				
General and administrative expense ratio	8.7		13.4%	70.9%				

n/m - not meaningful.

Acquisition costs include commissions, profit commissions, brokerage costs and excise taxes, when applicable. Profit commissions and brokerage costs can vary based on the nature of business produced.

Profit commissions, which are paid by assuming companies to ceding companies in the event of favorable loss experience, change as the Collateralized Reinsurance segment's estimates of loss and LAE fluctuate. Profit commissions incurred during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 totaled \$1.7 million, zero and zero, respectively.

Excluding the effects of profit commissions, the Collateralized Reinsurance segment's acquisition cost ratios have remained largely consistent during each of the periods presented.

The Collateralized Reinsurance segment incurred \$7.3 million, \$3.5 million and \$1.7 million of general and administrative expenses during 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The Collateralized Reinsurance segment's general and administrative expenses consist primarily of third-party legal and consulting costs, as well as personnel costs.

# **CORPORATE AND OTHER**

Corporate and Other, which collectively represents the Company, certain intermediate holding and service companies, the Company's former MUSIC Run-Off segment and eliminations relating to intercompany reinsurance and service charges, is not considered to be an operating segment. The underwriting losses generated by Corporate and Other principally reflect general and administrative expenses incurred in support of the Company's various operating companies.



The Corporate and Other results for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,							
(\$ in millions)		2014	2013	2012				
Gross premiums written	\$	(32.5)	\$ 1.6	\$ 6.4				
Ceded reinsurance premiums		32.4	(1.1)	(3.9)				
Net premiums written		(0.1)	0.5	2.5				
Change in net unearned premiums		_	_	24.8				
Net premiums earned		(0.1)	0.5	27.3				
Loss and LAE - current year losses		_	_	(19.8)				
Loss and LAE - prior year losses		(1.1)	(1.4)	0.5				
Acquisition costs			(0.3)	(9.4)				
General and administrative expenses		(37.9)	(39.9)	(32.1)				
Underwriting loss	\$	(39.1)	\$ (41.1)	\$ (33.5)				

The premium activity reflected within Corporate and Other represent: (i) the elimination of inter-segment reinsurance arrangements between Montpelier Bermuda and Montpelier at Lloyd's and between Montpelier Bermuda and Collateralized Reinsurance, and (ii) premium adjustments relating to policies written by MUSIC on or prior to December 31, 2011, which were not significant during any of the periods presented.

The losses incurred within Corporate and Other represent losses associated with business retained in connection with the MUSIC Sale. The favorable and unfavorable net prior year loss reserve development associated with the reserves we retained from the MUSIC Sale during each of the periods presented was not significant.

The gross and net premium eliminations associated with inter-segment reinsurance arrangements follow:

		Year Ended December 31, 2014					 Year Ended December 31, 2013					
(Millions)	i	Gross premiums written		Ceded reins. premiums		Net premiums written	 Gross premiums written		Ceded reins. premiums		Net premiums written	
Montpelier Bermuda	\$	0.4	\$	(32.0)	\$	(31.6)	\$ (1.1)	\$	_	\$	(1.1)	
Montpelier at Lloyd's		_		(0.4)		(0.4)			1.1		1.1	
Collateralized Reinsurance		32.0		_		32.0						
Total inter-segment premiums	\$	32.4	\$	(32.4)	\$		\$ (1.1)	\$	1.1	\$		

	Year Ended December 31, 2012									
(Millions)		Gross premiums written		Ceded reins. premiums		Net premiums written				
Montpelier Bermuda Montpelier at Lloyd's	\$	(3.9)	\$		\$	(3.9) 3.9				
Total inter-segment premiums	\$	(3.9)	\$	3.9	\$					

The following table summarizes the general and administrative expenses of Corporate and Other during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,							
(Millions)	2014		2013		2012			
Operating expenses Incentive compensation expenses General and administrative expenses		5.9 \$ .0 7.9 <u>\$</u>	22.5 17.4 39.9	\$ \$	18.4 13.7 32.1			

Operating expenses recorded within Corporate and Other include salaries and benefits, information technology costs, director fees, legal and consulting expenses, corporate insurance premiums, audit fees and fees associated with MRH and BCRH being publicly traded companies.

Operating expenses during 2014 increased as compared to those of 2013 primarily as a result of BCRH becoming a publicly traded company in November 2013.

Operating expenses during 2013 increased over those of 2012 primarily as a result of the re-allocation of certain risk management expenses from Montpelier Bermuda to Corporate and Other. This re-allocation was made in response to an increase in the Company's group-wide risk management activities, including Solvency II and related initiatives.

Incentive compensation expenses recorded within Corporate and Other consist of two independent components. The first component represents amounts that are not, or are no longer, dependent on Company performance, and consist of: (i) Fixed RSUs and Variable RSUs granted in prior years that have been effectively converted to Fixed RSUs; and (ii) the portion of annual employee cash bonuses that is based on individual employee performance goals. The second component represents amounts that are entirely dependent on Company performance and consist of: (i) Variable RSUs in the Initial RSU Period; and (ii) the portion of annual employee cash bonuses that is based on Company performance.

Incentive compensation expenses incurred during 2014 were less than those of the prior year, primarily as a result of incentive compensation expenses during 2013 being adversely affected by the acceleration of Mr. Busher's outstanding RSU award in connection with his retirement on December 31, 2013. See Note 14 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. The increase in Corporate and Other's incentive compensation expenses during 2013, versus those of 2012, was due to: (i) a greater number of outstanding RSUs attributable to Corporate and Other activities; and (ii) the acceleration of Mr. Busher's outstanding RSUs awards in connection with his retirement. These items more than offset the impact of the 2013 incentives being provided at a lower projected payout level than that of the prior year. See Note 9 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

# II. Review of Non-Underwriting Results - Consolidated

# Net Investment Income and Total Return on Cash and Investments

The following table summarizes our consolidated net investment income and total return on cash and investments for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,							
(\$ in millions)	 2014		2013		2012			
Investment income	\$ 54.8	\$	72.6	\$	73.4			
Investment expenses	(8.0)		(8.6)		(6.3)			
Net investment income	 46.8		64.0		67.1			
Net realized investment gains (losses)	15.0		(1.7)		56.7			
Net unrealized investment gains (losses)	(9.6)		(47.5)		25.7			
Net income (loss) from investment-related derivative instruments:								
Foreign Exchange Contracts - investment activities	2.0		2.0		(3.9)			
Credit Derivatives	(5.0)		(16.9)		(0.4)			
Interest Rate Contracts	(3.7)		5.0		2.7			
Investment Options and Futures	(8.9)		(3.7)		(0.3)			
Net foreign currency transaction gains (losses) - investing activities	 (3.3)		(4.3)		2.3			
Total return on cash and investments (\$)	\$ 33.3	\$	(3.1)	\$	149.9			
Weighted average investment portfolio including cash	\$ 3,156	\$	3,088	\$	3,013			
Investment return on cash and investments (%)	1.1%		(0.1)%	)	5.2%			
Weighted average investment portfolio including cash, as adjusted (1)	\$ 2,719	\$	2,899	\$	2,987			
Investment return on cash and investments, as adjusted $(\%)$ (1)	1.2%		(0.1)%	)	5.2%			

(1) Our weighted average investment portfolio and investment return calculations, as adjusted, exclude the cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments that relate to our Collateralized Reinsurance segment, which totaled \$468.9 million, \$394.9 million and \$72.5 million at December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. These assets are earmarked for the benefit of our Collateralized Reinsurance segment's cedants and counterparties and are not intended to provide Montpelier or its cedants and counterparties with any investment return.



Our total return on cash and investments for 2014 was higher than that of 2013, due primarily to lower net investment and derivative losses experienced in 2013. Our total return on cash and investments for 2013 was significantly lower than that of 2012, due primarily to net investment and investment-related derivative losses experienced in 2013 versus net gains experienced in 2012.

Our investment income has steadily decreased since 2012 due mainly to: (i) declines in the weighted average investment portfolio (when excluding the cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments that relate to our Collateralized Reinsurance segment); and (ii) declines in market interest rates. Our investment expenses for 2014 were largely consistent with those incurred during 2013, but our investment expenses for 2013 were higher than those incurred during 2012 due to changes in the allocation of invested balances among our investment managers.

During 2014 we recognized \$14.0 million in net realized and unrealized gains from our fixed maturity portfolio, \$1.9 million in net realized and unrealized gains from our equity portfolio and \$10.5 million in net realized and unrealized losses from our other investments. The fixed maturity net gains we experienced during 2014 were largely the result of a decline in market interest rates. The equity portfolio net gains we experienced during 2014 followed a trend consistent with global equity markets. The other investment net losses we experienced during 2014 related primarily to a widening of credit spreads between the yield on the fixed maturity investments we held within our other investment portfolio versus that of U.S. Treasuries.

During 2013 we recognized \$60.6 million in net realized and unrealized losses from our fixed maturity portfolio, \$7.2 million in net realized and unrealized gains from our equity portfolio and \$4.2 million in net realized and unrealized gains from our other investments. The fixed maturity net losses we experienced during 2013 were largely the result of an abrupt increase in market interest rates at mid-year. The equity portfolio net gains we experienced during 2013 followed a trend consistent with that of the U.S. equity market, as measured by the S&P 500, when considering that the majority of our equity securities were purchased mid-year. The other investment net gains we experienced during 2013 related primarily to the overall performance of the various limited partnership investments we own.

During 2012 we recognized \$64.4 million in net realized and unrealized gains from our fixed maturity portfolio, \$8.8 million in net realized and unrealized gains from our equity portfolio and \$9.2 million in net realized and unrealized gains from our other investments. The fixed maturity net gains we experienced during 2012 were largely the result of declines in U.S. Treasury yields as well as tightening credit spreads between the yield on the fixed maturity investments we held versus that of U.S. Treasuries. The equity portfolio net gains we experienced during 2012 were consistent with trends experienced by the U.S. equity market as a whole, as measured by the S&P 500 Index. The other investment net gains we experienced during 2012 related primarily to the performance of certain private investment funds.

Certain of our investment managers have entered into derivative contracts for investment purposes. Our total net losses from investment-related derivative instruments during 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$15.6 million, \$13.6 million and \$1.9 million, respectively. Each of our derivative instruments, as well as the income and loss derived therefrom, is described in Note 7 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

During 2014, 2013 and 2012, we experienced net foreign currency transaction gains (losses) on cash and investments (those in connection with our investing activities) of (3.3) million, (4.3) million and 2.3 million, respectively. These foreign currency transaction gains and losses represent foreign currency fluctuations in the value of our non-U.S. dollar managed cash and investments.

Our investments classified as Level 3 securities (as defined in GAAP) as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 consisted primarily of the following: (i) with respect to certain fixed maturity investments, bank loans and certain asset-backed securities, many of which are not actively traded; and (ii) with respect to other investments, certain investments in investment funds and limited partnerships. Our Level 3 securities measured at fair value represented 3.9% (\$83.8 million) and 1.1% (\$28.6 million) of our total invested assets measured at fair value as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The increase in our level 3 securities from 2013 to 2014 primarily reflects the 2014 purchase of an interest in an investment fund that cannot be readily redeemed due to lock-up restrictions.

# Net Foreign Currency Losses

The following table summarizes the components of our consolidated net foreign currency gains (losses) for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,							
(Millions)	2014			2013		2012		
Net foreign currency transaction gains (losses) - investing activities	\$	(3.3)	\$	(4.3)	\$	2.3		
Net foreign currency transaction gains (losses) - other activities		12.7		(11.6)		(15.1)		
Net foreign currency gains (losses)	\$	9.4	\$	(15.9)	\$	(12.8)		

See "Net Investment Income and Total Return on Cash and Investments" above for details of our net foreign currency transaction gains (losses) we experienced in connection with our investing activities during the years presented.

The net foreign currency transaction gains (losses) we experienced in connection with our other activities represent net foreign currency gains and losses resulting from: (i) Montpelier Bermuda's premiums receivable that are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar (its functional currency); and (ii) Montpelier at Lloyd's assets and liabilities that are denominated in currencies other than the British pound (its functional currency), including those denominated in U.S. dollars. These net transaction gains and losses do not include: (i) fluctuations associated with Montpelier Bermuda's and Montpelier at Lloyd's losses and LAE, which we record as favorable or unfavorable loss reserve development; (ii) the income or loss associated with those Foreign Exchange Contracts we enter into in order to mitigate the financial effects of certain foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, see "*Net Income (Loss) From Derivative Instruments*"; and (iii) any offsetting foreign currency translation gains and losses we recognize through our comprehensive income or loss associated with Montpelier at Lloyd's assets and liabilities that are denominated in U.S. dollars.

The net foreign currency transaction gains (losses) we experienced during the periods presented associated with our other activities were primarily due to a strengthening (weakening) of the U.S. dollar against the British pound. The closing rates of the U.S. dollar versus the British pound as of December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, follow:

Currency	Closing Rate	Closing Rate	Closing Rate
	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
British pound (GBP)	1.5559	1.6559	1.6234

# Net Income (Loss) from Derivative Instruments

The following table presents our consolidated net income (loss) from derivative instruments during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

		Year	Year Ended December 31,   2013 2012							
(Millions) Foreign Exchange Contracts - underwriting activities Foreign Exchange Contracts - investing activities	2014		2013		2012					
	\$ (0 2	,	(4.5) 2.0	\$	7.5 (3.9)					
Credit Derivatives Interest Rate Contracts	(5 (3	0)	(16.9) 5.0		(0.4) 2.7					
Investment Options and Futures UST Contract	(8	,	(3.7)		(0.3) 0.6					
LIBOR Swap Outward ILW Swaps	(0. (4.	·	0.4 (7.6)		(2.2) (0.8)					
Inward ILW Swaps Net income (loss) from derivative instruments	<u>2</u> <u>\$ (18</u>	_	(25.3)	\$	3.2					

See Note 7 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a description of each of our derivative instruments.

### **Other Revenues**

The following table summarizes our consolidated other revenues for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:



	Year Ended December 31,							
(Millions)	2014		2	2013	2012			
Services provided to third parties	\$	2.5	\$	_	\$	1.0		
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliate		0.3						
Interest on funds advanced		0.1				0.1		
Gain (loss) on sale of PUAL				0.4		(0.5)		
Revenue from the Loss Development Cover						0.2		
Other revenues	\$	2.9	\$	0.4	\$	0.8		

Our consolidated other revenues are comprised of: (i) managing general agency fees earned by Cladium, commissions earned by our former wholly-owned subsidiary Paladin Underwriting Agency Limited ("PUAL") and transitional services provided to Selective in connection with the MUSIC Sale; (ii) equity in the earnings of a specialty managing general agency in which we hold a minority investment; (iii) interest on funds advanced to ceding companies to cover losses in accordance with contract terms; (iv) amounts recorded in connection with the sale of PUAL; and (v) the proceeds from the Loss Development Cover.

In September 2012, we sold PUAL to a founding member of its management. In connection with the sale of PUAL, we received a note from the buyer under which the repayment of principal and interest was contingent on the future performance of that company. Due to the contingencies surrounding the note at the time of sale in 2012, we assigned no value to it and recognized a loss on the sale of PUAL of \$0.5 million. Based on the subsequent performance of the note, we recognized its full value during 2013 and recorded a \$0.4 million gain on the sale of PUAL. PUAL's assets and operations were not material to the Company.

# Interest and Other Financing Expenses

The following table summarizes our consolidated interest and other financing expenses for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,								
(Millions)		014		2013		2012			
Interest expense and amortization of discount and issuance costs - 2022 Senior Notes	\$	14.4	\$	14.4	\$	3.4			
Interest expense and amortization of issuance costs - 2013 Senior Notes		_				11.7			
Interest expense - Trust Preferred Securities		4.1		4.1		4.3			
Other interest and financing expenses		0.4		0.3		1.0			
Interest and other financing expenses	\$	18.9	\$	18.8	\$	20.4			

Our consolidated interest and financing expenses remained largely consistent from 2013 to 2014 because the annual interest expense in respect of the 2022 Senior Notes, which we issued in 2012, is highly consistent with that in respect of the 2013 Senior Notes, which were retired in 2012.

In 2012 we incurred \$1.2 million of incremental interest expense during the one-month period in which both debt issuances were outstanding (which constituted the redemption notice period we were required to provide to holders of the 2013 Senior Notes).

Our other interest and financing expenses consist of interest expense and commitment fees associated with BCRH's 364-day unsecured credit agreement (the "BCRH Credit Agreement"), letter of credit fees and trust fees.

## Underwriting Discount and Structuring Fees Associated With The BCRH IPO

In connection with the BCRH IPO, in 2013 we: (i) reimbursed BCRH for the underwriting discount it incurred, which was equal to 5% of the gross proceeds it received from third parties (\$6.2 million); and (ii) paid a structuring fee to a third-party equal to 1% of the gross proceeds BCRH received from third parties (\$1.3 million).

# Loss on Early Extinguishment of 2013 Senior Notes

In November 2012 we fully redeemed the 2013 Senior Notes at a "make-whole" redemption price of \$237.6 million (104.2% of the principal thereof), plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. In connection with the redemption of the 2013 Senior Notes, we recorded a loss of \$9.7 million.

### **Other Expenses**

The following table summarizes our consolidated other expenses for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,							
(Millions)		2014		2013		2012		
Cladium operating expenses	\$	2.4	\$	_	\$	_		
Expenses from the Loss Development Cover		0.8		0.6		—		
Other non-underwriting expenses		0.2						
Other expenses	\$	3.4	\$	0.6	\$			

Our consolidated other expenses are comprised of: (i) operating expenses associated with Cladium; (ii) provisions for our ongoing obligation to Selective in connection with the MUSIC Sale pursuant to the Loss Development Cover; and (iii) professional fees associated with the development of our Collateralized Reinsurance initiatives.

### Income Tax Benefit (Provision)

We are domiciled in Bermuda and have subsidiaries that are domiciled in the U.K. and the U.S. At the present time, no income taxes are levied in Bermuda and the Company and its Bermuda-domiciled subsidiaries have received an assurance from the Bermuda Minister of Finance exempting them from all Bermuda-imposed income, withholding and capital gains taxes until March 31, 2035.

During 2014 we recorded a net tax benefit of \$2.7 million, consisting of a current tax provision of \$2.0 million and a deferred tax benefit of \$4.7 million. During 2013 we recorded a net tax benefit of \$0.1 million, consisting of a current tax benefit of \$0.3 million and a deferred tax provision of \$0.2 million. During 2012 we recorded a net tax provision of \$0.3 million, consisting of a current tax provision of \$0.5 million.

The movements in our income tax provisions during the years presented herein were associated primarily with our U.K. operations. The pretax income associated with each of our U.K. entities is generally taxable unless: (i) that entity has prior year net operating losses that may be utilized to fully or partially offset its current income tax liability; or (ii) another entity within our U.K. group of companies experiences a current year pretax loss which is eligible to be used to fully or partially offset any other entity's current income tax liability ("Group Relief").

During 2014 and 2012, each of the entities within our U.K. group of companies generated taxable income so we were unable to utilize Group Relief to offset our U.K. net current income tax liabilities in those years. During 2013 we were able to utilize a combination of net operating losses and Group Relief to partially offset our U.K. net current income liabilities for that year.

During 2014 we released our remaining U.K. deferred tax asset valuation allowance in light of: (i) the expected future taxable earnings of our U.K. entities; and (ii) the fact that our U.K. net operating loss carryforwards do not expire. The release of these U.K. deferred tax valuation allowances resulted in the recognition of a \$2.9 million income tax benefit during 2014.

During 2014, 2013 and 2012, our Bermuda operations generated income before income taxes of \$246.7 million, \$205.3 million and \$232.2 million, respectively.

During 2014, 2013 and 2012, our U.K. operations generated income (losses) before income taxes of \$(2.8) million, \$4.6 million and \$(4.4) million, respectively, and certain of these operations are currently in a net operating loss position.

During 2014, 2013 and 2012, our U.S. operations generated income before income taxes of \$1.4 million, \$0.6 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, and are currently in a cumulative net operating loss position. Due to the uncertainty at this time as to whether such operations will generate sufficient taxable income in future periods to utilize its existing deferred tax assets, we have established offsetting valuation allowances against each of our existing U.S. gross deferred tax assets.

### Net Income Attributable to Non-Controlling Interests

The following table summarizes the net income attributable to non-controlling interests during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,							
(Millions)	2014		2013		2012			
Income attributable to third-party investments in the BCGR Cell Income (loss) attributable to third-party investments in BCRH	\$	13.7 10.4	\$	6.6 (0.5)	\$			
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	\$	24.1	\$	6.1	\$			

### **Dividends Declared on Preferred Shares**

During 2014, 2013 and 2012 we declared \$13.3 million in cash dividends on our Preferred Shares.

### **III. Liquidity and Capital Resources**

### Liquidity

The Company has no operations of its own and relies on dividends and distributions from its subsidiaries to pay its operating expenses, interest on debt, dividends to holders of Preferred Shares and Common Shares and to fund any Common Share repurchase activities. There are restrictions on the payment of dividends to the Company from its regulated operating and holding companies. See Note 13 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. Our Preferred Shares have a stated dividend rate of 8.875% per year and, beginning in September 2014, we raised our quarterly Common Share dividend to \$0.20 per share. Any future determination to pay dividends to holders of Common Shares and Preferred Shares will, however, be at the discretion of the Board and will be dependent upon many factors, including our results of operations, cash flows, financial position, capital requirements, general business opportunities, and legal, tax, regulatory and contractual restrictions.

The primary sources of cash for our regulated operating subsidiaries are premium collections, investment income, sales and maturities of investments and reinsurance recoveries. The primary uses of cash for our operating subsidiaries are payments of losses and LAE, acquisition costs, operating expenses, ceded reinsurance, investment purchases and dividends and distributions paid to the Company.

As a provider of short-tail insurance and reinsurance, mainly from natural and man-made catastrophes, we could be required to pay significant losses on short notice. As a result, we have structured our investment portfolio with high-quality fixed maturity securities with a short average duration in order to reduce our sensitivity to interest rate fluctuations and to provide adequate liquidity for the settlement of our liabilities. As of December 31, 2014, the average duration of our investment portfolio, including cash, was 0.9 years (inclusive of relevant derivative and short positions). If our calculations with respect to the timing of the payment of our liabilities are incorrect, or if we improperly structure our investment portfolios, we could be forced to liquidate our investments at inopportune times, potentially at a significant loss.

As of December 31, 2014, our sources of immediate and unencumbered liquidity consisted of: (i) \$141.3 million of cash and cash equivalents; (ii) \$48.0 million of highly liquid fixed maturity investments which currently trade at a very narrow bid-ask spread and whose proceeds are available within two business days; (iii) \$159.4 million of publicly-traded equity securities whose proceeds are available within four business days; and (iv) \$5.0 million of liquid fixed maturity investments which currently trade at a narrow bid-ask spread and whose proceeds are available within four business days; Further, we believe that we have significant sources of additional liquidity within our fixed maturity investment and other investment portfolios, although the bid-ask spreads associated with such investment securities could be broader, perhaps significantly, than those with respect to the securities referred to above, particularly if a large individual investment were required to be liquidated in an expeditious manner.

The Company does not have a revolving credit facility for its own purposes because its current cash and cash equivalent balances and projected future cash flows from its operations are expected to be sufficient to cover its cash obligations under most loss scenarios through the foreseeable future.

In May 2014 BCRH entered into the BCRH Credit Agreement which permits it to borrow up to \$20.0 million on a revolving basis for working capital and general corporate purposes. Borrowings under the BCRH Credit Agreement bear interest, set at the time of the borrowing, at a rate equal to the 3-month LIBOR rate plus 100 basis points.
The Company serves as a guarantor of BCRH's obligations under the BCRH Credit Agreement and receives an annual guarantee fee from BCRH equal to 0.125% of the facility's total capacity.

As of December 31, 2014, BCRH had \$8.0 million of outstanding borrowings under the BCRH Credit Agreement. Of these borrowings, \$4.0 million was repaid on January 26, 2015, and (while outstanding) was subject to an annual interest rate of 1.33%, and \$4.0 million must be repaid no later than April 10, 2015, and is subject to an annual interest rate of 1.32%.

The BCRH Credit Agreement contains covenants that limit BCRH's and, to a lesser extent, the Company's ability to, among other things, grant liens on its assets, sell assets, merge or consolidate, incur debt and enter into certain transactions with affiliates. The BCRH Credit Agreement also contains covenants that require: (i) BCRH to maintain a debt to total capitalization ratio less than or equal to 22.5%; (ii) the Company to maintain a financial strength rating from Fitch Ratings Ltd. of at least "BBB+"; and (iii) each of BCRH and the Company to maintain at least 70% of its net worth as of the date of the BCRH Credit Agreement. If BCRH or the Company were to fail to comply with any of these covenants, the lender could revoke the facility and exercise remedies against BCRH or the Company. As of December 31, 2014, BCRH and the Company (as a guarantor) were in compliance with each of the covenants associated with the BCRH Credit Agreement.

In May 2014 the BCGR Listed Fund entered into a 364-day unsecured credit agreement (the "BCGR Credit Agreement") which permits it to borrow up to \$20.0 million on a revolving basis for working capital and general corporate purposes. Borrowings under the BCGR Credit Agreement bear interest, set at the time of the borrowing, at a rate equal to the 3-month LIBOR rate plus 100 basis points.

The Company serves as a guarantor of the BCGR Listed Fund's obligations under the BCGR Credit Agreement and receives an annual guarantee fee from the BCGR Listed Fund equal to 0.125% of the facility's total capacity.

As of December 31, 2014, the BCGR Listed Fund had a \$4.0 million outstanding borrowing under the BCGR Credit Agreement. This borrowing was repaid by the BCGR Listed Fund on February 3, 2015, and (while outstanding) was subject to an annual interest rate of 1.27%.

The BCGR Credit Agreement contains covenants that limit the BCGR Listed Fund's and, to a lesser extent, the Company's ability, among other things, to grant liens on its assets, sell assets, merge or consolidate, incur debt and enter into certain transactions with affiliates. The BCGR Credit Agreement also contains a financial covenant that requires the Company to maintain a leverage ratio at or below 30%. If the Company were to fail to comply with any of these covenants, the lender could revoke the facility and exercise remedies against the Company. As of December 31, 2014, the BCGR Listed Fund and the Company (as a guarantor) were in compliance with each of the covenants associated with the BCGR Credit Agreement.

# Capital Resources

The following table summarizes our capital structure as of December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	Decem	ber 31,	
(Millions)	 2014		2013
2022 Senior Notes, at face value	\$ 300.0	\$	300.0
Trust Preferred Securities	100.0		100.0
Total Debt	\$ 400.0	\$	400.0
Preferred Shareholders' Equity available to the Company	150.0		150.0
Common Shareholders' Equity available to the Company	 1,498.2		1,492.1
Total Capital available to the Company	\$ 2,048.2	\$	2,042.1

Our total capital increased by \$6.1 million during 2014 as a result of our recording comprehensive income available to the Company of \$221.5 million, recognizing \$13.4 million of additional paid-in capital through the amortization and issuance of share-based compensation, recognizing \$0.3 million of additional paid-in capital from purchases of non-controlling interests, declaring \$43.2 million in dividends to holders of Common Shares and Preferred Shares and repurchasing \$185.9 million of Common Shares.

The 2022 Senior Notes bear interest at a fixed rate of 4.70% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears on April 15 and October 15 of each year. We may redeem the 2022 Senior Notes at any time, in whole or in part, at a "make-whole" redemption price, plus accrued and unpaid interest.



The Trust Preferred Securities mature on March 30, 2036, but are redeemable at our option at par. The Trust Preferred Securities bear interest at a floating rate of 3-month LIBOR plus 380 basis points, reset quarterly. We currently have no intention of redeeming the Trust Preferred Securities.

The LIBOR Swap, which we entered into in 2012, will result in the future net cash flows in connection with the Trust Preferred Securities, for the five-year period beginning March 30, 2012, being the same as if these securities bore interest at a fixed rate of 4.905%, provided we hold the LIBOR Swap to its maturity.

The Preferred Shares have no stated maturity, are not subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption and are not convertible into any other securities. Except in certain limited circumstances, the Preferred Shares are not redeemable prior to May 10, 2016. After that date, we may redeem the Preferred Shares at our option, in whole or in part, at a price of \$25.00 per share plus any declared and unpaid dividends.

None of the 2022 Senior Notes, the Trust Preferred Securities or the Preferred Shares contain any covenants regarding financial ratios or specified levels of net worth or liquidity to which we must adhere.

We do not consider the BCRH's short-term borrowings outstanding under the BCRH Credit Agreement that we guarantee to be a component of our capital structure.

We may need to raise additional capital in the future, through the issuance of debt, equity or hybrid securities, in order to, among other things, write new business, incur and/or pay significant losses, respond to, or comply with, changes in the capital requirements that rating agencies or various regulatory bodies use to evaluate us, acquire new businesses, invest in existing businesses or refinance our existing obligations.

The issuance of any new debt, equity or hybrid financial instruments might contain terms and conditions that are more unfavorable to us, our existing shareholders and our debtholders than those contained within our current capital structure. More specifically, any new issuances of equity or hybrid securities could include the issuance of securities with rights, preferences and privileges that are senior or otherwise superior to those of our Common and Preferred Shares and could be dilutive to our existing holders of these equity securities. Further, if we cannot obtain adequate capital on favorable terms or otherwise, our business, financial condition and operating results could be adversely affected.

# Letter of Credit Facilities and Trusts

In the normal course of our business, we maintain letter of credit facilities and trust arrangements as a means of providing collateral and/or statutory credit to certain of our constituents. These facilities and arrangements are secured by collateral accounts and trusts containing cash, cash equivalents and investment securities.

The agreements governing our letter of credit facilities contain covenants that limit our ability, among other things, to grant liens on our assets, sell our assets, merge or consolidate, incur debt and enter into certain agreements. In addition, our four year committed letter of credit facility requires us to maintain a debt to capital ratio of no greater than 30% and for Montpelier Re to maintain an A.M. Best financial strength rating of no less than "B++." If we were to fail to comply with these covenants or fail to meet these financial ratios, the lenders could revoke these facilities and exercise remedies against us. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, we were in compliance with each of the covenants contained in our letter of credit facilities.

We established the Reinsurance Trust and the Florida Multi-Beneficiary Reinsurance Trust as a means of providing statutory credit to Montpelier Re's cedants and we established the Lloyd's Deposit Trust Deed as a means of satisfying Lloyd's capital requirements. As a result of these and other trust arrangements we currently utilize, our ongoing reliance on letter of credit facilities has been significantly reduced. See Note 6 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

# Contractual Obligations and Commitments

Below is a schedule of our material contractual obligations and commitments as of December 31, 2014:

Millions	Due in One Year or Less	 Due in One to Three Years	Due in Three to Five Years	Due After Five Years	Total
Loss and LAE reserves	\$ 298.8	\$ 292.6	\$ 107.4	\$ 76.9	\$ 775.7
Debt	8.0	_		400.0	408.0
Interest and other financing expenses	19.1	38.1	38.1	120.3	215.6
Letter of credit fees	0.2	0.1		_	0.3
Non-cancellable operating leases	4.8	4.7	3.0	6.2	18.7
Unfunded investment commitments	23.4	_		_	23.4
Total contractual obligations and commitments	\$ 354.3	\$ 335.5	\$ 148.5	\$ 603.4	\$ 1,441.7

Our loss and LAE reserves do not have contractual maturity dates. Our expected loss and LAE reserve obligations are based on historical loss and LAE reserve payment patterns.

Our debt and interest and other financing obligations assume that the Trust Preferred Securities are redeemed upon their maturity in March 2036, and that the interest rate thereon remains at 4.905% per year, the rate that we have achieved through the LIBOR Swap.

Our bilateral letter of credit facility is cancellable upon one-years' notice and it is assumed, solely for purposes of this exercise, that such notice of cancellation was given on December 31, 2014. Our four year committed letter of credit facility expires in October 2016 and it is assumed that this facility will not be renewed at that time.

Our non-cancellable operating lease obligations presented represent the actual terms of those arrangements.

Our unfunded commitments to invest: (i) \$7.9 million into a private investment fund; and (ii) up to \$15.5 million into a private placement fixed maturity investment, are each assumed to be fully funded during 2015.

#### **Regulation and Capital Requirements**

Our holding company and insurance and reinsurance operations are subject to regulation and capital requirements established by supervisors in multiple jurisdictions. See Note 13 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for detailed information concerning our regulatory and capital requirements.

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Foreign Exchange Contracts, Credit Derivatives, Interest Rate Contracts, Investment Options and Futures, certain of our ongoing obligations to Selective in connection with the MUSIC Sale and the Company's guarantee of the BCGR Listed Fund's obligations under the BCGR Credit Agreement each constitute off-balance sheet arrangements. Excluding these specific transactions, as of December 31, 2014, we were not subject to any off-balance sheet arrangements that we believe are material to our investors.

#### Cash Flows

We experienced a net increase (decrease) in our cash and cash equivalents of \$(20.7) million, \$185.0 million and \$(22.1) million during 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

We generated \$200.9 million, \$120.2 million and \$200.8 million of net cash from our operations during 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively, which resulted primarily from our premiums received, net of acquisition costs, exceeding our net losses and operating expenses paid. Our net loss and LAE payments during 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$258.4 million, \$324.3 million and \$288.1 million, respectively.

Our investment activities provided (used) net cash and cash equivalents of \$14.2 million, \$36.6 million and \$(141.5) million during 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The cash and cash equivalents provided from our investing activities during 2014 primarily resulted from a decrease in restricted cash and settlements of reverse repurchase agreements offsetting net investment purchases. The cash and cash equivalents provided from our investment activities during 2013 resulted primarily from net sales of investment securities, whose proceeds were used to pay loss and LAE reserves and to fund repurchases of Common Shares. The cash and cash equivalents used for our investment activities during 2012 resulted primarily from net purchases of investment securities, representing the initial deployment of the net proceeds raised from the issuance of the 2022 Senior Notes and a lower level of Common Share repurchases.



Our financing activities provided (used) net cash and cash equivalents of \$(238.4) million, \$29.9 million and \$(86.8) million during 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Our financing cash flows are largely influenced by our Common Share repurchase activities from year-to-year. In addition, our financing cash flows in 2013 and 2012 benefitted from receipts of third-party investments in non-controlling interests and the net proceeds raised from the issuance of the 2022 Senior Notes, respectively.

Detailed information regarding our cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, follows:

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Our cash flows provided from operations totaled \$200.9 million.

Our cash flows provided from investing activities totaled \$14.2 million, resulting from the following:

- we received \$497.5 million from net sales and maturities of fixed maturity investments,
- we paid \$655.3 million for net purchases of equity securities and other investments,
- we paid \$10.0 million in settlements of investment-related derivative instruments,
- we received \$85.2 million pursuant to net settlements of reverse repurchase agreements,
- we had a \$106.3 million decrease in our restricted cash,
- we paid \$4.1 million in investment performance fees, and
- we paid \$5.4 million to acquire capitalized assets.

Our cash flows used for financing activities totaled \$238.4 million, resulting from the following:

- we paid \$185.9 million to repurchase Common Shares,
- we received \$5.2 million from third party investors in the BCGR Listed Fund,
- we paid \$7.9 million for purchases of BCRH Common Shares made by the Company,
- we paid \$11.8 million pursuant to net settlements of repurchase agreements,
- BCRH borrowed \$8.0 million under the BCRH Credit Agreement,
- we paid \$5.5 million in dividends to non-controlling holders of BCRH Common Shares, and
- we paid \$40.5 million in dividends to holders of Common Shares and Preferred Shares.

We also experienced a \$2.6 million increase in the U.S. dollar value of our cash and cash equivalents due to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

# For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Our cash flows provided from operations totaled \$120.2 million.

Our cash flows provided from investing activities totaled \$36.6 million, resulting from the following:

- we received \$137.2 million from net sales and maturities of fixed maturity investments,
- we received \$21.9 million from net sales of equity securities and other investments,
- we paid \$18.1 million in settlements of investment-related derivative instruments,
- we paid \$33.4 million pursuant to net settlements of reverse repurchase agreements,
- we had a \$63.4 million increase in our restricted cash,
- we paid \$6.4 million in investment performance fees, and
- we paid \$1.2 million to acquire capitalized assets.

Our cash flows provided from financing activities totaled \$29.9 million, resulting from the following:

- we paid \$171.4 million to repurchase Common Shares,
- we received \$238.8 million in net third-party investments in non-controlling interests, and
- we paid \$37.5 million in dividends to holders of Common Shares and Preferred Shares.

We also experienced a \$1.7 million decrease in the U.S. dollar value of our cash and cash equivalents due to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

#### For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

Our cash flows provided from operations totaled \$200.8 million.

Our cash flows used for investing activities totaled \$141.5 million, resulting from the following:

- we paid \$224.7 million for net purchases of fixed maturity investments,
- we received \$38.4 million from net sales of equity securities and other investments,
- we paid \$1.0 million in expenses related to the MUSIC Sale,
- we received \$0.7 million in settlements of investment-related derivative instruments,
- we paid \$12.6 million pursuant to net settlements of reverse repurchase agreements,
- we had a \$58.1 million decrease in our restricted cash, and
- we paid \$0.4 million to acquire capitalized assets.

Our cash flows used for financing activities totaled \$86.8 million, resulting from the following:

- we paid \$228.0 million to extinguish the 2013 Senior Notes,
- we received \$299.1 million from the issuance of the 2022 Senior Notes,
- we paid \$2.7 million in expenses related to the issuance of the 2022 Senior Notes,
- we paid \$117.5 million to repurchase Common Shares, and
- we paid \$37.7 million in dividends to holders of Common Shares and Preferred Shares.

We also experienced a \$5.4 million increase in the U.S. dollar value of our cash and cash equivalents due to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents Held by Our U.K. and U.S. Subsidiaries

As of December 31, 2014, we held total cash and cash equivalents of \$447.7 million. Of this amount, \$415.2 million was held by our Bermuda companies, \$24.3 million was held by our U.K. companies and \$8.2 million was held by our U.S. companies.

We have no current intention, or need, to repatriate any cash or cash equivalents from our U.K. or U.S. operations to Bermuda in order to satisfy our parent company obligations. Additionally, our current structure is such that any distributions of earnings, in the form of cash or otherwise, from our subsidiaries outside of Bermuda would not currently subject us to a material amount of incremental taxation.

## **IV. Summary of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Our Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported and disclosed amounts of our assets and liabilities as of the balance sheet dates and the reported amounts of our revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. We believe the items that require the most subjective and complex estimates are: (i) our loss and LAE reserves; (ii) our written and earned insurance and reinsurance premiums; (iii) our ceded reinsurance; and (iv) our share-based compensation accruals. Our accounting policies for these items are of critical importance to our consolidated financial statements.

The following discussion provides detailed information regarding our use of estimates and assumptions as it relates to such items.

# Loss and LAE Reserves

Our loss and LAE reserves represent estimates of future amounts needed to pay our claims and related expenses (such as claim adjusters' fees and litigation expenses) for insured losses that have occurred. The process of estimating these reserves involves a considerable degree of judgment and our estimates as of any given date are inherently uncertain.

Estimating loss and LAE reserves requires us to make assumptions regarding reporting and development patterns, frequency and severity trends, claims settlement practices, potential changes in legal environments, inflation, loss amplification, foreign exchange movements and other factors. These estimates and judgments are based on numerous considerations and are often revised as: (i) we receive changes in loss amounts reported by ceding companies and brokers; (ii) we obtain additional information, experience or other data; (iii) new or improved methodologies are developed; or (iv) laws change.

Our loss and LAE reserves relating to short-tail property risks are typically reported to us and settled more promptly than those relating to our long-tail risks. However, the timeliness of loss reporting can be affected by such factors as the nature of the event causing the loss, the location of the loss, whether the loss is from policies in force with primary insurers or with reinsurers and where our exposure falls within the cedant's overall reinsurance program. In the case of our reinsurance business, our reserving process is highly dependent on the loss information we receive from ceding companies and brokers.

Our loss and LAE reserves are comprised of case reserves (which are based on claims that have been reported to us) and IBNR reserves (which are based on losses that we believe to have occurred but for which claims have not yet been reported to us and which may include a provision for expected future development on our case reserves).

Our case reserve estimates are initially determined on the basis of loss reports received from third parties. Our IBNR reserve estimates are determined using various actuarial methods as well as a combination of our own historical loss experience, historical insurance industry loss experience, estimates of pricing adequacy trends and our professional judgment. The process we use to estimate our IBNR reserves involves projecting our estimated ultimate loss and LAE reserves and then subtracting paid claims and case reserves as notified by the ceding company, to arrive at our IBNR reserve.

Our primary focus is on short-tail property treaty reinsurance, written on both an excess-of-loss and proportional basis. We also underwrite direct insurance and facultative reinsurance, as well as specialty casualty risks. The nature and extent of our judgment in the reserving process depends upon the type of business.

Most of our property treaty reinsurance contracts comprise business which has both a low frequency of claims occurrence and a high potential severity of loss, such as claims arising from natural catastrophes, terrorism, large individual property risks, and space and aviation risks. Given the high-severity, low-frequency nature of these events, the losses typically generated therefrom do not lend themselves to traditional actuarial reserving methods, such as statistical calculations of a range of estimates surrounding the best point estimate of our loss and LAE reserves. Therefore, our reserving approach for these types of coverages is to estimate the ultimate cost associated with a single loss event rather than analyzing the historical development patterns of past losses as a means of estimating ultimate losses for an entire accident year. We estimate our reserves for these large events on a contract-by-contract basis by means of a review of policies with known or potential exposure to a particular loss event.

The two primary bases for estimating the ultimate loss associated with a large event are: (i) actual and precautionary claims advices received from the cedant; and (ii) the nature and extent of the impact the event is estimated to have on the industry as a whole. Immediately after a loss event, the estimated industry market loss is the primary driver of our ultimate loss from such event. In order to estimate the nature and extent of the event, we rely on output provided by commercially available catastrophe models, as well as proprietary models (including CATM<sup>®</sup>) that have been developed in-house. The exposure of each cedant potentially affected by the event is analyzed on the basis of this output. As the amount of information received from cedants or brokers increases during the period following an event, so does our reliance on this correspondence. The quality of the cedant's historical evaluation of losses and loss information received from other cedants and brokers in relation to the same event are considered as we migrate from industry loss-based estimates to specific cedant information.

While the approach we use in reserving for large events is applied with consistency, at any point in time the specific reserving assumptions may vary among contracts. The assumptions for a specific contract may depend upon the class of business, historical reporting patterns of the cedant, whether or not the cedant provides an IBNR estimate, how much of the loss has been paid, the number of underlying claims still open, the number of claims potentially subject to litigation and other factors. For example, the expected loss development for a contract with 1% of its claims still open would likely be less than for a contract with 50% of its claims still open.

For non-catastrophe losses, including those affecting our primary insurance business, we often apply trend-based actuarial methodologies in setting reserves, including paid and incurred loss development, Bornheutter-Ferguson and frequency and severity techniques. We also utilize industry loss ratio and development pattern information in conjunction with our own experience. The weight given to a particular method will depend on many factors, including the homogeneity within the class of business, the volume of losses, the maturity of the accident year and the length of the expected development tail. For example, development methods rely on reported losses, while expected loss ratio methods are typically based on expectations established prior to a notification of loss. Therefore, as an accident year matures, we may migrate from an expected loss ratio method to an incurred development method.

To the extent we rely on industry data to aid us in our reserve estimates, there is a risk that the data may not match our risk profile or that the industry's overall reserving practices differ from our own and those of our cedants. In addition, reserving can prove to be especially difficult should a significant loss take place near the end of a financial reporting period, particularly if the loss involves a catastrophic event. These factors further contribute to the degree of uncertainty in our reserving process.

As a predominantly broker-market reinsurer for both excess-of-loss and proportional contracts, we must rely on loss information reported to brokers by primary insurers who, in turn, must estimate their own losses at the policy level, often based on incomplete and changing information. The information we receive varies by cedant and may include paid losses, estimated case reserves and an estimated provision for IBNR reserves. Reserving practices and the quality of data reporting varies among ceding companies, which adds further uncertainty to the estimation of our ultimate losses. The nature and extent of information received from ceding companies and brokers also varies widely depending on the type of coverage, the contractual reporting terms (which are affected by market conditions and practices) and other factors. Due to the lack of standardization of the terms and conditions of reinsurance contracts, the wide variability of coverage provided to individual clients and the tendency of those coverages to change rapidly in response to market conditions, the ongoing economic impact of such uncertainties and inconsistencies cannot always be reliably measured. Additional risks to us involved in the reporting of retrocessional contracts include varying reserving methodologies used by the original cedants and an additional reporting lag due to the time required for the retrocedant to aggregate its assumed losses before reporting them to us. Additionally, the number of contractual intermediaries is normally greater for retrocessional business than for insurance and reinsurance business, thereby further increasing the time lag and imprecision associated with loss reporting.

Time lags are inherent in loss reporting, especially in the case of excess-of-loss reinsurance contracts. Also, the combined characteristics of low claim frequency and high claim severity make the available data more volatile and less useful for predicting ultimate losses. In the case of proportional contracts, we rely on an analysis of a contract's historical experience, industry information and the professional judgment of underwriters in estimating reserves for these contracts. In addition, we utilize ultimate loss ratio forecasts when reported by cedants and brokers, which are normally subject to a quarterly or six month lag for proportional business. Due to the degree of reliance that we place on ceding companies for claims reporting, our reserve estimates are highly dependent on ceding companies' management judgment. Furthermore, during the loss settlement period, which may last several years, additional facts regarding individual claims and trends often will become known, and case law may change, all of which can affect ultimate expected losses.

The nature and extent of loss information provided under many facultative and per occurrence excess-of-loss contracts, where our personnel work closely with the ceding company in settling individual claims, may not differ significantly from the information received under a primary insurance contract. Loss information from aggregate excess-of-loss contracts, including catastrophe losses and proportional treaties, will often be less detailed. Occasionally, such information is reported in summary format rather than on an individual claim basis.

Since we rely on ceding company estimates of case and IBNR reserves in the process of establishing our own loss and LAE reserves, we maintain certain procedures designed to mitigate the risk that such information is incomplete or inaccurate. These procedures may include: (i) comparisons of expected premiums to reported premiums, which helps us to identify delinquent client periodic reports; (ii) ceding company audits to facilitate loss reporting and identify inaccurate or incomplete reporting of claims; and (iii) underwriting reviews to ascertain that the losses ceded are covered

as provided under the contract terms. We also use catastrophe model outputs and industry market share information to evaluate the reasonableness of reported losses, which are also compared to loss reports received from other cedants and brokers. In addition, each subsequent year of loss experience with a given cedant provides additional insight into the accuracy and timeliness of previously reported information. These procedures are incorporated in our internal controls process on an ongoing basis and are regularly evaluated and amended as market conditions, risk factors, and unanticipated areas of exposure develop. Our claims handling follow-up actions do not permit us to capture data which records the extent to which ceding company claims are subsequently adjusted as a result of these activities, nor do they permit us to determine the extent to which our actions influence the accuracy of subsequent cedant reporting. Nonetheless, we: (i) reserve the right to perform ceding company audits in order to facilitate loss reporting and identify inaccurate or incomplete claims reporting; and (ii) consider unreliable reporting to be a factor which influences an underwriters' willingness to offer terms to potential cedants. We believe that our diligence in these matters promotes better reporting by cedants and brokers over the long term. In our history, disputes with ceding companies have been rare and those which have not been resolved in negotiation have been resolved through arbitration in accordance with contractual provisions.

The development of our prior-year losses is monitored during the course of subsequent calendar years by comparing the actual reported losses against expected losses. The analysis of this loss development is an important factor in our ongoing refinement of the assumptions underlying our reserving process. Our internal analysis of changes in prior year reserve estimates is focused on changes in the estimated ultimate loss and therefore management believes that it is not meaningful to split the movement of prior year loss reserve estimates between case reserves and IBNR. With regards to our short-tail property book of business, we do not feel that we can predict the breakdown of losses in the first year with a high level of accuracy. The percentage split between paid losses, case reserves and IBNR would vary greatly depending on the number, nature and timing of losses throughout the year. However, we would expect that by the end of the year subsequent to the year in which the loss occurred, the majority of these short-tail property losses would be reported to us, and by the end of the following year the majority would be paid.

Estimating loss reserves for our book of longer-tail casualty reinsurance business, which can be written on an excess-of-loss or proportional basis, involves further uncertainties. In addition to the uncertainties inherent in the reserving process referred to above, casualty business can be subject to longer reporting lags than property business and claims often take several years to settle. During this period additional factors and trends will be revealed and, as they become apparent, we may adjust our reserves. There is also the potential for the emergence of new types of losses within our casualty book. Therefore, any factors that extend the time until claims are settled add uncertainty to the reserving process. Furthermore, determining the appropriate level of casualty reserves is largely dependent upon our view of premium rates at any given time. Therefore, overestimating the extent to which premium rates have increased (or decreased) can lead to an understatement (or overstatement) of loss reserves. This uncertainty is particularly relevant in relation to Montpelier at Lloyd's business that is underwritten by its managing agents and coverholders. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, we recorded gross loss and LAE reserves related to our casualty business of \$242.4 million and \$223.2 million, respectively.

Our internal actuaries, our CEO and our CFO each review our reserving assumptions and our methodologies on a quarterly basis. Our third quarter and year-end loss estimates are subject to a corroborative review by both an independent loss reserve specialist and an independent registered public accounting firm, each using generally accepted actuarial principles. The Audit Committee also reviews our quarterly and annual reserve analyses.

We do not typically experience significant claims processing backlogs, although such backlogs may occur following a major catastrophic event. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, we did not have a significant backlog in either our insurance or reinsurance claims processing.

The uncertainties inherent in the reserving process, together with the potential for unforeseen developments, including changes in laws and the prevailing interpretation of policy terms, may result in our loss and LAE reserves being materially greater or less than the loss and LAE reserves we initially established. Any adjustments to our loss and LAE reserves are reflected in our financial results during the period in which they are determined. Changes to our prior year loss reserves will impact our current underwriting results by improving our results if the prior year reserves prove to be redundant or impairing our results if the prior year reserves prove to be insufficient.

GAAP does not permit us to record or carry contingency reserves for catastrophe losses that are expected to occur in the future. Therefore, during periods in which significant catastrophe loss events occur, our underwriting results are likely to be adverse and, during periods in which significant catastrophe loss events do not occur, our underwriting results are likely to be favorable.

We believe that our reserves for loss and LAE are sufficient to cover losses that fall within the terms of our policies and agreements with our insured and reinsured customers on the basis of the methodologies used to estimate those reserves. There can be no assurance, however, that actual losses will not be less than or exceed our total established reserves.

The following tables provide the details of our gross case reserves and IBNR, by line of business, at December 31, 2014 and 2013:

(Millions)	Gross IBNR at Dec. 31, 2014	<u> </u>	Gross Case Reserves at Dec. 31, 2014		Gross Loss and LAE Reserves at Dec. 31, 2014
Property Catastrophe - Treaty	\$ 89.5		73.6	\$	163.1
Property Specialty - Treaty	42.4		28.3		70.7
Other Specialty - Treaty	217.9		94.5		312.4
Property and Specialty Individual Risk	127.7		102.4	<u>ф</u>	229.5
Total	<u>\$</u> 476.9	<u>\$</u>	298.8	\$	775.7
					Gross Loss
(Millions)	Gross IBNR at Dec. 31, 2013		Gross Case Reserves at Dec. 31, 2013		and LAE Reserves at Dec. 31, 2013
(Millions) Property Catastrophe - Treaty	IBNR at Dec. 31,	- 	Reserves at Dec. 31,	\$	and LAE Reserves at Dec. 31,
Property Catastrophe - Treaty Property Specialty - Treaty	IBNR at Dec. 31, 2013		Reserves at Dec. 31, 2013	\$	and LAE Reserves at Dec. 31, 2013
Property Catastrophe - Treaty Property Specialty - Treaty Other Specialty - Treaty	IBNR at Dec. 31, 2013           \$ 123.9           \$ 227.5	;	Reserves at Dec. 31, 2013 100.9 41.0 72.8	\$	and LAE Reserves at Dec. 31, 2013 224.8 100.4 300.3
Property Catastrophe - Treaty Property Specialty - Treaty	IBNR at Dec. 31, 2013           \$ 123.9           \$ 59.2	- 	Reserves at Dec. 31, 2013 100.9 41.0	\$	and LAE Reserves at Dec. 31, 2013 224.8 100.4

The portion of our gross loss and LAE reserves at any given time represented by IBNR tends to be lower in periods during which we experience large loss events (such as catastrophes) than those during which we experience loss events of a lower severity. This is because losses from larger events tend to move from IBNR to reported losses much faster than those of a lower severity. With respect to 2014 and 2013, years in which we experienced no large loss events, our ending gross IBNR reserves remained consistent at 61% and 62% of our total ending gross loss and LAE reserves, respectively.

We have determined that our best estimates for our gross loss and LAE reserves at December 31, 2014 and 2013 were \$775.7 million and \$881.6 million, respectively. Of these estimates, at December 31, 2014 and 2013, \$167.6 million and \$174.6 million related to our direct insurance business, respectively, and \$608.1 million and \$707.0 million related to our reinsurance business, respectively.

Favorable development of prior period net losses experienced as a percentage of our opening net loss reserves across all underwriting years was 18.6%, 14.3% and 8.7% for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. As of December 31, 2014, we estimate that a 15% change in our net unpaid loss and LAE reserves would result in an increase or decrease in our net income or loss and shareholders' equity of approximately \$109.1 million. The net income or loss and shareholders' equity impact of the change in net reserves might be partially offset by adjustments to items such as reinstatement premiums, profit commission expense, incentive compensation and income taxes.

# Written and Earned Insurance and Reinsurance Premiums

Reinsurance contracts can be written on a risks-attaching or losses-occurring basis. Under risks-attaching reinsurance contracts, all claims from cedants' underlying policies incepting during the contract period are covered, even if they occur after the expiration date of the reinsurance contract. In contrast, losses-occurring reinsurance contracts cover all claims occurring during the period of the contract, regardless of the inception dates of the underlying policies. Any losses occurring after the expiration of the losses-occurring contract are not covered.

Premiums written are recognized as revenues, net of any applicable underlying ceded reinsurance, and are earned over the term of the related policy or contract. For direct insurance, and facultative and losses-occurring contracts, the earnings period is the same as the term of the reinsurance contract, which is ordinarily twelve months. For risks-attaching contracts, the earnings period is based on the terms of the underlying insurance policies, which extends from the inception date of the first policy bound during the contract term to the termination date of the last policy bound, and thereby exceeds the term of the reinsurance contract.

Insurance and facultative reinsurance contracts are written based on agreed upon terms and conditions which include a stated premium for coverages provided. The stated premium is then recorded as written premium at the effective date of the policy. In general, if the terms and conditions change during the policy period, either through policyholder request or underwriting audit, the policy would be endorsed to reflect the change in coverage. This endorsement usually generates a change to the policy premium which is then recorded as an adjustment to our written premiums in the period the endorsement becomes effective.

Our assumed treaty reinsurance premiums are written on an excess-of-loss or on a pro-rata basis. Reinsurance contracts are typically written prior to the time the underlying direct policies are written by cedants and accordingly they must estimate such premiums when purchasing reinsurance coverage. For the majority of excess-of-loss contracts, including insurance contracts, a deposit or minimum premium is defined in the contract wording. The deposit or minimum premium is based on the ceding company's estimated premiums and this estimate is recorded as written premium in the period the underlying risks incept. In the majority of cases, this premium is adjustable at the end of the contract period to reflect the changes in underlying risks in force during the contract period. Subsequent adjustments, based on reports by the ceding companies of actual premium, are recorded in the period they are determined, which is normally within six months to one year subsequent to the expiration of the policy. To date these adjustments have not been material.

For pro-rata contracts and certain excess-of-loss contracts in which a deposit or minimum premium is not specified in the contract, written premium is recognized evenly over the term of the reinsurance contract based on estimates of ultimate premiums provided by the ceding companies and brokers. When the actual premium is reported by the ceding company, typically on a quarterly or six month lag, it may be significantly higher or lower than the estimate.

We regularly evaluate the appropriateness of these premium estimates based on the latest information available, which includes actual reported premiums to date, the latest premium estimates as provided by cedants and brokers, historical experience, management's professional judgment, information obtained during the underwriting renewal process and a continuing assessment of relevant economic conditions. Any adjustments to premium estimates are recorded in the period in which they become known. Adjustments to original premium estimates could be material and may significantly impact earnings in the period they are determined.

Excess-of-loss contracts often include contract terms that require an automatic reinstatement of coverage in the event of a loss. The associated reinstatement premium is normally calculated on the basis of: (i) a fixed percentage (normally 100%) of the deposit or minimum premium; and (ii) the proportion of the original limit exhausted. In a year of relatively large loss events (such as 2012), reinstatement premiums will be higher than in a year in which there are no such events (such as 2014 and 2013). Reinstatement premiums are fully earned or expensed as applicable when a triggering loss event occurs and losses are recorded. We record reinstatement premiums on a basis consistent with our estimates of loss and LAE. During 2014, 2013 and 2012, we recorded net written and earned reinstatement premiums totaling \$8.7 million, \$1.5 million and \$13.1 million, respectively.

We routinely review the creditworthiness of our cedants on the basis of our market knowledge, the cedant's current financial strength ratings, the timeliness of cedants' past payments and the status of current balances owing. Based on our reviews, we established allowances of \$3.7 million and \$3.6 million for uncollectible insurance and reinsurance premiums receivable as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, each of which represented less than one percent of our consolidated net insurance and reinsurance premiums earned in those years.

## **Ceded Reinsurance**

In the normal course of business, we purchase reinsurance from third parties in order to manage our exposures. The amount of ceded reinsurance that we buy varies from year to year depending on our risk appetite, as well as the availability and cost of the reinsurance coverage. Ceded reinsurance premiums are earned on a basis consistent with those used in accounting for the underlying premiums assumed, and are reported as a reduction of net premiums written.

Certain of our assumed pro-rata contracts incorporate reinsurance protection provided by third-party reinsurers that inures to our benefit. These reinsurance premiums are reported as a reduction in our gross premiums written and earned.

The cost of reinsurance purchased varies based on a number of factors. The initial premium associated with excess-of-loss reinsurance is normally based on the underlying premiums we assume. As these reinsurance contracts are typically purchased prior to the time the assumed risks are written, ceded reinsurance premiums recorded in the period of inception reflect an estimate of the amount that we will ultimately pay. In the majority of cases, the premiums initially recorded are subsequently adjusted to reflect premiums actually assumed by us during the contract period. These adjustments are recorded in the period that they are determined, and to date they have not been significant. In addition, losses which pierce excess-of-loss reinsurance cover may generate reinstatement premiums ceded, depending on the terms of the contract. Reinstatement premiums ceded are recognized as written and earned when the loss occurs and the reinsurance recovery is estimated and recorded.

The cost of pro-rata reinsurance is initially based on our estimated gross premiums written related to the specific lines of business covered by the reinsurance contract. As gross premiums are written during the period of coverage, reinsurance premiums ceded are adjusted in accordance with the terms of the reinsurance agreement.

Reinsurance recoverable on paid losses represents amounts currently due from reinsurers. Reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses represents amounts that will be collectible from reinsurers once the losses are paid. The recognition of reinsurance recoverable requires two key judgments. In determining our ceded IBNR, the first judgment involves the estimation of the amount of gross IBNR to be ceded to reinsurers. Ceded IBNR is developed as part of our loss reserving process and consequently, the estimate is subject to risks and uncertainties similar to the estimation of gross IBNR. The second judgment relates to the amount of the reinsurance recoverable balance that ultimately will not be collected from reinsurers due to insolvency, contractual dispute or other reasons.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, we recorded \$7.1 million and \$3.6 million in reinsurance recoverable on paid losses, respectively, and \$48.7 million and \$63.6 million in reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses, respectively. We record provisions for uncollectible reinsurance recoverable when collection becomes unlikely due to the reinsurer's inability to pay. Based on a review of the financial condition of the reinsurers and other factors, we have determined that a reserve for uncollectible reinsurance recoverable on paid and unpaid loss and LAE was not considered necessary as of December 31, 2014 and 2013.

We are subject to litigation and arbitration proceedings in the normal course of our business. Such proceedings often involve insurance or reinsurance contract disputes, which are typical for the insurance and reinsurance industry. Expected or actual reductions in our reinsurance recoveries due to insurance or reinsurance contract disputes (as opposed to a reinsurer's inability to pay) are not recorded as an uncollectible reinsurance recoverable. Rather, they are factored into the determination of, and are reflected in, our net loss and LAE reserves.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, we had no ongoing material reinsurance contract disputes.

#### **Share-Based** Compensation

At the discretion of the Compensation Committee, incentive awards, the value of which are based on Common Shares, may be made to our eligible employees, consultants and nonemployee directors. Share-based incentive awards currently outstanding consist solely of RSUs, all of which were awarded under either the 2012 LTIP or the 2007 LTIP.

RSUs are phantom (as opposed to actual) Common Shares which, depending on the individual award, vest in equal tranches over a one to five-year period, subject to the recipient maintaining a continuous relationship with Montpelier through the applicable vesting date. RSUs are payable in Common Shares upon vesting (the amount of which may be reduced by applicable statutory income tax withholdings at the recipient's option). RSUs do not require the payment of an exercise price and are not entitled to voting rights, but they are entitled to receive payments equivalent to any dividends and distributions declared on the Common Shares underlying the RSUs.

We currently use Variable RSUs as the principal component of our ongoing long-term incentive compensation for our employees. Variable RSUs are awarded based on our performance during the Initial RSU Period and are earned ratably each year based on continued employment over a four-year vesting period. Since the number of RSUs to be awarded is dependent upon our performance during the Initial RSU Period, the number of RSUs estimated to be awarded for that cycle may fluctuate throughout the Initial RSU Period.

For each of the years presented, the number of Variable RSUs expected to be formally awarded to employees was based on our increase in FCBVPCS for such year. FCBVPCS is computed by dividing the common shareholders' equity available to the Company by the sum of its ending Common Shares and unvested RSUs outstanding. Our calculation of the increase in our FCBVPCS represents the growth in our FCBVPCS during the Initial RSU Period, after taking into account dividends on Common Shares declared during such period.

We also use Fixed RSUs as a supplemental component of our ongoing long-term incentive compensation for certain of our employees and non-employee directors. Unlike Variable RSUs, the number of Fixed RSUs is fixed on the grant date. Fixed RSUs are typically granted for the following purposes: (i) to induce individuals to join Montpelier; (ii) to retain certain key employees; (iii) to reward employees for exhibiting outstanding individual performance; and (iv) as remuneration to non-management members of the boards of directors of both the Company and MAL. Additionally, when the actual number of Variable RSUs to be awarded in any given year has been formally determined, they are effectively converted into Fixed RSUs.

For the 2014-2017 Variable RSU award cycle, the targeted performance metric was based on a 2014 increase in FCBVPCS of 10.0%, which would have generated a grant of approximately 495,000 Variable RSUs to participants. The payout range for that year was from a threshold of 3.0% (generating no RSUs) to a maximum of 17.0% (generating approximately 990,000 Variable RSUs). Throughout the Initial RSU Period for this cycle, our quarterly Variable RSU accrual for this cycle varied in response to actual year-to-date results achieved and ranged from as many as 850,262 RSUs (as recorded at December 31, 2014) to as few as 494,340 RSUs (as recorded at March 31, 2014). Because we determined our achieved increase in FCBVPCS for 2014 to be 15.0%, the preliminary number of Variable RSUs expected to be granted for the 2014-2017 Variable RSU award cycle was determined to be 850,262 at December 31, 2014. The final number of Variable RSUs granted for the 2014-2017 Variable RSU award cycle will be formally determined by the Compensation Committee on February 26, 2015 and any adjustments required to be made will be recorded in our consolidated financial statements in the first quarter of 2015.

For the 2013-2016 Variable RSU award cycle, the targeted performance metric was based on a 2013 increase in FCBVPCS of 9.76%, which would have generated a grant of approximately 500,000 Variable RSUs to participants. The payout range for that year was from a threshold of 2.76% (generating no RSUs) to a maximum of 16.76% (generating approximately 1,000,000 Variable RSUs). Throughout the Initial RSU Period for this cycle, our quarterly Variable RSU accrual for this cycle varied in response to actual year-to-date results achieved and ranged from as many as 900,800 RSUs (as recorded at December 31, 2013) to as few as 498,954 RSUs (as recorded at March 31, 2013). Because we determined our achieved increase in FCBVPCS for 2013 to be 14.3%, the preliminary number of Variable RSUs expected to be granted for the 2013-2016 Variable RSU award cycle was determined to be 900,800 at December 31, 2013. The final number of Variable RSUs granted for the 2013-2016 Variable RSU award cycle was formally determined to be 883,537 RSUs (or 166% of the in force target RSUs for that cycle at that time) by the Compensation Committee in February 2014.

For the 2012-2015 Variable RSU award cycle, the targeted performance metric was based on a 2012 increase in FCBVPCS of 9.88%, which would have generated a grant of approximately 560,000 Variable RSUs to participants. The payout range for that year was from a threshold of 2.88% (generating no RSUs) to a maximum of 16.88% (generating approximately 1,120,000 Variable RSUs). Throughout the Initial RSU Period for this cycle, our quarterly Variable RSU accrual for this cycle varied in response to actual year-to-date results achieved and ranged from as many as 1,068,556 RSUs (as recorded at September 30, 2012) to as few as 669,105 RSUs (as recorded at March 31, 2012). Because we determined our achieved increase in FCBVPCS for 2012 to be 17.0%, the preliminary number of Variable RSUs expected to be granted for the 2012-2015 Variable RSU award cycle was determined to be 1,058,304 at December 31, 2012. The final number of Variable RSUs granted for the 2012-2015 Variable RSU award cycle was formally determined to be 1,058,304 RSUs (or 200% of the in force target RSUs for that cycle at that time) by the Compensation Committee in February 2013.

For the years covered by this Report on Form 10-K, we assumed a zero to 8.8% forfeiture rate depending on the nature and term of individual awards and past and recent experience. Our forfeiture assumptions serve to reduce the unamortized grant date fair value of outstanding RSUs as well as the associated RSU expense. As RSUs are actually forfeited, the number of RSUs outstanding is reduced and the remaining unamortized grant date fair value is compared to assumed forfeiture levels. True-up adjustments are made as deemed necessary.

During 2014, 2013 and 2012, we also granted 49,000, 35,000 and 50,700 Fixed RSUs, respectively, to certain of our employees and non-management directors.

During 2014, 2013 and 2012, we recognized \$19.8 million, \$18.0 million and \$12.1 million of RSU expense, respectively.

As of December 31, 2014, the unamortized grant date fair value of the 1,520,764 RSUs outstanding was \$17.0 million. As of December 31, 2013, the unamortized grant date fair value of the 1,448,374 RSUs outstanding was \$12.2 million.

#### Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We believe that our consolidated balance sheet is principally exposed to four types of market risk consisting of: (i) interest rate risk; (ii) foreign currency risk; (iii) equity price risk; and (iv) credit risk. In addition, we believe that our consolidated balance sheet is also exposed to natural catastrophe risk and the effects of inflation.

# **Market Risk**

# Interest Rate Risk

*Fixed Maturity Investments and Other Investments.* As a provider of short-tail insurance and reinsurance for losses resulting mainly from natural and man-made catastrophes, we could be required to pay significant losses on short notice. Since changes in market interest rates result in fluctuations in the fair value of our fixed maturity investments and certain of our other investments, we have structured our investment portfolio with high-quality fixed maturity securities with a short average duration in order to reduce our sensitivity to interest rate fluctuations and to provide adequate liquidity for the settlement of our expected liabilities. Nonetheless, if our calculations with respect to the timing of the payment of our liabilities are incorrect, or if we improperly structure our investment portfolios, we could be forced to liquidate our investments at inopportune times, potentially at a significant loss.

We manage the interest rate risk associated with our fixed maturity investments and certain of our other investments by monitoring the average duration of the portfolio, which allows us to achieve an acceptable yield without subjecting the portfolio to an unreasonable level of interest rate risk.

The table below summarizes the estimated pre-tax effects of increases and decreases in market interest rates on our fixed maturity investments and certain of our other investments as of December 31, 2014 and 2013:

Fixed Maturity Investments (\$ in millions)	Fair Value (1)	Hypothetical Change in Market Interest Rates	Resulting Estimated Fair Value	Resulting Increase (Decrease) in Fair Value
As of December 31, 2014	\$ 2,462.0	100 bp decrease 100 bp increase	\$ 2,481.9 2,422.8	\$ 19.9 (39.2)
As of December 31, 2013	\$ 2,360.2	100 bp decrease 100 bp increase	\$ 2,435.2 2,292.6	\$ 75.0 (67.6)

<sup>(1)</sup> The net amount shown for 2014 represents the aggregate value of our long fixed maturity investments (\$1,901.0 million) plus our fixed maturity investments held within our other investments (\$631.5 million) less our liability for fixed maturities sold short (\$70.5 million), each presented at December 31, 2014. The net amount shown for 2013 represents the aggregate value of our long fixed maturity investments (\$2,430.8 million) plus our fixed maturity investments held within our other investments (\$59.4 million) less our liability for fixed maturity for fixed maturity investments held within our other investments (\$59.4 million) less our liability for fixed maturity for fixed maturity investments held within our other investments (\$59.4 million) less our liability for fixed maturities sold short (\$130.0 million), each presented at December 31, 2013.

*Debt.* Our outstanding debt at December 31, 2014 and 2013 consisted of the 2022 Senior Notes, the Trust Preferred Securities and BCRH's borrowings under the BCRH Credit Agreement. The 2022 Senior Notes bear interest at a fixed rate of 4.70% per annum and are scheduled to mature on October 15, 2022, the Trust Preferred Securities bear interest at a floating rate equal to the 3-month LIBOR plus 380 basis points, reset quarterly, and are scheduled to mature on March 30, 2036 and our borrowings under the BCRH Credit Agreement are short-term obligations which bear interest at a floating rate equal to the 3-month LIBOR plus 100 basis points.

At December 31, 2014, the fair value of the 2022 Senior Notes was \$306.3 million, which compared to a carrying value of \$299.3 million. At December 31, 2013, the fair value of the 2022 Senior Notes was \$303.2 million, which compared to a carrying value of \$299.2 million.

At December 31, 2014, the fair value of the Trust Preferred Securities was \$92.0 million, which compared to a carrying value of \$100.0 million. At December 31, 2013, the fair value of the Trust Preferred Securities was \$89.5 million, which compared to a carrying value of \$100.0 million.

At December 31, 2014, the fair value of BCRH's outstanding borrowings under the BCRH Credit Agreement, which must be repaid in early 2015, approximated their carrying value of \$8.0 million.

In February 2012 we entered into the LIBOR Swap, which will result in the future net cash flows in connection with the Trust Preferred Securities, for the five-year period beginning March 30, 2012, being the same as if these securities bore interest at a fixed rate of 4.905%, provided we hold the LIBOR Swap to its maturity. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the fair value of the LIBOR Swap (which is recorded as an other investment on our consolidated balance sheets) was negative \$0.3 million and negative \$0.5 million, respectively.

*Derivative Instruments.* As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, we had the following derivative instruments, expressed either as a net asset, (liability) or (contra-asset), with direct or indirect exposure to fluctuations in market interest rates: (i) Credit Derivatives with a fair value of \$1.8 million and \$(0.2) million, respectively, (ii) Interest Rate Contracts with a fair value of less than \$0.1 million and \$1.5 million, respectively; and (iii) Investment Options and Futures (long and short) with a fair value of less than \$0.1 million and \$2.5 million, respectively.

The table below summarizes the estimated hypothetical pre-tax effects of increases and decreases in market interest rates on our derivative instruments as of December 31, 2014 and 2013:

Derivative Instruments (\$ in millions)	Fair Value	Hypothetical Change in Market Interest Rates	 Resulting Estimated Fair Value	 Resulting Increase (Decrease) in Fair Value
As of December 31, 2014	\$ 1.8	100 bp decrease	\$ 2.1	\$ 0.3
		100 bp increase	1.5	(0.3)
As of December 31, 2013	\$ 3.8	100 bp decrease	\$ (7.3)	\$ (11.1)
		100 bp increase	12.7	8.9

The table above excludes the effects of any hypothetical increases and decreases in market interest rates on the LIBOR Swap because the LIBOR Swap serves to fix the amount of future net cash flows in connection with the Trust Preferred Securities, for the five-year period beginning March 30, 2012, at a fixed rate of 4.905%.

## Foreign Currency Risk

We often collect premiums and pay losses in foreign currencies. We also maintain a portion of our investment portfolio in foreign currencies. Accordingly, we are exposed to fluctuations in the exchange rates of these currencies.

Our reporting currency is the U.S. dollar. The British pound is the functional currency for the operations of Syndicate 5151, MUAL, MCL and MUSL. The U.S. dollar is the functional currency for all our other operations. The assets and liabilities of our foreign operations are converted to U.S. dollars at exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date, and the related revenues and expenses are converted using average exchange rates for the period. Net foreign currency gains and losses arising from translating our foreign operations to U.S. dollars are reported as a separate component of our shareholders' equity as translation gains and losses, with changes therein reported as a component of our other comprehensive income.

Our U.K. operations had net liabilities denominated in British pounds with a U.S. dollar equivalent value of \$15.2 million at December 31, 2014. Assuming a hypothetical 10% increase (or decrease) in the rate of exchange from British pounds to U.S. dollars as of December 31, 2014, we would expect the carrying value of these net liabilities to increase (or decrease) by approximately \$1.5 million.

During 2014, 2013 and 2012, we recorded pretax net foreign currency transaction gains (losses), separately presented in our consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income, of \$9.4 million, \$(15.9) million and \$(12.8) million, respectively. In addition, during 2014, 2013 and 2012, we recorded pretax net foreign currency transaction gains (losses) associated with our loss and LAE, which we record as favorable or (unfavorable) loss and LAE reserve development, of \$(8.6) million, \$7.5 million and \$6.7 million, respectively. During 2014, 2013 and 2012, we also recorded net foreign currency translation gains (losses) in our consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income of \$(2.4) million, \$0.9 million and \$0.8 million, respectively.

From time to time we enter into, either directly or indirectly through our investment managers, Foreign Exchange Contracts that constitute obligations to buy or sell specified currencies at future dates at prices set at the inception of each contract. We enter into these contracts in connection with both our underwriting and investing activities.



Foreign Exchange Contracts designed to protect our insurance and reinsurance balances against movements in foreign currency rates do not eliminate fluctuations in the actual value of our assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies; rather, they provide an offsetting benefit or detriment against such exchange rate movements. Foreign Exchange Contracts related to our investing activities are designed to either protect our cash and invested assets from movements in foreign currency rates or to enhance our investment performance.

We recorded net income (losses) associated with our Foreign Exchange Contracts of \$1.9 million, \$(2.5) million and \$3.6 million during 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Whereas the exposure associated with our Foreign Exchange Contracts is typically unlimited, the vast majority of the Foreign Exchange Contracts we have historically entered into have served to eliminate, or otherwise reduce, our exposure to foreign currency movements with respect to our existing assets and liabilities.

#### Equity Price Risk

The fair value of our equity securities and certain of our other investments and derivative instruments are based on quoted market prices or our estimates of fair value (which are based, in part, on quoted market prices) as of the balance sheet date. Market prices of equity securities, in general, are subject to fluctuations which could cause the amount to be realized upon sale or conversion to differ significantly from the carrying value as of the balance sheet date. These fluctuations may result from perceived changes in the underlying economic characteristics of the investee, the relative price of alternative investments, general market conditions and supply and demand imbalances for a particular security or instrument.

We estimate that a 10% price increase or decrease affecting the value of our equity securities and certain of our other investments and derivative instruments (those with exposure to equity price risk) as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, would have had an net impact to our total shareholders' equity of less than 1% as of those dates.

## Credit Risk

Our financial instruments, which potentially subject us to concentrations of credit risk, consist principally of our investment securities (primarily our fixed maturity investments and certain of our other investments), credit derivatives, insurance and reinsurance premiums receivable and our reinsurance recoverables.

*Fixed Maturity Investments.* We believe that we have a high-quality fixed maturity investment portfolio, meaning that we would expect that our exposure to the loss of principal resulting from issuer credit difficulties to be less than that of an entity with a lower quality fixed maturity portfolio. We measure the quality of our fixed maturity investment portfolio based on its average overall rating, which was "A+" (Strong) by Standard & Poor's at December 31, 2014, and by the overall strength and consistency of its fair value over time.

We also believe that we have no significant concentrations of credit risk from a single issue or issuer within our investment portfolio other than concentrations in U.S. government and U.S. government-sponsored enterprises. Our investment guidelines prohibit us from owning an undue concentration of a single issue or issuer, other than U.S.-backed securities, and we did not own an aggregate fixed maturity investment in a single entity, other than U.S.-backed securities, in excess of 10% of our total shareholders' equity at December 31, 2014 and 2013.

As of December 31, 2014, 67% of our fixed maturity investments were either rated "A" (Strong) or better by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency), 11% were rated "BBB" (Good) by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency) and 22% were either unrated or rated below "BBB" by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency). As of December 31, 2013, 68% of our fixed maturity investments were either rated "A" (Strong) or better by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency), 11% were rated "BBB" (Good) by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency), 11% were rated "BBB" (Good) by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency), 11% were rated "BBB" (Good) by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency), and 21% were either unrated or rated below "BBB" by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency), and 21% were either unrated or rated below "BBB" by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating agency).

In accordance with our investment controls and guidelines, we routinely monitor the credit quality of our fixed maturity investments, including those involving investments in: (i) the Eurozone; (ii) commercial mortgage backed securities; (iii) non-agency collateralized residential mortgage obligations; (iv) U.S. state and local municipalities; (v) subprime and Alternative A exposed mortgage-backed securities; and (vi) those securities that benefit from credit enhancements provided by third-party financial guarantors. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the total market value of the fixed maturity investments that we held in each of these classes approximated the associated amortized cost. A summary of the details associated with these investments follows:

We currently hold long and short fixed maturity investments with exposure to the Eurozone. As of December 31, 2014, we held \$141.5 million of net sovereign, corporate and assetbacked fixed maturity investments with exposure to the Eurozone with an amortized cost of \$142.4 million. Of our total Eurozone holdings at December 31, 2014, \$40.1 million represented net debt obligations of financial corporations with an amortized cost of \$40.2 million. As of December 31, 2013, we held \$155.2 million of net sovereign, corporate and assetbacked fixed maturity investments with exposure to the Eurozone with an amortized cost of \$152.0 million. Of our total Eurozone holdings at December 31, 2013, \$52.9 million represented net debt obligations of financial corporations with an amortized cost of \$151.7 million.

We currently hold commercial mortgage backed securities ("CMBS Securities") within our fixed maturity portfolio. As of December 31, 2014, we held \$101.4 million of CMBS Securities with an amortized cost of \$100.6 million, 91% of which were rated "BBB" (Good) or better by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency). As of December 31, 2013, we held \$138.9 million of CMBS Securities with an amortized cost of \$137.7 million, 97% of which were rated "BBB" (Good) or better by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency).

We currently hold non-agency collateralized residential mortgage obligations ("Non-Agency CMOs") within our fixed maturity portfolio. Non-Agency CMOs are not backed by a U.S. government-sponsored enterprise. As of December 31, 2014, we held \$86.6 million of Non-Agency CMOs with an amortized cost of \$85.7 million, 85% of which were rated "BBB" (Good) or better by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency). As of December 31, 2013, we held \$119.2 million of Non-Agency CMOs with an amortized cost of \$118.1 million, 23% of which were rated "BBB" (Good) or better by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating agency).

We currently hold U.S. state and local municipal bonds within our fixed maturity portfolio. As of December 31, 2014, we held \$19.4 million of municipal bonds with an amortized cost of \$19.4 million, 80% of which were rated "BBB" (Good) or better by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency). As of December 31, 2013, we held \$47.1 million of municipal bonds with an amortized cost of \$47.2 million, 79% of which were rated "BBB" (Good) or better by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency).

We currently hold fixed maturity investments that have exposure to subprime and Alternative A mortgage markets. As of December 31, 2014, we held \$5.9 million of subprime and Alternative A investments with an amortized cost of \$5.5 million, 12% of which were rated "BBB" (Good) or better by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency). As of December 31, 2013, we held \$76.3 million of subprime and Alternative A investments with an amortized cost of \$76.5 million, 13% of which were rated "BBB" (Good) or better by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency).

We currently hold fixed maturity investments that are subject to credit enhancements provided by third-party financial guarantors. As of December 31, 2014, we held \$1.6 million of credit enhanced investments with an amortized cost of \$1.6 million. As of December 31, 2013, we held \$4.5 million of credit enhanced investments with an amortized cost of \$4.4 million. We estimate that these investments held at December 31, 2014 and 2013 would be rated "BBB-" (Good) or better by Standard & Poor's excluding the effects of financial guarantee enhancements, if they were rated on that basis.

*Other Investments.* We hold fixed maturity investments in various investment funds and limited partnership interests within our other investment portfolio. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, we held \$631.5 million and \$59.4 million, respectively, of other investments with exposure to fixed and floating rate fixed maturity investments (net of short positions).

The overall investment objective of the various fixed maturity investments contained within our other investment portfolio is to achieve an adequate risk-adjusted total return, primarily though investments in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in various currencies which are issued by governments, government agencies, supranational, financial institutions and corporate issuers worldwide. These fixed maturity investments often incorporate long and short credit exposures and often employ the use of investment-related derivatives in order to achieve their targeted investment return goals. We estimate that the fixed maturity investments held within our other investment portfolio at December 31, 2014 and 2013 had an average credit rating of "AA" (Very Strong) and "BBB" (Good), respectively, by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency).

*Insurance and Reinsurance Premiums Receivable.* We underwrite the majority of our business through independent insurance and reinsurance brokers. Credit risk exists to the extent that one or more of these brokers are unable to fulfill their contractual obligations to us. For example, we are frequently required to pay amounts owed on claims under policies to brokers, and these brokers, in turn, pay these amounts to the ceding companies that have reinsured a portion of their liabilities with us. In some jurisdictions, if a broker fails to make such a payment, we might remain liable to the ceding company for the deficiency. In addition, in certain jurisdictions, when the ceding company pays premiums for these policies to brokers, these premiums are considered to have been paid and the ceding insurer is no longer liable to us for those amounts, whether or not we have actually received them.

Our premiums receivable are recorded at amounts due less an allowance for doubtful accounts. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, our allowance for doubtful accounts was \$3.7 million and \$3.6 million, respectively.

*Reinsurance Recoverable.* We remain liable for losses we incur to the extent that any third-party reinsurer is unable or unwilling to make timely payments to us under our reinsurance agreements. We also remain liable in the event that any of our ceding companies were unable to collect amounts due from their underlying third-party reinsurers where such reinsurance would otherwise enure to our benefit.

Under our reinsurance security policy, our reinsurers are typically required to be rated "A-" (Excellent) or better by A.M. Best (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency) at the time the policy is written. We also consider reinsurers that are not rated or do not fall within this threshold on a case-by-case basis if adequately collateralized. We monitor the financial condition and ratings of our reinsurers on an ongoing basis.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, we did not have any reinsurance recoverables from reinsurers rated less than "A-" by A.M. Best, except in those instances where the reinsurer has either: (i) fully-collateralized their reinsurance obligation to us; (ii) a Standard & Poor's financial strength rating equivalent to an A.M. Best rating of "A-" (Excellent) or better; or (iii) subsequently entered run-off but is considered by management to be financially sound.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, we determined that an allowance for uncollectible reinsurance recoverable on paid and unpaid loss and LAE was not considered necessary.

#### Natural Catastrophe Risk

We have exposure to natural catastrophes around the world. We manage our exposure to catastrophes using a combination of CATM<sup>®</sup>, third-party models, underwriting judgment and ceded reinsurance. See "*Natural Catastrophe Risk Management*" contained in Item 7 herein.

# **Effects of Inflation**

The pricing for our insurance and reinsurance products, our loss and LAE reserve estimates and our investment returns could be significantly impacted by changing rates of inflation and other economic conditions. We also take loss amplification into account in our catastrophe loss models and in establishing our loss and LAE reserves.

# Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The financial statements and supplementary data have been filed as a part of this Report on Form 10-K as indicated in the Index to Consolidated Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedules appearing on page 95 of this report.

## Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

## Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Our Principal Executive Officer ("PEO") and Principal Financial Officer ("PFO") have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15 (e) of the Exchange Act) as of December 31, 2014. Based on that evaluation, our PEO and PFO have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

Our PEO and PFO have also evaluated the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014. Based on that evaluation, our PEO and PFO have concluded that our internal controls over financial reporting are effective. Management's annual report on internal control over financial reporting is included on page F-48 of this report. The audit report of PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd., an independent registered public accounting firm, is included on page F-49 of this report.

There have been no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting during the fourth quarter of 2014 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

#### Item 9B. Other Information

None.

# PART III

# Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

Reported under the captions "Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance," "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance" in the Company's 2015 Proxy Statement, herein incorporated by reference.

The Company's Code of Conduct and Ethics, which applies to all directors, officers and employees in carrying out their responsibilities to and on behalf of the Company, is available at *www.montpelierre.bm* and is included as Exhibit 14 to this report. The Company's Code of Conduct and Ethics is also available in print free of charge to any shareholder upon request.

There have been no material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the Board since the shareholders voted to approve amendments to our Bye-Laws on May 16, 2014. The procedures for shareholders to nominate directors are reported under the caption "*The Board and Committees - Shareholder Recommendations*" in the Company's 2015 Proxy Statement, herein incorporated by reference.

# Item 11. Executive Compensation

Reported under the caption "Executive Compensation" in the Company's 2015 Proxy Statement, herein incorporated by reference.

# Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Shareholder Matters

Reported under the captions "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" in the Company's 2015 Proxy Statement, herein incorporated by reference and "Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans" contained in Item 5 herein.

# Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence

Reported under the captions "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" and "The Board and Committees" in the Company's 2015 Proxy Statement, herein incorporated by reference.

# Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

Reported under the caption "Appointment of Independent Auditor" in the Company's 2015 Proxy Statement, herein incorporated by reference.

# PART IV

#### Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

# (a) Documents Filed as Part of the Report

The financial statements, financial statement schedules and report of independent registered public accounting firm have been filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K as indicated in the Index to Consolidated Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedules appearing on page 95 of this report. A listing of all exhibits filed as part of the report appear on pages 90 through 93 of this report.

# (b) Exhibits

The exhibits followed by an asterisk (\*) indicate exhibits physically filed with this Annual Report on Form 10-K. All other exhibit numbers indicate exhibits filed by incorporation by reference.

Exhibit Number	Description of Document
3.1	Memorandum of Association (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1, Registration No. 333-89408).
3.2	Amended and Restated Bye-Laws (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 19, 2014).
4.1	Specimen Ordinary Share Certificate (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Report on Form 10-K filed on February 26, 2010).
4.2	Senior Indenture, dated as of July 15, 2003, between the Company, as Issuer, and The Bank of New York, as Trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1, Registration No. 333-106919).
4.3	First Supplemental Indenture to Senior Indenture, dated as of July 30, 2003, between the Company, as Issuer, and The Bank of New York, as Trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1, Registration No. 333-106919).
4.4	Certificate of Designation of the 8.875% Non-Cumulative Preferred Shares, Series A (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the Company's Report on Form 8- A filed May 10, 2011).
4.5	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 5, 2012, between Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd. and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 5, 2012).
10.1	Shareholders Agreement, dated as of December 12, 2001, among the Company and each of the persons listed on schedule 1 thereto, as amended by Amendment No. 1, dated December 24, 2001 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1, Registration No. 333-89408).
10.2	Service Agreement, dated as of November 20, 2007, between Anthony Taylor and the Company (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 21, 2007).
10.3	Service Agreement among Thomas G.S. Busher and the Company dated April 3, 2008 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed April 3, 2008).
10.4	Service Agreement, dated as of January 24, 2002, between Thomas G.S. Busher and MUSL (which was assigned to MUSL by MMSL in January 2009) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1, Registration No. 333-89408).
10.5	Amendment to Service Agreement among the Company and Thomas G.S. Busher dated July 1, 2010 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed July 1, 2010).
10.6	Amendment to Service Agreement between Thomas G.S. Busher and MUSL dated August 4, 2011 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed August 5, 2011).
10.7	Transition Letter dated February 21, 2013, among the Company and Thomas G.S. Busher (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 25, 2013).
10.8	Service Agreement among Christopher L. Harris and the Company dated March 13, 2008 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed March 13, 2008).
10.9	Amendment to Service Agreement among the Company and Christopher L. Harris dated July 1, 2010 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed July 1, 2010).
10.10	Service agreement between Christopher L. Harris and the Company dated May 20, 2013 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 20, 2013).
10.11	Service Agreement among Michael S. Paquette and the Company dated March 11, 2008 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed March 11, 2008).
10.12	Amendment to Service Agreement among Michael S. Paquette and the Company dated February 27, 2009 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009).
10.13	Amendment to Service Agreement among Michael S. Paquette and the Company dated August 4, 2011 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed August 5, 2011).
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Exhibit Number	Description of Document
10.14	Service Agreement, dated as of January 24, 2006, between William Pollett and Montpelier Re (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form10-Q filed May 6, 2009).
10.15	Service Agreement, dated as of November 30, 2004, between Jonathan B. Kim and Montpelier Re. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to the Company's Annual Report on Form10-K filed February 25, 2011).
10.16	Deed, dated as of November 24, 2008, between Jonathan B. Kim and Montpelier Re and the Company. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to the Company's Annual Report on Form10-K filed February 25, 2011).
10.17	Service Agreement, dated March 26, 2010, between Timothy Aman and MTR (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed August 5, 2011).
10.18	Service Agreement, dated September 6, 2011, between Christopher T. Schaper and Montpelier Re (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed February 24, 2012).
10.19	Letter Agreement dated June 18, 2007 between George A. Carbonar and MTR. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed February 24, 2012).
10.20	Service Agreement between Richard M.M. Chattock, MUSL and Spectrum Syndicate Management Limited ("Spectrum") dated August 1, 2007. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to the Company's Annual Report filed on Form 10-K filed February 26, 2014).
10.21	Deed between Richard M.M. Chattock, MUSL and Spectrum dated November 5, 2008. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to the Company's Annual Report filed on Form 10-K filed February 26, 2014).
10.22	Severance Plan, dated as of August 27, 2004, among certain Executives and the Company (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 1, 2004).
10.23	Amendment to the Severance Plan, dated as of August 27, 2004, among certain Executives and the Company (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed August 6, 2010).
10.24	Second Amendment dated May 18, 2012 to Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd. Severance Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Quarterly Report filed on Form 10-Q filed August 3, 2012).
10.25	Montpelier Re Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed August 6, 2010).
10.26	The Company's 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan as amended May 23, 2007 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed February 28, 2008).
10.27	The Company's 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan, Amendment No. 1 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed August 6, 2010).
10.28	The Company's 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 18, 2012).
10.29	Form of the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan Annual Bonus and Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.17 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed February 28, 2008).
10.30	Form of Annual Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.24 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009).
10.31	Form of Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed February 27, 2009).
10.32	Form of the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed February 28, 2008).
10.33	Form of Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed May 6, 2010).
10.34	Form of Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed May 5, 2011).
10.35	Form of Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Quarterly Report filed on Form 10-Q filed August 5, 2011).
10.36	Form of Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd. 2012 Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement under the Company's 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 2, 2012).
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10.37	Form of 2012 Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement under the Company's 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report filed on Form 10-Q filed August 3, 2012).
10.38	Form of 2012 Director Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement under the Company's 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report filed on Form 10-Q filed August 3, 2012).
10.39	Form of 2013 Annual Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement under the Company's 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.36 to the Company's Annual Report filed on Form 10-K filed February 25, 2013).
10.40	Form of 2014 Annual Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement under the Company's 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.40 to the Company's Annual Report filed on Form 10-K filed February 26, 2014).
10.41	Form of 2014 Director Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement under the Company's 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report filed on Form 8-K filed May 19, 2014).
10.42	The Company's 2011 Annual Bonus Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed May 5, 2011).
10.43	The Company's 2012 Annual Bonus Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 2, 2012).
10.44	The Company's 2013 Annual Bonus Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.40 to the Company's Annual Report filed on Form 10-K filed February 25, 2013).
10.45	The Company's 2014 Annual Bonus Plan. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.44 to the Company's Annual Report filed on Form 10-K filed February 26, 2014).
10.46	Standing Agreement for Letters of Credit between Montpelier Re and the Bank of New York (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 18, 2005).
10.47	Stock Purchase Agreement between GAINSCO, Inc., MGA Insurance Company, Inc. and Montpelier Re U.S. Holdings Ltd. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed August 13, 2007).
10.48	Stock Purchase Agreement between Montpelier Re U.S. Holdings Ltd. and Selective Insurance Group, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed September 20, 2011).
10.49	Lloyd's Deposit Trust Deed dated March 30, 2010 among Montpelier Capital Limited as "the Member," Montpelier Re as "the Depositor" and the Society incorporated by Lloyd's Act 1871. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 31, 2010).
10.50	Deed of Determination Release and Substitution dated March 30, 2010 between the Society incorporated by Lloyd's Act 1871, Montpelier Capital Limited and Montpelier Re (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 31, 2010).
10.51	Investment Management Agreement dated March 30, 2010 between Montpelier Capital Limited, Montpelier Re, the Society incorporated by Lloyd's Act 1871 and GR-NEAM Limited. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 31, 2010).
10.52	Lloyd's Deposit Trust Deed dated May 6, 2010 among Montpelier Capital Limited as "the Member," Montpelier Re as "the Depositor" and the Society incorporated by Lloyd's Act 1871 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed May 6, 2010).
10.53	Deed of Transition dated May 6, 2010 between the Society incorporated by Lloyd's Act 1871, Montpelier Capital Limited as "the Member" and Montpelier Re as "the Depositor" (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed May 6, 2010).
10.54	Letter of Credit Reimbursement and Pledge Agreement, dated October 31, 2012, between Montpelier Re and Barclays Bank PLC (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 31, 2012).
10.55	Retrocession Agreement dated December 31, 2013, between Blue Capital Re Ltd. and Blue Water Re Ltd. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 6, 2014).
10.56	Investment Management Agreement dated November 12, 2013, between BCRH and BCML (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 12, 2013).
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10.57	Underwriting and Insurance Management Agreement dated November 12, 2013, among BCRH, Blue Capital Re and BCML (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 12, 2013).
10.58	Amended and Restated Administrative Services Agreement dated November 13, 2014 between BCRH and BCML (*)
10.59	Trademark License Agreement dated November 12, 2013, between BCRH and the Company (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 12, 2013).
10.60	Assignment of Christopher L. Harris' Director Remuneration paid by BCRH to the Company dated February 25, 2014. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.59 to the Company's Annual Report filed on Form 10-K filed February 26, 2014).
10.61	Assignment of William Pollett's Director Remuneration paid by BCRH to the Company dated February 25, 2014. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.60 to the Company's Annual Report filed on Form 10-K filed February 26, 2014).
10.62	Credit Agreement dated as of May 2, 2014, among BCRH (as Borrower), the Guarantors party thereto (as Guarantors), Royal Bank of Canada (as Administrative Agent), RBC Capital Markets (as Arranger) and the Lenders party thereto (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 5, 2014).
10.63	Guarantee Agreement dated as of May 2, 2014, among the Company, and the other Guarantors party thereto and Royal Bank of Canada (as Administrative Agent) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 5, 2014).
10.64	Credit Agreement dated as of May 15, 2014, among BCGR, the Company (as the Guarantor) and Barclays Bank plc (as the Lender) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 19, 2014).
11	Computation of Per Share Earnings (included as Note 2 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements) (*)
12	Computation of Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Preferred Dividends (*)
14	Code of Ethics (*)
21	Subsidiaries of the Registrant (*)
23	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd. (*)
24	Power of Attorney (included as part of Signatures page) (*)
31.1	Certification of Christopher L. Harris, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (*)
31.2	Certification of Michael S. Paquette, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (*)
32	Certifications of Christopher L. Harris and Michael S. Paquette, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, of the Company, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 (*)
101	The following materials from the Company's Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 31, 2014 and 2013; (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income for each of the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012; (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity for each of the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012; (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for each of the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012; (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for each of the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012; (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for each of the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012; and (iv) the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (*)
Pursuant	to Item 602(b)(4)(iii) of Regulation S-K, copies of certain instruments defining the rights of holders of our debt are not filed and, in lieu thereof, we agree to furnish copies to

the SEC upon request.

# (c) Financial Statement Schedules

The financial statement schedules and report of independent registered public accounting firm have been filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K as indicated in the Index to Consolidated Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedules appearing on page 95 of this report.



#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

# Date: February 25, 2015

# MONTPELIER RE HOLDINGS LTD.

By: /s/ MICHAEL S. PAQUETTE

Michael S. Paquette Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

# **Power of Attorney**

**KNOW ALL MEN** by these presents, that the undersigned does hereby make, constitute and appoint Christopher L. Harris, Michael S. Paquette, Jonathan B. Kim and Allison D. Kiene and each of them, as true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent of the undersigned, with full power of substitution, resubstitution and revocation, for and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned, to execute and deliver the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, and any and all amendments thereto; such Form 10-K and each such amendment to be in such form and to contain such terms and provisions as said attorney or substitute shall deem necessary or desirable; giving and granting unto said attorney, or to such person or persons as in any case may be appointed pursuant to the power of substitute, herein given, full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or, in the opinion of said attorney or substitute, able to be done in and about the premises as fully and to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney or substitute shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1934, this Report on Form 10-K has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

Signature	Title
/s/ CHRISTOPHER L. HARRIS Christopher L. Harris	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ MICHAEL S. PAQUETTE Michael S. Paquette	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)
/s/ ANTHONY TAYLOR Anthony Taylor	Chairman
/s/ JOHN G. BRUTON John G. Bruton	Director
/s/ MORGAN W. DAVIS Morgan W. Davis	Director
/s/ MICHAEL R. EISENSON Michael R. Eisenson	Director
/s/ HENRY R. KEIZER	Director
Henry R. Keizer /s/ NICHOLAS C. MARSH	Director
Nicholas C. Marsh /s/ JOHN F. SHETTLE, JR.	Director
John F. Shettle, Jr. /s/ CANDACE L. STRAIGHT	Director
Candace L. Straight /s/ SUSAN J. SUTHERLAND	Director
Susan J. Sutherland /s/ IAN M. WINCHESTER	Director
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# MONTPELIER RE HOLDINGS LTD. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	December 31,					
(In millions of U.S. dollars, except share and per share amounts)		2014		2013		
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Fixed maturity investments, at fair value (amortized cost: <b>\$1,902.9</b> and \$2,421.9)	\$	1,901.0	\$	2,430.8		
Equity securities, at fair value (cost: $\$163.8$ and $\$106.6$ )		173.1		117.3		
Other investments (cost: <b>\$642.4</b> and \$77.7)		642.0		78.8		
Total investments		2,716.1		2,626.9		
Cash and cash equivalents		447.7		468.4		
Restricted cash		26.6		133.7		
Reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses		48.7		63.6		
Reinsurance recoverable on paid losses		7.1		3.6		
Insurance and reinsurance premiums receivable		206.5		203.4		
Unearned reinsurance premiums ceded		24.0		22.6		
Deferred insurance and reinsurance acquisition costs		53.3		51.5		
Accrued investment income		11.5		15.0		
Amounts receivable under reverse repurchase agreements				80.8		
Unsettled sales of investments		51.1		58.8		
Other assets		36.5		30.2		
Total Assets	\$	3,629.1	\$	3,758.5		
Liabilities						
Loss and loss adjustment expense reserves	\$	775.7	\$	881.6		
Debt		407.3		399.2		
Unearned insurance and reinsurance premiums		275.4		276.7		
Insurance and reinsurance balances payable		48.0		43.3		
Liability for investment securities sold short		76.2		155.6		
Unsettled purchases of investments		68.8		58.8		
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities		63.2		56.3		
Total Liabilities		1,714.6		1,871.5		
Commitments and Contingent Liabilities (See Note 15)		_		_		
Shareholders' Equity						
Non-cumulative Preferred Shares, Series A, at 1/6 cent par value per share - 6,000,000 shares authorized and issued		150.0		150.0		
Common Shares, at 1/6 cent par value per share - 1,200,000,000 shares authorized; 45,113,841 and 50,462,839 shares issued		0.1		0.1		
Additional paid-in capital		744.4		900.5		
Common Shares held in treasury at cost; 1,494,717 and 1,188,674 shares		(31.0)		(18.9)		
Retained earnings		789.5		612.8		
Accumulated net foreign currency translation losses		(4.8)		(2.4)		
Total Shareholders' Equity available to the Company		1,648.2		1,642.1		
Non-controlling interests		266.3		244.9		
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Total Shareholders' Equity		1,914.5		1,887.0		
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$	3,629.1	\$	3,758.5		

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

# MONTPELIER RE HOLDINGS LTD. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		Year Ended December 31,	
(In millions of U.S. dollars, except per share amounts)	2014	2013	2012
Revenues	* <b>-</b> 40 <b>-</b>		* <b>-</b>
Gross insurance and reinsurance premiums written	\$ 740.3	\$ 706.0	\$ 735.3
Ceded reinsurance premiums	(89.4)	(102.9)	(119.6)
Net insurance and reinsurance premiums written	650.9	603.1	615.7
Change in net unearned insurance and reinsurance premiums	(5.7)	(3.5)	0.8
Net insurance and reinsurance premiums earned	645.2	599.6	616.5
Net investment income	46.8	64.0	67.1
Net realized and unrealized investment gains (losses)	5.4	(49.2)	82.4
Net foreign currency gains (losses)	9.4	(15.9)	(12.8)
Net income (loss) from derivative instruments	(18.6)	(25.3)	3.2
Other revenues	2.9	0.4	0.8
Total revenues	691.1	573.6	757.2
Expenses			
Underwriting expenses:			
Loss and loss adjustment expenses	189.6	126.5	286.4
Insurance and reinsurance acquisition costs	110.2	90.5	96.6
General and administrative expenses	123.7	119.2	116.2
Non-underwriting expenses:	18.9	10 0	20.4
Interest and other financing expenses	18.9	18.8 7.5	20.4
Underwriting discount and structuring fees associated with the BCRH IPO			9.7
Loss on early extinguishment of 2013 Senior Notes			9.7
Other expenses	3.4	0.6	
Total expenses	445.8	363.1	529.3
Income before income taxes	245.3	210.5	227.9
Income tax benefit (provision)	2.7	0.1	(0.3)
Net income	248.0	210.6	227.6
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	(24.1)	(6.1)	
Net income available to the Company	223.9	204.5	227.6
Dividends declared on Preferred Shares	(13.3)	(13.3)	(13.3)
Net income available to the Company's common shareholders	<u>\$ 210.6</u>	\$ 191.2	<u>\$ 214.3</u>
Net income	\$ 248.0	\$ 210.6	\$ 227.6
Change in accumulated net foreign currency translation losses	(2.4)	0.9	0.8
Comprehensive income	245.6	211.5	228.4
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	(24.1)	(6.1)	
Community in some anailable to the Community	\$ 221.5	\$ 205.4	\$ 228.4
Comprehensive income available to the Company	φ 221.5	φ 203.4	ψ 220.4
Basic and diluted earnings per Common Share	\$ 4.48	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.67
Dividends declared per Common Share and RSU	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.43

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

# MONTPELIER RE HOLDINGS LTD. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

(In millions of U.S. dollars)	shar	Total reholders' equity	eferred Shares	 Common Shares, at par value	 Additional paid-in capital	SI	Common nares held 1 treasury	Retained earnings		Accum. foreign currency translation losses		currency translation co	
Balances at January 1, 2012	\$	1,549.3	\$ 150.0	\$ 0.1	\$ 1,165.6	\$	(22.0)	\$	259.7	\$	(4.1)	\$	
Net income Net change in foreign currency translation Issuances of Common Shares from treasury Repurchases of Common Shares Expense recognized for RSUs RSUs withheld for income taxes Dividends declared - Preferred Shares Dividends declared - Common Shares		227.6 0.8 (120.9) 12.1 (1.9) (13.3) (24.3)	   		 (7.8) (112.0) 12.1 (1.9) —				227.6 — — (13.3) (24.3)		0.8 — — — — — —		
Balances at December 31, 2012	\$	1,629.4	\$ 150.0	\$ 0.1	\$ 1,056.0	\$	(23.1)	\$	449.7	\$	(3.3)	\$	
Net income Net change in foreign currency translation Issuances of Common Shares from treasury Repurchases of Common Shares Expense recognized for RSUs RSUs withheld for income taxes Net contributions from non-controlling interests Dividends declared - Preferred Shares Dividends declared - Common Shares		210.6 0.9 (168.0) 18.0 (5.4) 238.8 (13.3) (24.0)	 		 (9.3) (158.8) 18.0 (5.4) — —				204.5 (4.1)   (13.3) (24.0)		0.9 — — — — — — —		6.1 — — 
Balances at December 31, 2013	\$	1,887.0	\$ 150.0	\$ 0.1	\$ 900.5	\$	(18.9)	\$	612.8	\$	(2.4)	\$	244.9
Net income Net change in foreign currency translation Issuances of Common Shares from treasury Repurchases of Common Shares Expense recognized for RSUs RSUs withheld for income taxes Purchases of non-controlling interest Net contributions from non-controlling interests Dividends declared - non-controlling interests Dividends declared - Preferred Shares Dividends declared - Common Shares and RSUs		$\begin{array}{c} 248.0 \\ (2.4) \\ - \\ (185.9) \\ 19.8 \\ (6.4) \\ (7.9) \\ 11.0 \\ (5.5) \\ (13.3) \\ (29.9) \end{array}$			 (9.6) (160.2) 19.8 (6.4) 0.3 — —				223.9 (4.0) — — — (13.3) (29.9)		(2.4) — — — — — — — — — — —		24.1 — — (8.2) 11.0 (5.5) —
Balances at December 31, 2014	\$	1,914.5	\$ 150.0	\$ 0.1	\$ 744.4	\$	(31.0)	\$	789.5	\$	(4.8)	\$	266.3

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

# MONTPELIER RE HOLDINGS LTD. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

		Year Ended December 31,		
(In millions of U.S. dollars)	2014	2013	2012	
Cash flows from anoustional				
Cash flows from operations: Net income	\$ 248.0	\$ 210.6	\$ 227.6	
Charges (credits) to reconcile net income to net cash from operations:	\$ 240.0	φ 210.0	\$ 227.0	
	(5.4)	40.2	(82.4)	
Net realized and unrealized investment losses (gains)	(5.4)	49.2	(82.4)	
Net realized and unrealized losses (gains) on investment-related derivative instruments	11.7	11.3	(0.7)	
Net amortization and depreciation of assets and liabilities	12.2	8.1	14.7	
Expense recognized for RSUs	19.8	18.0	12.1	
Net change in:				
Loss and loss adjustment expense reserves	(82.4)	(239.5)	21.7	
Reinsurance recoverable on paid and unpaid losses	(7.5)	47.5	(14.2)	
Unearned insurance and reinsurance premiums	7.6	3.2	(1.3)	
Insurance and reinsurance balances payable	9.9	(13.3)	8.5	
Unearned reinsurance premiums ceded	(1.8)	(0.3)	0.1	
Deferred insurance and reinsurance acquisition costs	(4.0)	(2.3)	3.9	
Insurance and reinsurance premiums receivable	(9.7)	18.6	(5.4)	
Other assets	3.5	(7.5)	(1.9)	
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	4.3	(0.7)	9.7	
Other	(5.3)	17.3	8.4	
Net cash and cash equivalents provided from operations	200.9	120.2	200.8	
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchases of fixed maturity investments	(9,353.1)	(6,434.2)	(4,513.3)	
Purchases of equity securities	(525.3)	(324.3)	(155.3)	
Purchases of other investments	(1,043.8)	(2.0)	(82.0)	
Sales, maturities, calls and pay downs of fixed maturity investments	9,850.6	6,571.4	4,288.6	
	448.4	277.5	4,288.0	
Sales and redemptions of equity securities				
Sales and redemptions of other investments	465.4	70.7	51.6	
Expenses paid in connection with MUSIC Sale			(1.0)	
Net settlements of investment-related derivative instruments	(10.0)	(18.1)	0.7	
Net settlements of reverse repurchase agreements	85.2	(33.4)	(12.6)	
Net change in restricted cash	106.3	(63.4)	58.1	
Payment of accrued investment performance fees	(4.1)	(6.4)		
Acquisitions of capitalized assets	(5.4)	(1.2)	(0.4)	
Net cash and cash equivalents provided from (used for) investing activities	14.2	36.6	(141.5)	
Cash flows from financing activities				
Cash flows from financing activities: Repurchases of Common Shares	(185.9)	(171.4)	(117.5)	
	(183.9) 5.2		(117.3)	
Net contributions from non-controlling interests		238.8		
Purchases of non-controlling interest	(7.9)			
Net settlements of repurchase agreements	(11.8)		—	
Borrowings under the BCRH Credit Agreement	8.0	—	—	
Dividends paid - non-controlling interests	(5.5)			
Dividends paid - Common Shares and RSUs	(27.2)	(24.2)	(24.4)	
Dividends paid - Preferred Shares	(13.3)	(13.3)	(13.3)	
Redemptions of 2013 Senior Notes			(228.0)	
Proceeds from 2022 Senior Note issuance			299.1	
Debt issuance costs of 2022 Senior Notes		_	(2.7)	
Net cash and cash equivalents (used for) provided from financing activities	(238.4)	29.9	(86.8)	
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents	2.6	(1.7)	5.4	
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Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents during the year	(20.7) 468.4	185.0 283.4	(22.1)	
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year		283.4	305.5	
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	<u>\$ 447.7</u>	\$ 468.4	\$ 283.4	

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Expressed in millions of United States Dollars, except per share amounts or as otherwise described)

# NOTE 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

# **Basis of Presentation**

Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd. (the "Company" or the "Registrant") was incorporated as an exempted Bermuda limited liability company under the laws of Bermuda on November 14, 2001. The Company, through its subsidiaries and affiliates in Bermuda, the United Kingdom (the "U.K.") and the United States (the "U.S."), collectively "Montpelier," provides customized and innovative insurance and reinsurance solutions to the global market. Through its affiliates in Bermuda, the Company provides institutional and retail investors with direct access to the global property catastrophe reinsurance market. The Company's headquarters and principal executive offices are located at Montpelier House, 94 Pitts Bay Road, Pembroke, Bermuda HM 08.

The Company's consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. ("GAAP"). All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported and disclosed amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the amounts of revenues and expenses reported during the period. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates. The significant estimates reflected in the Company's consolidated financial statements include, but are not limited to, loss and loss adjustment expense ("LAE") reserves, written and earned insurance and reinsurance premiums, ceded reinsurance and share-based compensation.

#### **Reportable Segments**

The Company operates through three reportable segments: Montpelier Bermuda, Montpelier at Lloyd's and Collateralized Reinsurance. Each of the Company's segments represents a separate and distinct underwriting platform through which Montpelier conducts insurance and reinsurance business. The Company's segment disclosures present the operations of Montpelier Bermuda, Montpelier at Lloyd's and Collateralized Reinsurance prior to the effects of any inter-segment quota share reinsurance agreements among them. This presentation allows the reader, as well as the Company's chief operating decision makers, to objectively analyze the business originated through each of the Company's underwriting platforms, regardless of where such business ultimately resides within Montpelier.

Detailed financial information about the Company's reportable segments for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2014 is presented in Note 12. The activities of the Company, certain intermediate holding and service companies, intercompany eliminations relating to inter-segment reinsurance agreements and support services and the business retained upon the Company's December 31, 2011 sale (the "MUSIC Sale") of Montpelier U.S. Insurance Company ("MUSIC") to Selective Insurance Group, Inc. ("Selective"), collectively referred to as "Corporate and Other," are also presented in Note 12.

Prior to 2014, the Company presented the business it retained upon the MUSIC Sale ("MUSIC Run-Off") as a separate reportable segment. Beginning in 2014, the Company revised its reportable segments to present its former MUSIC Run-Off operations within Corporate and Other. All periods presented in this report have been restated to conform with the current presentation.

The nature and composition of each of the Company's reportable segments and its Corporate and Other activities is as follows:

#### Montpelier Bermuda

The Montpelier Bermuda segment consists of the assets and operations of Montpelier Reinsurance Ltd. ("Montpelier Re").

Montpelier Re, the Company's wholly-owned operating subsidiary based in Pembroke, Bermuda, is registered as a Bermuda Class 4 insurer. Montpelier Re seeks to identify and underwrite insurance on portunities by combining underwriting experience with proprietary risk pricing and capital allocation models and catastrophe modeling tools. Montpelier Re focuses on writing short-tail U.S. and international catastrophe treaty reinsurance on both an excess-of-loss and proportional basis. Montpelier Re also writes specialty treaty reinsurance, including casualty, accident & health, aviation, space, crop, financial risk, political risk, terrorism and workers' compensation catastrophe classes of business, as well as insurance and facultative reinsurance business.

# Montpelier at Lloyd's

The Montpelier at Lloyd's segment consists of the collective assets and operations of Montpelier Syndicate 5151 ("Syndicate 5151"), Montpelier Capital Limited ("MCL"), Montpelier at Lloyd's Limited ("MAL"), Montpelier Underwriting Services Limited ("MUSL") and Montpelier Underwriting Inc. ("MUI").

Syndicate 5151, the Company's wholly-owned Lloyd's of London ("Lloyd's") syndicate based in London, was established in July 2007. Syndicate 5151 underwrites property insurance and reinsurance, engineering, marine hull and liability, cargo and specie, political & financial risks and specialty casualty classes sourced mainly from the London, U.S. and European markets.

MCL, the Company's wholly-owned U.K. subsidiary based in London, serves as Syndicate 5151's corporate underwriting member at Lloyd's.

MAL, the Company's wholly-owned Lloyd's Managing Agent based in London, manages Syndicate 5151.

MUSL, the Company's wholly-owned U.K. subsidiary based in London, provides support services to Syndicate 5151, MAL and MCL.

MUI, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary based in Woburn, Massachusetts, serves as a Lloyd's Coverholder, meaning that it is authorized to enter into insurance and reinsurance contracts and/or issue documentation on behalf of Syndicate 5151. MUI underwrites facultative reinsurance business through managing general agents and intermediaries.

#### Collateralized Reinsurance

The Collateralized Reinsurance segment, which Montpelier markets under the name Blue Capital<sup>®</sup> (Blue Capital is a registered trademark of the Company), was launched in 2012 as an asset management platform offering a range of property catastrophe reinsurance-linked investment products to institutional and retail investors. Blue Capital<sup>®</sup> differentiates itself by providing institutional and retail investors with the opportunity to directly invest in global property catastrophe reinsurance risks.

The Collateralized Reinsurance segment consists of the assets and operations of Blue Water Re Ltd. ("Blue Water Re"), Blue Water Master Fund Ltd. (the "Master Fund"), Blue Capital Management Ltd. ("BCML") and the operating subsidiaries of Blue Capital Reinsurance Holdings Ltd. ("BCRH"). On December 15, 2014, Blue Capital Insurance Managers Ltd., a former wholly-owned subsidiary of Montpelier, was merged into BCML.

Blue Water Re is a wholly-owned Bermuda-based special purpose insurance vehicle that provides collateralized property catastrophe reinsurance coverage and related products. Blue Water Re was established in November 2011 and commenced its operations in June 2012.

The Master Fund is an exempted mutual fund segregated accounts company which was incorporated in Bermuda in December 2011. The Master Fund has various segregated accounts, including the BCAP Mid Vol Fund cell (the "Mid Vol Cell"), the Blue Capital Low Volatility Strategy cell (the "Low Vol Cell") and the Blue Capital Global Reinsurance SA-I cell (the "BCGR Cell") (collectively, the "Cells").

The Cells may invest in: (i) fully-collateralized property catastrophe reinsurance contracts by subscribing for non-voting redeemable preference shares issued by Blue Water Re, with each series of such preference shares linked to a specific reinsurance contract with a third-party ceding company; and (ii) various insurance-linked securities issued by entities other than Blue Water Re.

Montpelier Re has been the sole investor in the Mid Vol Cell and the Low Vol Cell since their inception.

BCML is a wholly-owned Bermuda-based subsidiary that provides investment and insurance management services to: (i) Blue Water Re; (ii) the Cells; and (iii) BCRH and its subsidiaries. BCML is a registered investment advisor with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

BCRH is a Bermuda-based exempted limited liability holding company which provides fully-collateralized property catastrophe reinsurance and invests in various insurance-linked securities through its wholly-owned Bermuda-based subsidiaries Blue Capital Re Ltd. ("Blue Capital Re") and Blue Capital Re ILS Ltd. ("Blue Capital Re ILS"). The underwriting decisions and operations of BCRH and its subsidiaries are managed by BCML, and each uses Montpelier's reinsurance underwriting expertise and infrastructure to conduct its business. BCRH commenced its operations in November 2013 pursuant to an initial public offering (the "BCRH IPO") and its common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, under the symbol BCRH, and the Bermuda Stock Exchange, under the symbol BCRH BH. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, Montpelier owned 33.3% and 28.6% of BCRH's outstanding common shares, respectively. Montpelier increased its ownership in BCRH during 2014 through a series of open-market purchases of BCRH common shares.

BCRH is considered a "variable interest entity" under GAAP and the Company has determined that it is BCRH's primary beneficiary. As a result, the Company fully consolidates the assets, liabilities and operations of BCRH and its subsidiaries within its consolidated financial statements and Collateralized Reinsurance segment disclosures. The interests in BCRH and its subsidiaries that the Company fully consolidates which are attributable to third-party investors are reported within the Company's consolidated financial statements as non-controlling interests.

Blue Capital Global Reinsurance Fund Limited (the "BCGR Listed Fund") is a closed-ended mutual fund incorporated in Bermuda that serves as the feeder fund for the BCGR Cell. The BCGR Listed Fund commenced its operations in October 2012 and its ordinary shares are listed on the Specialist Fund Market of the London Stock Exchange, under the symbol BCGR, and on the Bermuda Stock Exchange, under the symbol BCGR BH. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, Montpelier Re owned 25.1% and 29.0% of the BCGR Listed Fund's ordinary shares, respectively. Montpelier's ownership in the BCGR Listed Fund decreased during 2014 as a result of investments made by non-controlling interests.

The BCGR Listed Fund is considered a "voting interest entity" under GAAP and, because Montpelier owns less than 50% of its outstanding ordinary shares, the Company does not consolidate the BCGR Listed Fund's assets, liabilities or operations within its consolidated financial statements or Collateralized Reinsurance segment disclosures. However, the BCGR Cell and Blue Water Re are considered variable interest entities under GAAP and the Company has determined that it is the primary beneficiary of these entities. Therefore, as funds held in the BCGR Listed Fund are deployed into the BCGR Cell, and ultimately into Blue Water Re, they are included in the Company's consolidated financial statements and Collateralized Reinsurance segment disclosures. Conversely, as funds previously deployed by the BCGR Listed Fund and the BCGR Cell into Blue Water Re are returned to the BCGR Listed Fund, they are no longer included in the Company's consolidated financial statements or Collateralized Reinsurance segment disclosures.

The interests in the BCGR Cell and Blue Water Re that the Company fully consolidates which are attributable to third-party investors are reported within the Company's consolidated financial statements as non-controlling interests. See "Non-Controlling Interests" in this Note 1.

Montpelier is entitled to receive management and performance fees from BCRH and the BCGR Listed Fund for the services that it performs for these entities.

#### Corporate and Other

The Company's Corporate and Other activities consist of the assets and operations of: (i) the Company and certain of its intermediate holding and service and support companies, including Montpelier Technical Resources Ltd. ("MTR"); (ii) Cladium, Inc. ("Cladium"), a wholly-owned Florida-based managing general agency that was acquired by Montpelier on May 19, 2014; (iii) intercompany eliminations relating to inter-segment reinsurance agreements; and (iv) the MUSIC Run-Off business.

In connection with the MUSIC Sale, Montpelier Re has either retained, reinsured or otherwise indemnified Selective for all business written by MUSIC with an effective date on or prior to December 31, 2011, and for this reason the MUSIC Sale did not constitute a "discontinued operation" in accordance with GAAP.

# Insurance and Reinsurance Premiums and Related Costs

Reinsurance contracts can be written on a risks-attaching or losses-occurring basis. Under risks-attaching reinsurance contracts, all claims from cedants' underlying policies incepting during the contract period are covered, even if they occur after the expiration date of the reinsurance contract. In contrast, losses-occurring reinsurance contracts cover all claims occurring during the period of the contract, regardless of the underlying policies. Any claims occurring after the expiration of the losses-occurring contract are not covered.

Premiums written are recognized as revenues, net of any applicable underlying reinsurance coverage, and are earned over the term of the related policy or contract. For direct insurance and facultative and losses-occurring contracts, the earnings period is the same as the reinsurance contract. For risks-attaching contracts, the earnings period is based on the terms of the underlying insurance policies.

For contracts that have a risk period of three years or less, the premiums are earned ratably over the term. For the few contracts with risk periods greater than three years, premiums are earned in accordance with schedules that reflect the level of risk associated with each period in the contract term. These schedules are reviewed periodically and are adjusted as deemed necessary.

For the majority of Montpelier's excess-of-loss contracts, written premium is based on the deposit or minimum premium as defined in the contract. Subsequent adjustments, based on reports of actual premium or revisions in estimates by ceding companies, are recorded in the period in which they are determined. For pro-rata contracts and excess-of-loss contracts where no deposit or minimum premium is specified in the contract, written premium is recognized based on estimates of ultimate premiums provided by ceding companies and Montpelier's underwriters.

Initial estimates of written premium are recognized in the period in which the underlying risks incept. Subsequent adjustments, based on reports of actual premium by the ceding companies, or revisions in estimates, are recorded in the period in which they are determined. Such adjustments are generally determined after the associated risk periods have expired, in which case the premium adjustments are fully earned when written. Unearned premiums represent the portion of premiums written that are applicable to future insurance or reinsurance coverage provided by policies or contracts in force.

Premiums receivable are recorded at amounts due less any provision for doubtful accounts. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, Montpelier's allowance for doubtful accounts was \$3.7 million and \$3.6 million, respectfully.

When a reinsurance contract provides for a reinstatement of coverage following a covered loss, the associated reinstatement premium is recorded as both written and earned when Montpelier determines that such a loss event has occurred.

Deferred acquisition costs are comprised of commissions, brokerage costs, premium taxes and excise taxes, each of which relates directly to the writing of insurance and reinsurance contracts. These deferred acquisition costs are typically amortized over the underlying risk period of the related contracts. However, if the sum of a contract's expected losses and LAE and deferred acquisition costs exceeds related unearned premiums and projected investment income, a premium deficiency is determined to exist. In this event, deferred acquisition costs are immediately expensed to the extent necessary to eliminate the premium deficiency. If the premium deficiency exceeds deferred acquisition costs then a liability is accrued for the excess deficiency. There were no significant premium deficiency adjustments recognized during the periods presented herein.

Profit commissions earned and incurred are included in insurance and reinsurance acquisition costs within the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

#### Insurance and Reinsurance Balances Payable

Insurance and reinsurance balances payable consist primarily of reinsurance premiums and reinstatement premiums payable, losses and LAE that have been approved for payment and profit commissions payable.

# Loss and LAE Reserves

Loss and LAE reserves are comprised of case reserves (which are based on claims that have been reported) and IBNR reserves (which are based on losses that are believed to have occurred but for which claims have not yet been reported and may include a provision for expected future development on existing case reserves). Case reserve estimates are initially set on the basis of loss reports received from third parties. IBNR reserves are estimated by management using various actuarial methods as well as a combination of Montpelier's own loss experience, historical insurance industry loss experience and management's professional judgment. Montpelier's internal actuaries review the reserving assumptions and methodologies on a quarterly basis and its loss estimates are subject to an annual corroborative review by independent actuaries using generally accepted actuarial principles.

The uncertainties inherent in the reserving process, potential delays by cedants and brokers in the reporting of loss information, together with the potential for unforeseen adverse developments, may result in loss and LAE reserves ultimately being significantly greater or less than the reserve provided at the end of any given reporting period. The degree of uncertainty is further increased when a significant loss event takes place near the end of a reporting period. Loss and LAE reserve estimates are regularly reviewed and updated as new information becomes known. Any resulting adjustments are reflected in operations in the period in which they become known.

A significant portion of Montpelier's business is in the Property Catastrophe - Treaty class of business and other classes with high attachment points of coverage. As a result, reserving for losses relating to such programs can be imprecise. Montpelier's exposures are also highly leveraged, meaning that the proportional impact of any change in the estimate of total loss incurred by the cedant is magnified in the layers at which Montpelier's coverage attaches. Additionally, the high-severity, low-frequency nature of the exposures limits the volume of claims experience available from which to reliably predict ultimate losses following a loss event, and renders certain traditional loss estimation techniques inapplicable.

#### **Ceded Reinsurance**

In the normal course of business, Montpelier purchases reinsurance from third parties in order to manage its exposures. The amount of reinsurance that Montpelier buys varies from year to year depending on its risk appetite, as well as the availability and cost of the reinsurance coverage. Ceded reinsurance premiums are accounted for on bases consistent with those used in accounting for the underlying premiums assumed, and are reported as reductions of net premiums written and earned. Certain of Montpelier's assumed pro-rata contracts incorporate reinsurance protection provided by third-party reinsurers that inures to Montpelier's benefit. These inuring reinsurance premiums are reported as reductions in gross premiums written and net premiums earned.

The cost of reinsurance purchased varies based on a number of factors. The initial premium associated with excess-of-loss reinsurance is normally based on the underlying premiums assumed by Montpelier. As these reinsurance contracts are typically purchased prior to the time the assumed risks are written, ceded premium recorded in the period of inception reflects an estimate of the amount that Montpelier will ultimately pay. In the majority of cases, the premium initially recorded is subsequently adjusted to reflect premium actually assumed by Montpelier during the contract period. These adjustments are recorded in the period that they are determined, and to date they have not been significant. In addition, losses which pierce excess-of-loss reinsurance cover may generate reinstatement premium ceded, depending on the terms of the contract. This reinstatement premium ceded is recognized as written and expensed at the time the reinsurance recovery is estimated and recorded.

The cost of quota share reinsurance is initially based on Montpelier's estimated gross premium written related to the specific lines of business covered by the reinsurance contract. As gross premiums are written during the period of coverage, reinsurance premiums ceded are adjusted in accordance with the terms of the quota share agreement.

Reinsurance recoverable on paid losses represents amounts currently due from reinsurers. Reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses represents amounts that will be collectible from reinsurers once the losses are paid. The recognition of reinsurance recoverable requires two key judgments. In determining Montpelier's ceded IBNR, the first judgment involves the estimation of the amount of gross IBNR to be ceded to reinsurers. Ceded IBNR is developed as part of Montpelier's loss reserving process and consequently, its estimation is subject to risks and uncertainties similar to the estimation of gross IBNR. The second judgment relates to the amount of the reinsurance that ultimately will not be collected from reinsurers due to insolvency, contractual dispute, or other reasons.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents (consisting of unrestricted cash and fixed income investments with maturities of less than three months, as measured from the date of purchase) of \$447.7 million at December 31, 2014 were comprised of: (i) \$298.0 million supporting the Company's Collateralized Reinsurance operations; (ii) \$113.7 million held by Montpelier's investment advisors; (iii) \$25.9 million held for operating expenses, including a provision for losses that may become due for payment on short notice; and (iv) \$10.1 million held for other obligations. Cash and cash equivalents of \$468.4 million at December 31, 2013, were comprised of: (i) \$314.6 million supporting the Company's Collateralized Reinsurance operations; (ii) \$120.9 million held by Montpelier's investment advisors; (iii) \$28.0 million held for operating expenses, including a provision for losses that may become due for payment on short notice; and (iv) \$120.9 million held for other obligations and contingencies.



#### **Restricted** Cash

Restricted cash of \$26.6 million at December 31, 2014 consisted of \$6.9 million of collateral supporting investment securities sold short and open derivative positions and \$19.7 million of foreign deposit accounts held at Lloyd's. Restricted cash of \$133.7 million at December 31, 2013 consisted of \$121.1 million of collateral supporting investment securities sold short and open derivative positions and \$12.6 million of foreign deposit accounts held at Lloyd's.

#### Investments

Montpelier's fixed maturity investments, equity securities and investment securities sold short are carried at fair value, with the net unrealized appreciation or depreciation on such securities reported within net realized and unrealized investment gains (losses) on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

Montpelier's other investments consist of investments in investment funds, limited partnership interests, the BCGR Listed Fund, event-linked securities whose principal and interest are forgiven if specific events occur ("CAT Bonds") and certain derivative instruments. See Notes 5 and 7.

Investments, including investment securities sold short, are recorded on a trade date basis. For those marketable securities not listed and regularly traded on an established exchange, fair values are determined based on bid prices, as opposed to ask prices. Fair values are not adjusted for transaction costs. Gains and losses on sales of investments are determined on a first-in, first-out basis and are included in operations when realized. Realized investment gains and losses typically result from the actual sale of securities. Unrealized investment gains and losses represent the gain or loss that would result from a hypothetical sale of securities on the balance sheet date. In instances where the Company becomes aware of a significant unrealized loss with little or no likelihood of recovery, it writes down the cost basis of the investment and recognizes the loss as being realized.

Some of Montpelier's investment managers are entitled to performance fees determined as a percentage of their portfolio's net total return achieved over specified periods. Montpelier's net realized and unrealized investment gains or losses and net income or loss from derivative instruments are presented net of any associated performance fees. During 2014, 2013 and 2012 Montpelier incurred (reversed) performance fees related to investments of \$(0.1) million, \$6.4 million and \$7.1 million, respectively. During 2014, 2013 and 2012 Montpelier incurred (reversed) performance fees related derivative instruments of zero, \$(2.1) million and \$(0.7) million, respectively.

Net investment income is stated net of investment management, custody and other investment-related expenses. Investment income is recognized when earned and includes interest and dividend income together with the amortization of premiums and the accretion of discounts associated with those fixed maturity investments that were purchased at amounts other than their par value.

#### **Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Agreements**

In connection with Montpelier's investing activities, certain of its investment managers may enter into repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements from time to time in order to enhance Montpelier's investment performance.

A repurchase agreement, which is essentially a form of short-term borrowing, involves the sale of an investment security to a third-party buyer with the agreement that the seller (Montpelier in this instance) will repurchase the same security from the same party for an agreed-upon price on a specified future date. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, Montpelier did not have any open repurchase agreements.

A reverse repurchase agreement, which is essentially a form of secured short-term lending, involves the purchase of an investment security from a third-party seller with the agreement that the buyer (Montpelier in this instance) will sell the same security to the same party for an agreed-upon price on a specified future date. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, Montpelier had amounts receivable under reverse repurchase agreements of zero and \$80.8 million, respectively. In accordance with GAAP, investment securities purchased under reverse repurchase agreements are not reflected within Montpelier's Consolidated Balance Sheets.

# Common Shares Held in Treasury

The Company's common shares ("Common Shares") held in treasury are carried at cost and any resulting gain or loss on subsequent issuances is determined on a last-in, first-out basis. As of December 31, 2014, the Company's \$8.1 million inception to-date loss from issuances of its treasury shares has been recorded as a reduction to retained earnings on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet. As of December 31, 2013, the Company's \$4.1 million inception to-date loss from issuances of its treasury shares has been recorded as a reduction to retained earnings on the Company's \$4.1 million inception to-date loss from issuances of its treasury shares has been recorded as a reduction to retained earnings on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet. See Note 8.

# Funds Withheld

Funds withheld by reinsured companies represent insurance balances retained by ceding companies in accordance with contractual terms. Montpelier typically earns investment income on these balances during the period the funds are held. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, funds withheld balances of \$7.6 million and \$8.2 million, respectively, were recorded within other assets on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets.

# **Non-Controlling Interests**

The following table summarizes the movements in the non-controlling interests balance during the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	Year Ended December 31,						
		2014		2013			
Non-controlling interests - beginning of year	\$	244.9	\$	_			
Income attributable to third-party investments in the BCGR Cell		13.7		6.6			
Income (loss) attributable to third-party investments in BCRH		10.4		(0.5)			
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests		24.1		6.1			
Net third-party investments in the BCGR Cell		11.0		114.5			
Net third-party investments in BCRH		—		124.3			
Purchases of BCRH common shares by the Company		(8.2)					
Net change in third-party investments in non-controlling interests		2.8		238.8			
Dividends declared by BCRH attributable to non-controlling interests		(5.5)					
Non-controlling interests - ending	\$	266.3	\$	244.9			

# Foreign Currency Exchange

The U.S. dollar is the Company's reporting currency and the British pound is the functional currency for the Company's U.K.- based operations. The U.S. dollar is the functional currency for all other operations. The assets and liabilities of the Company's U.K. operations are converted to U.S. dollars at exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date, and the related revenues and expenses are converted using average exchange rates for the period. Net foreign currency gains and losses arising from translating these foreign operations to U.S. dollars are reported as a separate component of shareholders' equity as translation gains and losses, with changes therein reported as a component of other comprehensive income or loss.

The following rates of exchange to the U.S. dollar were used to translate the results of Montpelier's U.K. operations:

Currency	Closing Rate	Closing Rate	Closing Rate		
	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012		
British pound (GBP)	1.5559	1.6559	1.6234		

Other transactions involving certain monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies have been converted into the appropriate functional currencies at exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date, and the related revenues and expenses are converted using either specific or average exchange rates for the period, as appropriate. Net foreign currency transaction gains and losses arising from these activities are reported as a component of operations in the period in which they arise.

# **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

There have been no recent accounting pronouncements that are expected to have a material impact on the presentation of the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets or its Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

# NOTE 2. Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Common Share

The Company applies the two-class method of calculating its earnings per Common Share. In applying the two-class method, the Company's outstanding Restricted Share Units ("RSUs") are considered to be participating securities. See Note 9. For all periods presented, the two-class method was used to determine basic and diluted earnings per Common Share since this method yielded a more dilutive result than the treasury stock method.

For purposes of determining basic and diluted earnings per Common Share, a portion of net income is allocated to outstanding RSUs which serves to reduce the Company's earnings per Common Share numerators. Net losses are not allocated to outstanding RSUs and, therefore, do not impact the Company's loss per Common Share numerators.

The following table outlines the Company's computation of its basic and diluted earnings per Common Share for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,							
	2014		2013			2012		
Net income available to the Company's common shareholders	\$	210.6	\$	191.2	\$	214.3		
Less: net earnings allocated to participating securities		(6.3)		(4.8)		(4.9)		
Earnings per Common share numerator	\$	204.3	\$	186.4	\$	209.4		
Average Common Shares outstanding (in millions)		45.6		51.6		57.1		
Basic and diluted earnings per Common Share	\$	4.48	\$	3.61	\$	3.67		

## NOTE 3. Loss and LAE Reserve Movements

The following table summarizes Montpelier's loss and LAE reserve activities for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,								
		2014	2013	2012					
Gross unpaid loss and LAE reserves - beginning	\$	881.6	\$ 1,112.4	\$ 1,077.1					
Reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses - beginning		(63.6)	(102.7)	(77.7)					
Net unpaid loss and LAE reserves - beginning		818.0	1,009.7	999.4					
Losses and LAE incurred:									
Current year losses		341.4	270.9	373.8					
Prior year losses		(151.8)	(144.4)	(87.4)					
Total incurred losses and LAE		189.6	126.5	286.4					
Net foreign currency translation movements on loss and LAE		(22.2)	6.1	12.0					
Losses and LAE paid and approved for payment:									
Current year losses		(79.9)	(52.1)	(48.9)					
Prior year losses		(178.5)	(272.2)	(239.2)					
Total losses and LAE paid and approved for payment		(258.4)	(324.3)	(288.1)					
Net unpaid loss and LAE reserves - ending		727.0	818.0	1,009.7					
Reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses - ending		48.7	63.6	102.7					
Gross unpaid loss and LAE reserves - ending	\$	775.7	\$ 881.6	\$ 1,112.4					

Montpelier's reserving process is highly dependent on loss information received from its cedants. With respect to prior year loss and LAE development, information and experience obtained since the last reporting date included changes in loss amounts reported by ceding companies, IBNR recorded as a result of these loss advices and other information and events. In particular, loss and LAE reserves for non-catastrophe losses initially include significant IBNR as a result of timing lags inherent in the reporting process.
# Prior Year Loss and LAE Development - 2014

During the year ended December 31, 2014, Montpelier experienced \$151.8 million in net favorable development on prior year loss and LAE reserves relating to the following events and factors:

- 2012 and prior IBNR reductions associated with medical malpractice business (\$14.3 million decrease),
- 2011 Thai floods (\$10.8 million decrease),
- 2011 and 2010 New Zealand earthquakes (\$10.8 million decrease),
- 2012 windstorm Sandy (\$7.3 million decrease),
- 2005 hurricanes (\$6.6 million decrease),
- 2011 Japanese earthquake (\$6.1 million decrease),
- 2010 flooding in Portugal (\$4.8 million decrease),
- 2013 U.S. crop losses (\$2.9 million decrease),
- 2010 Chilean earthquake (\$2.4 million decrease),
- 2008 Hurricane Gustav (\$2.2 million decrease), and
- 2012 Italian earthquake (\$1.4 million decrease).

In addition, claims reported to Montpelier during 2014 indicated that IBNR for natural catastrophe losses initially recorded during 2013 (excluding the U.S. crop losses noted above) exceeded the extent of losses that actually occurred, and consequently Montpelier decreased its loss and LAE reserves by \$28.4 million.

The remaining net favorable development on prior year loss and LAE reserves recognized during 2014 related to several smaller adjustments made across multiple classes of business.

### Prior Year Loss and LAE Development - 2013

During the year ended December 31, 2013, Montpelier experienced \$144.4 million in net favorable development on prior year loss and LAE reserves relating to the following events and factors:

- 2011 Japan earthquake (\$10.7 million decrease),
- Casualty IBNR (excluding medical malpractice) recorded over several prior years (\$8.6 million decrease),
- 2011 catastrophes, excluding the Japan earthquake (\$7.9 million decrease),
- IBNR reductions associated with medical malpractice business (\$7.3 million decrease),
- the settlement of several individual claims which occurred in 2007, 2010 and 2011 within the Property and Specialty Individual Risk line of business (\$7.2 million decrease),
- 2004 and 2005 Hurricanes (\$6.2 million decrease),
- 2012 windstorm Sandy (\$6.1 million decrease), and
- a settlement associated with the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion and fire (\$5.6 million decrease).

Additionally, claims reported to Montpelier during 2013 indicated that IBNR for natural catastrophe and individual risk losses initially recorded during 2012 and 2011 (other than those included in the foregoing) exceeded the extent of losses that actually occurred. Consequently Montpelier decreased its loss and LAE reserves by a further \$35.5 million and \$16.5 million, respectively, for these classes of business.

The remaining net favorable development on prior year loss and LAE reserves recognized in 2013 related to several smaller adjustments made across multiple classes of business.

# Prior Year Loss and LAE Development - 2012

During the year ended December 31, 2012, Montpelier experienced \$87.4 million in net favorable development on prior year loss and LAE reserves relating to the following events and factors:

- 2011 catastrophe losses relating to the Japan earthquake, Thai floods, Hurricane Irene and other events (\$51.0 million decrease),
- three individual risk losses incurred at Montpelier at Lloyd's during 2008 and 2011 (\$5.3 million decrease),
- 2011 and prior medical malpractice contracts (\$4.2 million decrease), and
- net foreign currency transaction gains (\$4.0 million decrease).

The remaining net favorable development on prior year loss and LAE reserves recognized in 2012 related to several smaller adjustments made across multiple classes of business.



# Impact of Foreign Currency Transaction Gains and Losses on Prior Year Loss and LAE Reserves

Montpelier's prior year losses and LAE incurred also includes foreign currency transaction gains (losses) relating to its prior year loss and LAE reserves of \$(4.0) million, \$2.4 million and \$4.0 million during 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Since these foreign currency transaction gains (losses) are reported as decreases (increases) in Montpelier's losses and LAE incurred, they have a direct impact on its underwriting results and its underwriting ratios.

# Impact of Foreign Currency Translation Gains and Losses on Loss and LAE Reserves

Montpelier's loss and LAE reserves include foreign currency translation gains (losses) of \$22.2 million, \$(6.1) million and \$(12.0) million during 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Since these foreign currency translation gains (losses) are reported as decreases (increases) in Montpelier's net change in foreign currency translation, which is a component of its comprehensive income or loss, they have no impact on its underwriting results or its underwriting ratios.

The following table outlines the composition of Montpelier's gross and net ending loss and LAE reserves as of December 31, 2014 and 2013:

		December 31,	,
	2014		2013
Components of ending gross loss and LAE reserves: IBNR reserves Case reserves Gross loss and LAE reserves	29	6.9 \$ 8.8 5.7 <u>\$</u>	549.7 331.9 881.6
Components of ending net loss and LAE reserves: IBNR reserves Case reserves Net loss and LAE reserves	27	4.3 \$ 2.7 7.0 <u>\$</u>	516.7 301.3 818.0

# NOTE 4. Reinsurance

All of Montpelier's reinsurance purchases to date have represented prospective cover, meaning that the coverage has been purchased to protect Montpelier against the risk of future losses as opposed to covering losses that have already occurred but have not yet been paid. Montpelier's reinsurance contracts consist of excess-of-loss contracts covering one or more lines of business and pro-rata reinsurance with respect to specific lines of its business. Montpelier also purchases industry loss warranty ("ILW") policies which provide coverage for certain losses incurred, provided they are triggered by events exceeding a specified industry loss size as well as Montpelier's own incurred loss. For non-ILW excess-of-loss reinsurance contracts, the attachment point and exhaustion of these contracts are based solely on the amount of Montpelier's actual losses incurred from an event or events.

The effects of reinsurance on Montpelier's written and earned premiums and on losses and LAE were as follows:

			Year End	led December 31,	
		2014		2013	 2012
Premiums written:					
Direct	\$	175.5	\$	142.9	\$ 136.9
Assumed		564.8		563.1	598.4
Ceded		(89.4)		(102.9)	(119.6)
Net premiums written	\$	650.9	\$	603.1	\$ 615.7
Premiums earned:					
Direct	\$	163.4	\$	135.1	\$ 125.4
Assumed		569.2		567.3	610.9
Ceded		(87.4)		(102.8)	(119.8)
Net premiums earned	\$	645.2	\$	599.6	\$ 616.5
Loss and LAE:					 
Direct	\$	103.1	\$	78.3	\$ 92.6
Assumed		100.3		52.0	232.6
Ceded		(13.8)		(3.8)	(38.8)
Net loss and LAE	\$	189.6	\$	126.5	\$ 286.4
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Montpelier remains liable for losses it incurs to the extent that any third-party reinsurer is unable or unwilling to make timely payments under reinsurance agreements. Montpelier would also be liable in the event that its ceding companies were unable to collect amounts due from underlying third-party reinsurers.

Montpelier records provisions for uncollectible reinsurance recoverable when collection becomes unlikely due to the reinsurer's inability to pay. Montpelier does not believe that there are any amounts uncollectible from its reinsurers as of the balance sheet dates presented.

### Reinsurance Recoverable on Paid and Unpaid Losses

Under Montpelier's reinsurance security policy, its reinsurers are typically required to be rated "A-" (Excellent) or better by A.M. Best (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency) at the time the policy is written. Montpelier also considers reinsurers that are not rated or do not fall within this threshold on a case-by-case basis if adequately collateralized. Montpelier monitors the financial condition and ratings of its reinsurers on an ongoing basis.

The A.M. Best ratings of Montpelier's reinsurers related to reinsurance recoverable on paid and unpaid losses at December 31, 2014 and 2013, are as follows:

		December 3	cember 31, 2013		
	Α	mount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
Rating A++ A+ A-	\$	0.1 2.8 3.2 	1% \$ 40 45 	0.7 1.4	$\frac{-\%}{19}$ 39 $\frac{1}{12}$
Unrated by A.M. Best	<u></u>	$\frac{1.0}{7.1}$ -	14	1.5	42
Total reinsurance recoverable on paid losses	\$	7.1	<u>100</u> % <u>\$</u>	3.6	100%
		December .		December 3	
	A	mount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
Rating A++	\$	0.3 21.8	1% \$ 44	28.6	<u> </u> % 45
A+ A		18.8	44 39	20.2	43 32
A-		2.2	5	4.2	6
Unrated by A.M. Best		5.6	11	10.6	17
Total reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses	\$	48.7	100% \$	63.6	100%

Montpelier's unrated reinsurance recoverables as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, relate to reinsurers that have either: (i) fully-collateralized the reinsurance obligation; (ii) a Standard & Poor's financial strength rating equivalent to an A.M. Best rating of "A-" (Excellent) or better; or (iii) subsequently entered run-off but are considered by management to be financially sound.

### **Reinsurance** Disputes

Montpelier is subject to litigation and arbitration proceedings in the normal course of its business. These proceedings often involve reinsurance contract disputes which are typical for the reinsurance industry. Expected or actual reductions in reinsurance recoveries due to contract disputes (as opposed to a reinsurer's inability to pay) are not recorded as an uncollectible reinsurance recoverable. Rather, they are factored into the determination of, and are reflected in, Montpelier's net loss and LAE reserves.

As of December 31, 2014, Montpelier had no ongoing material insurance or reinsurance contract disputes.

### NOTE 5. Investments

#### Fixed Maturity Investments and Equity Securities

The table below shows the aggregate cost (or amortized cost) and fair value of Montpelier's fixed maturity investments and equity securities, by investment type, as of the dates indicated:

	 Decem	ber 31, 20	)14	December 31, 2013					
	Cost or mortized Cost	_	Fair Value		Cost or Amortized Cost	_	Fair Value		
Fixed maturity investments:									
Corporate debt securities	\$ 853.6	\$	848.2	\$	886.7	\$	906.8		
Debt securities issued/sponsored by the U.S. Treasury and its agencies	408.3		408.7		533.0		524.5		
Residential mortgage-backed securities	194.8		196.8		430.3		423.5		
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	100.7		101.4		137.7		138.8		
Debt securities issued by non-U.S. governments and their agencies	99.0		<b>98.7</b>		109.6		108.2		
Debt securities issued by U.S. states and political subdivisions	19.4		19.4		47.2		47.1		
Other asset-backed obligations	 227.1		227.8		277.4		281.9		
Total fixed maturity investments	\$ 1,902.9	\$	1,901.0	\$	2,421.9	\$	2,430.8		
Equity securities:	 								
Exchange-listed funds	\$ 150.3	\$	159.4	\$	84.5	\$	95.2		
Other	13.5		13.7		22.1		22.1		
Total equity securities	\$ 163.8	\$	173.1	\$	106.6	\$	117.3		

As a provider of insurance and reinsurance for natural and man-made catastrophes, Montpelier could be required to pay significant losses on short notice. As a result, its asset allocation is predominantly oriented toward cash and high-quality fixed maturity securities, cash equivalents and other investments with a short average duration. This asset allocation is designed to reduce Montpelier's sensitivity to interest rate fluctuations and provide a secure level of liquidity for the settlement of its liabilities as they arise. As of December 31, 2014, the average duration of Montpelier's investment portfolio, including cash and cash equivalents, was 0.9 years (inclusive of relevant derivative and short positions).

As of December 31, 2014, 67% of Montpelier's fixed maturity investments were either rated "A" (Strong) or better by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency) or represented U.S. government or U.S. government-sponsored enterprise securities, 11% were rated "BBB" (Good) by Standard & Poor's (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency) and 22% were either unrated or rated below "BBB" (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency).

In addition to the investment securities presented above, Montpelier had open short fixed maturity positions of \$70.5 million and \$130.0 million as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Montpelier also had open short equity positions of \$5.7 million and \$25.6 million at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Net unrealized gains (losses) associated with Montpelier's open short positions totaled \$0.3 million and \$(2.4) million as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The contractual maturity of Montpelier's fixed maturity investments at December 31, 2014 and 2013 is presented below:

		Decembe	r 31, 201	4	December 31, 2013				
	A	mortized Cost		Fair Value	Amortized Cost		Fair Value		
Fixed maturity investments:									
Due in one year or less	\$	252.8	\$	252.2	\$ 359.3	\$	360.1		
Due after one year through five years		855.4		853.9	811.2		818.8		
Due after five years through ten years		194.2		189.8	203.9		203.9		
Due after ten years		77.9		79.1	202.0		203.8		
Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities		522.6		526.0	845.5		844.2		
Total fixed maturity investments	\$	1,902.9		1,901.0	\$ 2,421.9		2,430.8		

#### **Other Investments**

The table below shows the aggregate cost and carrying value of Montpelier's other investments, by investment type, as of the dates indicated:

		Decembe		December 31, 2013				
Other investments carried at net asset value:		Cost		arrying Value		Cost		Carrying Value
Investment funds and limited partnership interests Investment in the BCGR Listed Fund Total other investments at net asset value	\$ <del>\$</del>	586.2 4.3 590.5	\$ <u></u> \$	586.2 4.3 590.5	\$ <del>\$</del>	70.1 2.4 72.5	\$ \$	70.1 2.4 72.5
Other investments carried at fair value:	<u>.</u>		·		<u>.</u>		<u>.</u>	
Derivative instruments CAT Bonds Investment funds and limited partnership interests	\$	 1.9 50.0		2.1 2.0 47.4		3.1 2.0 0.1		4.2 2.0 0.1
Total other investments carried at fair value	\$	51.9	\$	51.5	\$	5.2	\$	6.3
Other investments	\$	642.4	\$	642.0	\$	77.7	\$	78.8

Montpelier's investments in investment funds and limited partnership interests are carried at either their fair values or their underlying net asset values, depending on Montpelier's ownership share. For those investment funds and limited partnership interests carried at fair values, the underlying net asset value is used as a best estimate of fair value.

Net appreciation or depreciation in the value of Montpelier's investments in investment funds, limited partnerships, the BCGR Listed Fund and CAT Bonds is reported as net realized and unrealized investment gains (losses) on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income. Net appreciation or depreciation on Montpelier's derivative instruments is reported as net income (loss) from derivative instruments.

Montpelier's interests in investment funds and limited partnerships that are carried at net asset value relate to vehicles that invest in the following:

- Highly-rated bond markets, using fixed maturities and derivatives to take long and short positions,
- Structured credit instruments backed by residential mortgages and other loans and receivables,
- High-yield fixed maturities and loans,
- Public and private equity securities, derivative instruments and currency exposures, and
- Small growth-oriented businesses.

The majority of Montpelier's interests in investment funds and limited partnerships can be redeemed or sold without penalty upon 30 days' notice. Redemptions of the remaining interests are subject to early termination fees and liquidity constraints. Montpelier does not expect to redeem a significant portion of any of these investments during 2015.

Montpelier's investment in the BCGR Listed Fund at December 31, 2014 and 2013 represents the amount of its investment in the BCGR Listed Fund that had not been deployed into the BCGR Cell as of those dates.

Montpelier's derivative instruments carried as other investments consisted of the Foreign Exchange Contracts, Credit Derivatives, Interest Rate Contracts, Investment Options and Futures and the LIBOR Swap as of December 31, 2014 and 2013. See Note 7.

#### Fair Value Hierarchy

GAAP establishes a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into the three broad levels described below. The level in the hierarchy within which a given fair value measurement falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the measurement. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date, Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly and Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.



Montpelier uses an independent service provider for assistance with its investment accounting function. This service provider, as well as Montpelier's investment managers, use several pricing services and brokers to assist with the determination of the fair value of Montpelier's marketable securities. Montpelier performs several reviews of these values as it is ultimately management's responsibility to ensure that the fair values reflected in the Company's consolidated financial statements are appropriate. The ultimate pricing source varies depending on the security and pricing service, but investments valued on the basis of observable (Levels 1 and 2) inputs are generally assigned values on the basis of actual transactions. Securities valued on the basis of pricing models with significant unobservable inputs or non-binding broker quotes are classified as Level 3.

In accordance with GAAP, the valuation techniques used by Montpelier and its pricing services maximize the use of observable inputs. Unobservable inputs are used to measure fair value only to the extent that observable inputs are unavailable. Montpelier uses both the market and income approaches in valuing its investments. There have been no significant changes in the Company's use of valuation techniques or related inputs during the periods presented.

The following tables present Montpelier's investments carried at fair value, categorized by the level within the hierarchy in which the fair value measurements fall, at December 31, 2014 and 2013:

		December 31, 2014							
	-	Level 1		Leve	el 2	_	Level 3		Total
Fixed maturity investments:				*		<b>.</b>		*	
Corporate debt securities	<b>4</b>	5		\$	838.1	\$	10.1	\$	848.2
Debt securities issued/sponsored by the U.S. Treasury and its agencies			333.4		75.3		—		408.7
Residential mortgage-backed securities					196.8		—		196.8
Commercial mortgage-backed securities					101.4		—		101.4
Debt securities issued by non-U.S. governments and their agencies					98.7				<b>98.7</b>
Debt securities issued by U.S. states and political subdivisions					19.4				19.4
Other asset-backed obligations	-			*	201.5	-	26.3	<u>+</u>	227.8
Total fixed maturity investments		5	333.4	\$	1,531.2	\$	36.4	\$	1,901.0
Equity securities:									
Exchange-listed funds	9	5	159.4	\$	—	\$	—	\$	159.4
Other	_		13.7						13.7
Total equity securities	9	5	173.1	\$		\$		\$	173.1
Other investments carried at fair value	9	5		\$	4.1	\$	47.4	\$	51.5
Total investments carried at fair value	9	5	506.5	\$	1,535.3	\$	83.8	\$	2,125.6
Other investments carried at net asset value	9	6	_	\$	492.2	\$	98.3	\$	590.5
Total investments	9	6	506.5	\$	2,027.5	\$	182.1	\$	2,716.1
					December 3	1, 2013			
		Level 1		Level 2	December 3	1	Level 3		Total
Fixed maturity investments:		Level 1		Level 2		/			
Corporate debt securities	\$		\$	Level 2	896.8	/	Level 3 10.0	\$	906.8
Corporate debt securities Debt securities issued/sponsored by the U.S. Treasury and its agencies		Level 1 	\$	Level 2	896.8 93.8	/		\$	906.8 524.5
Corporate debt securities Debt securities issued/sponsored by the U.S. Treasury and its agencies Residential mortgage-backed securities			\$	Level 2	896.8 93.8 423.5	/		\$	906.8 524.5 423.5
Corporate debt securities Debt securities issued/sponsored by the U.S. Treasury and its agencies Residential mortgage-backed securities Debt securities issued by non-U.S. governments and their agencies			\$	Level 2	896.8 93.8 423.5 108.2	/		\$	906.8 524.5 423.5 108.2
Corporate debt securities Debt securities issued/sponsored by the U.S. Treasury and its agencies Residential mortgage-backed securities Debt securities issued by non-U.S. governments and their agencies Commercial mortgage-backed securities			\$	Level 2	896.8 93.8 423.5 108.2 138.8	/		\$	906.8 524.5 423.5 108.2 138.8
Corporate debt securities Debt securities issued/sponsored by the U.S. Treasury and its agencies Residential mortgage-backed securities Debt securities issued by non-U.S. governments and their agencies Commercial mortgage-backed securities Debt securities issued by U.S. states and political subdivisions			\$	Level 2	896.8 93.8 423.5 108.2 138.8 47.1	/	10.0 	\$	906.8 524.5 423.5 108.2 138.8 47.1
Corporate debt securities Debt securities issued/sponsored by the U.S. Treasury and its agencies Residential mortgage-backed securities Debt securities issued by non-U.S. governments and their agencies Commercial mortgage-backed securities Debt securities issued by U.S. states and political subdivisions Other asset-backed obligations		430.7		Level 2	896.8 93.8 423.5 108.2 138.8 47.1 263.6	6	10.0 — — — — 18.3		906.8 524.5 423.5 108.2 138.8 47.1 281.9
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### Level 1 Securities

Montpelier's investments classified as Level 1 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 consisted of U.S. Treasuries and long equity positions that are publicly listed and/or actively traded in an established market. In addition, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, approximately 26% and 33%, respectively, of Montpelier's open short fixed maturity positions, and substantially all of Montpelier's short equity positions, were valued on the basis of Level 1 inputs.

# Level 2 Securities

For Montpelier's investments classified as Level 2 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, Montpelier's pricing vendors generally utilize third-party market data and other observable inputs in matrix pricing models to determine prices. Although prices for these securities obtained from broker quotations are generally considered non-binding, they are based on observable inputs and secondary trading patterns of similar securities obtained from active, non-distressed markets. In addition, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, approximately 74% and 63%, respectively, of Montpelier's open short fixed maturity positions were valued on the basis of Level 2 inputs.

Further details for selected investment types classified as Level 2 follow:

*Corporate debt securities.* Montpelier's Level 2 corporate debt securities are priced using market sources and other considerations such as the issuer of the security, credit data, the specific terms and conditions of the securities, including any specific features which may influence risk, as well as other observations from relevant market and sector news reports. Evaluations are updated by obtaining broker quotes and other market information including actual trade volumes, when available. Each security is individually evaluated using a spread model which is added to the U.S. Treasury curve.

**Residential mortgage-backed securities and debt securities issued/sponsored by the U.S. Treasury and its agencies.** Montpelier's Level 2 residential mortgage-backed securities and debt securities issued by U.S. agencies are priced using a mortgage-pool-specific model which utilizes daily inputs from the to-be-announced, or "TBA" market (the most liquid secondary market for mortgage loans), as well as the U.S. Treasury market. This pricing model also utilizes additional information such as the weighted average maturity, weighted average coupon and other available pool level data which is provided by the agency. Valuations are also corroborated by daily active market quotes.

Montpelier's Level 2 U.S. government-sponsored enterprise securities are priced using information from market sources, as well as other observations from relevant market and sector news. Evaluations are updated by obtaining broker quotes and other market information including actual trade volumes, when available. Each security is individually evaluated using analytical models which incorporate option-adjusted spreads and other relevant interest rate data.

*Commercial mortgage-backed securities*. Montpelier's Level 2 commercial mortgage-backed securities are priced using dealer quotes and other available trade information such as bids and offers, prepayment speeds (which may be adjusted for the underlying collateral or current price data), the U.S. Treasury curve, swap curve and TBA values, as well as cash settlement. This pricing methodology utilizes a single cash flow stream, computes both a yield-to-call and weighted average yield-to-maturity and generates a derived price for the security by applying the most likely scenario.

*Other investments*. Montpelier's Level 2 other investments carried at fair value consist of publicly traded derivative instruments and CAT bonds. Montpelier's Level 2 other investments carried at net asset value consist of certain investments in funds and limited partnership interests whose carrying values are based on net asset values provided by the relevant investment managers.

There were no transfers between Levels 1 and 2 during any of the periods presented.

#### Level 3 Securities

Montpelier's investments classified as Level 3 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 consisted primarily of the following: (i) with respect to certain fixed maturity investments, bank loans and certain asset-backed securities, many of which are not actively traded; and (ii) with respect to other investments, certain investments in investment funds and limited partnerships. In addition, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, approximately zero and 4%, respectively, of Montpelier's open short fixed maturity positions were valued on the basis of Level 3 inputs.

Further details for selected investment types follow:

*Corporate debt securities.* Montpelier's Level 3 corporate debt securities represent: (i) bank loans that are priced using non-binding broker quotes that cannot be corroborated with other externally obtained information; and (ii) debt instruments issued by private entities that are priced using third-party market analyses and cash-flow models maintained by Montpelier.

*Other asset-backed obligations.* Montpelier's Level 3 other asset-backed obligations represent tranches of collateralized loan obligations that are priced using non-binding broker quotes which may not be corroborated with other externally obtained information.

*Other investments.* Montpelier's Level 3 other investments include certain investments in investment funds and limited partnerships which cannot be readily redeemed, and whose values are based on net asset values obtained from the investment manager or general partner of the respective entity. As of December 31, 2014, nearly all of Montpelier's Level 3 other investments were subject to lock-up restrictions and therefore cannot be redeemed until such restrictions expire in 2015 and 2016.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company's Level 3 securities measured at fair value represented 3.9% and 1.1% of its total investments measured at fair value, respectively. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company's total Level 3 securities represented 6.7% and 1.5% of its total investments, respectively. The primary reason for the increase in the proportionate share of investments represented by Level 3 securities is the purchase of investment funds during 2014 that are subject to the lock-up restrictions previously noted.

The following tables reconcile the beginning and ending balances for all investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis using Level 3 inputs during 2014 and 2013:

			Year End	ed December 31,	2014	ļ		
	Beginning Level 3 balance	Purchases	 Sales and maturities	Net realized gains		Net unrealized gains (losses)	Net transfers	Ending Level 3 balance
Fixed maturity investments:								
Corporate debt securities	\$ 10.0	\$ 16.6	\$ (11.8) \$		\$	(0.1)	\$ (4.7) \$	10.1
Other asset-backed obligations	 18.3	 28.0	 (9.9)	0.2		0.7	 (11.0)	26.3
Total fixed maturity investments	\$ 28.3	\$ 44.6	\$ (21.7) \$	0.3	\$	0.6	\$ (15.7) \$	36.4
Equity investments	\$ 0.2	\$ _	\$ (0.6) \$	0.4	\$		\$ — \$	_
Other investments	\$ 0.1	\$ 50.0	\$ (0.1) \$		\$	(2.6)	\$ <u> </u>	47.4
Total Level 3 securities	\$ 28.6	\$ 94.6	\$ (22.4) \$	0.7	\$	(2.0)	\$ (15.7) \$	83.8

			Year End	led December 31, 201	3		
	Beginning Level 3 balance	Purchases	Sales and maturities	Net realized gains (losses)	Net unrealized gains (losses)	Net transfers	Ending Level 3 balance
Fixed maturity investments:							
Corporate debt securities	\$ 95.4	\$ 17.5	\$ (28.8) \$	(4.1) \$	10.9	\$ (80.9) \$	10.0
Other asset-backed obligations	 16.2	 33.2	 (19.7)	0.2	1.2	 (12.8)	18.3
Total fixed maturity investments	\$ 111.6	\$ 50.7	\$ (48.5) \$	(3.9) \$	12.1	\$ (93.7) \$	28.3
Equity investments	\$ _	\$ _	\$ — \$	— \$		\$ 0.2 \$	0.2
Other investments	\$ 12.7	\$ 	\$ (12.5) \$	1.5 \$	(1.6)	\$ \$	0.1
Total Level 3 securities	\$ 124.3	\$ 50.7	\$ (61.0) \$	(2.4) \$	10.5	\$ (93.5) \$	28.6

The transfers from Level 3 to Level 2 during 2014 and 2013 reflect an increase in the overall quality and transparency of the pricing information that the Company receives from its pricing vendors. Additionally, during 2013 Montpelier's portfolio of bank loans shifted toward holdings that are more broadly syndicated than had previously been the case.

# Changes in Carrying Value

Changes in the carrying value of Montpelier's investment portfolio and its short investment positions for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, consisted of the following:

	(	ss Realized Gains on vestments	Gross Realized Losses on Investments	Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments	Net Foreign Exchange and Gains (Losses) From Certain Derivatives (1)	Total Changes in Carrying Value Reflected in Revenues
Year Ended December 31, 2014:			 _			 
Fixed maturity investments	\$	69.3	\$ (46.8)	\$ (8.5)	\$ (2.3)	\$ 11.7
Equity securities		10.6	(10.2)	1.5	(4.0)	(2.1)
Other investments		11.4	(19.3)	(2.6)	(12.8)	(23.3)
Year Ended December 31, 2013:						
Fixed maturity investments	\$	62.8	\$ (59.1)	\$ (64.3)	\$ 0.1	\$ (60.5)
Equity securities		9.7	(7.7)	5.2	(5.0)	2.2
Other investments			(7.4)	11.6	(13.7)	(9.5)
Year Ended December 31, 2012:						
Fixed maturity investments	\$	49.0	\$ (18.6)	\$ 34.0	\$ 4.3	\$ 68.7
Equity securities		30.0	(6.4)	(14.8)	(1.9)	6.9
Other investments		5.5	(2.8)	6.5	3.6	12.8

(1) Represents net realized and unrealized foreign currency gains and losses from investments and income and losses from the following derivative instruments: (i) Foreign Exchange Contracts; (ii) Credit Derivatives; (iii) Interest Rate Contracts; (iv) Investment Options and Futures - long; (v) the UST Contract; and (vi) the LIBOR Swap (see Notes 6 and 7). These derivatives are carried at fair value within other investments on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets.

#### Net Investment Income

Montpelier's net investment income for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 consisted of the following:

		Year Ende	d December 31,		
2014			2013	_	2012
\$	51.8	\$	71.2	\$	70.6
	0.5		0.5		0.6
	2.1		0.7		0.2
	0.4		0.2		2.0
	54.8		72.6		73.4
	(8.0)		(8.6)		(6.3)
\$	46.8	\$	64.0	\$	67.1
	<u>2014</u> \$ 	0.5 2.1 0.4 54.8 (8.0)	$ \begin{array}{r}                                     $	\$         51.8         \$         71.2           0.5         0.5         0.5           2.1         0.7         0.4         0.2           54.8         72.6         (8.0)         (8.6)	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

# Investment Assets Held in Trust

Blue Water Re, which commenced its operations in June 2012, does not operate with a financial strength rating and, instead, fully collateralizes its reinsurance obligations through cash and cash equivalents held in trust funds established by Blue Water Re (the "Blue Water Trusts") for the benefit of ceding companies. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the fair value of all assets held in the Blue Water Trusts was \$410.9 million and \$164.7 million, respectively, which met the minimum values required on those dates.

As of December 31, 2014, Blue Capital Re had pledged \$184.0 million of its cash and cash equivalents to trust accounts established for the benefit of Blue Water Re pursuant to the BW Retrocessional Agreement (see Note 14). These funds are included in the value of the Blue Water Trusts balance presented above.



Blue Capital Re ILS, which commenced its operations in November 2013, fully collateralizes its insurance-linked security obligations through cash and cash equivalents held in trust funds established by Blue Capital Re ILS (the "Blue Capital Re ILS Trusts") for the benefit of third parties. As of December 31, 2014, the fair value of all assets held in the Blue Capital Re ILS Trusts was \$10.0 million, which met the minimum value required on that date. As of December 31, 2013, Blue Capital Re ILS was not required to hold any of its cash and cash equivalents in trust for the benefit of third parties.

In 2011 Montpelier Re entered into a Reinsurance Trust (the "MUSIC Trust"). The MUSIC Trust was established as a means of providing statutory credit to MUSIC in support of the business Montpelier retained in connection with the MUSIC Sale. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the fair value of all assets held in the MUSIC Trust was \$25.3 million and \$32.0 million, respectively, which met the minimum value required on those dates.

In 2010 Montpelier Re entered into a Multi-Beneficiary U.S. Reinsurance Trust (the "Reinsurance Trust") for the benefit of certain of its U.S. cedants. The Reinsurance Trust was established as a means of providing statutory credit to Montpelier Re's cedants. Montpelier Re has been granted authorized or trusteed reinsurer status in all U.S. states and the District of Columbia. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the fair value of all assets held in the Reinsurance Trust was \$342.2 million and \$337.7 million, respectively, which met the minimum value required on those dates.

In 2011 Montpelier Re established a second Multi-Beneficiary Reinsurance Trust (the "FL Trust") in connection with a reduction in Florida's collateral requirements. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the fair value of all assets held in the FL Trust was \$26.2 million and \$26.1 million, respectively, which met the minimum value required on those dates.

In 2010 Montpelier entered into a Lloyd's Deposit Trust Deed (the "Lloyd's Capital Trust") in order to meet MCL's ongoing funds at Lloyd's ("FAL") requirements. The minimum value of cash and investments held by the Lloyd's Capital Trust is determined on the basis of MCL's Individual Capital Assessment, which is used to determine the required amount of FAL. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the fair value of all assets held in the Lloyd's Capital Trust was \$212.8 million and \$160.2 million, respectively, which met the minimum value required on those dates.

Premiums received by Syndicate 5151 are required to be received into the Lloyd's Premiums Trust Funds (the "Premiums Trust Funds"). Under the Premiums Trust Funds deeds, assets may only be used for the payment of claims and valid expenses for a stated period of time. See Note 13. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the fair value of all assets held in the Premiums Trust Funds was \$284.5 million and \$326.4 million, respectively.

Montpelier's investment assets held in trust appear on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets as cash and cash equivalents, investments and accrued investment income, as appropriate.

#### Sales and Maturities of Investments

Sales of investments totaled \$10,438.0 million, \$6,545.7 million and \$3,970.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Maturities, calls and paydowns of investments totaled \$326.4 million, \$373.9 million and \$593.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. There were no non-cash exchanges or involuntary sales of investment securities during 2014, 2013 and 2012.

### **Pending Securities Litigation**

During 2011 Montpelier Re was named in a series of lawsuits filed by a group of plaintiffs in their capacity as trustees for senior debt issued by the Tribune Company ("Tribune") on behalf of various senior debt holders. Montpelier Re, along with thousands of other named defendants, formerly owned Tribune common shares and tendered such common shares pursuant to a 2007 leveraged buyout led by Tribune management (the "Tribune LBO"). Tribune subsequently filed for bankruptcy protection at the end of 2008 and emerged from bankruptcy on December 31, 2012.

The plaintiffs are suing all tendering shareholders, including Montpelier Re, on the grounds of fraudulent conveyance and seek recovery of the proceeds received pursuant to the Tribune LBO on the basis that the transaction was undertaken without fair consideration and left Tribune insolvent. The various lawsuits are still pending and, in December 2011, were consolidated in the Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York by the U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation.

Montpelier Re was also named in a similar suit filed by the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the Tribune bankruptcy case. This suit was filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware and also asserts a fraudulent conveyance claim involving the Tribune LBO.

In the event that the plaintiffs in these suits were to fully prevail, Montpelier Re would have to return the \$4.4 million in cash proceeds it received in connection with the Tribune common shares tendered pursuant to the Tribune LBO.

### NOTE 6. Debt, Letter of Credit Facilities and Trust Arrangements

# Senior Unsecured Debt Due 2022 ("2022 Senior Notes")

On October 5, 2012, the Company issued \$300.0 million in principal amount of 2022 Senior Notes. The 2022 Senior Notes bear interest at a fixed rate of 4.70% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears on April 15 and October 15 of each year and were issued at a price of 99.682% of their principal amount, providing an effective yield to investors of 4.74%. The 2022 Senior Notes are scheduled to mature on October 15, 2022, and do not contain any covenants regarding financial ratios or specified levels of net worth or liquidity to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries must adhere. The Company may redeem the 2022 Senior Notes at any time, in whole or in part, at a "make-whole" redemption price, plus accrued and unpaid interest.

The net proceeds from the issuance of the 2022 Senior Notes, after deducting the issuance discount and debt issuance costs, were \$296.4 million. These net proceeds were used to redeem the 2013 Senior Notes and for general corporate purposes. The associated debt issuance costs of \$2.7 million have been capitalized within other assets in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets and are being amortized over the life of the 2022 Senior Notes.

The carrying value of the 2022 Senior Notes at December 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$299.3 million and \$299.2 million, respectively.

The Company incurred interest expense on the 2022 Senior Notes of \$14.1 million, \$14.1 million and \$3.4 million during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The Company paid \$14.1 million and \$14.5 million in interest on the 2022 Senior Notes during the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The Company was not obligated to pay any interest on the 2022 Senior Notes during the year ended December 31, 2014.

### Senior Unsecured Debt Due 2013 ("2013 Senior Notes")

During 2003 the Company issued \$250.0 million in principal amount of 2013 Senior Notes of which, at the time of its redemption, \$228.0 million in principal amount remained outstanding. The 2013 Senior Notes bore interest at a fixed rate of 6.125% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears on February 15 and August 15 of each year and were originally scheduled to mature in August 2013.

In November 2012 the Company fully redeemed the 2013 Senior Notes at a "make-whole" redemption price of \$237.6 million (or 104.2% of the principal thereof), plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. In connection with the redemption of the 2013 Senior Notes, the Company recorded a loss on early extinguishment of debt of \$9.7 million, which is reflected in the Company's 2012 Consolidated Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

The Company incurred and paid interest on the 2013 Senior Notes of \$11.7 million and \$17.1 million, respectively, during the year ended December 31, 2012.

### **UST** Contract

In anticipation of refinancing the 2013 Senior Notes, in July 2012 the Company entered into a derivative contract (the "UST Contract") with a third-party which was designed to help insulate it against future movements in the 10-year U.S. Treasury rate through a specified date. The UST Contract, which had a notional value of \$250 million, had a tenor of ten years and was required to be terminated on or before August 15, 2013.

In October 2012 the Company terminated the UST Contract and recognized a gain of \$0.6 million, which was recorded within net income (loss) from derivative instruments on the Company's 2012 Consolidated Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Income. The fair value of the UST Contract was derived based on other observable (Level 2) inputs. See Note 7.

# **Trust Preferred Securities**

In January 2006 the Company, through Montpelier Capital Trust III, participated in a private placement of \$100.0 million of capital securities (the "Trust Preferred Securities"). The Trust Preferred Securities mature on March 30, 2036, are redeemable at Montpelier Capital Trust III's option at par, and require quarterly distributions of interest to the holders. The Trust Preferred Securities bear interest at a floating rate equal to the 3-month LIBOR plus 380 basis points, reset quarterly. This floating rate varied from 4.03% to 4.06% during 2014, from 4.05% to 4.11% during 2013 and from 4.11% to 4.38% during 2012.



The Trust Preferred Securities do not contain any covenants regarding financial ratios or specified levels of net worth or liquidity to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries must adhere.

The Company incurred and paid interest on the Trust Preferred Securities of \$4.1 million, \$4.1 million and \$4.3 million during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

### LIBOR Swap

In February 2012 the Company entered into a five-year swap agreement with a third-party (the "LIBOR Swap") which results in the future net cash flows in connection with the Trust Preferred Securities, for the five-year period beginning March 30, 2012, being the same as if these securities bore interest at a fixed rate of 4.905%, provided the Company holds the LIBOR Swap to its maturity. Net realized and unrealized gains and losses associated with the LIBOR Swap are reported within net income (loss) from derivative instruments on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income, as opposed to interest and financing expenses. The fair value of the LIBOR Swap is derived based on other observable (Level 2) inputs. See Note 7.

#### **Credit Agreements**

In May 2014 BCRH entered into a 364-day unsecured credit agreement (the "BCRH Credit Agreement") which permits it to borrow up to \$20.0 million on a revolving basis for working capital and general corporate purposes. Borrowings under the BCRH Credit Agreement bear interest, set at the time of the borrowing, at a rate equal to the 3-month LIBOR rate plus 100 basis points.

The Company serves as a guaranter of BCRH's obligations under the BCRH Credit Agreement and receives an annual guarantee fee from BCRH equal to 0.125% of the facility's total capacity. See Note 14.

As of December 31, 2014, BCRH had \$8.0 million of outstanding borrowings under the BCRH Credit Agreement. Of these borrowings, \$4.0 million was repaid on January 26, 2015, and (while outstanding) was subject to an annual interest rate of 1.33%, and \$4.0 million must be repaid no later than April 10, 2015, and is subject to an annual interest rate of 1.32%.

BCRH incurred \$0.1 million in non-recurring fees in establishing the BCRH Credit Agreement and is subject to an ongoing annual commitment and administrative fee of 0.375% of the facility's total capacity.

BCRH incurred and paid interest on its borrowings under the BCRH Credit Agreement of less than \$0.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2014.

The BCRH Credit Agreement contains covenants that limit BCRH's and, to a lesser extent, the Company's ability to, among other things, grant liens on its assets, sell assets, merge or consolidate, incur debt and enter into certain transactions with affiliates. The BCRH Credit Agreement also contains covenants that require: (i) BCRH to maintain a debt to total capitalization ratio less than or equal to 22.5%; (ii) the Company to maintain a financial strength rating from Fitch Ratings Ltd. of at least "BBB+"; and (iii) each of BCRH and the Company to maintain at least 70% of its net worth as of the date of the BCRH Credit Agreement. If BCRH or the Company were to fail to comply with any of these covenants, the lender could revoke the facility and exercise remedies against BCRH or the Company. As of December 31, 2014, BCRH and the Company (as a guarantor) were in compliance with each of the covenants associated with the BCRH Credit Agreement.

In May 2014 the BCGR Listed Fund entered into a 364-day unsecured credit agreement (the "BCGR Credit Agreement") which permits it to borrow up to \$20.0 million on a revolving basis for working capital and general corporate purposes. Borrowings under the BCGR Credit Agreement bear interest, set at the time of the borrowing, at a rate equal to the 3-month LIBOR rate plus 100 basis points.

The Company serves as a guarantor of the BCGR Listed Fund's obligations under the BCGR Credit Agreement and receives an annual guarantee fee from the BCGR Listed Fund equal to 0.125% of the facility's total capacity.

As of December 31, 2014, the BCGR Listed Fund had a \$4.0 million outstanding borrowing under the BCGR Credit Agreement. This borrowing was repaid by the BCGR Listed Fund on February 3, 2015, and (while outstanding) was subject to an annual interest rate of 1.27%.

The BCGR Credit Agreement contains covenants that limit the BCGR Listed Fund's and, to a lesser extent, the Company's ability, among other things, to grant liens on its assets, sell assets, merge or consolidate, incur debt and enter into certain transactions with affiliates. The BCGR Credit Agreement also contains a financial covenant that requires the Company to maintain a leverage ratio at or below 30%. If the BCGR Listed Fund or the Company were to fail to comply with any of these covenants, the lender could revoke the facility and exercise remedies against the BCGR Listed Fund or the Company. As of December 31, 2014, the BCGR Listed Fund and the Company (as a guarantor) were in compliance with each of the covenants associated with the BCGR Credit Agreement.

### Letter of Credit Facilities

Montpelier Re maintains letter of credit facilities and provides letters of credit to third parties as a means of providing collateral and/or statutory credit in varying amounts to certain of its cedants. These letter of credit facilities were secured by collateral accounts containing cash and investments totaling \$33.8 million and \$32.0 million as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The following table outlines these facilities as of December 31, 2014:

	`otal pacity	Amount Drawn	Expiry Date
Secured Operational Letter of Credit Facilities			
Bilateral Facility	\$ 75.0	\$ 18.9	None
Four Year Committed Facility	75.0	3.4	Oct. 2016

The agreements governing these letter of credit facilities contain covenants that limit Montpelier's ability, among other things, to grant liens on its assets, sell assets, merge or consolidate, incur debt and enter into certain burdensome agreements. In addition, the secured facilities require the Company to maintain debt leverage of no greater than 30% and Montpelier Re to maintain an A.M. Best financial strength rating of no less than "B++." If the Company or Montpelier Re were to fail to comply with these covenants or fail to meet these financial ratios, the lenders could revoke the facilities and exercise remedies against the collateral. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company and Montpelier Re were in compliance with all covenants.

Montpelier Re's Bilateral Facility, which has a capacity of \$75.0 million, is subject to an annual commitment fee of 0.45% on drawn balances. As of December 31, 2014, there were \$18.9 million in outstanding letters of credit drawn under this facility.

Montpelier Re's Four Year Committed Facility, which has a capacity of \$75.0 million, is subject to an annual commitment fee of between 0.25% and 0.35% on drawn balances (depending on the type of collateral provided) and 0.125% on undrawn balances. As of December 31, 2014, there were \$3.4 million in outstanding letters of credit drawn under this facility.

In June 2012 Montpelier Re's former syndicated 364-day facility, which had a capacity of \$250.0 million, expired in accordance with its terms and was not renewed. While active, this facility was subject to an annual commitment fee of 0.45% on drawn balances and an annual commitment fee of 0.10% on undrawn balances.

In June 2012 Montpelier Re's former syndicated 5-year facility (II), which had a capacity of \$215.0 million, expired in accordance with its terms and was not renewed. While active, this facility was subject to an annual commitment fee of 0.225% on drawn balances and an annual commitment fee of 0.08% on undrawn balances.

#### **Trust Arrangements**

Blue Water Re and Blue Capital Re have each established trusts as a means of providing collateralized reinsurance protection to cedants.

Blue Capital Re ILS has established the Blue Capital Re ILS Trusts as a means of collateralizing its insurance-linked security obligations for the benefit of third parties.

Montpelier Re has established the MUSIC Trust as a means of providing statutory credit to MUSIC.

Montpelier Re has established the Reinsurance Trust as a means of providing statutory credit to certain of Montpelier Re's U.S. cedants.

Montpelier Re has established the FL Trust in connection with its reduced collateral requirements to cedants domiciled in Florida.

Montpelier has established the Lloyd's Capital Trust in order to meet MCL's ongoing FAL requirements.

Syndicate 5151's premium receipts are required to be received into the Premiums Trust Funds.

See Note 5 for further information regarding the aforementioned trust agreements.

#### **NOTE 7. Derivative Instruments**

Montpelier enters into derivative instruments from time to time in order to manage certain of its business risks and to supplement its investing and underwriting activities.

Foreign currency risk, specifically Montpelier's risk associated with making claim payments in foreign currencies, is managed through the use of foreign currency exchange agreements ("Foreign Exchange Contracts").

As an extension of Montpelier's investing activities, certain of its investment managers have entered into credit derivative arrangements ("Credit Derivatives"), interest rate contracts ("Interest Rate Contracts") and investment options and futures ("Investment Options and Futures"), as well as Foreign Exchange Contracts.

In order to help insulate the Company against future movements in the 10-year U.S. Treasury in connection with the its refinancing of the 2013 Senior Notes, the Company entered into the UST Contract. See Note 6.

In order to fix the future net cash flows associated with its Trust Preferred Securities to be a set amount each period, the Company entered into the LIBOR Swap. See Note 6.

As a means of managing its underwriting risk, Montpelier has entered into ILW swap contracts (the "Outward ILW Swaps"), which provided reinsurance-like protection for specific loss events associated with certain lines of its business.

As an extension of its underwriting activities, Montpelier has sold ILW protection (the "Inward ILW Swap"), which provided reinsurance-like protection to a third-party for specific loss events associated with certain lines of business.

Montpelier uses an independent service provider for assistance with its derivative accounting function. This service provider, as well as Montpelier's investment managers, use pricing services and brokers to assist with the determination of the fair value of the Credit Derivatives, the Interest Rate Contracts, the Investment Options and Futures and certain of the Foreign Exchange Contracts. Montpelier reviews these values as it is ultimately management's responsibility to ensure that the fair values reflected in the Company's financial statements are appropriate.

For the remaining Foreign Exchange Contracts, the UST Contract and the LIBOR Swap, Montpelier determines the fair values on the basis of information received from counterparties and verification by reference to published rates. The Outward ILW Swaps and the Inward ILW Swap were valued on the basis of models developed by Montpelier.

In accordance with GAAP, the valuation techniques used by Montpelier and its pricing services maximize the use of observable inputs. Unobservable inputs are used to measure fair value only to the extent that observable inputs are unavailable. Montpelier uses both the market and income approaches in valuing its derivatives. There have been no significant changes in the Company's use of valuation techniques or related inputs during the periods presented.

None of Montpelier's derivatives are formally designated as hedging instruments.

The following tables present the fair values, notional values (expressed in millions of notional units) and balance sheet location of Montpelier's derivative instruments recorded at December 31, 2014 and 2013 and the net income (loss) from such derivative instruments during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

			December 31	, 2014		December 31, 2013			
	Balance Sheet		Fair Value	Notional Units		Fair		Notional	
Derivative Instrument	Location				Jnits Value			Units	
Foreign Exchange Contracts: U.S. Dollars purchased	Other Investments	\$			\$	0.	6	288	
U.S. Dollars sold	Other Investments	Φ	(0 1)		- • 36			288 279	
	Other Investments		(0.1)			(0.	,		
Cross-currency Credit Derivatives	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		0.7		155	0.		84	
	Other Investments		1.8		224	(0.		231	
Interest Rate Contracts	Other Investments				557		.5	2,806	
Investment Options and Futures - long	Other Investments				176	3.		6,627	
Investment Options and Futures - short	Other Liabilities		(0, 2)		100	(1.	,	1,748	
LIBOR Swap	Other Investments		(0.3)		100	(0.		100	
Outward ILW Swaps	Other Assets		_			0.		3	
Inward ILW Swap	Other Liabilities		_		—	(1.	.5)	10	
			Year Ended December 31,						
Income (Loss) From Derivative Instruments			2014		2013			2012	
Foreign Exchange Contracts - underwriting activities			\$	(0.1) \$		(4.5)	\$	7.5	
Foreign Exchange Contracts - investing activities				2.0		2.0		(3.9)	
Credit Derivatives				(5.0)		(16.9)		(0.4)	
Interest Rate Contracts				(3.7)		5.0		2.7	
Investment Options and Futures				(8.9)		(3.7)		(0.3)	
UST Contract				_		_		0.6	
LIBOR Swap				(0.7)		0.4		(2.2)	
Outward ILŴ Swaps				(4.3)		(7.6)		(0.8)	
Inward ILW Swap				2.1					
Net income (loss) from derivative instruments			\$	(18.6) \$		(25.3)	\$	3.2	

A description of each of Montpelier's derivative instrument activities follows:

#### Foreign Exchange Contracts

From time to time Montpelier, either directly through its investment managers or otherwise, enters into foreign currency agreements which constitute obligations to buy or sell specified currencies at future dates at prices set at the inception of each contract. Montpelier enters into these agreements in connection with both its underwriting and investing activities.

Foreign Exchange Contracts designed to protect Montpelier's insurance and reinsurance balances against movements in foreign currency exchange rates do not eliminate fluctuations in the actual value of Montpelier's assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies; rather, they provide an offsetting benefit or detriment against such exchange rate movements. Foreign Exchange Contracts related to Montpelier's investing activities are designed to either protect Montpelier's cash and invested assets from movements in foreign currency exchange rates or to enhance Montpelier's investment performance.

The fair value of the Foreign Exchange Contracts is derived based on other observable (Level 2) inputs.

#### Credit Derivatives

From time to time Montpelier's investment managers enter into various credit derivative instruments in the form of either: (i) index positions; or (ii) instruments whose values are derived from the credit risk associated with underlying bonds, loans or other financial instruments. In such transactions, Montpelier is effectively the buyer or seller of credit protection, depending on the specific instrument. When Montpelier is buying credit protection, the value of its derivative position increases (or decreases) when the associated credit risk of the instrument increases (or decreases). Conversely, when Montpelier is selling credit protection, the value of its derivative position decreases (or increases) when the associated credit risk of the instrument increases (or decreases).

The fair value of the Credit Derivatives is derived based on other observable (Level 2) inputs.

### Interest Rate Contracts

From time to time Montpelier's investment managers enter into various interest rate derivative instruments whose values are based on the right to pay or receive a notional amount of money at a given interest rate. These instruments are either used to limit Montpelier's exposure to fluctuations in specified interest rates or to address an anticipated change in interest rates.

The fair value of the Interest Rate Contracts is derived based on other observable (Level 2) inputs.

#### **Investment Options and Futures**

From time to time Montpelier enters into various exchange-traded investment options and futures as part of its investing strategy.

The fair value of the Investment Options and Futures was derived based on other observable (Level 2) inputs.

#### **Outward ILW Swaps**

From time to time Montpelier enters into various Outward ILW swaps, whose values are based on the right to receive a floating, notional payment in the event of certain losses incurred by the insurance industry as a whole, rather than by losses incurred by Montpelier. There were no Outward ILW Swaps in force as of December 31, 2014. As of December 31, 2013, Montpelier's only in-force Outward ILW Swap provided protection against Syndicate 5151's construction and engineering exposures. Montpelier is not aware of any industry loss events occurring during the periods presented that would have triggered any payments to Montpelier under the Outward ILW swaps.

The fair values of Outward ILW Swaps are derived based on unobservable (Level 3) inputs.

### Inward ILW Swap

In December 2013 Blue Capital Re ILS entered into the Inward ILW Swap with a third-party under which qualifying loss payments would be triggered by reference to the level of losses incurred by the insurance industry as a whole, rather than by losses incurred by the insured. During the term of the Inward ILW Swap, Blue Capital Re ILS provided protection against losses incurred from specified natural catastrophes in the U.S., Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. The Inward ILW Swap expired in December 2014. Blue Capital Re ILS is not aware of any industry loss event occurring that would have triggered a payment obligation under the Inward ILW Swap.

The fair value of Inward ILW Swap is derived based on unobservable (Level 3) inputs.

#### NOTE 8. Shareholders' Equity

The Company's share capital consists of Preferred Shares and Common Shares, each with a 1/6 cent par value per share. Holders of Preferred Shares have no voting rights with respect to matters that generally require the approval of voting shareholders but are entitled to vote in certain extraordinary instances, separately as a single class. Holders of Common Shares are entitled to one vote for each share held, subject to any voting limitations imposed by the Company's Bye-Laws.

#### **Preferred Shares**

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, there were 6.0 million Preferred Shares outstanding with a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share representing \$150.0 million in face value. The Preferred Shares have no stated maturity, are not subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption and are not convertible into any other securities. Except in certain limited circumstances, the Preferred Shares are not redeemable prior to May 10, 2016. After that date, the Company may redeem at its option, in whole or in part, the Preferred Shares at a price of \$25.00 per share plus any declared and unpaid dividends.

Dividends on Preferred Shares are non-cumulative. Consequently, holders of Preferred Shares will be entitled to receive cash dividends only when, as and if declared by the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") or by a duly authorized committee of the Board, quarterly in arrears on or about the 15th day of January, April, July and October of each year. These dividends will accrue, with respect to a particular dividend period, on the liquidation preference amount of \$25.00 per share at an annual rate of 8.875%. So long as any Preferred Shares remain outstanding, no dividend shall be paid or declared on Common Shares or any other securities ranking junior to Preferred Shares (other than a dividend payable solely in Common Shares or in other junior securities), unless the full dividend for the latest completed dividend period on all outstanding Preferred Shares has been declared and paid or otherwise provided for.

#### **Common Shares**

The following table summarizes the Company's Common Share activity during the years ending December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,							
(in Common Shares)	2014	2013	2012					
Beginning Common Shares outstanding	49,274,165	55,269,690	60,864,174					
Common Shares repurchased and retired	(5,348,998)	(6,248,302)	(5,549,789)					
Common Shares repurchased and placed in treasury	(861,417)	(342,244)	(431,800)					
Issuances of Common Shares in satisfaction of vested RSU obligations	555,374	595,021	387,105					
Ending Common Shares outstanding	43,619,124	49,274,165	55,269,690					

As of December 31, 2014, the Company had 43,619,124 Common Shares outstanding consisting of 45,113,841 Common Shares issued less 1,494,717 Common Shares held in treasury. As of December 31, 2013, the Company had 49,274,165 Common Shares outstanding consisting of 50,462,839 Common Shares issued less 1,188,674 Common Shares held in treasury.

### 2014 Common Share activity

The Company repurchased 6,210,415 Common Shares during 2014 pursuant to a publicly announced share repurchase program at an average price of \$29.93 per share. Of these Common Shares repurchased in 2014, 5,348,998 Common Shares were retired and 861,417 Common Shares were placed in the Company's treasury for re-issuance to employees and directors in satisfaction of existing and future share-based obligations.

During 2014 the Company issued 555,374 Common Shares in satisfaction of vested RSU obligations. See Note 9. The Common Shares were issued from the Company's treasury resulting in a net loss on issuance of \$4.0 million, which was recorded as a reduction to retained earnings.

#### 2013 Common Share activity

The Company repurchased 6,121,324 Common Shares during 2013 pursuant to a publicly announced share repurchase program at an average price of \$25.56 per share. Of these Common Shares repurchased in 2013, 5,779,080 Common Shares were retired and 342,244 Common Shares were placed in the Company's treasury for re-issuance to employees and directors in satisfaction of existing and future share-based obligations.

On March 7, 2013, the Board authorized the private purchase of 469,222 Common Shares from Mr. Thomas G.S. Busher, the Company's former Chief Operating Officer ("COO") and Head of European Operations, in connection with his planned retirement on December 31, 2013. The price negotiated and paid to Mr. Busher was \$24.62 per share, which was \$0.63 less than the market price (as per the New York Stock Exchange) at the time the agreement was reached. See Note 14. The Common Shares purchased from Mr. Busher were retired.

During 2013 the Company issued 595,021 Common Shares in satisfaction of vested RSU obligations. See Note 9. The Common Shares were issued from the Company's treasury resulting in a net loss on issuance of \$4.7 million, of which \$0.6 million was recorded as a reduction to additional paid-in capital and \$4.1 million was recorded as a reduction to retained earnings.

#### 2012 Common Share activity

The Company repurchased 5,981,589 Common Shares during 2012 pursuant to a publicly announced share repurchase program at an average price of \$20.22 per share. Of the total Common Shares repurchased in 2012, 5,549,789 Common Shares were retired and 431,800 Common Shares were placed in the Company's treasury for re-issuance to employees and directors in satisfaction of existing and future share-based obligations.

During 2012 the Company issued 387,105 Common Shares in satisfaction of vested RSU obligations. See Note 9. The Common Shares were issued from the Company's treasury resulting in a net loss on issuance of \$1.6 million, which was recorded as a reduction to additional paid-in capital.

### Common Share Repurchase Authorization

As of December 31, 2014, the Company had a remaining Common Share repurchase authorization of \$281.7 million. Common Shares may be purchased in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions. There is no stated expiration date associated with the Company's Common Share repurchase authorization.

#### Dividends Declared and Paid

The Company declared, on a quarterly basis, regular cash dividends per Common Share and RSU during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 totaling \$0.65, \$0.47 and \$0.43, respectively. The total amount of dividends paid to holders of Common Shares and RSUs during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, was \$27.2 million, \$24.2 million and \$24.4 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company had \$8.9 million and \$6.2 million of dividends payable to holders of Common Shares and RSUs.

The Company declared, on a quarterly basis, cash dividends per Preferred Share totaling \$2.219 during each of the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The total amount of dividends paid to holders of Preferred Shares during each of the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, was \$13.3 million. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company had \$3.3 million of dividends payable to holders of Preferred Shares.

Dividends payable are included within accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets.

### **NOTE 9. Share-Based Compensation**

At the discretion of the Board's Compensation and Nominating Committee (the "Compensation Committee"), incentive awards, the value of which are based on Common Shares, may be made to eligible employees, consultants and non-employee directors of the Company and its subsidiaries.

The Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd. 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "2012 LTIP"), which was approved by the Company's shareholders in May 2012, permits the issuance of up to 4,700,000 Common Shares to selected Montpelier employees, non-employee directors and consultants. Incentive awards that may be granted under the 2012 LTIP consist of RSUs, restricted Common Shares, incentive share options (on a limited basis), non-qualified share options, share appreciation rights, deferred share units, performance compensation awards, performance units, cash incentive awards and other equity-based awards. During each of the years presented herein, Montpelier's share-based incentive awards consisted solely of RSUs.

RSUs are phantom (as opposed to actual) Common Shares which, depending on the individual award, vest in equal tranches over a one to five-year period, subject to the recipient maintaining a continuous relationship with Montpelier through the applicable vesting date. RSUs are payable in Common Shares upon vesting (the amount of which may be reduced by applicable statutory income tax withholdings at the recipient's option). RSUs do not require the payment of an exercise price and are not entitled to voting rights, but they are entitled to receive payments equivalent to any dividends and distributions declared on the Common Shares underlying the RSUs.

The Company currently uses variable RSUs ("Variable RSUs") as the principal component of its ongoing long-term incentive compensation for participating employees. Variable RSUs are awarded based on Company performance during the first year of the applicable performance period (the "Initial RSU Period") and are earned ratably each year based on continued employment over a four year vesting period. Since the number of RSUs to be awarded is dependent upon Company performance during the Initial RSU Period, the number of RSUs estimated to be awarded for that cycle may fluctuate throughout the Initial RSU Period.

The number of Variable RSUs expected to be formally awarded to employees is subject to the Company's increase in its fully converted book value per Common Share ("FCBVPCS"). FCBVPCS is computed by dividing the Company's common shareholders' equity available to the Company by the sum of its ending Common Shares and unvested RSUs outstanding. The Company's calculation of the growth in FCBVPCS represents the increase in its FCBVPCS during the Initial RSU Period, after taking into account dividends on Common Shares declared during such period.

The Company also uses fixed RSUs ("Fixed RSUs") as a supplemental component of its ongoing long-term incentive compensation for certain employees and its non-employee directors. Unlike Variable RSUs, the number of Fixed RSUs is fixed on the grant date. Fixed RSUs are typically granted for the following purposes: (i) to induce individuals to join Montpelier; (ii) to retain certain key employees; (iii) to reward employees for exhibiting outstanding individual performance; and (iv) as remuneration to non-management members of the Board. Additionally, when the actual number of Variable RSUs to be awarded in any given year has been formally determined, they are effectively converted into Fixed RSUs.



As of December 31, 2014, the Company's Variable RSUs outstanding consisted of those for the 2014-2017 cycle. The number of Variable RSUs to be awarded for this cycle will be determined based on the Company's actual 2014 increase in its FCBVPCS versus a target increase in FCBVPCS of 10.0% ("Target"). If Target is achieved, the Company would expect to grant 494,340 Variable RSUs to participants. At an increase in FCBVPCS of 3.0% or less ("Threshold"), the Company would not expect to grant any Variable RSUs to participants, and at an increase in FCBVPCS of 17.0% or more ("Maximum"), the Company would expect to grant 988,680 Variable RSUs to participants.

The following table summarizes the Company's RSU activity for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,											
	2014		2013		2012							
		Unamortized		Unamortized		Unamortized						
	RSUs	Grant Date	RSUs	Grant Date	RSUs	Grant Date						
	Outstanding	Fair Value	Outstanding	Fair Value	Outstanding	Fair Value						
Beginning of period	1,448,374 \$	12.2	1,327,041 \$	5 10.3	761,279 \$	4.7						
Fixed RSUs Awarded	49,000	1.5	35,000	0.8	50,700	1.1						
Variable RSUs, 2014-2017 cycle:												
RSUs projected to be awarded	850,262	23.2	—	—	—							
Variable RSUs, 2013-2016 cycle:												
RSUs projected to be awarded	—	—	900,800	19.4	—	—						
RSU payout adjustments	(17,263)	(0.3)	—	—	—	—						
Variable RSUs, 2012-2015 cycle:												
RSUs projected to be awarded		—	—		1,058,304	17.6						
RSU payments	(751,568)		(791,716)	—	(476,426)	—						
RSU forfeitures	(58,041)	0.2	(22,751)	(0.3)	(66,816)	(1.0)						
RSU expense recognized	<u> </u>	(19.8)		(18.0)		(12.1)						
End of period	1,520,764 \$	17.0	1,448,374 \$	5 12.2	1,327,041 \$	10.3						

# RSU Awards and Payments - 2014 Awards and Payouts

During 2014 the Company awarded a total of 49,000 Fixed RSUs to its non-management directors and certain employees. Of the total Fixed RSUs awarded during that year, 30,000 RSUs were awarded for a one-year cycle, 4,000 RSUs were awarded for a two-year cycle, 11,000 RSUs were awarded for a three-year cycle and 4,000 RSUs were awarded for a five-year cycle.

On the basis of the Company's preliminary determination of its increase in FCBVPCS achieved during 2014, the Company anticipated issuing 850,262 Variable RSUs for the 2014-2017 award cycle as of December 31, 2014, or 172% of the in force Target RSUs for that cycle at that time. The actual number of Variable RSUs to be awarded for the 2014-2017 cycle will be formally determined by the Compensation Committee on February 26, 2015.

During 2014 the Company paid out 751,568 vested RSUs and withheld, at the recipient's election, 196,194 RSUs in satisfaction of statutory income tax liabilities. As a result, the Company issued 555,374 Common Shares from its treasury throughout the year. See Note 8. The fair value of the RSUs paid out during 2014 was \$24.3 million.

# RSU Awards and Payments - 2013 Awards and Payouts

During 2013 the Company awarded 35,000 Fixed RSUs to its non-management directors and certain employees. Of the total Fixed RSUs awarded during the year, 18,000 RSUs represented annual one-year Fixed RSU awards to directors, 12,000 RSUs represented one-time three-year Fixed RSU awards to two newly-appointed directors and 5,000 RSUs represented an annual one-year Fixed RSU award to Mr. Harris pursuant to his new service agreement, which was approved by the Board in May 2013.

On the basis of the Company's preliminary determination of its increase in FCBVPCS achieved during 2013, the Company anticipated awarding 900,800 Variable RSUs for the 2013-2016 award cycle at December 31, 2013, or 170% of the in force target RSUs for that cycle at that time. Based on actual 2013 results achieved, and as formally approved by the Compensation Committee in February 2014, the actual number of Variable RSUs awarded for the 2013-2016 cycle was reduced during the first quarter of 2014 by 17,263 RSUs in order to fix the number of Variable RSUs awarded to be 883,537 RSUs, or 166% of the in force target RSUs for that cycle.

During 2013 the Company paid out 791,716 vested RSUs and withheld, at the recipient's election, 196,695 RSUs in satisfaction of statutory income tax liabilities. As a result, the Company issued 595,021 Common Shares from its treasury throughout the year. See Note 8. The fair value of the RSUs paid out during 2013 was \$21.5 million.

# RSU Awards and Payments - 2012 Awards and Payouts

During 2012 the Company awarded 50,700 Fixed RSUs to its non-management directors and certain employees. Of the total Fixed RSUs awarded during the year, 18,000 RSUs represented annual one-year Fixed RSU awards to directors, 6,000 RSUs represented a one-time three-year Fixed RSU award to a newly-appointed director, 16,200 RSUs represented four-year Fixed RSU awards to employees and 10,500 RSUs represented five-year Fixed RSU awards to employees.

On the basis of the Company's preliminary determination of its increase in FCBVPCS achieved during 2012, the Company anticipated awarding 1,058,304 Variable RSUs for the 2012-2015 award cycle at December 31, 2012, or 200% of the in force target RSUs for that cycle at that time. The actual number of Variable RSUs awarded for the 2012-2015 cycle was formally determined to be 1,058,304 by the Compensation Committee in February 2013.

During 2012 the Company paid out 476,426 vested RSUs and withheld, at the recipient's election, 89,321 RSUs in satisfaction of statutory income tax liabilities. As a result, the Company issued 387,105 Common Shares from its treasury throughout the year. See Note 8. The fair value of the RSUs paid out during 2012 was \$10.3 million.

### RSU Forfeitures, Forfeiture Assumptions and Other RSU Adjustments

For the years presented, the Company assumed a zero to 8.8% forfeiture rate depending on the nature and term of individual awards and past experience. The Company's forfeiture assumptions serve to reduce the unamortized grant date fair value of outstanding RSUs as well as the associated RSU expense. As RSUs are actually forfeited, the number of RSUs outstanding is reduced and the remaining unamortized grant date fair value is compared to assumed forfeiture levels. True-up adjustments are made as deemed necessary.

The Company revises its expected RSU forfeiture assumptions in light of actual forfeitures experienced. As a result, the Company increased (reduced) the unamortized grant date fair value of its RSUs outstanding during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 by \$0.2 million, \$(0.3) million and \$(1.0) million, respectively.

In connection with the planned retirement of Mr. Busher on December 31, 2013, the Company agreed to accelerate the vesting of certain of his RSU awards. See Note 14. The acceleration of the vesting of Mr. Busher's outstanding RSUs awards resulted in the Company recognizing an additional \$1.7 million of RSU expense in 2013 which would have otherwise been recognized in future periods.

#### **RSUs Outstanding at December 31, 2014**

The following table summarizes all RSUs outstanding and the unamortized grant date fair value of such RSUs at December 31, 2014 for each award cycle:

	RSUs	Unamortized Grant Date
	Outstanding	Fair Value
Award Date and Cycle		
Five-year RSU awards granted in 2011	14,000	
Three-year RSU awards granted in 2012	2,000	—
Four-year RSU awards granted in 2012	224,103	1.3
Five-year RSU awards granted in 2012	6,300	—
Three-year RSU awards granted in 2013	8,000	0.1
Four-year RSU awards granted in 2013	377,932	3.7
One-year RSU awards granted in 2014	22,500	0.3
Two-year RSU awards granted in 2014	4,000	0.1
Three-year RSU awards granted in 2014	7,667	0.1
Four-year RSU awards granted in 2014 (those awards in their Initial Award Period)	850,262	11.3
Five-year RSU awards granted in 2014	4,000	0.1
Total RSUs outstanding at December 31, 2014	1,520,764	\$ 17.0

The Company expects to incur future RSU expense associated with its currently outstanding RSUs of \$10.7 million, \$4.8 million and \$1.5 million during 2015, 2016 and 2017 & beyond, respectively.

#### NOTE 10. Income Taxes

The Company is domiciled in Bermuda and has subsidiaries domiciled in several countries, primarily Bermuda, the U.K. and the U.S. The Company, BCRH, Montpelier Re, Blue Water Re, Blue Capital Re and Blue Capital Re ILS intend to conduct substantially all of their operations in Bermuda in a manner such that it is improbable that they would be subject to direct taxation in the U.K. or the U.S. However, because there is no definitive authority regarding activities that constitute taxable activities in the U.K. or the U.S., there can be no assurance that those jurisdictions will not contend, perhaps successfully, that the Company, BCRH, Montpelier Re, Blue Water Re, Blue Capital Re and/or Blue Capital Re ILS is engaged in a trade or business in the U.S. and is therefore subject to taxation. In that event, those entities would be subject to U.K. income taxes, or U.S. income and branch profits taxes, on income that is connected with or attributable to such activities unless the corporation is entitled to relief under an applicable tax treaty.

Montpelier has subsidiaries domiciled in the U.K. and the U.S. which are subject to the respective foreign and/or federal income taxes in those jurisdictions. The Company's U.S.domiciled subsidiaries are also subject to state and local income taxes. The provision for U.S. federal income taxes has been determined under the principles of the consolidated tax provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and Regulations.

The Company has no current intention, or liquidity need, to repatriate any earnings from its U.K. and U.S. operations to Bermuda. Additionally, the Company's current structure is such that any distributions of earnings from its subsidiaries outside of Bermuda would not subject Montpelier to a significant amount of incremental taxation.

#### Bermuda

The Company and its Bermuda-domiciled subsidiaries have received an assurance from the Bermuda government exempting them from all local income, withholding and capital gains taxes until March 31, 2035. At the present time, no such taxes are levied in Bermuda.

#### *U.K*.

MAL, MUSL, MCL and their parent, Montpelier Holdings Limited, are subject to U.K. income taxes. Of these U.K. entities, only MCL remained in a cumulative net operating loss position at December 31, 2014. The cumulative net operating loss associated with MCL's operations may be carried forward to offset future taxable income generated by that entity and do not expire with time.

The pretax income associated with any of these U.K. entities is generally taxable to Montpelier unless: (i) that entity has prior year net operating losses that may be utilized to fully or partially offset its current income tax liability; or (ii) another entity within Montpelier's U.K. group of companies experiences a current year pretax loss which is eligible to be used to fully or partially offset any other entity's current income tax liability ("Group Relief").

During the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2012, each of the entities within Montpelier's U.K. group of companies generated taxable income so Montpelier was unable to utilize Group Relief to offset its U.K. net current income tax liabilities in those years. During 2013 Montpelier was able to utilize a combination of net operating losses and Group Relief to partially offset its U.K. net current income liabilities for that year.

The U.K. statutory corporate income tax rate applicable to Montpelier's U.K. entities was 21%, 23% and 24% with respect to the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The U.K. has legislated a 20% statutory corporate income tax rate applicable to Montpelier's U.K. entities for 2015 and future tax years.

The tax years open to examination by the HM Revenue & Customs for Montpelier's U.K. entities are from 2013 to present and no examinations are currently pending. HM Revenue & Customs may open an inquiry up to the later of twelve months after the statutory filing date or the date the return was filed. Each of Montpelier's U.K. entities has filed its respective U.K. income tax returns on a timely basis since its inception.

#### United States

MUI, MTR, Cladium and their parent, MRUSHL, are subject to federal, state and local corporate income taxes and other taxes applicable to U.S. corporations and are currently in a cumulative net operating loss position. The net operating losses associated with these operations may be carried forward to offset future taxable income in that jurisdiction and will begin to expire in 2027. The provision for U.S. federal income taxes associated with Montpelier's U.S. operations has been determined under the principles of a consolidated tax provision within the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and Regulations.

The U.S. Federal statutory corporate income tax rate applicable to Montpelier's U.S. entities was 35% with respect to each of the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012.

The tax years open to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for Montpelier's U.S. subsidiaries are from 2012 to present and no examinations are currently pending. The Internal Revenue Service may open an inquiry up to the later of three years after the statutory filing date or the date the return was filed. During 2014, the IRS conducted an examination of the 2011 tax year. There were no material changes to the return or to the tax assets reported as a result of that examination. Each of Montpelier's U.S. entities has filed its U.S. income tax returns on a timely basis since its inception, inclusive of permitted automatic filing extensions.

Montpelier's consolidated income tax provision (benefit) for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 consisted of the following:

	Year Ended December 31,									
	2014			2013		2012				
Current tax provision:										
Bermuda	\$		\$	_	\$	_				
U.K.		1.9		(0.4)		0.7				
U.S. Federal and state		0.1		0.1		0.1				
Current tax provision (benefit)	\$	2.0	\$	(0.3)	\$	0.8				
Deferred tax benefit:										
Bermuda	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_				
U.K.		(4.7)		0.2		(0.5)				
U.S. Federal and state										
Deferred tax provision (benefit)	\$	(4.7)	\$	0.2	\$	(0.5)				
Total income tax provision (benefit)	\$	(2.7)	\$	(0.1)	\$	0.3				

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts for tax purposes.

A breakdown of the significant components of Montpelier's deferred tax assets and liabilities at December 31, 2014 and 2013 follows:

	December 31,							
	2014			2013				
Deferred tax assets:								
U.S. net operating loss carryforwards	\$	12.7	\$	12.7				
Non-U.S. net operating loss carryforwards		6.7		3.1				
Share-based compensation		2.1		2.7				
Other items		1.1		1.2				
Total gross deferred tax assets		22.6		19.7				
Less: deferred tax asset valuation allowance		(15.6)		(19.2)				
Total recognized deferred tax assets	\$	7.0	\$	0.5				
Deferred tax liabilities - Deferred profit of Syndicate 5151	\$	1.8	\$					
Net deferred tax asset (included in other assets)	\$	5.2	\$	0.5				

Montpelier's net deferred tax assets of \$5.2 million and \$0.5 million at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, related entirely to its U.K. entities.

Montpelier records a valuation allowance against its deferred tax assets if it becomes more likely than not that all or a portion of a deferred tax asset will not be realized. Changes in valuation allowances from period to period represent an income tax benefit or provision within the period of change. In determining whether or not a valuation allowance, or a change in valuation allowance, is warranted, Montpelier considers such factors as prior taxable earnings history, expected taxable future earnings, the expiration date of remaining net operating loss carryforwards and any tax strategies that, if executed, would result in the realization of a deferred tax asset.



The deferred tax asset valuation allowance established at December 31, 2014 primarily reflects the inception-to-date losses incurred by Montpelier's U.S. operations and the uncertainty at this time of whether such operations will generate sufficient taxable income in future periods to utilize their deferred tax asset balances.

The deferred tax asset valuation allowance established at December 31, 2013 reflects the inception-to-date losses incurred by Montpelier's U.K. and U.S. operations and the uncertainty at that time of whether such operations would generate sufficient taxable income in future periods to utilize their deferred tax asset balances.

During the year ended December 31, 2014, Montpelier released its remaining U.K. deferred tax asset valuation allowance in light of: (i) the expected future taxable earnings of its U.K. entities; and (ii) the fact that its U.K. net operating loss carryforwards do not expire. The release of these U.K. deferred tax valuation allowances resulted in the recognition of a \$2.9 million income tax benefit during 2014.

A reconciliation of actual income taxes to the amount calculated using Bermuda's income tax rate of zero is as follows:

		Year Ended December 31,									
	20	2014				2012					
Income before income taxes	\$	245.3	\$	210.5	\$	227.9					
Income taxes at the expected income tax rate of Bermuda	\$	_	\$	_	\$	—					
Foreign tax provision (benefit) at actual rates: U.K. U.S.	\$	(2.8) 0.1	\$	(0.2) 0.1	\$	0.2 0.1					
Total income tax provision (benefit)	\$	(2.7)	\$	(0.1)	\$	0.3					
Effective income tax rate		(1.1)%	⁄0	%		0.1%					

The components of the Company's income (loss) before income taxes were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,									
		2014		2013		2012				
Domestic: Bermuda	\$	5 246.7	\$	205.3	\$	232.2				
Foreign: U.K.		(2.8)		4.6		(4.4)				
U.S.	-	1.4		0.6		0.1				
Income before income taxes	9	<u> </u>	\$	210.5	\$	227.9				

During the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, Montpelier paid total income taxes of \$0.5 million, \$0.5 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

Montpelier currently believes that it has no uncertain tax positions which, if challenged on technical merits, would cause a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

# **NOTE 11. Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

GAAP requires disclosure of fair value information for certain financial instruments. For those financial instruments in which quoted market prices are not available, fair values are estimated by discounting future cash flows using current market rates or quoted market prices for similar obligations. Because considerable judgment is used, these estimates are not necessarily indicative of amounts that could be realized in a current market exchange. Montpelier carries its assets and liabilities that constitute financial instruments on its Consolidated Balance Sheets at fair value with the exception of its debt and its other investments carried at net asset value.

At December 31, 2014, the fair value of the 2022 Senior Notes (based on quoted market prices, which represent Level 2 inputs) was \$306.3 million, which compared to a carrying value of \$299.3 million. At December 31, 2013, the fair value of the 2022 Senior Notes (based on quoted market prices, which represent Level 2 inputs) was \$303.2 million, which compared to a carrying value of \$299.2 million.



At December 31, 2014, the fair value of the Trust Preferred Securities (based on quoted market prices, which represent Level 2 inputs) was \$92.0 million, which compared to a carrying value of \$100.0 million. At December 31, 2013, the fair value of the Trust Preferred Securities (based on quoted market prices, which represent Level 2 inputs) was \$89.5 million, which compared to a carrying value of \$100.0 million. See Note 6.

At December 31, 2014, the fair value of BCRH's outstanding borrowings under the BCRH Credit Agreement, which must be repaid in early 2015, approximated their carrying value of \$8.0 million. See Note 6.

At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the fair value and net asset value of Montpelier's other investments carried on the Company's balance sheets were approximately the same. See Note 5.

### **NOTE 12. Segment Reporting**

The Company currently operates through three reportable segments: Montpelier Bermuda, Montpelier at Lloyd's, and Collateralized Reinsurance. Each segment constitutes a separate underwriting platform through which Montpelier writes insurance and reinsurance business. The Company's segment disclosures present the operations of these underwriting platforms prior to the effects of certain inter-segment quota share reinsurance agreements among them.

The Company has made its segment determination based on consideration of the following criteria: (i) the nature of the business activities of each of the Company's subsidiaries and affiliates; (ii) the manner in which the Company's subsidiaries and affiliates are organized; and (iii) the organization of information provided to the Board and senior management.

The Company and certain intermediate holding and service companies, intercompany eliminations relating to inter- segment reinsurance agreements and the MUSIC Run-Off business are collectively referred to as "Corporate and Other."

The following table summarizes Montpelier's identifiable assets by segment as of December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	December 31, 2014		December 31, 2013
Montpelier Bermuda Montpelier at Lloyd's Collateralized Reinsurance Corporate and Other, including inter-segment eliminations	4'	0.0 \$ 3.5 6.1 9.5	\$ 2,773.9 543.4 394.4 46.8
Total assets	\$ 3,62	<u>9.1</u>	\$ 3,758.5

A summary of Montpelier's Consolidated Statements of Operations by segment for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 follows:

Year Ended December 31, 2014	Montpelier Bermuda		Montpelier at Lloyd's		Collateralized Reinsurance		orporate nd Other	 Total
Gross premiums written	\$ 416.4	\$	273.0	\$	83.4	\$	(32.5)	\$ 740.3
Ceded reinsurance premiums	 (102.1)		(19.7)				32.4	 <b>(89.4</b> )
Net premiums written	314.3		253.3		83.4		(0.1)	650.9
Change in net unearned premiums	 1.6		(8.5)		1.2			 (5.7)
Net premiums earned	315.9		244.8		84.6		(0.1)	645.2
Loss and LAE	(23.0)		(142.3)		(23.2)		(1.1)	(189.6)
Acquisition costs	(37.1)		(59.9)		(13.2)			(110.2)
General and administrative expenses	 (38.7)		(39.8)		(7.3)		(37.9)	 (123.7)
Underwriting income	 217.1		2.8		40.9		(39.1)	 221.7
Net investment income	40.6		4.5		0.2		1.5	46.8
Other revenues	0.1				_		2.8	2.9
Net investment and foreign currency gains	(2.8)		17.0		0.1		0.5	14.8
Net losses from derivative instruments	(17.4)		(0.2)		(0.4)		(0.6)	(18.6)
Interest and other financing expenses	(0.2)		(0.1)		—		(18.6)	(18.9)
Other expenses	 (0.8)				(0.2)		(2.4)	 (3.4)
Income before income taxes	\$ 236.6	\$	24.0	\$	40.6	\$	(55.9)	\$ 245.3
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Year Ended December 31, 2013	Montpelier Bermuda			Montpelier atCollateralizedLloyd'sReinsurance				Corporate and Other	Total	
Gross premiums written	\$	429.4	\$	235.2	\$	39.8	\$	1.6	\$	706.0
Ceded reinsurance premiums		(75.8)		(23.0)		(3.0)		(1.1)		(102.9)
Net premiums written		353.6		212.2		36.8		0.5		603.1
Change in net unearned premiums		5.6		1.5		(10.6)				(3.5)
Net premiums earned		359.2		213.7		26.2		0.5		599.6
Loss and LAE		(17.0)		(105.9)		(2.2)		(1.4)		(126.5)
Acquisition costs		(34.4)		(52.6)		(3.2)		(0.3)		(90.5)
General and administrative expenses		(39.3)		(36.5)		(3.5)		(39.9)		(119.2)
Underwriting income		268.5		18.7		17.3		(41.1)		263.4
Net investment income		57.7		5.4				0.9		64.0
Other revenues		0.1		—		0.6		(0.3)		0.4
Net investment and foreign currency losses		(52.7)		(10.2)				(2.2)		(65.1)
Net losses from derivative instruments		(27.0)		1.8		(0.5)		0.4		(25.3)
Interest and other financing expenses		(0.2)		—				(18.6)		(18.8)
Other expenses			+		+		-	(8.1)		(8.1)
Income before income taxes	\$	246.4	\$	15.7	\$	17.4	\$	(69.0)	\$	210.5
Year Ended December 31, 2012		ontpelier ermuda		ntpelier at Lloyd's		lateralized insurance		Corporate and Other		Total
	Be	ermuda	]	Lloyd's	Re	insurance	\$	and Other	\$	
Gross premiums written		ermuda 480.5		Lloyd's 246.0		insurance 2.4	\$	and Other 6.4	\$	735.3
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Gross premiums written Ceded reinsurance premiums Net premiums written Change in net unearned premiums Net premiums earned Loss and LAE	Be	ermuda 480.5 (99.8) 380.7 (11.2) 369.5 (159.5)	]	246.0 (15.9) 230.1 (12.8) 217.3 (107.6)	Re	2.4 	\$	and Other 6.4 (3.9) 2.5 24.8 27.3 (19.3)	\$	735.3 (119.6) 615.7 0.8 616.5 (286.4)
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Gross premiums written Ceded reinsurance premiums Net premiums written Change in net unearned premiums Net premiums earned Loss and LAE Acquisition costs	Be	ermuda 480.5 (99.8) 380.7 (11.2) 369.5 (159.5) (40.5) (44.2)	]	246.0 (15.9) 230.1 (12.8) 217.3 (107.6) (46.6) (38.2)	Re	2.4 	\$	and Other 6.4 (3.9) 2.5 24.8 27.3 (19.3) (9.4)	\$	$735.3 \\ (119.6) \\ 615.7 \\ 0.8 \\ 616.5 \\ (286.4) \\ (96.6) \\ (116.2)$
Gross premiums written Ceded reinsurance premiums Net premiums written Change in net unearned premiums Net premiums earned Loss and LAE Acquisition costs General and administrative expenses Underwriting income	Be	480.5           (99.8)           380.7           (11.2)           369.5           (159.5)           (40.5)           (44.2)           125.3	]	246.0 (15.9) 230.1 (12.8) 217.3 (107.6) (46.6) (38.2) 24.9	Re	2.4 	\$	and Other 6.4 (3.9) 2.5 24.8 27.3 (19.3) (9.4) (32.1) (33.5)	\$	$735.3 \\ (119.6) \\ 615.7 \\ 0.8 \\ 616.5 \\ (286.4) \\ (96.6) \\ (116.2) \\ 117.3 \\$
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# Gross Written Premiums By Line of Business and Geography

The following tables present Montpelier's gross premiums written, by line of business and reportable segment, during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

Year Ended December 31, 2014		Montpelier Bermuda	Montpelier at Lloyd's		Collateralized Reinsurance			Corporate and Other (1)		Total
Property Catastrophe - Treaty Property Specialty - Treaty Other Specialty - Treaty Property and Specialty Individual Risk Total gross premiums written	\$ \$	256.1 54.0 76.4 29.9 416.4	\$ \$	3.4 3.8 93.2 172.6 273.0	\$ <u>\$</u>	83.4 	\$ <u>\$</u>	(31.9) (0.5) (0.1) (32.5)		311.0 57.8 169.1 202.4 740.3
Year Ended December 31, 2013		Montpelier Bermuda		Montpelier at Lloyd's		Collateralized Reinsurance		Corporate and Other (1)		Total
Property Catastrophe - Treaty Property Specialty - Treaty Other Specialty - Treaty Property and Specialty Individual Risk	\$	279.0 50.3 68.7 31.4 429.4	\$	78 147	4.3 3.3 7.9	\$ 39.  \$ 39.	_	$     \begin{array}{r}       1.0 \\       0.1 \\       (0.1) \\       0.6 \\       1.6     \end{array} $	\$	324.5 54.7 146.9 179.9 706.0
Total gross premiums written Year Ended December 31, 2012	φ	Montpelier Bermuda	\$ 235. Montpelier at Lloyd's		5.2 \$ Collateralized Reinsurance		Corporate and Other (1)		φ	Total
Property Catastrophe - Treaty Property Specialty - Treaty Other Specialty - Treaty Property and Specialty Individual Risk Total gross premiums written	\$ \$	332.8 47.5 70.4 29.8 480.5	\$ \$	6	5.1 2.1 5.9	\$ 2.   <u>\$ 2.</u>	_	3.9  2.5  6.4	\$ \$	350.0 53.6 152.5 179.2 735.3

(1) Represents: (i) the elimination of inter-segment reinsurance arrangements between Montpelier Bermuda and Montpelier at Lloyd's; and (ii) premiums written within the Company's former MUSIC Run-Off segment.

Montpelier seeks to diversify its exposures across geographic zones around the world in order to obtain a prudent spread of risk. The spread of these exposures is also a function of market conditions and opportunities.

Montpelier monitors its geographic exposures on a company-wide basis, rather than by segment. The following table sets forth a breakdown of Montpelier's gross premiums written by geographic area of risks insured:

	Year Ended December 31,							
U.S. and Canada	2014		2013		2012			
	\$ 344.6	47% \$	346.2	49% \$	351.7	48%		
Worldwide (1)	239.3	32	210.4	30	231.5	31		
Western Europe, excluding the U.K. and Ireland	34.6	5	31.9	4	30.7	4		
Worldwide, excluding U.S. and Canada (2)	26.9	4	33.8	5	23.1	3		
Australia and Oceania	26.8	4	20.4	3	23.4	3		
U.K. and Ireland	18.5	2	20.1	3	24.1	3		
Japan	16.8	2	22.1	3	27.5	4		
Other	32.8	4	21.1	3	23.3	4		
Total gross premiums written	<u>\$ 740.3</u>	<u>100</u> % \$	706.0	100% \$	735.3	100%		

(1) "Worldwide" comprises insurance and reinsurance contracts that insure or reinsure risks in more than one geographic area and do not specifically exclude the U.S. and Canada.

(2) "Worldwide, excluding U.S. and Canada" comprises insurance and reinsurance contracts that insure or reinsure risks in more than one geographic area but specifically exclude the U.S. and Canada.

# Net Earned Premiums By Line of Business and Geography

The following tables present Montpelier's net earned premiums, by line of business and reportable segment, during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

Year Ended December 31, 2014	 Montpelier Bermuda	_	Montpelier at Lloyd's	· -	Collateralized Reinsurance		Corporate and Other (1)	 Total
Property Catastrophe - Treaty Property Specialty - Treaty Other Specialty - Treaty Property and Specialty Individual Risk	\$ 174.6 55.5 64.0 21.8	\$	3.4 3.8 92.2 145.4		\$ 84.6 — —	\$	(0.3) 0.1 (0.2) 0.3	\$ 262.3 59.4 156.0 167.5
Total net earned premiums	\$ 315.9	\$	244.8	9	\$ 84.6	\$	(0.1)	\$ 645.2
Year Ended December 31, 2013	 Montpelier Bermuda		Montpelier at Lloyd's		Collateralized Reinsurance	(	Corporate and Other (1)	Total
Property Catastrophe - Treaty Property Specialty - Treaty Other Specialty - Treaty Property and Specialty Individual Risk	\$ 229.5 47.3 59.6 22.8	\$	4.1 5.1 83.0 121.5	\$	26.2 		0.7 (0.3) 	260.5 52.1 142.6 144.4
Total net earned premiums	\$ 359.2	\$	213.7	\$	26.2		0.5	599.6
Year Ended December 31, 2012	 Montpelier Bermuda	_	Montpelier at Lloyd's	· -	Collateralized Reinsurance		Corporate and Other (1)	 Total
Property Catastrophe - Treaty Property Specialty - Treaty Other Specialty - Treaty Property and Specialty Individual Risk	\$ 235.4 44.5 63.7 25.9	\$	11.6 7.0 79.2 119.5			\$	0.2 0.7 26.4 27.2	\$ 249.6 51.5 143.6 171.8
Total net earned premiums	\$ 369.5	\$	217.3	5	\$ 2.4	\$	27.3	\$ 616.5

(1) Represents: (i) the elimination of inter-segment reinsurance arrangements between Montpelier Bermuda and Montpelier at Lloyd's; and (ii) premiums earned within the Company's former MUSIC Run-Off segment.

The following table sets forth a breakdown of Montpelier's net earned premiums by geographic area of risks insured:

	Year Ended December 31,						
	2014		2013		2012		
U.S. and Canada	\$ 338.5	52% \$	328.6	55% \$	350.9	57%	
Worldwide (1)	166.5	26	124.1	21	123.0	20	
Western Europe, excluding the U.K. and Ireland	35.4	6	31.7	5	30.9	5	
Worldwide, excluding U.S. and Canada (2)	26.2	4	33.2	5	22.2	3	
Australia and Oceania	19.5	3	18.7	3	17.3	3	
Japan	19.4	3	22.6	4	26.2	4	
U.K. and Ireland	18.0	3	21.1	4	22.6	4	
Other	21.7	3	19.6	3	23.4	4	
Total net earned premiums	\$ 645.2	100% \$	599.6	100% \$	616.5	100%	

(1) "Worldwide" comprises insurance and reinsurance contracts that insure or reinsure risks in more than one geographic area and do not specifically exclude the U.S. and Canada.

(2) "Worldwide, excluding U.S. and Canada" comprises insurance and reinsurance contracts that insure or reinsure risks in more than one geographic area but specifically exclude the U.S. and Canada.

### NOTE 13. Regulation and Capital Requirements

Insurance and reinsurance entities are highly regulated in most countries, although the degree and type of regulation varies significantly from one jurisdiction to another with reinsurers generally subject to less regulation than primary insurers. The Company, Montpelier Re, Blue Water Re, Blue Capital Re, Blue Capital Re ILS and BCML are regulated by the Bermuda Monetary Authority (the "BMA"). MAL is subject to regulation by the Prudential Regulation Authority (the "PRA") and the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA"), each is a successor to the former U.K. Financial Services Authority. MAL and MCL are regulated by Lloyd's. MUI is subject to approval by Lloyd's as a Coverholder for Syndicate 5151.

#### Bermuda

### Montpelier Re

Montpelier Re is registered under the Insurance Act 1978 of Bermuda and related regulations, as amended (the "Insurance Act") as a Class 4 insurer. Under the Insurance Act, Class 4 insurers are required to annually prepare and file statutory and GAAP financial statements and a statutory financial return. The Insurance Act also requires Montpelier Re to maintain minimum levels of statutory net assets ("Statutory Capital and Surplus"), to maintain minimum liquidity ratios and to meet minimum solvency margins. Failure to meet such requirements may subject an entity to regulatory actions by the BMA. For all periods presented herein, Montpelier Re believes that it has satisfied these requirements.

The Bermuda risk-based regulatory capital adequacy and solvency requirements implemented with effect from December 31, 2008 (termed the Bermuda Solvency Capital Requirement or "BSCR"), provide a risk-based capital model as a tool to assist the BMA both in measuring risk and in determining appropriate levels of capitalization. The BSCR employs a standard mathematical model that correlates the risk underwritten by Bermuda insurers and reinsurers to the capital that is dedicated to their businesses. The framework that has been developed applies a standard measurement format to the risk associated with an insurer's or reinsurer's assets, liabilities and premiums, including a formula to take account of the catastrophe risk exposure. Montpelier Re is only required to supply its BSCR to the BMA annually, on or before April 30 of each year.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, Montpelier Re's Statutory Capital and Surplus was \$1,819.2 million and \$1,844.7 million, respectively. The principal differences between Montpelier Re's Statutory Capital and Surplus and its net assets determined in accordance with GAAP include statutory deductions for deferred acquisition costs, fixed assets and investment securities held in trust for the benefit of MCL through the Lloyd's Capital Trust. Such differences totaled \$237.3 million and \$184.2 million at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

For the year ended December 31, 2013, Montpelier Re's Statutory Capital and Surplus of \$1,844.7 million comfortably exceeded its 2013 BSCR of \$549.0 million. Montpelier Re expects that it will also comfortably satisfy this requirement for the year ended December 31, 2014, although its 2014 BSCR will not be completed and filed with the BMA until April 2015.

The Company will disclose Montpelier Re's 2014 BSCR in its Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2015.

Montpelier Re's 2014, 2013 and 2012 statutory net income was \$270.5 million, \$298.4 million and \$281.6 million, respectively.

Where an insurer or reinsurer believes that its own means of measuring risk and determining appropriate levels of capital better reflects the inherent risk of its business, it may apply to the BMA for approval to use its internal capital model in substitution for the BSCR model. Montpelier Re may apply to the BMA for approval to use its internal capital model in substitution for the BSCR model. Montpelier Re may apply to the BMA for approval to use its internal capital model in substitution for the BSCR model.

The Insurance Act limits the maximum amount of annual dividends and distributions that may be paid by Montpelier Re. The payment of dividends in any year which would exceed 25% of its prior year-end Statutory Capital and Surplus requires the approval of the BMA. Additionally, annual distributions that would result in a reduction of the prior year-end balance of statutory capital (defined as an insurer's Statutory Capital and Surplus less its statutory earnings retained) by more than 15% also requires the approval of the BMA.

The Insurance Act also provides a minimum liquidity ratio and requires general business insurers and reinsurers to maintain the value of their relevant assets at not less than 75% of the amount of their relevant liabilities. Montpelier Re exceeded its minimum liquidity requirements at December 31, 2014 and 2013 by \$1,663.4 million and \$1,990.3 million, respectively.

With respect to the year ended December 31, 2014, Montpelier Re had the ability to dividend up to \$461.2 million to the Company without BMA approval of which \$250.0 million was actually declared and paid. With respect to the year ended December 31, 2013, Montpelier Re had the ability to dividend up to \$455.2 million to the Company without BMA approval of which \$225.0 million was actually declared and paid.

# Blue Water Re

Blue Water Re is registered with the BMA as a Special Purpose Insurer, meaning that its insurance and reinsurance contracts must be fully-collateralized and the parties to the transactions must be sophisticated. Special Purpose Insurers benefit from an expedited application process, less regulatory stringency and minimal capital and surplus requirements.

Blue Water Re is required to notify the BMA of each reinsurance contract it writes. Blue Water Re, however, is not required to prepare and file statutory financial statements or statutory financial returns annually with the BMA, although beginning December 31, 2014, Blue Water Re is required to prepare and file annual audited GAAP financial statements with the BMA.

Blue Water Re is not subject to the BMA's BSCR requirements. However, the Insurance Act limits the maximum amount of annual dividends and distributions that may be paid by Blue Water Re. If Blue Water Re were to fail to meet its minimum solvency margin on the last day of any financial year, it would be prohibited from declaring or paying any dividends during the next financial year without the approval of the BMA.

There is no minimum solvency margin or liquidity ratio that must be maintained by Blue Water Re so long as the value of its GAAP assets exceed the value of its GAAP liabilities. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, Blue Water Re's assets exceeded the value of its liabilities by \$238.2 million and \$212.8 million, respectively.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, Blue Water Re had the ability to dividend up to \$238.2 million and \$212.8 million, respectively, to its parent without BMA approval.

Blue Water Re's 2014, 2013 and 2012 net income (loss) was \$29.1 million, \$20.3 million and \$(2.3) million, respectively, and it did not declare or pay any dividends during those years.

# Blue Capital Re

Blue Capital Re is registered with the BMA as a Class 3A insurer. As a result of the approvals received from the BMA and the terms of Blue Capital Re's business plan, Blue Capital Re's reinsurance contracts must be fully-collateralized. While Blue Capital Re is not required to prepare and file statutory financial statements or statutory financial returns annually with the BMA, beginning December 31, 2014, Blue Capital Re is required to prepare and file annual audited GAAP financial statements with the BMA.

Blue Capital Re has received exemptions from the BMA's BSCR requirements for 2014 and 2013. However, the Insurance Act limits the maximum amount of annual dividends and distributions that may be paid by Blue Capital Re and provides that the value of the assets of an insurer must exceed the value of its liabilities by an amount greater than its prescribed minimum solvency margin. If Blue Capital Re were to fail to meet its minimum solvency margin on the last day of any financial year, it would be prohibited from declaring or paying any dividends during the next financial year without the approval of the BMA. Blue Capital Re's minimum solvency margin has been set by the BMA to be \$1.0 million at all times, so long as: (i) Blue Capital Re only enters into contracts of reinsurance that are fully-collateralized; and (ii) each transaction represents no material deviation from the original business plan filed with BMA at the time of Blue Capital Re's registration.

The Insurance Act also limits the maximum amount of annual dividends and distributions that may be paid by Blue Capital Re. Blue Capital Re may not reduce its total capital by 15% or more, as set out in its previous year's financial statements, unless it has received the prior approval of the BMA. Total capital consists of the insurer's paid in share capital, its contributed surplus (sometimes called additional paid in capital) and any other fixed capital designated by the BMA as capital. With respect to the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, Blue Capital Re had the ability to distribute up to \$24.0 million of its total capital to its parent without BMA approval.

Blue Capital Re has not declared or paid any dividends or distributed any of its total capital since its inception.

The Insurance Act further provides a minimum liquidity ratio and requires general business insurers and reinsurers to maintain the value of their relevant assets at not less than 75% of the amount of their relevant liabilities. Blue Capital Re exceeded its minimum liquidity requirements at December 31, 2014 and 2013 by \$188.1 million and \$159.0 million, respectively.

Blue Capital Re's 2014 and 2013 net income was \$19.5 million and less than \$0.1 million, respectively.

#### <u>BCML</u>

BCML is licensed and supervised by the BMA: (i) to carry on investment business; and (ii) as an insurance agent/manager, and is a registered investment advisor with the SEC. BCML is not subject to any material minimum solvency requirements.

### Montpelier Group

The BMA serves as Montpelier's group supervisor. In this instance, an "insurance group" is defined as a group of companies that conducts insurance business.

Where the BMA determines that it should act as the group supervisor, it shall designate a specified insurer that is a member of the insurance group to be the designated insurer in respect of that insurance group for the purposes of the Insurance Act (the "Designated Insurer") and it shall give to the Designated Insurer and other competent authorities written notice of its intention to act as group supervisor. Once the BMA has been designated as group supervisor, the Designated Insurer must ensure that an approved group actuary is appointed to provide an opinion as to the adequacy of the insurance group's insurance reserves as reported in its group statutory financial statements. Montpelier Re has been designated by the BMA to act as Montpelier's Designated Insurer.

As group supervisor, the BMA performs a number of supervisory functions including: (i) coordinating the gathering and dissemination of information which is of importance for the supervisory task of other competent authorities; (ii) carrying out a supervisory review and assessment of the insurance group; (iii) carrying out an assessment of the insurance group; (iii) carrying out an assessment of the insurance group; (iv) planning and coordinating through regular meetings held at least annually or by other appropriate means with other competent authorities, supervisory activities in respect of the insurance group, both as a going concern and in emergency situations; (v) coordinating any enforcement action that may need to be taken against the insurance group or any of its members; and (vi) planning and coordinating meetings of colleges of supervisors (consisting of insurance regulators) to be clarified by the BMA in order to facilitate the carrying out of the functions described above.

In carrying out its group supervisor functions, the BMA may make rules for: (i) assessing the financial situation and the solvency position of the insurance group and its members; and (ii) regulating intra-group transactions, risk concentration, governance procedures, risk management and regulatory reporting and disclosure.

Other international supervisory authorities are not, at the current time, under any obligation to accept or otherwise rely on the BMA's determination that it is acting as group supervisor, rather the BMA's decision defines the scope and extent of the BMA's interest in Montpelier's operations group-wide.

# The Bermuda Companies Act 1981 (the "Companies Act")

The Companies Act also limits the Company's, BCRH's, Montpelier Re's, Blue Water Re's, Blue Capital Re's and Blue Capital Re ILS' ability to pay dividends and/or make distributions to their shareholders in that none of the Company, BCRH, Montpelier Re, Blue Water Re, Blue Capital Re or Blue Capital Re ILS is permitted to declare or pay a dividend or make a distribution out of its contributed surplus, if it is, or would after the payment be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due or if the realizable value of its assets would be less than its liabilities.

#### *U.K*.

Montpelier participates in the Lloyd's market through Syndicate 5151, which is managed by MAL and is capitalized through MCL. MAL is regulated by the PRA and the FCA and is also subject to the oversight of the Council of Lloyd's.

The PRA, which is a subsidiary of the Bank of England, is responsible for promoting the stable and prudent operation of the U.K. financial system through regulation of all deposittaking institutions, insurers, Lloyd's managing agents and investment banks. The PRA has the responsibility for promoting the safety and soundness of Lloyd's and its members taken together, including the Lloyd's New Central Fund, and the prudential regulation of managing agents.

The FCA is responsible for regulation of conduct in financial markets and the infrastructure that supports those markets. The FCA also has responsibility for the prudential regulation of firms that do not fall under the PRA's scope. The FCA regulates Lloyd's and its managing agents and, on a prudential and conduct basis, its members' agents, advisors and brokers. Particular conduct issues include the management of the auction whereby members can buy and sell syndicate capacity and the handling of policyholders' complaints.

The PRA and the FCA form a supervisory college for Lloyd's and maintain cooperation arrangements with Lloyd's in support of their activities. They also have powers of direction over Lloyd's and consult with each other in the exercise of such powers.

The Council of Lloyd's is responsible under the Lloyd's Act 1982 for the management and supervision of Lloyd's, including its members, syndicates and managing agents, and has rulemaking and enforcement powers. The Council of Lloyd's may discharge some of its functions directly by making decisions and issuing resolutions, requirements, rules and byelaws. Other decisions are delegated to the Lloyd's Franchise Board and associated committees. The PRA and FCA, when relevant, coordinate with each other and Lloyd's over its use of enforcement powers.

MAL, as a Lloyd's Managing Agent, is subject to capital requirements and minimum solvency tests established by Lloyd's and the PRA. MAL's statutory net assets, as reported to Lloyd's as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, totaled \$1.1 million and \$1.2 million, respectively. MAL's restricted net assets (the amount of its statutory net assets that were not available to dividend or distribute to its parent without Lloyd's approval) at December 31, 2014 and 2013 totaled \$0.8 million and \$0.9 million, respectively. Any amount of MAL's statutory net assets in excess of its net restricted assets may be distributed to its parent without Lloyd's approval.

MAL's net income, as reported to Lloyd's for each of the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, was \$0.2 million.

MCL, Syndicate 5151's corporate underwriting member at Lloyd's, provides 100% of the stamp capacity of Syndicate 5151. Stamp capacity is a measure of the amount of premium a syndicate is authorized to write by Lloyd's. Syndicate 5151's stamp capacity for 2014, 2013 and 2012 was £180 million.

As the corporate underwriting member of Lloyd's, MCL is bound by the rules of Lloyd's, which are prescribed by Byelaws and Requirements made by the Council of Lloyd's under powers conferred by the Lloyd's Act 1982. These rules, among other matters, prescribe MCL's membership subscription, the level of its contribution to the Lloyd's New Central Fund and the assets it must deposit with Lloyd's in support of its underwriting. The Council of Lloyd's has broad powers to sanction breaches of its rules, including the power to restrict or prohibit a member's participation in Lloyd's syndicates.

At the syndicate level, managing agents are required to calculate the capital resources requirement of the members of each syndicate they manage. In the case of Syndicate 5151's underwriting years of account prior to 2013, MAL carried out a syndicate Individual Capital Assessment ("ICA") according to detailed rules prescribed by the PRA under the Individual Capital Adequacy Standards regime in force. In the case of Syndicate 5151's subsequent underwriting years of account, MAL carried out a Solvency Capital Requirement ("SCR") assessment in addition to the ICA, utilizing the Syndicate's own internal model according to Solvency II principles, which was subsequently reconciled to the ICA.

Both the ICA and SCR evaluate the risks faced by the syndicate, including insurance risk, operational risk, market risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and group risk, and assess the amount of capital that syndicate members should hold against those risks.

Lloyd's reviews each syndicate's SCR annually and may challenge it. In order to ensure that Lloyd's aggregate capital is maintained at a high enough level to support its overall security rating, Lloyd's adds an uplift to the overall market capital resources requirement produced by the SCR, and each syndicate is allocated its proportion of the uplift. The aggregate amount is known as a syndicate's Economic Capital Assessment, which is used by Lloyd's to determine the syndicate's required FAL.

MCL is required to deposit cash, securities or letters of credit (or a combination of these assets) with Lloyd's in order to satisfy its FAL requirements, which are met through the Lloyd's Capital Trust. The assets held in the Lloyd's Capital Trust are provided by Montpelier Re.



MCL's combined statutory net assets of \$212.8 million and \$160.2 million at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, which consist of the assets held in the Lloyd's Capital Trust, exceeded MCL's restricted net assets (the amount of its combined statutory net assets that were not available to dividend or distribute to its parent without Lloyd's approval) of \$194.0 million and \$156.3 million at such dates, respectively. Any amount of MCL's combined statutory net assets in excess of its restricted net assets may be distributed to its parent, subject to passing a Lloyd's release test.

MCL's net income, as reported to Lloyd's for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, was \$16.9 million, \$23.2 million and \$26.8 million, respectively.

Premiums received by Syndicate 5151 are received into the Premiums Trust Funds. Under the Premiums Trust Funds' deeds, assets may only be used for the payment of claims and valid expenses. Profits held within the Premiums Trust Funds, including investment income earned thereon, may be distributed to MCL annually, subject to meeting Lloyd's requirements. Premiums Trust Fund assets not required to meet cash calls and/or loss payments may also be used towards MCL's ongoing capital requirements. Upon the closing of an open underwriting year, normally after three years, all undistributed profits held within the Premiums Trust Funds applicable to the closed underwriting year may be distributed to MCL.

As of December 31, 2014, Syndicate 5151 held \$249.8 million in investment securities (including accrued interest) and \$34.7 million in cash and cash equivalents (including restricted cash), within the Premiums Trust Funds. As of December 31, 2013, Syndicate 5151 held \$293.3 million in investment securities (including accrued interest) and \$33.1 million in cash and cash equivalents (including restricted cash), within the Premiums Trust Funds.

#### **NOTE 14. Related Party Transactions**

#### Management Transition

On December 31, 2013, Mr. Busher retired from his role as the Company's Chief Operating Officer and Head of European Operations. Mr. Busher continues to serve as a director and the non-executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of MAL.

In order to promote a smooth transition of Mr. Busher's duties and responsibilities, the Company entered into a transition letter with him on February 21, 2013 pursuant to which he agreed to: (i) retire from the Board, effective May 17, 2013, the end of his existing term as a Class B director, (ii) transition his executive roles with the Company during 2013; and (iii) retire as Chief Operating Officer and Head of European Operations on December 31, 2013 (the date Mr. Busher's service agreement expired).

Pursuant to the transition letter, Mr. Busher waived all rights to severance and other termination payments set forth in his service agreement, including any entitlement to payments upon expiration or non-renewal of his service agreement. In consideration for Mr. Busher's waiver of these and other rights under his service agreement, as well as his release of any claims against the Company and his continued compliance with the restrictive covenants contained in his service agreement, the Company agreed to the following treatment of his outstanding RSUs awards: (i) the RSUs that were originally granted to Mr. Busher pursuant to the 2010-2013 and 2012-2015 Variable RSU cycles, which were scheduled to vest on December 15, 2013, were vested fully on March 15, 2013; (ii) the RSUs that were originally granted to Mr. Busher as part of the 2012-2015 Variable RSU cycle, which were scheduled to vest on December 15, 2014 or later, vested fully on December 15, 2013; and (iii) the RSUs that were granted to Mr. Busher as part of the 2013-2016 Variable RSU cycle, which were scheduled to vest on December 15, 2014 or later, vested fully on March 14, 2014. See Note 9.

In connection with Mr. Busher's planned retirement, on March 7, 2013 he sold 469,222 Common Shares to the Company in a private transaction. The price negotiated and paid to Mr. Busher was \$24.62 per share, which was \$0.63 less than the market price (as per the New York Stock Exchange) at the time the agreement was reached.

#### BCRH

BCRH provides fully-collateralized property catastrophe reinsurance and invests in various insurance-linked securities through its subsidiaries Blue Capital Re and Blue Capital Re ILS. BCRH commenced its operations in November 2013 and, pursuant to the BCRH IPO, its common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and the Bermuda Stock Exchange. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, Montpelier owned 33.3% and 28.6%, respectively, of BCRH's outstanding common shares. Montpelier increased its ownership in BCRH during 2014 through a series of open-market purchases of BCRH common shares.

In connection with the BCRH IPO, Montpelier: (i) reimbursed BCRH for the underwriting discount it incurred, which was equal to 5% of the gross proceeds it received from third parties (\$6.2 million); (ii) paid a structuring fee to a third- party equal to 1% of the gross proceeds BCRH received from third parties (\$1.3 million); and (iii) paid \$0.9 million of BCRH's offering expenses (representing BCRH's offering expenses in excess of \$1.0 million). The BCRH underwriting discount and structuring fees paid by Montpelier were recorded as a non-underwriting expense on the Company's 2013 Consolidated Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

The underwriting decisions and operations of BCRH and its subsidiaries are managed by BCML, which uses Montpelier's reinsurance underwriting expertise and infrastructure to conduct its business. In addition, Blue Water Re, the Company's wholly-owned special purpose insurance vehicle, is a significant source of reinsurance business for BCRH.

Mr. William Pollett, the Company's Chief Corporate Development and Strategy Officer and Treasurer, serves as a director and the Chief Executive Officer of BCRH and Mr. Michael Paquette, the Company's Chief Financial Officer, serves as BCRH's Chief Financial Officer. Further, Mr. Christopher Harris, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, serves as Chairman of BCRH.

Montpelier provides services to BCRH and its subsidiaries through the following arrangements:

*BW Retrocessional Agreement.* Through a retrocessional contract dated December 31, 2013 (the "BW Retrocessional Contract"), between Blue Capital Re and Blue Water Re, Blue Water Re has the option to cede to Blue Capital Re up to 100% of its participation in the ceded reinsurance business it writes, provided that such business is in accordance with BCRH's underwriting guidelines. Pursuant to the BW Retrocessional Contract, Blue Capital Re may participate in: (i) retrocessional, quota share or other agreements between Blue Water Re and Montpelier Re or other third-party reinsurers, which provides it with the opportunity to participate in a diversified portfolio of risks on a proportional basis; and (ii) fronting agreements between Blue Water Re and Montpelier Re or other well capitalized third- party rated reinsurers, which allows Blue Capital Re to transact business with counterparties who prefer to enter into contracts with rated reinsurers.

*Investment Management Agreement.* BCRH has entered into an Investment Management Agreement with BCML (the "Investment Management Agreement"). Pursuant to the terms of the Investment Management Agreement, BCML has full discretionary authority, including the delegation of the provision of its services, to manage BCRH's assets, subject to BCRH's underwriting guidelines, the terms of the Investment Management Agreement and the oversight of BCRH's board of directors.

Underwriting and Insurance Management Agreement. BCRH, Blue Capital Re and BCML have entered into an Underwriting and Insurance Management Agreement (the "Underwriting and Insurance Management Agreement"). Pursuant to the Underwriting and Insurance Management, BCML provides underwriting, risk management, claims management, ceded retrocession agreements management, and actuarial and reinsurance accounting services to Blue Capital Re. BCML has full discretionary authority to manage the underwriting decisions of Blue Capital Re, subject to BCRH's underwriting guidelines, the terms of the Underwriting and Insurance Management Agreement and the oversight of BCRH's and Blue Capital Re's boards of directors.

Administrative Services Agreement. BCRH has entered into an Administrative Services Agreement with BCML, as amended on November 13, 2014 (the "Administrative Services Agreement"). Pursuant to the terms of the Administrative Services Agreement, BCML provides BCRH with support services, including the services of Messrs. Pollett and Paquette, as well as finance and accounting, claims management and policy wording, modeling software licenses, office space, information technology, human resources and administrative support.

BCRH and its subsidiaries may not terminate the Investment Management Agreement, the Underwriting and Insurance Management Agreement or the Administrative Services Agreement until the fifth anniversary of the completion of the BCRH IPO, whether or not BCML's performance is satisfactory. Upon any termination or non-renewal of either of the Investment Management Agreement or the Underwriting and Insurance Management Agreement (other than for a material breach by, or the insolvency of, BCML), BCRH and/or its subsidiaries must pay a one-time termination fee to BCML equal to 5% of its GAAP shareholders' equity, calculated as of the most recently completed quarter prior to the date of termination (approximately \$9.0 million as of December 31, 2014).

**BCRH Credit Agreement.** The Company serves as a guarantor for the BCRH Credit Agreement and is entitled to an annual fee equal to 0.125% of the facility's total capacity. See Note 6.

On a stand-alone basis, any fees incurred pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement, the Underwriting and Insurance Management Agreement or the Administrative Services Agreement, including any fees triggered upon termination or non-renewal of any of them, represent expenses to BCRH and /or its subsidiaries and revenues to BCML. On a consolidated basis, the portion of such fees incurred by BCRH's non-controlling interests pursuant to these agreements represent a decrease to the net income attributable to non-controlling interests on the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Income, thereby increasing the net income and comprehensive income available to the Company.

During 2014, Montpelier earned a total of \$2.6 million and \$0.6 million pursuant to services it provided to BCRH and its subsidiaries under the Investment Management Agreement and the Administrative Services Agreement, respectively. Montpelier earned less than \$0.1 million during 2014 pursuant to the Underwriting and Insurance Management Agreement.

During 2013, Montpelier earned a total of \$0.4 million and \$0.1 million pursuant to services it provided to BCRH and its subsidiaries under the Investment Management Agreement and the Administrative Services Agreement, respectively. Montpelier did not earn any amounts in 2013 pursuant to the Underwriting and Insurance Management Agreement.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, BCRH and its subsidiaries owed Montpelier \$0.5 million for the services performed pursuant to the aforementioned agreements.

#### NOTE 15. Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

#### **Commitments**

As of December 31, 2014, Montpelier had an unfunded commitment to invest: (i) \$7.9 million into a private investment fund; and (ii) up to \$15.5 million into a private placement fixed maturity investment.

Montpelier's letter of credit facilities and trust arrangements are secured by collateral accounts containing cash, cash equivalents and investments that are required to be maintained at specified levels. See Note 6.

Montpelier leases office space under noncancellable operating leases that expire on various dates. During the year ended December 31, 2014, Montpelier incurred \$4.4 million of expense associated with its leased office space. Future annual minimum commitments under existing noncancellable leases for Montpelier's office space are \$4.7 million, \$2.8 million, \$1.7 million, \$1.6 million and \$7.5 million for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 and beyond, respectively.

Montpelier also has various other operating lease obligations that are immaterial in the aggregate.

BCRH and/or its subsidiaries are parties to the Investment Management Agreement, the Underwriting and Insurance Management Agreement and the Administrative Services Agreement. See Note 14.

#### Lloyd's New Central Fund

The Lloyd's New Central Fund is available to satisfy claims if a member of Lloyd's is unable to meet its obligations to policyholders. The Lloyd's New Central Fund is funded by an annual levy imposed on members which is determined annually by Lloyd's as a percentage of each member's written premiums (0.5% with respect to 2014, 2013 and 2012). In addition, the Council of Lloyd's has power to call on members to make an additional contribution to the Lloyd's New Central Fund of up to 3.0% of their underwriting capacity each year should it decide that such additional contributions are necessary. Montpelier currently estimates that its 2015 obligation to the Lloyd's New Central Fund will be approximately \$1.1 million.

Lloyd's also imposes other charges on its members and the syndicates on which they participate, including an annual subscription charge (0.5% of written premiums with respect to 2014, 2013 and 2012) and an overseas business charge, levied as a percentage of gross international premiums (defined as business outside the U.K. and the Channel Islands), with the percentage depending on the type of business written. Lloyd's also has power to impose additional charges under Lloyd's Powers of Charging Byelaw. Montpelier currently estimates that its 2015 obligation to Lloyd's for such charges will be approximately \$1.3 million.

### Litigation

Montpelier is subject to litigation and arbitration proceedings in the normal course of its business. Such proceedings often involve insurance or reinsurance contract disputes which are typical for the insurance and reinsurance industry. Montpelier's estimates of possible losses incurred in connection with such legal proceedings are provided for as loss and loss adjustment expenses on its Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income and are included within loss adjustment expenses reserves on its Consolidated Balance Sheets.

During 2011, Montpelier Re was named in a series of lawsuits filed by a group of plaintiffs in their capacity as trustees for senior debt issued by Tribune on behalf of various senior debt holders. See Note 5.

Other than the Tribune litigation referred to above, Montpelier had no other unresolved legal proceedings, other than those in the normal course of its business, at December 31, 2014.

#### Concentrations of Credit and Counterparty Risk

Financial instruments which potentially subject Montpelier to significant concentrations of credit risk consist principally of investment securities, insurance and reinsurance balances receivable and reinsurance recoverables as described below.

Montpelier's investment guidelines prohibit it from owning an undue concentration of a single issue or issuer, other than U.S.-backed securities, and it did not own an aggregate fixed maturity investment in a single entity, other than securities issued by the U.S. government and U.S. government-sponsored enterprises, in excess of 10% of the Company's common shareholders' equity at December 31, 2014.

In accordance with its investment controls and guidelines, Montpelier routinely monitors the credit quality of its fixed maturity investments, including those involving investments in: (i) European sovereign nations; (ii) U.S. state and local municipalities, Alternative A, subprime and commercial mortgage-backed securities; (iii) non-agency collateralized residential mortgage obligations; and (iv) those securities that benefit from credit enhancements provided by third-party financial guarantors.

Montpelier's derivative instruments are subject to counterparty risk. Montpelier routinely monitors this risk in accordance with the Company's Derivative Use Plan.

Montpelier underwrites the majority of its business through independent insurance and reinsurance brokers. Credit risk exists to the extent that any of these brokers may be unable to fulfill their contractual obligations to Montpelier. For example, Montpelier is frequently required to pay amounts owed on claims under policies to brokers, and these brokers, in turn, pay these amounts to the ceding companies that have reinsured a portion of their liabilities with Montpelier. In some jurisdictions, if a broker fails to make such a payment, Montpelier might remain liable to the ceding company for the deficiency. In addition, in certain jurisdictions, when the ceding company pays premiums for these policies to brokers, these premiums are considered to have been paid and the ceding insurer is no longer liable to Montpelier for those amounts, whether or not the premiums have actually been received.

Montpelier remains liable for losses it incurs to the extent that any third-party reinsurer is unable or unwilling to make timely payments under reinsurance agreements. Montpelier would also be liable in the event that its ceding companies were unable to collect amounts due from underlying third-party reinsurers.

Under Montpelier's reinsurance security policy, its reinsurers are typically required to be rated "A-" (Excellent) or better by A.M. Best (or an equivalent rating with another recognized rating agency) at the time the policy is written. Montpelier also considers reinsurers that are not rated or do not fall within this threshold on a case-by-case basis if collateralized up to policy limits, net of any premiums owed. Montpelier monitors the financial condition and ratings of its reinsurers on an ongoing basis.

# MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements included in this report. The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GAAP. 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 as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Audit Committee of the Board, which is comprised entirely of independent, qualified directors, is responsible for the oversight of our accounting policies, financial reporting and internal control, including the appointment and compensation of our independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee meets periodically with management, our independent registered public accounting firm and our internal auditors to ensure they are carrying out their responsibilities. The Audit Committee is also responsible for performing an oversight role by reviewing our financial reports. Our independent registered public accounting firm and internal auditors have full and unlimited access to the Audit Committee, with or without management present, to discuss the adequacy of internal control over financial reporting and any other matters which they believe should be brought to their attention.

# MANAGEMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rules 1 3a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of internal control. Accordingly, because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

We assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014. In making our assessment, we used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)*. Based on this assessment, we have concluded that the Company maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014. Management has reviewed the results of its assessment with the Audit Committee.

PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd., the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, has audited the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014 as stated in their report which appears on page F-49.

February 25, 2015

/s/ Christopher L. Harris President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) /s/ Michael S. Paquette

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer & Principal Accounting Officer)
### **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To The Board of Directors and Shareholders of Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements listed in the index appearing under Item 15(a) present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd. and its subsidiaries at December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2014 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statement schedules listed in the index appearing under Item 15(a) present fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related consolidated financial statements. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for these financial statements and financial statement schedules, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting based on our integrated audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements include examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the counting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting the design and operating effectiveness of int

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

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

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd.

Hamilton, Bermuda February 25, 2015

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## MONTPELIER RE HOLDINGS LTD.

# SELECTED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (Unaudited)

Selected quarterly financial data for 2014 and 2013 is shown in the following table. The quarterly financial data includes, in the opinion of management, all recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated results of operations for the interim periods.

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Net insurance and reinsurance premiums earned	\$	160.6	\$	165.2	\$	162.6	\$	156.8	\$	148.0	\$	153.0	\$	138.9	\$	159.7
Net investment income		9.6		11.9		12.4		12.9		14.2		16.7		16.7		16.4
Net realized and unrealized investment gains (losses)		(19.5)		(17.6)		19.8		22.7		8.1		4.6		(61.2)		(0.7)
Net foreign currency gains (losses)		10.1		9.9		(8.8)		(1.8)		(9.4)		(22.3)		(5.3)		21.1
Net income (loss) from derivative instruments		(2.2)		(0.1)		(11.2)		(5.1)		(11.0)		(6.7)		(12.2)		4.6
Other revenues		0.2		1.7		0.7		0.3		0.4		_		_		
Total revenues		158.8		171.0		175.5		185.8		150.3		145.3		76.9		201.1
Underwriting expenses		97.4		122.3		124.8		79.0		58.2		82.6		95.8		99.6
Interest and other financing expenses		4.8		4.7		4.7		4.7		4.7		4.7		4.7		4.7
Other expenses		0.9		1.5		1.0				8.1						
Total expenses		103.1		128.5	_	130.5		83.7		71.0	_	87.3		100.5		104.3
Income (loss) before income taxes		55.7		42.5		45.0		102.1		79.3		58.0		(23.6)		96.8
Income tax benefit (provision)		3.0		(0.2)		(0.2)		0.1		_		(0.1)		0.4		(0.2)
Net income (loss)		58.7		42.3		44.8		102.2		79.3		57.9		(23.2)		96.6
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests		(6.6)		(4.2)		(4.3)		(9.0)		(2.6)		(1.6)		(0.7)		(1.2)
Net income (loss) available to the Company		52.1		38.1		40.5		93.2	-	76.7		56.3		(23.9)		95.4
Dividends declared on Preferred Shares		(3.3)		(3.3)		(3.4)		(3.3)		(3.3)		(3.3)		(3.4)		(3.3)
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	\$	48.8	\$	34.8	\$	37.1	\$	89.9	\$	73.4	\$	53.0	\$	(27.3)	\$	92.1
America and Common Shares																
Amounts per Common Share:	¢	1.09	¢	0.75	¢	0.78	¢	1.84	¢	1 4 4	¢	1.02	¢	(0.52)	¢	1 65
Basic and diluted earnings (loss)	¢ ¢	33.19	\$ \$	0.75 32.27	\$ \$	0.78 31.74	Э \$	1.84 31.01	\$ \$	1.44 29.42	\$ \$	1.02 28.06	\$ \$	(0.52) 27.03	\$ \$	1.65 27.49
Fully converted book value	Ф	33.19	Φ	34.47	ቅ	31.74	Ф	51.01	Ф	29.42	Ф	28.00	Ф	27.05	Ф	21.49
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SCHEDULE I

## MONTPELIER RE HOLDINGS LTD.

### SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS — OTHER THAN INVESTMENTS IN RELATED PARTIES At December 31, 2014

Millions Fixed maturity investments:	 Cost	 Value	 Amount at which shown in the balance sheet
Bonds:			
Corporate bonds and asset-backed securities	\$ 1,299.1	\$ 1,295.5	\$ 1,295.5
U.S. Government and government agencies and authorities (1)	408.3	408.7	408.7
Non-U.S. governments and agencies	98.9	<b>98.7</b>	98.7
Convertibles and bonds with warrants attached	45.2	46.3	46.3
Public utilities	31.9	32.4	32.4
States, municipalities, and political subdivisions	 19.5	19.4	 19.4
Total fixed maturity investments	\$ 1,902.9	\$ 1,901.0	\$ 1,901.0
Equity securities:			
Industrial, miscellaneous and other	\$ 159.3	\$ 168.6	\$ 168.6
Non-redeemable preferred stocks	 4.5	 4.5	 4.5
Total equity securities	\$ 163.8	\$ 173.1	\$ 173.1
Other investments	\$ 642.4	\$ 642.0	\$ 642.0
Total investments	\$ 2,709.1	\$ 2,716.1	\$ 2,716.1

(1) Includes mortgage-backed securities issued by GNMA, FNMA and FHLMC.

## SCHEDULE II

## MONTPELIER RE HOLDINGS LTD.

## CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE REGISTRANT CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

	December 31,						
Millions		2014		2013			
Assets:							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4.7	\$	2.6			
Other investments		(0.3)		(0.5)			
Restricted cash		1.2		1.1			
Investments in subsidiaries and affiliates, on the equity method of accounting		2,398.4		2,344.9			
Intercompany receivables		14.5		10.4			
Other assets		2.8		3.0			
Total Assets	\$	2,421.3	\$	2,361.5			
Liabilities:							
Debt	\$	399.3	\$	399.2			
Intercompany payables		86.7		57.7			
Accounts payable and other liabilities		20.8		17.6			
Total Liabilities		506.8		474.5			
Shareholders' Equity:							
Preferred shareholders' equity		150.0		150.0			
Common shareholders' equity		1,498.2		1,492.1			
Non-controlling interests		266.3		244.9			
Total Shareholders' Equity		1,914.5		1,887.0			
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$	2,421.3	\$	2,361.5			

## CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

			Year En	ded December 31,	
Millions		2014		2013	 2012
Revenues	\$	0.1	\$	_	\$ 
Expenses		(53.8)		(66.1)	 (63.3)
Parent only net loss		(53.7)		(66.1)	 (63.3)
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries and affiliates		301.7		276.7	 290.9
Net income		248.0		210.6	 227.6
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests		(24.1)		(6.1)	
Net income available to the Company		223.9		204.5	227.6
Dividends declared on Preferred Shares		(13.3)		(13.3)	 (13.3)
Net income available to the Company's common shareholders	\$	210.6	\$	191.2	\$ 214.3
Net income	\$	248.0	\$	210.6	\$ 227.6
Net change in foreign currency translation		(2.4)		0.9	0.8
Comprehensive income		245.6		211.5	228.4
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests		(24.1)		(6.1)	 
Comprehensive net income available to the Company	\$	221.5	\$	205.4	\$ 228.4
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SCHEDULE II (continued)

## MONTPELIER RE HOLDINGS LTD.

## CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE REGISTRANT CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Millions         Cash flows from operations:         Net income         Charges (credits) to reconcile net income to net cash from operations:	\$ 2014	 2013	 2012
Net income Charges (credits) to reconcile net income to net cash from operations:	\$ 		
Charges (credits) to reconcile net income to net cash from operations:	\$		
	248.0	\$ 210.6	\$ 227.6
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries and affiliates	(301.7)	(276.7)	(290.9)
Dividends received from subsidiaries and affiliates	250.1	225.0	76.8
Net losses (gains) on investment-related derivative instruments	0.7	(0.4)	1.6
Expense recognized for RSUs	19.8	18.0	12.1
Net amortization and depreciation of assets and liabilities	0.1	0.1	0.2
Net change in other assets and other liabilities	 19.8	 31.5	 54.7
Net cash provided from operations	236.8	208.1	82.1
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Returns of capital received from subsidiaries and affiliates	0.6		6.4
Settlements of investment-related derivative instruments	(0.9)	(0.8)	0.3
Net change in restricted cash	(0.1)	1.3	(2.4)
Net cash (used for) provided from investing activities	(0.4)	0.5	 4.3
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Redemptions of 2013 Senior Notes	_		(228.0)
Proceeds from 2022 Senior Note issuance			299.1
Debt issuance costs of 2022 Senior Notes			(2.7)
Purchases of non-controlling interest	(7.9)		_
Repurchases of Common Shares	(185.9)	(171.4)	(117.5)
Dividends paid on Common Shares	(27.2)	(24.2)	(24.4)
Dividends paid on Preferred Shares	 (13.3)	 (13.3)	 (13.3)
Net cash used for financing activities	 (234.3)	 (208.9)	 (86.8)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the year	2.1	(0.3)	(0.4)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	2.6	2.9	3.3
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	\$ 4.7	\$ 2.6	\$ 2.9

**SCHEDULE III** 

### MONTPELIER RE HOLDINGS LTD.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INSURANCE INFORMATION (Millions)

	Co	lumn B	Column Reserves	lor	Column D		Column E	(	Column F	 Column G	Column H		Column I	Column J		Column K
Column A	l acc	eferred policy juisition costs	unpaid claims ar claim adjustme expenses	nd nt	Unearned premiums (2)		Other policy claims and benefits payable		Net premiums parned (3)	Net investment income (4)	Claims and claims adjustment expenses (5)	, 	Amortization of policy acquisition costs (6)	Other underwriting expenses (7)	-	Net oremiums vritten (8)
December 31, 2014: Montpelier Bermuda Montpelier at Lloyd's Collateralized Reinsurance	\$	19.7 32.5 1.1	34	8.8 9.8 2.4	\$ 131.6 134.6 9.4	-	\$ 	\$	315.9 244.8 84.6	\$ 40.6 4.5 0.2	\$ 23.0 142.3 23.2	<b>)</b>	37.1 59.9 13.2	\$ 38.7 39.8 7.3		314.3 253.3 83.4
December 31, 2013: Montpelier Bermuda Montpelier at Lloyd's Collateralized Reinsurance	\$	18.9 31.5 1.1	33	0.9 7.3 0.6	\$ 130.6 135.5 10.6		\$ 	\$	359.2 213.7 26.2	\$ 57.7 5.4	\$ 17.0 105.9 2.2	)	34.4 52.6 3.2	\$ 39.3 36.5 3.5		353.6 212.2 36.8
December 31, 2012: Montpelier Bermuda Montpelier at Lloyd's Collateralized Reinsurance	\$	17.2 31.2		8.2 4.0	\$ 139.1 131.0 —		: 	\$	369.5 217.3 2.4	\$ 63.2 2.9	\$ 159.5 107.6 —	,	40.5 46.6 0.1	\$ 44.2 38.2 1.7		380.7 230.1 2.4

(1) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations and inter-segment eliminations of \$4.7 million, \$22.8 million and \$30.2 million for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

(2) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations of \$(0.2) million, zero and zero for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

(3) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations of \$(0.1) million, \$0.5 million and \$27.3 million for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

(4) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations of \$1.5 million, \$0.9 million and \$1.0 million for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

(5) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations of \$1.1 million, \$1.4 million and \$19.3 million for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

(6) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations of zero million, \$0.3 million and \$9.4 million for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

(7) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations of \$37.9 million, \$39.9 million and \$32.1 million for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. (8) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations of \$(0.1) million, \$0.5 million and \$2.5 million for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

### SCHEDULE IV

### MONTPELIER RE HOLDINGS LTD.

### REINSURANCE (\$ in millions)

Column A Net premiums written by segment	 Column B Direct amount		Column C Ceded to other mpanies (1)	 Column D Assumed from other companies (2)	 Column E Net amount (3)	Column F Percentage of amount assumed to net	
December 31, 2014: Montpelier Bermuda Montpelier at Lloyd's Collateralized Reinsurance	\$ 18.0 157.5 —	\$	(102.1) (19.7) —	\$ 398.4 115.5 83.4	\$ 314.3 253.3 83.4	127% 46% 100%	
December 31, 2013: Montpelier Bermuda Montpelier at Lloyd's Collateralized Reinsurance	\$ 19.8 123.1	\$	(75.8) (23.0) (3.0)	\$ 409.6 112.1 39.8	\$ 353.6 212.2 36.8	116% 53% 108%	
December 31, 2012: Montpelier Bermuda Montpelier at Lloyd's Collateralized Reinsurance	\$ 18.4 118.5 —	\$	(99.8) (15.9) —	\$ 462.1 127.5 2.4	\$ 380.7 230.1 2.4	121% 55% 100%	

(1) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations and inter-segment eliminations of \$32.4 million, \$(1.1) million and \$(3.9) million for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

(2) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations and inter-segment eliminations of \$(32.5) million, \$1.6 million and \$6.4 million for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

(3) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations and inter-segment eliminations of \$(0.1) million, \$0.5 million and \$2.5 million for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

### SCHEDULE VI

### MONTPELIER RE HOLDINGS LTD.

# SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION CONCERNING PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE OPERATIONS (Millions)

<u>Column A</u> Montpelier Bermuda:		Def po acqu	Reser erred unpaid dicy and isition adjust	rves for d claims I claims stment d	Column D Discount, if any, leducted in Column C	Unearned	Net premiums		adjustmen	nd claims	Column I Amortization of policy acquisition costs (7)	Column J Paid claims and claims adjustment expenses (8)	<u>Column K</u> Net premiums written (9)
Montpener Bernuda.	<b>2014</b> 2013 2012	\$	<b>19.7 \$</b> 18.9 17.2	<b>408.8 \$</b> 520.9 728.2	6 <u> </u>	<b>131.6</b> 130.6 139.1	<b>\$ 315.9</b> 359.2 369.5	<b>\$ 40.6</b> 57.7 63.2	<b>\$148.2 \$</b> 123.7 205.4	(125.2) (106.7) (45.9)	<b>\$ 37.1</b> 34.4 40.5	<b>\$ 131.6</b> 185.3 174.8	<b>\$ 314.3</b> 353.6 380.7
Montpelier at Lloyd's:	<b>2014</b> 2013 2012	\$	<b>32.5 \$</b> 31.5 31.2	<b>349.8 \$</b> 337.3 354.0	6 \$ 	<b>134.6</b> 135.5 131.0	<b>\$ 244.8</b> 213.7 217.3	<b>\$ 4.5</b> 5.4 2.9	<b>\$169.8 \$</b> 145.0 148.6	6 ( <b>27.5</b> ) (39.1) (41.0)	<b>\$ 59.9</b> 52.6 46.6	<b>\$ 102.3</b> 123.7 99.2	<b>\$ 253.3</b> 212.2 230.1
Collateralized Reinsurance:	<b>2014</b> 2013 2012	\$	<b>1.1 \$</b> 1.1 —	<b>12.4</b> \$	6 <u> </u>	<b>9.4</b> 10.6	-	\$ 0.2 	\$ 23.4 \$ 2.2 —	(0.2) 	\$ <b>13.2</b> 3.2 0.1	<b>\$ 11.4</b> 1.6	<b>\$ 83.4</b> 36.8 2.4

(1) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations and inter-segment eliminations of \$4.7 million, \$22.8 million and \$30.2 million for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

(2) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations of \$(0.2) million, zero and zero for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

(3) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations of \$(0.1) million, \$0.5 million and \$27.3 million for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

(4) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations of \$1.5 million, \$0.9 million and \$1.0 million for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

(5) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations of zero million, zero million and \$19.8 million for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

(6) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations of \$1.1 million, \$1.4 million and \$(0.5) million for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

(7) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations of zero million, \$0.3 million and \$9.4 million for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

(8) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations of \$13.1 million, \$13.7 million and \$14.1 million for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.
(9) Excludes amounts related to Montpelier's Corporate and Other operations of \$(0.1) million, \$0.5 million and \$2.5 million for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

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Section 2: EX-10.58 (EX-10.58)

AMENDED AND RESTATED

### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT

between

BLUE CAPITAL REINSURANCE HOLDINGS LTD.

and

BLUE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LTD.

Dated as of November 13, 2014

Exhibit 10.58

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AMENDED AND RESTATED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of November 13, 2014, between BLUE CAPITAL REINSURANCE HOLDINGS LTD., an exempted company incorporated in Bermuda (registered number 47855) whose registered office is at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda ("<u>Parent</u>"), and BLUE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LTD., an exempted company incorporated in Bermuda (registered number 38829) whose registered office is at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda (frequence) whose registered office is at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda (frequence) whose registered office is at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda (frequence) whose registered office is at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda (frequence) whose registered office is at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda (frequence) whose registered office is at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda (frequence) whose registered office is at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda (frequence) whose registered office is at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda (frequence) whose registered office is at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda (frequence) whose registered office is at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda (frequence) whose registered office is at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda (frequence) whose registered office is at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda (frequence) whose registered office is at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda (frequence) whose registered office is at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda (frequence) whose registered office) whose registered office is at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda (frequence) whose registered office) whose registered office) whose registered office

WHEREAS, Parent and its subsidiaries have a continuing need for general, administrative and other services, including corporate finance and accounting, internal audit, risk management and policy wording, information technology, human resources, legal and administrative support;

WHEREAS, the Services Manager has entered into a shared services agreement with Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd. and certain of its direct and indirect subsidiaries and Affiliates (as defined below), as amended and restated July 31, 2012 (the "<u>Shared Services Agreement</u>"), pursuant to which the Services Manager has the relationships and expertise to provide to, or procure the Services (as defined below) on behalf of, Parent and its subsidiaries; and

WHEREAS, Parent, on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries, and the Services Manager collectively desire to enter into this Agreement in order to establish certain arrangements with respect to the provision of Services Manager and the allocation of associated costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Parent and the Services Manager (collectively, the "Parties" and each individually a "Party") agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I

### Defined Terms

SECTION 1.01. <u>Definitions</u>. As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings ascribed thereto below.

"<u>Affiliate</u>" means, as to any Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person. For this purpose, "control" (including, with its correlative meanings, "controlled by" and "under common control with") shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of securities or partnership or other ownership interests, by contract or otherwise.

"Applicable Requirements" means, with respect to any Person, all applicable laws, rules, regulations and requirements, including applicable laws, rules, regulations, requirements and binding requests of any Competent Regulatory Authority, and all applicable orders and decrees.

"Blue Capital Re" means Blue Capital Re Ltd., a wholly owned direct subsidiary of Parent and an exempted company incorporated in Bermuda (registered number 47922) whose registered office is at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda.

"<u>Blue Capital Re ILS</u>" means Blue Capital Re ILS Ltd., a wholly owned direct subsidiary of Blue Capital Re and an exempted company incorporated in Bermuda (registered number 47964) whose registered office is at Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda.

"Business Day" means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which the SEC or banks in the City of New York or Bermuda are authorized or required by law to be closed.

"Change of Control" means the first of the following events to occur:

(a) the consummation of (i) a merger, amalgamation, consolidation, scheme of arrangement, statutory share exchange or similar form of corporate transaction involving Parent (a "<u>Reorganization</u>") or (ii) the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all the assets of Parent (determined on a consolidated basis) to another "person" (as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act, except that, for purposes of this definition, such term shall exclude Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd. and its subsidiaries) (a "<u>Sale</u>"), unless, immediately following such Reorganization or Sale, (1) individuals and entities who were the "beneficial owners" (as such term is defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act) of the securities eligible to vote for the election of the board of directors of Parent ("<u>Voting Securities</u>") outstanding immediately prior to the consummation of such Reorganization or Sale continue to beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of the corporation or other entity resulting from such Reorganization or Sale (including a corporation that, as a result of such transaction, owns Parent or all or substantially all the assets of Parent either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) (the "<u>Continuing Parent</u>") and (2) no "person" (as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) (excluding any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Continuing Parent or any corporation controlled by the Continuing Parent) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 35% or more of the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of the Continuing Parent; or

(b) any "person" (as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act, except that, for purposes of this definition, such term shall exclude Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd. and its subsidiaries) is or becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in clause (a) above, except that for purposes of this clause (b) such person shall be deemed to have "beneficial ownership" of all shares that any such person has the right to acquire, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time), directly or indirectly, of more than 35% of the total voting securities of Parent.

"Common Shares" means the common shares, par value \$1.00 per share, of Parent.

"Competent Regulatory Authority" means, with respect to any Person, any regulatory authority or analogous Person responsible for regulating, or having jurisdiction over, that Person.

"<u>Confidential Information</u>" means information that:

(a) has been disclosed to a Party, or that a Party has or may become aware of in connection with this Agreement, in both cases before or during the term of this Agreement; and

(b) is marked as or otherwise indicated as confidential, or derives value to a Party from being confidential, or would be regarded as confidential by a reasonable business person,

except to the extent that such information is in the public domain (otherwise than by a breach of the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement).

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations thereunder.

"Indemnified Person" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 7.03.

"Indemnifying Party" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 7.03.

"Interested Party" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 8.01.

"Offering" means the initial public offering of the Common Shares.

"Parent Indemnitees" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 7.02.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, limited liability company, trust, unincorporated organization or any other entity.

"SEC" means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933 and the rules and regulations thereunder.

"Services" means, subject to the provisions of Article II, the various services described in Schedule 1 together with such other services (if any) as may from time to time be agreed in writing between the Parties.

"Service Fees" means the fees payable for the provision of the Services determined and allocated to Parent and its subsidiaries in accordance with Schedule 1.

"Services Manager Indemnitees" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 7.01.

"Shared Services Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the recitals hereto.

"U.S. GAAP" means the generally accepted accounting principles used in the United States of America.

### ARTICLE II The Services Manager

SECTION 2.01. <u>Appointment and Acceptance of the Services Manager</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the oversight of the boards of directors of Parent and its subsidiaries and the Applicable Requirements, Parent, on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries, hereby appoints the Services Manager to provide or procure certain Services to or for Parent and its subsidiaries, and the Services Manager hereby accepts such appointment.

SECTION 2.02. Services to Be Rendered by the Services Manager. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the oversight of the boards of directors of Parent and its subsidiaries and the Applicable Requirements, the Services Manager shall provide or procure the Services.

### ARTICLE III

### Covenants

SECTION 3.01. Covenants of Parent. During the term of this Agreement, Parent, on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries, agrees that Parent and its subsidiaries shall:

(a) observe and comply with any Applicable Requirement;

entity;

(b) not, directly or indirectly (including through any of its Affiliates), enter into any other administrative services agreement (or similar agreement) with any other

(c) provide the Services Manager with access to the books and records of Parent and its subsidiaries as reasonably necessary to provide any of the Services (such access to be upon reasonable prior notice and during regular business hours), and otherwise take such action as is reasonably required to allow the Services Manager to fulfill its obligations hereunder, in each case in a manner that does not unreasonably interfere with the business operations of Parent and its subsidiaries;

(d) compensate and reimburse the Services Manager for its expenses as provided in Article V hereof; and

(e) not knowingly take any action that, in its sole judgment, would cause Parent or any of its subsidiaries to become an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

SECTION 3.02. <u>Covenants of the Services Manager</u>. During the term of this Agreement, the Services Manager agrees that it shall:

(a) observe and comply with any Applicable Requirement and the organizational documents and known contractual obligations of Parent and its subsidiaries;

(b) act in good faith and with reasonable skill and care in respect of the provision of the Services; and

(c) not carry on any business if by doing so the Services Manager shall knowingly cause Parent and its subsidiaries to become liable to pay any taxes that it would not otherwise be liable to pay.

SECTION 3.03. <u>Regulatory Matters</u>. Each Party agrees promptly to notify the other in writing upon receipt of any written or oral communication from any Competent Regulatory Authority pertaining to the services rendered or to be rendered pursuant to this Agreement. The Parties agree to cooperate with each other and to use their commercially reasonable efforts in jointly resolving any issue or matter raised by any Competent Regulatory Authority.

SECTION 3.04. <u>Cooperation</u>. The Parties shall cooperate with each other as may be reasonably necessary or appropriate to enable the Parties to carry out their respective responsibilities in full and to effectuate the purposes of this Agreement. Each Party shall do and perform or cause to be done and performed all further acts and shall execute and deliver all other agreements, certificates, instruments and documents as the other Party may reasonably request in order to carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of this Agreement. Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

### ARTICLE IV

### Representations and Warranties

SECTION 4.01. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. Each Party hereby represents and warrants to the other that (in respect of itself):

(a) it is duly incorporated and validly existing under applicable laws, with full power and authority to conduct its business, and it has full power and authority to enter into, perform its duties under and exercise its rights under this Agreement;

(b) assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery of the other Party, this Agreement constitutes its valid, lawful and binding obligations enforceable against itself in accordance with its terms (except insofar as enforceability may be limited by any bankruptcy laws or principles, or any similar laws or principles);

(c) the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the performance of its obligations under this Agreement do not and shall not constitute a breach of or default under (i) its organizational documents, (ii) any agreement or instrument by which it is bound or (iii) any Applicable Requirement;

(d) no material consent, approval, waiver, license, permit, order or authorization of, or registration, declaration or filing with, any Competent Regulatory Authority is required to be obtained or made by it in connection with the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, other than, in the case of each Party, notification to the Bermuda Monetary Authority; and

(e) no step, application, order, proceeding or appointment has been taken or made by or in respect of it for a distress, execution, composition or arrangement with creditors, winding-up, dissolution, administration, receivership (administrative or otherwise) or bankruptcy, and it is able to pay its debts.

The representations and warranties in this Section 4.01 are made on a continuing basis, and shall remain in full force and effect throughout the duration of this Agreement. If either Party becomes aware that any of the representations and warranties made by it in this Section 4.01 has ceased to be true, then it shall notify the other Party promptly.

### ARTICLE V

### Fees and Expenses

SECTION 5.01. <u>Service Fees</u>. (a) With respect to each fiscal quarter commencing with the quarter in which this Agreement is executed, the Services Manager shall incur and be entitled to recharge Service Fees to each or all of Parent and its

subsidiaries (as applicable). Within 45 calendar days following the last day of each fiscal quarter, the Services Manager shall make available <u>Schedule 1</u>, a detailed listing of the Services provided and applicable Service Fees due with respect to such quarter to Parent, and Parent shall pay the Services Manager the Service Fees for such quarter in cash within 15 Business Days thereafter.

SECTION 5.02. Services Manager's Expenses. The Services Manager will provide at its own expense:

- (a) such staff as may be necessary for the due performance of its duties; and
- (b) such office and other accommodation and relevant utilities as may be necessary for the due performance of its duties.

SECTION 5.03. <u>Parent's Expenses</u>. Parent, on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries, is responsible and, to the extent that the Services Manager has paid the same on behalf of Parent and its subsidiaries, will reimburse the Services Manager for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (but not overhead costs) incurred by the Services Manager in connection with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including:

- (a) fees and expenses in respect of transactions carried out for Parent and its subsidiaries;
- (b) all bank charges and expenses of any kind incurred in connection with, or incidental to, deposits of cash;
- (c) any costs, including all travel, accommodation and other reasonable costs, incurred by the Services Manager at the express request of Parent;
- (d) the cost of faxes and telephone calls properly incurred in the course of carrying out its duties hereunder;

(e) all legal and professional expenses (not included in the Services) incurred by the Services Manager in the furtherance of its duties under this Agreement and all legal and other professional expenses properly incurred, or to be incurred, in the preparation of any documents amending the terms and conditions of this Agreement; and

(f) any costs and expenses properly incurred by Parent and its subsidiaries in the course of its business and not expressly the responsibility of the Services Manager (to the extent that such amounts have not already been paid).

### ARTICLE VI

### Term and Termination

SECTION 6.01. <u>Term</u>. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until terminated or not renewed by Parent or the Services Manager in accordance with this Article VI, except that Section 6.01, Article VII and Article IX shall survive such termination or non-renewal. This Agreement and the Services provided or procured hereunder shall renew automatically on the fifth anniversary of the completion of the Offering and upon every third anniversary thereafter, unless otherwise terminated or not renewed in accordance with this Article VI; provided that Parent may elect not to renew the services of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer by delivering a notice during the period specified in Section 6.03 and such notice shall not affect the automatic renewal of the other Services provided or procured hereunder.

### SECTION 6.02. <u>Termination of the Agreement</u>. (a) Termination by either Party.

(i) If (A) the Underwriting and Insurance Management Agreement is terminated or not renewed in accordance with its terms or (B) the Investment Management Agreement is terminated or not renewed in accordance with its terms, this Agreement may be terminated by either Party upon 30 Business Days' prior written notice.

(ii) If Parent becomes regulated as an investment company under the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, this Agreement shall terminate automatically, with such termination deemed to occur immediately prior to such event.

#### (b) Termination by the Services Manager.

(i) If (A) there is a Change of Control of Parent, (B) Blue Capital Re ceases to be an Affiliate of Parent or (C) Blue Capital Re ILS ceases to be an Affiliate of Parent, this Agreement may be terminated by the Services Manager upon 30 Business Days' prior written notice.

(ii) If Parent breaches or fails to perform in any material respect any of its representations, warranties or covenants contained in this Agreement, which breach or failure to perform has not been cured within 30 Business Days after giving written notice to Parent of such breach or failure, this Agreement may be terminated by the Services Manager (provided that the Services Manager is not then in material breach of any representations, warranties or covenants contained in this Agreement).

(iii) If the Services Manager's performance of its services under this Agreement would result in a breach of Applicable Requirements, this Agreement may be terminated by the Investment Manager upon 30 Business Days' notice (provided that the Services Manager has used

commercially reasonable efforts to obtain an approval, waiver or consent, as applicable, to remedy such breach).

(iv) If (A) any step, application, order, proceeding or appointment has been taken or made by or in respect of Parent for a distress, execution, composition or arrangement with creditors, winding up, dissolution, administration, receivership (administrative or otherwise) or bankruptcy or (B) Parent is unable to pay its debts as they become due, this Agreement may be terminated by the Services Manager upon 60 Business Days' notice.

(v) If the Shared Services Agreement is terminated or the Services Manager ceases to be a party to the Shared Services Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated by the Services Manager upon 30 Business Days' prior written notice (provided that the Services Manager has not entered into an agreement substantially similar to the Shared Services Agreement as a replacement for the Shared Services Agreement).

(c) Termination by Parent.

(i) If the Services Manager breaches or fails to perform in any material respect any of its representations, warranties or covenants contained in this Agreement, which breach or failure to perform has not been cured within 60 Business Days after giving written notice to the Services Manager of such breach or failure, this Agreement may be terminated by Parent (provided that Parent is not then in material breach of any representations, warranties or covenants contained in this Agreement).

(ii) If the Services Manager's performance of its services under this Agreement would result in a breach of Applicable Requirements, which breach has not been cured within 60 Business Days after giving written notice to the Services Manager of such breach, this Agreement may be terminated by Parent.

(iii) If (A) any step, application, order, proceeding or appointment has been taken or made by or in respect of the Services Manager for a distress, execution, composition or arrangement with creditors, winding up, dissolution, administration, receivership (administrative or otherwise) or bankruptcy or (B) the Services Manager is unable to pay its debts as they become due, this Agreement may be terminated by Parent upon 60 Business Days' notice.

SECTION 6.03. <u>Non-Renewal.</u> The Services Manager or Parent may elect not to renew this Agreement at the expiration of the initial term or any renewal term for any or no reason, upon not less than nine, but not more than 12, months' written notice to the other prior to the end of such initial term or renewal term, as applicable.

### ARTICLE VII

### Indemnification

SECTION 7.01. Indemnification of the Services Manager. Subject to Section 7.05 hereof, Parent, on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries, unconditionally agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Services Manager and its Affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents, successors and permitted assigns (the "Services Manager Indemnitees") from and against, and pay or reimburse such parties for, any losses, claims, liabilities, damages, deficiencies, costs or expenses of any type which they may incur (i) on account of any third-party claim or proceeding arising out of the performance of this Agreement or (ii) from any breach of, or failure to perform, any covenant or obligation of Parent contained in this Agreement (unless caused by the Services Manager's breach of, or failure to perform, its covenants or obligations under this Agreement), in each case, unless (a) a court or arbitral panel with appropriate jurisdiction shall have determined by a final judgment which is not subject to appeal such losses, claims, liabilities, damages, costs or expenses are as a result of fraud, dishonesty, gross negligence or wilful misconduct of any of the Services Manager Indemnitees or (b) such Services Manager Indemnitees shall have settled such losses, claims, liabilities, damages, costs or expenses without the consent of Parent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

SECTION 7.02. Indemnification of Parent. The Services Manager unconditionally agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Parent and its subsidiaries and their Affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents, successors and permitted assigns (the "Parent Indemnitees"), from and against, and pay or reimburse such parties for, any losses, claims, liabilities, damages, deficiencies, costs or expenses of any type which they may incur from any breach of, or failure to perform, any covenant or obligation of the Services Manager contained in this Agreement, unless (i) a court or arbitral panel of appropriate jurisdiction shall have determined by a final judgment that is not subject to appeal such losses, claims, liabilities, damages, costs or expenses are as a result of fraud, dishonesty, gross negligence or wilful misconduct of any of the Parent Indemnitees or (ii) such Parent Indemnitees shall have settled such losses, claims, liabilities, damages, costs or expenses without the consent of the Services Manager (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

SECTION 7.03. Indemnification Procedure. Any person who is claiming indemnification from Parent pursuant to the provisions of Section 8.01, or from the Services Manager pursuant to the provisions of Section 8.02 (the "Indemnified Person") shall promptly deliver a written notification of each claim for indemnification, accompanied by a copy of all papers served, if any, and specifying in detail the nature of, basis for and estimated amount of the claim for indemnification to Parent or the Services Manager, as applicable (the "Indemnifying Party"). If an Indemnified Person fails to promptly notify the Indemnifying Party, then the obligation to indemnify shall be reduced by the amount of liability that is attributable to or becomes definite as a result of the delay in notification, if the delay in notification has resulted in a material increase in liability or actual prejudice to the Indemnifying Party. The Indemnifying Party shall have the right to assume the defense of any matter for which a claim of indemnification is

made against it with counsel it selects, at its own expense. The Indemnifying Party in its sole discretion shall have the right to settle, compromise or defend until final adjudication any dispute or alleged liability for which a claim for indemnification has been made; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Indemnifying Party shall not, except with the consent of each Indemnified Person, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, consent to the entry of any judgment, or enter into any settlement, that does not include the giving by the claimant or plaintiff to the Indemnified Person of a release from all liability with respect to the claim or litigation. Each Indemnified Person shall cooperate in providing information, formulating a defense or as otherwise reasonably requested by the Indemnifying Party.

SECTION 7.04. <u>Payment of Indemnified Amounts.</u> Each Indemnified Person shall provide written, detailed statements to the Indemnifying Party on a monthly basis, of any expenses, costs or other liabilities for which indemnification is claimed. The Indemnifying Party shall reimburse such amounts within ten Business Days of receiving any such statement, or shall notify in writing the Indemnified Person claiming indemnification if it denies liability, and provide the reasons for the denial.

SECTION 7.05. <u>Limit of Liability.</u> Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement to the contrary, the Service Manager's aggregate liability during the term of this Agreement with respect to, arising from, or arising out of or attributable to this Agreement, or from all services rendered or omitted to be rendered under this Agreement, whether in contract, or in tort, or otherwise, is limited to, and shall not exceed, the highest amount actually paid as Service Fees in any single calendar year during the term of this Agreement.

### ARTICLE VIII

### Conflicts of Interest and Exclusivity

SECTION 8.01. <u>Non-Exclusivity of Services Rendered by the Services Manager</u>. The services provided by the Services Manager under this Agreement are not exclusive. None of the services to be provided under this Agreement nor any other matter shall give rise to any fiduciary or equitable duties (to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Requirements) which would prevent or hinder the Services Manager, its Affiliates or their respective directors, officers, employees and agents (each an "<u>Interested Party</u>") from providing services to or entering into transactions with or for Parent and its subsidiaries. An Interested Party may, without prior notice to Parent and its subsidiaries, recommend, effect or enter into transactions or provide services (whether or not similar to the services provided under this Agreement) where an Interested Party has, directly or indirectly, a material interest or a relationship with another person which may involve a conflict with the Services Manager's duty to Parent and its subsidiaries.

SECTION 8.02. <u>Conflicts of Interest.</u> The Services Manager shall take reasonable steps to ensure fair treatment for Parent and its subsidiaries, and shall ensure that any such transactions are effected on terms which are not materially less favorable to Parent and its subsidiaries than if the potential conflict had not existed. However, neither

the Services Manager nor any other Interested Party shall be liable to Parent and its subsidiaries for any profit, commission or remuneration made or received from or by reason of such transactions or any related transactions. The Services Manager hereby notifies Parent and its subsidiaries, and Parent and its subsidiaries hereby acknowledge, that such potential conflicting interests or duties may arise as a result of, among other things:

(a) an Interested Party undertakes other business for other clients;

(b) the transaction relates to an Investment in respect of which an Interested Party may benefit from a commission, fee, mark-up or mark-down payable otherwise than by Parent or its subsidiaries, or the Interested Party may also be remunerated by the counterparty to any such transaction;

(c) the Services Manager deals on behalf of Parent or its subsidiaries with or through another Interested Party; or

(d) the Services Manager may act as agent for Parent and its subsidiaries in relation to transactions in which it is also acting as agent for the account of other clients or Interested Parties.

### ARTICLE IX

### **Miscellaneous**

SECTION 9.01. <u>Confidentiality</u>. (a)No Party shall at any time use, divulge or communicate to any Person any Confidential Information, except:

- (i) as agreed by the other Party;
- (ii) where required to perform its duties or exercise its rights under this Agreement (including to its delegates or agents, if applicable);

(iii) to its professional representatives or advisers, or to insurance companies, insurance brokers or insurance agents, to the extent required by them to perform their duties, and provided that they are or agree to be bound by a duty of confidentiality;

(iv) (when the Services Manager is transacting business for Parent or its subsidiaries with a counterparty or broker) the identity of Parent and its subsidiaries and such details about Parent and its subsidiaries as the counterparty or broker may reasonably request (in accordance with market practice); or

(v) to the extent required by Applicable Requirements or by any Competent Regulatory Authority (including for the purpose of filing tax returns),

(vi) and each Party shall use commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the publication or disclosure of any Confidential Information in breach of this Agreement.

- (b) The Services Manager is not required to disclose to Parent and its subsidiaries, or to take into account when providing or procuring the Services, any information:
  - (i) the disclosure of which to Parent and its subsidiaries would or might be a breach of duty or confidence to any other Person; or
  - (ii) which comes to the notice of an employee or agent of the Services Manager.

SECTION 9.02. <u>Non-Exclusivity</u>. This Agreement shall not restrict the rights or ability of the Services Manager to offer services similar to those contemplated hereby to third parties, including its own Affiliates, or of Parent and its subsidiaries to receive services not contemplated hereby from third party vendors. Parent, on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries, waives any claim based on any conflict of interest on the part of the Services Manager or its employees arising from any Affiliate of the Services Manager carrying on business similar to that of Parent and its subsidiaries to any other Persons, including competitors of Parent or its subsidiaries.

SECTION 9.03. Specific Performance. Each of the Parties acknowledges and agrees that in the event of a breach of this Agreement, each non-breaching Party would be irreparably and immediately harmed and could not be made whole by monetary damages. It is accordingly agreed that the Parties (a) will waive, in any action for specific performance, the defense of adequacy of a remedy at law, (b) shall be entitled, in addition to any other remedy to which they may be entitled at law or in equity, to compel specific performance of this Agreement in any action instituted in respect thereof, and (c) will waive, for purposes of this Section 9.03 only, the requirement to submit any dispute arising out of, or related in any way to, this Agreement or the transactions hereunder to arbitration pursuant to Section 9.09.

SECTION 9.04. <u>Amendment.</u> This Agreement may be amended by the Parties at any time by an instrument in writing executed by each Party.

SECTION 9.05. <u>Delegation</u>. The Services Manager may, subject to any Applicable Requirement, delegate or sub-contract any of its functions under this Agreement (other than providing the services of the Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Financial Officer) but any such delegation or sub-contracting shall not affect the Services Manager's liability under this Agreement.

SECTION 9.06. <u>Assignment.</u> Subject to Section 9.05, neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations hereunder shall be assigned, in whole or in part, by operation of law or otherwise, by either of the Parties hereto without the prior written consent of the other Party hereto. No assignment by either Party shall relieve such Party of any of its obligations hereunder. Subject to the immediately

preceding two sentences, this Agreement shall be binding upon, inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns. Any purported assignment not permitted under this Section 9.06 shall be null and void. All such assignments shall be subject to all necessary regulatory approvals.

SECTION 9.07. <u>Counterparts.</u> This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts (including by facsimile or e-mail), each of which shall be deemed to be an original but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement, and shall become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed by each Party hereto and delivered to the other Party hereto.

SECTION 9.08. Entire Agreement; No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement, and supersedes all other prior agreements and understandings, both written and oral, among the Parties and their Affiliates, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof and is not intended to confer upon any Person other than the Parties any rights or remedies. Each Party acknowledges and agrees that (i) it has not relied on or been induced to enter into this Agreement by any undertaking, promise, assurance, statement, representation, warranty, undertaking or understanding which is not expressly included in this Agreement. Nothing in the immediately preceding sentence shall operate to limit or exclude any liability for fraud.

SECTION 9.09. <u>Arbitration.</u> (a) Any dispute arising out of, or related in any way to, this Agreement or the transactions hereunder, including its formation and validity, shall be determined by arbitration in accordance with Bermuda law. The dispute shall be submitted to a panel of arbitrators and the seat of arbitration shall be in Bermuda. The panel shall be composed of three arbitrators, one arbitrator shall be chosen by Parent, one arbitrator shall be chosen by the Services Manager and one arbitrator shall be chosen by the mutual agreement of the two arbitrators selected by each of Parent and the Services Manager. The arbitrators shall be disinterested, active or retired executive officers of property or casualty insurance or reinsurance companies, not under the control or management of either Party to this Agreement.

(b) Any Party requesting arbitration shall provide the other Party with a written notice that includes reasonable detail of the dispute such Party intends to submit for arbitration. During the 45 days following receipt of such notice, the Parties shall use their respective commercially reasonable efforts to negotiate an amicable resolution of such dispute (provided that the use of commercially reasonable efforts shall not be deemed to require the Parties to agree to any resolution). If the Parties have not resolved such dispute in writing within 45 days of receipt of such written notice by the other Party, Parent and the Services Manager shall each select an arbitrator within 30 days after the expiration of such 45 day period. If either Parent or the Services Manager fails to appoint its arbitrator within such 30 day period, the other shall also appoint such Party's arbitrator.

(c) The panel shall make its decision in the context of the custom and usage of the insurance and reinsurance industry. They shall interpret this Agreement as an honorable engagement, and shall settle any dispute under this Agreement according to an equitable, rather than strictly legal, interpretation of its terms with a view to effecting the general purpose of this Agreement. The panel is relieved of all judicial formality and may abstain from following the strict rules of law. The panel shall have the power to fix all procedural rules for the arbitration, including the discretionary power to make orders regarding any matters which it may consider proper under the circumstances of the case relating to pleadings, discovery, inspection of documents and examination of witnesses. The panel shall have the power to receive and act upon such evidence, whether oral or written, as it in its sole discretion shall deem relevant to the dispute.

(d) The panel shall render a decision in writing within 60 days after the matter is finally submitted to it unless the Parties agree to an extension. Any decision by a majority of the panel members shall be final and binding on the Parties. If either Party fails to comply with the panel's decision, the other may apply for its enforcement to a court of competent jurisdiction.

(e) Unless ordered differently by the panel, each Party shall bear the expenses of its own arbitrator, and shall jointly and equally bear with the other Party the expenses of the third arbitrator. In the event two or more arbitrators are chosen by one Party, the fees of all three arbitrators shall be equally divided between the Parties. The remaining costs of the arbitration proceeding shall be allocated by the panel as part of its award.

SECTION 9.10. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of Bermuda applicable to contracts and made and performed entirely within Bermuda.

SECTION 9.11. <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH PARTY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY CONTROVERSY WHICH MAY ARISE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT ISSUES, AND THEREFORE IT HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LITIGATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY. EACH PARTY CERTIFIES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT (A) NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF THE OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER, (B) IT UNDERSTANDS AND HAS CONSIDERED THE IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH WAIVER, (C) IT MAKES SUCH WAIVER VOLUNTARILY AND (D) IT HAS BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVER AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION 9.11.

SECTION 9.12. <u>Notices.</u> All notices, requests and other communications to either Party hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given if delivered personally, facsimiled (which is confirmed) or sent by overnight courier (providing proof of delivery) to the Parties at the following addresses:

If to Parent, to:	
Address:	Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda.
Facsimile:	(441) 296-5551
If to the Services	s Manager, to:
Address:	Canon's Court, 22 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda.
Facsimile:	(441) 296-5551

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or such other address or facsimile number address as such Party may hereafter specify by like notice to the other Party hereto. All such notices, requests and other communications shall be deemed received on the date of actual receipt by the recipient thereof if received prior to 5:00 p.m. local time in the place of receipt and such day is a business day in the place of receipt. Otherwise, any such notice, request or communication shall be deemed not to have been received until the next succeeding Business Day in the place of receipt.

SECTION 9.13. Severability. If any term, condition or other provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any rule of law or public policy, all other terms, provisions and conditions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect. Upon such determination that any term, condition or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the Parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the Parties as closely as possible to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law in an acceptable manner to the end that the terms of this Agreement are fulfilled to the extent possible.

SECTION 9.14. <u>No Waiver/Cumulative Remedies.</u> Any waiver of a breach of any of the terms of this Agreement or of any default under this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach or default and shall in no way affect the other terms of this Agreement. No failure on the part of a Party to exercise, and no delay on its part in exercising, any right or remedy under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver of that right or remedy, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right or remedy preclude any other or further exercise of that right or remedy or the exercise of any other right or remedy. The rights and remedies provided in this Agreement are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by law.

SECTION 9.15. <u>Relationship of Parties.</u> The Services Manager shall perform its duties hereunder as an independent contractor. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create the relationship of employee, partnership or any

type of joint venture relationship, between Parent, on the one hand, and the Services Manager, on the other hand.

SECTION 9.16. Interpretation. (a) When a reference is made in this Agreement to an Article, Section, Exhibit or Schedule, such reference shall be to an Article of, a Section of, or an Exhibit or Schedule to, this Agreement unless otherwise indicated. The table of contents and headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. Whenever the words "include", "includes" or "including" are used in this Agreement, they shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation". The words "hereof", "herein" and "hereunder" and words of similar import when used in this Agreement. Sagreement, they shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation". The words "date hereof" when used in this Agreement shall refer to the date of this Agreement. The terms "or", "any" and "either" are not exclusive. The word "extent" in the phrase "to the extent" shall mean the degree to which a subject or other thing extends, and such phrase shall not mean simply "if". The word "will" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word "shall". The definitions contained in this Agreement are applicable to the singular as well as the plural forms of such terms and to the masculine as well as to the feminine and neuter genders of such term. Any agreement, instrument or statute as from time to time amended, modified or supplemented, including (in the case of agreements or instruments) by waiver or consent and (in the case of statutes) by succession of comparable successor statutes and references to a Person are also to its permitted assigns and successors.

(b) The Parties hereto have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement and, in the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as jointly drafted by the Parties hereto and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring either Party hereto by virtue of the authorship of any provision of this Agreement.

[signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been entered into by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties on the day and year first above written.

## BLUE CAPITAL REINSURANCE HOLDINGS LTD.,

by

/s/ MICHAEL S. PAQUETTE

Name: Michael S. Paquette Title: Chief Financial Officer

## BLUE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LTD.,

by

/s/ WILLIAM POLLETT Name: William Pollett Title: CEO and President

Services to be	provided
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**Executive Officers Services:** 

• Chief Financial Officer

Information Technology:

Licensing Fees

Other professional and administrative services as requested by Parent and agreed by the Parties hereto

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## Section 3: EX-12 (EX-12)

Exhibit 12

### Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd. **Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Preferred Dividends** (\$ in millions)

	Years Ended December 31,										
		2014		2013		2012		2011		2010	
Income (loss) before income taxes Less: net income attributable to non-controlling interests	\$	245.3 (24.1)	\$	210.5 (6.1)	\$	227.9	\$	(115.8)	\$	210.7	
Income (loss) before income taxes available to the Company	\$	221.2	\$	204.4	\$	227.9	\$	(115.8)	\$	210.7	
<ul> <li>Fixed Charges:</li> <li>Assumed interest component of rent expense (1/3 rent/lease)</li> <li>Interest on Senior Notes</li> <li>Interest on Trust Preferred Securities</li> </ul> Total fixed charges Preferred share dividends of the Company Total combined fixed charges and preferred share dividends	\$ <u>\$</u> \$	1.5 14.1 4.1 19.7 13.3 33.0	\$ <u>\$</u> \$	1.5 14.1 4.1 19.7 13.3 33.0	\$ <u>\$</u> \$	$ \begin{array}{r} 1.5 \\ 15.1 \\ 4.3 \\ \hline 20.9 \\ 13.3 \\ \overline{34.2} \end{array} $	\$ \$ \$	$     \begin{array}{r}       1.6 \\       14.0 \\       5.3 \\       20.9 \\       9.1 \\       30.0 \\     \end{array} $	\$ <u>\$</u>	$2.0 \\ 14.0 \\ 8.7 \\ 24.7 \\ \\ 24.7 \\ \\ 24.7 \\ \\ 24.7 \\$	
Income (loss) before income taxes and extraordinary item plus fixed charges	\$	240.9	\$	224.1	\$	248.8	\$	<u>(94.9</u> )	\$	235.4	
RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED SHARE		12.2		11.4		11.9		—		9.5	
DIVIDENDS		7.3		6.8		7.3		_		9.5	

For the year ended December 31, 2011, earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges and combined fixed charges and preferred share dividends by \$115.8 million and \$124.9 million, respectively. This was the result of significant natural catastrophe losses incurred during that year.

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## Section 4: EX-14 (EX-14)

# MONTPELIER

#### Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd. **Code of Conduct and Ethics**

A cornerstone of the corporate culture of Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd. and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company"), including any company or fund sponsored or advised by the Company (each a "Sponsored Company"), is the principle that all members of the Board of Directors (the "Board"), observers of the Board, officers and employees of the Company (collectively, "Montpelier Associates") conduct business activities in a manner consistent with this Code of Conduct and Ethics (this "Code of Conduct").

Continued adherence to these high standards is the responsibility of all Montpelier Associates.

This Code of Conduct applicable to Montpelier Associates addresses the following areas:

- A. Compliance with, and Waivers of, this Code of Conduct
- B. Encouraging the Reporting of any Illegal or Unethical Behavior
- Compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations C.
- D. Insider Trading
- E. **Confidential Information**

\$375,000 per annum Cost

Service Fee

As negotiated

Exhibit 14

- Protection and Proper Use of Company Assets and Intellectual Property F.
- G. Corporate Opportunity and Conflicts
- H. Fair Dealing
- I. Records Retention/Destruction
- J. Accurate Recording and Reporting

### A. Compliance with, and Waivers of, this Code of Conduct

We expect each Montpelier Associate to thoughtfully review this Code of Conduct and follow both the letter and spirit of the standards and policies contained herein and to sign the confirmation form attached hereto, which confirms this intent.

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Montpelier Associates who do not comply with this Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Any waiver of any part of this Code of Conduct for executive officers or directors may be made only by the Board or the Audit Committee of the Board and will be promptly

disclosed to shareholders as required by the rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE").

If a law conflicts with a policy in this Code of Conduct, Montpelier Associates must comply with such law. If a local custom conflicts with this Code of Conduct, however, Montpelier Associates must comply with this Code of Conduct. Montpelier Associates should seek advice from the Company's legal department for determination as to whether a conflict exists between any policy in this Code of Conduct and the law to ensure their compliance with such policy and observance of all laws and regulations.

This Code of Conduct shall be available on the Company's website. It shall also be available, in print, to shareholders upon request and by any other means required by law or stock exchange regulation.

### B. Encouraging the Reporting of any Illegal or Unethical Behavior

This Code of Conduct is designed to encourage participation by Montpelier Associates and to provide a method to report conduct that they suspect is in violation of this Code of Conduct. Montpelier Associates are encouraged to talk to their supervisor, manager or other appropriate personnel when in doubt about the best course of action in a particular situation.

Montpelier Associates should be alert and sensitive to situations that could result in misconduct. If they believe that actions have taken place, may be taking place or may be about to take place that have violated, violate or would violate this Code of Conduct, any applicable laws or regulations or any other Company policy, then they are obligated to bring the matter to the attention of the Company.

In accordance with our Whistleblower Policy, Montpelier Associates may openly, confidentially or anonymously report potential violations of this Code of Conduct or potential violations or concerns relating to any law, regulation or Company policy. This includes any reports relating to accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters.

Violations of this policy should be reported to the Chairman of the Audit Committee. The Company maintains a Whistleblower hotline (441-299-7559) that can be used to report suspected violations of this Code of Conduct. Reports to the hotline may be made anonymously.

Further, under our Whistleblower Policy, the Company expressly forbids any retaliation against any employee for reporting suspected misconduct. Any person who participates in any retaliation is subject to disciplinary action, including termination.

Montpelier Associates must not make allegations of violations of this Code of Conduct, any applicable laws or regulations or any Company policy, in bad faith or in a false or frivolous manner.

### C. Compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations

Every Montpelier Associate must adhere to legal and regulatory requirements governing his or her business decisions and actions. Montpelier Associates should make every effort to ensure that they and the Company are in compliance with all legal and regulatory

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matters applicable to their area of employment or position with the Company. Any legal, regulatory or governmental inquiry or action should be directed to, and handled by, the Company Secretary or, in his absence, the Corporate Affairs Manager. In acting to ensure that Montpelier Associates and the Company are in compliance with legal and regulatory matters, the actions of Montpelier Associates should comply with both the spirit, as well as the letter, of the law.

### D. Insider Trading

Montpelier Associates are prohibited from using material non-public information acquired in the course of carrying out their duties to buy or sell stock or any other kind of property, or from advising or encouraging anyone else to buy or sell stock or any other kind of property, if that information has not been reported publicly first. This Policy applies not only to the stock and property of the Company, but also to the stock and property of its customers and other business partners and to the stock and property of any Sponsored Company. This is improper use of inside information and it is illegal in the United States and many other countries.

Montpelier Associates are also prohibited from selling short the Company's stock or engaging in other transactions where the Montpelier Associate will earn a profit based on a decline in the Company's stock price.

The Company has provided each Montpelier Associate with a separate document entitled "Insider Trading Policy." The Insider Trading Policy addresses insider trading law and how such law applies to Montpelier Associates.

### E. Confidential Information

Serious problems could be created for the Company by unauthorized disclosure of internal non-public information about the Company or, for purposes of this Code of Conduct, any Sponsored Company. Montpelier Associates are expected to maintain the confidentiality of information entrusted to them by the Company and by customers, except when disclosure is authorized or legally mandated.

Confidential information includes all non-public information that might be of use to competitors, harmful to the Company or its customers or of interest to other parties, if disclosed. Montpelier Associates are prohibited from using such confidential information to the detriment of the Company, its employees and its customers. The responsibility of Montpelier Associates to maintain the Company's confidential information exists during their employment or association with the Company and after termination of their employment or association with the Company. The Company may pursue legal remedies to prevent any Montpelier Associate or a subsequent employer, as applicable, from benefiting from the Company's confidential information.

Company personnel may not discuss internal Company matters or developments with anyone outside of the Company, except as required in the performance of regular corporate duties. This prohibition applies specifically (but not exclusively) to inquiries about the Company made by the financial press, investment analysts or others in the financial community. It is important that all such communications on behalf of the Company be through an appropriately designated officer under carefully controlled circumstances. **Unless you are expressly authorized to the contrary,** if you receive any inquiries of this nature, you should decline comment and refer the inquirer to the Company

Secretary or, in his absence, the Corporate Affairs Manager. Do not try to resolve uncertainties on your own.

### F. Protection and Proper Use of Company Assets and Intellectual Property

The Company's property is to be protected and used efficiently and solely for the benefit of the Company to pursue its legitimate business purposes. Company property includes tangible property such as funds, premises, equipment and furnishings, as well as proprietary information such as customer lists, non-public financial information, business plans and forecasts, software and ideas for new products and services. Montpelier Associates may not use Company property for personal benefit, nor may they take Company property with them when they cease working for the Company. The use and transfer of Company property to third parties must be consistent with Company policies.

Funds and assets of the Company may only be used for legitimate business purposes and in a manner consistent with Company policies. Services should be provided and products purchased on the basis of quality, value, price and other tangible criteria. Furthermore, the Company's funds or assets may never be used for any unlawful purpose.

The Company's intellectual property includes inventions, improvements, ideas, information, software, models and programs, together with the related materials, documentation, patents, trademarks, copyrights and other rights that go along with them. The Company will normally be the exclusive owner of all rights in intellectual property that is related to its business or is developed by its employees or contractors in the course of their employment or service with the Company. This is true whether or not the employees or contractors make the developments during working hours, on Company premises or using Company material or resources.

The Company's intellectual property rights are extremely valuable to the Company. They are also extremely "fragile" because they can be compromised or even forfeited if they are not vigilantly protected. In order to protect the Company's intellectual property, Montpelier Associates and contractors should use their best efforts to:

- recognize and identify the Company's actual or potential intellectual property assets;
- assist in securing the Company's ownership of intellectual property assets;
- assist, where appropriate, in registering, patenting or otherwise legally protecting intellectual property rights;
- use the intellectual property rights properly, including in licensing and other transactions;
- prevent any infringement or misuse of the Company's intellectual property;
- notify the appropriate Company personnel of any potential infringement or misuse of the Company's intellectual property, so that the Company may take appropriate action; and
- have outside vendors, contractors, licensees, joint venture partners and employees sign the appropriate Company documents acknowledging the Company's intellectual property ownership.

### G. Corporate Opportunity and Conflicts

Montpelier Associates are expected to maintain the highest degree of integrity in the conduct of the Company's business and to avoid any activity or personal interest that

creates, or may create, a conflict between their interests and the interests of the Company. In addition, directors and officers of the Company have a duty of loyalty to the Company, pursuant to which they are prohibited from taking opportunities for their own personal or other professional gain through the use of the Company's property or information or through their position within the Company.

The Company acknowledges that Montpelier Associates may hold positions in other companies, partnerships and other enterprises, including Sponsored Companies ("Other Entity") that engage in the same or similar activities or lines of business as the Company, and which Other Entity may have an interest in the same or similar areas of corporate opportunities. Accordingly, the Company has adopted this Code of Conduct to ensure that proper procedures are in place to address conflicts which may arise. These procedures include the review and approval by the Company's Audit Committee of related party transactions with the Company in accordance with rules of the SEC and the NYSE and other applicable requirements.

The Board, through the Audit Committee, shall take appropriate steps to assess potential conflicts and corporate opportunities about which it becomes aware.

What is a Corporate Opportunity?

- A corporate opportunity is a business opportunity which:
- is within the Company's existing lines of business or a reasonable expansion thereof;
- is one in which the Company either has an existing interest or a reasonable expectancy of an interest; and
- the Company is reasonably capable of pursuing.

Montpelier Associates may not:

- appropriate, for their own advantage, any corporate opportunity as described above that they discover through the use of corporate property or in the course of their employment or in their capacity as directors;
- compete directly or indirectly with the Company in the pursuit of corporate opportunities as described above; or
- use the Company's property or information or his or her position for personal gain outside of his or her relationship with the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) with respect to any director or Board observer who is not employed by the Company, the opportunity must have been presented to that director or Board observer in such person's capacity as a member or observer of the Company's Board, including Company property or information discovered through such position, or it shall not constitute a "corporate opportunity;" and (ii) with respect to any Montpelier Associate who performs services for, or acts as a director or officer of, a Sponsored Company, if the opportunity has been presented to such person in his or her capacity as a service provider to, or director or officer of, a Sponsored Company, it shall not constitute a "corporate opportunity."

Furthermore, underwriting or investment opportunities presented to a Montpelier Associate in the ordinary course of business may be shared with a Sponsored Company with which the Company has an existing arrangement for the provision of services that has been previously reviewed and approved by Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd.'s Audit Committee or Board; provided, however, such underwriting or investment opportunities must be consistent with the relevant underwriting or investment guidelines for such Sponsored Company.

### What is a Conflict of Interest?

A "conflict of interest" occurs when an individual's private interest interferes in any way — or even appears to interfere — with the interests of the Company as a whole. A conflict situation can arise when a Montpelier Associate takes actions or has interests that may make it difficult to perform his or her Company work objectively and effectively. Conflicts of interest also arise when a Montpelier Associate, or a member of his or her family, receives improper personal benefits as a result of his or her position in the Company. Loans to, or guarantees of obligations of, such persons are of special concern.

For example, personal and financial interests or family relationships of a Montpelier Associate may give rise to that person's material personal interest in a particular issue. These may include transactions with the Company or its subsidiaries that are required to be approved. Accordingly, there may be times when a Montpelier Associate's material interest in an issue or matter will limit or prevent that person's ability to participate in a matter involving that issue on behalf of the Company.

### Obligations of Directors, Board Observers, Officers and Employees

In the event that a Montpelier Associate acquires knowledge of a potential transaction or matter that may be a corporate opportunity for both the Company and an Other Entity, or which may otherwise present a conflict of interest, such person shall:

- satisfy and fulfill any fiduciary duty he or she may have to the Company and its shareholders with respect to such corporate opportunity or conflict;
- act in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believes is in the best interests of the Company;
- act in a manner entirely fair to the Company; and
- report such opportunity or conflict in accordance with the procedures below.

### Procedure for Reporting Corporate Opportunities and Conflicts

• When a corporate opportunity is offered to a Montpelier Associate or a conflict arises, such Montpelier Associate must immediately report the opportunity or conflict to the chairman of the Audit Committee for consideration by the Audit Committee.

• Any Montpelier Associate who is uncertain as to whether an opportunity offered is a "corporate opportunity" or a "conflict" should err on the side of disclosing the opportunity to the Audit Committee for its determination.

### Final Determination of Corporate Opportunities and Conflicts

- The Audit Committee shall determine, in its sole discretion, whether a conflict of interest or corporate opportunity exists on a case-by-case basis and shall memorialize its determinations and the reasons behind such determinations. The Audit Committee will ensure that the directors voting on an issue are informed, disinterested and independent with respect to its determination.
- If the Audit Committee determines that a conflict of interest exists in connection with a Montpelier Associate, then such Montpelier Associate shall not participate, directly or indirectly, in the matter or activity that has given rise to such conflict of interest unless expressly approved by the Audit Committee.

### Other

• For the avoidance of doubt, each Montpelier Associate shall disclose to the Audit Committee any transaction whereby the Company is investing in entities in which such Montpelier Associate (or family member) has a material interest.

### H. Fair Dealing

The Company's policy is to operate in compliance with all applicable competition, fair dealing and other laws in the markets in which the Company operates. Accordingly, Montpelier Associates should endeavor to treat all competitors, employees, customers and suppliers fairly. Montpelier Associates should not take unfair advantage of anyone through manipulation, concealment, abuse of privileged or confidential information, misrepresentation, fraudulent behavior or any other unfair dealing practice.

Montpelier Associates, personally or on behalf of the Company, may not directly or indirectly request, accept, offer or give money, gifts of other than nominal value, unusual hospitality or entertainment, loans (except from lending institutions) or any other preferential treatment in dealing with any government official or any present or potential supplier, contractor, customer or competitor. Montpelier Associates, personally or on behalf of the Company, may not make payments to purchasing agents or other employees of any supplier, contractor or customer to either obtain or retain business, or to realize higher or lower prices for the Company. However, Montpelier Associates may give gifts of nominal value on customary gift-giving occasions, but in so doing, Montpelier Associates should be mindful of, and observe, the formal policies that many companies and governmental agencies have with respect to the receipt of gifts by their employees.

Additionally, Montpelier Associates should decline any gift, favor, entertainment or anything else of value offered to such Montpelier Associate as a result of his or her position if such gift would not fall within the guidelines discussed above for gifts from Montpelier Associates.

### I. Records Retention/Destruction

The Company's corporate records are important assets. Corporate records include essentially all records Montpelier Associates produce for the Company, whether hard copy or electronic. A record may be as obvious as a memorandum, an e-mail, a contract or a case study, or something not as obvious, such as a computerized desk calendar, an appointment book or an expense record.

From time to time, the Company establishes retention or destruction policies or schedules for specific categories of records in order to ensure legal compliance, and also to accomplish other objectives, such as preserving intellectual property and cost management. The Company expects all Montpelier Associates to comply with any published records retention or destruction policies or schedules, provided that all Montpelier Associates should note the following general exception to any stated destruction schedule: If they believe, or the Company informs them, that Company records are relevant to litigation, potential litigation (*i.e.*, a dispute that could result in litigation) or investigation, then they must preserve those records until the Company Secretary or, in his absence, the Corporate Affairs Manager determines the records are no longer needed. This exception supersedes any previously or subsequently established destruction schedule for those records.

### J. Accurate Recording and Reporting

The Company requires honest and accurate recording and reporting of its business information. Books, accounts, financial statements and records must be maintained in full and accurate detail and must fairly reflect the Company's transactions.

All disclosures in reports and documents that the Company files with, or submits to, the SEC, as well as in other public communications made by the Company, must be timely, full, fair, accurate and understandable. The Company's books, records and reports must conform to the appropriate systems of internal controls, disclosure controls and other legal and regulatory requirements.

Examples of unacceptable practices are:

- undisclosed or unrecorded funds or assets;
- false or artificial entries being made in any books or records for any reason or engaging in any arrangement that results in such prohibited act;
- non-disclosure of off-balance-sheet arrangements;
- payments approved or made with the intention or understanding that it is to be used for any purpose other than that described by the document supporting the payment; and
- employees, officers and directors taking any action that fraudulently influences, coerces, manipulates or misleads any independent public or certified accountant involved in an audit of the Company.

Additionally, no undisclosed side agreements, oral or written, which would modify the terms of an executed contract are to be made.

Any employee, officer or director having information or knowledge as to a possible violation of any of the above provisions or any similar instances of noncompliance with this Code of Conduct or concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters shall promptly report such matter in accordance with the Whistleblower Policy. Failure to comply with these guidelines is grounds for discipline.

### K. Disciplinary Action

Any Montpelier Associate found to have violated this Code of Conduct shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Where criminal violations are alleged to have occurred or are occurring, the Company will be required to report these actual or suspected violations to the appropriate governmental authorities or, in the case of violations of state criminal laws, to the appropriate state authorities. The Company will also aid law enforcement authorities in the prosecution of culpable individuals.

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## **Section 5: EX-21 (EX-21)**

Exhibit 21

PLACE OF INCORPORATION

### SUBSIDIARIES OF THE REGISTRANT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014

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### FULL NAME OF SUBSIDIARY

MONTPELIER REINSURANCE LTD. MONTPELIER INVESTMENTS HOLDINGS LTD. BLUE CAPITAL RE LTD. BLUE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LTD. BLUE WATER RE LTD. MONTPELIER HOLDINGS LIMITED MONTPELIER AT LLOYD'S LIMITED MONTPELIER CAPITAL LIMITED

Certain other subsidiaries of the Company have been omitted since, in the aggregate, they would not constitute a significant subsidiary.

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## Section 6: EX-23 (EX-23)

Exhibit 23

### CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements on Form S-3 (No. 333-182016) and Forms S-8 (No. 333-181620, No. 333-155804 and No. 333-134924) of Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd. of our report dated February 25, 2015 relating to the consolidated financial statements, financial statement schedules and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in this Form 10-K.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd. Hamilton, Bermuda February 25, 2015

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# Section 7: EX-31.1 (EX-31.1)

Exhibit 31.1

# CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULES 13a-14(a) OR 15d-14(a) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED

I, Christopher L. Harris, President and Chief Executive Officer of Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd., certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information
    - relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

February 25, 2015

By:

/s/ Christopher L. Harris President and Chief Executive Officer

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## Section 8: EX-31.2 (EX-31.2)

Exhibit 31.2

### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULES 13a-14(a) OR 15d-14(a) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED

I, Michael S. Paquette, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd., certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

February 25, 2015

By:

/s/ Michael S. Paquette Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer & Principal Accounting Officer)

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# Section 9: EX-32 (EX-32)

Exhibit 32

### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350

In connection with the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd. (the "registrant"), for the year ending December 31, 2014 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "report"), I, Christopher L. Harris, President and Chief Executive Officer of the registrant, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

- (1) The report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and,
- (2) The information contained in the report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the registrant.

(Principal Executive Officer)

February 25, 2015

### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350

In connection with the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd. (the "registrant"), for the year ending December 31, 2014 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "report"), I, Michael S. Paquette, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the registrant, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

(1) The report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and,

(2) The information contained in the report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the registrant.

/s/ Michael S. Paquette

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

February 25, 2015

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