

2018 Annual Report

BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements of the Company, which are the basis for data presented in this report, have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) unless otherwise noted and are presented in millions of Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This report may contain forward-looking information. Forward-looking information includes statements that are predictive in nature, depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates" and other similar expressions or negative versions thereof. These statements include, without limitation, statements about the Company's operations, business, financial condition, expected financial performance (including revenues, earnings or growth rates), ongoing business strategies or prospects, and possible future actions by the Company, including statements made with respect to the expected benefits of acquisitions and divestitures, expected cost reductions and savings and the expected benefits associated with technology and digital enhancements. Forward-looking statements are based on expectations, forecasts, estimates, predictions, projections and conclusions about future events that were current at the time of the statements and are inherently subject to, among other things, risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Company, economic factors and the financial services industry generally, including the insurance and mutual fund industries. They are not guarantees of future performance, and the reader is cautioned that actual events and results could differ materially from those expressed or implied by forward-looking statements. Material factors and assumptions that were applied in formulating the forward-looking information contained herein include the assumption that the business and economic conditions affecting the Company's operations will continue substantially in their current state, including, without limitation, with respect to customer behaviour, the Company's reputation, market prices for products provided, sales levels, premium income, fee income, expense levels, mortality experience, morbidity experience, policy lapse rates, reinsurance arrangements, liquidity requirements, capital requirements, credit ratings, taxes, inflation, interest and foreign exchange rates, investment values, hedging activities, global equity and capital markets, business competition and other general economic, political and market factors in North America and internationally. Many of these assumptions are based on factors and events that are not within the control of the Company and there is no assurance that they will prove to be correct. Other important factors and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements include customer responses to new products, impairments of goodwill and other intangible assets, the Company's ability to execute strategic plans and changes to strategic plans, technological changes, breaches or failure of information systems and security (including cyber attacks), payments required under investment products, changes in local and international laws and regulations, changes in accounting policies and the effect of applying future accounting policy changes, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings, catastrophic events, continuity and availability of personnel and third party service providers, the Company's ability to complete strategic transactions and integrate acquisitions and unplanned material changes to the Company's facilities, customer and employee relations or credit arrangements. The reader is cautioned that the foregoing list of assumptions and factors is not exhaustive, and there may be other factors, including factors set out herein under "Financial Instruments Risk Management". The reader is also cautioned to consider these and other factors, uncertainties and potential events carefully and not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information. Other than as specifically required by applicable law, the Company does not intend to update any forward-looking information whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING NON-IFRS FINANCIAL MEASURES

This report contains some non-IFRS financial measures. Terms by which non-IFRS financial measures are identified include, but are not limited to, "operating earnings", "adjusted net earnings", "adjusted return on equity", "constant currency basis", "impact of currency movement", "premiums and deposits", "sales", "assets under management" and "assets under administration". Non-IFRS financial measures are used to provide management and investors with additional measures of performance to help assess results where no comparable IFRS measure exists. However, non-IFRS financial measures do not have standard meanings prescribed by IFRS and are not directly comparable to similar measures used by other companies. Please refer to the appropriate reconciliations of these non-IFRS financial measures to measures prescribed by IFRS where applicable.

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CANADA LIFE: STRENGTH, PURPOSE, FOCUS

For more than 170 years, our customers across Canada have trusted us to provide for their financial security needs and to deliver on the promises we have made.

That commitment is built on the dedication, skill and energy of our employees and advisors* and their commitment to our customers and to our communities.

Together, Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life serve the financial security needs of more than 13 million people across Canada and are a leading provider of individual life insurance with nearly three million individual life insurance policies in force.

Our companies are committed to putting the customer first – whether handling policy claims, growing and protecting clients' retirement and investment savings, providing workplace mental health support for employers or helping build strong communities by investing in community projects.

In 2018 in Canada, our companies:

- Helped families cope with loss, paying out more than \$2.5 billion in life insurance benefits.
- Provided income for over 79,000 people who became disabled and could no longer work.
- Made over \$916 million of annuity payments, helping Canadians fund their retirement with a secure income stream.
- Helped over 30,000 employers provide benefits plans and more than 9,000 employers offer retirement savings plans for their employees.

\$271.2 million

Dividends paid out to Canada Life participating policyholders

\$9.3 billion

Benefits paid to Canadian customers

\$105.3 billion

Retirement and investment holdings in Canada

\$13.3 million

Contributed to Canadian communities

Our organization

Founded in 1847, Canada Life was Canada's first domestic life insurance company. We provide insurance and wealth management products and services in Canada, the United Kingdom, Isle of Man and Germany, and in Ireland through Irish Life.

In Europe, where Canada Life's operations date back to 1903, we help secure the financial future of individuals and their families through diverse investment, retirement and insurance solutions to meet customers' unique needs. Our asset management teams – Canada Life in the U.K., and Irish Life Investment Managers and Setanta Asset Management in Ireland – are dedicated stewards of our customers' investments that they have entrusted with us.

As a leading provider of traditional mortality, structured and longevity reinsurance solutions for life insurers in the U.S. and in Europe, Canada Life operates through branches and subsidiaries in the United States, Barbados and Ireland.

Canada Life is a subsidiary of Great-West Lifeco Inc. and, together with Great-West Life and London Life, a member of the Power Financial Corporation group of companies.

For more information, including current credit ratings, visit canadalife.com.

^{*} In Quebec, advisor refers to a financial security advisor for individual insurance and segregated fund policies.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Strength, purpose and focus

Canada life delivered solid results across all of our businesses in 2018. We maintained our strong capital position and industry-leading credit ratings. This strength and stability positions us to extend and grow our business. We have a clear purpose to meet the diverse and changing needs of our customers and advisors. This purpose along with disciplined execution of our strategy is the key to building long-term shareholder value.

Over the past decade, our industry has faced a rapid pace of change and challenging economic conditions. Yet throughout, our company has been building momentum and is well-placed to enhance our leading position.

As we move forward with our strategy, we are deploying capital to both strengthen and extend existing businesses and to capture new and emerging growth opportunities. To remain competitive, we must respond to changing customer expectations being reshaped by generational shifts, advances in technology and evolving regulation. At the heart of this change is our focus on making it easier for our customers and advisors to work with us to achieve their goals.

Investing for growth

We are deploying capital through both strategic investments in existing businesses and through mergers and acquisitions (M&A) to reshape our growth profile.

Our M&A activities are focused on deploying capital in businesses that better align with our strategic and shareholder growth objectives. A great example was the acquisition of Retirement Advantage in the U.K. where we increased scale in an existing business while expanding our business model to include high growth equity release mortgage products. This new product provides our customers with the freedom to stay in their homes while accessing some of their property's underlying equity value to enhance their retirement income. This is a good example of how our customers are better served by a more diversified product mix. Another example is the recently announced disposition of our individual life insurance and annuity business in the United States via reinsurance. This transaction, expected to close in the second quarter of 2019, will further strengthen our capital position and allow us to focus on the U.S. retirement and asset management markets.

Responding through innovation

We are pursuing investments in innovative technologies that digitally enable our customers and advisors.

For example, strategic investments in new digital labs focused on product and process improvements have produced impressive results. The labs enable us to rapidly deliver relevant solutions that improve the customer and advisor experience. In our first digital lab, we worked alongside advisors to create an innovative digital insurance product – SimpleProtect – that allows advisors to work with qualifying customers to secure life insurance coverage in minutes rather than weeks.

Investing in our people and a more sustainable future

Our people are core to our success. That is why we are investing in the tools and training they need to deliver on our strategy. We are also committed to promoting a diverse and inclusive work environment that fully leverages the unique talents and perspectives of all employees.

At the same time, we find inspiration in our people as they give back to the communities where they work and live. Through investments in charitable initiatives, support of volunteer efforts and environmentally responsible choices, we are building a stronger community together.



Jeffrey Orr Chair of the Board



Paul Mahon President and Chief Executive Officer

What success looks like

While challenging economic conditions and a constantly changing world create uncertainty, our solid foundation has us well-positioned for continued growth and success. In the pages that follow, you will read stories about how we are implementing our strategy to meet the changing needs of our customers, advisors and employees. You will see that our strength, purpose and focus are the pillars upon which we are building shareholder value.

Strong governance

Canada Life believes good corporate governance is essential to creating consistently strong long-term performance and positive outcomes for customers, policyholders and shareholders.

We thank our Directors for their valuable contribution to the governance and affairs of our companies.

At our 2018 Annual Meeting we announced the retirement of two Directors. Rima Qureshi was a Director for two years, serving on the Executive, Investment and Risk Committees. Henri-Paul Rousseau was a Director for nine years, also serving on the Executive, Investment and Risk Committees.

At the 2018 Annual Meeting, three new Directors were elected: Michael Amend, Elizabeth Lempres and Paula Madoff. Mr. Amend is the President, Online, Lowe's Companies, Inc. Ms. Lempres is Senior Partner Emeritus of McKinsey where she spent 28 years. Most recently she led McKinsey's global Private Equity and Principal Investors Practice until her retirement in September 2017. Ms. Madoff is an Advisory Director at Goldman Sachs where she spent 24 years. Most recently she was a Partner and Head of Sales Distribution for Interest Rate Products and Mortgages until her retirement in 2017.

Thank you

We thank our customers and our shareholders for putting their trust in us. We also thank our employees and advisors for their dedication and commitment to meeting the needs of our customers.

Jeffrey Orr Chair of the Board Paul Mahon President and Chief Executive Officer

As at and for the years ended December 31		2018	2017	% Change
Premiums and deposits:				
Net premium income (Life insurance, guaranteed annuities and insured health products)	\$	9,021 \$	8,387	8 %
Segregated funds deposits:	•	0,021	0,007	0 70
Individual products		13,005	13,279	(2)%
Group products		9	28	(68)%
Proprietary mutual funds and institutional deposits (1)		11,373	10,424	9 %
Total premiums and deposits ⁽¹⁾		33,408	32,118	4 %
Fee and other income		1,646	1,546	6 %
Net policyholder benefits, dividends and experience refunds		7,408	7,256	2 %
Summary of net earnings attributable to:				
Participating account		^		(0)0/
Net earnings before policyholder dividend Policyholder dividends	\$	273 \$ 320	299 312	(9)%
Net earnings (loss) - participating account ⁽⁴⁾		(47)	(13)	(262)%
Preferred share dividends		14	14	— %
Common shareholder ⁽⁴⁾		1,756	1,639	7 %
Net earnings	\$	1,723 \$	1,640	5 %
Per common share				
Dividends paid	\$	4.43 \$	4.41	— %
Book value		45.60	42.61	7 %
Total assets	\$	219,711 \$	212,684	3 %
Proprietary mutual funds and institutional net assets (2)		48,151	47,782	1 %
Total assets under management (2)		267,862	260,466	3 %
Other assets under administration (3)	_	45,024	41,945	7 %
Total assets under administration	\$	312,886 \$	302,411	3 %
Participating account surplus	\$	288 \$	339	(15)%
Non-controlling interests		119	96	24 %
Shareholders' equity	_	12,126	11,522	5 %
Total equity	\$	12,533 \$	11,957	<u>5 %</u>

⁽¹⁾ In addition to premiums and deposits reported in the financial statements, the Company includes deposits on proprietary mutual funds and institutional accounts to calculate total premiums and deposits (a non-IFRS financial measure). This measure provides useful information as it is an indicator of top-line growth.

⁽²⁾ Total assets under management (a non-IFRS financial measure) provides an indicator of the size and volume of the overall business of the Company. Services provided in respect of assets under management include the selection of investments, the provision of investment advice and discretionary portfolio management on behalf of clients. This includes internally and externally managed funds where the Company has oversight of the investment policies.

Other assets under administration (a non-IFRS financial measure) includes assets where the Company only provides administration services for which the Company earns fee and other income. These assets are beneficially owned by clients and the Company does not direct the investing activities. Services provided relating to assets under administration include recordkeeping, safekeeping, collecting investment income, settling of transactions or other administrative services. Administrative services are an important aspect of the overall business of the Company and should be considered when comparing volumes, size and trends.

⁽⁴⁾ Net earnings attributable to the common shareholder and the participating account include the impact of restructuring costs. The year-ended December 31, 2018 included restructuring expenses of \$56 attributable to the common shareholder (\$43 in 2017) and nil attributable to participating account (\$5 in 2017).

FINANCIAL REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY

The consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of management and are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), including the accounting requirements of the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada. The financial information contained elsewhere in the annual report is consistent with that in the consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements necessarily include amounts that are based on management's best estimates. These estimates are based on careful judgments and have been properly reflected in the consolidated financial statements. In the opinion of management, the accounting practices utilized are appropriate in the circumstances and the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company and its segregated funds and the results of its operations and its cash flows and the changes in assets of its segregated funds in accordance with IFRS, including the requirements of the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada.

In carrying out its responsibilities, management maintains appropriate internal control over financial reporting designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS, including the requirements of the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada.

The consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors, which has oversight responsibilities with respect to financial reporting. The Board of Directors carries out this responsibility principally through the Audit Committee, which comprises non-management directors. The Audit Committee is charged with, among other things, the responsibility to:

- Review the interim and annual consolidated financial statements and report thereon to the Board of Directors.
- Review internal control procedures.
- Review the independence of the external auditors and the terms of their engagement and recommend the appointment and compensation of the external auditors to the Board of Directors.
- Review other audit, accounting and financial reporting matters as required.

In carrying out the above responsibilities, this Committee meets regularly with management, and with both the Company's external and internal auditors to review their respective audit plans and to review their audit findings. The Committee is readily accessible to external and internal auditors and to the Appointed Actuary.

The Board of Directors of the Company, pursuant to the Insurance Companies Act (Canada), appoints an Actuary who is a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries. The Actuary:

- Ensures that the assumptions and methods used in the valuation of policy liabilities are in accordance with accepted actuarial practice, applicable legislation and associated regulations and directives.
- Provides an opinion regarding the appropriateness of the policy liabilities at the balance sheet date to meet all policyholder obligations. Examination of supporting data for accuracy and completeness and analysis of assets for their ability to support the policy liabilities are important elements of the work required to form this opinion.
- Annually analyzes the financial condition of the Company and prepares a report for the Board of Directors. The analysis covers a five year period, and tests the projected capital adequacy of the Company, under adverse economic and business conditions.

Deloitte LLP Chartered Professional Accountants, as the Company's external auditors, have audited the consolidated financial statements. The Independent Auditor's Report to the Policyholders and Shareholder is presented following the consolidated financial statements. Their opinion is based upon an examination conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, performing such tests and other procedures as they consider necessary in order to obtain reasonable assurance that the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company and its segregated funds and the results of its operations and its cash flows and the changes in assets of its segregated funds in accordance with IFRS.

Paul Mahon

President and

Chief Executive Officer

Garry MacNicholas Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer

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February 6, 2019

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

(in Canadian \$ millions)

	For the years ended December 31				
		2018	2017		
Income					
Premium income					
Gross premiums written	\$	25,632 \$	23,172		
Ceded premiums		(16,611)	(14,785)		
Total net premiums		9,021	8,387		
Net investment income (note 7)		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Regular net investment income		2,909	2,802		
Changes in fair value through profit or loss		(1,984)	763		
Total net investment income		925	3,565		
Fee and other income		1,646	1,546		
		11,592	13,498		
Benefits and expenses					
Policyholder benefits					
Gross		21,806	19,830		
Ceded		(14,793)	(12,948)		
Total net policyholder benefits		7,013	6,882		
Policyholder dividends and experience refunds		395	374		
Changes in insurance and investment contract liabilities		(290)	1,879		
Total paid or credited to policyholders		7,118	9,135		
Commissions		816	934		
Operating and administrative expenses (note 28)		1,442	1,295		
Premium taxes		221	189		
Financing charges (note 17)		35	40		
Amortization of finite life intangible assets (note 11)		49	38		
Restructuring expenses (note 5)		67	61		
Earnings before income taxes		1,844	1,806		
Income taxes (note 27)		119	160		
Net earnings before non-controlling interests		1,725	1,646		
Attributable to non-controlling interests (note 20)		2	6		
Net earnings		1,723	1,640		
Net earnings (loss) - participating account (note 19)		(47)	(13)		
Net earnings - shareholders		1,770	1,653		
Preferred share dividends		14	14		
Net earnings - common shareholder	<u>\$</u>	1,756 \$	1,639		

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(in Canadian \$ millions)

	For the years ended December 31		
		2018	2017
Net earnings	\$	1,723 \$	1,640
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to Consolidated Statements of Earnings			
Unrealized foreign exchange gains (losses) on translation of foreign operations		307	270
Unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale assets Income tax (expense) benefit		(33) 5	(26) 5
Realized (gains) on available-for-sale assets Income tax expense (benefit)		3 (1)	(12) 1
Non-controlling interests		(1)	_
Total items that may be reclassified		280	238
Items that will not be reclassified to Consolidated Statements of Earnings			
Re-measurements on defined benefit pension and other post-employment benefit plans (note 24)		(14)	69
Income tax (expense) benefit		6	(19)
Total items that will not be reclassified		(8)	50
Total other comprehensive income		272	288
Comprehensive income	\$	1,995 \$	1,928

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in Canadian \$ millions)

		December 3	1
		2018	2017
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents (note 6)	\$	2,513 \$	2,043
Bonds (note 7)	·	65,867	63,432
Mortgage loans (note 7)		8,043	6,799
Stocks (note 7)		2,742	2,791
Investment properties (note 7)		3,281	3,222
Loans to policyholders		985	933
Loans to policyrioliders		83,431	79,220
Assets held for sale (note 4)		897	_
Funds held by ceding insurers (note 8)		8,856	9,499
Goodwill (note 11)		1,110	794
Intangible assets (note 11)		439	362
Derivative financial instruments (note 29)		178	206
Owner occupied properties (note 12)		290	281
Fixed assets (note 12)		73	65
Other assets (note 13)		1.138	1.104
Premiums in course of collection, accounts and interest receivable		2,693	2,511
Reinsurance assets (note 14)		9,749	8,503
Current income taxes		91	7
Deferred tax assets (note 27)		124	97
Investments on account of segregated fund policyholders (note 15)		107,323	110,035
Investments on account of segregated fund policyholders held for sale (note 4)		3,319	_
Total assets	\$	219,711 \$	212,684
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Liabilities			
Insurance contract liabilities (note 14)	\$	84,132 \$	80,717
Investment contract liabilities (note 14)		1,641	1,762
Liabilities held for sale (note 4)		897	
Debentures and other debt instruments (note 16)		1,139	1,125
Funds held under reinsurance contracts		3,617	2,423
Derivative financial instruments (note 29)		960	723
Accounts payable		1,371	1,161
Other liabilities (note 18)		2,068	1,901
Current income taxes		280	410
Deferred tax liabilities (note 27)		431	470
Investment and insurance contracts on account of segregated fund policyholders (note 15)		107,323	110,035
Investment and insurance contracts on account of segregated fund policyholders held for sale (note 4)		3,319	
Total liabilities		207,178	200,727
Equity			
Participating account surplus		288	339
Non-controlling interests (note 20)		119	96
Shareholders' equity			
Share capital (note 21)			
Preferred shares		_	200
Common shares		2,672	2,672
Accumulated surplus		8,857	8,329
Accumulated other comprehensive income (note 25)		514	238
Contributed surplus		83	83
Total equity		12,533	11,957
Total liabilities and equity	\$	219,711 \$	212,684
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Approved by the Board of Directors:

Jeffrey Orr Chair of the Board

Paul Mahon

President and Chief Executive Officer

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

(in Canadian \$ millions)

December 31, 2018

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		Share capital	С	Contributed surplus	A	ccumulated surplus	COI	ccumulated other mprehensive come (loss)	s	Total hareholders' equity		Non- ontrolling nterests	P	articipating account surplus		Total equity
Balance, beginning of year Net earnings (loss)	\$	2,872 —	\$	83 —	\$	8,329 1,770	\$	238	\$	11,522 1,770	\$	96 2	\$	339 (47)	\$	11,957 1,725
Other comprehensive income (loss)								276		276		1		(4)		273
		2,872		83		10,099		514		13,568		99		288		13,955
Dividends to shareholders Preferred shareholders Common shareholder		_ _		_		(14) (1,228)		_		(14) (1,228)		_ _		_		(14) (1,228)
Acquisition of Invesco non-controlling interest (note 3)		_		_		_		_		_		20		_		20
Share redemption (note 21)		(200))	_		_		_		(200)				_		(200)
Balance, end of year	\$	2,672	\$	83	\$	8,857	\$	514	\$	12,126	\$	119	\$	288	\$	12,533
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December 31, 2017

		Share capital	(Contributed surplus	Α	ccumulated surplus	cor	ccumulated other mprehensive come (loss)	S	Total shareholders' equity	Non- ontrolling interests	F	Participating account surplus	Total equity
Balance, beginning of year Net earnings (loss)	\$	2,477	\$	83	\$	7,845 1,653	\$	(68) —	\$	10,337 1,653	\$ 90	\$	357 (13)	\$ 10,784 1,646
Other comprehensive income (loss)	_							293		293			(5)	288
Issue of common		2,477		83		9,498		225		12,283	96		339	12,718
shares to parent company (note 21)		395		_		_		_		395	_		_	395
Dividends to shareholders														
Preferred shareholders		_		_		(14)		_		(14)	_		_	(14)
Common shareholder		_		_		(1,142)		_		(1,142)	_		_	(1,142)
Disposal of investment in associate		_		_		(13)		13		_	_		_	_
Balance, end of year	\$	2,872	\$	83	\$	8,329	\$	238	\$	11,522	\$ 96	\$	339	\$ 11,957

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in Canadian \$ millions)

	For the years ended December 31		
		2018	2017
Operations			
Earnings before income taxes	\$	1,844 \$	1,806
Income taxes paid, net of refunds received	*	(356)	(255)
Adjustments:		,	,
Change in insurance and investment contract liabilities		(1,138)	634
Change in funds held by ceding insurers		639	850
Change in funds held under reinsurance contracts		(2)	118
Change in reinsurance assets		83	864
Changes in fair value through profit or loss		1,984	(763)
Other		208	(78)
		3,262	3,176
Financing Activities			
Issue of common shares (note 21)		_	395
Redemption of preferred shares (note 21)		(200)	_
Decrease in debentures and other debt instruments		_	(284)
Repayment of promissory note to related party		(7)	_
Dividends paid on common shares		(1,228)	(1,142)
Dividends paid on preferred shares		(14)	(14)
		(1,449)	(1,045)
Investment Activities			
Bond sales and maturities		15,033	12,341
Mortgage loan repayments		819	627
Stock sales		743	1,457
Investment property sales		34	72
Change in loans to policyholders		(22)	13
Business acquisitions, net of cash and cash equivalents acquired (note 3)		(263)	_
Cash and cash equivalents classified as held for sale (note 4)		(112)	_
Investment in bonds		(15,510)	(14,466)
Investment in mortgage loans		(1,137)	(757)
Investment in stocks		(915)	(1,263)
Investment in investment properties		(92)	(2,064)
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Effect of changes in exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents		79	37
Increase in cash and cash equivalents		470	104
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		2,043	1,939
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	2,513 \$	2,043
Supplementary cash flow information			
Interest income received	\$	2,740 \$	2,608
Interest paid		35	40
Dividend income received		69	59

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(in Canadian \$ millions except per share amounts)

1. Corporate Information

The Canada Life Assurance Company (Canada Life or the Company) is a company incorporated and domiciled in Canada. The registered address of the Company is 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5G 1R8. Canada Life is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Canada Life Financial Corporation (CLFC), whose indirect parent is Great-West Lifeco Inc. (Lifeco). Lifeco is a member of the Power Corporation of Canada group of companies and its direct parent is Power Financial Corporation (Power Financial).

Canada Life is a financial services company with interests in the life insurance, health insurance, retirement savings, investment management and reinsurance businesses, primarily in Canada, Europe and the United States, through its subsidiaries The Canada Life Group (U.K.) Limited (CLG (U.K.)), Canada Life Limited (CLL) and Irish Life Group Limited (Irish Life).

The consolidated financial statements (financial statements) of the Company as at and for the year ended December 31, 2018 were approved by the Board of Directors on February 6, 2019.

2. Basis of Presentation and Summary of Accounting Policies

The consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). Consistent accounting policies were applied in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements of the subsidiaries of the Company.

Changes in Accounting Policies

Effective January 1, 2018, the Company adopted IFRS 15, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (IFRS 15) which replaces IAS 11, *Construction Contracts* and IAS 18, *Revenue*. The standard prescribes a five-step recognition and measurement model for revenue from contracts with customers and related costs. Revenue arising from insurance contracts, leases contracts and financial instruments are out of the scope of IFRS 15 whereas fee income on other contracts is in scope.

Fee income includes fees earned from management of segregated fund assets, proprietary mutual fund assets, commissions and fees earned from management services. Under IFRS 15, the Company recognizes revenue on the transfer of services to customers for the amount that reflects the consideration expected to be received in exchange for those services promised.

Adoption of this standard did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

The Company adopted the narrow scope amendments to IFRS for IAS 40, *Investment Property*, IFRS 2, *Share-based Payment*, IFRIC 22, *Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration* and *Annual Improvements 2014 - 2016 Cycle* for the amendments to IFRS 1, *First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards* and IAS 28, *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures*, effective January 1, 2018. The adoption of these narrow scope amendments did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements of the Company were prepared as at and for the year ended December 31, 2018 with comparative information as at and for the year ended December 31, 2017. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date of acquisition, being the date on which the Company obtains control, and continue to be consolidated until the date that such control ceases. The Company has control when it has the power to direct the relevant activities, has significant exposure to variable returns from these activities and has the ability to use its power to affect the variable returns. All intercompany balances, transactions, income and expenses and profits or losses, including dividends resulting from intercompany transactions, are eliminated on consolidation.

Use of Significant Judgments, Estimates and Assumptions

In preparation of these consolidated financial statements, management is required to make significant judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, net earnings and related disclosures. Although some uncertainty is inherent in these judgments and estimates, management believes that the amounts recorded are reasonable. Key sources of estimation uncertainty and areas where significant judgments have been made are listed below and discussed throughout the notes to these consolidated financial statements including:

- Management uses judgment in determining the assets and liabilities to be included in a disposal group. The Company uses estimates in the determination of the fair value for disposal groups (note 4)
- Management uses independent qualified appraisal services to determine the fair value of investment properties, which utilize judgments and estimates. These appraisals are adjusted by applying management judgments and estimates for material changes in property cash flows, capital expenditures or general market conditions (note 7).
- Management uses internal valuation models which utilize judgments and estimates to determine the fair value of equity release mortgages. These valuations are adjusted by applying management judgments and estimates for material changes in projected asset cash flows, and discount rates (note 7).
- In the determination of the fair value of financial instruments, the Company's management exercises judgment in the determination of fair value inputs, particularly those items categorized within level 3 of the fair value hierarchy (note 10).
- Cash generating unit groupings for goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets have been determined by management as the lowest level that the assets are monitored for internal reporting purposes, which requires management judgment in the determination of the lowest level of monitoring (note 11).
- Management evaluates the future benefit for initial recognition and measurement of goodwill and intangible
 assets as well as testing the recoverable amounts. The determination of the carrying value and recoverable
 amounts of the cash generating unit groupings for goodwill and intangible assets relies upon the
 determination of fair value or value-in-use using valuation methodologies (note 11).
- Judgments are used by management in determining whether deferred acquisition costs and deferred income reserves can be recognized on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Deferred acquisition costs are recognized if management determines the costs meet the definition of an asset and are incremental and related to the issuance of the investment contract. Deferred income reserves are amortized on a straightline basis over the term of the policy (notes 13 and 18).
- Management uses judgment to evaluate the classification of insurance and reinsurance contracts to determine whether these arrangements should be accounted for as insurance, investment or service contracts.
- The actuarial assumptions, such as interest rates, inflation, policyholder behaviour, mortality and morbidity of policyholders, used in the valuation of insurance and certain investment contract liabilities under the Canadian Asset Liability Method require significant judgment and estimation (note 14).
- The actuarial assumptions used in determining the expense and benefit obligations for the Company's defined benefit pension plans and other post-employment benefits requires significant judgment and estimation. Management reviews previous experience of its plan members and market conditions including interest rates and inflation rates in evaluating the assumptions used in determining the expense for the current year (note 24).
- The Company operates within various tax jurisdictions where significant management judgments and estimates are required when interpreting the relevant tax laws, regulations and legislation in the determination of the Company's tax provisions and the carrying amounts of its tax assets and liabilities (note 27).
- Management applies judgment in assessing the recoverability of the deferred income tax asset carrying values based on future years' taxable income projections (note 27).
- Legal and other provisions are recognized resulting from a past event which, in the judgment of management, has resulted in a probable outflow of economic resources which would be passed to a third-

- party to settle the obligation. Management uses judgment to evaluate the possible outcomes and risks in determining the best estimate of the provision at the balance sheet date (note 30).
- The operating segments of the Company, which are the segments reviewed by the Company's Chief Executive Officer to assess performance and allocate resources within the Company. Management applies judgment in the aggregation of the business units into the Company's operating segments (note 32).
- The Company consolidates all subsidiaries and entities which management determines that the Company controls. Control is evaluated on the ability of the Company to direct the activities of the subsidiary or entity to derive variable returns and management uses judgment in determining whether control exists. Judgment is exercised in the evaluation of the variable returns and in determining the extent to which the Company has the ability to exercise its power to generate variable returns.
- Management uses judgments, such as the determination of the risks and benefits associated with the transaction that are used in determining whether the Company retains the primary obligation with a client in sub-advisor arrangements. Where the Company retains the risks and benefits, revenue and expenses are recorded on a gross basis.
- Within the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, purchases and sales of portfolio investments are recorded within investment activities due to management's judgment that these investing activities are long-term in nature.
- The results of the Company reflect management's judgments regarding the impact of prevailing global credit, equity and foreign exchange market conditions. The provision for future credit losses within the Company's insurance contract liabilities relies upon investment credit ratings. The Company's practice is to use third-party independent credit ratings where available. Management judgment is required when setting credit ratings for instruments that do not have a third-party rating.

The significant accounting policies are as follows:

(a) Portfolio Investments

Portfolio investments include bonds, mortgage loans, stocks and investment properties. Portfolio investments are classified as fair value through profit or loss, available-for-sale, held-to-maturity, loans and receivables, equity-method investments or as non-financial instruments based on management's intention relating to the purpose and nature of the instrument or characteristics of the investment. The Company has not classified any investments as held-to-maturity.

Investments in bonds and stocks normally actively traded on a public market or where fair value can be reliably measured are either designated or classified as fair value through profit or loss or classified as available-forsale on a trade date basis. Equity release mortgages are designated as fair value through profit or loss. A financial asset is designated as fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition if it eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch. Changes in the fair value of financial assets designated as fair value through profit or loss are generally offset by changes in insurance contract liabilities, since the measurement of insurance contract liabilities is determined with reference to the assets supporting the liabilities. A financial asset is classified as fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition if it is part of a portfolio that is actively traded for the purpose of earning investment income. Fair value through profit or loss investments are recognized at fair value on the Consolidated Balance Sheets with realized and unrealized gains and losses reported in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings. Available-for-sale investments are recognized at fair value on the Consolidated Balance Sheets with unrealized gains and losses recorded in other comprehensive income. Realized gains and losses on available-for-sale investments are reclassified from other comprehensive income and recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings when the investment is sold. Interest income earned on both fair value through profit or loss and available-for-sale bonds is recorded as net investment income in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

Investments in stocks where a fair value cannot be measured reliably are classified as available-for-sale and carried at cost. Investments in stocks for which the Company exerts significant influence over but does not control are accounted for using the equity method of accounting.

Investments in mortgages and bonds not normally actively traded on a public market are classified as loans and receivables and are carried at amortized cost net of any allowance for credit losses. Interest income earned and realized gains and losses on the sale of investments classified as loans and receivables are recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings and included in net investment income.

Investment properties are real estate held to earn rental income or for capital appreciation. Investment properties are initially measured at cost and subsequently carried at fair value on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. All changes in fair value are recorded as net investment income in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings. Properties held to earn rental income or for capital appreciation that have an insignificant portion that is owner occupied or where there is no intent to occupy on a long-term basis are classified as investment properties. Properties that do not meet these criteria are classified as owner occupied properties. Property that is leased that would otherwise be classified as investment property if owned by the Company is also included within investment properties.

Fair Value Measurement

Financial instrument carrying values necessarily reflect the prevailing market liquidity and the liquidity premiums embedded within the market pricing methods that the Company relies upon.

Fair value movement on the assets supporting insurance contract liabilities is a major factor in the movement of insurance contract liabilities. Changes in the fair value of bonds designated or classified as fair value through profit or loss that support insurance and investment contract liabilities are largely offset by corresponding changes in the fair value of liabilities except when the bond has been deemed impaired.

The following is a description of the methodologies used to value instruments carried at fair value:

Bonds - Fair Value Through Profit or Loss and Available-for-Sale

Fair values for bonds classified and designated as fair value through profit or loss or available-for-sale are determined with reference to quoted market bid prices primarily provided by third-party independent pricing sources. Where prices are not quoted in a normally active market, fair values are determined by valuation models. The Company maximizes the use of observable inputs when measuring fair value. The Company obtains quoted prices in active markets, when available, for identical assets at the balance sheet date to measure bonds at fair value in its fair value through profit or loss and available-for-sale portfolios.

The Company estimates the fair value of bonds not traded in active markets by referring to actively traded securities with similar attributes, dealer quotations, matrix pricing methodology, discounted cash flow analyses and/or internal valuation models. This methodology considers such factors as the issuer's industry, the security's rating, term, coupon rate and position in the capital structure of the issuer, as well as, yield curves, credit curves, prepayment rates and other relevant factors. For bonds that are not traded in active markets, valuations are adjusted to reflect illiquidity, and such adjustments generally are based on available market evidence. In the absence of such evidence, management's best estimate is used.

Bonds and Mortgages - Loans and Receivables

For disclosure purposes only, fair values for bonds and mortgages classified as loans and receivables are determined by discounting expected future cash flows using current market rates for similar instruments. Valuation inputs typically include benchmark yields and risk-adjusted spreads based on current lending activities and market activity.

Equity Release Mortgages - Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

There are no market observable prices for equity release mortgages; therefore an internal valuation model is used discounting expected future cash flows and includes considering the embedded no-negative equity guarantee. Inputs to the model include market observable inputs such as benchmark yields and risk-adjusted spreads. Non market observable inputs include property growth and volatility rates, expected rates of voluntary redemptions, death, moving to long term care and interest cessation assumptions and the value of the no negative equity guarantee.

Stocks - Fair Value Through Profit or Loss and Available-for-Sale

Fair values for stocks traded on an active market are generally determined by the last bid price for the security from the exchange where it is principally traded. Fair values for stocks for which there is no active market is typically based upon alternative valuation techniques such as discounted cash flow analysis, review of price movement relative to the market and utilization of information provided by the underlying investment manager. The Company maximizes the use of observable inputs when measuring fair value. The Company obtains quoted prices in active markets, when available, for identical assets at the balance sheet date to measure stocks at fair value in its fair value through profit or loss and available-for-sale portfolios.

Investment Properties

Fair values for investment properties are determined using independent qualified appraisal services and include management adjustments for material changes in property cash flows, capital expenditures or general market conditions in the interim period between appraisals. The determination of the fair value of investment property requires the use of estimates including future cash flows (such as future leasing assumptions, rental rates, capital and operating expenditures) and discount, reversionary and overall capitalization rates applicable to the asset based on current market conditions. Investment property under construction is valued at fair value if such values can be reliably determined; otherwise they are recorded at cost.

Impairment

Investments are reviewed regularly on an individual basis to determine impairment status. The Company considers various factors in the impairment evaluation process, including, but not limited to, the financial condition of the issuer, specific adverse conditions affecting an industry or region, decline in fair value not related to interest rates, bankruptcy or defaults, and delinquency in payments of interest or principal.

Investments are deemed to be impaired when there is objective evidence that timely collection of future cash flows can no longer be reliably estimated. The fair value of an investment is not a definitive indicator of impairment, as it may be significantly influenced by other factors including the remaining term to maturity and liquidity of the asset; however, market price is taken into consideration when evaluating impairment.

For impaired mortgages and bonds classified as loans and receivables, provisions are established or writeoffs made to adjust the carrying value to the net realizable amount. Wherever possible the fair value of collateral underlying the loans or observable market price is used to establish net realizable value. For impaired availablefor-sale bonds recorded at fair value, the accumulated loss recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income is reclassified to net investment income. Impairments on available-for-sale debt instruments are reversed if there is objective evidence that a permanent recovery has occurred. All gains and losses on bonds classified or designated as fair value through profit or loss are already recorded in net investment income; therefore a reduction due to impairment of these assets will be recorded in net investment income.

Securities Lending

The Company engages in securities lending through its securities custodians as lending agents. Loaned securities are not derecognized, and continue to be reported within invested assets, as the Company retains substantial risks and rewards and economic benefits related to the loaned securities.

(b) Transaction Costs

Transaction costs are expensed as incurred for financial instruments classified as fair value through profit or loss. Transaction costs for financial assets classified as available-for-sale or loans and receivables are added to the value of the instrument at acquisition and taken into net earnings using the effective interest method. Transaction costs for financial liabilities classified as other than fair value through profit or loss are included in the value of the instrument issued and taken into net earnings using the effective interest method.

(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash, current operating accounts, overnight bank and term deposits with maturities of three months or less held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash requirements. Net payments in transit and overdraft bank balances are included in other liabilities.

(d) Trading Account Assets

Trading account assets consist of investments in open ended investment companies and sponsored unittrusts, which are carried at fair value based on the net asset value of these funds. Investments in these assets are included in other assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets with realized and unrealized gains and losses reported in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

(e) Debentures and Other Debt Instruments and Capital Trust Securities

Debentures and other debt instruments and capital trust securities are initially recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheets at fair value and subsequently carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method with amortization expense recorded in financing charges in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings. These liabilities are derecognized when the obligation is cancelled or redeemed.

(f) Other Assets and Other Liabilities

Other assets, which include prepaid expenses, deferred acquisition costs, finance leases receivable and miscellaneous other assets, are measured at cost or amortized cost. Other liabilities, which include deferred income reserves, bank overdraft and other miscellaneous liabilities are measured at cost or amortized cost.

Provisions are recognized within other liabilities when the Company has a present obligation, either legal or constructive, resulting from a past event, and in management's judgment, it is probable that an outflow of economic resources will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount. The amount recognized for provisions are management's best estimate at the balance sheet date. The Company recognizes a provision for restructuring when a detailed formal plan for the restructuring has been established and that the plan has raised a valid expectation in those affected that the restructuring will occur.

Pension and other post-employment benefits also included within other assets and other liabilities are measured in accordance with note 2(x).

(g) Disposal Group Classified As Held For Sale

Disposal groups are classified as held for sale when the carrying amount will be recovered through a sale transaction rather than continuing use. The fair value of a disposal group is measured at the lower of its carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. Individual assets and liabilities in a disposal group not subject to these measurement requirements include financial assets, investment properties and insurance contract liabilities. These assets and liabilities are measured in accordance with the relevant accounting policies described for those assets and liabilities included in this note before the disposal group as a whole is measured to the lower of its carrying amount and fair value less cost to sell. Any impairment loss for the disposal group is recognized as a reduction to the carrying amount for the portion of the disposal group under the measurement requirements for IFRS 5, *Non-Current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations*.

Disposal group assets and liabilities classified as held for sale are presented separately on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. Gains and losses from disposal groups held for sale are presented separately in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

(h) Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company uses derivative products as risk management instruments to hedge or manage asset, liability and capital positions, including fee and investment income. The Company's policy guidelines prohibit the use of derivative instruments for speculative trading purposes.

The Company includes disclosure of the maximum credit risk, future credit exposure, credit risk equivalent and risk weighted equivalent in note 29 as prescribed by the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI) in Canada.

All derivatives including those that are embedded in financial and non-financial contracts that are not closely related to the host contracts are recorded at fair value on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The method of recognizing unrealized and realized fair value gains and losses depends on whether the derivatives are designated as hedging instruments. For derivatives that are not designated as hedging instruments, unrealized and realized gains and losses are recorded in net investment income in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings. For derivatives designated as hedging instruments, unrealized and realized gains and losses are recognized according to the nature of the hedged item.

Derivatives are valued using market transactions and other market evidence whenever possible, including market based inputs to models, broker or dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources with reasonable levels of price transparency. When models are used, the selection of a particular model to value a derivative depends on the contractual terms of, and specific risks inherent in, the instrument, as well as the availability of pricing information in the market. The Company generally uses similar models to value similar instruments. Valuation models require a variety of inputs, including contractual terms, market prices and rates, yield curves, credit curves, measures of volatility, prepayment rates and correlations of such inputs.

To qualify for hedge accounting, the relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument must meet several strict conditions on documentation, probability of occurrence, hedge effectiveness and reliability of measurement. If these conditions are not met, the relationship does not qualify for hedge accounting treatment and both the hedged item and the hedging instrument are reported independently as if there was no hedging relationship.

Where a hedging relationship exists, the Company documents all relationships between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as its risk management objectives and strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. This process includes linking derivatives that are used in hedging transactions to specific assets and liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets or to specific firm commitments or forecasted transactions. The Company also assesses, both at the hedge's inception and on an ongoing basis, whether derivatives that are used in hedging transactions are effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of hedged items. Hedge effectiveness is reviewed guarterly through correlation testing. Hedge accounting is discontinued when the hedging no longer qualifies for hedge accounting.

Derivatives not designated as hedges for accounting purposes

For derivative investments not designated as accounting hedges, changes in fair value are recorded in net investment income.

Fair value hedges

For fair value hedges, changes in fair value of both the hedging instrument and the hedged risk are recorded in net investment income and consequently any ineffective portion of the hedge is recorded immediately in net investment income.

The Company currently has no instruments designated as fair value hedges.

Cash flow hedges

For cash flow hedges, the effective portion of the changes in fair value of the hedging instrument is recorded in the same manner as the hedged item while the ineffective portion is recognized immediately in net investment income. Gains and losses that accumulate in other comprehensive income are recorded in net investment income in the same period the hedged item affects net earnings. Gains and losses on cash flow hedges are immediately reclassified from other comprehensive income to net investment income if and when it is probable that a forecasted transaction is no longer expected to occur.

The Company does not have any instruments designated as cash flow hedges.

Net investment hedges

For net investment hedges, the effective portion of changes in the fair value of the hedging instrument are recorded in other comprehensive income while the ineffective portion is recognized immediately in net investment income. The unrealized foreign exchange gains (losses) on the instruments are recorded within accumulated other comprehensive income and will be reclassified into net earnings when the Company disposes of the foreign operation.

The Company currently has an instrument designated as a net investment hedge.

(i) Embedded Derivatives

An embedded derivative is a component of a host contract that modifies the cash flows of the host contract in a manner similar to a derivative, according to a specified interest rate, financial instrument price, foreign exchange rate, underlying index or other variable. Embedded derivatives are treated as separate contracts and are recorded at fair value if their economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to those of the host contract and the host contract is not itself recorded at fair value through the Consolidated Statements of Earnings. Embedded derivatives that meet the definition of an insurance contract are accounted for and measured as an insurance contract.

(j) Foreign Currency Translation

The Company operates with multiple functional currencies. The Company's consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars as this presentation is most meaningful to financial statement users. For those subsidiaries with different functional currencies, exchange rate differences arising from the translation of monetary items that form part of the net investment in the foreign operation are recorded in unrealized foreign exchange gains (losses) on translation of foreign operations in other comprehensive income.

For the purpose of presenting consolidated financial statements, assets and liabilities are translated into Canadian dollars at the rate of exchange prevailing at the balance sheet dates and all income and expense items are translated at an average of daily rates. Unrealized foreign currency translation gains and losses on translation of the Company's net investment in its foreign operations are presented separately, as a component of other comprehensive income. Unrealized gains and losses will be recognized proportionately in net investment income in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings when there has been a disposal of the investment in the foreign operations.

Foreign currency translation gains and losses on foreign currency transactions of the Company are included in net investment income.

(k) Loans to Policyholders

Loans to policyholders are classified as loans and receivables and measured at amortized cost. Loans to policyholders are shown at their unpaid principal balance and are fully secured by the cash surrender values of the policies. Carrying value of loans to policyholders approximates their fair value.

(I) Reinsurance Contracts

The Company, in the normal course of business, is a user of reinsurance in order to limit the potential for losses arising from certain exposures and a provider of reinsurance. Assumed reinsurance refers to the acceptance of certain insurance risks by the Company underwritten by another company. Ceded reinsurance refers to the transfer of insurance risk, along with the respective premiums, to one or more reinsurers who will share the risks. To the extent that assuming reinsurers are unable to meet their obligations, the Company remains liable to its policyholders for the portion reinsured. Consequently, allowances are made for reinsurance contracts which are deemed uncollectible.

Reinsurance contracts are insurance contracts and undergo the classification as described within the Insurance and Investment Contract Liabilities section of this note. Assumed reinsurance premiums, commissions and claim settlements, as well as the reinsurance assets associated with insurance and investment contracts, are accounted for in accordance with the terms and conditions of the underlying reinsurance contract. Reinsurance assets are reviewed for impairment on a regular basis for any events that may trigger impairment. The Company considers various factors in the impairment evaluation process, including but not limited to, collectability of amounts due under the terms of the contract. The carrying amount of a reinsurance asset is adjusted through an allowance account with any impairment loss being recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

Any gains or losses on buying reinsurance are recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings immediately at the date of purchase in accordance with the Canadian Asset Liability Method.

Assets and liabilities related to reinsurance are reported on a gross basis on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The amount of liabilities ceded to reinsurers is estimated in a manner consistent with the claim liability associated with reinsured risks.

(m) Funds Held by Ceding Insurers/Funds Held Under Reinsurance Contracts

On the asset side, funds held by ceding insurers are assets that would normally be paid to the Company but are withheld by the cedant to reduce potential credit risk. Under certain forms of reinsurance contracts it is customary for the cedant to retain amounts on a funds withheld basis supporting the insurance or investment contract liabilities ceded. For the funds withheld assets where the underlying asset portfolio is managed by the Company, the credit risk is retained by the Company. The funds withheld balance where the Company assumes the credit risk is measured at the fair value of the underlying asset portfolio with the change in fair value recorded in net investment income. See note 8 for funds held by ceding insurers that are managed by the Company. Other funds held by ceding insurers are general obligations of the cedant and serve as collateral for insurance contract liabilities assumed from cedants. Funds withheld assets on these contacts do not have fixed maturity dates, their release generally being dependent on the run-off of the corresponding insurance contract liabilities.

On the liability side, funds held under reinsurance contracts consist mainly of amounts retained by the Company from ceded business written on a funds withheld basis. The Company withholds assets related to ceded insurance contract liabilities in order to reduce credit risk.

(n) Business Combinations, Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method. The Company identifies and classifies, in accordance with the Company's accounting policies, all assets acquired and liabilities assumed as at the acquisition date. Goodwill represents the excess of purchase consideration over the fair value of net assets of the acquired subsidiaries of the Company. Following initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets represent finite life and indefinite life intangible assets of acquired subsidiaries of the Company and software acquired or internally developed by the Company. Finite life intangible assets include the value of technology/software, certain customer contracts and distribution channels. These finite life intangible assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives, typically ranging between 3 and 30 years.

Indefinite life intangible asset includes brand value. Amounts are classified as indefinite life intangible assets when based on an analysis of all the relevant factors, there is no foreseeable limit to the period over which the asset is expected to generate net cash inflows for the Company. The identification of indefinite life intangible assets is made by reference to relevant factors such as product life cycles, potential obsolescence, industry stability and competitive position. Following initial recognition, indefinite life intangible assets are measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

Impairment Testing

Goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets are tested for impairment annually or more frequently if events indicate that impairment may have occurred. Intangible assets that were previously impaired are reviewed at each reporting date for evidence of reversal. In the event that certain conditions have been met, the Company would be required to reverse the impairment loss or a portion thereof.

Goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets have been allocated to cash generating unit groupings, representing the lowest level that the assets are monitored for internal reporting purposes. Goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets are tested for impairment by comparing the carrying value of each cash generating unit grouping containing the assets to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value-in-use.

Finite life intangible assets are reviewed annually to determine if there are indicators of impairment and assess whether the amortization periods and methods are appropriate. If indicators of impairment have been identified, a test for impairment is performed and then the amortization of these assets is adjusted or impairment is recognized as necessary.

(o) Revenue Recognition

Premiums for all types of insurance contracts, and contracts with limited mortality or morbidity risk, are generally recognized as revenue when due and collection is reasonably assured.

Interest income on bonds and mortgages is recognized and accrued using the effective yield method.

Dividend income is recognized when the right to receive payment is established. This is the ex-dividend date for listed stocks, and usually the notification date or date when the shareholders have approved the dividend for private equity instruments.

Investment property income includes rents earned from tenants under lease agreements and property tax and operating cost recoveries. Rental income leases with contractual rent increases and rent-free periods are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Fee income includes fees earned from management of segregated fund assets, proprietary mutual fund assets, commissions and fees earned from management services. Fee and other income is recognized on the transfer of services to customers for the amount that reflects the consideration expected to be received in exchange for those services promised.

The Company has sub-advisor arrangements where the Company retains the primary obligation with the client; as a result, fee income earned is reported on a gross basis with the corresponding sub-advisor expense recorded in operating and administrative expenses.

(p) Owner Occupied Properties and Fixed Assets

Property held for own use and fixed assets are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairments. Depreciation is expensed to write-off the cost of assets, over their estimated useful lives, using the straightline method, on the following bases:

> Owner occupied properties 15 - 20 years Furniture and fixtures 5 - 10 years Other fixed assets 3 - 10 years

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at least annually and adjusted if necessary.

(q) Deferred Acquisition Costs

Included in other assets are deferred acquisition costs relating to investment contracts. These are recognized as assets if the costs are incremental and incurred due to the contract being issued and are primarily amortized on a straight-line basis over the policy term, not to exceed 20 years.

(r) Segregated Funds

Segregated funds assets and liabilities arise from contracts where all financial risks associated with the related assets are borne by policyholders and are presented separately on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The assets and liabilities are set equal to the fair value of the underlying asset portfolio. Investment income and changes in fair value of the segregated fund assets are offset by a corresponding change in the segregated fund liabilities.

(s) Insurance and Investment Contract Liabilities

Contract Classification

When significant insurance risk exists, the Company's products are classified at contract inception as insurance contracts, in accordance with IFRS 4, Insurance Contracts (IFRS 4). Significant insurance risk exists when the Company agrees to compensate policyholders or beneficiaries of the contract for specified uncertain future events that adversely affect the policyholder and whose amount and timing is unknown. Refer to note 14 for discussion of insurance risk.

In the absence of significant insurance risk, the contract is classified as an investment contract. Investment contracts with discretionary participating features are accounted for in accordance with IFRS 4 and investment contracts without discretionary participating features are accounted for in accordance with IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition & Measurement. The Company has not classified any contracts as investment contracts with discretionary participating features.

Investment contracts may be reclassified as insurance contracts after inception if insurance risk becomes significant. A contract that is classified as an insurance contract at contract inception remains as such until all rights and obligations under the contract are extinguished or expire.

Investment contracts are contracts that carry financial risk, which is the risk of a possible future change in one or more of the following: interest rate, commodity price, foreign exchange rate, or credit rating. Refer to note 9 for discussion of Financial Instruments Risk Management.

Measurement

Insurance contract liabilities represent the amounts required, in addition to future premiums and investment income, to provide for future benefit payments, policyholder dividends, commission and policy administrative expenses for all insurance and annuity policies in force with the Company. The Appointed Actuary of the Company is responsible for determining the amount of the liabilities to make appropriate provisions for the Company's obligations to policyholders. The Appointed Actuary determines the liabilities for insurance contracts using generally accepted actuarial practices, according to the standards established by the Canadian Institute of Actuaries. The valuation uses the Canadian Asset Liability Method. This method involves the projection of future events in order to determine the amount of assets that must be set aside currently to provide for all future obligations and involves a significant amount of judgment.

In the computation of insurance contract liabilities, valuation assumptions have been made regarding rates of mortality/morbidity, investment returns, levels of operating expenses, rates of policy termination and rates of utilization of elective policy options or provisions. The valuation assumptions use best estimates of future experience together with a margin for adverse deviation. These margins are necessary to provide for possibilities of mis-estimation and/for future deterioration in the best estimate assumptions and provide reasonable assurance that insurance contract liabilities cover a range of possible outcomes. Margins are reviewed periodically for continued appropriateness.

Investment contract liabilities are measured at fair value determined using discounted cash flows utilizing the yield curves of financial instruments with similar cash flow characteristics.

(t) Deferred Income Reserves

Included in other liabilities are deferred income reserves relating to investment contracts. These are amortized on a straight-line basis to recognize the initial policy fees over the policy term, not to exceed 20 years.

(u) Participating Account

The Company is required to maintain the participating account separately from the shareholder account. The liabilities for participating policies issued or assumed by the Company prior to demutualization are held in closed block sub-accounts. These liabilities for guaranteed and other non-guaranteed benefits are determined using best estimate assumptions. If at any time the value of the assets allocated to these policies were, in the opinion of the Appointed Actuary, less than the assets required in the long term to support the liabilities of these policies and the future reasonable expectations of the policyholders, assets having a sufficient value to rectify the situation would be transferred first from the additional ancillary sub-accounts maintained in the participating account for this purpose and then, if the deficiency is expected to be permanent, from the shareholder account. Any such transfers from the shareholder account would be recorded as an expense to shareholder net earnings.

The second main division comprises the open block sub-accounts containing all liabilities in respect of new participating policies issued on or after demutualization. On demutualization, \$50 of seed capital was transferred from shareholder surplus to the participating account. The seed capital amount, together with a reasonable rate of return, may be transferred to the shareholder account if the seed capital is no longer required to support the new participating policies. Transfers of seed capital to the shareholder account would be returns of capital and would be recorded as adjustments to shareholder surplus. A reasonable rate of return on seed capital is recognized as income on the shareholder account and as an expense in the participating account when paid. To date all seed capital has been repaid except for \$20 (US \$15).

(v) Income Taxes

The income tax expense for the period represents the sum of current income tax and deferred income tax. Income tax is recognized as an expense or income in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items that are recognized outside profit or loss (whether in other comprehensive income or directly in equity), in which case the income tax is also recognized outside profit or loss.

Current Income Tax

Current income tax is based on taxable income for the year. Current income tax liabilities (assets) for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be paid to (recovered from) the taxation authorities using the tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date in each respective jurisdiction. Current income tax assets and current income tax liabilities are offset if a legally enforceable right exists to offset the recognized amounts and the entity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realize the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

A provision for tax uncertainties which meet the probable threshold for recognition is measured based on the probability weighted average approach. The provision for tax uncertainties will be classified as current or deferred based on how a disallowance of the underlying uncertain tax treatment would impact the tax provision accrual as of the balance sheet date.

Deferred Income Tax

Deferred income tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences arising between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable income and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred income tax liabilities are generally recognized for all taxable temporary differences and deferred income tax assets are recognized to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses and carryforwards can be utilized.

Recognition is based on the fact that it is probable that the entity will have taxable profits and/or tax planning opportunities available to allow the deferred income tax asset to be utilized. Changes in circumstances in future periods may adversely impact the assessment of the recoverability. The uncertainty of the recoverability is taken into account in establishing the deferred income tax assets. The Company's annual financial planning process provides a significant basis for the measurement of deferred income tax assets.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates expected to apply in the year when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred income tax assets and deferred income tax liabilities are offset if a legally enforceable right exists to net current income tax assets against current income tax liabilities and the deferred income taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilized. Unrecognized deferred income tax assets are reassessed at each balance sheet date and are recognized to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred income tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred income tax liabilities are recognized for taxable temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries and associates, except where the group controls the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

(w) Policyholder Benefits

Policyholder benefits include benefits and claims on life insurance contracts, maturity payments, annuity payments and surrenders. Gross benefits and claims for life insurance contracts include the cost of all claims arising during the year and settlement of claims. Death claims and surrenders are recorded on the basis of notifications received. Maturities and annuity payments are recorded when due.

(x) Pension Plans and Other Post-Employment Benefits

The Company and its subsidiaries maintain contributory and non-contributory defined benefit pension plans for certain employees and advisors. The Company and its subsidiaries also provide post-employment health, dental and life insurance benefits to eligible employees, advisors and their dependents.

The present value of the defined benefit obligations and the related current service cost is determined using the projected unit credit method (note 24). Pension plan assets are recorded at fair value.

For the Company and its subsidiaries' defined benefit plans, service costs and net interest costs are recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings. Service costs include current service cost, administration expenses, past service costs and the impact of curtailments and settlements. To determine the net interest costs (income) recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings, the Company applies a discount rate to the net benefit liability (asset), where the discount rate is determined by reference to market yields at the beginning of the year on high quality corporate bonds.

For the Company and its subsidiaries defined benefit plans, re-measurements of the net defined benefit liability (asset) due to asset returns less (greater) than interest income, actuarial losses (gains) and changes in the asset ceiling are recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

The Company and its subsidiaries also maintain defined contribution pension plans for certain employees and advisors. For the Company and its subsidiaries defined contribution plans, the current service costs are recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

(y) Equity

Financial instruments issued by the Company are classified as share capital if they represent a residual interest in the assets of the Company. Preferred share capital is classified as equity if it is non-redeemable, or retractable only at the Company's option and any dividends are discretionary. Incremental costs that are directly attributable to the issue of share capital are recognized as a deduction from equity, net of income tax.

Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) represents the total of the unrealized foreign exchange gains (losses) on translation of foreign operations, the unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale assets, the unrealized gains (losses) on cash flow hedges, and the re-measurements on defined benefit pension and other post-employment benefit plans net of tax, where applicable.

Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries represents the proportion of equity that is attributable to minority shareholders.

Participating account surplus represents the proportion of equity attributable to the participating account of the Company and its subsidiaries.

(z) Share-Based Payments

Lifeco has a stock option plan (the Lifeco stock option plan) that provides for the granting of options on common shares of Lifeco to certain officers and employees of Lifeco and its affiliates.

The Company follows the fair value method of accounting for the valuation of compensation expense for shares and share options granted to employees under its stock option plans (note 23). Compensation expense is recognized as an increase to compensation expense in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings over the vesting period of the granted options.

The Company and certain of its affiliates have established Deferred Share Unit Plans (DSU Plans) in which the Directors of the Company participate. Units issued under the DSU Plans vest when granted. The Company recognizes an increase in operating and administrative expenses for the units granted under the DSU Plans.

Certain employees of the Company are entitled to participate in the Performance Share Unit Plan (PSU Plan). Units issued under the Performance Share Unit Plan vest over a three year period. The Company uses the fair value method to recognize compensation expense for the units granted under the plan with a corresponding increase in the liability based on the market value of Lifeco's common shares.

The Company has an Employee Share Ownership Program (ESOP) where, subject to certain conditions being met, the Company will match contributions up to a maximum amount to purchase Lifeco common shares. The Company's contributions are expensed within operating and administrative expenses as incurred.

(aa) Leases

Leases that do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases, where the Company is the lessee, are charged to net earnings over the period of use.

Where the Company is the lessor under an operating lease for its investment property, the assets subject to the lease arrangement are presented within the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Income from these leases is recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Investments in a lease that transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee are classified as a finance lease. The Company is the lessor under a finance lease and the investment is recognized as a receivable at an amount equal to the net investment in the lease, which is represented as the present value of the minimum lease payments due from the lessee and is presented within the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Payments received from the lessee are apportioned between the recognition of finance lease income and the reduction of the finance lease receivable. Income from the finance leases is recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings at a constant periodic rate of return on the Company's net investment in the finance lease.

(ab) Operating Segments

Operating segments have been identified based on internal reports that are regularly reviewed by the Company's Chief Executive Officer to allocate resources and assess performance of segments. The Company's reportable business segments are the participating and shareholder operations. Within these segments the major business units are: Individual Customer, Group Customer, Europe/Reinsurance, United States and Corporate. These business units reflect the Company's management structure and internal financial reporting. Each of these business units operates in the financial services industry and the revenues are derived principally from life, health and disability insurance, annuity products, creditor and direct marketing, savings products and life, accident and health reinsurance. Business activities and transactions that are not associated with the specific business units are attributed to Corporate.

(ac) Future Accounting Policies

Standard	Summary of Future Changes
IFRS 16 - Leases	In January 2016, the IASB issued IFRS 16, <i>Leases</i> , with an effective date of January 1, 2019, which introduced new guidance for identifying leases as well as the accounting, measurement and presentation of leases by the lessee. The lessee now recognizes a liability for the future lease payments to be made for each lease. A right-of-use asset is also recognized and amortized over the useful life. As a result, the previous distinction between operating and finance leases no longer applies.
	In contrast to the significant changes for lessees, the new standard will retain many key aspects of the current lessor accounting model.
	With respect to first time application of IFRS 16, the Company can choose to apply the standard using the full retrospective approach or modified retrospective approach. The Company plans on using the modified retrospective approach.
	The Company will be adopting the standard on its effective date of January 1, 2019. The Company is in the process of finalizing its transition approach. The presentation of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet will be within other assets and other liabilities respectively. The Company anticipates the adoption of the standard to result in approximate increases to assets and liabilities of \$60 on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company does not anticipate that there will be a material impact in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.
IFRS 17 - Insurance Contracts	In May 2017, the IASB issued IFRS 17, <i>Insurance Contracts</i> , which will replace IFRS 4, <i>Insurance Contracts</i> and will be applied retrospectively. If the full retrospective application is impractical, then the modified retrospective or fair value methods may be used. In November 2018, the IASB proposed an amendment to IFRS 17 providing a deferral of one year of the effective date of the standard to January 1, 2022. In addition, the IASB extended to January 1, 2022 the exemption for insurers to apply the financial instruments standard, IFRS 9 - <i>Financial Instruments</i> , so that both IFRS 9 and IFRS 17 will have the same effective date. The IASB continues to evaluate certain elements of the standard and is expected to issue narrow-scope amendments specific to these items.
	The adoption of IFRS 17 is a significant initiative for the Company supported by a formal governance framework and project plan, for which substantial resources are being dedicated. The Company has made progress in implementing its project plan. The Company has assembled a project team that is working on the implementation of IFRS 17 which involves preparing the financial reporting systems and processes for reporting under IFRS 17, as well as monitoring developments from the IASB, the Transition Resource Group for IFRS 17 and other industry associations.

Standard	Summary of Future Changes
IFRS 17 - Insurance Contracts, continued	IFRS 17 sets out the requirements for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosures of insurance contracts a company issues and reinsurance contracts it holds. IFRS 17 introduces three new measurement models depending on the nature of the insurance contracts. IFRS 17 requires entities to measure insurance contract liabilities on the balance sheet as the total of:
	(a) the fulfilment cash flows - the current estimates of amounts that a company expects to collect from premiums and pay out for claims, benefits and expenses, including an adjustment for the timing and risk of those amounts; and (b) the contractual service margin - the future profit for providing insurance coverage.
	The future profit for providing insurance coverage is recognized in profit or loss over time as the insurance coverage is provided. IFRS 17 also requires the Company to distinguish between groups of contracts expected to be profit making and groups of contracts expected to be onerous. The Company is required to update the fulfilment cash flows at each reporting date, using current estimates of the amount, timing and uncertainty of cash flows and discount rates.
	IFRS 17 will affect how the Company accounts for its insurance contracts and how it reports financial performance in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings. The Company continues to assess the impact for IFRS 17, which is expected to be significant on the timing of earnings recognition for its insurance contracts as well as continuing to assess the impact on regulatory and tax regimes that are dependent upon IFRS accounting values. The adoption of IFRS 17 will also have a significant impact on how insurance contract results are presented and disclosed in the consolidated financial statements.

Summary of Future Changes
In July 2014, the IASB issued a final version of IFRS 9, Financial Instruments (IFRS 9) to replace IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. The effective date for IFRS 9 has been deferred to align with the effective date for IFRS 17 of January 1, 2022. The standard provides changes to financial instruments accounting for the following:
 classification and measurement of financial instruments based on a business model approach for managing financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset; impairment based on an expected loss model; and hedge accounting that incorporates the risk management practices of an entity.
In September 2016, the IASB issued an amendment to IFRS 4, <i>Insurance Contracts</i> (IFRS 4). The amendment "Applying IFRS 9, <i>Financial Instruments</i> with IFRS 4, <i>Insurance Contracts</i> " provides qualifying insurance companies with two options to address the potential volatility associated with implementing the IFRS 9 standard before the new proposed insurance contract standard is effective. The two options are as follows:
 Deferral Approach - provides the option to defer implementation of IFRS 9 until the year 2022 or the effective date of the new insurance contract standard, whichever is earlier; or Overlay Approach - provides the option to recognize the volatility that could arise when IFRS 9 is applied within other comprehensive income, rather than profit or loss.
The Company qualifies for the amendment and is applying the deferral approach to allow adoption of both IFRS 9 and IFRS 17 simultaneously.
The disclosure for the measurement and classification of the Company's portfolio investments provides most of the information required by IFRS 9. The Company continues to evaluate the impact for the adoption of this standard with the adoption of IFRS 17.
In December 2017, the IASB issued <i>Annual Improvements 2015 - 2017 Cycle</i> as part of its ongoing process to efficiently deal with non-urgent narrow scope amendments to IFRS. Four amendments were included in this issue relating to IFRS 3, <i>Business Combinations</i> , IFRS 11, <i>Joint Arrangements</i> , IAS 12, <i>Income Taxes</i> and IAS 23 <i>Borrowing Costs</i> .
The amendments are effective January 1, 2019. Adoption of these amendments will not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Standard	Summary of Future Changes
IAS 28 - Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures	In October 2017, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 28, <i>Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures</i> . The amendments clarify that a company is to account for long-term interests in an associate or joint venture using IFRS 9, <i>Financial Instruments</i> when the equity method is not applied.
	The amendments are effective January 1, 2019. Adoption of these amendments will not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.
IAS 19 - Employee Benefits	In February 2018, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 19, <i>Employee Benefits</i> . The amendments clarify that updated actuarial assumptions are to be used in accounting for when a plan amendment, curtailment or settlement occurs.
	The amendments are effective January 1, 2019. Adoption of these amendments will not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.
IFRIC 23 - Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments	In June 2017, the IASB issued IFRIC 23, <i>Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments</i> . The interpretation clarifies how to apply the recognition and measurement requirements in IAS 12, <i>Income Taxes</i> , when there is uncertainty over income tax treatments.
	The interpretation is effective January 1, 2019. The Company is finalizing its analysis and expects an adjustment to opening accumulated surplus at January 1, 2019, which will not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.
IFRS 3 - Business Combinations	In October 2018, the IASB issued amendments to IFRS 3, <i>Business Combinations</i> . The amendments provide additional guidance as to whether a company acquired a business or a group of assets.
	The amendments are effective January 1, 2020. The Company is evaluating the impact of the adoption of these amendments.
IAS 1 - Presentation of Financial Statements and IAS 8 - Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors	In October 2018, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 1, <i>Presentation of Financial Statements</i> and IAS 8, <i>Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors</i> . The amendments are to clarify the definition of 'material' and to align the definition used in the Conceptual Framework and the standards themselves.
	The amendments are effective January 1, 2020. The Company is evaluating the impact of the adoption of these amendments.

3. Business Acquisitions

(a) Retirement Advantage

On January 2, 2018, the Company, through its indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, The Canada Life Group (UK) Ltd., completed the acquisition of 100% of the outstanding shares of MGM Advantage Holdings Ltd., which operated as Retirement Advantage. Retirement Advantage is a financial services provider based in the United Kingdom that offers retirement and equity release services and on October 1, 2018, was rebranded Canada Life. The operations of Retirement Advantage are being integrated with Canada Life as part of the United Kingdom Business Transformation (note 5).

During the third quarter of 2018, the Company completed its comprehensive evaluation of the fair value of the net assets acquired from MGM Advantage Holdings Ltd. and the purchase price allocation. As a result, initial goodwill presented in the March 31, 2018, and June 30, 2018, interim unaudited financial statements of \$240 recognized upon the acquisition was adjusted. The provisional amounts reported in the interim unaudited financial statements for the recognition and measurement of intangible assets and certain other items were also adjusted.

The amounts assigned to the assets acquired, goodwill, and liabilities assumed on January 2, 2018, reported as at December 31, 2018, are as follows:

Assets	acquired	and	goodwill
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Assets adjunct and goodwin	
Bonds	\$ 1,748
Reinsurance assets	931
Mortgage loans - equity release mortgages	799
Cash and cash equivalents and other assets	261
Intangible assets	56
Goodwill	205
Investments on account of segregated fund policyholders	950
Total assets acquired and goodwill	\$ 4,950
Liabilities assumed	
Insurance contract liabilities	\$ 2,572
Funds held under reinsurance assets	997
Other liabilities	32
Investment and insurance contracts on account of segregated fund policyholders	950
Total liabilities assumed	\$ 4,551

The goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets, representing the synergies or future economic benefits arising from other assets acquired that are not individually identified and separately recognized in the acquisition. The goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes.

As at December 31, 2018, the comprehensive valuation of the fair value of the net assets acquired, including intangible assets and completion of the purchase price allocation, was finalized. Revenue and net earnings of Retirement Advantage were not significant to the results of the Company.

3. Business Acquisitions (cont'd)

(b) Invesco Ltd. (Ireland)

On August 1, 2018, the Company, through its indirect wholly-owned subsidiary Irish Life Group Limited, completed its agreement to acquire a controlling interest in Invesco Ltd. (Ireland), an independent financial consultancy firm in Ireland that specializes in employee benefit consultancy and private wealth management who manages and administers assets on behalf of clients. This transaction increased non-controlling interests by \$20, with no significant impact on revenue and net earnings. As at December 31, 2018, the purchase price allocation is incomplete, with the initial amount assigned to goodwill of \$80 on the date of acquisition to be adjusted pending the completion of a comprehensive valuation during the first half of 2019.

4. Assets Held For Sale

Sale of policies to Scottish Friendly

On June 21, 2018, Canada Life Limited, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, announced an agreement to sell a heritage block of individual policies to Scottish Friendly of \$4,216, comprised of unit-linked policies of \$3,319 and non unit-linked policies of \$897. The transfer of these policies is expected to occur in the second half of 2019, as part of the United Kingdom Business Transformation (note 5). The initial composition of the assets and liabilities of the disposal group classified as assets held for sale as at December 31, 2018, are as follows:

Assets	S
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Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 112
Bonds	731
Stocks	22
Investment properties	29
Loans to policyholders	 3
Assets held for sale	 897
Investments on account of segregated fund policyholders	 3,319
Total assets included in disposal group classified as held for sale	\$ 4,216
Liabilities	
Insurance contract liabilities	\$ 870
Investment contract liabilities	27
Liabilities held for sale	897
Investment and insurance contracts on account of segregated fund policyholders	 3,319
Total liabilities included in disposal group classified as held for sale	\$ 4,216

The composition of assets and liabilities of the disposal group will be finalized after a comprehensive evaluation of the fair value of the assets and liabilities to be transferred have been completed. Net earnings from the disposal of these policies are not expected to be material to the consolidated financial statements.

5. Restructuring

United Kingdom Business Transformation

In 2018, the Company recorded a restructuring provision in the European business unit of \$67 pre-tax (\$56 after-tax) in the common shareholder's account. This restructuring is in respect of activities aimed at achieving planned expense reductions and an organizational realignment. The expense reductions will be achieved through system exit costs, reduction in staff and other costs as a result of integrating Retirement Advantage into Canada Life along with the sale of a heritage block of individual policies to Scottish Friendly.

At December 31, 2018, the Company has a restructuring provision of \$61 recorded in other liabilities for this charge. The change in the restructuring provision for the United Kingdom Business Transformation is set out below:

Balance, beginning of year	\$ _
Restructuring expenses	67
Amounts used	(8)
Changes in foreign exchange rates	 2
Balance, end of year	\$ 61

Canadian Business Transformation

In 2017, the Company recorded a restructuring provision for the Canadian operations transformation plan of \$34 pre-tax (\$27 pre-tax in the shareholder account and \$7 pre-tax in the participating account) with the charge recorded in restructuring expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings. This restructuring is in respect of activities aimed at achieving planned expense reductions and an organizational realignment to respond to changing customer needs and expectations in Canada. The expense reductions address costs across the Canadian operations and corporate functions primarily through a reduction in staff, exiting of certain lease agreements and information system impairments.

The Canadian Business Transformation is substantially completed. At December 31, 2018, the Company has a restructuring provision of \$3 (\$20 at December 31, 2017) remaining in other liabilities.

6. Cash and Cash Equivalents

		2018	2017
Cash	\$	1,923 \$	1,529
Short-term deposits	·	590	514
Total	\$	2,513 \$	2,043

At December 31, 2018 cash of \$331 was restricted for use by the Company (\$237 at December 31, 2017) in respect of cash held in trust for reinsurance agreements or with regulatory authorities, cash held under certain indemnity arrangements, client monies held by brokers and cash held in escrow.

7. Portfolio Investments

(a) Carrying values and estimated fair values of portfolio investments are as follows:

	2018		20	17
	arrying	Fair	Carrying	Fair
	value	value	value	value
Bonds				
Designated fair value through profit or loss (1)	\$ 49,067 \$	49,067	\$ 47,529	\$ 47,529
Classified fair value through profit or loss (1)	40	40	12	12
Available-for-sale	7,567	7,567	7,452	7,452
Loans and receivables	9,193	9,810	8,439	9,368
	65,867	66,484	63,432	64,361
Mortgage loans				
Residential				
Designated fair value through profit or loss ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	813	813	_	_
Loans and receivables	2,085	2,170	1,938	2,054
	2,898	2,983	1,938	2,054
Commercial	5,145	5,430	4,861	5,368
	8,043	8,413	6,799	7,422
Stocks				
Designated fair value through profit or loss (1)	2,713	2,713	2,688	2,688
Available-for-sale	1	1	1	1
Available-for-sale, at cost (2)	20	20	100	100
Equity method	8	8	2	2
	2,742	2,742	2,791	2,791
Investment properties	3,281	3,281	3,222	3,222
Total	\$ 79,933 \$	80,920	\$ 76,244	\$ 77,796

⁽¹⁾ A financial asset is designated as fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition if it eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch. Changes in the fair value of financial assets designated as fair value through profit or loss are generally offset by changes in insurance contract liabilities, since the measurement of insurance contract liabilities is determined with reference to the assets supporting the liabilities.

A financial asset is classified as fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition if it is part of a portfolio that is actively traded for the purpose of earning investment income.

⁽²⁾ Fair value cannot be reliably measured, therefore the investments are held at cost.

Equity release mortgages acquired with the acquisition of Retirement Advantage (note 3) are designated at fair value through profit or loss.

7. Portfolio Investments (cont'd)

(b) Carrying value of bonds and mortgages by term to maturity are as follows:

	 2018											
	 Term to maturity											
	1 year or less	1-5 years			Over 5 years		Total					
Bonds Mortgage loans ⁽¹⁾	\$ 7,075 135	\$	11,328 1,642	\$	47,449 6.244	\$	65,852 8,021					
Total	\$ 7,210	\$	12,970	\$	53,693	\$	73,873					

⁽¹⁾ Mortgage loans include equity release mortgages which do not have a fixed redemption date. The maturity profile of the portfolio has therefore been estimated based on previous redemption experience.

	2017									
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		1 year or less		1-5 years	Over 5 years		Total			
Bonds Mortgage loans	\$	6,778 221	\$	11,028 \$ 1.410	45,602 5,135	\$	63,408 6,766			
Total	\$	6,999	\$	12,438 \$	50,737	\$	70,174			

The above excludes the carrying value of impaired bonds and mortgage loans, as the ultimate timing of collectability is uncertain.

(c) Included in portfolio investments are the following:

(i) Carrying amount of impaired investments

	2()18	2017
Impaired amounts by classification			
Fair value through profit or loss	\$	10 \$	18
Available-for-sale		6	5
Loans and receivables		25	37
Total	\$	41 \$	60

The carrying amount of impaired investments includes \$15 bonds, \$22 mortgage loans, and \$4 stocks as at December 31, 2018 (\$24 bonds, \$33 mortgage loans, and \$3 stocks as at December 31, 2017). The above carrying values for loans and receivables are net of allowances of \$20 at December 31, 2018 and \$40 at December 31, 2017.

7. Portfolio Investments (cont'd)

(ii) The allowance for credit losses and changes in the allowances for credit losses related to investments classified as loans and receivables are as follows:

			2018		2017				
	Bonds	Mortgage Bonds loans		Total	Bonds	Mortgage Ioans	Total		
Balance, beginning of year	\$	_ \$	40 \$	40 \$	1 \$	35 \$	36		
Net provision for credit losses - in year		_	3	3	_	9	9		
Write-offs, net of recoveries			(23)	(23)	(1)	(4)	(5)		
Balance, end of year	\$	_ \$	20 \$	20 \$	_ \$	40 \$	40		

The allowance for credit losses is supplemented by the provision for future credit losses included in insurance contract liabilities.

(d) Net investment income comprises the following:

	2018											
		Bonds		Mortgage loans		Stocks		Investment properties		Other		Total
Regular net investment income:												
Investment income earned	\$	2,283	\$	316	\$	70	\$	187	\$	61	\$	2,917
Net realized gains (losses)												
Available-for-sale		(2)		_		_		_		_		(2)
Other classifications		12		74		_		_		_		86
Net allowances for credit losses on loans and receivables		_		(3)		_		_		_		(3)
Other income (expenses)				_		_		(15)		(74)		(89)
		2,293		387		70		172		(13)		2,909
Changes in fair value on fair value through profit or loss assets:												
Classified fair value through profit or loss		_		_		_		_		_		_
Designated fair value through profit or loss		(1,806)		(24)		(224)		_		110		(1,944)
Recorded at fair value through profit or loss								(40)				(40)
		(1,806)		(24)		(224)		(40)		110		(1,984)
Total	\$	487	\$	363	\$	(154)	\$	132	\$	97	\$	925

7. Portfolio Investments (cont'd)

	2017									
		Bonds	ı	Mortgage loans		Stocks	Investment properties		Other	Total
Regular net investment income:										
Investment income earned	\$	2,260	\$	303	\$	60	\$ 178	\$	18 \$	2,819
Net realized gains										
Available-for-sale		12		_		_	_		_	12
Other classifications		11		46		_	_		_	57
Net allowances for credit losses on loans and receivables		7		(9)		_	_		_	(2)
Other income (expenses)						_	(13)	(71)	(84)
		2,290		340		60	165		(53)	2,802
Changes in fair value on fair value through profit or loss assets: Classified fair value through profit or loss		1		_		_	_		_	1
Designated fair value through profit or loss		498		_		195	_		(36)	657
Recorded at fair value through profit or loss		_		_		_	105		_	105
		499		_		195	105		(36)	763
Total	\$	2,789	\$	340	\$	255	\$ 270	\$	(89) \$	3,565

Investment income earned comprises income from investments that are classified as available-for-sale, loans and receivables and investments classified or designated as fair value through profit or loss. Investment income from bonds and mortgages includes interest income and premium and discount amortization. Income from stocks includes dividends, distributions from private equity and equity income from the investment in Allianz Ireland, which was disposed of during 2017. Investment properties income includes rental income earned on investment properties, ground rent income earned on leased and sub-leased land, fee recoveries, lease cancellation income, and interest and other investment income earned on investment properties. Other income includes policyholder loan income, foreign exchange gains and losses, income earned from derivative financial instruments and other miscellaneous income.

(e) Transferred Financial Assets

The Company engages in securities lending to generate additional income. The Company's securities custodians are used as lending agents. Collateral, which exceeds the fair value of the loaned securities, is deposited by the borrower with the Company's lending agent and maintained by the lending agent until the underlying security has been returned. The fair value of the loaned securities is monitored on a daily basis by the lending agent who obtains or refunds additional collateral as the fair value of the loaned securities fluctuates. In addition, the securities lending agent indemnifies the Company against borrower risk, meaning that the lending agent agrees contractually to replace securities not returned due to a borrower default. As at December 31, 2018, the Company had loaned securities (which are included in invested assets) with a fair value of \$4,793 (\$4,481 at December 31, 2017).

8. Funds Held by Ceding Insurers

At December 31, 2018, the Company had amounts on deposit of \$8,856 (\$9,499 at December 31, 2017) for funds held by ceding insurers on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Income and expenses arising from the agreements are included in net investment income in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

The details of the funds on deposit for certain agreements where the Company has credit risk are as follows:

(a) Carrying values and estimated fair values:

	2018				2017		
	Carrying value		Fair value		Carrying value	Fair value	
Cash and cash equivalents Bonds Other assets	\$	230 \$ 6,925 91	230 6,925 91	\$	132 \$ 7,806 106	132 7,806 106	
Total	\$	7,246 \$	7,246	\$	8,044 \$	8,044	
Supporting: Reinsurance liabilities Surplus Total	\$	6,992 \$ 254 7,246 \$	6,992 254 7,246		7,777 \$ 267 8,044 \$	267	

(b) The following provides details of the carrying value of bonds included in the funds on deposit by issuer and industry sector:

	 2018	2017
Bonds issued or guaranteed by:		
Treasuries	\$ 821 \$	918
Government related	1,349	1,424
Non-agency securitized	745	891
Financials	1,607	1,834
Communications	154	159
Consumer products	448	606
Energy	206	244
Industrials	217	256
Technology	74	74
Transportation	168	196
Utilities	1,136	1,204
Total long-term bonds	 6,925	7,806
Total	\$ 6,925 \$	7,806

8. Funds Held by Ceding Insurers (cont'd)

(c) Asset Quality

Bond Portfolio By Credit Rating

	 2018	2017
AAA	\$ 609 \$	714
AA	2,858	3,204
A	2,698	3,240
BBB	667	439
BB and lower	 93	209
Total	\$ 6,925 \$	7,806

9. Financial Instruments Risk Management

The Company has policies relating to the identification, measurement, management, monitoring and reporting of risks associated with financial instruments. The key risks related to financial instruments are credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (currency, interest rate and equity). The Risk Committee of the Board of Directors is responsible for the oversight of the Company's key risks.

The following sections describe how the Company manages each of these risks.

(a) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of loss resulting from an obligor's potential inability or unwillingness to fully meet its contractual obligations.

The following policies and procedures are in place to manage this risk:

- Investment policies aim to minimize undue concentration within issuers, connected companies, industries
 or individual geographies.
- Investment limits specify minimum and maximum limits for each asset class.
- Identification of credit risk through an internal credit risk rating system which includes a detailed assessment of an obligor's creditworthiness. Internal credit risk ratings cannot be higher than the highest rating provided by certain independent ratings companies.
- Portfolios are monitored continuously, and reviewed regularly with the Risk Committee and the Investment Committee of the Board of Directors.
- Credit risk associated with derivative instruments is evaluated quarterly based on conditions that existed
 at the balance sheet date, using practices that are at least as conservative as those recommended by
 regulators. The Company manages derivative credit risk by including derivative exposure to aggregate
 credit exposures measured against rating based obligor limits and through collateral arrangements where
 possible.
- Counterparties providing reinsurance to the Company are reviewed for financial soundness as part of an
 ongoing monitoring process. The minimum financial strength of reinsurers is outlined in the Reinsurance
 Risk Management Policy. The Company seeks to minimize reinsurance credit risk by setting rating based
 limits on net ceded exposure by counterparty as well as seeking protection in the form of collateral or funds
 withheld arrangements where possible.
- Investment guidelines also specify collateral requirements.

(i) Maximum Exposure to Credit Risk

The following summarizes the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk related to financial instruments. The maximum credit exposure is the carrying value of the asset net of any allowances for losses.

	2018	2017
Cash and cash equivalents Bonds	\$ 2,513 \$	2,043
Fair value through profit or loss	49,107	47,541
Available-for-sale	7,567	7,452
Loans and receivables	9,193	8,439
Mortgage loans	8,043	6,799
Loans to policyholders	985	933
Funds held by ceding insurers (1)	8,856	9,499
Reinsurance assets	9,749	8,503
Interest due and accrued	692	681
Accounts receivable	1,290	1,163
Premiums in course of collection	711	667
Trading account assets	110	91
Finance leases receivable	225	160
Other assets (2)	127	72
Derivative assets	178	206
	\$ 99,346 \$	94,249

⁽¹⁾ Includes \$7,246 (\$8,044 at December 31, 2017) of funds held by ceding insurers where the Company retains the credit risk of the assets supporting the liabilities ceded (note 8).

Credit risk is also mitigated by entering into collateral agreements. The amount and type of collateral required depends on an assessment of the credit risk of the counterparty. Guidelines are implemented regarding the acceptability of types of collateral and the valuation parameters. Management monitors the value of the collateral, requests additional collateral when needed and performs an impairment valuation when applicable. The Company has \$17 of collateral received from counterparties as at December 31, 2018 (\$38 at December 31, 2017) relating to derivative assets.

(ii) Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentrations of credit risk arise from exposures to a single obligor, a group of related obligors or groups of obligors that have similar credit risk characteristics and operate in the same geographic region or in similar industries. The characteristics are similar in that changes in economic or political environments may impact their ability to meet obligations as they come due.

⁽²⁾ Includes items such as current income taxes receivable and miscellaneous other assets of the Company (note 13).

The following provides details of the carrying value of bonds by issuer, industry sector and geographic distribution:

	2018							
		Canada	F	Europe/ Reinsurance	United States		Total	
Bonds issued or guaranteed by:								
Treasuries	\$	477	\$	12,187	\$ 59	\$	12,723	
Government related		7,810		8,436	307		16,553	
Agency securitized		_		7	33		40	
Non-agency securitized		707		1,785	309		2,801	
Financials		1,705		6,002	201		7,908	
Communications		298		1,170	71		1,539	
Consumer products		1,681		3,101	239		5,021	
Energy		520		808	116		1,444	
Industrials		673		1,650	318		2,641	
Technology		303		405	69		777	
Transportation		1,329		1,071	32		2,432	
Utilities		4,624		4,610	563		9,797	
Total long-term bonds		20,127		41,232	2,317		63,676	
Short-term bonds		626		1,565			2,191	
Total	\$	20,753	\$	42,797	\$ 2,317	\$	65,867	

	2017							
	Canada		Europe/ Reinsurand	е	United States	Total		
Bonds issued or guaranteed by:						_		
Treasuries	\$	711	\$ 12,2	49	\$ 204 \$	\$ 13,164		
Government related		8,080	7,4	92	367	15,939		
Agency securitized				8	40	48		
Non-agency securitized		616	1,7	00	314	2,630		
Financials		1,806	5,4	26	170	7,402		
Communications		280	9	78	60	1,318		
Consumer products		1,435	2,9	93	271	4,699		
Energy		535	8	12	143	1,490		
Industrials		678	1,6	43	347	2,668		
Technology		299	4	10	28	737		
Transportation		1,169	1,0	98	31	2,298		
Utilities		3,947	4,1	96	590	8,733		
Total long-term bonds		19,556	39,0	05	2,565	61,126		
Short-term bonds		683	1,6	23		2,306		
Total	\$	20,239	\$ 40,6	28	\$ 2,565	\$ 63,432		

The following provides details of the carrying value of mortgage loans by geographic location:

	 2018									
	Canada	Europe/ United States Reinsurance			Total					
Single family residential Multi-family residential	\$ 368 953	\$	 266	\$	— \$ 498	368 1,717				
Equity release Commercial	26 1,605		289		787 3,251	813 5,145				
Total	\$ 2,952	\$	555	\$	4,536 \$	8,043				

	 2017							
	Europe/ Canada United States Reinsurance							
Single family residential Multi-family residential Commercial Total	\$ 370 901 1,527 2,798	254 151	413 3,183	370 1,568 4,861 6,799				

(iii) Asset Quality

Bond Portfolio By Credit Rating		
,	2018	2017
AAA	\$ 8,973	9,644
AA	23,913	23,263
A	22,564	22,012
BBB	9,965	7,948
BB and lower	452	565

BB and lower	 452	565
Total	\$ 65,867	\$ 63,432
Derivative Portfolio by Credit Rating		
	 2018	2017
Over-the-counter contracts (counterparty ratings):		
AA	\$ 107	\$ 78
A	53	114
BBB	10	13
Exchange traded	 8	1_
Total	\$ 178	\$ 206

(iv) Loans Past Due, But Not Impaired

Loans that are past due but not considered impaired are loans for which scheduled payments have not been received, but management has reasonable assurance of collection of the full amount of principal and interest due. The following provides carrying values of the loans past due, but not impaired:

	2018	3	2017
	•	Φ.	
Less than 30 days	\$	— \$	_
30 - 90 Days		_	_
Greater than 90 days		_	1
Total	\$	— \$	1

(v) The following outlines the future asset credit losses provided for in insurance contract liabilities. These amounts are in addition to the allowances for asset losses included with assets:

	 2018	2017
Participating	\$ 300 \$	357
Non-participating	 1,250	1,188
Total	\$ 1,550 \$	1,545

(b) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet all cash outflow obligations as they come due. The following policies and procedures are in place to manage this risk:

- The Company closely manages operating liquidity through cash flow matching of assets and liabilities and forecasting earned and required yields, to ensure consistency between policyholder requirements and the yield of assets. Approximately 85% (approximately 85% in 2017) of insurance and investment contract liabilities are non-cashable prior to maturity or subject to fair value adjustments.
- Management closely monitors the solvency and capital positions of the Company and its principal subsidiaries opposite liquidity requirements. Additional liquidity is available through established lines of credit or the capital markets.

	Payments due by period											
	Total 1 year			2	years	3 years		4 years 5 years			over years	
Debentures	\$ 989	\$	_	\$	_	\$ -	- (<u> </u>	\$ -	- \$	989	
Capital trust securities (1)	150				_	_	-	_	_	_	150	
Purchase obligations	34		13		16	4	1	1	_	_	_	
Pension contributions	103		103			_		_	_			
Total	\$ 1,276	\$	116	\$	16	\$ 4	1 \$	1	<u>\$</u>	- \$	1,139	

⁽¹⁾ Payments due have not been reduced to reflect that the Company held capital trust securities of \$25 principal amount (\$34 carrying value).

(c) Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market factors which include three types: currency risk, interest rate (including related inflation) risk and equity risk.

Caution Related to Risk Sensitivities

These consolidated financial statements include estimates of sensitivities and risk exposure measures for certain risks, such as the sensitivity due to specific changes in interest rate levels projected and market prices as at the valuation date. Actual results can differ significantly from these estimates for a variety of reasons including:

- Assessment of the circumstances that led to the scenario may lead to changes in (re)investment approaches and interest rate scenarios considered,
- Changes in actuarial, investment return and future investment activity assumptions,
- Actual experience differing from the assumptions,
- Changes in business mix, effective income tax rates and other market factors,
- Interactions among these factors and assumptions when more than one changes, and
- The general limitations of the Company's internal models.

For these reasons, the sensitivities should only be viewed as directional estimates of the underlying sensitivities for the respective factors based on the assumptions outlined above. Given the nature of these calculations, the Company cannot provide assurance that the actual impact on net earnings attributed to shareholders will be as indicated.

(i) Currency Risk

Currency risk relates to the Company operating and holding financial instruments in different currencies. For the assets backing insurance and investment contract liabilities that are not matched by currency, changes in foreign exchange rates can expose the Company to the risk of foreign exchange losses not offset by liability decreases. The Company has net investments in foreign operations. The Company's debt obligations are denominated in Canadian dollars, euros, and U.S. dollars. In accordance with IFRS, foreign currency translation gains and losses from net investments in foreign operations, net of related hedging activities and tax effects, are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income. Strengthening or weakening of the Canadian dollar spot rate compared to the U.S. dollar, British pound and euro spot rates impacts the Company's total equity. Correspondingly, the Company's book value per share and capital ratios monitored by rating agencies are also impacted.

The following policies and procedures are in place to mitigate the Company's exposure to currency risk:

- The Company uses financial measures such as constant currency calculations to monitor the effect of currency translation fluctuations.
- Investments are normally made in the same currency as the liabilities supported by those investments. Segmented Investment Guidelines include maximum tolerances for unhedged currency mismatch exposures.
- For assets backing liabilities not matched by currency, the Company would normally convert the assets back to the currency of the liability using foreign exchange contracts.
- A 10% weakening of the Canadian dollar against foreign currencies would be expected to increase non-participating insurance and investment contract liabilities and their supporting assets by approximately the same amount resulting in an immaterial change to net earnings. A 10% strengthening of the Canadian dollar against foreign currencies would be expected to decrease non-participating insurance and investment contract liabilities and their supporting assets by approximately the same amount resulting in an immaterial change in net earnings.

(ii) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk exists if asset and liability cash flows are not closely matched and interest rates change causing a difference in value between the asset and liability. The following policies and procedures are in place to mitigate the Company's exposure to interest rate risk:

- The Company utilizes a formal process for managing the matching of assets and liabilities. This involves
 grouping general fund assets and liabilities into segments. Assets in each segment are managed in
 relation to the liabilities in the segment.
- Interest rate risk is managed by investing in assets that are suitable for the products sold.
- Where these products have benefit or expense payments that are dependent on inflation (inflation-indexed annuities, pensions and disability claims) the Company generally invests in real return instruments to hedge its real dollar liability cash flows. Some protection against changes in the inflation index is achieved as any related change in the fair value of the assets will be largely offset by a similar change in the fair value of the liabilities.
- For products with fixed and highly predictable benefit payments, investments are made in fixed income assets or real estate whose cash flows closely match the liability product cash flows. Where assets are not available to match certain period cash flows, such as long-tail cash flows, a portion of these are invested in equities and the rest are duration matched. Hedging instruments are employed where necessary when there is a lack of suitable permanent investments to minimize loss exposure to interest rate changes. To the extent these cash flows are matched, protection against interest rate change is achieved and any change in the fair value of the assets will be offset by a similar change in the fair value of the liabilities.
- For products with less predictable timing of benefit payments, investments are made in fixed income
 assets with cash flows of a shorter duration than the anticipated timing of benefit payments, or equities
 as described below.
- The risk associated with the mismatch in portfolio duration and cash flow, asset prepayment exposure and the pace of asset acquisition are quantified and reviewed regularly.

Projected cash flows from the current assets and liabilities are used in the Canadian Asset Liability Method to determine insurance contract liabilities. Valuation assumptions have been made regarding rates of returns on supporting assets, fixed income, equity and inflation. The valuation assumptions use best estimates of future reinvestment rates and inflation assumptions with an assumed correlation together with margins for adverse deviation set in accordance with professional standards. These margins are necessary to provide for possibilities of misestimation and/or future deterioration in the best estimate assumptions and provide reasonable assurance that insurance contract liabilities cover a range of possible outcomes. Margins are reviewed periodically for continued appropriateness.

Projected cash flows from fixed income assets used in actuarial calculations are reduced to provide for potential asset default losses. The net effective yield rate reduction averaged 0.13% in 2018 (0.15% in 2017). The calculation for future credit losses on assets is based on the credit quality of the underlying asset portfolio.

Testing under a number of interest rate scenarios (including increasing, decreasing and fluctuating rates) is done to assess reinvestment risk. The total provision for interest rates is sufficient to cover a broader or more severe set of risks than the minimum arising from the current Canadian Institute of Actuaries prescribed scenarios.

The range of interest rates covered by these provisions is set in consideration of long-term historical results and is monitored quarterly with a full review annually. An immediate 1% parallel shift in the yield curve would not have a material impact on the Company's view of the range of interest rates to be covered by the provisions. If sustained however, the parallel shift could impact the Company's range of scenarios covered.

The total provision for interest rates also considers the impact of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries prescribed scenarios:

- At December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 the effect of an immediate 1% parallel increase in the yield curve on the prescribed scenarios results in interest rate changes to assets and liabilities that will offset each other with no impact to net earnings.
- At December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 the effect of an immediate 1% parallel decrease in the yield curve on the prescribed scenarios results in interest rate changes to assets and liabilities that will offset each other with no impact to net earnings.

Another way of measuring the interest rate risk associated with this assumption is to determine the effect on the insurance and investment contract liabilities impacting the shareholders' net earnings of the Company of a 1% change in the Company's view of the range of interest rates to be covered by these provisions. The following provides information on the effect of an immediate 1% increase or 1% decrease in the interest rates at both the low and high end of the range of interest rates recognized in the provisions:

		20	18		2017				
	1% increase			1% decrease		increase	1%	decrease	
Change in interest rates									
Increase (decrease) in non- participating insurance and investment contract liabilities	\$	(184)	\$	480	\$	(168)	\$	534	
Increase (decrease) in net earnings	\$	129	\$	(344)	\$	114	\$	(382)	

(iii) Equity Risk

Equity risk is the uncertainty associated with the valuation of assets and liabilities arising from changes in equity markets and other pricing risk. To mitigate pricing risk, the Company has investment policy guidelines in place that provide for prudent investment in equity markets within clearly defined limits. The risks associated with segregated fund guarantees have been mitigated through reinsurance treaties and a hedging program for lifetime Guaranteed Minimum Withdrawal Benefit guarantees using equity futures, currency forwards, and interest rate derivatives. For policies with segregated fund guarantees, the Company generally determines insurance contract liabilities at a conditional tail expectation of 75 (CTE75) level.

Some insurance and investment contract liabilities are supported by investment properties, common stocks and private equities, for example segregated fund products and products with long-tail cash flows. Generally these liabilities will fluctuate in line with equity values. However, there may be additional market and liability impacts as a result of changes in equity values that will cause the liabilities to fluctuate differently than the equity values. The following provides information on the expected impacts of a 10% increase or 10% decrease in equity values:

		20	18	2017				
	10% increase 10% decrease				10% increase 10% decrease			
Change in equity values								
Increase (decrease) in non-participating insurance and investment contract liabilities	\$	(82)	\$	218	\$	(54) \$	76	
Increase (decrease) in net earnings	\$	70	\$	(171)	\$	45 \$	(61)	

The best estimate return assumptions for equities are primarily based on long-term historical averages. Changes in the current market could result in changes to these assumptions and will impact both asset and liability cash flows. The following provides information on the expected impacts of a 1% increase or 1% decrease in the best estimate assumptions:

		20	18		2017					
	1%	1% increase		1% decrease		% increase	1% d	ecrease		
Change in best estimate return assumptions for equities										
Increase (decrease) in non-participating insurance contract liabilities	\$	(462)	\$	517	\$	(421)	\$	439		
Increase (decrease) in net earnings	\$	382	\$	(420)	\$	351	\$	(359)		

(d) Enforceable Master Netting Arrangements or Similar Agreements

The Company enters into International Swaps and Derivative Association's (ISDA's) master agreements for transacting over-the-counter derivatives. The Company receives and pledges collateral according to the related ISDA's Credit Support Annexes. The ISDA's master agreements do not meet the criteria for offsetting on the Consolidated Balance Sheets because they create a right of set-off that is enforceable only in the event of default, insolvency, or bankruptcy.

For exchange-traded derivatives subject to derivative clearing agreements with the exchanges and clearinghouses, there is no provision for set-off at default. Initial margin is excluded from the table within this disclosure as it would become part of a pooled settlement process.

The Company's reverse repurchase agreements are also subject to right of set-off in the event of default. These transactions and agreements include master netting arrangements which provide for the netting of payment obligations between the Company and its counterparties in the event of default.

The table sets out the potential effect on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets on financial instruments that have been shown in a gross position where right of set-off exists under certain circumstances that do not qualify for netting on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

	2018											
			Re	lated amount in the Balan								
	amo fina instr prese the E	ross ount of ancial uments ented in Balance heet	CO	Offsetting unterparty osition ⁽¹⁾	Financial collateral received/ pledged ⁽²⁾	Net exposure						
Financial instruments - assets Derivative financial instruments	¢	470	¢	/4.42\ ¢	(10) ¢	26						
Total financial instruments - assets	\$ \$	178 178	_	(142) \$ (142) \$	(10) \$ (10) \$	26 26						
Financial instruments - liabilities												
Derivative instruments	\$ \$	960	\$	(142) \$	(346) \$	472						
Total financial instruments - liabilities	\$	960	\$	(142) \$	(346) \$	472						
		2017										
			Rel	lated amounts the Balance								
	of fir instru prese the E	amount nancial uments ented in Balance heet	CO	Offsetting ounterparty position ⁽¹⁾	Financial collateral received/ pledged ⁽²⁾	Net exposure						
Financial instruments - assets	¢.	206	c	/176\ ¢	/ 7 \ Φ	22						
Derivative financial instruments Total financial instruments - assets	\$ \$	206 206		(176) \$ (176) \$	(7) \$ (7) \$	23						
Financial instruments - liabilities			<u>. </u>	, -7 +	, , ,							
Derivative instruments	\$	723	\$	(176) \$	(193) \$	354						
Derivative instruments	Ψ	720	Ψ	(110) ψ	(.σσ, φ							

⁽¹⁾ Includes counterparty amounts recognized on the Consolidated Balance Sheets where the Company has a potential offsetting position (as described above) but does not meet the criteria for offsetting on the balance sheet, excluding collateral.

⁽²⁾ Financial collateral presented above excludes overcollateralization and, for exchange-traded derivatives, initial margin. Financial collateral received on reverse repurchase agreements is held by a third party. Total financial collateral, including initial margin and overcollateralization, received on derivative assets was \$17 (\$38 at December 31, 2017), and pledged on derivative liabilities was \$380 (\$229 at December 31, 2017).

10. Fair Value Measurement

The Company's assets and liabilities recorded at fair value have been categorized based upon the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1: Fair value measurements utilize observable, quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access. Assets and liabilities utilizing Level 1 inputs include actively exchange-traded equity securities, exchange-traded futures, and mutual and segregated funds which have available prices in an active market with no redemption restrictions.

Level 2: Fair value measurements utilize inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, such as interest rates and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals. The fair values for some Level 2 securities were obtained from a pricing service. The pricing service inputs include, but are not limited to, benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, offers and reference data. Level 2 assets and liabilities include those priced using a matrix which is based on credit quality and average life, government and agency securities, restricted stock, some private bonds and equities, most investment-grade and high-yield corporate bonds, most asset-backed securities, most over-the-counter derivatives, and mortgage loans. Investment contracts that are measured at fair value through profit or loss are mostly included in the Level 2 category.

Level 3: Fair value measurements utilize one or more significant inputs that are not based on observable market inputs and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability. The values of the majority of Level 3 securities were obtained from single broker quotes, internal pricing models, or external appraisers. Assets and liabilities utilizing Level 3 inputs generally include certain bonds, certain asset-backed securities, some private equities, investments in mutual and segregated funds where there are redemption restrictions, certain over-the-counter derivatives, investment properties and equity release mortgages.

The following presents the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis by hierarchy level:

	2018									
Assets measured at fair value		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,513	\$:	\$	\$ 2,513					
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Bonds Mortgage loans		_	49,040	67 813	49,107 813					
Stocks		2,713	_	—	2,713					
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		2,713	49,040	880	52,633					
Available-for-sale financial assets										
Bonds		_	7,567	_	7,567					
Stocks Total available-for-sale financial assets	_		7,567	11	1 7,568					
Investment properties		_		3,281	3,281					
Funds held by ceding insurers		230	6,925	, <u> </u>	7,155					
Derivatives (1)		8	170	_	178					
Reinsurance assets		_	121	_	121					
Assets held for sale		134	731	29	894					
Other assets - trading account assets		110			110					
Total assets measured at fair value	\$	5,708	\$ 64,554	\$ 4,191	\$ 74,453					
Liabilities measured at fair value										
Derivatives (2)	\$	1	\$ 959	\$	\$ 960					
Investment contract liabilities		_	1,641	_	1,641					
Investment contract liabilities held for sale		_	1	26	27					
Total liabilities measured at fair value	\$	1	\$ 2,601	\$ 26	\$ 2,628					

Excludes collateral received from counterparties of \$17.

There were no transfers of the Company's assets and liabilities between Level 1 and Level 2 in the year.

Excludes collateral pledged to counterparties of \$356.

		2017							
Assets measured at fair value	L	evel 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,043 \$	— \$	— \$	2,043				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Bonds Stocks Total financial assets at fair value through profit or		2,670 2,670	47,476 — 47,476	65 18 83	47,541 2,688 50,229				
loss		2,070	47,470		30,229				
Available-for-sale financial assets Bonds Stocks		_	7,452 —	<u> </u>	7,452 1_				
Total available-for-sale financial assets			7,452	1	7,453				
Investment properties		_	_	3,222	3,222				
Funds held by ceding insurers		132	7,806	_	7,938				
Derivatives (1)		1	205	_	206				
Reinsurance assets		_	131	_	131				
Other assets - trading assets		91			91				
Total assets measured at fair value	\$	4,937 \$	63,070 \$	3,306 \$	71,313				
Liabilities measured at fair value									
Derivatives (2)	\$	2 \$	721 \$	— \$	723				
Investment contract liabilities			1,740	22	1,762				
Total liabilities measured at fair value	\$	2 \$	2,461 \$	22 \$	2,485				

⁽¹⁾ Excludes collateral received from counterparties of \$38.

There were no transfers of the Company's assets and liabilities between Level 1 and Level 2 in the year.

⁽²⁾ Excludes collateral pledged to counterparties of \$208.

The following presents additional information about assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis which the Company classifies as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy:

			-		20	18					
	thr pro	air alue ough ofit or oss onds	Fair value through profit or loss mortgage loans	Fair value through profit or loss stocks ⁽³⁾	Available for-sale stocks	Investment properties	Assets held for sale	Total Level 3 assets	Investment contract liabilities	Liabilities held for sale	Total Level 3 liabilities
Balance, beginning of Total gains (losses)	\$	65	\$ —	\$ 18	\$ 1	\$ 3,222	\$ —	\$ 3,306	\$ 22	\$ —	\$ 22
Included in net earnings Included in other		_	(24)	_	_	(40)	_	(64)	_	_	_
comprehensive income (1)		2	20	_	_	70	_	92	_	_	_
Business acquisition (note 3)		_	799	_	_	_	_	799	_	_	_
Purchases		_	_	_	_	92	_	92	_	_	_
Issues		_	76	_	_	_	_	76	_	_	_
Sales		_	_	(18)) —	(34)	_	(52)	_	_	_
Settlements		_	(58)	_	_	_	_	(58)	_	_	_
Other		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	4	_	4
Transfers into Level 3 (2)		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Transfers out of Level 3 (2)		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Transferred to assets held for sale		_	_	_	_	(29)	29	_	(26)	26	_
Balance, end of year	\$	67	\$ 813	\$ —	\$ 1	\$ 3,281	\$ 29	\$ 4,191	\$ —	\$ 26	\$ 26
Total losses for the year included in net investment income	\$	_	\$ (24)) \$ _	\$ _	\$ (40)	\$ —	\$ (64)	\$ <u> </u>	\$ _	\$ _
Change in unrealized losses for the year included in earnings for assets held at December 31, 2018	\$	_	\$ (24))\$ —	\$ —	\$ (43)	\$ —	\$ (67)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ <u> </u>

⁽¹⁾ Amount of other comprehensive income for fair value through profit or loss mortgage loans and investment properties represents the unrealized gains (losses) on foreign exchange.

⁽²⁾ Transfers into Level 3 are due primarily to decreased observability of inputs in valuation methodologies. Transfers out of Level 3 are due primarily to increased observability of inputs in valuation methodologies as evidenced by corroboration of market prices with multiple pricing vendors or the lifting of redemption restrictions on investments in mutual and segregated funds.

Includes investments in mutual and segregated funds where there are redemption restrictions. The fair value is based on observable, quoted prices.

								2017						
	Fair value through profit or loss bonds		fc	Available- for-sale bonds		Fair value through profit or loss stocks ⁽³⁾		Available- for-sale stocks	Investment properties			Total Level 3 assets	Investment contract liabilities	
Balance, beginning of year	\$	1	\$	_	\$	17	\$	1	\$	3,033	\$	3,052	\$	20
Total gains Included in net earnings		1		_		1		_		105		107		_
Included in other comprehensive income (1)		4		_		_		_		68		72		_
Purchases		_		_		_		_		88		88		_
Sales		_		_		_		_		(72)		(72)		_
Other		_		_		_		_		`—		`		2
Transfers into Level 3 (2)		60		_		_		_		_		60		_
Transfers out of Level 3 (2)		(1)								_		(1)		
Balance, end of year	\$	65	\$	_	\$	18	\$	1	\$	3,222	\$	3,306	\$	22
Total gains for the year included in net investment income	\$	1	\$		\$	1	\$		\$	105	\$	107	\$	
Change in unrealized gains for the year included in earnings for assets held at December 31, 2017	\$	1	\$	_	\$	1	\$	_	\$	84	\$	86	\$	_
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⁽¹⁾ Amount of other comprehensive income for investment properties represents the unrealized gain (losses) on foreign exchange.

Transfers into Level 3 are due primarily to decreased observability of inputs in valuation methodologies. Transfers out of Level 3 are due primarily to increased observability of inputs in valuation methodologies as evidenced by corroboration of market prices with multiple pricing vendors or the lifting of redemption restrictions on investments in mutual and segregated funds.

⁽³⁾ Includes investments in mutual and segregated funds where there are redemption restrictions. The fair value is based on observable, quoted prices.

The following sets out information about significant unobservable inputs used at year-end in measuring assets and liabilities categorized as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy:

Type of asset	Valuation approach	Significant unobservable input	Input value	Inter-relationship between key unobservable inputs and fair value measurement
Investment properties	Investment property valuations are generally determined using property valuation models based on expected capitalization rates and models that discount expected future net cash flows. The determination of the fair value	Discount rate	Range of 2.4% - 10.3%	A decrease in the discount rate would result in an increase in fair value. An increase in the discount rate would result in a decrease in fair value.
	of investment property requires the use of estimates such as future cash flows (such as future leasing assumptions, rental rates, capital and operating expenditures) and discount, reversionary and overall	Reversionary rate	Range of 4.0% - 6.8%	A decrease in the reversionary rate would result in an increase in fair value. An increase in the reversionary rate would result in a decrease in fair value.
	capitalization rates applicable to the asset based on current market rates.	Vacancy rate	Weighted average of 1.9%	A decrease in the expected vacancy rate would generally result in an increase in fair value. An increase in the expected vacancy rate would generally result in a decrease in fair value.
Mortgage loans (fair value through profit or loss)	The valuation approach for equity release mortgages is to use an internal valuation model to determine the projected asset cash flows, including the stochastically calculated cost of the no negative-equity guarantee for each individual loan, to aggregate these across all loans and to discount those cash-flows back to the valuation date. The projection is done monthly until expected redemption of the loan either voluntarily or on the death/entering into long term care of the loanholders.	Discount rate	4.5%	A decrease in the discount rate would result in an increase in fair value. An increase in the discount rate would result in a decrease in fair value.

The following presents the Company's assets and liabilities disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis by hierarchy level:

					2018				
		Level 1	ا د	evel 2	Level 3		Other assets/ liabilities not held at fair value		Total
Assets disclosed at fair value				7012	LOVOIO		Tall Value		10141
Loans and receivables financial assets									
Bonds	\$	_ :	\$	8,772	\$ 3	1	\$ 1,007	\$	9,810
Mortgage loans	·	_		7,600	_	_	· _	·	7,600
Loans to policyholders		_		985	_	_			985
Total loans and receivables financial assets		_		17,357	3′	1	1,007		18,395
Available-for-sale financial assets									
Stocks (1)		_		_	_	-	20		20
Other stocks (2)		_		_	_	-	8		8
Assets held for sale		_		3	_	-	_		3
Funds held by ceding insurers					_	_	91		91
Total assets disclosed at fair value	\$		\$	17,360	\$ 3	1_	\$ 1,126	\$	18,517
				·					
Liabilities disclosed at fair value	_							_	
Debentures and other debt instruments	\$		<u>\$</u>	335	:	_	\$ 889		1,224
Total liabilities disclosed at fair value	\$		\$	335	<u> </u>	_	<u>\$ 889</u>	<u>\$</u>	1,224

⁽¹⁾ Fair value of certain stocks available for sale cannot be reliably measured, therefore, these investments are recorded at cost.

Other stocks includes equity investments over which the Company exerts significant influence but does not control.

	2017							
	L	evel 1	Level 2	Level 3	Other assets/ liabilities not held at fair value	Total		
Assets disclosed at fair value								
Loans and receivables financial assets	•	•						
Bonds	\$	— \$	8,112 \$	\$ 54	\$ 1,202 \$	9,368		
Mortgage loans			7,422	_	_	7,422		
Loans to policyholders			933			933		
Total loans and receivables financial assets		_	16,467	54	1,202	17,723		
Available-for-sale financial assets								
Stocks (1)			_	_	100	100		
Other stocks (2)			_	_	2	2		
Funds held by ceding insurers		_	_	_	106	106		
Total assets disclosed at fair value	\$	— \$	16,467	\$ 54	\$ 1,410 \$	17,931		
Liabilities disclosed at fair value								
Debentures and other debt instruments	\$	<u> </u>	349 3		\$ 875 \$	1,224		
Total liabilities disclosed at fair value	\$	<u> </u>	349 9	<u> </u>	\$ 875 \$	1,224		

⁽¹⁾ Fair value of certain stocks available for sale cannot be reliably measured, therefore, these investments are

11. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

(a) Goodwill

(i) The carrying value of goodwill, all in the shareholder segment, and changes in the carrying value of goodwill are as follows:

	2018	2017
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 794 \$	756
Business acquisitions	285	_
Changes in foreign exchange rates	31	38
Balance, end of year	\$ 1,110 \$	794

⁽²⁾ Other stocks includes equity investments over which the Company exerts significant influence but does not control.

11. Goodwill and Intangible Assets (cont'd)

(ii) Within the operating segments of the Company, goodwill has been assigned to cash generating unit groupings, representing the lowest level in which goodwill is monitored for internal reporting purposes. The Company does not allocate insignificant amounts of goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets across multiple cash generating unit groupings. Goodwill is tested for impairment by comparing the carrying value of each cash generating unit grouping to which goodwill has been assigned to its recoverable amount as follows:

		2018	2017
Individual Customer	\$	16 \$	16
Group Customer	•	10	10
Insurance and Annuities		1,065	749
United States		19	19
Total	\$	1,110 \$	794

(b) Intangible Assets

Intangible assets of \$439 (\$362 in 2017) include indefinite life and finite life intangible assets. The carrying value and changes in the carrying value of these intangible assets are as follows:

(i) Indefinite life intangible assets:

	2018								
		Brands and trademarks		Customer contract related		Total			
Cost Balance, beginning of year Changes in foreign exchange rates	\$	14 !	5 S	\$ 	-	\$	145 5		
Balance, end of year	\$	150) (\$ _	- :	\$	150		
	_			2017					
		Brands and trademarks		Customer contract related		Total			
Cost							-		
Balance, beginning of year	\$	136	3	\$ —	- \$	5	136		
Changes in foreign exchange rates				_			9		
Balance, end of year	\$	145	5 \$	<u> </u>	- 5	<u> </u>	145		

Indefinite life intangible assets have been assigned to the Insurance and Annuities cash generating unit grouping within the Europe/Reinsurance business unit.

11. Goodwill and Intangible Assets (cont'd)

(ii) Finite life intangible assets:

	2018								
	COI	tomer ntract lated	0	Distribution channels		Software		Total	
Amortization period range	7 - 3	30 years		30 years		3 - 10 years			
Amortization method	Stra	ight-line	;	Straight-line	5	Straight-line			
Cost Balance, beginning of year	\$	172	\$	30	\$	231	\$	433	
Additions		34		_		82		116	
Changes in foreign exchange rates		7		1		6		14	
Disposals						(7)		(7)	
Balance, end of year	\$	213	\$	31	\$	312	\$	556	
Accumulated amortization and impairment									
Balance, beginning of year	\$	(58)	\$	(16)	\$	(142)	\$	(216)	
Changes in foreign exchange rates		(2)		(1)		(4)		(7)	
Disposals		_		_		5		5	
Amortization		(19)		(1)		(29)		(49)	
Balance, end of year	\$	(79)	\$	(18)	\$	(170)	\$	(267)	
Net carrying amount	\$	134	\$	13	\$	142	\$	289	

	2017						
	C	ustomer ontract elated	Distribution channels		Software		Total
Amortization period range	9	- 30 years	30 years		3 - 10 years		
Amortization method	St	raight-line	Straight-line		Straight-line		
Cost							
Balance, beginning of year	\$	162	\$ 28	\$	184	\$	374
Additions		_	_		43		43
Changes in foreign exchange rates		10	2		11		23
Disposal		_	_		(7)		(7)
Balance, end of year	\$	172	\$ 30	\$	231	\$	433
Accumulated amortization and impairment							
Balance, beginning of year	\$	(40)	\$ (14)	\$	(121)	\$	(175)
Changes in foreign exchange rates		(3)	(1)		(5)		(9)
Disposals		_	_		6		6
Amortization		(15)	(1)		(22)		(38)
Balance, end of year	\$	(58)	\$ (16)	\$	(142)	\$	(216)
Net carrying amount	\$	114	\$ 14	\$	89	\$	217

The weighted average remaining amortization period of the customer contract related and distribution channels are 10 and 15 years respectively (11 and 16 years respectively at December 31, 2017).

11. Goodwill and Intangible Assets (cont'd)

(c) Recoverable Amount

For the purposes of annual impairment testing, the Company allocates goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets to cash generating unit groupings. Any potential impairment of goodwill or indefinite life intangible assets is identified by comparing the recoverable amount of a cash generating unit grouping to its carrying value. Recoverable amount is based on fair value less cost of disposal.

Fair value is initially assessed with reference to valuation multiples of comparable publicly-traded financial institutions and precedent business acquisition transactions. These valuation multiples may include price-to-earnings or price-to-book measures for life insurers and asset managers. This assessment may give regard to a variety of relevant considerations, including expected growth, risk and capital market conditions, among other factors. The valuation multiples used in assessing fair value represent Level 2 inputs.

In the fourth quarter of 2018, the Company conducted its annual impairment testing of goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets based on September 30, 2018 asset balances. It was determined that the recoverable amounts of cash generating unit groupings were in excess of their carrying values and there was no evidence of impairment.

Any reasonable changes in assumptions and estimates used in determining recoverable amounts of cash generating unit groupings is unlikely to cause carrying values to exceed recoverable amounts.

12. Owner Occupied Properties and Fixed Assets

The carrying value of owner occupied properties and the changes in the carrying value of owner occupied properties is as follows:

	 2018	2017
Carrying value, beginning of year	\$ 292 \$	230
Less: accumulated depreciation/impairments	 (11)	(9)
Net carrying value, beginning of year	281	221
Additions	6	57
Depreciation	(2)	(2)
Changes in foreign exchange rates	 5	5
Net carrying value, end of year	\$ 290 \$	281

The net carrying value of fixed assets is \$73 at December 31, 2018 (\$65 at December 31, 2017).

There are no restrictions on the title of the owner occupied properties and fixed assets nor are they pledged as security for debt.

13. Other Assets

	2	018	2017
Deferred acquisition costs	\$	597 \$	574
Defined benefit pension plan asset (note 24)	*	148	193
Trading account assets		110	91
Finance lease receivable		225	160
Prepaid expenses		22	21
Miscellaneous other assets		36	65
Total	\$	1,138 \$	1,104

Total other assets of \$177 (\$184 at December 31, 2017) are expected to be realized within 12 months from the reporting date. This amount excludes deferred acquisition costs, the changes in which are noted below.

Deferred acquisition costs

	 <u> 2018 </u>	2017	
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 574 \$	523	
Additions	86	112	
Amortization	(46)	(48)	
Changes in foreign exchange rates	18	26	
Disposals	 (35)	(39)	
Balance, end of year	\$ 597 \$	574	

Finance leases receivable

The Company has five finance leases on properties in Europe. These properties have been leased for terms ranging between 27 and 40 years.

The finance leases receivable for the five properties, in aggregate, is as follows:

Minimum lease paymentsPresent value of minimum lease paymentsOne year\$ 99Over one year to five years4237Over five years423179Less: unearned finance lease income249—Total finance leases receivable\$ 225\$ 225		2018				
Over one year to five years 42 37 Over five years 423 179 474 225 Less: unearned finance lease income 249 —		lease		of minimum lease		
Over one year to five years 42 37 Over five years 423 179 Less: unearned finance lease income 249 —	One year	\$ 9	\$	9		
Less: unearned finance lease income 474 225 Less: unearned finance lease income 249 —	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	42		37		
Less: unearned finance lease income	Over five years	423		179		
		474		225		
Total finance leases receivable \$ 225 \$ 225	Less: unearned finance lease income	249				
	Total finance leases receivable	\$ 225	\$	225		

The internal rate of return for the leases ranges between 3.9% and 6.2%.

(a) Insurance and investment contract liabilities

		Gross liability	R	einsurance assets	Net
Insurance contract liabilities Investment contract liabilities	\$	84,132 1,641	\$	9,628 \$ 121	74,504 1,520
Total	\$	85,773	\$	9,749 \$	76,024
				2017	
	_	Gross liability	R	einsurance assets	Net
Insurance contract liabilities	\$	80,717	\$	8,372 \$	72,345
Investment contract liabilities		1,762		131	1,631
Total	<u>\$</u>	82,479	\$	8,503 \$	73,976

(b) Composition of insurance and investment contract liabilities and related supporting assets

(i) The composition of insurance and investment contract liabilities is as follows:

		Gross liability		urance sets	Net
Participating		-			
Individual Customer	\$	8,470	\$	(360) \$	8,830
Europe/Reinsurance		978		_	978
United States		2,533		(4)	2,537
Non-Participating					
Individual Customer		9,831		1,580	8,251
Group Customer		6,745		155	6,590
Europe/Reinsurance		55,517		7,296	48,221
United States		1,699		1,082	617
Total	\$	85,773	\$	9,749 \$	76,024
			20	17	

2017						
	Gross liability	Reinsurand assets	е	Net		
\$	7,598	\$ (3	350) \$	7,948		
	1,286		_	1,286		
	2,401		(1)	2,402		
	10,103	1,4	197	8,606		
	6,640	1	44	6,496		
	52,740	6,1	40	46,600		
	1,711	1,0)73	638		
\$	82,479	\$ 8,5	503 \$	73,976		
	\$	\$ 7,598 1,286 2,401 10,103 6,640 52,740 1,711	Gross Reinsurance assets \$ 7,598 \$ (3,1,286) 2,401 10,103	Gross Reinsurance assets \$ 7,598 \$ (350) \$ 1,286 — 2,401		

(ii) The composition of the assets supporting liabilities and equity is as follows:

		2018										
	Mortgage							Investment				
		Bonds		loans		Stocks	r	properties		Other		Total
Carrying value Participating liabilities Individual Customer Europe/Reinsurance United States	\$	5,109 708 1,732	\$	1,578 24 468	\$	915 68 —	\$	277	\$	591 160 333	\$	8,470 978 2,533
Non-participating liabilities												
Individual Customer		8,182		373		1,249		25		2		9,831
Group Customer		4,227		590		2		_		1,926		6,745
Europe/Reinsurance		34,832		4,511		191		2,795		13,188		55,517
United States		513		78		_		_		1,108		1,699
Other liabilities		2,747		203		196		25		118,234		121,405
Total equity		7,817		218		121		141		4,236		12,533
Total carrying value	\$	65,867	\$	8,043	\$	2,742	\$	3,281	5	139,778	\$	219,711
Fair value	\$	66,484	\$	8,413	\$	2,742	\$	3,281	5	139,778	\$	220,698

	_	2017									
	Mortgage Bonds loans				Stocks		nvestment properties	Other		Total	
Carrying value Participating liabilities Individual Customer	\$	4,511	\$	1,449	\$	797	\$	240 \$		\$	7,598
Europe/Reinsurance United States Non-participating liabilities		928 1,768		27 320		110		48 —	173 313		1,286 2,401
Individual Customer Group Customer Europe/Reinsurance		8,338 4,144 32,627		422 555 3,569		1,310 38 258		16 — 2,811	17 1,903 13,475		10,103 6,640 52,740
United States Other liabilities		546 2,720		77 163		 222		17	1,088 115,126		1,711 118,248
Total equity Total carrying value	\$	7,850 63,432	\$	217 6,799	\$	56 2,791	\$	90 3,222 \$	3,744 136,440	\$	11,957 212,684
Fair value	\$	64,361	\$	7,422	\$	2,791	\$	3,222 \$	136,440	\$	214,236

Cash flows of assets supporting insurance and investment contract liabilities are matched within reasonable limits. Changes in the fair values of these assets are essentially offset by changes in the fair value of insurance and investment contract liabilities.

Changes in the fair values of assets backing capital and surplus, less related income taxes, would result in a corresponding change in surplus over time in accordance with investment accounting policies.

(c) Changes in insurance contract liabilities

The change in insurance contract liabilities during the year was the result of the following business activities and changes in actuarial estimates:

Balance, beginning of year
Impact of new business
Normal change in force
Management action and changes in assumptions
Transfer of liabilities to held for sale (note 4)
Impact of foreign exchange rate changes
Balance, end of year

_		20		
		Partici	pating	
	Gross liability	Net		
\$	11,269 (18) 711	\$	(351) \$ — (11)	11,620 (18) 722
	41		(2)	43
	(281)		_	(281)
	258		_	258
\$	11,980	\$	(364) \$	12,344

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	Gross liability	Reinsurance assets	Net	 Total Net
Balance, beginning of year Impact of new business Normal change in force	\$ 69,448 3,718 (3,961)	\$ 8,723 \$ 190 (258)	60,725 3,528 (3,703)	\$ 72,345 3,510 (2,981)
Management action and changes in assumptions	(589)	35	(624)	(581)
Business movement from/to affiliates	(97)	(15)	(82)	(82)
Business movement from/to external parties	(4)	(1)	(3)	(3)
Retirement Advantage acquisition (note 3)	2,572	931	1,641	1,641
Transfer of liabilities to held for sale (note 4)	(589)	_	(589)	(870)
Impact of foreign exchange rate changes	 1,654	387	1,267	 1,525
Balance, end of year	\$ 72,152	\$ 9,992 \$	62,160	\$ 74,504

	2017								
	Participating								
		Gross liability	Reinsurance assets	Net					
Balance, beginning of year Impact of new business	\$	10,704 (86)	\$ (316)	\$ 11,020 (86)					
Normal change in force		853	(15)	868					
Management action and changes in assumptions		53	(20)	73					
With Profits Fund conversion		(74)	_	(74)					
Impact of foreign exchange rate changes		(181)	_	(181)					
Balance, end of year	\$	11,269	\$ (351)	\$ 11,620					

	No				
	Gross F liability	Reinsurance assets	Net	T	otal Net
Balance, beginning of year Impact of new business Normal change in force	\$ 67,755 \$ 3,195 (1,675)	9,463 \$ 193 (141)	58,292 3,002 (1,534)	\$	69,312 2,916 (666)
Management action and changes in assumptions With Profits Fund conversion	(1,126) 74	(821)	(305) 74		(232)
Business movement from/to affiliates Business movement from/to external parties	— (51)	(38)	38 (51)		38 (51)
Impact of foreign exchange rate changes Balance, end of year	\$ 1,276 69,448 \$	67 8,723 \$	1,209	\$	1,028 72,345

Under fair value accounting, movement in the fair value of the supporting assets is a major factor in the movement of insurance contract liabilities. Changes in the fair value of assets are largely offset by corresponding changes in the fair value of liabilities. The change in the value of the insurance contract liabilities associated with the change in the value of the supporting assets is included in the normal change in force above.

In 2018, the major contributors to the increase in net insurance contract liabilities were the impact of new business of \$3,510, the acquisition of Retirement Advantage of \$1,641 and the net impact of foreign exchange rate changes of \$1,525. This was partially offset by decreases due to normal change in force of \$2,981, the expected transfer of UK heritage business to Scottish Friendly of \$870 and management action and changes in assumptions of \$581.

Net non-participating insurance contract liabilities decreased by \$624 in 2018 due to management actions and assumption changes. The decrease was primarily due to updated longevity assumptions of \$365, updated economic assumptions of \$220, updated morbidity assumptions of \$30, modeling refinements of \$30, updated expense and tax assumptions of \$24, updated life mortality assumptions of \$8 and updated provision for experience rating refunds of \$7, partially offset by increases due to updated policyholder behaviour assumptions

Net participating insurance contract liabilities increased by \$43 in 2018 due to management actions and assumption changes. The increase was primarily due to lower investment returns of \$91, partially offset by

decreases due to updated expense and tax assumptions of \$28, decreases to provisions for future policyholder dividends of \$15 and modeling refinements of \$7.

In 2017, the major contributors to the increase in net insurance contract liabilities were the impact of new business of \$2,916, foreign exchange rate changes of \$1,028 and business to/from affiliates of \$38. This was partially offset by decreases in normal change of in force business of \$666, management action and changes in assumptions of \$232 and business movement to/from external parties of \$51.

Net non-participating insurance contract liabilities decreased by \$305 in 2017 due to management actions and assumption changes. The decrease was primarily due to updated economic assumptions of \$259, updated longevity assumptions of \$237, updated life mortality assumptions of \$23, partially offset by increases due to updated policyholder behaviour assumptions of \$163, modeling refinements of \$30, updated expense and tax assumptions of \$10, and updates to other provisions of \$9.

Net participating insurance contract liabilities increased by \$73 in 2017 due to management actions and assumption changes. The increase was primarily due to lower investment returns of \$1,855, updated policyholder behaviour assumptions of \$62 and modeling refinements of \$7, partially offset by decreases to provisions for future policyholder dividends of \$1,641, updated expense and tax assumptions of \$204 and updated life mortality assumptions of \$6.

(d) Change in investment contract liabilities measured at fair value

				2018	2017					
	Gross Reinsurance liability assets Net				Gross liability					
Balance, beginning of year	\$	1,762	\$	131 \$	1,631	\$	1,925	\$	162 \$	1,763
Normal change in force business		(187)		(29)	(158)		(171))	(33)	(138)
Investment experience		(18)		9	(27)		95		11	84
Management action and changes in assumptions		15		_	15		(22))	_	(22)
Transfer of liabilities to held for sale (note 4)		(27)		_	(27)		_		_	_
Impact of foreign exchange rate changes		96		10	86		(65))	(9)	(56)
Balance, end of year	\$	1,641	\$	121 \$	1,520	\$	1,762	\$	131 \$	1,631

The carrying value of investment contract liabilities approximates their fair value.

(e) Gross premiums written and gross policyholder benefits

(i) Premium Income

Direct premiums
Assumed reinsurance premiums
Total

2018	2017
\$ 11,556	\$ 10,606
14,076	12,566
\$ 25,632	\$ 23,172

(ii) Policyholder Benefits

	 2018	2017	
Direct	\$ 7,186 \$	6,689	
Assumed reinsurance	 14,620	13,141	
Total	\$ 21,806 \$	19,830	

(f) Actuarial Assumptions

In the computation of insurance contract liabilities, valuation assumptions have been made regarding rates of mortality/morbidity, investment returns, levels of operating expenses, rates of policy termination and rates of utilization of elective policy options or provisions. The valuation assumptions use best estimates of future experience together with a margin for adverse deviation. These margins are necessary to provide for possibilities of misestimation and/or future deterioration in the best estimate assumptions and provide reasonable assurance that insurance contract liabilities cover a range of possible outcomes. Margins are reviewed periodically for continued appropriateness.

The methods for arriving at these valuation assumptions are outlined below:

Mortality

A life insurance mortality study is carried out annually for each major block of insurance business. The results of each study are used to update the Company's experience valuation mortality tables for that business. When there is insufficient data, use is made of the latest industry experience to derive an appropriate valuation mortality assumption. Improvement scales for life insurance and annuitant mortality are updated periodically based on population and industry studies, product specific considerations, as well as professional guidance. In addition, appropriate provisions have been made for future mortality deterioration on term insurance.

Annuitant mortality is also studied regularly and the results used to modify established industry experience annuitant mortality tables.

The Company uses industry developed experience tables modified to reflect emerging Company experience. Both claim incidence and termination are monitored regularly and emerging experience is factored into the current valuation.

Investment returns

The assets which correspond to the different liability categories are segmented. For each segment, projected cash flows from the current assets and liabilities are used in Canadian Asset Liability Method to determine insurance contract liabilities. Cash flows from assets are reduced to provide for asset default losses. Testing under several interest rate and equity scenarios (including increasing and decreasing rates) is done to provide for reinvestment risk (note 9(c)).

Expenses

Contractual policy expenses (e.g. sales commissions) and tax expenses are reflected on a best estimate basis. Expense studies for indirect operating expenses are updated regularly to determine an appropriate estimate of future operating expenses for the liability type being valued. Improvements in unit operating expenses are not projected. An inflation assumption is incorporated in the estimate of future operating expenses consistent with the interest rate scenarios projected under Canadian Asset Liability Method as inflation is assumed to be correlated with new money interest rates.

Policy termination

Studies to determine rates of policy termination are updated regularly to form the basis of this estimate. Industry data is also available and is useful where the Company has no experience with specific types of policies or its exposure is limited. The Company's most significant exposures are in respect of the T-100 and Level Cost of Insurance Universal Life products in Canada and policy renewal rates at the end of term for renewable term policies in Canada and Reinsurance. Industry experience has guided the Company's assumptions for these products as the Company's own experience is very limited.

Utilization of elective policy options

There are a wide range of elective options embedded in the policies issued by the Company. Examples include term renewals, conversion to whole life insurance (term insurance), settlement annuity purchase at guaranteed rates (deposit annuities) and guarantee re-sets (segregated fund maturity guarantees). The assumed rates of utilization are based on Company or industry experience when it exists and when not on judgment considering incentives to utilize the option. Generally, whenever it is clearly in the best interests of an informed policyholder to utilize an option, then it is assumed to be elected.

Policyholder dividends and adjustable policy features

Future policyholder dividends and other adjustable policy features are included in the determination of insurance contract liabilities with the assumption that policyholder dividends or adjustable benefits will change in the future in response to the relevant experience. The dividend and policy adjustments are determined consistent with policyholders' reasonable expectations, such expectations being influenced by the participating policyholder dividend policies and/or policyholder communications, marketing material and past practice. It is the Company's expectation that changes will occur in policyholder dividend scales or adjustable benefits for participating or adjustable business respectively, corresponding to changes in the best estimate assumptions, resulting in an immaterial net change in insurance contract liabilities. Where underlying guarantees may limit the ability to pass all of this experience back to the policyholder, the impact of this non-adjustability on shareholders' earnings is reflected in the changes in best estimate assumptions above.

(g) Risk management

(i) Insurance risk

Insurance risk is the risk that the insured event occurs and that there are large deviations between expected and actual actuarial assumptions including mortality, persistency, longevity, morbidity, expense variations and investment returns.

As an insurance company, Canada Life is in the business of accepting risk associated with insurance contract liabilities. The objective of the Company is to mitigate its exposure to risk arising from these contracts through product design, product and geographical diversification, the implementation of the Company's underwriting strategy guidelines, and through the use of reinsurance arrangements.

The following provides information about the Company's insurance contract liabilities sensitivities to management's best estimate of the approximate impact as a result of changes in assumptions used to determine the Company's liability associated with these contracts.

	Increase (decrease) in net earnings			
		2018	2017	
Mortality - 2% increase	\$	(94) \$	(212)	
Annuitant mortality - 2% decrease	\$	(445) \$	(435)	
Morbidity - 5% adverse change	\$	(122) \$	(104)	
Investment returns		, ,		
Parallel shift in yield curve				
1% increase	\$	— \$	_	
1% decrease	\$	— \$	_	
Change in interest rates				
1% increase	\$	129 \$	114	
1% decrease	\$	(344) \$	(382)	
Change in equity values				
10% increase	\$	70 \$	45	
10% decrease	\$	(171) \$	(61)	
Change in best estimate return assumptions for equities				
1% increase	\$	382 \$	351	
1% decrease	\$	(420) \$	(359)	
Expenses - 5% increase	\$	(77) \$	(78)	
Policy termination and renewal - 10% adverse change	\$	(335) \$	(394)	

Concentration risk may arise from geographic regions, accumulation of risks and market risk. The concentration of insurance risk before and after reinsurance by geographic region is described below.

			2018		2017				
	Gross iability	Reinsurance assets		Net	Gross Ro liability		einsurance assets	Net	
Canada United States Europe	\$ 25,046 4,232 56,495	\$	1,375 \$ 1,078 7,296	23,671 3,154 49,199	\$ 24,341 4,112 54,026	\$	1,291 \$ 1,072 6,140	23,050 3,040 47,886	
Total	\$ 85,773	\$	9,749 \$	76,024	\$ 82,479	\$	8,503 \$	73,976	

(ii) Reinsurance risk

Maximum limits per insured life benefit amount (which vary by line of business) are established for life and health insurance, and reinsurance is purchased for amounts in excess of those limits.

Reinsurance costs and recoveries as defined by the reinsurance agreement are reflected in the valuation with these costs and recoveries being appropriately calibrated to the direct assumptions.

Reinsurance contracts do not relieve the Company from its obligations to policyholders. Failure of reinsurers to honour their obligations could result in losses to the Company. The Company evaluates the financial condition of its reinsurers to minimize its exposure to significant losses from reinsurer insolvencies.

Certain of the reinsurance contracts are on a funds withheld basis where the Company retains the assets supporting the reinsured insurance contract liabilities, thus minimizing the exposure to significant losses from reinsurer insolvency on those contracts.

15. Segregated Funds and Other Structured Entities

The Company offers segregated fund products in Canada and Europe that are referred to as segregated funds and unit-linked funds in the respective region. These funds are contracts issued by insurers to segregated fund policyholders where the benefit is directly linked to the performance of the investments, the risks or rewards of the fair value movements and net investment income is realized by the segregated fund policyholders. The segregated fund policyholders are required to select the segregated funds that hold a range of underlying investments. While the Company has legal title to the investments, there is a contractual obligation to pass along the investment results to the segregated fund policyholder and the Company segregates these investments from those of the Company.

In Canada, the segregated fund assets are legally separated from the general assets of the Company under the terms of the policyholder agreement and cannot be used to settle obligations of the Company. In Europe, the assets of the funds are functionally and constructively segregated from those of the Company. As a result of the legal and constructive arrangements of these funds, the assets and liabilities of these funds are presented as line items within the Consolidated Balance Sheets titled investments on account of segregated fund policyholders and with an equal liability titled investment and insurance contracts on account of segregated fund policyholders.

In circumstances where the segregated funds are invested in structured entities and are deemed to control the entity, the Company has presented the non-controlling ownership interest within the segregated funds for the risk of policyholders as equal and offsetting amounts in the assets and liabilities. The amounts presented within are \$415 at December 31, 2018 (\$1,085 at December 31, 2017).

Within the Consolidated Statements of Earnings, all segregated fund policyholders' income, including fair value changes and net investment income, is credited to the segregated fund policyholders and reflected in the assets and liabilities on account of segregated fund policyholders within the Consolidated Balance Sheets. As these amounts do not directly impact the revenues and expenses of the Company, these amounts are not included separately in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

Segregated Funds Guarantee Exposure

The Company offers retail segregated fund products and unitized with profits (UWP) products that provide for certain guarantees that are tied to the market values of the investment funds. While these products are similar to mutual funds, there is a key difference from mutual funds as the segregated funds have certain guarantee features that protect the segregated fund policyholder from market declines in the underlying investments. These guarantees are the Company's primary exposure on these funds. The Company accounts for these guarantees within insurance and investment contract liabilities within the consolidated financial statements. In addition to the Company's exposure on the guarantees, the fees earned by the Company on these products are impacted by the market value of these funds.

In Canada, the Company offers retail segregated fund products. These products provide guaranteed minimum death benefits (GMDB) and guaranteed minimum accumulation on maturity benefits.

In Europe, the Company offers UWP products and unit-linked products with investment guarantees through Irish Life. These products are similar to segregated fund products, but include pooling of policyholders' funds and minimum credited interest rates.

The Company also offers a guaranteed minimum withdrawal benefits (GMWB) product in Canada and Germany, and previously offered GMWB product in Ireland. Certain GMWB products offered by the Company offer levels of death and maturity guarantees. At December 31, 2018, the amount of GMWB product in-force in Canada, Ireland and Germany was \$1,335 (\$1,441 at December 31, 2017).

15. Segregated Funds and Other Structured Entities (cont'd)

The following presents further details of the investments, determined in accordance with the relevant statutory reporting requirements of each region of the Company's operations, on account of segregated fund policyholders:

(a) Investments on account of segregated fund policyholders

	2018	2017
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,832 \$	10,772
Bonds	17,866	17,082
Stocks and units in unit trusts	71,084	72,995
Mutual funds	2,991	3,482
Investment properties	 4,198	4,014
	106,971	108,345
Accrued income	233	226
Other (liabilities) assets	(296)	379
Non-controlling mutual funds interest	415	1,085
Total	\$ 107,323 \$	110,035

(b) Investment and insurance contracts on account of segregated fund policyholders

	 2018	2017
Balance, beginning of year Additions (deductions):	\$ 110,035 \$	97,173
Policyholder deposits	13,014	13,307
Net investment income Net realized capital gains on investments	363 2,807	267 2,843
Net unrealized capital gains (losses) on investments Unrealized gains due to changes in foreign exchange rates	(7,981) 2.981	2,380 4,685
Policyholder withdrawals	(10,851)	(10,637)
Business acquisition ⁽¹⁾ Net transfer to General Fund	950 (6)	(8)
Non-controlling mutual funds interest Assets held for sale (note 4)	(670) (3,319)	25 —
Total	 (2,712)	12,862
Balance, end of year	\$ 107,323 \$	110,035

⁽¹⁾ Investment and insurance contracts on account of segregated fund policyholders acquired through the acquisition of Retirement Advantage (note 3).

(c) Investment income on account of segregated fund policyholders

		2018	2017
Net investment income	\$	363 \$	267
Net realized capital gains on investments	·	2,807	2,843
Net unrealized capital gains (losses) on investments		(7,981)	2,380
Unrealized gains due to changes in foreign exchange rates		2,981	4,685
Total		(1,830)	10,175
Change in investment and insurance contracts liability on account of segregated fund policyholders		(1,830)	10,175
Net	\$	— \$	

15. Segregated Funds and Other Structured Entities (cont'd)

(d) Investments on account of segregated fund policyholders by fair value hierarchy level (note 8)

	2018							
	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total	
Investments on account of segregated fund policyholders ⁽¹⁾	\$	63,703	\$	38,610	\$	5,114 \$	107,427	
Investments on account of segregated fund policyholders held for sale (2)		3,297		5		9	3,311	
Total investments on account of segregated fund policyholders measured at fair value	\$	67,000	\$	38,615	\$	5,123 \$	110,738	

⁽¹⁾ Excludes other liabilities, net of other assets, of \$104.

⁽²⁾ Excludes other assets, net of other liabilities, \$8

	2017							
	Level 1			Level 2		Level 3	Total	
Investments on account of segregated fund policyholders ⁽¹⁾	\$	65,329	\$	39,202	\$	5,065	109,596	

⁽¹⁾ Excludes other assets, net of other liabilities, of \$439.

During 2018, certain foreign stock holdings valued at \$162 have been transferred from Level 2 to Level 1 (\$61 were transferred from Level 1 to Level 2 at December 31, 2017) primarily based on the Company's change in use of inputs in addition to quoted prices in active markets for certain foreign stock holdings at year end. Level 2 assets include those assets where fair value is not available from normal market pricing sources, where inputs are utilized in addition to quoted prices in active markets and where the Company does not have visibility through to the underlying assets.

As at December 31, 2018, \$785 (\$734 at December 31, 2017) of the segregated funds were invested in funds managed by a related party, Mackenzie Investments, a member of the Power Financial group of companies (note 26).

15. Segregated Funds and Other Structured Entities (cont'd)

The following presents additional information about the Company's investments on account of segregated fund policyholders for which the Company has utilized Level 3 inputs to determine fair value:

			2018		2017	
	on a	estments account of gregated fund cyholders	Investments on account of segregated fund policyholders held for sale	Total	Total	
Balance, beginning of year Total gains (losses) included in	\$	5,065	\$ - 9	\$ 5,065 \$	5,047	
segregated fund investment income		245	_	245	334	
Purchases		162	_	162	468	
Sales		(391)	_	(391)	(918)	
Transfers into Level 3		50	_	50	136	
Transfers out of Level 3		(8)	_	(8)	(2)	
Transferred to assets held for sale		(9)	9			
Balance, end of year	\$	5,114	\$ 9 9	\$ 5,123 \$	5,065	

Transfers into Level 3 are due primarily to decreased observability of inputs in valuation methodologies. Transfers out of Level 3 are due primarily to increased observability of inputs in valuation methodologies as evidenced by corroboration of market prices with multiple pricing vendors.

In addition to the segregated funds, the Company has interests in number of structured unconsolidated entities including mutual funds, open-ended investment companies and unit trusts. These entities are created as investment strategies for its unit-holders based on the directive of each individual fund.

Some of these funds are managed by related parties of the Company and the Company receives management fees related to these services. Management fees can be variable due to performance of factors - such as markets or industries - in which the fund invests. Fee income derived in connection with the management of investment funds generally increases or decreases in direct relationship with changes of assets under management which is affected by prevailing market conditions, and the inflow and outflow of client assets.

Factors that could cause assets under management and fees to decrease include declines in equity markets, changes in fixed income markets, changes in interest rates and defaults, redemptions and other withdrawals, political and other economic risks, changing investment trends and relative investment performance. The risk is that fees may vary but expenses and recovery of initial expenses are relatively fixed, and market conditions may cause a shift in asset mix potentially resulting in a change in revenue.

During 2018, fee and other income earned by the Company resulting from the Company's interests in these structured entities was \$1,480 (\$1,404 at December 31, 2017).

Included within other assets (note 13) at December 31, 2018 is \$110 (\$91 at December 31, 2017) of investments in stocks of sponsored unit trusts in Europe.

16. Debentures and Other Debt Instruments

	2018			2017			
	Carrying value		g Fair value				Fair value
Long-term Congression Congress							
6.40% subordinated debentures due December 11, 2028, unsecured	\$	100	\$	126	\$	100 \$	128
Subordinated note due September 29, 2026 non-interest bearing, unsecured (note 26)		400		400		400	400
4.68% £32 and £56 promissory notes, matures February 25, 2034, unsecured (note 26)		154		154		150	150
4.35% £13 promissory note, matures May 15, 2029, unsecured (note 26)		23		23		23	23
200 euro subordinated loan, matures December 7, 2031, bearing an interest rate of 2.73% until first par call date of December 7, 2026, and, thereafter, at a rate equal to the five-year euro semi-annual mid-swap rate plus 1.85%, unsecured (note 26)		312		312		302	302
Canada Life Capital Trust (CLCT)							
7.529% due June 30, 2052, unsecured		150		209		150	221
Total	\$	1,139	\$	1,224	\$	1,125 \$	1,224

Capital Trust Securities

Canada Life Capital Trust (CLCT), a trust established by Canada Life, had issued \$150 of Canada Life Capital Securities - Series B (CLiCs - Series B), the proceeds of which were used by CLCT to purchase Canada Life senior debentures in the amount of \$150.

Distributions and interest on the capital trust securities are classified as financing charges in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings (note 17). The fair value for capital trust securities is determined by the bid-ask price. Refer to note 9 for financial instrument risk management disclosures.

Subject to regulatory approval, CLCT may redeem the CLiCs - Series B, in whole or in part, at any time.

17. Financing Charges

Financing charges consist of the following:

	2018		2017
Interest on long-term debentures	\$	23 \$	23
Interest on capital trust securities	•	11	11
Other		1	6
Total	\$	35 \$	40

18. Other Liabilities

	2	2018	2017
Pension and other post-employment benefits (note 24)	\$	286 \$	335
Deferred income reserves		441	303
Bank overdraft		76	50
Other		1,265	1,213
Total	\$	2,068 \$	1,901

Total other liabilities of \$1,341 (\$1,263 at December 31, 2017) are expected to be realized within 12 months from the reporting date. This amount excludes deferred income reserve, the changes in which are noted below.

Deferred income reserves

	2018	2017
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 303 \$	309
Additions (1)	200	45
Amortization	(61)	(35)
Changes in foreign exchange	11	8
Disposals	 (12)	(24)
Balance, end of year	\$ 441 \$	303

During 2018, a change in estimate of \$154 was recognized related to certain single premium contracts.

19. Participating Account

Net earnings attributable to the participating account recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings are as follows:

	2018	2017
Net earnings attributable to participating account before policyholder dividends	\$ 273 \$	299
Policyholder dividends	(320)	(312)
Net earnings (loss) - participating account	\$ (47) \$	(13)

20. Non-Controlling Interests

The Company had a controlling interest in MAM Holdings Inc. at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017. The Company's parent, Great-West Life has a non-controlling equity interest in MAM Holdings Inc., an indirectly held subsidiary of the Company, at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017. During 2018, Irish Life Group Limited acquired a controlling interest in Invesco Ltd. (Ireland). This transaction increased non-controlling interests by \$20 (note 3).

The net earrings attributable to non-controlling interests in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings for the year ended December 31, 2018 was \$2 (\$6 for the year ended December 31, 2017). Non-controlling interests on the Consolidated Balance Sheets for December 31, 2018 was \$119 (\$96 at December 31, 2017).

21. Share Capital

Authorized

Unlimited Class A, Class B, Class C, Class D, Class E, and Class F Preferred Shares Unlimited Common Shares

Issued and outstanding

	2018			2017		
	Carrying Number value			Number		Carrying value
Preferred shares						
Class A, Series 1, Non-Cumulative	18,000	\$	_	18,000	\$	_
Class B, Series 1, 7.23% Cumulative				8,000,000		200
Total	18,000	\$	_	8,018,000	\$	200
Balance, beginning of year	265,738,687	\$	2,672	258,887,312	\$	2,277
Issued to parent company	205,925			6,851,375		395
Balance, end of year	265,944,612	\$	2,672	265,738,687	\$	2,672

The Class A, Series 1 Non-Cumulative Preferred Shares are redeemable at the option of the Company for a price of \$25 per share on or after the date on which there are no CLCT capital trust securities outstanding, subject to regulatory approval.

On December 10, 2018, the Company redeemed all of its issued and outstanding Class B, Series 1, 7.23% Cumulative Preferred Shares for a value of \$25.00 per share.

On November 26, 2018 the Company issued 205,925 common shares to CLFC for total consideration of less than \$1.

On December 19, 2017 the Company issued 6,851,375 common shares to CLFC for total consideration of \$395.

22. Capital Management

(a) Policies and Objectives

Managing capital is the continual process of establishing and maintaining the quantity and quality of capital appropriate for the Company and ensuring capital is deployed in a manner consistent with the expectations of the Company's stakeholders. For these purposes, the Board considers the key stakeholders to be the Company's shareholders, policyholders and holders of subordinated liabilities in addition to the relevant regulators in the various jurisdictions where the Company and its subsidiaries operate.

The Company manages its capital on both a consolidated basis as well as at the individual operating subsidiary level. The primary objectives of the Company's capital management strategy are:

- to maintain the capitalization of its regulated operating subsidiaries at a level that will exceed the relevant minimum regulatory capital requirements in the jurisdictions in which they operate;
- to maintain strong credit and financial strength ratings of the Company ensuring stable access to capital markets; and
- to provide an efficient capital structure to maximize shareholders' value in the context of the Company's operational risks and strategic plans.

The Company has established policies and procedures designed to identify, measure and report all material risks. Management is responsible for establishing capital management procedures for monitoring capital adequacy. The Board of Directors reviews and approves all capital transactions undertaken by management and capital adequacy metrics to ensure it reflects the Company's strategic business plan.

The target level of capitalization for the Company and its subsidiaries is assessed by considering various factors such as the probability of falling below the minimum regulatory capital requirements in the relevant operating jurisdiction, the views expressed by various credit rating agencies that provide financial strength and other ratings to the Company, and the desire to hold sufficient capital to be able to honour all policyholder and other obligations of the Company with a high degree of confidence.

22. Capital Management (cont'd)

(b) Regulatory Capital

In Canada, the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI) has established a regulatory capital adequacy measurement for life insurance companies incorporated under the Insurance Companies Act (Canada) and their subsidiaries. Effective January 1, 2018, OSFI replaced the prior Minimum Continuing Capital and Surplus Requirements (MCCSR) with the Life Insurance Capital Adequacy Test (LICAT).

The LICAT Ratio compares the regulatory capital resources of a company to its Base Solvency Buffer or required capital. The Base Solvency Buffer, defined by OSFI, is the aggregate of all defined capital requirements multiplied by a scalar of 1.05. The total capital resources are provided by the sum of Available Capital, Surplus Allowance and Eligible Deposits.

The following provides a summary of the LICAT information and ratios for Canada Life, for the reporting year ended December 31, 2018:

	December 31 2018
Tier 1 Capital	\$ 9,162
Tier 2 Capital	2,532
Total Available Capital	11,694
Surplus Allowance & Eligible Deposits	7,521
Total Capital Resources	\$ 19,215
Base Solvency Buffer (includes 1.05 scalar)	<u>\$ 13,460</u>
Total LICAT Ratio (OSFI Supervisory Target = 100%) (1)	143%

⁽¹⁾ Total Ratio (%) = (Total Capital Resources / Base Solvency Buffer (after 1.05 scalar))

For entities based in Europe, the local solvency capital regime is the Solvency II basis. At December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, all European regulated entities met the capital and solvency requirements as prescribed under Solvency II.

Other foreign operations and foreign subsidiaries of the Company are required to comply with local capital or solvency requirements in their respective jurisdictions. At December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Company maintained capital levels above the minimum local regulatory requirements in each of its other foreign operations.

23. Share-Based Payments

- (a) In order to promote greater alignment of interest between the Directors and the policyholders of the Company and shareholders of Lifeco, the Company and certain of its affiliates have established mandatory Deferred Share Unit Plans and/or voluntary Deferred Share Unit Plan (the "Mandatory DSU Plans" and the "Voluntary DSU Plans" respectively) in which the Directors of the Company participate. Under the Mandatory DSU Plans, each Director who is a resident of Canada or the United States must receive 50% of his or her annual Board retainer in the form of Lifeco Deferred Share Units (DSUs). Under the Voluntary DSU Plans, each Director may elect to receive the balance of his or her annual Board retainer and Board Committee fee entirely in the form of DSUs, entirely in cash, or equally in cash and DSUs. In both cases, the number of DSUs granted is determined by dividing the amount of remuneration payable to the Director by the weighted average trading price per Lifeco common share on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) for the last five trading days of the preceding fiscal quarter. Directors receive additional DSUs for dividends payable on the common shares of Lifeco based on the value of a DSU at the dividend payment date. DSUs are redeemable when an individual ceases to be a Director, or as applicable, an officer of the Company or any of its affiliates by a lump sum cash payment, based on the weighted average trading price per Lifeco common share on the TSX for the last five trading dates preceding the date of redemption. In 2018, \$4 in directors fees were used to acquire DSUs (\$3 in 2017).
- (b) Certain employees of the Company are entitled to receive Performance Share Units (PSUs). Under these PSU plans, these employees are granted PSUs equivalent to Lifeco's common shares vesting over a three-year period. Employees receive additional PSUs in respect of dividends payable on the common shares of Lifeco based on the value of a PSU at that time. At the maturity date, employees receive cash representing the value of the PSU at this date. The Company uses the fair-value based method to account for the Performance Share Units granted to employees under the plan. For the year-ended December 31, 2018, the Company recognized compensation expense of \$5 (\$3 in 2017) for the PSU plans recorded in operating and administrative expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings. At December 31, 2018, the carrying value of the PSU liability is \$9 (\$8 in 2017) recorded within other liabilities.
- (c) The Company's Employee Share Ownership Plan (ESOP) is a voluntary plan where eligible employees can contribute up to 5% of their previous year's eligible earnings to purchase common shares of Great-West Lifeco Inc. The Company matches 50% of the total employee contributions. The contributions from the Company vest immediately and are expensed. For the year-ended December 31, 2018, the Company recognized compensation expense of \$1 (\$1 in 2017) for the ESOP recorded in operating and administrative expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

Characteristics, Funding and Risk

The Company and its subsidiaries maintain contributory and non-contributory defined benefit pension plans for certain employees and advisors. The Company and its subsidiaries also maintain defined contribution pension plans for certain employees and advisors.

The defined benefit pension plans provide pensions based on length of service and final average pay. For most plans, active plan participants share in the cost by making contributions in respect of current service. Certain pension payments are indexed either on an ad hoc basis or a guaranteed basis. The determination of the defined benefit obligation reflects pension benefits in accordance with the terms of the plans. The assets supporting the funded pension plans are held in separate trusteed pension funds. The obligations for the wholly unfunded plans are included in other liabilities and are supported by general assets.

The defined benefit plans of the Company and its subsidiaries are closed to new entrants with certain of the plans also closed to future defined benefit accruals. New hires are eligible only for defined contribution benefits. Active plan participants in defined benefit plans closed to future defined benefit accruals are eligible to accrue defined contribution benefits. The Company's defined benefit plan exposure will continue to be reduced in future years.

The defined contribution pension plans provide pension benefits based on accumulated employee and company contributions. Company contributions to these plans are a set percentage of employees' annual income and may be subject to certain vesting requirements.

The Company and its subsidiaries also provide post-employment health, dental and life insurance benefits to eligible employees, advisors and their dependents. Retirees share in the cost of benefits through deductibles, coinsurance and caps on benefits. These plans are closed to new hires and were previously amended to limit which employees could become eligible to receive benefits. The amount of some of the post-employment benefits other than pensions depends on future cost escalation. These post-employment benefits are not pre-funded and the amount of the obligation for these benefits is included in other liabilities and is supported by general assets.

The Company and its subsidiaries have pension and benefit committees or a trusteed arrangement that provides oversight for the benefit plans of the Company. The benefit plans are monitored on an ongoing basis to assess the benefit, funding and investment policies, financial status, and funding requirements of the Company. Significant changes to the company's benefit plans require approval from that Company's Board of Directors.

The Company and its subsidiaries' funding policy for the funded pension plans is to make contributions equal to or greater than those required by the applicable regulations and plan provisions that govern the funding of the plans. Where funded plans have a net defined benefit pension plan asset, the Company determines if an economic benefit exists in the form of potential reductions in future contributions by the Company, from the payment of expenses from the plan and in the form of surplus refunds, where permitted by applicable regulation and plan provisions.

By their design, the defined benefit plans expose the Company to the typical risks faced by defined benefit plans such as investment performance, changes to the discount rates used to value the obligations, longevity of plan members, and future inflation. Pension and benefit risk is managed by regular monitoring of the plans, applicable regulations and other factors that could impact the expenses and cash flows of the Company.

The following reflects the financial position of the Company and its subsidiaries' contributory and non-contributory defined benefit plans:

(a) Plan Assets, Benefit Obligation and Funded Status

	Defined benefit pension plans			Other post- employment benefits		
		2018	2017	2018	2017	
Change in fair value of plan assets						
Fair value of plan assets, beginning of year	\$	4,042 \$	3,701 \$	— \$	_	
Interest income		111	105	_	_	
Actual return over (less than) interest income		(190)	157	_	_	
Employer contributions		65	57	5	4	
Employee contributions		4	6	_	_	
Benefits paid		(122)	(107)	(5)	(4)	
Settlements		(7)	_	_	_	
Administrative expenses		(1)	(2)	_	_	
Net transfer out		(8)	(7)	_	_	
Foreign exchange rate changes		84	132	_	_	
Fair value of plan assets, end of year	\$	3,978 \$	4,042 \$	— \$	_	
Change in defined benefit obligation		-				
Defined benefit obligation, beginning of year	\$	4,007 \$	3,724 \$	85 \$	86	
Current service cost		40	63	_	_	
Interest cost		107	102	3	3	
Employee contributions		4	6	_	_	
Benefits paid		(122)	(107)	(5)	(4)	
Plan amendments		2	2	_	_	
Curtailments and termination benefits (1)		(3)	(5)	_	_	
Settlements		(7)	_	_	_	
Actuarial loss (gain) on financial assumption changes		(109)	95	(3)	4	
Actuarial loss (gain) on demographic assumption changes		(82)	(2)	(4)	(4)	
Actuarial gain arising from member experience		15	(3)	(1)	_	
Net transfer out		(8)	(7)	_	_	
Foreign exchange rate changes		89	139	_	_	
Defined benefit obligation, end of year	\$	3,933 \$	4,007 \$	75 \$	85	
Asset (liability) recognized on the Consolidated Balance Sheets						
Funded status of plans - surplus (deficit)	\$	40 \$	35 \$	(75) \$	(85)	
Unrecognized amount due to asset ceiling		(103)	(92)	_		
Asset (liability) recognized on the Consolidated Balance Sheets	\$	(63) \$	(57) \$	(75) \$	(85)	
Recorded in:						
Other assets (note 13)	\$	148 \$	193 \$	— \$	_	
Other liabilities (note 18)		(211)	(250)	(75)	(85)	
Asset (liability) recognized on the Consolidated Balance Sheets	\$	(63) \$	(57) \$	(75) \$	(85)	
Analysis of defined benefit obligation						
Wholly or partly funded plans	\$	3,853 \$	3,924 \$	— \$	_	
Wholly unfunded plans	\$	80 \$	83 \$	75 \$	85	
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⁽¹⁾ The impact of curtailments and termination benefits resulting from the Canadian Business Transformation were recognized as part of the 2017 restructuring provision (note 5) and are not included in Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefits expense.

Under International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) 14, *The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction*, the Company must assess whether each pension plan's asset has economic benefit to the Company through future contribution reductions, from the payment of expenses from the plan, or surplus refunds; in the event the Company is not entitled to a benefit a limit or 'asset ceiling' is required on the balance. The following table provides a breakdown of the changes in the asset ceiling:

	Defined benefit pension plans				
	2018		2017		
Change in asset ceiling					
Asset ceiling, beginning of year	\$	92 \$	91		
Interest on asset ceiling		3	4		
Change in asset ceiling		8	(3)		
Asset ceiling, end of year	\$	103 \$	92		

(b) Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefits Expense

The total pension and other post-employment benefit expense included in operating expenses and other comprehensive income are as follows:

	 All pension p	olans	Other pos employment be	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Defined benefit current service cost Defined contribution current service	\$ 44 \$ 46	69 \$	- \$	_
cost			_	_
Employee contributions Employer current service cost	 (4) 86	(6) 87		
Administrative expense	1	2	_	_
Plan amendments	2	2	_	
Curtailments	(2)	(3)	_	_
Settlements	(1)	_	_	_
Net interest cost	(1)	1	3	3_
Expense - profit or loss	85	89	3	3
Actuarial (gain) loss recognized	(176)	90	(8)	_
Return on assets (greater) less than assumed	190	(157)	_	_
Change in the asset ceiling	8	(3)	_	_
Actuarial loss - investment in associate	_	1	_	_
Re-measurements - other comprehensive (income) loss	22	(69)	(8)	_
Total expense (income) including re-measurements	\$ 107 \$	20 \$	(5) \$	3

(c) Asset Allocation by Major Category Weighted by Plan Assets

	Defined benefit pension plans			
	2018	2017		
Equity securities	38%	41%		
Debt securities	50%	43%		
Real estate	8%	8%		
Cash and cash equivalents	4%	8%		
Total	100%	100%		

No plan assets are directly invested in the Company's or related parties' securities. Plan assets include investments in segregated funds and other funds managed by subsidiaries of the Company of \$3,593 at December 31, 2018 and \$3,670 at December 31, 2017, of which \$3,523 (\$3,597 at December 31, 2017) are included on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Plan assets do not include any property occupied or other assets used by the Company.

(d) Details of Defined Benefit Obligation

(i) Portion of Defined Benefit Obligation Subject to Future Salary Increases

	Defined benefit pension plans			Other post- employment benefits		
	2018	2017	2	018	2017	
Benefit obligation without future salary increases	\$ 3,555 \$	3,562	\$	75 \$	85	
Effect of assumed future salary increases	378	445		_	_	
Defined benefit obligation	\$ 3,933 \$	4,007	\$	75 \$	85	

The other post-employment benefits are not subject to future salary increases.

(ii) Portion of Defined Benefit Obligation Without Future Pension Increases

	Defined benefit pension plans			Other post- employment benefits				
	2018		2017		2018		2017	
Benefit obligation without future pension increases	\$ 3,311	\$	3,440	\$	75	\$	85	
Effect of assumed future pension increases	622		567		_		_	
Defined benefit obligation	\$ 3,933	\$	4,007	\$	75	\$	85	

The other post-employment benefits are not subject to future pension increases.

(iii) Maturity Profile of Plan Membership

	Defined be pension		Other p employment	
	2018	2018 2017		2017
Actives	37%	35%	10%	11%
Deferred vesteds	26%	29%	n/a	n/a
Retirees	37%	36%	90%	89%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted average duration of defined benefit obligation	20.3 years	21.2 years	10.1 years	10.8 years

(e) Cash Flow Information

		Pension plans	Other po employn benefi	nent	Total
Expected employer contributions for 2019:					
Funded (wholly or partly) defined benefit plans	\$	42	\$	— \$	42
Unfunded plans		4		5	9
Defined contribution plans	_	52			52
Total	\$	98	\$	5 \$	103

(f) Actuarial Assumptions and Sensitivities

(i) Actuarial Assumptions

	Defined benefit pension plans		Other peemployment	
-	2018	2017	2018	2017
To determine benefit cost: Discount rate - past service liabilities	2.7%	2.7%	3.4%	3.8%
Discount rate - future service liabilities	2.9%	2.6%	3.7%	4.1%
Rate of compensation increase	2.9%	2.9%	_	_
Future pension increases (1)	1.3%	1.1%	_	_
To determine defined benefit obligation:				
Discount rate - past service liabilities	2.9%	2.7%	3.7%	3.4%
Rate of compensation increase	2.7%	2.9%	_	
Future pension increases (1)	1.4%	1.3%	_	_
Medical cost trend rates:				
Initial medical cost trend rate			4.6%	5.0%
Ultimate medical cost trend rate			4.0%	4.5%
Year ultimate trend rate is reached			2040	2029

 $^{\,^{(1)}\,\,}$ Represents the weighted average of plans subject to future pension increases.

(ii) Sample Life Expectancies Based on Mortality Assumptions

	Defined benefit pension plans		Other p employment		
_	2018	2017	2018	2017	
Sample life expectancies based on mortality assumption:					
Male					
Age 65 in fiscal year	23.1	23.7	22.5	22.5	
Age 65 for those age 35 in the fiscal year	25.5	26.3	24.1	24.0	
Female					
Age 65 in fiscal year	25.0	25.3	24.9	24.9	
Age 65 for those age 35 in the fiscal year	27.4	27.7	26.3	26.3	

The period of time over which benefits are assumed to be paid is based on best estimates of future mortality, including allowances for mortality improvements. This estimate is subject to considerable uncertainty, and judgment is required in establishing this assumption. As mortality assumptions are significant in measuring the defined benefit obligation, the mortality assumptions applied by the Company take into consideration such factors as age, gender and geographic location, in addition to an estimation of future improvements in longevity.

The mortality tables are reviewed at least annually, and assumptions are in accordance with accepted actuarial practice. Emerging plan experience is reviewed and considered in establishing the best estimate for future mortality.

The calculation of the defined benefit obligation is sensitive to the mortality assumptions. The effect of a one-year increase in life expectancy would be an increase in the defined benefit obligation of \$135 for the defined benefit pension plans and \$3 for other post-employment benefits.

(iii) Impact of Changes to Assumptions on Defined Benefit Obligations

	1% increase			1% decrea	ase
		2018	2017	2018	2017
Defined benefit pension plans: Impact of a change to the discount rate	\$	(679) \$	(716) \$	900 \$	958
Impact of a change to the rate of compensation increase Impact of a change to the rate of inflation		173 432	202 484	(161) (395)	(173) (428)
Other post-employment benefits: Impact of a change to assumed medical cost trend rates Impact of a change to the discount rate		3 (7)	5 (8)	(3) 8	(4) 10

To measure the impact of a change in an assumption, all other assumptions were held constant. It is expected that there would be interaction between at least some of the assumptions.

25. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

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Balance, beginning of year	\$	302	\$	86	\$	(148) \$	240	\$	_	\$	2	\$	238
Other comprehensive income (loss)		307		(30)		(14)	263		1		(5)		267
Income tax		_		4		6	10		_		1		9
		307		(26)		(8)	273		1		(4)		276
Balance, end of year	\$	609	\$	60	\$	(156) \$	513	\$	1	\$	(2)	\$	514

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	Unrealized foreign exchange gains on translation of foreign operations	ga	Unrealized ains (losses) n available- for-sale assets	be an	Re- easurements on defined enefit pension nd other post- employment penefit plans	Total	Non- controlling interest	F	Participating account	Shareholder
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 32	2 \$	118	\$	(211) \$	(61) \$	-	\$	7	\$ (68)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	270)	(38)		69	301	_		(6)	307
Income tax	_	-	6		(19)	(13)	_		1	(14)
	270)	(32)		50	288	_		(5)	293
Disposal of investment in associate (1)		-			13	13				13
	270)	(32)		63	301	_		(5)	306
Balance, end of year	\$ 302	2 \$	86	\$	(148) \$	240 \$	S —	\$	2	\$ 238

During 2017, the Company transferred actuarial losses of \$13 from accumulated other comprehensive income to accumulated surplus. These losses were for accumulated pension plan re-measurements for an investment in an associate that was disposed of.

26. Related Party Transactions

Great-West Lifeco Inc. controls The Great-West Life Assurance Company which is the parent of Canada Life Financial Corporation, the direct parent of the Company. As such, the Company is related to Great-West Lifeco Inc. and its other major operating subsidiaries including London Life Insurance Company (London Life), Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company and Putnam Investments, LLC. In addition, Great-West Lifeco Inc. is a member of the Power Financial group of companies. Through this relationship, the Company is also related to the Power Financial group which includes IGM Financial, a company in the financial services sector along with its subsidiaries IG Wealth Management, Mackenzie Financial and Investment Planning Council and Pargesa, a holding company with substantial holdings in a diversified industrial group based in Europe.

(a) Principal Subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements of the Company include the operations of the following subsidiaries and their subsidiaries:

Company	Incorporated in	Primary business operation	% Held
The Canada Life Group (U.K.) Limited	U.K.	Insurance and wealth management	100.00%
Canada Life Limited	U.K.	Insurance and wealth management	100.00%
Irish Life Group Limited	Ireland	Insurance and wealth management	100.00%

(b) Transactions with related parties included in the consolidated financial statements

Reinsurance Transactions

The Company has agreements with London Life and its subsidiaries to retrocede certain life and health business. In 2018, for the Consolidated Statements of Earnings, these transactions resulted in a decrease in total net premiums of \$12,353 (\$10,672 in 2017) and total paid or credited to policyholders of \$12,243 (\$10,620 in 2017). Agreements which began in 2018 resulted in a total decrease in total net premiums of \$1,750 and total paid or credited to policyholders of \$1,671. The transactions were at market terms and conditions.

Effective April 1, 2007, The Canada Life Insurance Company of Canada (CLICC) and Great-West Life entered into an Indemnity Reinsurance Agreement pursuant to which CLICC assumed liabilities by coinsurance including certain blocks of non-participating group life and health insurance policies, non-participating individual life reinsurance, non-participating group payout annuities and non-participating individual payout annuities. In 2018, for the Consolidated Statements of Earnings, this transaction resulted in an increase in total net premiums of \$523 (\$527 in 2017) and total paid or credited to policyholders of \$440 (\$554 in 2017). The transaction was at market terms and conditions.

During 2005, Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company of South Carolina (GWSC), an affiliated company, assumed on a coinsurance basis with funds withheld, certain of Canada Life's U.S. term life reinsurance business. During 2007, an additional amount of U.S. term life reinsurance business was retroceded by Canada Life to GWSC. In 2018, for the Consolidated Statements of Earnings, these transactions resulted in a reduction in total net premiums of \$102 (\$105 in 2017) and total paid or credited to policyholders of \$126 (\$122 in 2017). The transactions were at market terms and conditions.

The Company has an agreement with London Life to cede risks for certain policies. In 2018, for the Consolidated Statements of Earnings these transactions resulted in an increase in operating expenses of \$102 (\$89 in 2017).

Other Related Party Transactions

In the normal course of business, the Company provided insurance benefits and other services to other companies within the Power Financial group of companies. In all cases, transactions were at market terms and conditions.

26. Related Party Transactions (cont'd)

Segregated funds of the Company were invested in funds managed by Mackenzie Investments. The Company also has interests in mutual funds, open-ended investment companies and unit trusts. Some of these funds are managed by related parties of the Company and the Company receives management fees related to these services. All transactions were provided at market terms and conditions (note 15).

During the year, the Company received from IGM and its subsidiaries (IGM), certain administrative services. The Company paid \$48 in commissions (\$63 in 2017) under an agreement with IGM for distribution services. As well, certain administrative services were provided to and received from Great-West Life and London Life. The Company paid \$1 (\$1 in 2017) for property management and leasing services from GWL Realty Advisors Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Great-West Life. During 2016, the Company was appointed as sub-advisor to Great-West Funds, Inc. and Great-West Capital Management, LLC, affiliated companies, to act as an investment advisor to a series of Great-West Funds. All services were provided on market terms and conditions.

During 2018, the Company purchased residential mortgages of \$75 (\$99 in 2017) from London Life. The Company sold residential mortgages of \$7 (\$5 in 2017) to London Life. During 2017, the Company purchased stocks and bonds of \$27 from London Life. The above transactions were at market terms and conditions.

Other Related Party Balances

On December 7, 2016 the Company issued to its parent a 200 euro (\$312 at December 31, 2018), 15 year subordinated loan with an annual interest rate of 2.73% until first par call date of December 7, 2026, and, thereafter at a rate equal to the five-year euro semi-annual mid-swap rate plus 1.85% (note 16). During 2018, interest expense of \$8 (\$8 in 2017) is included in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

The Company has promissory notes denominated in pounds of £32 (\$57) and £56 (\$97) payable to London Life and Great-West Life, respectively. The promissory notes mature on February 25, 2034 and bear interest at 4.68% (note 16). During 2018, interest expense of \$7 (\$7 in 2017) is included in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

The Company has a promissory note payable denominated in pounds of £13 (\$23) with London Life. The promissory note bears interest at 4.35% and matures on May 15, 2029 (note 16). During 2018, interest expense of \$1 (\$1 in 2017) is included in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

At December 31, 2018, the Company had a temporary outstanding balance of \$109 (\$100 in 2017) payable to Great-West Life and \$76 (\$74 in 2017) payable to London Life in respect of administrative services provided. The Company has a temporary outstanding balance of \$122 payable to London Life in respect of customer liabilities transferred to London Life during the year. These amounts are included in other liabilities and were at market terms and conditions.

On December 10, 2018 Great-West Life redeemed a \$200 principal amount note receivable with the Company which had an interest rate of 7.08%. Interest income of \$13 (\$14 in 2017) is included in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

The Company has interest bearing notes receivable from Great-West Life, which have an outstanding balance of \$400 (\$400 in 2017). The loan is repayable on demand and bears interest at a rate of 0.25%. Interest income of \$1 is included in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings (\$1 in 2017).

The Company has interest bearing loan payable to LRG of U.S. \$99 (\$135). The loan is repayable on demand and bears interest at a rate of the London Interbank Offered Rate plus 1.25%. During 2018, interest expense of \$5 (\$3 in 2017) is included in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

The Company has non-interest bearing debentures from London Life, which has an outstanding balance of \$400 in 2018 and 2017 (note 16).

The Company has notes payable to Great-West Life which have an outstanding balance of \$96 (\$96 in 2017). These notes are non-interest bearing.

At December 31, 2018 the Company held \$52 (\$44 in 2017) of debentures issued by IGM.

26. Related Party Transactions (cont'd)

The Company has a non-interest bearing note receivable from Great-West Life which has an outstanding balance of \$300 (\$300 in 2017).

The Company has an non-interest bearing note receivable from Great-West Life which has an outstanding balance of \$185 (\$190 in 2017), due September 21, 2039.

The Company has notes receivable from GWL THL Private Equity 1 Inc., a subsidiary of Great-West Life, which have an outstanding balance of \$97 (\$97 in 2017).

(c) Key management compensation

Key management personnel constitutes those individuals that have the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly, including any Director. The individuals that comprise the key management personnel are the Board of Directors as well as certain key management and officers. The key management personnel are defined at Great-West Life.

The following describes all compensation paid to, awarded to, or earned by each of the key management personnel for services rendered in all capacities to the Company and its subsidiaries:

	20)18	2017
Salary	\$	16 \$	13
Share-based awards		12	9
Option-based awards		5	2
Annual non-equity incentive plan compensation		10	9
Pension value		5	5
Total	\$	48 \$	38

27. Income Taxes

(a) Components of the income tax expense

(i) Income tax recognized in Consolidated Statements of Earnings

Current income tax

	2018	2017
Total current income tax	\$ 149 \$	173
Deferred income tax		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	\$ (45) \$	(26)
Effect of changes in tax rates or imposition of new income taxes	_	12
Tax expense arising from unrecognized tax losses and credits	15	1
Total deferred income tax	\$ (30) \$	(13)
Total income tax expense	\$ 119 \$	160

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27. Income Taxes (cont'd)

(ii) Income tax recognized in other comprehensive income (note 25)

	 2018	2017
Current income tax expense (recovery) Deferred income tax expense (recovery)	\$ 1 \$ (11)	(1) 14
Total	\$ (10) \$	13

(b) The effective income tax rate reported in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings varies from the combined Canadian federal and provincial income rate of 27% the following items:

	_	201	8	201	7
Earnings before income taxes Combined basic Canadian federal and provincial tax rate	\$	1,844 498	\$ 27.00%	1,806 483	26.75%
Increase (decrease) in the income tax rate resulting from:					
Non-taxable investment income		(66)	(3.58)	(44)	(2.44)
Lower effective tax rates on income not subject to tax in Canada		(263)	(14.26)	(240)	(13.29)
Other		(50)	(2.71)	(51)	(2.82)
U.S. tax reform impact of rate change on deferred income taxes		_	_	11	0.61
Impact of other rate changes on deferred income taxes				11	0.05
Total income tax expense and effective income tax rate	\$	119	6.45% \$	160	8.86%

(c) Composition and changes in net deferred income tax liabilities are as follows:

	2018														
	Insurance and investmen contract liabilities		Portfolio investments	Losses carried forward	Intangible assets	Tax credits		Other 1	Гotal						
Balance, beginning of year	\$	(70)	\$ (198)	\$ 36	\$ (33) \$ 21	\$	(129) \$	(373)						
Recognized in Statements of Earnings		(62)	60	(12)	(1) 2		43	30						
Recognized in Statements of Comprehensive income		_	5	_	_	_		6	11						
Acquired in business acquisitions		41	_	_	_	_		(7)	34						
Foreign exchange rate changes and other		(6)	1	1	(1) —		(4)	(9)						
Balance, end of year	\$	(97)	\$ (132)	\$ 25	\$ (35) \$ 23	\$	(91) \$	(307)						

27. Income Taxes (cont'd)

			20)17			
	Insurance and investment contract liabilities	Portfolio investments	Losses carried forward	Intangible assets	Tax credits	Other	Total
Balance, beginning of year	\$ (72	(222)	\$ 25	\$ (35)	\$ 20 \$	(75) \$	(359)
Recognized in Statements of Earnings	7		11	4	1	(27)	13
Recognized in Statements of Comprehensive income	_	- 6	_	_	_	(20)	(14)
Foreign exchange rate changes and other	(5	5) 1	_	(2)	_	(7)	(13)
Balance, end of year	\$ (70) \$ (198)	\$ 36	\$ (33)	\$ 21 \$	(129) \$	(373)
Recorded on Consolidated Ba	lance Sheets:				2018	201	7
Deferred tax assets				\$	124	\$	97
Deferred tax liabilities					(431)		(470)
Total				\$	(307)	\$	(373)

A deferred income tax asset is recognized for deductible temporary differences and unused losses and carryforwards only to the extent that realization of the related income tax benefit through future taxable profits is probable.

Recognition is based on the fact that it is probable that the entity will have taxable profits and/or tax planning opportunities available to allow the deferred income tax asset to be utilized. Changes in circumstances in future periods may adversely impact the assessment of the recoverability. The uncertainty of the recoverability is taken into account in establishing the deferred income tax assets. The Company's annual financial planning process provides a significant basis for the measurement of deferred income tax assets.

Management assesses the recoverability of the deferred income tax assets carrying values based on future years' taxable income projections and believes the carrying values of the deferred income tax assets as of December 31, 2018 are recoverable.

At December 31, 2018, the Company has recognized a deferred tax asset of \$25 (\$36 at December 31, 2017) on tax loss carryforwards totaling \$127 (\$195 in 2017). Of this amount, \$58 expire between 2019 and 2038, while \$69 have no expiry date. The Company will realize this benefit in future years through a reduction in current income taxes payable.

The Company has not recognized a deferred tax asset of \$37 (\$25 in 2017) on tax loss carryforwards totaling \$179 (\$109 in 2017). Of this amount, \$112 expire between 2019 and 2038, while \$67 have no expiry date.

A deferred income tax liability has not been recognized in respect of the temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, branches and associates as the Company is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences, and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

28. Operating and Administrative Expenses

	2	018	2017
Salaries and other employee benefits	\$	822 \$	732
General and administrative		593	539
Amortization of fixed assets		27	24
Total	\$	1,442 \$	1,295

29. Derivative Financial Investments

In the normal course of managing exposure to fluctuations in interest and foreign exchange rates, and to market risks, the Company is an end-user of various derivative financial instruments. It is the Company's policy to transact in derivatives only with the most creditworthy financial intermediaries. Note 9 discloses the credit quality of the Company's exposure to counterparties. Credit risk equivalent amounts are presented net of collateral received, including initial margin on exchange-traded derivatives of \$17 as at December 31, 2018 (\$38 at December 31, 2017).

(a) The following summarizes the Company's derivative portfolio and related credit exposure using the following definitions of risk as prescribed by OSFI:

Maximum Credit Risk	The total replacement cost of all derivative contracts with positive values.
Future Credit Exposure	The potential future credit exposure is calculated based on a formula prescribed by OSFI. The factors prescribed by OSFI for this calculation are based on derivative type and duration.
Credit Risk Equivalent	The sum of maximum credit risk and the potential future credit exposure less any collateral held.
Risk Weighted Equivalent	Represents the credit risk equivalent, weighted according to the creditworthiness of the counterparty, as prescribed by OSFI.

					2018				
	lotional amount	Maximum credit risk			Future credit exposure	Credit risk equivalent			Risk weighted equivalent
Interest rate contracts									
Swaps	\$ 636	\$	58	\$	8	\$	67	\$	18
Options purchased	87		43		1		43		8
	723		101		9		110		26
Foreign exchange contracts									
Forward contracts	1,756		9		39		48		5
Cross-currency swaps	5,719		60		376		419		101
	7,475		69		415		467		106
Other derivative contracts									
Equity contracts	59		_		4		4		_
Futures - long	12		_		_		_		_
Futures - short	576		8						
	647		8		4		4		
Total	\$ 8,845	\$	178	\$	428	\$	581	\$	132

29. Derivative Financial Instruments (cont'd)

	2017											
		Notional amount				Future credit exposure	Credit risk equivalent	Risk weighted equivalent				
Interest rate contracts												
Swaps	\$	529	\$	52	\$	7	\$ 60	\$ 4				
Options purchased		100		50		1	51	4_				
		629		102		8	111	8				
Foreign exchange contracts												
Forward contracts		1,140		8		30	35	3				
Cross-currency swaps		5,215		95		344	405	26				
		6,355		103		374	440	29				
Other derivative contracts												
Equity contracts		62		_		4	4	_				
Futures - long		13		_		_	_	_				
Futures - short		373		1								
		448		1		4	4					
Total	\$	7,432	\$	206	\$	386	\$ 555	\$ 37				

29. Derivative Financial Instruments (cont'd)

(b) The following provides the notional amount, term to maturity and estimated fair value of the Company's derivative portfolio by category

	2018													
				Notional	Aı	mount			Total					
	1	year or less	Over 1-5 years			Over 5 years	Total		estimated fair value					
Derivatives not designated as accounting hedges	1000													
Interest rate contracts														
Swaps	\$	11	\$	101	\$	524 \$	636	\$	42					
Options purchased		11		47		29	87		43					
		22		148		553	723		85					
Foreign exchange contracts														
Forward contracts		687		_		29	716		(4)					
Cross-currency swaps		423		1,033		4,263	5,719		(824)					
		1,110		1,033		4,292	6,435		(828)					
Other derivative contracts														
Equity contracts		59		_		_	59		(2)					
Futures - long		12		_		_	12		_					
Futures - short		576		_			576		8					
		647		_		_	647		6					
Net investment hedges														
Foreign exchange forward		504		F40			4 0 4 0		(45)					
contracts	_	524		516			1,040		(45)					
Total	\$	2,303	\$	1,697	<u>\$</u>	4,845 \$	8,845	\$	(782)					

29. Derivative Financial Instruments (cont'd)

	2017													
				Notional	Ar	mount			Total					
	1	l year or less	Over 1-5 years			Over 5 years	Total		estimated fair value					
Derivatives not designated as accounting hedges														
Interest rate contracts														
Swaps	\$	3	\$	63	\$	463 \$	529	\$	31					
Options purchased		15		48		37	100		50					
		18		111		500	629		81					
Foreign exchange contracts														
Forward contracts		665				_	665		7					
Cross-currency swaps		243		1,267		3,705	5,215		(560)					
		908		1,267		3,705	5,880		(553)					
Other derivative contracts														
Equity contracts		62				_	62		(1)					
Futures - long		13				_	13							
Futures - short		373					373		(2)					
		448				_	448		(3)					
Net investment hedges														
Foreign exchange forward contracts		_	475			_	475		(42)					
Total	\$	1,374	\$	1,853	\$	4,205 \$	7,432	\$	(517)					

Futures contracts included in the above are exchange traded contracts; all other contracts are over thecounter.

(c) Interest Rate Contracts

Interest rate swaps, futures and options are used as part of a portfolio of assets to manage interest rate risk associated with investment activities and insurance and investment contract liabilities. Interest-rate swap agreements require the periodic exchange of payments without the exchange of the notional principal amount on which payments are based. Call options grant the Company the right to enter into a swap with predetermined fixed-rate payments over a predetermined time period on the exercise date. Call options are used to manage the variability in future interest payments due to a change in credited interest rates and the related potential change in cash flows due to surrenders. Call options are also used to hedge minimum rate guarantees.

Foreign Exchange Contracts

Cross-currency swaps are used in combination with other investments to manage foreign currency risk associated with investment activities, and insurance and investment contract liabilities. Under these swaps principal amounts and fixed or floating interest payments may be exchanged in different currencies. The Company also enters into certain foreign exchange forward contracts to hedge certain product liabilities.

Other Derivative Contracts

Equity index swaps, futures and options are used to hedge certain product liabilities. Equity index swaps are also used as substitutes for cash instruments and are used to periodically hedge the market risk associated with certain fee income. Equity put options are used to manage potential credit risk impact of significant declines in certain equity markets.

30. Legal Provisions and Contingent Liabilities

The Company and its subsidiaries are from time to time subject to legal actions, including arbitrations and class actions, arising in the normal course of business. Provisions are established if, in management's judgment, it is both probable that a payment will be required and the amount of the payment can be reliably estimated. It is inherently difficult to predict the outcome of any of these proceedings with certainty, and it is possible that an adverse resolution could have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position of the Company. However, based on information presently known, it is not expected that any of the existing legal actions, either individually or in the aggregate, will have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position of the Company. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates.

31. Commitments

(a) Letters of Credit

Letters of credit are written commitments provided by a bank. Great-West Life has entered into certain letters of credit facilities which are available to certain of the Company's subsidiaries under various reimbursement agreements. The letter of credit's issued under these arrangements total U.S. \$100 as of December 31, 2018.

Additionally, the Company and its subsidiaries have a letter of credit facility of £117. Amounts issued under this facility totaled £117 as of December 31, 2018.

The Reinsurance operation periodically uses letters of credit as collateral under certain reinsurance contracts for on balance sheet policy liabilities.

(b) Investment Commitments

Commitments of investment transactions made in the normal course of operations in accordance with policies and guidelines that are to be disbursed upon fulfillment of certain contract conditions were \$452 as at December 31, 2018, with \$391 maturing within one year, and \$61 maturing within two years.

(c) Lease Obligations

The Company enters into operating leases for office space, land and certain equipment used in the normal course of operations. Lease payments are charged to operations over the period of use. The future minimum lease payments in aggregate and by year are as follows:

	 2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 and thereafter	To	Total	
Future lease payments	\$ 13	15	12	10	8	36	\$	94	

(d) Pledged Assets

In addition to the assets pledged by the Company disclosed elsewhere in the consolidated financial statements:

- (i) The amount of assets included in the Company's balance sheet which have a security interest by way of pledging is \$1,464 (\$1,562 at December 31, 2017) in respect of reinsurance agreements.
 - In addition, under certain reinsurance contracts, bonds presented in portfolio investments are held in trust and escrow accounts. Assets are placed in these accounts pursuant to the requirements of certain legal and contractual obligations to support contract liabilities assumed.
- (ii) The Company has pledged, in the normal course of business, \$50 (\$43 at December 31, 2017) of assets of the Company for the purpose of providing collateral for the counterparty.

32. Segmented Information

The major operating segments of the Company are the participating and shareholder operations. Within these segments the major business units are: Individual Insurance, Wealth Management, Group Insurance, Europe/ Reinsurance, United States and Corporate. These business units reflect the Company's management structure and internal financial reporting. Each of these segments operates in the financial services industry and the revenues from these business units are derived principally from life, health and disability insurance, annuity products, creditor and direct marketing, savings products and life, accident and health reinsurance. Business activities and operations that are not associated with the specific business units are attributed to Corporate.

(a) Consolidated Net Earnings

						2018	8						
				Sharehold	er			'		Pa	rticipating		
	Individ Custor		Froup stomer	urope/ nsurance	Corporate		United States		Total	Total		-	otal mpany
Income													
Total net premiums	\$	803	\$ 1,189	\$ 5,493	\$	_	\$	(104)	\$ 7,381	\$	1,640	\$	9,021
Net investment income													
Regular net investment income	:	374	259	1,758		45		34	2,470		439		2,909
Changes in fair value through profit or loss	(314)	(41)	(1,354)		6		(18)	(1,721)		(263)		(1,984)
Total net investment income		60	218	404		51		16	749		176		925
Fee and other income		171	6	1,469		_		_	1,646		_		1,646
	1,	034	1,413	7,366		51		(88)	9,776		1,816		11,592
Benefits and expenses													
Paid or credited to policyholders	;	307	1.218	4,143		5		(100)	5,573		1,545		7.118
Other (1)	:	318	45	1,775		(2)		(2)	2,134		345		2,479
Financing charges		_	_	1		34		_	35		_		35
Amortization of finite life intangible assets		6	2	38		1		_	47		2		49
Restructuring expenses		_	_	67		_		_	67		_		67
Earnings (loss) before income taxes		403	148	1,342		13		14	1,920		(76)		1,844
Income taxes (recovery)		66	28	45		(7)		16	148		(29)		119
Net earnings (loss) before non-controlling interests	;	337	120	1,297		20		(2)	1,772		(47)		1,725
Non-controlling interests		_		_		2		_	2				2
Net earnings (loss)	;	337	120	1,297		18		(2)	1,770		(47)		1,723
Net earnings (loss) - participating account		_									(47)		(47)
Net earnings (loss) - shareholders	;	337	120	1,297		18		(2)	1,770		_		1,770
Preferred share dividends		_				14			14				14
Net earnings (loss) - common shareholder	\$	337	\$ 120	\$ 1,297	\$	4	\$	(2)	\$ 1,756	\$	_	\$	1,756

⁽¹⁾ Includes commissions, operating and administrative expenses and premium taxes.

32. Segmented Information (cont'd)

Net earnings before noncontrolling interests

Non-controlling interests

Net earnings - participating account

Net earnings - shareholders

Preferred share dividends

Net earnings - common shareholder

Net earnings

		Participating						
	Individual Customer	Group Customer	Europe/ Reinsurance	Corporate	United States	Total	Total	Total Company
Income								
Total net premiums	\$ 794	\$ 1,448	\$ 4,668	\$ —	\$ (164)	\$ 6,746	\$ 1,641	\$ 8,387
Net investment income								
Regular net investment income	389	262	1,650	40	33	2,374	428	2,802
Changes in fair value through profit or loss	392	12	285	3	10	702	61	763
Total net investment income	781	274	1,935	43	43	3,076	489	3,565
Fee and other income	168	6	1,373	_	(1)	1,546	_	1,546
	1,743	1,728	7,976	43	(122)	11,368	2,130	13,498
Benefits and expenses								
Paid or credited to policyholders	1,075	1,508	4,970	6	(137)	7,422	1,713	9,135
Other (1)	330	48	1,605	(2)	_	1,981	437	2,418
Financing charges	_	_	6	34	_	40	_	40
Amortization of finite life intangible assets	6	2	28	1	_	37	1	38
Restructuring expenses	_	_	27	27	_	54	7	61
Earnings before income taxes	332	170	1,340	(23)	15	1,834	(28)	1,806
Income taxes	61	36	62	(8)	24	175	(15)	160

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⁽¹⁾ Includes commissions, operating and administrative expenses and premium taxes.

32. Segmented Information (cont'd)

(b) Consolidated Total Assets

	2018							
	Shareholder			articipating account	Total			
Assets						_		
Invested assets	\$	70,258	\$	13,173	\$ 83,431			
Assets held for sale		897		_	897	,		
Goodwill and intangible assets		1,549		_	1,549)		
Other assets		23,110		82	23,192)		
Investments on account of segregated fund policyholders		107,323		_	107,323	3		
Investment on account of segregated fund policyholder held								
for sale		3,319		_	3,319)_		
Total	\$	206,456	\$	13,255	\$ 219,711			
						_		
				2017				
			P	Participating				
	Sh	nareholder		account	Total	_		
Assets								
Invested assets	\$	66,857	\$	12,363	\$ 79,220)		
Goodwill and intangible assets		1,156			1,156	ì		
Other assets		22,498		(225)	22,273	3		
Investments on account of segregated fund policyholders		110,035			110,035	<u>;</u>		
Total	\$	200,546	\$	12,138	\$ 212,684	Ŀ		

(c) Geographic Distribution of Total Income and Assets

	2018					2017					
	Income Assets				Income	Assets					
Canada Europe/Reinsurance United States	\$	4,170 7,376 46	\$	35,295 179,725 4,691	\$	5,344 \$ 8,082 72	35,186 172,945 4,553				
Total	\$	11,592	\$	219,711	\$	13,498	212,684				

33. Subsequent Event - Canada Life U.S. Branch Individual Life Insurance and Annuity Business **Reinsurance Agreement**

On January 24, 2019, Great-West Financial, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lifeco, announced that it had entered into an agreement with Protective Life Insurance Company to sell, via indemnity reinsurance, substantially all of its individual life insurance and annuity business in its United States business unit. The Company will continue to retain the cash flows arising from the contracts and the obligation to the contract holders and will recognize reinsurance assets from the agreement. In addition to recognition of reinsurance assets, the Company expects to recognize a loss in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings at the closing of this transaction. The transaction is in its initial stage, and is expected to close in the first half of 2019 subject to regulatory and customary closing conditions.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Policyholders and Shareholder of The Canada Life Assurance Company

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of The Canada Life Assurance Company and its subsidiaries (the "Company"), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the consolidated statements of earnings, comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies (collectively referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2018 and 2017, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards ("Canadian GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises:

The information, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, in the Annual Report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

The Annual Report is expected to be made available to us after the date of the auditor's report. If, based on the work we will perform on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact to those charged with governance.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Company to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Paul Stauch.

/s/ Deloitte LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

February 7, 2019 Winnipeg, Manitoba

APPOINTED ACTUARY'S REPORT

To the Policyholders, Shareholder and Directors of The Canada Life Assurance Company

I have valued the policy liabilities and reinsurance assets of The Canada Life Assurance Company for its consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2018 and their changes in the consolidated statement of earnings for the year then ended in accordance with accepted actuarial practice in Canada, including selection of appropriate assumptions and methods.

In my opinion, the amount of policy liabilities net of reinsurance assets makes appropriate provision for all policy obligations and the consolidated financial statements fairly present the results of the valuation.

Tyrone G. Faulds

Fellow, Canadian Institute of Actuaries

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London, Ontario February 6, 2019

PARTICIPATING POLICYHOLDER DIVIDEND POLICY

This Policyholder Dividend Policy, in conjunction with the Participating Account Management Policy, has been established by the Board of Directors and applies to all participating insurance policies issued or assumed by the Company. The Board of Directors may amend this policy from time to time at its discretion. The factors most likely to be considered in deciding whether to amend this policy include changes in applicable legal or regulatory requirements, professional guidelines, industry practices or significant business changes. The Appointed Actuary has overall accountability for the administration of this policy.

Earnings are generated in the participating account when the experience in the participating account for factors such as investment income, mortality, lapses, expenses and taxes is collectively more favourable than the assumptions for these factors used when pricing the participating insurance policies. The Company may distribute a portion of the earnings at the discretion of the Board of Directors in accordance with this policy.

Participating insurance policies are eligible for periodic policyholder dividends. Policyholder dividends are not guaranteed. The amount to be distributed from the participating account as policyholder dividends is determined at least annually following a review of the experience and trends in experience. Experience in a given year may be amortized into the dividend scale to avoid undue fluctuations in dividends. The amount distributed is also influenced by considerations such as the need to retain earnings as surplus as described in the Participating Account Management Policy.

The amount distributed as policyholder dividends is divided among classes of policies by setting the policyholder dividend scale. These dividend classes are groupings of participating policies with certain product and policy attributes in common.

The Company follows the contribution principle when setting the policyholder dividend scale. This means the amount distributed as policyholder dividends is divided among dividend classes in proportion to the amount that those classes are considered to have contributed to the participating account earnings. A contribution to earnings will be made from a particular dividend class to the extent the experience for that particular class is different from the assumptions used when pricing that class of policies. When applying the contribution principle, attention is paid to achieving reasonable equity between dividend classes and between generations of policies within a dividend class, taking into account practical considerations and limits, legal and regulatory requirements, professional guidelines and industry practices. For certain blocks of policies, the policyholder dividend scale may be determined using methods designed to approximate the contribution to earnings of those blocks.

The policyholder dividends are credited according to the terms of each policy. A change made by a policyholder to a policy after it is issued may, in some cases, result in a change to the policy's dividend class and thus a change to the amount of policyholder dividends credited thereafter.

In addition to periodic policyholder dividends, dividends may be payable on some policies when terminated through death, surrender or maturity. The amount of any such dividends may take into consideration such factors as the type of policy, the length of time the policy has been in force and when the policy was issued.

The Company maintains separate sub-accounts for certain specific closed blocks of participating life insurance policies in many of the jurisdictions in which it operates. The closed block sub-accounts are within the Company's participating account and managed according to the operating rules established for the closed blocks. Each closed block sub-account is managed separately to distribute over time the full amount of its earnings to the participating policyholders of that closed block through policyholder dividends.

Prior to the declaration of policyholder dividends by the Board, the Appointed Actuary reports to the Board of Directors with his opinion on the fairness to participating policyholders of the proposed policyholder dividends and on their compliance with this policy, applicable legislative and regulatory requirements and applicable professional practice standards. Policy illustrations will reflect changes to the policyholder dividend scale as soon as practical.

PARTICIPATING ACCOUNT FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

(in millions of local currency)

			2018	В		2017	
Participating Account	Accounting Item	Ope Fund		Closed Fund	l Open Fund		Closed Fund
Canada	Opening surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)	\$ 33	4	n/a	\$ 350		n/a
CLA	Net earnings (including OCI) before distributions		8	90	106		89
\$	Amounts transferred to shareholders under s. 461 of the ICA		4)	-	(3)		-
	Other transfers or accruals under s. 462 of the ICA Net earnings (including OCI) before payment of policyholder dividends		2 6	90	103		89
	Net earnings (including Oct) before payment of policyholder dividends	·	•	30	105		05
	Policyholder dividends distributed during the year	(13		(90)	(119)		(89)
	Closing surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)	\$ 28	1	n/a	\$ 334		n/a
	Total assets at year end Section 461 transfer as a % of total distributions	\$ 3,89 2.87		2,922 n/a	\$ 2,830 2.89%	\$ 2,	932, n/a
Canada	Opening surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)			n/a			n/a
Crown Life	Net earnings (including OCI) before distributions			5			5
\$	Amounts transferred to shareholders under s. 461 of the ICA			-			-
	Other transfers or accruals under s. 462 of the ICA			-			-
	Net earnings (including OCI) before payment of policyholder dividends			5			5
	Policyholder dividends distributed during the year			(5)			(5)
	Closing surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)			n/a			n/a
	Total assets at year end		\$ '	1,014		\$ 1,	,025
	Section 461 transfer as a % of total distributions			n/a			n/a
Canada New York Life	Opening surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)			n/a			n/a
	Net earnings (including OCI) before distributions			37			37
\$	Amounts transferred to shareholders under s. 461 of the ICA			-			-
	Other transfers or accruals under s. 462 of the ICA Net earnings (including OCI) before payment of policyholder dividends			37			37
	Policyholder dividends distributed during the year			(37)			(37)
	Closing surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)			n/a			n/a
	Total assets at year end		\$ '	1,490		\$ 1,	496
	Section 461 transfer as a % of total distributions			n/a			n/a
Ireland	Opening surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)	€	1	n/a	€ 1		n/a
€	Net earnings (including OCI) before distributions		1	9	1		6
	Amounts transferred to shareholders under s. 461 of the ICA Other transfers or accruals under s. 462 of the ICA		-	-	-		-
	Net earnings (including OCI) before payment of policyholder dividends		1	9	1		6
	Dolling holder dividende distributed during the case				(4)		<i>(</i> - <i>)</i>
	Policyholder dividends distributed during the year Closing surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)		1) 1	(9) n/a	(1) € 1		(6) n/a
	Total assets at year end		<u>.</u> 8 €	91	€ 40	€	114
	Section 461 transfer as a % of total distributions	2.879		n/a	2.89%	C	n/a
United Kingdom	Opening surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)			n/a			n/a
-	Net earnings (including OCI) before distributions			3			5
f	Amounts transferred to shareholders under s. 461 of the ICA Other transfers or accruals under s. 462 of the ICA			-			-
	Net earnings (including OCI) before payment of policyholder dividends			3			5
	Policyholder dividends distributed during the year			(3)			(5)
	Closing surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)			n/a			n/a
	Total assets at year end		£	168		£	181
	iotal assets at year end			100		_	101

(in millions of local currency)

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Participating Account	Accounting Item	Open Fund	Closed Fund	Open Fund	Closed Fund
International	Opening surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)		n/a		n/a
Hong Kong	Net earnings (including OCI) before distributions		7		8
US\$	Amounts transferred to shareholders under s. 461 of the ICA		-		-
	Other transfers or accruals under s. 462 of the ICA		-		-
	Net earnings (including OCI) before payment of policyholder dividends		7		8
	Policyholder dividends distributed during the year		(7)		(8)
	Closing surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)		n/a		n/a
	Total assets at year end Section 461 transfer as a % of total distributions		\$ 543 n/a		\$ 566 n/a
International	Opening surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)		n/a		n/a
Macau	Net earnings (including OCI) before distributions		_		_
US\$	Amounts transferred to shareholders under s. 461 of the ICA		-		-
	Other transfers or accruals under s. 462 of the ICA		-		-
	Net earnings (including OCI) before payment of policyholder dividends		-		-
	Policyholder dividends distributed during the year		_		-
	Closing surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)		n/a		n/a
	Total assets at year end		\$ 6		\$ 6
	Section 461 transfer as a % of total distributions		n/a		n/a
International Pacific Rim	Opening surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)	\$ (3)		\$ (2)	
	Net earnings (including OCI) before distributions	-		(1)	
US\$	Amounts transferred to shareholders under s. 461 of the ICA	-		-	
	Other transfers or accruals under s. 462 of the ICA Net earnings (including OCI) before payment of policyholder dividends			(1)	
	Policyholder dividends distributed during the year	-		-	
	Closing surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)	\$ (3)		\$ (3)	
	Total assets at year end Section 461 transfer as a % of total distributions	\$ 21 2.87%		\$ 22 2.89%	
United States	Opening surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)	\$ 4	n/a	\$ 2	n/a
CLA	Net earnings (including OCI) before distributions	4	22	5	21
US\$	Amounts transferred to shareholders under s. 461 of the ICA	-	-	-	-
	Other transfers or accruals under s. 462 of the ICA		-	-	-
	Net earnings (including OCI) before payment of policyholder dividends	4	22	5	21
	Policyholder dividends distributed during the year	(4)	(22)	(3)	(21
	Closing surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)	\$ 4	n/a	\$ 4	n/a
	Total assets at year end Section 461 transfer as a % of total distributions	\$ 191 2.87%	\$ 1,177 n/a	\$ 191 2.89%	\$ 1,194 n/a
United States	Opening surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)	\$ 3		\$ 4	
Crown Life	Net earnings (including OCI) before distributions	7		8	
US\$	Amounts transferred to shareholders under s. 461 of the ICA	-		-	
	Other transfers or accruals under s. 462 of the ICA			-	
	Net earnings (including OCI) before payment of policyholder dividends	7		8	
	Policyholder dividends distributed during the year	(7)		(9)	
	Closing surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)	\$ 3		\$ 3	
	Total assets at year end	\$ 472		\$ 494	
	Section 461 transfer as a % of total distributions	2.87%		2.89%	

PARTICIPATING ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT POLICY

This Participating Account Management Policy has been established by the Board of Directors, in conjunction with the Participating Policyholder Dividend Policy, and may be amended by the Board from time to time at its discretion. The factors most likely to be considered in deciding whether to amend this policy include changes in applicable legal or regulatory requirements, professional guidelines, industry practices or significant business changes. The Appointed Actuary has overall accountability for the administration of this policy, having regard for relevant corporate policies.

The participating account is managed with regard to the Company's enterprise risk management framework through which the Board and management establish the Company's risk strategy, articulate and monitor adherence to risk appetite and risk limits and identify, measure, manage, monitor and report on risks.

As required by the Insurance Companies Act, the Company maintains accounts for its participating insurance policies separately from those maintained in respect of other policies. This facilitates the measurement of the earnings attributable to the participating account.

The participating account is maintained in respect of participating life insurance policies and small blocks of participating annuities and disability insurance policies that have been issued or assumed by the Company. The participating account is comprised of three main types of sub-accounts. The closed block sub-accounts for Canada Life, New York Life and Crown Life were established for participating insurance policies issued or assumed by the Company prior to demutualization and are comprised of the best-estimate liabilities associated with these policies. The ancillary sub-accounts are comprised of the liabilities associated with provisions for adverse deviation in respect of the policies contained in the closed block sub-accounts. The open sub-accounts for Canada Life and Crown Life were established for participating insurance policies issued or assumed by the Company after demutualization and are comprised of the total liabilities associated with these policies. While the majority of these open sub-accounts have been closed to new business after demutualization, the Canada Life Canadian open sub-account remains open to new business.

The closed block sub-accounts are maintained in accordance with the operating rules established by the Company for the closed blocks and approved by the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions. The closed block operating rules govern the management of the various closed block sub-accounts, including investment income allocation, mortality costs, expense charges and taxes. The Appointed Actuary is required to provide the Superintendent and the relevant non-Canadian insurance regulators with reports and opinions about the operation of the closed block sub-accounts and ongoing compliance with the closed block operating rules as may be required.

Assets of the Company held within its general funds are allocated to the participating account and non-participating account segments for the purpose of determining investment income for each account. Assets are allocated to each segment according to the investment guidelines established for the segments. These guidelines outline criteria for asset mix, liquidity, currency risk and interest rate risk. These guidelines are intended to recognize considerations such as the business objectives, liability characteristics, liquidity requirements, tax considerations and interest rate risk tolerance of each segment. Assets allocated to a segment may from time to time be reallocated to another segment within the same account or another account provided the assets exchanged comply with the investment policy of the respective segments. Any such exchanges are effected at fair value.

On an annual basis the Board of Directors reviews and approves investment policies and guidelines which govern investment activities for each of the sub-accounts. The investment policies outline a number of principles for investing in assets, including risk tolerance and the approach to managing investment risk. Investment risk is managed through underwriting standards, exposure limits and specific quidelines governing asset classes and investment operations. The investment policies establish limits for the concentration of assets in single geographic areas, industries, companies and types of businesses as part of the risk management process. The Company may use derivative products for risk management purposes to hedge asset and liability positions, or as substitutes for cash within specified limits.

For the Canada Life Canadian open, closed block and ancillary sub-accounts, the assets supporting the participating account liabilities are notionally divided into two segments for defining investment needs and objectives and managing the portfolio: (1) investments that are used to satisfy near term policy benefits (next 10 years) and (2) investments that are used to achieve longer term objectives.

The investments used for the near term are primarily fixed income assets. The cashflows of these assets, together with the participating policy premiums are expected to provide for the policyholder benefits for the next 10 years. These benefits include dividends, death benefits, cash surrender values and other policy benefits such as waiver of premium.

The investments used to achieve the longer term objectives include a combination of 1 to 10 year fixed income assets and a diversified pool of common stocks and real estate. As a result, the fixed income assets in this segment are expected to mature and be reinvested several times before satisfying the policy benefits. The focus in managing this segment is to create value by reinvesting in a disciplined manner as investment spreads, interest rate levels and equity market conditions evolve and cycle. The performance of this part of the strategy is a key driver of changes in the dividend scale interest rate and this rate is an important contributor to changes in the dividend scale.

For all other sub-accounts, the Company invests primarily in fixed income assets. The target maturity profile of these fixed income investments is shorter than the expected policy cashflows. This strategy is intended to produce returns that exhibit stability while providing policyholders with some participation in changing fixed income market conditions.

Investment income is allocated to the participating account in accordance with the Company's investment income allocation policy. Generally, investment income results are allocated directly to a segment based on the assets allocated to the segment. Each year the Appointed Actuary reviews the method used for allocating investment income to the participating account and reports to the Board of Directors on its fairness and equitableness.

Expenses and taxes incurred by the Company are allocated to the participating account in accordance with the Company's expense allocation and tax allocation policies.

Expenses are allocated by the area incurring the expense to the appropriate company and line of business. As a general principle, expenses are allocated to a line of business in accordance with its business activities. In addition, from time to time the Company makes significant expenditures/ investments outside of regular business activities which may include but are not limited to transactions such as acquisitions, restructurings, and capital expenditures (e.g., major IT systems), the intent and effect of which is to reduce future expenses. The governing principle for fair and equitable treatment of such expenditures/investments is that expenses will be allocated to the lines of business recognizing both the benefit derived by the line of business from that expenditure/investment and the contribution made by the line of business to that expenditure/investment.

For the open sub-accounts, in general, expenses that are exclusively related to participating business are allocated directly to the participating account. Expenses related to both participating and non-participating business are allocated based on business statistics when the expenses vary based on those statistics, based on managers' estimates supported by time studies or other assessments, or in proportion to the total expenses allocated using all of the methods previously mentioned. For unusual items, management will determine and report to the Appointed Actuary the resulting allocation of expenses to each line of business, including the basis and justification for it.

Expenses are charged to the closed block sub-accounts based on pre-determined formulas in accordance with the closed block operating rules.

Taxes are allocated to the participating account using the characteristics of the participating and non-participating accounts that are determinative of the relevant tax costs. In accordance with the closed block operating rules, no taxes on profits are allocated to the closed block sub-accounts since it is expected that closed block earnings will cumulatively be zero over the lifetime of the closed block.

Each year the Appointed Actuary reviews the method used for allocating expenses and taxes to the participating account and reports to the Board of Directors on its fairness and equitableness.

The participating account surplus associated with the open sub-accounts is managed within the Company's capital management framework and with regard to regulatory requirements. Surplus is required for a number of purposes including to help ensure the Company can meet its obligations to participating policyholders, help ensure financial strength and stability of the Company, finance new business growth and acquisitions which may benefit the participating account, provide for transitions during periods of major change, and to avoid undue fluctuations in dividends; subject to items such as practical considerations and limits, legal and regulatory requirements, and industry practices. The surplus position is reviewed annually, having regard for the specific circumstances of the participating account. Based on the review, contributions to surplus may be adjusted by increasing or decreasing the dividend scale.

As permitted by the Insurance Companies Act, the Company may distribute to the shareholders a percentage of the amount distributed to policyholders from the open sub-accounts in respect of a financial year. Prior to any such distribution, the Appointed Actuary will confirm to the Board of Directors that the proposed distribution is permitted under the terms of the Insurance Companies Act. The proportion distributed to the shareholders will not exceed the prescribed amount as determined under section 461 of the Insurance Companies Act. Any distribution made to the shareholders will be published in the Company's annual report.

Under the terms of the closed block operating rules, no distribution to the shareholders may be made from the closed block sub-accounts. In accordance with the demutualization agreement, the amount by which the assets exceed the liabilities in the ancillary sub-accounts is transferred to the shareholders each quarter.

SOURCES OF EARNINGS

The following is provided in accordance with the OSFI guideline requiring Sources of Earnings (SOE) disclosure. SOE is not an International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) measure. There is no standard SOE methodology. The calculation of SOE is dependent on, and sensitive to, the methodology, estimates and assumptions used.

SOE identifies various sources of IFRS net earnings. It provides an analysis of the difference between actual net income and expected net income based on assumptions made at the beginning of the reporting period. The terminology used in the discussion of Sources of Earnings is described below:

Expected Profit on In-Force Business

This component represents the portion of the consolidated net income on business in-force at the start of the reporting period that was expected to be realized based on the achievement of the best-estimate assumptions. It includes releases of provisions for adverse deviations, expected net earnings on deposits, and expected net management fees.

Impact of New Business

This component represents the point-of-sale impact on net income of writing new business during the reporting period. This is the difference between the premium received and the sum of the expenses incurred as a result of the sale and the new liabilities established at the point of sale.

Experience Gains and Losses

This component represents gains and losses that are due to differences between the actual experience during the reporting period and the best-estimate assumptions at the start of the reporting period.

Management Actions and Changes in Assumptions

This component represents the impact on net income resulting from management actions, changes in actuarial assumptions or methodology, changes in margins for adverse deviations, and correction of errors.

Other

This component represents the amounts not included in any other line of the Sources of Earnings. In 2017, the impact of U.S. tax reform has been separated out in the presentation.

Earnings on Surplus

This component represents the earnings on the Company's surplus funds.

Canada Life's Sources of Earnings are shown below for 2018 and 2017.

Sources of Earnings (in Canadian & millio

(in Canadian \$ millions)	Shareholder net earnings											
For the year ended December 31, 2018	Individual Customer		Group Customer		Europe/ Reinsurance		e Corporate		United States		7	Γotal
Expected profit on in-force business	\$	152	\$	71	\$	1,008	\$	(4)	\$	13	\$	1,240
Impact of new business		21		5		(42)		-		-		(16)
Experience gains and losses		106		29		(81)		2		(7)		49
Management actions and changes in assumptions		124		43		462		-		-		629
Other		-		-		(67)		-		-		(67)
Earnings on surplus		-		-		62		15		8		85
Net earnings before tax		403		148		1,342		13		14		1,920
Taxes		(66)		(28)		(45)		7		(16)		(148)
Net earnings before non-controlling interests		337		120		1,297		20		(2)		1,772
Non-controlling interests		-		-		-		(2)		-		(2)
Net earnings - shareholder		337		120		1,297		18		(2)		1,770
Preferred share dividends		-		-		-		(14)		-		(14)
Net earnings - common shareholder	\$	337	\$	120	\$	1,297	\$	4	\$	(2)	\$	1,756

Sources of Earnings

(in Canadian \$ millions) Shareholder net earnings Individual Group Europe/ United For the year ended December 31, 2017 Customer Customer Reinsurance Corporate States Total \$ 226 901 1,197 Expected profit on in-force business \$ 68 \$ \$ (6)\$ 8 \$ Impact of new business 9 20 (43)(14)81 39 Experience gains and losses 161 1 16 298 Management actions and changes in assumptions 290 16 43 (13)336 Impact of U.S. tax reform on insurance contract liabilities and expenses (18)(5)(1)(24)Other (27)(27)(54)5 Earnings on surplus 76 14 95 Net earnings before tax 332 170 1,340 (23)15 1,834 Taxes (excluding impact of U.S. tax reform) (61)(36)(72)8 (3)(164)7 U.S. tax reform impact on deferred tax balances (21)(14)Tax recovery on impact of U.S. tax reform on insurance contract 3 3 liabilities and expenses 271 (15)(9)Net earnings before non-controlling interests 134 1,278 1,659 Non-controlling interests (6) (6) Impact of U.S. tax reform on non-controlling interests Net earnings - shareholder 271 134 1,278 (21)(9)1,653 Preferred share dividends (14)(14)Net earnings - common shareholder 271 \$ 134 \$ 1,278 \$ (35)\$ (9)\$ 1,639

Analysis of Results

Expected profit on in-force business is the major driver of earnings and accounted for 65% of pre-tax earnings in 2018. The expected profit on in-force business of \$1,240 in 2018 was \$43 higher than the 2017 level. The increase year-over-year is primarily due to business growth in all segments and the impact of currency changes.

The strain on new sales of \$16 in 2018 was \$2 higher than 2017.

Experience gains of \$49 in 2018 were \$249 lower than 2017. The gains in 2018 were primarily due to investment experience in Canada and morbidity results in Europe. These gains were partially offset by expenses in Europe and policyholder behavior in Canada. The gains in 2017 were primarily due to investment experience in Canada and Europe and mortality results in Europe. These gains were partially offset by expenses in Europe and policyholder behavior in Canada.

Management actions and changes in assumptions contributed \$629 to pre-tax earnings in 2018 compared to \$336 in 2017. The most significant contributors in 2018 were updated longevity assumptions, updated economic assumptions, updated morbidity assumptions, modeling refinements, updated expense and tax assumptions and updated life mortality assumptions. These gains were partially offset by updated policyholder behaviour assumptions.

Other of \$(67) in 2018 is due to restructuring costs in the U.K.

Pre-tax earnings on surplus decreased by \$10 in 2018 compared to 2017 mainly due to the prior year gain on the sale of a holding in Ireland.

SUBSIDIARIES OF THE CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY(1)

Name	Principal Office Address	ying Value ⁽²⁾ adian \$ millions)	Voting Share Ownership
Canada Life Capital Corporation Inc.	Toronto, Ontario	\$ 9,424	100%
The Canada Life Group (U.K.) Limited	Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, England	\$ 8,425	100%
Canada Life Limited	Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, England	\$ 6,291	100%
Irish Life Group Limited	Dublin, Ireland	\$ 3,288	100%
Irish Life Assurance p.l.c.	Dublin, Ireland	\$ 2,295	100%
The Canada Life Insurance Company of Canada	Toronto, Ontario	\$ 846	100%

⁽¹⁾ The table above depicts the material and certain other subsidiaries of the Company at December 31, 2018.

⁽²⁾ The carrying value represents the Company's equity in its subsidiaries.

Five-Year Summary

(in Canadian \$ millions except per share amounts)

At December 31	2018		2017	2016	2015	2014
Total assets under administration	\$ 312,886	\$ 3	302,411	\$ 277,486	\$ 274,492	\$ 239,460
For the Year Ended December 31						
Premiums and deposits:						
Net premium income (Life insurance, guaranteed annuities and insured health products)	\$ 9,021	\$	8,387	\$ 7,130	\$ 7,397	\$ 6,646
Segregated funds deposits:						
Individual products	13,005		13,279	10,072	9,569	8,702
Group products	9		28	47	131	119
Proprietary mutual funds and institutional deposits	11,373		10,424	18,047	9,713	4,700
Total premiums and deposits	\$ 33,408	\$	32,118	\$ 35,296	\$ 26,810	\$ 20,167
Condensed Statements of Earnings						
Income						
Total net premiums	\$ 9,021	\$	8,387	\$ 7,130	\$ 7,397	\$ 6,646
Net investment income						
Regular net investment income	2,909		2,802	2,922	3,021	2,990
Changes in fair value through profit or loss	(1,984)		763	3,236	(1,249)	5,374
Total net investment income	925		3,565	6,158	1,772	8,364
Fee and other income	1,646		1,546	1,443	1,357	1,305
Total income	11,592		13,498	14,731	10,526	16,315
Benefits and expenses						
Paid or credited to policyholders	7,118		9,135	10,190	6,480	12,586
Other	2,479		2,418	2,486	2,130	1,913
Financing charges	35		40	39	37	43
Amortization of finite life intangible assets	49		38	36	22	22
Restructuring expenses	67		61	17	23	29
Earnings before income taxes	1,844		1,806	1,963	1,834	1,722
Income taxes	119		160	263	179	243
Net earnings before non-controlling interests	1,725		1,646	1,700	1,655	1,479
Attributable to non-controlling interests	2		6	9	1	13
Net earnings	1,723		1,640	1,691	1,654	1,466
Net earnings (loss) - participating account	(47)		(13)	139	48	37
Net earnings - shareholders	1,770		1,653	1,552	1,606	1,429
Preferred share dividends	14		14	14	 14	14
Net earnings - common shareholder	\$ 1,756	\$	1,639	\$ 1,538	\$ 1,592	\$ 1,415
Book value per common share	\$ 45.60	\$	42.61	\$ 39.16	\$ 40.87	\$ 33.71
Dividends to common shareholder - per share	\$ 4.43	\$	4.41	\$ 2.59	\$ 2.58	\$ 2.14

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