



Endurance Specialty Holdings

Investor Presentation

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Endurance Has Strong Foundation to Build on

Strong balance sheet, diversified portfolio and robust infrastructure

Strong Balance Sheet and Capital

- “A” ratings from AM Best and S&P
- \$3.6 billion of total capital
- Conservative, short-duration, AA-rated investment portfolio
- Prudent reserves
- Diversified and efficient capital structure
- Since inception, returned nearly \$2.1 billion to investors through dividends and share repurchases

Diversified Portfolio of Businesses

- Portfolio of \$2.8 billion in annual gross premiums written on a trailing 12 month basis
- Diversified book of business containing insurance and reinsurance exposures as well as short tail and long tail lines of business
- Proven leader in the U.S. agriculture insurance industry
- Focus on specialty lines of business, with market recognized, industry-leading talent

Strategic Initiatives

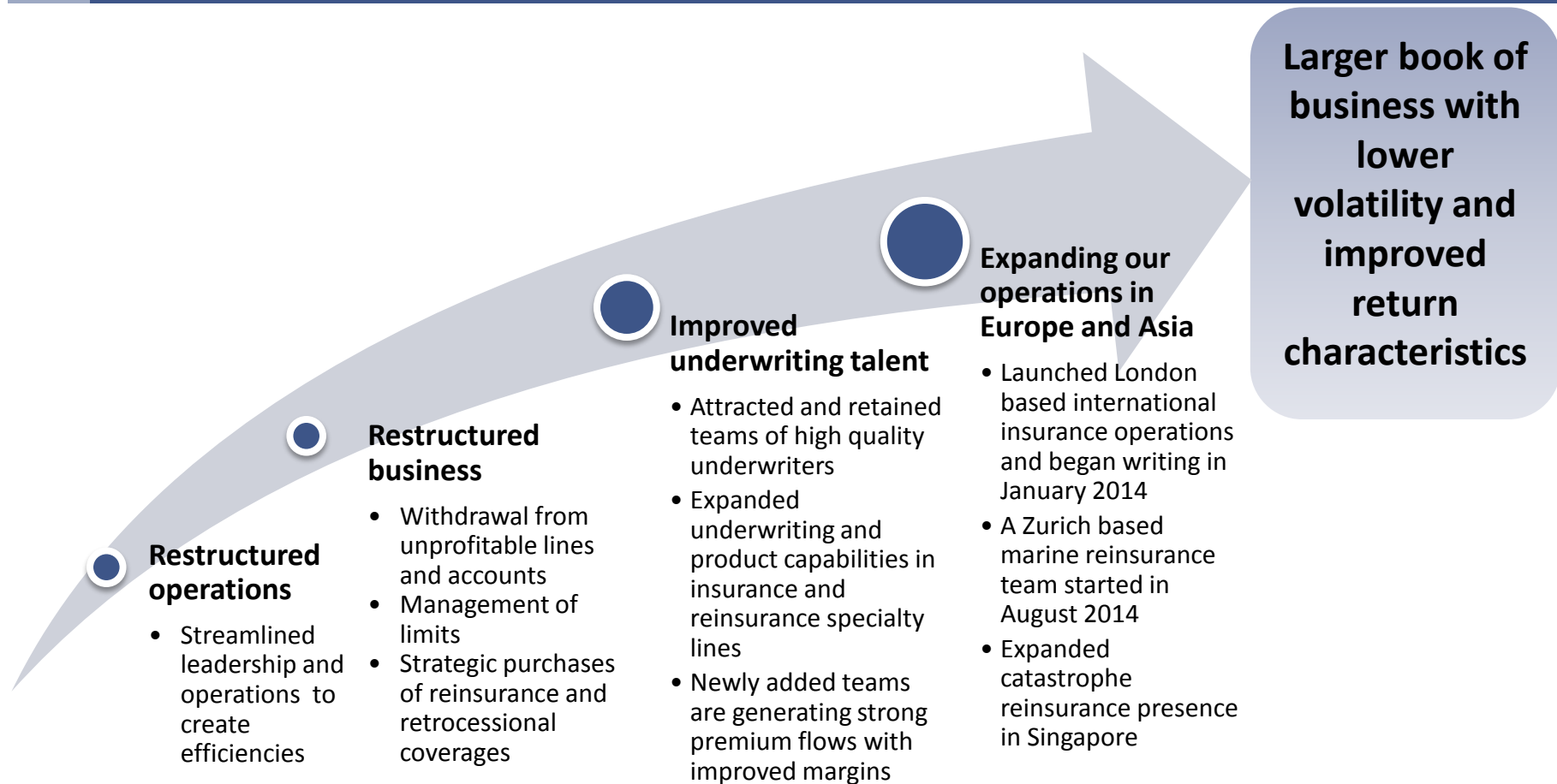
- Substantially expanded global underwriting and leadership talent
- Optimized balance of insurance and reinsurance portfolios to lower volatility and improve profitability
- Increased strategic purchases of reinsurance and retrocession to support growth and manage cycle
- Streamlined support operations to generate significant savings to fund underwriting additions
- Financial results reflect transformation initiatives

Strong and seasoned franchise

- Inception to date operating ROE of 11.0%
- 10 year book value per share plus dividends CAGR of 10.3%
- Continuous improvement in performance and market positioning

We Have Transformed Our Specialty Insurance and Reinsurance Businesses

Rebalanced our insurance and reinsurance portfolios while expanding our global underwriting talent to enhance our positioning and relevance in the market



The core of our underwriting leadership and talent is now firmly embedded throughout our organization. Our goal is to produce a more consistent level of profitability while reducing volatility in order to deliver excellent sustainable results for our shareholders.

Specialty Insurance Strategic Direction

Expanded underwriting talent, refocused underwriting, rebalanced portfolio and improved positioning and relevance in the market

Significantly enhanced the leadership team

- **Jack Kuhn**
CEO , Global Insurance
- **Graham Evans**
EVP & Head of International Insurance
- **Doug Worman**
EVP & Head of U.S. Insurance
- **Richard Allen**
EVP & Head of Professional Lines
- **Richard Housley**
EVP & General Manager of London Insurance
- **Cliff Easton**
EVP & Global Head of Energy

Opened an insurance office in London in early 2014

Initial products include:

- Energy
- Property
- Professional Lines
 - Misc. commercial classes
 - Fin. institutions

Meaningfully expanded our underwriting capabilities in last 18 months

- Inland marine
- Excess casualty (E&S and retail)
- Ocean marine
- Numerous professional line underwriters
 - Misc. commercial classes
 - Financial institutions
 - Lawyers
 - Commercial management liability
- Surety
- Healthcare
- Property
- Energy

Increased Market Presence, Diversity, and Scale

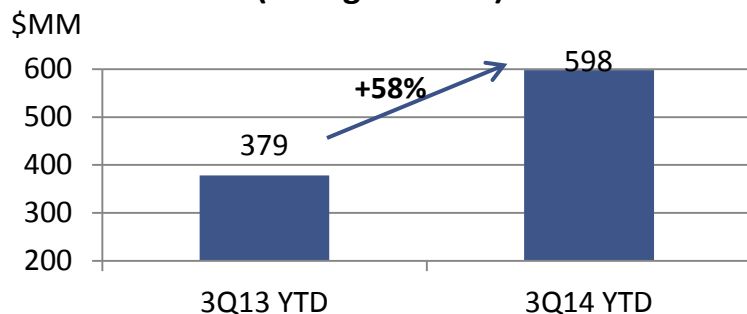
Endurance Has an Attractive and Growing Specialty Insurance Franchise

Two pillars of a unique insurance platform with demonstrated improvement across specialty lines to complement market-leading Agriculture franchise

Enhanced Specialty Insurance Franchise

- Significant and tangible improvements to increase market presence and diversity
 - Attracted and retained teams of high quality underwriters
 - Expanded underwriting and product capabilities
 - Active withdrawal from less profitable lines

Insurance GPW (ex. Agriculture)



Established Market Leader in Agriculture

- ARMtech is a top 5 player in the attractive multi peril crop insurance (MPCI) market
 - Favorable market dynamics with only 19 licensed companies
 - Federal government sponsored reinsurance and loss sharing mitigates downside risk
 - Newly passed Federal Farm Bill provides stability going forward
 - Not correlated with broader P&C market
- Attractive market characteristics
 - Inception to date combined ratio of 92.6%
 - High risk adjusted returns

Insurance Segment Has Significantly Expanded Over the Last 18 Months to Become More Market Relevant With Increased Specialty Expertise

Reinsurance Strategic Direction

Enhanced profitability by recruiting top flight underwriting talent, developing strategic partnerships with key clients and brokers, and improving underwriting and risk selection

Demonstrated Track Record of Profitability

- Reinsurance business has a demonstrated track record of profitability
 - \$1.1 billion of gross written premiums and combined ratio of 76.6% in 2014 YTD
 - Generated over \$1 billion of underwriting profits with a combined ratio of 91.0% since inception

Strategic Priorities for Global Reinsurance

- Improve profitability and consistency of results through enhanced market presence, improved underwriting and risk selection
- Focus on profitable growth and diversification through existing and new specialty reinsurance units
- Manage volatility through improved portfolio management and opportunistic retrocessional purchases
- Eliminate substandard businesses with insufficient margins



Recent Key Hires

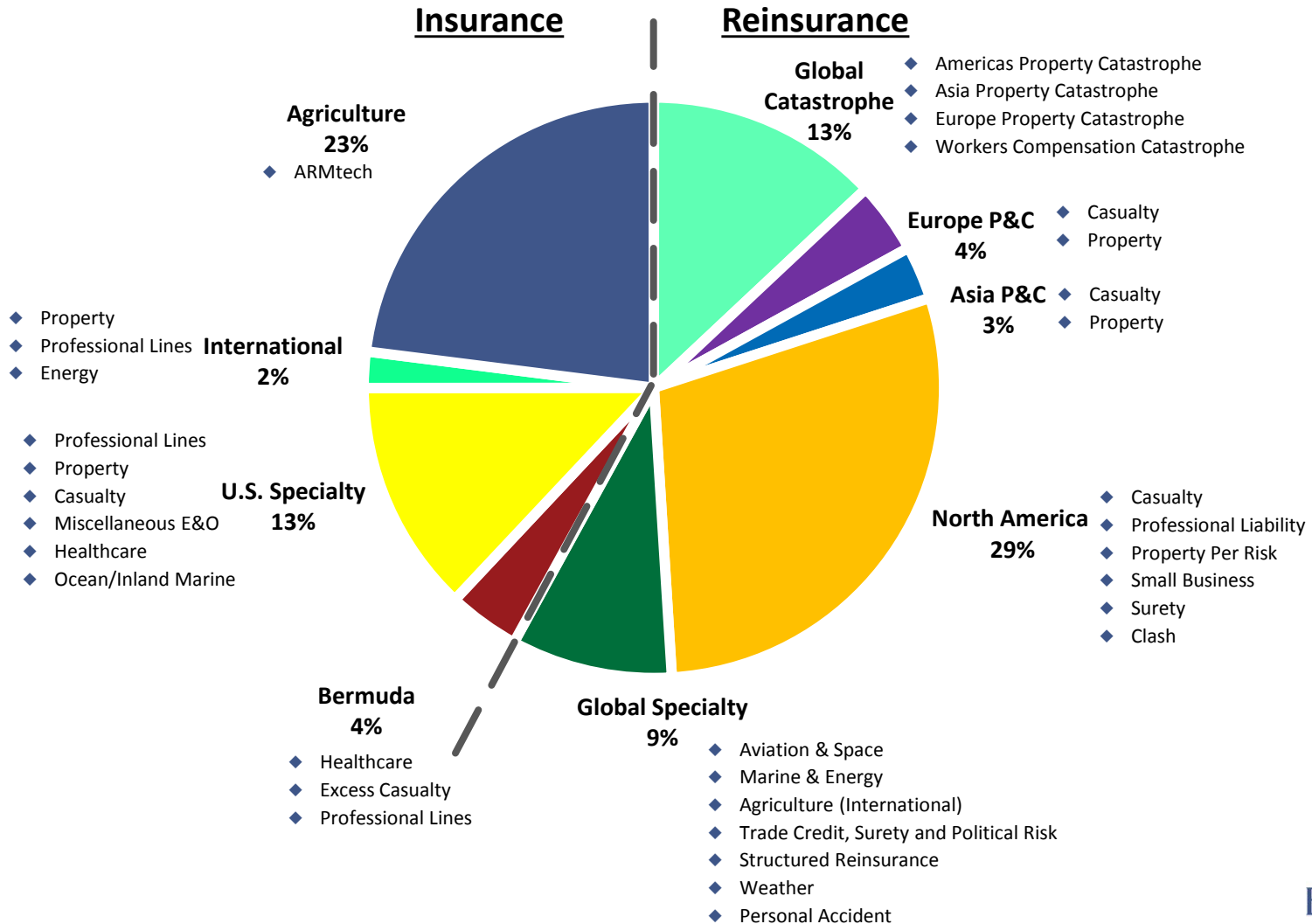
- August 2013 – Hired Peter Mills, Head of Global Specialty & Europe P&C Reinsurance
- October 2013 – Hired Chris Donelan, Head of U.S. Reinsurance and team of underwriters
- July 2014 – Hired International Agriculture Reinsurance Team based in Bermuda
- August 2014 – Hired Marine and Energy Reinsurance Team based in Zurich

Reinsurance Segment is Focusing on Growing Profitable Specialty Lines of Business With Less Volatile Exposures

Portfolio Diversified by Product, Distribution Source and Geography

The transformation of Endurance has expanded product and geography diversification

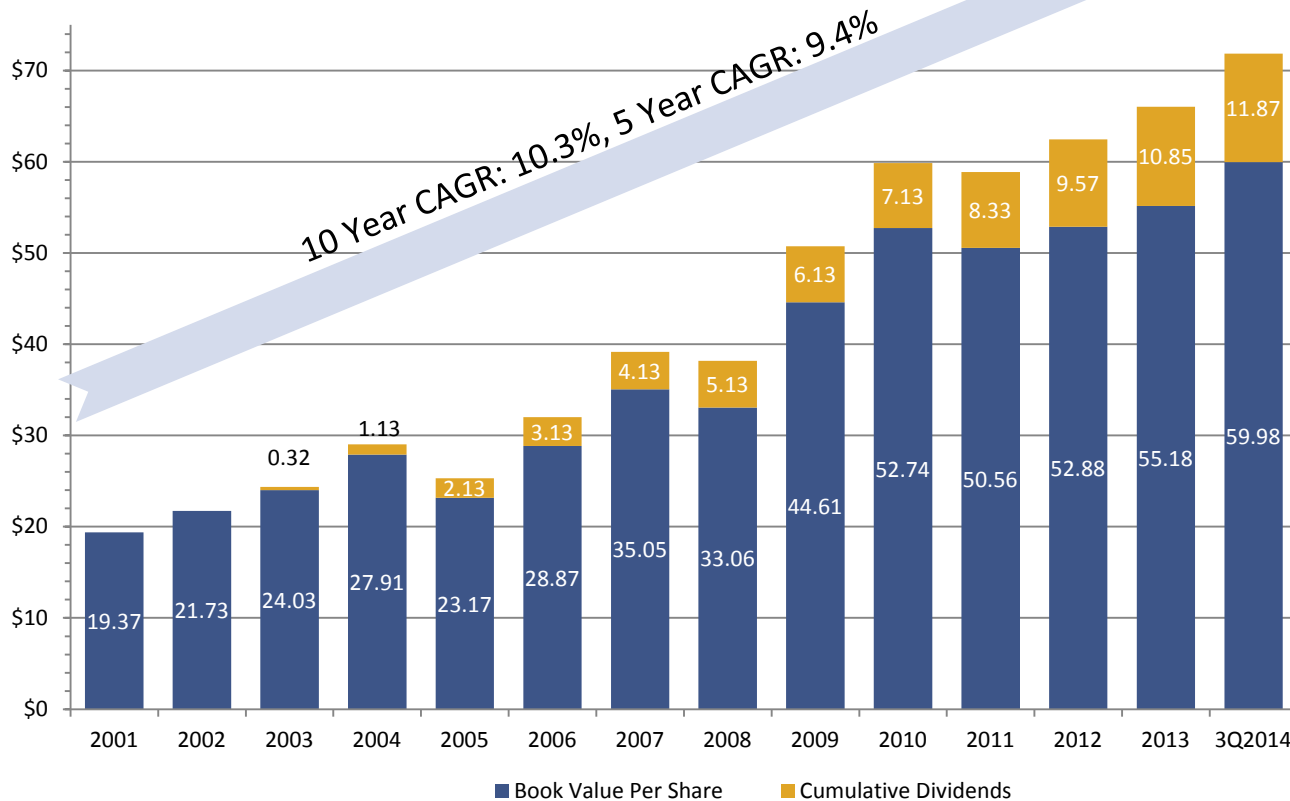
Trailing Twelve Months Net Premiums Written as of September 30, 2014: \$2.0 Billion



Endurance's Financial Results

Diluted book value per common share has grown strongly

Growth in Diluted Book Value Per Common Share (\$)
From December 31, 2001 – September 30, 2014



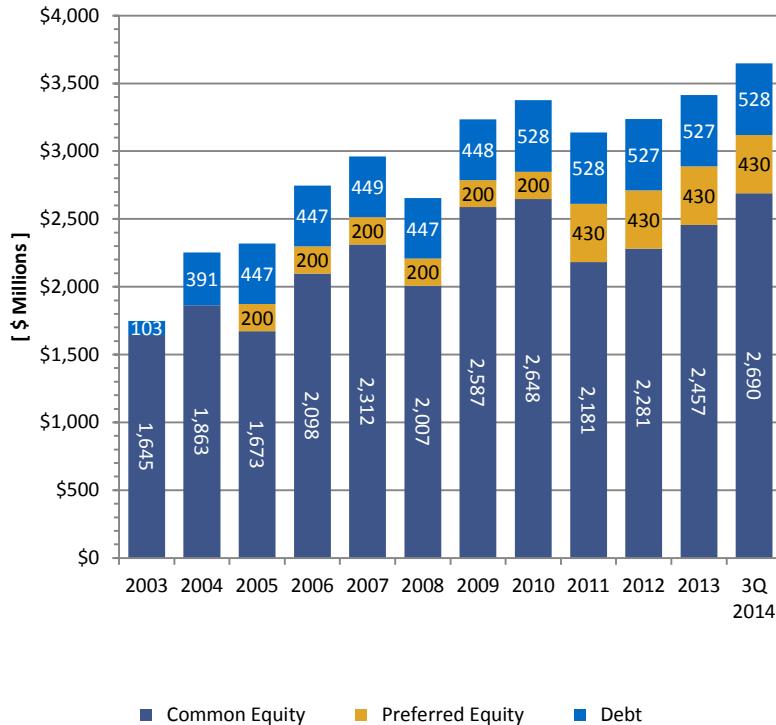
Significant Impacts to Book Value

- 2005 – Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma
- 2008 – Credit crisis and related impact of marking assets to market
- 2011 – High frequency of global catastrophes
- 2012 – Superstorm Sandy and Midwest drought

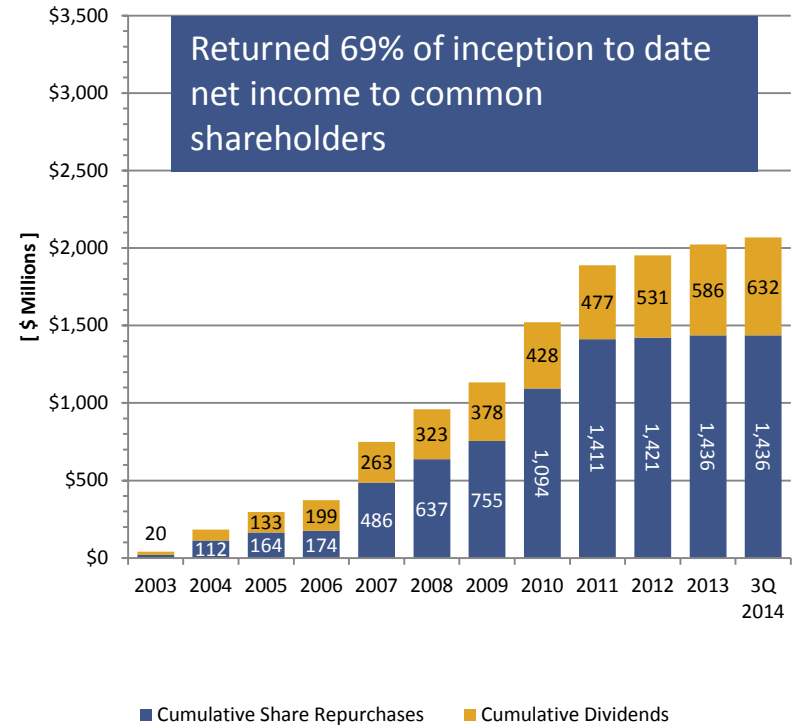
Growing and Diversified Capital Base

Organically generated capital will support current global growth initiatives

Endurance has a Diversified and Growing Capital Base



Nearly \$2.1 Billion of Capital Cumulatively Returned to Shareholders

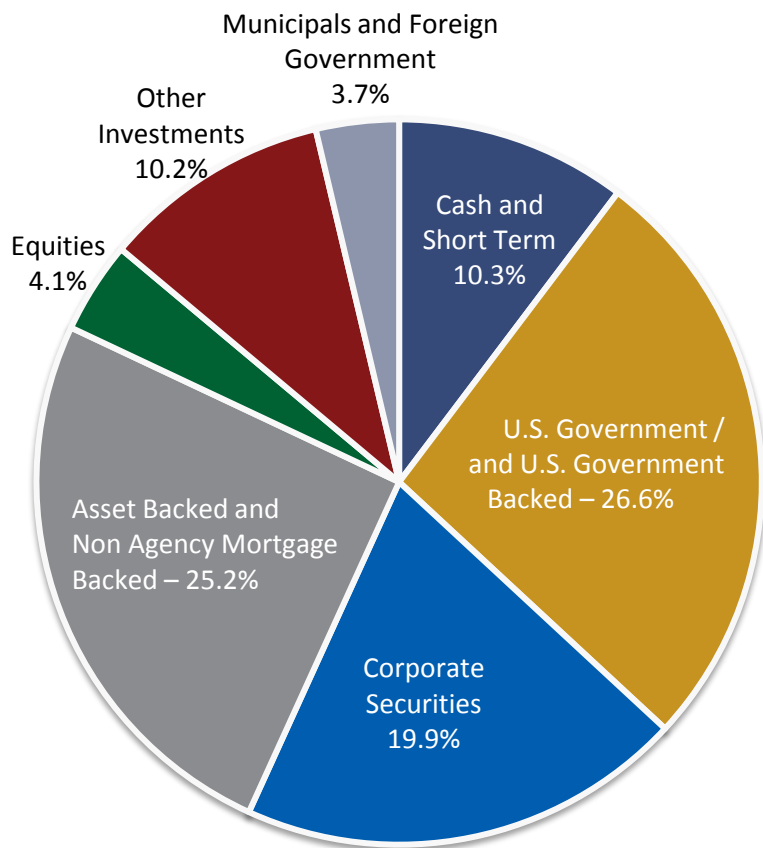


Endurance has proven its ability to generate capital which has allowed for the return to its shareholders of nearly \$2.1 billion through share repurchases and dividends while also supporting organic growth. More recently, our capital levels have grown while we have also shrunk our net catastrophe exposures. The additional available capital can be used to fund global growth opportunities.

Conservatively Positioned Investment Portfolio

Endurance maintains a high quality, short duration investment portfolio

\$6.5 Billion Investment Portfolio at September 30, 2014



Investment Portfolio Highlights

- Fixed maturity portfolio duration is 2.8 years in order to balance investment yield and interest rate risk
- Investment quality (AA- average) has remained high as the portfolio is conservatively managed in a challenging economy
 - 36.9% of investments are cash/short term or US backed
 - Minimal exposure to sovereign debt or bank debt of European peripheral countries
- Increased allocations to equities and alternatives to diversify portfolio and reduce interest rate risk
- Other investments of \$658.7 million consist of alternative funds (75.9%) and specialty funds (24.1%)
 - Alternative funds include hedge funds and private equity funds
 - Specialty funds include high yield loan and convertible debt funds

Conclusion

Endurance is a compelling investment opportunity

- Endurance is undergoing a fundamental transformation
 - Since John Charman joined Endurance in late May 2013 as Chairman and CEO Endurance has meaningfully expanded its global specialty insurance and reinsurance capabilities
 - Endurance has rebalanced its insurance and reinsurance portfolios to lower volatility and improve profitability
 - Benefits are emerging from the 4th quarter of 2013 through the 3rd quarter of 2014
- Endurance maintains excellent balance sheet strength and liquidity
 - High quality investment portfolio; fixed maturity investments have an average credit quality of AA-
 - Prudent reserving philosophy and strong reserve position; strong, consistent history of favorable development
 - Capital levels meaningfully exceed rating agency minimums, providing support for growth
- While market conditions are increasingly competitive, the outlook for Endurance remains attractive
 - Industry leading specialty underwriting talent driving growth and improved underwriting and risk selection
 - Active management of exposures and reinsurance purchases has reduced expected portfolio volatility
 - Expanded footprint of our specialty insurance and reinsurance franchise is improving market presence and relevance



Appendix





Overview of ARMtech

Overview of ARMtech

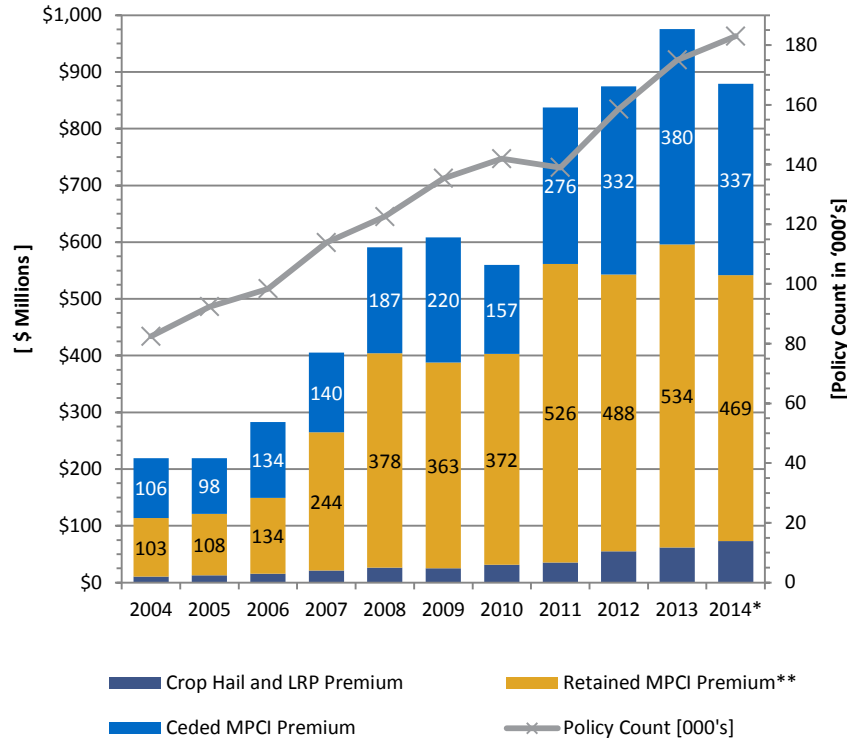
ARMtech has been a strong contributor to Endurance since its acquisition

- Multi Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) is an insurance product regulated by the USDA that provides farmers with yield or revenue protection
 - Offered by 19 licensed companies
 - Pricing is set by the government and agent compensation limits are also imposed - no pricing cycle exists
 - Reduced downside risks due to Federally sponsored reinsurance and loss sharing
 - Agriculture insurance provides strong return potential, diversification in Endurance's portfolio of (re)insurance risks and is an efficient user of capital
- ARMtech is a leading specialty crop insurance business
 - Approximate 8% market share in MPCI (with estimated 183,000 total agriculture policies in force) and is 5th largest of 19 MPCI industry participants
 - MPCI 2014 crop year* estimated gross written premiums of \$807 million**
 - Portfolio is well diversified by geography and by crop
- ARMtech was founded by software developers and has maintained a strong focus on providing industry leading service through leveraging technology
- Endurance purchased ARMtech in December 2007 at a purchase price of approximately \$125 million
 - ARMtech has grown MPCI policy count by 50.4% since 2007 and generated approximately \$74.3 million of underwriting profits since acquisition

ARMtech is a Leader in Crop Insurance

ARMtech's focus on technology and service has allowed it to steadily grow its business

Written Premiums and Policy Counts by Crop Year



Using technology and service to expand premiums

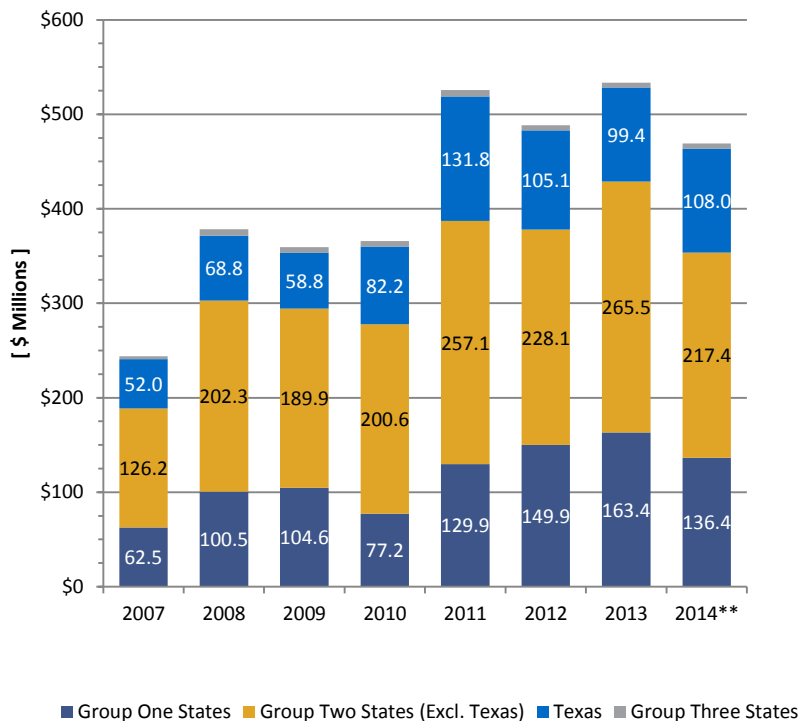
- ARMtech has built a market leading specialty crop insurance business through its focus on offering excellent service supported by industry leading technology.
- MPCl policy count has grown 50.4% over the past seven years in a line of business not subject to the property/casualty pricing cycle.
- ARMtech is a leader in using technology to deliver high quality service and to satisfy the intense compliance and documentation standards imposed on the industry by the U.S. Federal Government.
- 2014 industry premiums impacted by decline in commodity prices

ARMtech has demonstrated its ability to grow market share and premiums over time through its leading edge technology and superior delivery of service and compliance.

ARMtech is Increasing Market Share and Geographic Diversification

2012 through 2014 were very strong marketing years for ARMtech

**MPCI Net Written Premiums
by Crop Year and State Grouping***



Estimated 2014 Net Written Crop Year Premiums

- 2014 estimated crop year MPCI net written premiums of \$469.0 million*** are 12.1% lower than crop year 2013
 - Commodity prices for spring crops declined 12% on average compared to a year ago
 - Estimated policy count growth of approximately 4%
- The portfolio of 2014 crop risk is balanced by crop and geography
- Purchased excess of loss reinsurance to reimburse for losses from 85% to 96% on MPCI portfolio
- The decline in estimated 2014 crop year MPCI net written premiums is principally due to declines in crop commodity prices.

ARMtech continues to focus on diversifying its business geographically while managing its exposure to Texas through active use of available reinsurance protections.

* Group One States – IL, IN, IA, MN, NE
 Group Two States – States other than Group One and Group Three states
 Group Three States – CT, DE, MA, MD, NV, NH, NJ, NY, PA, UT, WY, WV

** Estimated 2014 crop year premiums

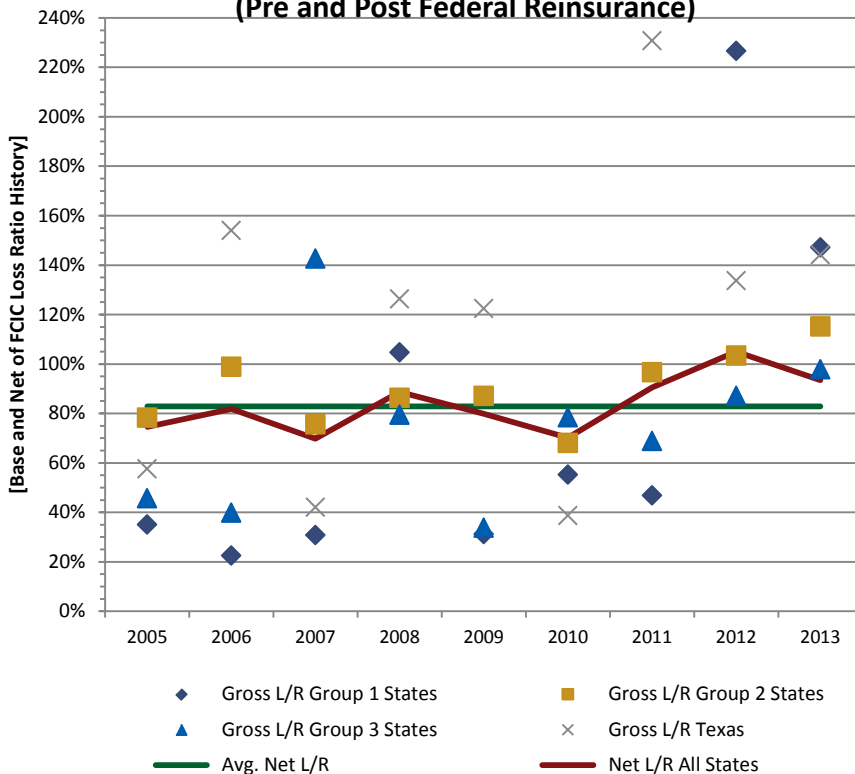
*** Reflects cessions to the Federal Government as part of the MPCI Program and not third party reinsurance purchases



Agriculture Insurance is Not Correlated with the P&C Cycle

FCIC reinsurance lowers volatility

**Historic MPCl Crop Year Loss Ratio Results
(Pre and Post Federal Reinsurance)**



Stable Results in Volatile Times

- While individual states can produce large loss ratios, the U.S. Federal reinsurance program has historically reduced loss ratio volatility.
- ARMtech's business has historically produced stable profits over time after reflecting the reinsurance terms set out in the current standard crop reinsurance agreement
 - Historic average loss ratio post U.S. Federal cessions has been 82.8% (adjusted for the 2011 Federal reinsurance terms)
 - The best year was 2007 with a 69.8% net loss ratio and the worst was 2012 with a 104.0% net MPCl loss ratio
 - ARMtech's current expense run rate after the A&O subsidy is approximately 7% - 8%

While individual states can produce highly varied gross loss ratios on a year to year basis, the U.S. Federal reinsurance program has historically mitigated that volatility and leaves ARMtech with a business which is not correlated to the traditional P&C pricing cycle and has high risk adjusted return potential.

Overview of ARMtech

ARMtech's recognition of premiums and earnings are influenced by growing seasons

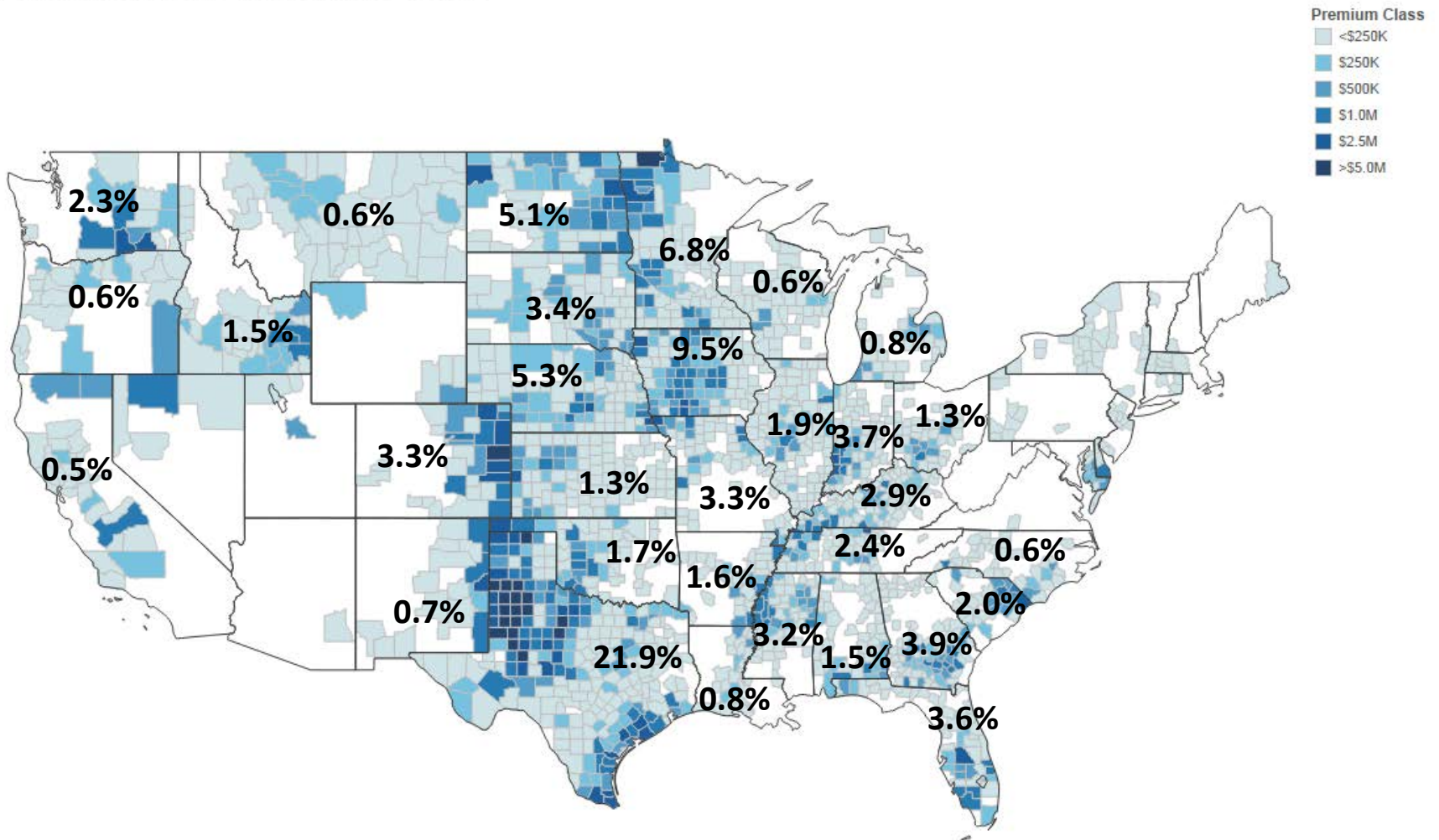
Seasonality of MPC Business

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Recognition of annual written premiums	60% - 65% Spring crops	10% - 15% Spring crop adjustments due to actual cessions	20% - 25% Spring crop acreage report adjustments Winter crops	5% - 10% Winter crop adjustments
Recognition of annual earned premiums	10%-15% Largely driven by winter crops	25% - 30% Driven by spring crops and winter crops	30% - 35% Largely driven by spring crops	25% - 30% Largely driven by spring crops
Commodity price setting	Setting of base prices for spring crops (forward commodity price for fourth quarter)	Harvest price determined for winter crops	Setting of base prices for winter crops (forward commodity price for second quarter)	Harvest price determined for spring crops
Harvest		Harvest of winter crops		Harvest of spring crops

Geographic Diversification of Crop Insurance Business

ARMtech maintains a geographically diversified portfolio of risk

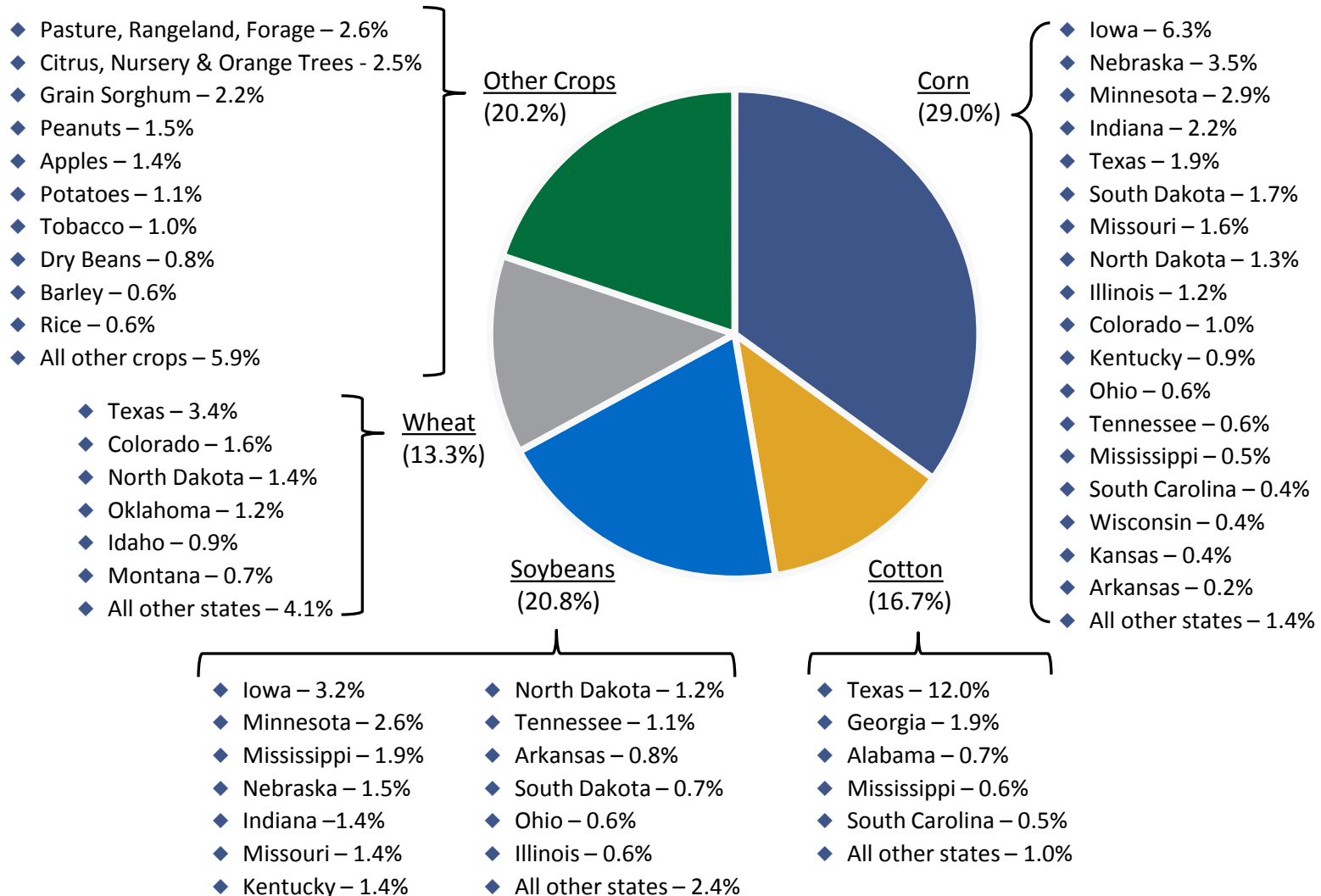
MPCI Percent of Total Retained Premium - 2014 RY



Diversification of Crops Within ARMtech's Portfolio

Underwritten risks diversified by geography and commodity type

ARMtech's 2014 Estimated Crop Year MPCl Net Written Premiums



Agriculture Insurance Contains Four Layers of Risk Mitigation

Farmers retention, ceding premiums to the U.S. Federal Government, limitations on losses and gains and purchase of stop loss protection

**2014 Crop Year
Gross Liability**

66.6% of risk retained by ARMtech

33.4% of first dollar risk retained by farmers

41.8% of MPCII Premiums Ceded to U.S. Federal Government

Assigned Risk Fund

"Higher Risk Policies"

Loss Sharing

(% of loss retained by ARMtech within each applicable band when the loss ratio is above 100%.)

Loss Ratio	
100 - 160	7.5%
160 - 220	6.0%
220 - 500	3.0%

Gain Sharing

(% of gain retained by ARMtech within each applicable band when the loss ratio is below 100%.)

Loss Ratio	
65 - 100	22.5%
50 - 65	13.5%
0 - 50	3.0%

14.1% of 2014 Crop Year NWP

Commercial Fund

"Lower Risk Policies"

Loss Ratio	Group 1 States	Group 2 & 3 States
100 - 160	65.0%	42.5%
160 - 220	45.0%	20.0%
220 - 500	10.0%	5.0%

Loss Ratio	Group 1 States	Group 2 & 3 States
65 - 100	75.0%	97.5%
50 - 65	40.0%	40.0%
0 - 50	5.0%	5.0%

85.9% of 2014 Crop Year NWP

ARMtech Has Grown Market Share Over Time

Superior service and technology has driven growth in stable market

MPCI Certified Companies (Owners)	Crop Year Market Share							% Change in Market Share 2007 - 2013
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	
Rain and Hail (ACE) ⁽¹⁾	20.8%	21.3%	21.8%	22.6%	24.3%	24.1%	25.0%	-4.2%
Rural Community Insurance Company (Wells Fargo)	20.6%	22.1%	21.8%	22.9%	24.7%	25.2%	25.1%	-4.5%
NAU Country Insurance Company (QBE) ⁽¹⁾	13.1%	13.3%	14.8%	14.4%	13.7%	13.8%	13.3%	-0.2%
Great American Insurance Co.	8.5%	8.5%	8.7%	8.7%	9.1%	10.1%	10.6%	-2.1%
American Agri-Business Ins. Co. (Endurance)	7.7%	7.4%	6.7%	7.0%	6.5%	5.7%	5.9%	1.8%
Producers Ag. Ins. Co. (CUNA Mutual)	4.9%	5.5%	6.4%	6.3%	5.3%	5.2%	4.8%	0.2%
Guide One Mutual (CGB Diversified Services)	4.6%	4.0%	2.7%	2.0%	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%	3.4%
Farmers Mutual Hail Ins. of Iowa	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%	4.2%	3.8%	4.0%	4.0%	0.3%
John Deere Risk Protection, Inc.	3.8%	3.3%	3.3%	3.8%	4.0%	3.3%	3.0%	0.7%
Agrinational Insurance Company (ADM)	3.1%	2.5%	2.1%	1.5%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	2.1%
Heartland (Everest Re)	2.4%	2.3%	2.4%	3.0%	3.4%	3.3%	3.2%	-0.9%
Hudson Insurance Company ⁽¹⁾	2.0%	1.6%	1.2%	1.2%	0.8%	0.6%	0.4%	1.6%
AgriLogic (Occidental Firs & Casualty Co)	1.6%	1.8%	1.4%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%
American Agricultural Ins. Co (Amer. Farm Bureau)	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%	1.2%	0.0%
Country Mutual Insurance Company	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.4%	-0.5%
Global Ag (XL Reinsurance)	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%
International Ag (Starr Indemnity)	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%

Source - National Crop Insurance Services (NCIS)

(1) 2007 Crop Year Market Share was increased to reflect the acquisition of a company between 2007 and 2013.



Other Miscellaneous Information

Probable Maximum Loss by Zone and Peril

Largest 1 in 100 year PML as of July 1, 2014 is equal to 11.1% of Shareholders' Equity as of September 30, 2014

Zone	Peril	Estimated Occurrence Net Loss as of July 1, 2014					July 1, 2013	July 1, 2012
		10 Year Return Period	25 Year Return Period	50 Year Return Period	100 Year Return Period	250 Year Return Period	100 Year Return Period	100 Year Return Period
United States	Hurricane	\$123	\$176	\$232	\$284	\$362	\$350	\$468
Europe	Windstorm	98	202	276	345	422	331	344
California	Earthquake	36	147	205	250	329	284	412
Japan	Windstorm	33	100	140	158	175	230	247
Northwest U.S.	Earthquake	—	5	36	91	185	89	184
Japan	Earthquake	10	83	127	163	205	137	138
United States	Tornado/Hail	35	50	63	78	99	89	96
Australia	Earthquake	1	11	44	121	218	87	83
New Zealand	Earthquake	1	5	14	35	87	23	22
Australia	Windstorm	7	24	51	88	155	58	37
New Madrid	Earthquake	—	—	—	6	72	7	11

The net loss estimates by zone above represent estimated losses related to our property, catastrophe and other specialty lines of business, based upon our catastrophe models and assumptions regarding the location, size, magnitude, and frequency of the catastrophe events utilized to determine the above estimates. The net loss estimates are presented on an occurrence basis, before income tax and net of reinsurance recoveries and reinstatement premiums, if applicable. Return period refers to the frequency with which the related size of a catastrophic event is expected to occur.

Actual realized catastrophic losses could differ materially from our net loss estimates and our net loss estimates should not be considered as representative of the actual losses that we may incur in connection with any particular catastrophic event. The net loss estimates above rely significantly on computer models created to simulate the effect of catastrophes on insured properties based upon data emanating from past catastrophic events. Since comprehensive data collection regarding insured losses from catastrophe events is a relatively recent development in the insurance industry, the data upon which catastrophe models is based is limited, which has the potential to introduce inaccuracies into estimates of losses from catastrophic events, in particular those that occur infrequently. In addition, catastrophe models are significantly influenced by management's assumptions regarding event characteristics, construction of insured property and the cost and duration of rebuilding after the catastrophe. Lastly, changes in Endurance's underwriting portfolio risk control mechanisms and other factors, either before or after the date of the above net loss estimates, may also cause actual results to vary considerably from the net loss estimates above. For a listing of risks related to Endurance and its future performance, please see "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the periods ended June 30, 2014.

Year To Date September 30, 2014 Highlights

Results were driven by strong underwriting margins supported by light catastrophe losses and favorable development

- Book value per common share, adjusted for dividends, expanded 10.5% during the first nine months of 2014
 - Net income attributable to common shareholders of \$239.3 million
 - Improved accident year loss ratios in both segments
 - General and administrative expenses were higher due to the hiring of numerous global underwriting teams, expenses related to the proposed acquisition of Aspen and higher performance based incentive compensation
 - Lighter catastrophe activity than the first nine months of 2013
- Gross written premiums of \$2.47 billion were 7.8% higher than first nine months of 2013 while we continued to rebalance our portfolios
 - Insurance gross written premiums of \$1.39 billion were 9.4% higher than the first nine months of 2013
 - Strong growth from newly hired teams in our U.S. specialty operations and London were offset by lower agriculture premiums. Professional lines grew 88.3% while the casualty and other specialty lines of business expanded 52.7% compared to the first nine months of 2013. Year to date agriculture gross premiums written declined 11.1% as the impact from reduced commodity prices were partially offset by a 4% increase in policy counts.
 - Reinsurance gross written premiums of \$1.08 billion an increase of 5.8% compared to first nine months of 2013
 - Rebalancing of the reinsurance portfolio continued as catastrophe and casualty products were selectively non-renewed, which was partially offset by growth in specialty and professional lines of business.
- Net written premiums declined 3.9% compared to the first nine months of 2013 as significant reinsurance/retrocessional protection has been purchased to reduce potential volatility

Financial Results for the First Nine Months of 2014 and 2013

Financial highlights

\$MM (except per share data and %)	Sep. 30, 2014	Sep. 30, 2013	\$ Change	% Change
Net premiums written	1,700.2	1,768.9	(68.7)	-3.9%
Net premiums earned	1,392.7	1,517.0	(124.3)	-8.2%
Net investment income	105.6	119.9	(14.3)	-11.9%
Net underwriting income	177.7	163.0	14.7	9.0%
Net income to common shareholders	239.3	220.2	19.1	8.7%
Operating income to common shareholders	225.5	221.0	4.5	2.0%
Fully diluted net income EPS	5.36	5.04	0.32	6.3%
Fully diluted operating income EPS	5.05	5.06	(0.01)	-0.2%

Key operating ratios

	Sep. 30, 2014	Sep. 30, 2013
Operating ROE (annualized)	11.7%	12.6%
Net loss ratio	52.2%	60.4%
Acquisition expense ratio	17.5%	14.7%
General and administrative expense ratio	17.3%	14.2%
Combined ratio	87.0%	89.3%
Diluted book value per share	\$59.98	\$54.33
Investment leverage	2.49	2.71

Gross Written Premiums for the First Nine Months of 2014 and 2013

Insurance Segment

In \$MM	Sep. 30, 2014	Sep. 30, 2013	\$ Change	% Change
Casualty and other specialty	366.3	239.9	126.4	52.7%
Agriculture	796.4	896.2	-99.8	-11.1%
Professional lines	176.1	93.5	82.6	88.3%
Property	55.3	45.1	10.2	22.6%
Total insurance	1,394.1	1,274.7	119.4	9.4%

Reinsurance Segment

In \$MM	Sep. 30, 2014	Sep. 30, 2013	\$ Change	% Change
Professional lines	131.3	50.5	80.8	160.0%
Casualty	139.3	211.5	-72.2	-34.1%
Catastrophe	332.2	342.0	-9.8	-2.9%
Property	283.1	288.4	-5.3	-1.8%
Specialty	193.1	127.3	65.8	51.7%
Total reinsurance	1,079.0	1,019.7	59.3	5.8%

Financial Overview: Inception to Date Financial Performance

Financial highlights from 2002 through September 30, 2014

In \$MM	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Sep 30, 2014	Inception to date
Net premiums written	765	1,598	1,697	1,619	1,586	1,575	1,784	1,606	1,764	1,980	2,029	2,049	1,700	21,752
Net premiums earned	369	1,174	1,633	1,724	1,639	1,595	1,766	1,633	1,741	1,931	2,014	2,016	1,393	20,628
Net underwriting income (loss)	51	179	232	-410	304	322	111	265	195	-252	-48	195	178	1,322
Net investment income	43	71	122	180	257	281	130	284	200	147	173	166	106	2,160
Net income (loss) before preferred dividend	102	263	356	-220	498	521	100	555	365	-94	163	312	264	3,185
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	102	263	356	-223	483	506	85	539	349	-118	130	279	239	2,990
Diluted EPS	\$1.73	\$4.00	\$5.28	(\$3.60)	\$6.73	\$7.17	\$1.33	\$9.00	\$6.38	(\$2.95)	\$3.00	\$6.37	\$5.36	\$49.80

Key Operating Ratios	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Sep. 30, 2014	Inception to date
Combined ratio	86.2%	84.7%	85.8%	123.5%	81.5%	79.9%	93.5%	84.0%	88.7%	112.9%	102.3%	90.2%	87.0%	93.5%
Operating ROE	7.8%	17.3%	19.9%	(11.9%)	25.7%	23.8%	8.5%	22.0%	12.6%	(6.3%)	2.4%	11.9%	11.7%	11.0%
Book value per share	\$21.73	\$24.03	\$27.91	\$23.17	\$28.87	\$35.05	\$33.06	\$44.61	\$52.74	\$50.56	\$52.88	\$55.18	\$59.98	