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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
FORM 10-K**

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

**For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010**

**OR**

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

**Commission File Number 0-24000  
ERIE INDEMNITY COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania

25-0466020

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

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

100 Erie Insurance Place, Erie, Pennsylvania

16530

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

(814) 870-2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Class A common stock, stated value \$0.0292 per share, listed on the NASDAQ Stock Market, LLC

(Title of each class)

(Name of each exchange on which registered)

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer   
(Do not check if a smaller  
reporting company)

Smaller Reporting  
Company

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

Aggregate market value of voting and non-voting common stock held by non-affiliates as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter: \$1.3 billion of Class A non-voting common stock as of June 30, 2010. There is no active market for the Class B voting common stock. The Class B common stock is closely held by few shareholders.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: 49,751,555 shares of Class A common stock and 2,546 shares of Class B common stock outstanding on February 18, 2011.

#### **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of Part III of this Form 10-K (Items 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14) are incorporated by reference to the information statement on Form 14(C) to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission no later than 120 days after December 31, 2010.

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**PART I**

**Item 1. Business**

**General**

Erie Indemnity Company ( Indemnity ) is a publicly held Pennsylvania business corporation that since 1925 has been the managing attorney-in-fact for the subscribers (policyholders) of the Erie Insurance Exchange ( Exchange ). The Exchange is a subscriber owned Pennsylvania-domiciled reciprocal insurer that writes property and casualty insurance.

Indemnity s primary function is to perform certain services for the Exchange relating to the sales, underwriting and issuance of policies on behalf of the Exchange. This is done in accordance with a subscriber s agreement (a limited power of attorney) executed by each subscriber (policyholder), appointing Indemnity as their common attorney-in-fact to transact business on their behalf and to manage the affairs of the Exchange. Pursuant to the subscriber s agreement and for its services as attorney-in-fact, Indemnity earns a management fee calculated as a percentage of the direct premiums written by the Exchange and the other members of the Property and Casualty Group, which are assumed by the Exchange under an intercompany pooling arrangement.

Through December 31, 2010, Indemnity also operated as a property and casualty insurer through its wholly owned subsidiaries, Erie Insurance Company ( EIC ), Erie Insurance Company of New York ( ENY ) and Erie Insurance Property and Casualty Company ( EPC ). EIC, ENY and EPC, together with the Exchange and its wholly owned subsidiary, Flagship City Insurance Company ( Flagship ), are collectively referred to as the Property and Casualty Group . The Property and Casualty Group operates in 11 Midwestern, Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern states and the District of Columbia and writes primarily private passenger automobile, homeowners, commercial multi-peril, commercial automobile and workers compensation lines of insurance.

On December 31, 2010, Indemnity sold all of the outstanding capital stock of its wholly owned property and casualty subsidiaries to the Exchange. There was no gain or loss resulting from this sale as Indemnity and the Exchange are deemed to be under common control. Under this new structure, all property and casualty insurance operations are owned by the Exchange, and Indemnity will continue to function as the management company. There was no impact on the existing reinsurance pooling agreement between the Exchange and EIC or ENY as a result of the sale, nor was there any impact to the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, to the Exchange s independent insurance agents, or to Indemnity s employees.

Erie Family Life Insurance Company ( EFL ) is an affiliated life insurance company that underwrites and sells individual and group life insurance policies and fixed annuities. Indemnity and the Exchange own 21.6% and 78.4% of EFL, respectively. On November 4, 2010, Indemnity entered into a definitive agreement for the sale of its 21.6% ownership interest in EFL to the Exchange, which is scheduled to close by March 31, 2011. Upon the closing date, the Exchange will own 100% of EFL.

Because Indemnity and the Exchange are deemed to be under common control for financial reporting purposes, any gains or losses resulting from the sale of Indemnity s equity interest in EFL will be recorded as an adjustment directly to Indemnity s equity balance at March 31, 2011.

Indemnity shareholder interest refers to the interest in Erie Indemnity Company owned by the Class A and Class B shareholders. Noncontrolling interest refers to the interest in the Erie Insurance Exchange held for the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders).

The consolidated financial statements of Erie Indemnity Company reflect the results of Indemnity and its variable interest entity, the Exchange, which we refer to collectively as Erie Insurance Group ( we, us, our ).

**Business segments**

We operate our business as four reportable segments management operations, property and casualty insurance operations, life insurance operations and investment operations. Financial information about these segments is set forth in and referenced to Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 5, Segment Information, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report. Further discussion of financial results by operating segment is provided in and referenced to Item 7. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained within this report.



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**Management operations** We generate internal management fee revenue, which accrues to the benefit of the Indemnity shareholder interest, as Indemnity provides services to the Exchange relating to the sales, underwriting and issuance of policies. The Exchange is the sole customer of our management operations. Indemnity charges the Exchange a management fee, determined by our Board of Directors, not to exceed 25% of all premiums written or assumed by the Exchange for its services as attorney-in-fact. Management fee revenue is eliminated upon consolidation.

**Property and casualty insurance operations** The Property and Casualty Group generates revenue by insuring standard and preferred risks, with personal lines comprising 73% of the 2010 direct written premiums and commercial lines comprising the remaining 27%. The principal personal lines products based upon 2010 direct written premiums were private passenger automobile (48%) and homeowners (21%). The principal commercial lines products based on 2010 direct written premiums were commercial multi-peril (11%), commercial automobile (7%) and workers compensation (6%).

The members of the Property and Casualty Group pool their underwriting results under an intercompany pooling agreement. Under the pooling agreement, the Exchange retains a 94.5% interest in the net underwriting results of the Property and Casualty Group, while EIC retains a 5.0% interest and ENY retains a 0.5% interest. Prior to December 31, 2010, the underwriting results retained by EIC and ENY accrued to the benefit of the Indemnity shareholder interest. Due to the sale of Indemnity's property and casualty subsidiaries to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, all property and casualty underwriting results accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, after December 31, 2010.

Historically, due to policy renewal and sales patterns, the Property and Casualty Group's direct written premiums are greater in the second and third quarters than in the first and fourth quarters of the calendar year. Property and casualty insurance premiums earned accounted for approximately 81% of our total consolidated revenue in 2010, 90% in 2009 and 142% in 2008. The proportion of property and casualty insurance premiums to total consolidated revenues was significantly greater in 2008 due to losses generated from our investment operations as a result of unfavorable market conditions.

The Property and Casualty Group is represented by nearly 2,100 independent agencies comprising almost 9,500 licensed representatives, which is our sole distribution channel. In addition to their principal role as salespersons, the independent agents play a significant role as underwriting and service providers and are fundamental to the Property and Casualty Group's success.

The Property and Casualty Group writes business in Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia. The states of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia made up 63% of the Property and Casualty Group's 2010 direct written premium.

While sales, underwriting and policy issuance services are centralized at our home office, the Property and Casualty Group maintains 24 field offices throughout its operating region to provide claims services to policyholders and marketing support for the independent agencies that represent us.

The Property and Casualty Group ranked as the 13<sup>th</sup> largest automobile insurer in the United States based on 2009 direct written premiums and as the 19<sup>th</sup> largest property and casualty insurer in the United States based on 2009 total lines net premium written according to AM Best.

**Life insurance operations** Our life insurance operations generate revenue from the sale of individual and group life insurance policies and fixed annuities. These products are offered through our property and casualty agency force to provide an opportunity to cross-sell both personal and commercial accounts. EFL writes business in 10 states including Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin and the District of Columbia. The state of Pennsylvania made up 51% of EFL's 2010 premium and annuity considerations, with Maryland, Virginia and Ohio making up nearly 10% each.

As discussed previously, currently Indemnity and the Exchange own 21.6% and 78.4% of EFL, respectively. Upon the sale of Indemnity's ownership interest in EFL, scheduled to close by March 31, 2011, the Exchange will own 100% of the life insurance operations.

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***Investment operations*** Our investment operations generate revenue from our fixed maturity, equity security and alternative investment portfolios. The portfolios are managed with the objective of maximizing after-tax returns on a risk-adjusted basis. Revenues and losses included in investment operations consist of net investment income, net realized gains and losses, net impairment losses recognized in earnings for our fixed maturity and preferred equity portfolios, and equity in earnings and losses from our alternative investments, which include private equity, real estate, and mezzanine limited partnerships. The volatility inherent in the financial markets has the potential to impact our investment portfolio from time-to-time. Net revenues from our investment operations accounted for approximately 17% of our total consolidated revenue in 2010 and 8% in 2009, where in 2008 net losses from our investment operations negatively impacted our total consolidated revenues by 46% as a result of unfavorable market conditions.

**Competition**

Property and casualty insurers generally compete on the basis of customer service, price, consumer recognition, coverages offered, claims handling, financial stability and geographic coverage. Vigorous competition, particularly in the personal lines automobile and homeowners lines of business, is provided by large, well-capitalized national companies, some of which have broad distribution networks of employed or captive agents, by smaller regional insurers and by large companies who market and sell personal lines products directly to consumers. In addition, because the insurance products of the Property and Casualty Group are marketed exclusively through independent insurance agents, the Property and Casualty Group faces competition within its appointed agencies based on ease of doing business, product, price and service relationships.

Market competition bears directly on the price charged for insurance products and services subject to regulatory limitations. Growth is driven by a company's ability to provide insurance services and competitive prices while maintaining target profit margins. Industry capital levels can also significantly affect prices charged for coverage. Growth is a product of a company's ability to retain existing customers and to attract new customers, as well as movement in the average premium per policy.

The Erie Insurance Group has a strategic focus that we believe will result in long-term underwriting performance. First, we employ an underwriting philosophy and product mix targeted to produce a Property and Casualty Group underwriting profit on a long-term basis through careful risk selection and rational pricing. The careful selection of risks allows for lower claims frequency and loss severity, thereby enabling insurance to be offered at favorable prices. The Property and Casualty Group has continued to refine its risk measurement and price segmentation model used in the underwriting and pricing processes. Second, the Property and Casualty Group focuses on consistently providing superior service to policyholders and agents. Third, the Property and Casualty Group's business model is designed to provide the advantages of localized marketing and claims servicing with the economies of scale and low cost of operations from centralized accounting, administrative, underwriting, investment, information management and other support services.

Finally, we carefully select the independent agencies that represent the Property and Casualty Group. The Property and Casualty Group seeks to be the lead insurer with its agents in order to enhance the agency relationship and the likelihood of receiving the most desirable underwriting opportunities from its agents. We have ongoing, direct communications with the agency force. Agents have access to a number of venues we sponsor designed to promote sharing of ideas, concerns and suggestions with the senior management of the Property and Casualty Group with the goal of improving communications and service. We continue to evaluate new ways to support our agents' efforts, from marketing programs to identifying potential customer leads, to grow the business of the Property and Casualty Group and sustain our long-term agency partnerships. The higher agency penetration and long-term relationships allow for greater efficiency in providing agency support and training.

EFL, our life insurer, is subject to many of the same structural advantages and environmental challenges as the Property and Casualty Group. Term life business accounts for the majority of policies issued by EFL, and this product line is extremely competitive and increasingly transparent due in part to the proliferation of on-line quoting services. Besides price, ease of application and processing improvements represent areas where companies are finding ways to differentiate themselves among independent producers. EFL continues to progress in these areas using state-of-the-art technology and third-party vendors. Historically, sound underwriting and disciplined approaches to pricing and investing have contributed to favorable operating results. While EFL will be challenged to maintain these trends in the



face of intensified competition going forward, we continue to shape our strategy and core processes to respond more effectively to the needs of our policyholders and independent agents.

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We employed approximately 4,200 people at December 31, 2010, of which approximately 2,090, or 50%, provide claims specific services exclusively for the Property and Casualty Group and approximately 65, or 2%, perform services exclusively for EFL.

**Reserves for losses and loss expenses**

The table that follows illustrates the change over time of the loss and loss expense reserves established for the Property and Casualty Group at the end of the last ten calendar years. The Property and Casualty Group's obligation at December 31, 2010 is \$3.6 billion. An additional discussion of our property and casualty loss reserve methodology can be found in and is referenced to Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Critical Accounting Estimates contained within this report.

The Property and Casualty Group discounts only workers compensation reserves. These reserves are discounted on a nontabular basis as prescribed by the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The interest rate of 2.5% used to discount these reserves is based upon the Property and Casualty Group's historical workers compensation payout pattern. The Property and Casualty Group's unpaid losses and loss expenses reserves were reduced by \$127 million and \$136 million at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, as a result of this discounting.

An additional discussion of property and casualty loss reserve activity can be found in and is referenced to Item 7.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Financial Condition section contained within this report.

**Property and Casualty Group  
Reserves for Unpaid Losses and Loss Expenses**

<i>(in millions)</i>	At December 31,									
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Gross liability for unpaid losses and loss expenses (LAE)	\$ 2,348	\$ 2,940	\$ 3,401	\$ 3,629	\$ 3,779	\$ 3,830	\$ 3,684	\$ 3,586	\$ 3,598	\$ 3,584
<i>Gross liability re-estimated as of:</i>										
One year later	2,677	2,986	3,360	3,592	3,651	3,559	3,487	3,502	3,336	
Two years later	2,731	3,021	3,423	3,583	3,508	3,467	3,409	3,320		
Three years later	2,789	3,117	3,482	3,558	3,464	3,412	3,307			
Four years later	2,895	3,190	3,497	3,516	3,437	3,358				
Five years later	2,979	3,223	3,466	3,494	3,404					
Six years later	3,027	3,173	3,440	3,485						
Seven years later	2,977	3,186	3,430							
Eight years later	2,980	3,189								
Nine years later	2,964									

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Cumulative  
(deficiency) redundancy \$ (616) \$ (249) \$ (29) \$ 144 \$ 375 \$ 472 \$ 377 \$ 266 \$ 262 N/A

*Cumulative amount of  
gross liability paid  
through:*

One year later	\$ 859	\$ 933	\$ 1,055	\$ 1,066	\$ 1,067	\$ 1,019	\$ 1,042	\$ 1,033	\$ 955
Two years later	1,339	1,477	1,638	1,699	1,630	1,621	1,573	1,538	
Three years later	1,658	1,819	2,034	2,056	2,016	1,962	1,889		
Four years later	1,858	2,044	2,245	2,294	2,235	2,147			
Five years later	1,990	2,161	2,394	2,431	2,342				
Six years later	2,061	2,256	2,484	2,509					
Seven years later	2,131	2,316	2,541						
Eight years later	2,172	2,357							
Nine years later	\$ 2,201								

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Property and casualty insurers are subject to supervision and regulation in the states in which they transact business. The extent of such regulation varies, but generally derives from state statutes that delegate regulatory, supervisory and administrative authority to state insurance departments. Accordingly, the authority of the state insurance departments includes the establishment of standards of solvency that must be met and maintained by insurers, the licensing to do business of insurers and agents, the nature of the limitations on investments, the approval of premium rates for property and casualty insurance, the provisions that insurers must make for current losses and future liabilities, the deposit of securities for the benefit of policyholders, the approval of policy forms, notice requirements for the cancellation of policies and the approval of certain changes in control. In addition, many states have enacted variations of competitive rate-making laws that allow insurers to set certain premium rates for certain classes of insurance without having to obtain the prior approval of the state insurance department. State insurance departments also conduct periodic examinations of the affairs of insurance companies and require the filing of quarterly and annual reports relating to the financial condition of insurance companies.

The Property and Casualty Group is also required to participate in various involuntary insurance programs for automobile insurance, as well as other property and casualty lines, in states in which such companies operate. These involuntary programs provide various insurance coverages to individuals or other entities that otherwise are unable to purchase such coverage in the voluntary market. These programs include joint underwriting associations, assigned risk plans, fair access to insurance requirements ( FAIR ) plans, reinsurance facilities and windstorm plans. Legislation establishing these programs generally provides for participation in proportion to voluntary writings of related lines of business in that state. The loss ratio on insurance written under involuntary programs has traditionally been greater than the loss ratio on insurance in the voluntary market. Although currently the federal government does not directly regulate the insurance industry, federal programs, such as federal terrorism backstop legislation and the Federal Insurance Office established under the Dodd-Frank Act can also impact the insurance industry.

Our life insurer, EFL, is subject to similar state regulations as the Property and Casualty Group, although specific laws and statutes applicable to life insurance and annuity carriers govern its activities. Valuation laws require statutory reserves to be held at conservative levels, which can have a substantial impact on the amount of free surplus that is available for financing new business and other growth opportunities.

Most states have enacted legislation that regulates insurance holding company systems such as the Erie Insurance Group. Each insurance company in the holding company system is required to register with the insurance supervisory authority of its state of domicile and furnish information regarding the operations of companies within the holding company system that may materially affect the operations, management or financial condition of the insurers within the system. Pursuant to these laws, the respective insurance departments may examine Indemnity, as the management company, the Property and Casualty Group and EFL at any time and may require disclosure and/or prior approval of certain transactions with the insurers and Indemnity, as an insurance holding company.

All transactions within the holding company system affecting the insurers Indemnity manages are filed with the applicable insurance departments and must be fair and reasonable. Approval of the applicable insurance commissioner is required prior to the consummation of transactions affecting the control of an insurer. In some states, the acquisition of 10% or more of the outstanding common stock of an insurer or its holding company is presumed to be a change in control. The sale of Indemnity's wholly owned property and casualty subsidiaries, EIC, ENY and EPC, and the sale of Indemnity's 21.6% ownership interest in EFL have both been approved by the appropriate regulatory agencies. Approval of the applicable insurance commissioner is also required in order to declare extraordinary dividends. See Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 23, Statutory Information, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report.

**Website access**

Our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to those reports are available free of charge on our website at [www.erieinsurance.com](http://www.erieinsurance.com) as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is filed electronically with the SEC. Our Code of Conduct is available on our website and in printed form upon request. Our information statement on Form 14(C) is also available free of charge at [www.erieinsurance.com](http://www.erieinsurance.com). Copies of our annual report on Form 10-K will be made available, free of charge, upon

written request as well by contacting Investor Relations, Erie Indemnity Company, 100 Erie Insurance Place, Erie, PA 16530, or calling 1-800-458-0811.

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**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

Our business involves various risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to those discussed in this section. The events described in the risk factors below, or any additional risk outside of those discussed below, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results or liquidity if they actually occur. This information should be considered carefully together with the other information contained in this report, including management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations, the consolidated financial statements and the related notes.

**Risk factors related to the Indemnity shareholder interest**

*If the management fee rate paid by the Exchange is reduced or if there is a significant decrease in the amount of premiums written or assumed by the Exchange, revenues and profitability could be materially adversely affected.*

Indemnity is dependent upon management fees paid by the Exchange, which represent its principal source of revenue. Pursuant to the subscriber's agreements with the policyholders at the Exchange, Indemnity may retain up to 25% of all premiums written or assumed by the Exchange. Therefore, management fee revenue from the Exchange is calculated by multiplying the management fee rate by the direct premiums written by the Exchange and the other members of the Property and Casualty Group, which are assumed by the Exchange under an intercompany pooling arrangement. Accordingly, any reduction in direct premiums written by the Property and Casualty Group would have a proportional negative effect on Indemnity's revenues and net income. See the Risk factors relating to the non-controlling interest owned by the Exchange, which includes the Property and Casualty Group and EFL section, herein, for a discussion of risks impacting direct written premium.

The management fee rate is determined by the Board of Directors and may not exceed 25% of the premiums written or assumed by the Exchange. The Board of Directors sets the management fee rate each December for the following year. At their discretion, the rate can be changed at any time. The factors considered by the Board in setting the management fee rate include Indemnity's financial position in relation to the Exchange and the long-term needs of the Exchange for capital and surplus to support its continued growth and competitiveness. If the Exchange's surplus were significantly reduced, the management fee rate could be reduced and Indemnity's revenues and profitability could be materially adversely affected.

*If the costs of providing services to the Exchange are not controlled, Indemnity's revenues and profitability could be materially adversely affected.*

Pursuant to the subscriber's agreements with the policyholders at the Exchange, Indemnity is appointed to perform certain services, regardless of the cost of providing those services. These services relate to the sales, underwriting and issuance of policies on behalf of the Exchange. Indemnity incurs significant costs related to commissions, employees, and technology in order to provide these services.

Commissions to independent agents are the largest component of Indemnity's cost of operations. Commissions include scheduled commissions to agents based on premiums written as well as additional commissions and bonuses to agents, which are earned by achieving certain targeted measures. Changes to commission rates or bonus programs may result in increased future costs and lower profitability.

Employees are an essential part of the operating costs related to providing services for the Exchange. As a result, Indemnity's profitability is affected by employee costs, including salary, medical, pension and other benefit costs. Recent regulatory developments and economic factors that are beyond our control indicate that employee healthcare costs will continue to increase. Although Indemnity actively manages these cost increases, there can be no assurance that future cost increases will not occur and reduce its profitability.

Technological development is necessary to reduce Indemnity's costs and the Property and Casualty Group's operating costs and to facilitate agents' and policyholders' ability to do business with the Property and Casualty Group. If we are unable to keep pace with the advancements in technology, our ability to compete with other insurance companies who have advanced technological capabilities will be negatively affected. This could result in additional costs as we invest in new technology and systems.

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*Our ability to attract, develop and retain talented executives, key managers and employees is critical to our success. Our future performance is substantially dependent upon our ability to attract, motivate and retain executives and other key management. The loss of the services and leadership of certain key officers and the failure to attract, motivate and develop talented new executives and managers could prevent us from successfully communicating, implementing and executing business strategies, and therefore have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.*

Our success also depends on our ability to attract, develop and retain a talented employee base. The inability to staff all functions of our business with employees possessing the appropriate technical expertise could have an adverse effect on our business performance. Staffing appropriately skilled employees for the deployment and maintenance of information technology systems, the appropriate handling of claims, and rendering of disciplined underwriting is critical to the success of our business.

*If we are unable to keep pace with technological advancements in the insurance industry or are unable to ensure system availability or to secure system information, the ability of the Erie Insurance Group to compete effectively could be impaired.*

The Indemnity is responsible for providing the technological resources necessary to support the operations of the Erie Insurance Group. Our business is highly dependent upon the effective operations of our technology and information systems. We rely on these systems to assist in key functions of core business operations including processing claims, applications, and premium payments, providing customer support, performing actuarial and financial analysis, and maintaining key data. We have an established business continuity plan to ensure the continuation of core business operations in the event that normal business operations could not be performed due to a catastrophic event. While we continue to test and assess our business continuity plan to ensure it meets the needs of our core business operations and addresses multiple business interruption events, there is no assurance that core business operations could be performed upon the occurrence of such an event. The failure of our information systems for any reason could result in a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, or results of operations.

Advancements in technology continue to make it easier to store, share and transport information. A security breach of our computer systems could interrupt or damage our operations or harm our reputation if confidential company or customer information were to be misappropriated from our systems. Cases where sensitive data is exposed or lost may lead to a loss in competitive advantage or lawsuits.

*The performance of Indemnity's investment portfolio is subject to a variety of investment risks, which may in turn have a material adverse effect on its results of operations or financial condition.*

The Indemnity's investment portfolio is comprised principally of fixed-income maturities and limited partnerships. At December 31, 2010 the Indemnity's investment portfolio consisted of approximately 50% fixed income securities, 40% limited partnerships, and 10% equity securities.

All of Indemnity's marketable securities are subject to market volatility. To the extent that future market volatility negatively impacts Indemnity's investments, its financial condition will be negatively impacted. We review the investment portfolio on a continuous basis to evaluate positions that might have incurred other-than-temporary declines in value. The primary factors considered in our review of investment valuation include the extent and duration to which fair value is less than cost, historical operating performance and financial condition of the issuer, short- and long-term prospects of the issuer and its industry, specific events that occurred affecting the issuer including rating downgrades and, depending on the type of security, our intent to sell or our ability and intent to retain the investment for a period of time sufficient to allow for a recovery in value. As the process for determining impairments is highly subjective, changes in our assessments may have a material effect on Indemnity's operating results and financial condition. See also Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk . If the fixed-income, equity, or limited partnership portfolios were to suffer a substantial decrease in value, Indemnity's financial position could be materially adversely affected through increased unrealized losses or impairments.

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Currently, 75% of the fixed-income portfolio is invested in municipal securities. The performance of the fixed-income portfolio is subject to a number of risks including:

**Interest rate risk** the risk of adverse changes in the value of fixed-income securities as a result of increases in market interest rates.

**Investment credit risk** the risk that the value of certain investments may decrease due to the deterioration in financial condition of, or the liquidity available to, one or more issuers of those securities or, in the case of asset-backed securities, due to the deterioration of the loans or other assets that underlie the securities, which, in each case, also includes the risk of permanent loss.

**Concentration risk** the risk that the portfolio may be too heavily concentrated in the securities of one or more issuers, sectors, or industries, which could result in a significant decrease in the value of the portfolio in the event of a deterioration of the financial condition, performance, or outlook of those issuers, sectors, or industries.

**Liquidity risk** the risk that Indemnity will not be able to convert investment securities into cash on favorable terms and on a timely basis, or that Indemnity will not be able to sell them at all, when desired. Disruptions in the financial markets, or a lack of buyers for the specific securities that Indemnity is trying to sell, could prevent it from liquidating securities or cause a reduction in prices to levels that are not acceptable to Indemnity.

In addition to the fixed-income securities, a significant portion of Indemnity's portfolio is invested in limited partnerships. At December 31, 2010, the Indemnity had investments in limited partnerships of \$216 million, or 16% of total assets. In addition, Indemnity is obligated to invest up to an additional \$50 million in limited partnerships, including private equity, real estate and mezzanine partnership investments. Limited partnerships are significantly less liquid and generally involve higher degrees of price risk than publicly traded securities. Limited partnerships, like publicly traded securities, have exposure to market volatility; but unlike fixed-income securities, cash flows and return expectations are less predictable. The primary basis for the valuation of limited partnership interests are financial statements prepared by the general partner. Because of the timing of the preparation and delivery of these financial statements, the use of the most recently available financial statements provided by the general partners result in a quarter delay in the inclusion of the limited partnership results in our Consolidated Statements of Operations. Due to this delay, Indemnity's financial statements at December 31, 2010, do not reflect market conditions experienced in the fourth quarter of 2010.

Indemnity's equity securities have exposure to price risk, the risk of potential loss in estimated fair value resulting from an adverse change in prices. Indemnity does not hedge its exposure to equity price risk inherent in its equity investments. Equity markets, sectors, industries, and individual securities may also be subject to some of the same risks that affect Indemnity's fixed-income portfolio, as discussed above.

*Indemnity is subject to credit risk from the Exchange because the management fees from the Exchange are not paid immediately when premiums are written.*

Indemnity recognizes management fees due from the Exchange as income when the premiums are written because at that time Indemnity has performed substantially all of the services it is required to perform, including sales, underwriting and policy issuance activities. However, such fees are not paid to Indemnity by the Exchange until the Exchange collects the premiums from policyholders. As a result, Indemnity holds receivables for management fees since such fees are based on premiums that have been written and assumed. Indemnity also holds receivables from the Exchange for costs it pays on the Exchange's behalf. The receivable from the Exchange totaled \$232 million or 18% of our total assets at December 31, 2010.

*Deteriorating capital and credit market conditions may significantly affect Indemnity's ability to meet liquidity needs and access capital.*

Sufficient liquidity and capital levels are required to pay operating expenses, income taxes, and to provide the necessary resources to fund future growth opportunities, pay dividends, and repurchase stock. Our management



estimates the appropriate level of capital necessary based on current and projected results, which include a factor for  
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potential exposures based on these Risk Factors. Failure to accurately estimate Indemnity's capital needs may have a material adverse effect on its financial condition until additional sources of capital can be located. Further, a deteriorating financial condition may create a negative perception of the Indemnity by third parties, including rating agencies, investors, agents, and customers which could impact its ability to access additional capital in the debt or equity markets.

The primary sources of liquidity for Indemnity are management fees and cash flows generated from its investment portfolio. In the event Indemnity's current sources do not satisfy its needs, Indemnity has the ability to access its \$100 million bank line of credit, from which there were no borrowings as of December 31, 2010, or sell assets in the investment portfolio. Volatility in the financial markets could impair Indemnity's ability to sell certain of its fixed income securities and to a greater extent its significantly less liquid limited partnership investments, or cause such investments to sell at deep discounts.

In the event these traditional sources of liquidity are not available, Indemnity may have to seek additional financing. Indemnity's access to funds will depend on a number of factors including current market conditions, the availability of credit to the financial services industry, market liquidity, and credit ratings. In deteriorating market conditions, Indemnity may not be able to obtain additional financing on favorable terms, or at all.

*Indemnity is subject to claims and legal proceedings, which, if determined unfavorably, could have a material adverse effect on Indemnity's business, results of operations or financial condition.*

Indemnity faces a significant risk of litigation and regulatory investigations and actions in the ordinary course of operating its businesses, including the risk of class action lawsuits. Indemnity's pending legal and regulatory actions include proceedings specific to Indemnity and others generally applicable to business practices in the industries in which it operates. In Indemnity's management operations, we are, have been, or may become subject to class actions and individual suits alleging, among other things, issues relating to sales or underwriting practices, payment of contingent or other sales commissions, product design, product disclosure, policy issuance and administration, additional premium charges for premiums paid on a periodic basis, charging excessive or impermissible fees on products, recommending unsuitable products to customers, and breaching alleged fiduciary or other duties to customers. Indemnity is also subject to litigation arising out of its general business activities such as its contractual and employment relationships. Plaintiffs in class action and other lawsuits against Indemnity may seek very large or indeterminate amounts, including punitive and treble damages, which may remain unknown for substantial periods of time. Indemnity is also subject to various regulatory inquiries, such as information requests, subpoenas and books and record examinations, from state and federal regulators and authorities.

**Risk factors relating to the non-controlling interest owned by the Exchange, which includes the Property and Casualty Group and EFL**

*Deteriorating general economic conditions may have an adverse effect on the non-controlling interest's operating results and financial condition.*

Unfavorable changes in economic conditions, including declining consumer confidence, inflation, high unemployment and recession, among others, may lead the Property and Casualty Group's customers to modify coverage, not renew policies, or even cancel policies, which could adversely affect the premium revenue of the Property and Casualty Group, and consequently Indemnity's management fee. These conditions could also impair the ability of customers to pay premiums when due, and as a result, the Property and Casualty Group's reserves and write-offs could increase. In addition, downward economic trends also may have an adverse effect on both Indemnity's and the Property and Casualty Group's investment results by negatively impacting the business conditions and impairing credit for the issuers of securities held in their respective investment portfolios. This could reduce fair values of investments and generate significant unrealized losses or impairment charges which may adversely affect their respective financial results.

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*The Property and Casualty Group depends on independent insurance agents, which exposes the Property and Casualty Group to risks not applicable to companies with exclusive agents or other forms of distribution.*

The Property and Casualty Group markets and sells its insurance products through independent, non-exclusive agencies. These agencies are not obligated to sell only the Property and Casualty Group's insurance products, and generally they also sell competitors' insurance products. As a result, the Property and Casualty Group's business depends in large part on the marketing and sales efforts of these agencies. To the extent these agencies' marketing efforts cannot be maintained at their current levels of volume or they bind the Property and Casualty Group to unacceptable insurance risks, fail to comply with established underwriting guidelines or otherwise improperly market the Property and Casualty Group's products, the results of operations and business of the Property and Casualty Group could be adversely affected. Also, to the extent these agencies place business with competing insurers due to compensation arrangements, product differences, price differences, ease of doing business or other reasons, the results of operations of the Property and Casualty Group could be adversely affected. If the Property and Casualty Group is unsuccessful in maintaining and increasing the number of agencies in its independent agent distribution system, the results of operations of the Property and Casualty Group could be adversely affected. To the extent that consumer preferences cause the insurance industry to migrate to a delivery system other than independent agencies, the business of the Property and Casualty Group could be adversely affected. Also, to the extent the agencies choose to place significant portions or all of their business with competing insurance companies, the results of operations and business of the Property and Casualty Group could be adversely affected.

*The Property and Casualty Group maintains a brand recognized for superior customer service. Our ability to maintain this reputation is a key factor to the Property and Casualty Group's success.*

The Property and Casualty Group consistently ranks high in consumer surveys for customer service. Incidents such as failure to protect sensitive customer data, errors in processing a claim, systems failures, or unfavorable litigation, among others, may result in reputational harm to the Property and Casualty Group's brand and the potential for reduction in business. While we maintain and execute processes to minimize these events, we cannot completely eliminate this risk.

*The Property and Casualty Group faces significant competition from other regional and national insurance companies. Failure to keep pace with competitors may result in lower market share and revenues, which may have a material adverse affect on the Property and Casualty Group's financial condition.*

The Property and Casualty Group competes with regional and national property/casualty insurers including direct writers of insurance coverage. Many of these competitors are larger and many have greater financial, technical and operating resources. In addition, there is competition within each independent insurance agency that represents other carriers as well as the Property and Casualty Group.

If we are unable to perform at industry best practice levels in terms of quality, cost containment, and speed-to-market due to inferior operating resources and/or problems with external relationships, the Property and Casualty Group's business performance may suffer. As the business environment changes, if we are unable to adapt timely to emerging industry changes, or if our people do not conform to the changes, the Property and Casualty Group's business could be materially impacted.

The property/casualty insurance industry is highly competitive on the basis of product, price and service. If competitors offer property/casualty products with more coverage and/or better service or offer lower rates, and we are unable to implement product or service improvements quickly enough to keep pace, the Property and Casualty Group's ability to grow and renew its business may be adversely impacted.

The internet continues to grow as a method of product distribution, and as a preferred method of product and price comparison. We compete against established direct to consumer insurers as well as insurers that use a combination of agent and online distribution. We expect the competitors in this channel to grow. Failure to position our distribution technology effectively in light of these trends and changing demographics could inhibit the Property and Casualty Group's ability to grow and maintain its customer base. The Property and Casualty Group's growth could also be adversely impacted by an inability to accommodate prospective customers based on lack of geographic agency presence.



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*Changes in applicable insurance laws, regulations or changes in the way regulators administer those laws or regulations could adversely change the Property and Casualty Group's operating environment and increase its exposure to loss or put it at a competitive disadvantage.*

Property and casualty insurers are subject to extensive supervision in the states in which they do business. This regulatory oversight includes, by way of example, matters relating to licensing examination, rate setting, market conduct, policy forms, limitations on the nature and amount of certain investments, claims practices, mandated participation in involuntary markets and guaranty funds, reserve adequacy, insurer solvency, transactions between affiliates and restrictions on underwriting standards. Such regulation and supervision are primarily for the benefit and protection of policyholders and not for the benefit of shareholders. For instance, members of the Property and Casualty Group are subject to involuntary participation in specified markets in various states in which they operate, and the rate levels the Property and Casualty Group is permitted to charge do not always correspond with the underlying costs associated with the coverage issued. Although currently the federal government does not directly regulate the insurance industry, federal programs, such as federal terrorism backstop legislation and the Federal Insurance Office established under the Dodd-Frank Act can also impact the insurance industry. In addition to specific insurance regulation, the Property and Casualty Group must also comply with other regulatory, legal and ethical requirements relating to the general operation of a business.

*Premium rates and reserves must be established for members of the Property and Casualty Group from forecasts of the ultimate costs expected to arise from risks underwritten during the policy period. The Property and Casualty Group's underwriting profitability could be adversely affected to the extent such premium rates or reserves are too low or by the effects of inflation.*

One of the distinguishing features of the property and casualty insurance industry in general is that its products are priced before its costs are known, as premium rates are generally determined before losses are reported. Consequently, in establishing premium rates, we attempt to anticipate the potential impact of inflation, including medical cost inflation, construction and auto repair cost inflation and tort issues. Medical costs are a broad element of inflation that impacts personal and commercial auto, general liability, workers compensation and commercial multi-peril lines of insurance written by the Property and Casualty Group. Accordingly, premium rates must be established from forecasts of the ultimate costs expected to arise from risks underwritten during the policy period. These premium rates may prove to be inadequate if future inflation is significantly higher than the inflation anticipated in the pricing.

Further, property and casualty insurers establish reserves for losses and loss expenses that will not be paid and settled for many years. Numerous factors affect both the current estimates and final settlement value of these losses and loss expenses. It is possible that the ultimate liability for these losses and loss expenses will exceed these reserves because of unanticipated changes in the future development of known losses, the unanticipated emergence of losses that have occurred but are currently unreported and larger than expected settlements on pending and unreported claims. The process of estimating reserves is inherently judgmental and can be influenced by factors that are subject to variation. If pricing or reserves of the Property and Casualty Group are not sufficient, the Property and Casualty Group's underwriting profitability may be adversely impacted.

Not completely knowing costs before products are priced has caused the property and casualty insurance industry to cycle through periods of pricing corrections, resulting in an oscillation of profitability and premium growth. Based on this experience, we expect this cyclicity to continue. The Property and Casualty Group seeks an appropriate balance between profitability and premium growth, but the need to remain competitive prevents it from being completely immune to the cyclical routine. The periods of intense price competition in the cycle could adversely affect the Property and Casualty Group's financial condition, profitability, or cash flows.

*Emerging claim and coverage issues in the insurance industry are unpredictable and could cause an adverse effect on the Property and Casualty Group's results of operation or financial condition.*

As industry practices and legal, judicial, social and other environmental conditions change, unexpected and unintended issues related to claim and coverage may emerge. These issues may adversely affect the Property and Casualty Group's business by either extending coverage beyond its underwriting intent or by increasing the number or size of claims. In some instances, these emerging issues may not become apparent for some time after the Property and Casualty Group has issued the affected insurance policies. As a result, the full extent of liability under the

Property and Casualty Group's insurance policies may not be known for many years after the policies are issued.

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*Changes in reserve estimates may adversely affect EFL's operating results.*

Reserves for life-contingent contract benefits are computed on the basis of long-term actuarial assumptions of future investment yields, mortality, morbidity, persistency and expenses. We periodically review the adequacy of these reserves on an aggregate basis and if future experience differs significantly from assumptions, adjustments to reserves and amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs may be required which could have a material adverse effect on EFL's operating results.

*The financial performance of members of the Property and Casualty Group could be adversely affected by severe weather conditions or other catastrophic losses, including terrorism.*

The Property and Casualty Group conducts business in 11 states and the District of Columbia, primarily in the Mid-Atlantic, Midwestern and Southeastern portions of the United States. A substantial portion of this business is private passenger and commercial automobile, homeowners and workers compensation insurance in Ohio, North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia and particularly, Pennsylvania. As a result, a single catastrophe occurrence, destructive weather pattern, change in climate condition, general economic trend, terrorist attack, regulatory development or other condition disproportionately affecting one or more of the states in which the Property and Casualty Group conducts substantial business could adversely affect the results of operations of members of the Property and Casualty Group. Common natural catastrophe events include hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, hail storms and severe winter weather. The frequency and severity of these catastrophes is inherently unpredictable. The extent of losses from a catastrophe is a function of both the total amount of insured exposures in the area affected by the event and the severity of the event. Terrorist attacks could cause losses from insurance claims related to the property/casualty insurance operations, as well as a decrease in our equity, net income or revenue. The federal Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization and Extension Act of 2007 requires that some coverage for terrorist loss be offered by primary commercial property insurers and provides federal assistance for recovery of claims through 2014. While the Property and Casualty Group is exposed to terrorism losses in commercial lines and workers compensation, these lines are afforded a limited backstop above insurer deductibles for acts of terrorism under this federal program. The Property and Casualty Group has no personal lines terrorist coverage in place. The Property and Casualty Group could incur large net losses if terrorist attacks occur.

The Property and Casualty Group maintains a property catastrophe reinsurance treaty that was renewed effective January 1, 2011, that provides coverage of 90% of a loss up to \$500 million in excess of the Property and Casualty Group's loss retention of \$350 million per occurrence. In addition, a second property catastrophe reinsurance treaty was entered into with nonaffiliated reinsurers providing coverage of up to 90% of a loss of \$25 million in excess of the first property catastrophe reinsurance treaty's coverage of \$850 million. The treaties exclude losses from acts of terrorism. Catastrophe reinsurance may prove inadequate if a major catastrophic loss exceeds the reinsurance limit which could adversely affect the Property and Casualty Group's underwriting profitability and financial position.

*The inability to acquire reinsurance coverage at reasonable rates or collect amounts due from reinsurers could have an adverse effect on the Property and Casualty Group.*

The availability and cost of reinsurance are subject to prevailing market conditions, both in terms of price and available capacity. The availability of reinsurance capacity can be impacted by general economic conditions and conditions in the reinsurance market, such as the occurrence of significant reinsured events. The availability and cost of reinsurance could affect the Property and Casualty Group's business volume and profitability.

Although the reinsurer is liable to the Property and Casualty Group to the extent of the ceded reinsurance, the Property and Casualty Group remains liable as the direct insurer on all risks reinsured. Reinsurance contracts do not relieve the Property and Casualty Group from its primary obligations to policyholders. As a result, ceded reinsurance arrangements do not eliminate the Property and Casualty Group's obligation to pay claims. Accordingly, the Property and Casualty Group is subject to credit risk with respect to its ability to recover amounts due from reinsurers. The Property and Casualty Group's inability to collect a material recovery from a reinsurer could have an adverse effect on its underwriting profitability and financial condition.

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*The performance of the Exchange's investment portfolio is subject to a variety of investment risks, which may in turn have a material adverse effect on its results of operations or financial condition.*

The Exchange's investment portfolio is comprised principally of fixed-income maturities, common stocks, and limited partnerships. At December 31, 2010 the Exchange's investment portfolio consisted of approximately 65% fixed income securities, 20% common stocks, 10% limited partnerships, and 5% preferred equity securities.

All of the Exchange's marketable securities are subject to market volatility. To the extent that future market volatility negatively impacts the Exchange's investments, its financial condition will be negatively impacted. We review the investment portfolio on a continuous basis to evaluate positions that might have incurred other-than-temporary declines in value. The primary factors considered in our review of investment valuation include the extent and duration to which fair value is less than cost, historical operating performance and financial condition of the issuer, short- and long-term prospects of the issuer and its industry, specific events that occurred affecting the issuer including rating downgrades and, depending on the type of security, our intent to sell or our ability and intent to retain the investment for a period of time sufficient to allow for a recovery in value. As the process for determining impairments is highly subjective, changes in our assessments may have a material effect on the Exchange's operating results and financial condition. See also Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk .

If the fixed-income, equity, or limited partnership portfolios were to suffer a substantial decrease in value, the Exchange's financial position could be materially adversely affected through increased unrealized losses or impairments. A significant decrease in the Exchange's portfolio could also put it, or its subsidiaries, at risk of failing to satisfy regulatory minimum capital requirements.

Currently, 30% of the Exchange's fixed-income portfolio is invested in financial sector securities and 20% are invested in municipal securities and results may vary depending on the market environment. The performance of the fixed-income portfolio is subject to a number of risks including:

**Interest rate risk** the risk of adverse changes in the value of fixed-income securities as a result of increases in market interest rates.

**Investment credit risk** the risk that the value of certain investments may decrease due to the deterioration in financial condition of, or the liquidity available to, one or more issuers of those securities or, in the case of asset-backed securities, due to the deterioration of the loans or other assets that underlie the securities, which, in each case, also includes the risk of permanent loss.

**Concentration risk** the risk that the portfolio may be too heavily concentrated in the securities of one or more issuers, sectors, or industries, which could result in a significant decrease in the value of the portfolio in the event of a deterioration of the financial condition, performance, or outlook of those issuers, sectors, or industries.

**Liquidity risk** the risk that the Exchange will not be able to convert investment securities into cash on favorable terms and on a timely basis, or that the Exchange will not be able to sell them at all, when desired. Disruptions in the financial markets, or a lack of buyers for the specific securities that the Exchange is trying to sell, could prevent it from liquidating securities or cause a reduction in prices to levels that are not acceptable to the Exchange.

The Exchange's common and preferred equity securities have exposure to price risk, the risk of potential loss in estimated fair value resulting from an adverse change in prices. The Exchange does not hedge its exposure to equity price risk inherent in its equity investments. Equity markets, sectors, industries, and individual securities may also be subject to some of the same risks that affect the Exchange's fixed-income portfolio, as discussed above.

In addition, a significant portion of the Exchange's portfolio is invested in limited partnerships. At December 31, 2010, the Exchange had investments in limited partnerships of \$1.1 billion, or 8% of total assets. In addition, the Exchange is obligated to invest up to an additional \$402 million in limited partnerships, including private equity, real estate and mezzanine partnership investments. Limited partnerships are significantly less liquid and generally involve higher degrees of price risk than publicly traded securities. Limited partnerships, like publicly traded securities, have



exposure to market volatility; but unlike fixed income securities, cash flows and return expectations

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are less predictable. The primary basis for the valuation of limited partnership interests are financial statements prepared by the general partner. Because of the timing of the preparation and delivery of these financial statements, the use of the most recently available financial statements provided by the general partners result in a quarter delay in the inclusion of the limited partnership results in our Consolidated Statements of Operations. Due to this delay, the Exchange's financial statements at December 31, 2010, do not reflect market conditions experienced in the fourth quarter of 2010.

*Deteriorating capital and credit market conditions may significantly affect the Exchange's ability to meet liquidity needs and access capital.*

Sufficient liquidity and capital levels are required to pay claims, claims-related expenses and income taxes as well as to build the Exchange's investment portfolio, provide for additional protection against possible large, unexpected losses and maintain adequate surplus amounts. Management estimates the appropriate level of capital necessary based on current and projected results, which include a factor for potential exposures based on these Risk Factors. Failure to accurately estimate the Exchange's capital needs may have a material adverse effect on the Exchange's financial condition until additional sources of capital can be located. Further, a deteriorating financial condition may create a negative perception of the Exchange by third parties, including rating agencies, investors, agents, and customers which could impact the Exchange's ability to access additional capital in the debt or equity markets.

The primary sources of liquidity for the Exchange are insurance premiums and cash flow generated from the investment portfolio. In the event the Exchange's current sources do not satisfy its needs, the Exchange has the ability to access its \$200 million bank line of credit, from which there were no borrowings as of December 31, 2010. The Exchange may also sell assets in the investment portfolio. Volatility in the financial markets could impair the Exchange's ability to sell certain of its fixed income securities or to a greater extent its significantly less liquid limited partnership investments, or cause such investments to sell at deep discounts.

In the event these traditional sources of liquidity are not available, the Exchange may have to seek additional financing. The Exchange's access to funds will depend on a number of factors including current market conditions, the availability of credit to the financial services industry, market liquidity, and credit ratings. In deteriorating market conditions, the Exchange may not be able to obtain additional financing on favorable terms, or at all.

*If there were a failure to maintain a commercially acceptable financial strength rating, the Property and Casualty Group's competitive position in the insurance industry would be adversely affected.*

Financial strength ratings are an important factor in establishing the competitive position of insurance companies and may be expected to have an effect on an insurance company's sales. Higher ratings generally indicate greater financial stability and a stronger ability to meet ongoing obligations to policyholders. Ratings are assigned by rating agencies to insurers based upon factors that the rating agencies believe are relevant to policyholders. Currently the Property and Casualty Group's pooled AM Best rating is an A+ (superior). A significant downgrade in this or other ratings would reduce the competitive position of the Property and Casualty Group making it more difficult to attract profitable business in the highly competitive property/casualty insurance market.

*The Property and Casualty Group is subject to claims and legal proceedings, which, if determined unfavorably to the Property and Casualty Group, could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.*

The Property and Casualty Group faces a significant risk of litigation and regulatory investigations and actions in the ordinary course of operating its businesses, including the risk of class action lawsuits. The Property and Casualty Group's pending legal and regulatory actions include proceedings specific to the Property and Casualty Group and others generally applicable to business practices in the industries in which it operates. In the Property and Casualty Group's insurance operations, we are, have been, or may become subject to class actions and individual suits alleging, among other things, issues relating to claims payments and procedures, denial or delay of benefits, charging excessive or impermissible fees on products, and breaching fiduciary or other duties to customers. The Property and Casualty Group is also subject to litigation arising out of its general business activities such as its contractual relationships. Plaintiffs in class action and other lawsuits against the Property and Casualty Group may seek very large or indeterminate amounts, including punitive and treble damages, which may remain unknown for substantial periods of time. The Property and Casualty Group is also subject to various regulatory inquiries, such as information requests,

subpoenas and books and record examinations, from state and federal regulators and

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authorities. See also the litigation risks associated with the Indemnity shareholder interest for additional discussion of litigation risks.

*The Exchange is dependent on the Indemnity to perform certain services, including sales, underwriting, and the issuance of policies. Failure to perform these services effectively may have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Exchange.*

Pursuant to the attorney-in-fact agreements with the policyholders at the Exchange, the Indemnity is responsible for performing key functions for the Exchange including management and operational services and related technology systems. The Exchange has no employees, as the Indemnity employs all personnel related to performing operating functions for the Exchange. In addition, the Board of Directors for the Indemnity has the responsibility for such Exchange-related activities as setting the management fee paid by the Exchange to the Indemnity. As a result, the business and financial condition of the Exchange would be materially adversely affected if the Indemnity was not able to provide the necessary operating and management services required by the Exchange.

**Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

None.

**Item 2. Properties**

The companies comprising the Erie Insurance Group share a corporate home office complex in Erie, Pennsylvania, which comprises approximately 500,000 square feet and is owned by the Exchange.

The Erie Insurance Group also operates 24 field offices in 11 states. Eighteen of these offices provide both agency support and claims services and are referred to as branch offices, while the remaining six provide only claims services and are considered claims offices. Of these field offices, eight are owned by the Erie Insurance Group (Indemnity owns three comprising approximately 40,000 square feet, the Exchange owns four comprising approximately 43,000 square feet, and EFL owns one comprising approximately 22,000 square feet), while the remaining 16 field offices are leased from unaffiliated parties, comprising approximately 104,000 square feet.

**Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

Reference is made to Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 21, Commitments and Contingencies, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report.

**Item 4. Removed and Reserved**

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Our Class A, non-voting common stock trades on The NASDAQ Stock Market<sup>SM</sup> LLC under the symbol ERIE. No established trading market exists for the Class B voting common stock. American Stock Transfer & Trust Company serves as our transfer agent and registrar. As of February 18, 2011, there were approximately 871 beneficial shareholders of record of our Class A non-voting common stock and 11 beneficial shareholders of record of our Class B voting common stock.

We historically have declared and paid cash dividends on a quarterly basis at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The payment and amount of future dividends on the common stock will be determined by the Board of Directors and will depend on, among other things, our operating results, financial condition, cash requirements and general business conditions at the time such payment is considered.

The common stock high and low sales prices and dividends for each full quarter of the last two years were as follows:

Quarter ended	2010				2009			
	Sales Price		Cash Dividend Declared		Sales Price		Cash Dividend Declared	
	High	Low	Class A	Class B	High	Low	Class A	Class B
March 31	\$ 43.13	\$ 38.03	\$ 0.480	\$ 72.00	\$ 38.67	\$ 28.57	\$ 0.45	\$ 67.50
June 30	46.89	42.59	0.480	72.00	36.47	32.72	0.45	67.50
September 30	56.20	44.38	0.480	72.00	38.67	35.01	0.45	67.50
December 31	65.47	55.41	0.515	77.25	40.18	35.21	0.48	72.00
Total			\$ 1.955	\$ 293.25			\$ 1.83	\$ 274.50

**Stock performance**

The following graph depicts the cumulative total shareholder return (assuming reinvestment of dividends) for the periods indicated for our Class A common stock compared to the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index and the Standard & Poor's Property-Casualty Insurance Index:

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Erie Indemnity Company Class A common stock	\$ 100*	\$ 112	\$ 103	\$ 79	\$ 86	\$ 147
Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index	100*	113	98	69	78	85
Standard & Poor's Property-Casualty Insurance Index	110*	116	122	77	97	112

\* Assumes \$100 invested at the close of trading on the last trading day preceding the first day of the fifth preceding fiscal year in our Class A common stock, Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index and Standard & Poor's Property-Casualty Insurance Index.

**Table of Contents****Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

A stock repurchase plan was authorized January 1, 2004 allowing us to repurchase up to \$250 million of our outstanding Class A nonvoting common stock through December 31, 2006. Our Board of Directors approved continuations of this stock repurchase program for an additional \$250 million in February 2006, \$100 million in September 2007, and \$100 million in April 2008. Subsequent continuations were approved for amounts that included and were not in addition to any unspent amounts under the current program of \$100 million in May 2009, \$100 million in April 2010, and \$150 million in December 2010 which was authorized with no time limitation. As of December 31, 2010, we have approximately \$146 million of repurchase authority remaining under this plan. We may purchase shares, from time-to-time, in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions, depending on prevailing market conditions and alternative uses of our capital and at times and in a manner that we deem appropriate. During 2010, shares repurchased totaled 1.1 million at a total cost of \$57 million. Cumulative shares repurchased under this plan since inception totaled 12.9 million at a total cost of \$671 million as of December 31, 2010. See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 19, Capital Stock, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report for discussion of additional shares repurchased outside of this plan. The following table summarizes Indemnity's Class A common stock repurchased each month, based upon trade date, during the quarter ended December 31, 2010:

<i>(dollars in millions, except per share data)</i>		Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plan	Approximate
					Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plan
	<i>Period</i>				
October 1	31, 2010	122,464	\$ 56.65	122,464	
November 1	30, 2010	11,202	58.77	11,202	
December 1	31, 2010	64,700	64.66	64,700	
Total		198,366		198,366	\$ 146

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	ERIE INDEMNITY COMPANY				
	Years Ended December 31,				
<i>(dollars in millions, except share data)</i>	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
<b>Operating data:</b>					
Premiums earned	\$ 3,987	\$ 3,869	\$ 3,834	\$ 3,832	\$ 3,943
Net investment income	433	433	438	451	432
Realized gains (losses) on investments	307	286	(1,597)	(5)	188
Equity in earnings (losses) of limited partnerships	128	(369)	(58)	352	235
Other income	35	36	34	31	30
Total revenues	4,890	4,255	2,651	4,661	4,828
Net income (loss)	660	446	(616)	919	852
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest in consolidated entity Exchange	498	338	(685)	706	648
Net Income attributable to Indemnity	162	108	69	213	204
<b>Per share data attributable to Indemnity:</b>					
Net income per Class A share diluted	\$ 2.85	\$ 1.89	\$ 1.19	\$ 3.43	\$ 3.13
Book value per share Class A common and equivalent B shares	16.24	15.74	13.79	17.68	18.17 <sup>(5)</sup>
Dividends declared per Class A share	1.955	1.83	1.77	1.64	1.48
Dividends declared per Class B share	293.25	274.50	265.50	246.00	222.00
<b>Financial position data:</b>					
Total assets	\$ 14,344	\$ 13,287	\$ 12,505	\$ 14,104	\$ 13,157
Less: Total assets attributable to noncontrolling interest in consolidated entity Exchange <sup>(1)</sup>	13,369	11,876	11,101	12,477	11,431
Total assets attributable to Indemnity <sup>(1)</sup>	975	1,411	1,404	1,627	1,726
Total equity	6,334	5,725 <sup>(2)</sup>	4,759	6,024	5,481
Less: Noncontrolling interest in consolidated entity Exchange	5,422	4,823 <sup>(2)</sup>	3,967	4,973	4,319
Total equity attributable to Indemnity	912	902 <sup>(2)</sup>	792 <sup>(3)</sup>	1,051	1,162 <sup>(5)</sup>
Treasury stock attributable to Indemnity	872	814	811	709	472
Cumulative number of shares repurchased and held in treasury at December 31, attributable to Indemnity	18,235,094	17,086,127	16,994,707	14,938,663 <sup>(4)</sup>	10,448,471

(1) *The total assets attributable to the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, and the total assets attributable to the Indemnity shareholder interest are presented with intercompany payables/receivables eliminated.*

(2) *On April 1, 2009, we adopted the accounting guidance related to non-credit other-than-temporary impairments for our debt security portfolio. The net impact of the cumulative effect adjustment on April 1, 2009 increased retained earnings and reduced other comprehensive income by \$6 million, net of tax, related to the Indemnity*

*shareholder interest and by \$95 million, net of tax, related to the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, resulting in no effect on shareholder's equity.*

- (3) On January 1, 2008, we adopted the fair value option for our common stock portfolio. The net impact of the cumulative effect adjustment increased retained earnings and reduced other comprehensive income by \$11 million, net of tax, related to the Indemnity shareholder interest resulting in no effect on shareholder's equity.*
- (4) Includes 1.9 million shares of our Class A non-voting common stock from the F. William Hirt Estate separate from our stock repurchase program.*
- (5) On December 31, 2006, shareholders' equity decreased by \$21 million, net of taxes, related to the Indemnity shareholder interest as a result of initially applying the recognition provisions for employers' accounting for defined benefit pension and other postretirement plans.*

Due to the sale of Indemnity's property and casualty insurance subsidiaries to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, all property and casualty underwriting results and all investment results for these companies accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, after December 31, 2010. Prior to and through December 31, 2010, the underwriting results retained by EIC and ENY and the investment results of EIC, ENY and EPC accrued to the benefit of the Indemnity shareholder interest. (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and Item 7.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Recent Events section contained within this report.)



**Table of Contents****Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

The following discussion of financial condition and results of operations highlights significant factors influencing the Erie Insurance Group (we, us, our). (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 2, Significant Accounting Policies, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the Recent Accounting Pronouncements section that follows.) This discussion should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and related notes and all other items contained within this Annual Report on Form 10-K, as they contain important information helpful in evaluating our financial condition and operating results.

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**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

**Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995:** Statements contained herein that are not historical fact are forward-looking statements and, as such, are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events and results to differ, perhaps materially, from those discussed herein. Forward-looking statements relate to future trends, events or results and include, without limitation, statements and assumptions on which such statements are based that are related to our plans, strategies, objectives, expectations, intentions and adequacy of resources. Examples of forward-looking statements are discussions relating to premium and investment income, expenses, operating results, agency relationships, and compliance with contractual and regulatory requirements. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in such forward-looking statements. Among the risks and uncertainties, in addition to those set forth in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, that could cause actual results and future events to differ from those set forth or contemplated in the forward-looking statements include the following:

Risk factors related to the Indemnity shareholder interest:

dependence on Indemnity's relationship with the Exchange and the management fee under the agreement with the subscribers at the Exchange;

costs of providing services to the Exchange under the subscriber's agreement;

ability to attract and retain talented management and employees;

ability to maintain the uninterrupted operations of our business, including our information technology systems;  
factors affecting the quality and liquidity of our investment portfolio;  
credit risk from the Exchange;  
ability to meet liquidity needs and access capital; and  
outcome of pending and potential litigations against us.

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Risk factors related to the non-controlling interest owned by the Exchange, which includes the Property and Casualty Group and EFL:

general business and economic conditions;

dependence on the independent agency system;

ability to maintain our reputation for superior customer service;

factors affecting price competition;

government regulation of the insurance industry, including approval of rate increases and rating factors such as credit and prior experience, and required processes related to underwriting and claims handling;

the uncertain role of the Federal Government, and the ongoing role of the States, in regulating the property/casualty or life insurance industries;

premium rates and reserves must be established from forecasts of ultimate costs;

emerging claims, coverage issues in the industry, and changes in reserve estimates related to the property and casualty business;

changes in reserve estimates related to the life business;

severe weather conditions or other catastrophic losses, including terrorism;

ability to acquire reinsurance coverage and collectability from reinsurers;

factors affecting the quality and liquidity of our investment portfolio;

ability to meet liquidity needs and access capital;

ability to maintain acceptable financial strength rating;

outcome of pending and potential litigation against us; and

dependency on service provided by Indemnity.

A forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made and reflects Indemnity's analysis only as of that date. Indemnity undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, changes in assumptions, or otherwise.

**RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

On June 12, 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) updated Accounting Standards Codification ( ASC ) 810, *Consolidation*, which amended the existing guidance for determining whether an enterprise is the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity ( VIE ). (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 2, Significant Accounting Policies, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report.)

As of January 1, 2010, Erie Indemnity Company ( Indemnity ) adopted the new accounting principle on a retrospective basis since inception as required under generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ). As a result of this new guidance, Indemnity is considered to be the primary beneficiary of its affiliated VIE, the Erie Insurance Exchange ( Exchange ), and therefore have a controlling financial interest in the Exchange. Indemnity is named as, and serves as, the Exchange's attorney-in-fact. Consolidation of the Exchange is required given the significance of the management fee to the Exchange and because Indemnity has the power to direct the activities of the Exchange that most

significantly impact the Exchange's economic performance.

The 2009 and 2008 financial information within this report has been conformed to this consolidated presentation.

**Table of Contents****RECENT EVENTS**

On November 4, 2010, Indemnity entered into a definitive agreement with the Exchange for the sale of all the outstanding capital stock of Indemnity's wholly owned property and casualty insurance subsidiaries, Erie Insurance Company, Erie Insurance Company of New York, and Erie Insurance Property and Casualty Company, to the Exchange for an aggregate purchase price equal to the subsidiaries' GAAP book value as of December 31, 2010. The sale of Indemnity's wholly owned property and casualty insurance subsidiaries was completed on December 31, 2010, at which time Indemnity received cash consideration from the Exchange of \$293 million based upon an estimated purchase price. The GAAP book value of these entities on December 31, 2010 was slightly lower than the estimated purchase price. Also, Indemnity retained a deferred tax asset of \$6 million that was not transferable to the Exchange. This deferred tax asset is related to capital losses that will be available to offset future capital gains of Indemnity. Indemnity recorded a liability of \$8 million to the Exchange for the deferred tax asset and the difference in the GAAP book value. Net after-tax cash proceeds to Indemnity from the sale of Indemnity's wholly owned property and casualty insurance subsidiaries are estimated to be \$285 million. Final settlement of the transaction will occur by March 31, 2011. There was no gain or loss resulting from this sale as Indemnity and the Exchange are deemed to be under common control. In 2010, the wholly owned property and casualty insurance subsidiaries contributed \$19 million, or \$0.34 per share, to Indemnity's net income, driven by the investment results of these companies. Also on November 4, 2010, Indemnity entered into a definitive agreement for the sale of its 21.6% ownership interest in Erie Family Life Insurance Company (EFL) to the Exchange, which is scheduled to close by March 31, 2011, for a per share purchase price equal to 95% of EFL's GAAP book value per share as of March 31, 2011. On the closing date, the Exchange will pay Indemnity approximately \$82 million in cash based on an estimated purchase price. Within ninety (90) days following the closing date, the financials of EFL as of March 31, 2011 will be finalized. In the event that 95% of the GAAP book value per share as of that date is higher than the estimated purchase price, the Exchange will pay Indemnity the difference; if it is lower, Indemnity will pay the Exchange the difference. Net after-tax cash proceeds from the sale are estimated to be \$55 million to \$60 million to Indemnity. In 2010, EFL contributed \$7 million, or \$0.13 per share, to Indemnity's net income.

Indemnity recorded a deferred tax provision in the fourth quarter of 2010 of \$18 million related to its equity interest in EFL. This deferred tax charge was required due to Indemnity's decision to sell its 21.6% ownership interest in EFL rather than receiving its share of EFL's earnings in the form of future dividends, which would have been eligible for an 80% dividend received deduction.

Under the new structure, effective December 31, 2010 all property and casualty insurance operations are owned by the Exchange and effective March 31, 2011, all life insurance operations will be owned by the Exchange. Indemnity will continue to function as the management company. This new structure removes underwriting volatility from Indemnity's operations and allows it to better utilize capital. It also centralizes underwriting risk and its supporting capital within the Exchange, providing greater capital management flexibility to enhance service and product offerings.

There was no impact on the existing reinsurance pooling agreement between the Exchange and Erie Insurance Company or Erie Insurance Company of New York as a result of the sale, nor was there any impact to the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, to the Exchange's independent insurance agents, or to Indemnity's employees. Because Indemnity and the Exchange are deemed to be under common control for financial reporting purposes, any gains or losses resulting from the sale of Indemnity's equity interest in EFL will be recorded as an adjustment directly to Indemnity's equity balance at March 31, 2011.

For further information relating to the consolidation of Indemnity and the Exchange, see Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 2, Significant Accounting Policies, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Accounting Pronouncements section. For further information relating to the sale of Indemnity's wholly owned property and casualty subsidiaries and its equity interest in EFL, see Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the Operating Overview section that follows.

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**OPERATING OVERVIEW**

**Overview**

The Erie Insurance Group represents the consolidated results of Indemnity and the results of its variable interest entity, the Exchange. The Erie Insurance Group operates predominantly as a property and casualty insurer through its regional insurance carriers that write a broad range of personal and commercial lines coverages. Our property and casualty insurance companies include the Exchange, Erie Insurance Company ( EIC ), Erie Insurance Company of New York ( ENY ), Erie Insurance Property and Casualty Company ( EPC ) and Flagship City Insurance Company ( Flagship ). These entities operate collectively as the Property and Casualty Group. The Erie Insurance Group also operates as a life insurer through its affiliate, EFL, which is owned 21.6% by Indemnity and 78.4% by the Exchange, which underwrites and sells individual and group life insurance policies and fixed annuities.

The Exchange is a reciprocal insurance exchange, which is an unincorporated association of individuals, partnerships and corporations that agree to insure one another. Each applicant for insurance to the Exchange signs a subscriber s agreement, which contains an appointment of Indemnity as their attorney-in-fact to transact the business of the Exchange on their behalf. Pursuant to the subscriber s agreement and for its services as attorney-in-fact, Indemnity earns a management fee calculated as a percentage of the direct premiums written by the Exchange and the other members of the Property and Casualty Group, which are assumed by the Exchange under an intercompany pooling arrangement.

Indemnity shareholders benefit from their interest in Indemnity s equity and income, but not the equity or income of the Exchange. The Exchange s equity, which is comprised of its retained earnings and accumulated other comprehensive income, is held for the benefit of its subscribers (policyholders) and meets the definition of a noncontrolling interest, which is reflected as such in our consolidated financial statements. Therefore, the consolidation of the Exchange resulted in no change to Indemnity s net income or equity.

Indemnity shareholder interest refers to the interest in Erie Indemnity Company owned by the Class A and Class B shareholders. Noncontrolling interest refers to the interest in the Erie Insurance Exchange held for the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders).

Indemnity shareholders interest in income generally comprises:

- a management fee of up to 25% of all property and casualty insurance premiums written or assumed by the Exchange, less the costs associated with the sales, underwriting and issuance of these policies;

- a 5.5% interest in the net underwriting results of the property and casualty insurance operations through December 31, 2010<sup>(1)</sup>;

- a 21.6% equity interest in the net earnings of EFL through March 31, 2011<sup>(2)</sup>;

- net investment income and results on investments that belong to Indemnity<sup>(1)</sup>; and

- other income and expenses, including income taxes, that are the responsibility of Indemnity.

The Exchange s, or the noncontrolling interest, in income generally comprises:

- a 94.5% interest in the net underwriting results of the property and casualty insurance operations through December 31, 2010<sup>(1)</sup>;

- a 78.4% equity interest in the net earnings of EFL through March 31, 2011<sup>(2)</sup>;

- net investment income and results on investments that belong to the Exchange and its subsidiaries, which include the Exchange and Flagship through December 31, 2010<sup>(1)</sup> and EFL; and

- other income and expenses, including income taxes, that are the responsibility of the Exchange and its subsidiaries.

- (1) *Prior to and through December 31, 2010, the underwriting results retained by EIC and ENY and the investment results of EIC, ENY and EPC accrued to the benefit of the Indemnity shareholder interest. Due to the sale of Indemnity's property and casualty subsidiaries to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, all property and casualty underwriting results and all investment results for these companies accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, after December 31, 2010. (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Events section.)*
- (2) *As a result of the pending sale of Indemnity's 21.6% ownership interest in EFL to the Exchange which is scheduled to close by March 31, 2011, all earnings of EFL will accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, after March 31, 2011. (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Events section.)*

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**Results of the Erie Insurance Group's operations by interest**

The following table represents a breakdown of the composition of the income attributable to Indemnity and the income attributable to the noncontrolling interest (Exchange). For purposes of this discussion, EFL's investments are included in the life insurance operations.

	Indemnity shareholder interest			Noncontrolling interest (Exchange)			Eliminations of related party transactions			Erie Insurance Group				
	Percent	Years ended December 31,		Percent	Years ended December 31,		Years ended December 31,			Years ended December 31,				
		2010	2009	2008	Percent	2010	2009	2008	2010	2009	2008	2010	2009	2008
Revenue, net	100.0%	\$ 1,009	\$ 965	\$ 950		\$	\$	\$	\$ (1,009)	\$ (965)	\$ (950)	\$	\$	\$
Expense	100.0%	34	35	33								34	35	
Income before income taxes		1,043	1,000	983					(1,009)	(965)	(950)	34	35	
Income from operations	100.0%	841	813	810					(841)	(813)	(810)			
Income from operations before taxes		202	187	173					(168)	(152)	(140)	34	35	
Income before taxes and loss reserves	5.5% <sup>(2)</sup>	216	209	207	94.5% <sup>(2)</sup>	3,709	3,599	3,564				3,925	3,808	
Income before taxes and loss reserves	5.5% <sup>(2)</sup>	155	145	137	94.5% <sup>(2)</sup>	2,660	2,499	2,357	(5)	(5)	(5)	2,810	2,639	
Income before taxes and loss reserves	5.5% <sup>(2)</sup>	61	63	57	94.5% <sup>(2)</sup>	1,052	1,072	978	(174)	(158)	(146)	939	977	
Income before taxes and loss reserves		0	1	13		(3)	28	229	179	163	151	176	192	



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<b>ions<sup>(1)</sup></b>													
Revenue	21.6% <sup>(3)</sup>	37	27	13	78.4% <sup>(3)</sup>	135	100	47	(2)	(2)	(2)	170	125
Benefits													
Expenses	21.6% <sup>(3)</sup>	26	25	25	78.4% <sup>(3)</sup>	96	92	89	(2)	(2)	(2)	120	115
<i>e</i>													
<i>from life</i>													
<i>nce</i>													
<i>ions</i>													
<i>taxes</i>		11	2	(12)		39	8	(42)				50	10
<b>Investment</b>													
<b>ions</b>													
Investment		37	42	44		312	311	318	(11)	(11)	(11)	338	342
<sup>(2)</sup>													
Realized													
( ) gains													
Payments <sup>(2)</sup>		(1)	10	(43)		301	397	(973)				300	407
Impairment													
Realized in		(1)	(12)	(70)		(3)	(91)	(418)				(4)	(103)
<sup>(2)</sup>													
in													
gains													
( ) of													
Partnerships		21	(76)	6		106	(283)	(64)				127	(359)
will													
Impairment						(22)						(22)	
<i>e</i>													
<i>from</i>													
<i>ment</i>													
<i>ions</i>													
<i>taxes<sup>(2)</sup></i>		56	(36)	(63)		694	334	(1,137)	(11)	(11)	(11)	739	287
<b>Income</b>													
<b>from</b>													
<b>ions</b>													
<b>and</b>													
<b>controlling</b>													
<b>entity</b>		269	154	111		730	370	(950)				999	524

on for e taxes	107	46	42	232	32	(265)		339	78	
come	\$ 162	\$ 108	\$ 69	\$ 498	\$ 338	\$ (685)	\$	\$	\$ 660	\$ 446

(1) *Earnings on life insurance related invested assets are integral to the evaluation of the life insurance operations because of the long duration of life products. On that basis, for presentation purposes, the life insurance operations in the table above include life insurance related investment results. However, the life insurance investment results are included in the investment operations segment discussion as part of the Exchange's investment results.*

(2) *Prior to and through December 31, 2010, the underwriting results retained by EIC and ENY and the investment results of EIC, ENY and EPC accrued to the benefit of the Indemnity shareholder interest. Due to the sale of Indemnity's property and casualty subsidiaries to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, all property and casualty underwriting results and all investment results for these companies accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, after December 31, 2010. (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Events section.)*

(3) *As a result of the pending sale of Indemnity's 21.6% ownership interest in EFL to the Exchange which is scheduled to close by March 31, 2011, all earnings of EFL will accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, after March 31, 2011. (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Events section.)*

Net income in 2010 was positively impacted by improved financial markets compared to 2009, which positively impacted our investment and life insurance operations. Our property and casualty insurance operation's direct written premium increased 4.5% in 2010, which also positively impacted management fee revenue. The increase in direct written premium was driven by an increase in policies in force and modest increases in average premium per policy. Property and casualty insurance losses were higher in 2010 compared to 2009, due to higher catastrophe and current year losses, offset somewhat by favorable development on prior accident years. Also in 2010, our noncontrolling interest incurred a charge of \$22 million for the impairment of goodwill relating to its purchase of EFL stock in 2006, and the Indemnity shareholder interest incurred a charge of \$18 million for a deferred tax expense related to the pending sale of its 21.6% ownership interest of EFL to the Exchange.

**Table of Contents****Reconciliation of operating income to net income**

We believe that investors' understanding of our performance related to the Indemnity shareholder interest is enhanced by the disclosure of the following non-GAAP financial measure. Our method of calculating this measure may differ from those used by other companies and therefore comparability may be limited.

Operating income is net income excluding realized capital gains and losses, impairment losses and related federal income taxes. Our common stock portfolio is measured at fair value. As such, changes in fair value related to common stocks are reported in earnings. These unrealized gains or losses are included in the net realized gains and losses on investments in our Consolidated Statements of Operations that are used to calculate operating income. Equity in earnings or losses of EFL and equity in earnings or losses of limited partnerships are included in the calculation of operating income. Equity in earnings or losses of limited partnerships includes the respective investment's realized capital gains and losses, as well as unrealized gains and losses, but does not include the realized gain or loss when a limited partnership is sold in the secondary market.

We use operating income to evaluate the results of our operations. It reveals trends in our management services, property and casualty insurance underwriting<sup>(1)</sup> and investment operations that may be obscured by the net effects of realized capital gains and losses including impairment losses. Realized capital gains and losses including impairment losses, may vary significantly between periods and are generally driven by business decisions and economic developments such as capital market conditions, the timing of which is unrelated to our management services and property and casualty insurance underwriting processes<sup>(1)</sup>. We believe it is useful for investors to evaluate these components separately and in the aggregate when reviewing our performance. We are aware that the price to earnings multiple commonly used by investors as a forward-looking valuation technique uses operating income as the denominator. Operating income should not be considered as a substitute for net income prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and does not reflect our overall profitability.

The following table reconciles operating income and net income for Indemnity shareholder interest for the years ended December 31<sup>(1)</sup>:

<i>(in millions, except per share data)</i>	Indemnity shareholder interest		
	2010	2009	2008
Operating income attributable to Indemnity	\$ 163	\$ 109	\$ 142
Net realized losses and impairments on investments	(2)	(2)	(113)
Income tax benefit	1	1	40
Realized losses and impairments, net of income taxes	(1)	(1)	(73)
Net income attributable to Indemnity	\$ 162	\$ 108	\$ 69
Per Indemnity Class A common share-diluted:			
Operating income attributable to Indemnity	\$ 2.88	\$ 1.91	\$ 2.46
Net realized losses and impairments on investments	(0.04)	(0.03)	(1.95)
Income tax benefit	0.01	0.01	0.68
Realized losses and impairments, net of income taxes	(0.03)	(0.02)	(1.27)
Net income attributable to Indemnity	\$ 2.85	\$ 1.89	\$ 1.19

- (1) *Prior to and through December 31, 2010, the underwriting results retained by EIC and ENY and the investment results of EIC, ENY and EPC accrued to the benefit of the Indemnity shareholder interest. Due to the sale of Indemnity's property and casualty subsidiaries to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, all property and casualty underwriting results and all investment results for these companies accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, after December 31, 2010. (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Events section.)*

**Table of Contents****Operating Segments**

As a result of the changes in our reporting entity at January 1, 2010 (see Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 2, Significant Accounting Policies, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Accounting Pronouncements section), our reportable segments have increased from three to four. Our reportable segments include management operations, property and casualty insurance operations, life insurance operations and investment operations. The segment information that follows includes reclassification of all comparative prior period information.

**Management operations**

Management operations generate internal management fee revenue, which accrues to the benefit of the Indemnity shareholder interest, as Indemnity provides services relating to the sales, underwriting and issuance of policies on behalf of the Exchange. Management fee revenue is based upon all premiums written or assumed by the Exchange and the management fee rate, which is not to exceed 25%. Our Board of Directors establishes the management fee rate at least annually, generally in December for the following year, and considers factors such as the relative financial strength of Indemnity and the Exchange and projected revenue streams. The management fee rate was set at 25% for 2010, 2009 and 2008. Our Board of Directors set the 2011 rate again at 25%, its maximum level. Management fee revenue is eliminated upon consolidation.

**Property and casualty insurance operations**

The property and casualty insurance industry is highly cyclical, with periods of rising premium rates and shortages of underwriting capacity followed by periods of substantial price competition and excess capacity. The cyclical nature of the insurance industry has a direct impact on the direct written premiums of the Property and Casualty Group. The Property and Casualty Group's workers compensation and commercial auto lines of business continue to experience reduced exposures and reduced average premium per policy due to continuing unfavorable economic conditions. Industry property and casualty premium rates in 2010 showed signs of firming for personal lines, where most commercial lines continued to reflect rate reductions as the economy began to show signs of a sluggish recovery.

The property and casualty insurance business is driven by premium growth, the combined ratio and investment returns. The property and casualty operation's premium growth strategy focuses on growth by expansion of existing operations including a careful agency selection process and increased market penetration in existing operating territories. Expanding the size of our existing agency force of almost 2,100 independent agencies, with nearly 9,500 licensed representatives, will contribute to future growth as new agents build their books of business with the Property and Casualty Group. In 2010 we appointed 125 new agencies made up of 233 licensed representatives.

The property and casualty insurance operations insure standard and preferred risks while adhering to a set of consistent underwriting standards. Nearly 50% of premiums are derived from personal auto, 20% from homeowners and 30% from commercial lines. Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia made up 63% of the property and casualty lines insurance business 2010 direct written premium.

The members of the Property and Casualty Group pool their underwriting results under an intercompany pooling agreement. Under the pooling agreement, the Exchange retains a 94.5% interest in the net underwriting results of the Property and Casualty Group, while EIC retains a 5.0% interest and ENY retains a 0.5% interest. Prior to and through December 31, 2010, the underwriting results retained by EIC and ENY accrued to the benefit of the Indemnity shareholder interest. Due to the sale of Indemnity's property and casualty subsidiaries to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, all property and casualty underwriting results accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, after December 31, 2010.

The combined ratio, expressed as a percentage, is the key measure of underwriting profitability traditionally used in the property and casualty insurance industry. It is the sum of the ratio of losses and loss expenses to premiums earned (loss ratio) plus the ratio of policy acquisition and other underwriting expenses to premiums earned (expense ratio).

When the combined ratio is less than 100%, underwriting results are generally considered profitable; when the combined ratio is greater than 100%, underwriting results are generally considered unprofitable.

Factors affecting loss and loss expenses include the frequency and severity of losses, the nature and severity of catastrophic losses, the quality of risks underwritten and underlying claims and settlement expenses related to medical costs and litigation.

Investments held by the Property and Casualty Group are reported in the investment operations segment, separate from the underwriting business.

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**Life insurance operations**

EFL generates revenues through sales of its individual and group life insurance policies and fixed annuities. These products provide our property and casualty agency force an opportunity to cross-sell both personal and commercial accounts. EFL's profitability depends principally on the ability to develop, price and distribute insurance products, attract and retain deposit funds, generate investment returns and manage expenses. Other drivers include mortality and morbidity experience, persistency experience to enable the recovery of acquisition costs, maintaining interest spreads over the amounts credited to deposit funds and the maintenance of strong ratings from rating agencies.

Earnings on life insurance related invested assets are integral to the evaluation of the life insurance operations because of the long duration of life products. On that basis, for presentation purposes in the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the life insurance operations include life insurance related investment results. However, for presentation purposes in the segment footnote, the life insurance investment results are included in the investment operations segment discussion as part of the Exchange's investment results.

**Investment operations**

We generate revenues from our fixed maturity, equity security and alternative investment portfolios to support our underwriting business. The portfolios are managed with the objective of maximizing after-tax returns on a risk-adjusted basis. Management actively evaluates the portfolios for impairments. We record impairment writedowns on investments in instances where the fair value of the investment is substantially below cost, and we conclude that the decline in fair value is other-than-temporary.

Our investment operations reflected the improvement experienced in the financial markets in 2010. During 2010, we impaired \$6 million of securities compared to \$126 million in 2009. Our alternative investments benefited from the improved financial market conditions in the fourth quarter of 2009 and the first three quarters of 2010. The upturn across all markets had a significant impact on the portfolios of our partnerships. Equity in earnings of limited partnerships was \$128 million in 2010 compared to losses of \$369 million in 2009. The valuation adjustments in the limited partnerships are based on financial statements received from our general partners, which are generally received on a quarter lag. As a result, the 2010 partnership earnings do not reflect the valuation changes from the fourth quarter of 2010.

**General conditions and trends affecting our business**

**Economic conditions**

Although the financial markets have shown signs of improvement recently, overall economic conditions remain uncertain. Unfavorable changes in economic conditions, including declining consumer confidence, inflation, high unemployment and recession, among others, may lead the Property and Casualty Group's customers to modify coverage, not renew policies, or even cancel policies, which could adversely affect the premium revenue of the Property and Casualty Group, and consequently Indemnity's management fee. These conditions could also impair the ability of customers to pay premiums when due, and as a result, the Property and Casualty Group's reserves and write-offs could increase. Our key challenge is to generate profitable revenue growth in a highly competitive market that continues to experience the effects of unfavorable economic conditions.

**Market volatility**

Our portfolio of fixed income, preferred and common stocks and limited partnerships are subject to market volatility especially in periods of instability in the worldwide financial markets. Depending upon market conditions, which are unpredictable and remain uncertain, considerable fluctuation could exist in our reported total investment income, which could have an adverse impact on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

**Table of Contents****CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

The consolidated financial statements include amounts based on estimates and assumptions that have a significant effect on reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period and related disclosures. Management considers an accounting estimate to be critical if (1) it requires assumptions to be made that were uncertain at the time the estimate was made, and (2) different estimates that could have been used, or changes in the estimate that are likely to occur from period-to-period, could have a material impact on our consolidated statements of operations or financial position. The following presents a discussion of those accounting policies surrounding estimates that we believe are the most critical to our reported amounts and require the most subjective and complex judgment. If actual events differ significantly from the underlying assumptions, there could be material adjustments to prior estimates that could potentially adversely affect our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. The estimates and the estimating methods used are reviewed continually, and any adjustments considered necessary are reflected in current earnings.

**Property and casualty insurance loss and loss expense reserves**

Property and casualty insurance loss and loss expense reserves are established to provide for the estimated costs of paying claims under insurance policies written by us. These reserves include estimates for both claims that have been reported (case) and those that have been incurred but not reported (IBNR) and include estimates of all future payments associated with processing and settling these claims.

The process of establishing loss reserves is complex and involves a variety of actuarial techniques. The loss reserve estimation process is based largely on the assumption that past development trends are an appropriate indicator of future events. Reserve estimates are based on our assessment of known facts and circumstances, review of historical settlement patterns, estimates of trends in claims frequency and severity, legal theories of liability and other factors. Variables in the reserve estimation process can be affected by 1) internal factors, including changes in claims handling procedures and changes in the quality of risk selection in the underwriting process, and 2) external events, such as economic inflation, and regulatory and legislative changes. Due to the inherent complexity of the assumptions used, final loss settlements may vary significantly from the current estimates, particularly when those settlements may not occur until well into the future.

**How reserves are established**

Case reserves are established by a claims handler on each individual claim and are adjusted as new information becomes known during the course of handling the claims. IBNR reserves represent the difference between the case reserves for actual reported loss and loss expenses and the estimated ultimate cost of all claims.

Our loss and loss expense reserves include amounts related to short tail and long tail lines of business. Tail refers to the time period between the occurrence of a loss and the final settlement of the claim. The longer the time span between the incidence of a loss and the settlement of the claim, the more the ultimate settlement amount can vary. Most of our loss and loss expense reserves relate to long tail liability lines of business including workers compensation, bodily injury and other liability coverages, such as commercial liability. Short tail lines of business, which represent a smaller percentage of our loss reserves, include personal auto physical damage and personal property.

Our actuaries review all direct reserve estimates on a quarterly basis for both current and prior accident years using the most current claim data. Reserves for massive injury claims, including auto no-fault and workers compensation claims, are reviewed at a more detailed level semi-annually. These massive injury claim reserves are relatively few in number and are very long tail liabilities. In intervening quarters, development on massive injury reserves are monitored to confirm that the estimate of ultimate losses should not change. If an unusual development is observed, a detailed review is conducted to determine whether the reserve estimate should change. Significant changes to the factors discussed above, which are either known or reasonably projected through analysis of internal and external data, are quantified in the reserve estimates each quarter.

The quarterly reserve reviews incorporate a variety of actuarial methods and judgments and involve rigorous analysis. A comprehensive review is performed of the various estimation methods and reserve levels produced by each. The various methods generate different estimates of ultimate losses by product line and product coverage combination.



Thus, reserves are comprised of a set of point estimates of the ultimate losses developed from the various methods. These multiple reserve point estimates are reviewed by our reserving actuaries and reserve best estimates are selected. The selected reserve estimates are discussed with management.

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Numerous factors are considered in setting reserve levels, including, but not limited to, the assessed reliability of key loss trends and assumptions that may be significantly influencing the current actuarial indications, the maturity of the accident year, pertinent claims frequency and severity trends observed over recent years, the level of volatility within a particular line of business and the improvement or deterioration of actuarial rate indications in the current period as compared to prior periods. Certain methods are considered more credible for each product/coverage combination depending on the maturity of the accident quarter, the mix of business and the particular internal and external influences impacting the claims experience or the method.

The following is a discussion of the most common methods used:

**Paid development** Paid loss development patterns are generated from historical data organized by accident quarter and calendar quarter and applied to current paid losses by accident quarter to generate estimated ultimate losses. Paid development techniques do not use information about case reserves and therefore are not affected by changes in case reserving practices. These techniques are generally most useful for short-tailed lines since a high percentage of ultimate losses are paid in early periods of development.

**Incurred development** Incurred loss development patterns (reflecting cumulative paid losses plus current case reserves) are generated from historical data organized by accident quarter and calendar quarter. The patterns are applied to current incurred losses by accident quarter to generate estimated ultimate losses. Incurred methods and/or combinations of the paid and incurred methods are used in developing estimated ultimate losses for short-tail coverages, such as personal auto physical damage and personal property claims, and more mature accident quarters of long-tail coverages, such as personal auto liability claims and commercial liability claims, including workers compensation.

**Weather event paid and reported development** The historical patterns utilized in paid and reported development methods for weather events are derived from historical data for the same type of weather event. Initial weather event ultimate loss estimates are reviewed with claims management.

**Bornhuetter-Ferguson** Bornhuetter-Ferguson is a method of combining the expected-loss-ratio ultimate losses and the paid-or-incurred development ultimate losses. It places more weight on the paid-or-incurred development ultimate losses as an accident quarter matures. The Bornhuetter-Ferguson method is generally used on the first four to eight accident quarters on long-tail coverages because a low percentage of losses are paid in the early period of development. An expected loss ratio is developed through a review of historical loss ratios by accident quarter, adjusted for changes to earned premium, mix of business and other factors that are expected to impact the loss ratio for the accident quarter being evaluated. A preliminary estimate of ultimate losses is calculated by multiplying this expected loss ratio by earned premium.

**Survival ratio** This method measures the ratio of the average loss and loss expense amount paid annually to the total reserve for the product line or product coverage. The survival ratio represents the number of years of payments that the current level of reserves will cover. The reserve is established so that a particular ratio, representing the time to closing of all claims, is achieved. This method is also used as a reasonability check of reserve adequacy.

**Individual claim** This method estimates the ultimate losses on a claim-by-claim basis. An annual payment assumption is made for each claimant and then projected into the future based upon a particular assumption of the future inflation rate and life expectancy of the claimant. This method is used for unusual, large claims.

**Line of business methods**

For each product line and product/coverage combination, certain methods are given more influence than other methods. The discussion below gives a general indication of which methods are preferred for each line of business. As circumstances change, the methods that are given greater weight can change.

***Massive injury claims (such as certain auto no-fault and workers compensation claims)*** These claims develop over a long period of time and are relatively few in number. We utilize the individual claim method to evaluate each claim's ultimate losses.

***Personal auto physical damage and homeowners*** These lines are fast-developing and paid and incurred development techniques are used. We rely primarily on incurred development techniques for the most recent accident months.

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*Personal auto liability (such as bodily injury and uninsured/underinsured motorist)* For auto liability, and bodily injury in particular, we review the results of a greater number of techniques than for physical damage. We use the Bornhuetter-Ferguson method for the first four to eight accident quarters and paid and incurred development methods for the older accident periods.

*Workers compensation and long tailed liability (such as commercial liability)* We generally rely on the expected loss ratio, Bornhuetter-Ferguson and incurred development techniques. These techniques are generally weighted together, relying more heavily on the Bornhuetter-Ferguson method at early ages of development and more on the incurred development method as an accident year matures.

The methods used for estimating loss expenses are as follows:

*Defense and cost containment expenses (D&CC)* D&CC is analyzed using paid development techniques and an analysis of the relationship between D&CC payments and loss payments.

*Adjusting and other expenses (A&O)* A&O reserves are projected based on an expected cost per claim year, the anticipated claim closure pattern, and the ratio of paid A&O to paid loss.

**Key assumptions for loss reserving**

The accuracy of the various methods used to estimate reserves is a function of the degree to which underlying assumptions are satisfied. The most significant key assumptions are:

*Development patterns* Historical paid and reported amounts contain patterns which indicate how unpaid and unreported amounts will emerge in future periods. Unless reasons or factors are identified that invalidate the extension of historical patterns into the future, these patterns can be used to make projections necessary for estimating IBNR reserves. This is the most significant assumption and it applies to all methods.

*Impact of inflation* Property and casualty insurance reserves are established before the extent to which inflation may impact such reserves is known. Consequently, in establishing reserves, we attempt to anticipate the potential impact of inflation, including medical cost inflation, construction and auto repair cost inflation and tort issues. Medical costs are a broad element of inflation that impacts personal and commercial auto, general liability, workers compensation and commercial multi-peril lines of insurance written by the Property and Casualty Group.

*Claims with atypical emergence patterns* Characteristics of certain subsets of claims, such as those with high severity, have the potential to distort patterns contained in historical paid loss and reported loss data. When testing indicates this to be the case for a particular subset of claims, our actuaries segregate these claims from the data and analyze them separately. Subsets of claims that fall into this category include certain auto no-fault and workers compensation claims.

*Future cost increases and claimant mortality* Future cost increase assumptions are derived from a review of historical cost increases and are assumed to persist into the future. Future medical cost increases and claimant mortality assumptions utilized in the reserve estimates for massive injury claims are obtained from industry studies adjusted for our own experience. Reserve levels are sensitive to these assumptions because they represent projections over 30 to 40 years into the future.

*Changes in loss ratio trends* Prior loss ratio assumptions utilized in the Bornhuetter-Ferguson method are derived from projections of historical loss ratios based on actual experience from more mature accident periods adjusted for assumed changes in average premiums, frequency, and severity. These assumptions influence only the most recent accident periods, but the majority of reserves originate with the most recent accident periods. Reserve levels are highly sensitive to these assumptions.

*Relationship of loss expense to losses* D&CC-to-loss ratio assumptions utilized in the Bornhuetter-Ferguson method are initially derived from historical relationships. These historical ratios are adjusted according to the impact of changing internal and external factors. The A&O-to-loss ratio assumption is similarly derived from historical relationships and adjusted as required for identified internal or external changes.

**Table of Contents****Reserve estimate variability**

The property and casualty reserves with the greatest potential for variation are the massive injury reserves. The automobile no-fault law in Pennsylvania before 1986 and workers compensation policies provide for unlimited medical benefits. The estimate of ultimate liabilities for these claims is subject to significant judgment due to variations in claimant health, mortality over time and health care cost trends. Workers compensation massive injury claims have been segregated from the total population of workers compensation claims. Ultimate losses are estimated on a claim-by-claim basis. An annual payment assumption is made for each of the claimants who have sustained massive injuries. We are currently reserving for about 300 claimants requiring lifetime medical care, of which about 120 involve massive injuries. The annual payment is projected into the future based upon particular assumptions of the future inflation rate and life expectancy of the claimant. The most significant variable in estimating this liability is medical cost inflation. The life expectancy (mortality rate) assumption underlying the estimate reflects experience to date. Actual experience, different than that assumed, could also have a significant impact on the reserve estimate.

Our medical inflation rate assumption in setting this reserve for 2010 and 2009 is an 8% annual increase grading down 0.5% per year to an ultimate rate of 5%. Our medical inflation rate assumption in setting this reserve for 2008 was a 9% annual increase grading down 1% after the first year, then grading down 0.5% per year to an ultimate rate of 5%.

The mortality rate assumption in 2010 and 2009 is based on the disabled pensioner mortality table by gender. In 2008, our mortality rate assumption gave 75% weighting to our own mortality experience and 25% weighting to the male-female combined disabled pensioner mortality table.

Loss reserves are set at full expected cost, except for workers compensation loss reserves, which are discounted on a nontabular basis using an interest rate of 2.5% and our historical workers compensation payout patterns. In 2009, we changed our workers compensation discounting method to segregate the workers compensation massive injury claims that have longer payout patterns from the non-massive injury workers compensation claims, and continue to use this methodology in 2010.

**Auto no-fault (massive injury claims)** The automobile massive injury reserve carried by the Property and Casualty Group totaled \$440 million at December 31, 2010, compared to \$463 million at December 31, 2009. The decrease in the pre-1986 automobile massive injury reserves in 2010 compared to 2009 was primarily due to settling three claims. A 100-basis point increase in the medical cost inflation assumption would result in an increase in the Property and Casualty Group's net liability of \$77 million.

**Workers compensation (massive injury claims)** The workers compensation massive injury reserve carried by the Property and Casualty Group totaled \$154 million at December 31, 2010, compared to \$144 million at December 31, 2009. The increase in the workers compensation massive injury reserves in 2010 compared to 2009 was primarily due to adding four new claims with higher reserve amounts than four prior claims that were settled in 2010. The discount on these reserves was \$77 million at December 31, 2010. A 100-basis point increase in the medical cost inflation assumption would result in an increase in the Property and Casualty Group's net liability of \$48 million and an increase in the discount of \$22 million at December 31, 2010.

Workers compensation reserves, excluding massive injury claims, are also subject to discounting. The discount on these reserves was \$50 million at December 31, 2010. A 100-basis point increase in the discount rate would decrease these reserves by \$16 million. If we assumed a three year average development instead of a five year average development, the Property and Casualty Group's net liability would decrease by \$4 million.

We also perform analyses to evaluate the adequacy of past reserve levels. Using subsequent information, we perform retrospective reserve analyses to test whether previously established estimates for reserves were reasonable. Our 2010 retrospective reserve analysis indicated that direct reserves, including salvage and subrogation recoveries, had an estimated redundancy of approximately \$188 million, which was 5.2% of the net loss reserves at December 31, 2009. In 2009, our analysis indicated direct reserves, including salvage and subrogation recoveries, had an estimated redundancy of \$30 million, or 0.8% of reserves at December 31, 2008, and our 2008 analysis indicated an estimated redundancy of \$124 million, or 3.4% of reserves at December 31, 2007. See an additional discussion of our reserve

development in the Development of prior year loss reserves section.

Due to the sale of Indemnity's property and casualty insurance subsidiaries to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, all property and casualty loss and loss expense reserves accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, after December 31, 2010. (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Events section.)

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### **Life insurance and annuity policy reserves**

Reserves for traditional life insurance future policy benefits are computed primarily by the net level premium method. Generally, benefits are payable over an extended period of time and related reserves are calculated as the present value of future expected benefits to be paid reduced by the present value of future expected net premiums. Such reserves are established based on methods and underlying assumptions in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable actuarial standards. Principal assumptions used in the establishment of policy reserves are mortality, lapses, expenses and investment yields. Mortality assumptions are based on tables typically used in the industry, modified to reflect actual experience and to include a provision for the risk of adverse deviation where appropriate. Lapse, expense and investment yield assumptions are based on actual company experience and may include a provision for the risk of adverse deviation. Assumptions on these policies are locked in at the time of issue and are not subject to change unless a premium deficiency exists. A premium deficiency exists if, based on revised assumptions, the existing contract liabilities together with the present value of future gross premiums are not sufficient to cover the present value of future expected benefits and maintenance costs and to recover unamortized acquisition costs. Historically, our reserves plus expected gross premiums have been demonstrated to be sufficient. There were no premium deficiencies in 2010, 2009 or 2008.

Reserves for income-paying annuity future policy benefits are computed as the present value of future expected benefits. Principal assumptions used in the establishment of policy reserves are mortality and investment yields. Interest rates used to discount future expected benefits are set at the policy level and range from 2.25% to 9.0%. The equivalent aggregate interest rate is 5.65%. If the aggregate interest rate was reduced by 100 basis points, the present value of future expected benefits would increase by \$20 million at December 31, 2010, of which Indemnity's share would equate to \$4 million.

Reserves for universal life and deferred annuity plans are based on the contract account balance without reduction for surrender charges.

### **Investment valuation**

We make estimates concerning the valuation of all investments. Valuation techniques are used to derive the fair value of the available-for-sale and trading securities we hold. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between willing market participants at the measurement date.

Fair value measurements are based upon observable and unobservable inputs. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect our view of market assumptions in the absence of observable market information. We utilize valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

For purposes of determining whether the market is active or inactive, the classification of a financial instrument was based on the following definitions:

An active market is one in which transactions for the assets being valued occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide reliable pricing information.

An inactive (illiquid) market is one in which there are few and infrequent transactions, where the prices are not current, price quotations vary substantially, and/or there is little information publicly available for the asset being valued.

We continually assess whether or not an active market exists for all of our investments and as of each reporting date re-evaluate the classification in the fair value hierarchy. All assets carried at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

Level 1 Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets not subject to adjustments or discounts.

Level 2 Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations whose inputs are observable or whose significant value drivers are observable.

Level 3 Instruments whose significant value drivers are unobservable and reflect management's estimate of fair value based on assumptions used by market participants in an orderly transaction as of the valuation date.

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Level 1 primarily consists of publicly traded common stock, nonredeemable preferred stocks and treasury securities and reflects market data obtained from independent sources, such as prices obtained from an exchange or a nationally recognized pricing service for identical instruments in active markets.

Level 2 includes those financial instruments that are valued using industry-standard models that consider various inputs, such as the interest rate and credit spread for the underlying financial instruments. All significant inputs are observable, or derived from observable information in the marketplace, or are supported by observable levels at which transactions are executed in the marketplace. Financial instruments in this category primarily include municipal securities, asset backed securities, collateralized-mortgage obligations, foreign and domestic corporate bonds and redeemable preferred stocks and certain nonredeemable preferred stocks.

Level 3 securities are valued based upon unobservable inputs, reflecting our estimates of value based on assumptions used by market participants. Securities are assigned to Level 3 in cases where non-binding broker quotes are significant to the valuation and there is a lack of transparency as to whether these quotes are based on information that is observable in the marketplace. Fair value estimates for securities valued using unobservable inputs require significant judgment due to the illiquid nature of the market for these securities and represent the best estimate of the fair value that would occur in an orderly transaction between willing market participants at the measurement date under current market conditions. Fair value for these securities are generally determined using comparable securities or non-binding broker quotes received from outside broker dealers based on security type and market conditions. Remaining un-priced securities are valued using an estimate of fair value based on indicative market prices that include significant unobservable inputs not based on, nor corroborated by, market information, including the utilization of discounted cash flow analyses which have been risk-adjusted to take into account illiquidity and other market factors. This category primarily consists of certain private preferred stock and bond securities, collateralized debt and loan obligations, and credit linked notes.

As of each reporting period, financial instruments recorded at fair value are classified based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The presence of at least one unobservable input would result in classification as a Level 3 instrument. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the asset, such as the relative impact on the fair value as a result of including a particular input and market conditions. We did not make any other significant judgments except as described above.

Estimates of fair values for our investment portfolio are obtained primarily from a nationally recognized pricing service. Our Level 1 category includes those securities valued using an exchange traded price provided by the pricing service. The methodologies used by the pricing service that support a Level 2 classification of a financial instrument include multiple verifiable, observable inputs including benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers and reference data. Pricing service valuations for Level 3 securities are based on proprietary models and are used when observable inputs are not available in illiquid markets. In limited circumstances we adjust the price received from the pricing service when in our judgment a better reflection of fair value is available based on corroborating information and our knowledge and monitoring of market conditions such as a disparity in price of comparable securities and/or non-binding broker quotes. We perform continuous reviews of the prices obtained from the pricing service. This includes evaluating the methodology and inputs used by the pricing service to ensure we determine the proper classification level of the financial instrument. Price variances, including large periodic changes, are investigated and corroborated by market data. We have reviewed the pricing methodologies of our pricing service and believe that their prices adequately consider market activity in determining fair value.

In cases in which a price from the pricing service is not available, values are determined by obtaining non-binding broker quotes and/or market comparables. When available, we obtain multiple quotes for the same security. The ultimate value for these securities is determined based on our best estimate of fair value using corroborating market information. Our evaluation includes the consideration of benchmark yields, reported trades, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers and reference data.



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Investments are evaluated monthly for other-than-temporary impairment loss. Some factors considered in evaluating whether or not a decline in fair value is other-than-temporary include:

the extent and duration for which fair value is less than cost;

historical operating performance and financial condition of the issuer;

short- and long-term prospects of the issuer and its industry based on analysts' recommendations;

specific events that occurred affecting the issuer, including rating downgrades;

our intent to sell or more likely than not be required to sell (debt securities); and

our ability and intent to retain the investment for a period of time sufficient to allow for a recovery in value (equity securities).

For debt securities in which we do not expect full recovery of amortized cost, the security is deemed to be credit-impaired. Credit-related impairments and impairments on securities we intend to sell or more likely than not will be required to sell are recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. It is our intention to sell all debt securities with credit impairments. For available-for-sale equity securities, a charge is recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Operations for positions that have experienced other-than-temporary impairments due to credit quality or other factors.

The primary basis for the valuation of limited partnership interests is financial statements prepared by the general partner. Because of the timing of the preparation and delivery of these financial statements, the use of the most recently available financial statements provided by the general partners generally result in a quarter delay in the inclusion of the limited partnership results in our Consolidated Statements of Operations. Due to this delay, these financial statements do not reflect the market conditions experienced in the fourth quarter of 2010. Nearly all of the underlying investments in our limited partnerships are valued using a source other than quoted prices in active markets. Our limited partnership holdings are considered investment companies where the general partners record assets at fair value. Several factors are to be considered in determining whether an entity is an investment company. Among these factors are a large number of investors, low level of individual ownership and passive ownership that indicate the entity is an investment company.

We have three types of limited partnership investments: private equity, mezzanine debt and real estate. Our private equity and mezzanine debt partnerships are diversified among numerous industries and geographies to minimize potential loss exposure. The fair value amounts for our private equity and mezzanine debt partnerships are based on the financial statements prepared by the general partners, who use various methods to estimate fair value including the market approach, income approach and the cost approach. The market approach uses prices and other pertinent information from market-generated transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities. Such valuation techniques often use market multiples derived from a set of comparables. The income approach uses valuation techniques to convert future cash flows or earnings to a single discounted present value amount. The measurement is based on the value indicated by current market expectations about those future amounts. The cost approach is derived from the amount that is currently required to replace the service capacity of an asset. If information becomes available that would impair the cost of investments owned by the partnerships, then the general partner would generally adjust to the net realizable value.

Real estate limited partnerships are recorded by the general partner at fair value based on independent appraisals and/or internal valuations. Real estate projects under development are generally valued at cost and impairment tested by the general partner. We minimize the risk of market decline by avoiding concentration in a particular geographic area and are diversified across residential, commercial, industrial and retail real estate investments.

We perform various procedures in review of the general partners' valuations, and while we rely on the general partners' financial statements as the best available information to record our share of the partnership unrealized gains and losses resulting from valuation changes, we adjust our financial statements for impairments of the partnership investments

where appropriate. As there is no ready market for these investments, they have the greatest potential for variability. We survey each of the general partners quarterly about expected significant changes (plus or minus 10% compared to previous quarter) to valuations prior to the release of the fund's quarterly and annual financial statements. Based on that information from the general partner, we consider whether additional disclosure is warranted.

**Table of Contents****Deferred acquisition costs related to life insurance and investment-type contracts**

Deferred acquisition costs (DAC) on life insurance and investment-type contracts are amortized in proportion to gross premiums, gross margins or gross profits, depending on the type of contract. DAC related to traditional life insurance products is amortized in proportion to premium revenues over the premium-paying period of related policies using assumptions consistent with those used in computing policy liability reserves. These assumptions are not revised after policy issuance unless the DAC balance is deemed to be unrecoverable from future expected profits. In any period where the actual policy terminations are higher (lower) than anticipated policy terminations, DAC amortization will be accelerated (decelerated) in that period.

DAC related to universal life products and deferred annuities is amortized over the estimated lives of the contracts in proportion to actual and expected future gross profits, which include investment, mortality and expense margins and surrender charges. Both historical and anticipated investment returns, including realized gains and losses, are considered in determining the amortization of DAC. When the actual gross profits change from previously estimated gross profits, the cumulative DAC amortization is re-estimated and adjusted by a cumulative charge or credit to current operations. When actual gross profits exceed those previously estimated, DAC amortization will increase, resulting in a current period charge to earnings. The opposite result occurs when the actual gross profits are below the previously estimated gross profits. DAC is also adjusted for the impact of unrealized gains or losses on investments as if these gains or losses had been realized, with corresponding credits or charges, net of income taxes, included in EFL's accumulated other comprehensive income, which is presented in the noncontrolling interest owned by policyholders-Exchange in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.

The actuarial assumptions used to determine investment, mortality and expense margins and surrender charges are reviewed periodically, are based on best estimates and do not include any provision for the risk of adverse deviation. If actuarial analysis indicates that expectations have changed, the actuarial assumptions are updated and the investment, mortality and expense margins and surrender charges are unlocked. If this unlocking results in a decrease in the present value of future expected gross profits, DAC amortization for the period will increase. If this unlocking results in an increase in the present value of future expected gross profits, DAC amortization for the current period will decrease.

DAC is periodically reviewed for recoverability. For traditional life products, if the benefit reserves plus anticipated future premiums and interest earnings for a line of business are less than the current estimate of future benefits and expenses (including any unamortized DAC), a charge to income is recorded for additional DAC amortization or for increased benefit reserves. For universal life and deferred annuities, if the current present value of future expected gross profits is less than the unamortized DAC, a charge to income is recorded for additional DAC amortization. There were no impairments to DAC in 2010, 2009 or 2008.

**Deferred taxes**

Deferred tax assets represent the tax benefit of future deductible temporary differences and operating loss and tax credit carry-forwards. Deferred tax assets are measured using the enacted tax rates expected to be in effect when such benefits are realized if there is no change in tax law. We perform an analysis of our deferred tax assets to determine recoverability on a quarterly basis for each legal entity, consistent with how we file our tax returns. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance, if based on the weight of available evidence, it is more likely than not that some portion, or all, of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. In determining the need for a valuation allowance, we consider carry-back capacity, reversal of existing temporary differences, future taxable income and tax planning strategies. The determination of the valuation allowance for our deferred tax assets requires management to make certain judgments and assumptions regarding future operations that are based on our historical experience and our expectations of future performance. Our judgments and assumptions are subject to change given the inherent uncertainty in predicting future performance, which is impacted by such things as financial market conditions, policyholder behavior, competitor pricing, new product introductions, and specific industry and economic conditions. Indemnity had a net deferred tax liability of \$26 million at December 31, 2010, compared to a net deferred tax asset of \$41 million at December 31, 2009. There was no valuation allowance recorded on Indemnity at December 31, 2010, compared to \$2 million recorded at December 31, 2009. In the fourth quarter of 2010, Indemnity recorded a deferred tax provision of \$18 million related to its equity interest in EFL. This deferred tax charge is required due to

Indemnity's decision to sell its 21.6% ownership interest in EFL rather than receiving its share of EFL's earnings in the form of future dividends, which would have been eligible for an 80% dividend received deduction. (See Item 8.

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The Exchange had a net deferred tax liability of \$257 million at December 31, 2010, compared to a net deferred tax asset of \$75 million at December 31, 2009. There was no valuation allowance recorded on the Exchange at December 31, 2010, compared to \$4 million recorded at December 31, 2009, which was primarily related to impairments on investments where the related deferred tax asset was not expected to be realized.

**Retirement benefit plans**

Our pension plan for employees is the largest and only funded benefit plan we offer. Our pension and other retirement benefit obligations are developed from actuarial estimates. Several statistical and other factors, which attempt to anticipate future events, are used in calculating the expense and liability related to the plans. Key factors include assumptions about the discount rates and expected rates of return on plan assets. We review these assumptions annually and modify them considering historical experience, current market conditions, including changes in investment returns and interest rates, and expected future trends.

Accumulated and projected benefit obligations are expressed as the present value of future cash payments. We discount those cash payments using a yield curve developed from corporate bond yield information with maturities that correspond to the payment of benefits. Lower discount rates increase present values and subsequent year pension expense; higher discount rates decrease present values and subsequent year pension expense. The discount rate assumption used to determine the benefit obligation for 2010 was determined based on a yield curve developed from corporate bond yield information. The construction of these yield curves is based on yields of corporate bonds rated Aa quality. Target yields are developed from bonds at various maturity points and a curve is fitted to those targets. Spot rates (zero coupon bond yields) are developed from the yield curve and used to discount benefit payment amounts associated with each future year. The present value of plan benefits is calculated by applying the spot/discount rates to projected benefit cash flows. A single discount rate is then developed to produce the same present value. This represents the suggested discount rate. The cash flows from the yield curve were matched against our projected benefit payments in the pension plan, which have a duration of about 18 years. This yield curve supported the selection of a 5.69% discount rate for the projected benefit obligation at December 31, 2010 and for the 2011 pension expense. The 2010 expense was based on a discount rate assumption of 6.11%. A change of 25 basis points in the discount rate assumption, with other assumptions held constant, would have an estimated \$2 million impact on net pension and other retirement benefit costs in 2011.

The discount rate assumption used to determine the benefit obligation for 2009 and 2008 was based on a bond-matching study that compared projected pension plan benefit flows to the cash flows from a comparable portfolio of non-callable bonds rated AA- or higher. These bonds had maturities primarily between zero and 26 years. For years beyond year 27, there were no appropriate bonds maturing. In these instances, the study estimated the appropriate bond by assuming that there would be bonds available with the same characteristics as the available bond maturing in the immediately preceding year. Outlier bonds were excluded from the study.

Unrecognized actuarial gains and losses are being recognized over a 15-year period, which represents the expected remaining service period of the employee group. Unrecognized actuarial gains and losses arise from several factors, including experience and assumption changes in the obligations and from the difference between expected returns and actual returns on plan assets. These unrecognized gains and losses are recorded in the pension plan obligation on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position and Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income. These amounts are systematically recognized to net periodic pension expense in future periods, with gains decreasing and losses increasing future pension expense.

The expected long-term rate of return for the pension plan represents the average rate of return to be earned on plan assets over the period the benefits included in the benefit obligation are to be paid. The expected long-term rate of return is less susceptible to annual revisions, as there are typically no significant changes in the asset mix. The long-term rate of return is derived from expected future returns for each asset category based on applicable indices and their historical relationships under various market conditions. These expected future returns are then weighted based on our target asset allocation percentages for each asset category. A reasonably possible change of 25 basis points in the expected long-term rate of return assumption, with other assumptions held constant, would have an estimated \$1 million impact on net pension benefit cost.

We use a four year averaging method to determine the market-related value of plan assets, which is used to determine the expected return component of pension expense. Under this methodology, asset gains or losses that result from returns that differ from our long-term rate of return assumption are recognized in the market-related value of assets on a level basis over a four year period. The component of the net actuarial loss generated during 2010 that related to the

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actual investment return being different from that assumed during the prior year was a gain of \$16 million. Recognition of this gain will be deferred over a four year period, consistent with the market-related asset value methodology. Once factored into the market-related asset value, these experience gains and losses will be amortized over a period of 15 years, which is the remaining service period of the employee group.

Estimates of fair values of the pension plan assets are obtained primarily from a nationally recognized pricing service. Our Level 1 category includes a money market fund that is a mutual fund for which the fair value is determined using an exchange traded price provided by the pricing service. Our Level 2 category includes commingled pools. Estimates of fair values for securities held by our commingled pools are obtained primarily from the pricing service. The methodologies used by the pricing service that support a Level 2 classification of a financial instrument include multiple verifiable, observable inputs including benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuers spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers and reference data. There were no Level 3 investments during 2010.

The actuarial assumptions we used in determining our pension and retirement benefits may differ materially from actual results due to changing market and economic conditions, higher or lower withdrawal rates, or longer or shorter life spans of participants. While we believe that the assumptions used are appropriate, differences in actual experience or changes in assumptions may materially affect our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

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The information that follows is presented on a segment basis prior to eliminations.

**Management operations**

Management fee revenue is earned by Indemnity from services relating to the sales, underwriting and issuance of policies on behalf of the Exchange, and is eliminated upon consolidation.

<i>(dollars in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group Years ended December 31,				
	2010	% Change	2009	% Change	2008
Management fee revenue	\$ 1,009	4.6%	\$ 965	1.6%	\$ 950
Service agreement revenue	34	(1.8)	35	7.7	33
Total revenue from management operations	1,043	4.3	1,000	1.8	983
Cost of management operations	841	3.4	813	0.5	810
Income from management operations-Indemnity <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 202	8.5%	\$ 187	8.1%	\$ 173
Gross margin	19.4%	0.7pts.	18.7%	1.1pts.	17.6%

*(1) Indemnity retains 100% of the income from management operations.*

**Management fee revenue**

Management fee revenue is based upon all premiums written or assumed by the Exchange and the management fee rate, which is determined by our Board of Directors at least annually. Management fee revenue is calculated by multiplying the management fee rate by the direct premiums written by the Exchange and the other members of the Property and Casualty Group, which are assumed by the Exchange under an intercompany pooling agreement. The following table presents the calculation of management fee revenue.

<i>(dollars in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group Years ended December 31				
	2010	% Change	2009	% Change	2008
Property and Casualty Group direct written premiums	\$ 4,035	4.5%	\$ 3,861	1.6%	\$ 3,800
Management fee rate	25%		25%		25%
Management fee revenue, gross <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1,009	4.5%	\$ 965	1.6%	\$ 950

NM = not meaningful

*(1) Gross management fee revenue is adjusted by an estimated allowance that Indemnity records for management fees returned on mid-term policy cancellations resulting in management fee revenue, net of allowance.*



*Management fees are returned to the Exchange when policies are cancelled mid-term and unearned premiums are refunded. The change in the allowance for management fees returned on cancelled policies was not significant for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008.*

Direct written premiums of the Property and Casualty Group increased 4.5% in 2010, compared to 2009, due to a 3.3% increase in policies in force and modest increases in average premium. The year-over-year average premium per policy for all lines of business increased 1.1% at December 31, 2010, compared to a decrease of 1.9% at December 31, 2009. The policy retention ratio was 90.7% at December 31, 2010, compared to 90.6% at both December 31, 2009 and 2008. See the Property and casualty insurance operations segment that follows for a complete discussion of property and casualty direct written premiums.

The management fee rate was set at 25%, the maximum rate, for 2010, 2009 and 2008. The management fee rate for 2011 has again been set at the maximum rate of 25% by our Board of Directors. Changes in the management fee rate can affect the segment's revenue and net income significantly. See also, the Transactions/Agreements between Indemnity and Noncontrolling Interest (Exchange), Board oversight section within this report.

**Table of Contents****Service agreement revenue**

Service agreement revenue includes service charges Indemnity collects from policyholders for providing extended payment terms on policies written by the Property and Casualty Group and late payment and policy reinstatement fees. The service charges are fixed dollar amounts per billed installment. Service agreement revenue totaled \$34 million, \$35 million and \$33 million in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The decrease in service agreement revenue in 2010 resulted from a slight decline in late payment and policy reinstatement fees and a continued shift in policies to the no-fee, single payment plan. The shift to the single payment plan is driven by a discount in pricing offered for paid-in-full policies as consumers continue to desire to avoid service charges. The increase in 2009, compared to 2008, was primarily driven by the implementation of late payment and policy reinstatement fees that became effective in March 2008.

**Cost of management operations**

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group Years ended December 31,				
	2010	% Change	2009	% Change	2008
Commissions	\$ 564	2.1%	\$ 552	(0.3)%	\$ 554
Non-commission expense	277	6.0	261	2.1	256
Total cost of management operations	\$ 841	3.4%	\$ 813	0.5%	\$ 810

*Commissions* Scheduled rate commissions increased \$25 million in 2010, compared to 2009, impacted by the 4.5% increase in direct written premiums of the Property and Casualty Group. Offsetting this increase was a decrease in agent bonuses and accelerated commissions of \$14 million driven primarily by a reduction in our estimate of the profitability component of the bonus when factoring in the most recent year's underwriting data.

In 2009, scheduled rate commissions increased \$10 million, compared to 2008, impacted by the 1.6% increase in direct written premiums of the Property and Casualty Group, which was offset by a \$13 million decrease in agent bonuses as our estimate of the profitability component of the bonus decreased when factoring in the most recent year's underwriting data.

*Non-commission expense* Non-commission expense increased \$16 million in 2010 compared to 2009. Personnel costs, the second largest component in the cost of management operations, increased \$12 million primarily as a result of increases in salaries and benefits. All other operating costs increased \$9 million, related primarily to our technology initiatives, offset by a \$5 million reduction for a favorable ruling related to an outstanding judgment against us. In 2009, non-commission expense increased \$5 million compared to 2008. Personnel costs increased \$1 million primarily as a result of higher pension benefit costs due to the change in the discount rate assumption used to calculate the pension expense from 6.62% in 2008 to 6.06% in 2009, offset by a decrease in salaries. All other operating costs increased \$7 million primarily related to our technology initiatives. Also, 2008 included \$3 million of executive severance costs and other compensation expense not included in 2009.

The Indemnity gross margin of 19.4% in 2010 was positively impacted by a \$5 million reduction for a favorable court ruling. Excluding this adjustment, the gross margin would have been 18.9%, compared to 18.7% in 2009. The improved gross margin in 2010, compared to 2009, resulted from revenue growth slightly outpacing expense growth.

**Table of Contents****Property and casualty insurance operations**

A summary of the results of operations of our property and casualty insurance business is as follows:

<i>(dollars in millions)</i>	Property and Casualty Group Years ended December 31,				
	2010	% Change	2009	% Change	2008
Direct written premium	\$ 4,035	4.5%	\$ 3,861	1.6%	\$ 3,800
Reinsurance assumed and ceded	(16)	NM	0	NM	(12)
Net written premium	4,019	4.1	3,861	1.9	3,788
Change in unearned premium	94	78.1	53	NM	17
Net premiums earned	3,925	3.1	3,808	1.0	3,771
Losses and loss expenses	2,815	6.4	2,644	6.0	2,494
Policy acquisition and other underwriting expenses	1,113	(1.7)	1,135	9.5	1,035
Total losses and expenses	3,928	4.0	3,779	7.1	3,529
Underwriting income Erie Insurance Group	\$ (3)	NM	\$ 29	(87.3)%	\$ 242
Underwriting income Indemnity <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0		\$ 1		\$ 13
Underwriting income Exchange <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ (3)		\$ 28		\$ 229
Loss and loss expense ratio	71.7%	2.3pts.	69.4%	3.3pts.	66.1%
Policy acquisition and other underwriting expense ratio	28.4	(1.4)	29.8	2.3	27.5
Combined ratio	100.1%	0.9pts.	99.2%	5.6pts.	93.6%

NM = not meaningful

(1) Prior to and through December 31, 2010, the underwriting results retained by EIC and ENY accrued to the benefit of the Indemnity shareholder interest. Due to the sale of Indemnity's property and casualty subsidiaries to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, all property and casualty underwriting results accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, after December 31, 2010. (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Events section.)

We measure profit or loss for our property and casualty insurance segment based upon underwriting results, which represents net earned premium less loss and loss expenses and underwriting expense on a pre-tax basis. Loss and combined ratios are key performance indicators that we use to assess business trends and to make comparisons to industry results. Investment results of our underwriting business are included in our investment operations segment.

**Direct written premiums**

Direct written premiums of the Property and Casualty Group increased 4.5% to \$4.0 billion in 2010, compared to nearly \$3.9 billion in 2009, driven by an increase in policies in force and modest increases in average premium per policy. Year-over-year policies in force for all lines of business increased by 3.3% in 2010 as the result of increased new policies sold and continuing strong policyholder retention, compared to an increase of 3.5% in 2009. The year-over-year average premium per policy for all lines of business increased 1.1% in 2010, compared to a decrease of 1.9% in 2009. The combined impact of these increases was seen primarily in the personal lines renewal business and commercial lines new business.

Premiums generated from new business increased 5.2% to \$456 million in 2010, compared to an increase of 5.0%, or \$433 million, in 2009. Underlying the trend in new business premiums was an increase in new business policies in force of 1.3% in 2010, compared to 7.7% in 2009, while the year-over-year average premium per policy on new business increased 3.8% in 2010, compared to a decline of 2.5% in 2009.

Premiums generated from renewal business increased 4.4% to nearly \$3.6 billion in 2010, compared to an increase of 1.2%, or \$3.4 billion, in 2009. Underlying the trend in renewal business premiums was an increase in renewal business policies in force of 3.6% in 2010, compared to 3.0% in 2009, and an increase in the renewal business year-over-year average premium per policy of 0.8% in 2010, compared to a decline of 1.7% in 2009. The Property and Casualty Group's year-over-year policy retention ratio was 90.7% at December 31, 2010, and 90.6% at both December 31, 2009 and 2008.

The Property and Casualty Group implemented modest rate increases in 2010 and 2009 in order to meet loss cost expectations. These rate increases, however, were offset by the Property and Casualty Group's economically sensitive

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lines, such as workers compensation and commercial auto, which continue to experience reduced exposures and reduced average premium per policy as a result of continuing unfavorable economic conditions. Our modest rate increases in 2009 were offset by exposure reductions and changes in our mix of business which resulted in a slight decrease to our overall average premium per policy in both the workers compensation and commercial auto lines of business.

The Property and Casualty Group primarily writes only one-year policies. Consequently, rate actions take 12 months to be fully recognized in written premium and 24 months to be recognized fully in earned premiums. Since rate changes are realized at renewal, it takes 12 months to implement a rate change to all policyholders and another 12 months to earn the decreased or increased premiums in full. As a result, certain rate actions approved in 2009 were reflected in 2010, and recent rate actions in 2010 will be reflected in 2011.

*Personal lines* Total personal lines premiums written increased 5.7% to nearly \$3.0 billion in 2010, compared to nearly \$2.8 billion in 2009. Total personal lines policies in force increased 3.2% in 2010 and the total personal lines year-over-year average premium per policy increased 2.4%.

New business premiums written on personal lines increased 2.1% in 2010, compared to 9.1% in 2009. Personal lines new business policies in force decreased 0.1% in 2010, compared to an increase of 8.6% in 2009, while the year-over-year average premium per policy on personal lines new business increased 2.2% in 2010, compared to 0.4% in 2009.

Private passenger auto new business premiums written increased 1.8% in 2010, compared to 8.2% in 2009.

New business policies in force for private passenger auto decreased 0.9% in 2010, compared to an increase of 8.7% in 2009, while the new business year-over-year average premium per policy for private passenger auto increased 2.7% in 2010, compared to a decrease of 0.4% in 2009.

Homeowners new business premiums written increased 1.9% in 2010, compared to 11.6% in 2009. New business policies in force for homeowners decreased 0.1% in 2010 compared to an increase of 8.8% in 2009. The new business year-over-year average premium per policy for homeowners increased 2.0% in 2010, compared to 2.6% in 2009.

Renewal premiums written on personal lines increased 6.1% in 2010, compared to 3.2% in 2009, driven by a modest increase in average premium per policy and steady policy retention trends. The year-over-year average premium per policy on personal lines renewal business increased 2.4% in 2010, compared to 0.1% in 2009. The personal lines year-over-year policy retention ratio was 91.5% at December 31, 2010 and 2009, and 91.4% in 2008.

Private passenger auto renewal premiums written increased 5.0% in 2010, compared to 1.6% in 2009. The year-over-year average premium per policy on private passenger auto renewal business increased 2.2% in 2010, compared to a decrease of 0.6% in 2009. The private passenger auto year-over-year policy retention ratio was 91.8% at December 31, 2010, compared to 91.9% at December 31, 2009 and 91.8% at December 31, 2008.

Homeowners renewal premiums written increased 8.4% in 2010, compared to 6.1% in 2009. The year-over-year average premium per policy on homeowners renewal business increased 4.5% in 2010, compared to 3.0% in 2009. The homeowners year-over-year policyholder retention ratio was 91.2% at December 31, 2010 and 2009, and 91.1% at December 31, 2008.

*Commercial lines* Total commercial lines premiums written increased slightly, by 1.4%, to almost \$1.1 billion in 2010 compared to 2009. Total commercial lines policies in force increased 4.0%, while the total commercial lines year-over-year average premium per policy decreased 2.5%.

New business premiums written on commercial lines increased 11.6% in 2010, compared to a decrease of 2.5% in 2009. Commercial lines new business policies in force increased 7.8% in 2010, compared to 3.7% in 2009, while the year-over-year average premium per policy on commercial lines new business increased 3.5% in 2010, compared to a decrease of 6.0% in 2009.

Renewal premiums for commercial lines decreased 0.2% in 2010, and 3.8% in 2009. The improvement seen in commercial lines renewal premiums was driven by smaller decreases in average premium per policy and steady policy

retention trends. The year-over-year average premium per policy on commercial lines renewal business decreased 3.3% in 2010, compared to 6.1% in 2009, due primarily to the workers compensation and commercial auto lines of business

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in both years. The workers compensation and commercial auto year-over-year average premium per policy on renewal business decreased 9.2% and 2.9%, respectively, in 2010, compared to decreases of 14.4% and 4.2%, respectively, in 2009. Contributing to the lower average premium per policy in 2010 were shifts in the mix of our book of business and lower exposures driven by reductions in payroll levels for the workers compensation line of business, and shifts in the mix of our book of business and fewer insured vehicles for the commercial auto line of business, but to a lesser extent than in 2009 and 2008. The year-over-year policy retention ratio for commercial lines was 85.3% at December 31, 2010, 84.9% at December 31, 2009, and 85.3% at December 31, 2008.

*Future trends premium revenue* We plan to continue our efforts to grow Property and Casualty Group premiums and improve our competitive position in the marketplace. Expanding the size of our agency force will contribute to future growth as existing and new agents build their book of business with the Property and Casualty Group. In 2010, we appointed 125 new agencies and had a total of 2,084 agencies with 9,489 licensed representatives as of December 31, 2010.

The changes in premium levels attributable to growth in policies in force of the Property and Casualty Group directly affect the profitability of the Property and Casualty Group and have a direct bearing on Indemnity's management fee. Our continued focus on underwriting discipline and the maturing of our pricing segmentation model has contributed to our growth in new policies in force and steady retention ratios. The continued growth of the policy base of the Property and Casualty Group is dependent upon the Property and Casualty Group's ability to retain existing and attract new policyholders. A lack of new policy growth or the inability to retain existing customers could have an adverse effect on the Property and Casualty Group's premium level growth, and Indemnity's management fee.

The changes in premium levels attributable to rate changes of the Property and Casualty Group also directly affect the profitability of the Property and Casualty Group and have a direct bearing on Indemnity's management fee. Pricing actions contemplated or taken by the Property and Casualty Group are subject to various regulatory requirements of the states in which these insurers operate. The pricing actions already implemented, or to be implemented, have an effect on the market competitiveness of the Property and Casualty Group's insurance products. Such pricing actions, and those of competitors, could affect the ability of our agents to retain and attract new business. We expect our pricing actions to result in a net increase in direct written premium in 2011, however, exposure reductions and changes in our mix of business as a result of economic conditions could impact the average premium written by the Property and Casualty Group, as customers may continue to reduce coverages.

**Current year losses and loss expenses**

The current accident year loss and loss expense ratio, excluding catastrophe losses, was 70.6% in 2010, compared to 68.4% in 2009, and 67.6% in 2008.

The personal lines loss and loss expense ratio related to the current accident year, excluding catastrophe losses, was 70.4% in 2010, compared to 69.1% in 2009, and 66.7% in 2008. Excluding catastrophe losses, the current accident year loss and loss expense ratio for personal auto decreased to 73.4% in 2010 from 74.3% in 2009, while the homeowners loss and loss expense ratio increased to 64.5% from 60.0% for the same periods, respectively. The homeowners line of business experienced an increase in frequency in 2010 compared to 2009.

The commercial lines loss and loss expense ratio related to the current accident year, excluding catastrophe losses, was 71.3% in 2010, compared to 66.9% in 2009, and 70.1% in 2008. Excluding catastrophe losses, the current accident year loss and loss expense ratios for 2010 and 2009, respectively, were 82.9% and 79.0% for the workers compensation line of business, 71.0% and 63.6% for the commercial multi-peril line of business, and 68.7% and 65.0% for the commercial auto line of business. The commercial multi-peril line of business experienced an increase in frequency in 2010 compared to 2009.

**Catastrophe losses**

Catastrophic events, destructive weather patterns, or changes in climate conditions are an inherent risk of the property and casualty insurance business and can have a material impact on our property and casualty insurance underwriting results. The Property and Casualty Group conducts business primarily in the Mid-Atlantic, Mid-western and Southeastern portions of the United States. A substantial portion of the business is personal and commercial automobile, homeowners and workers compensation insurance in Ohio, Maryland, Virginia and, particularly, Pennsylvania. Common catastrophe events include severe winter storms, hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, wind and

hail storms. In addressing these risks, we employ what we believe are reasonable underwriting standards and monitor our exposure by geographic region.



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The Property and Casualty Group's definition of catastrophes includes those weather-related or other loss events that we consider significant to our geographic footprint which, individually or in the aggregate, may not reach the level of a national catastrophe as defined by the Property Claim Service (PCS). The Property and Casualty Group maintains property catastrophe reinsurance coverage from nonaffiliated reinsurers to mitigate future potential catastrophe loss exposures and no longer participates in the voluntary assumed reinsurance business, which lowers the variability of the Property and Casualty Group's underwriting results. The property catastrophe reinsurance coverage in 2010 provided coverage of up to 95% of a loss of \$500 million in excess of the Property and Casualty Group's loss retention of \$400 million per occurrence. This agreement was renewed effective January 1, 2011, that provides coverage of 90% of a loss up to \$500 million in excess of the Property and Casualty Group's loss retention of \$350 million per occurrence. In addition, a second property catastrophe reinsurance treaty was entered into with nonaffiliated reinsurers providing coverage of up to 90% of a loss of \$25 million in excess of the first property catastrophe reinsurance treaty's coverage of \$850 million. The treaties exclude losses from acts of terrorism.

While the Property and Casualty Group is exposed to terrorism losses in commercial lines, including workers compensation, these lines are afforded a limited backstop above insurer deductibles for foreign acts of terrorism under the federal Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization and Extension Act of 2007 that continues through December 31, 2014. The Property and Casualty Group has no personal lines terrorism coverage in place. Although current models suggest the most likely occurrences would not have a material impact on the Property and Casualty Group, there is a chance that if future terrorism attacks occur, the Property and Casualty Group could incur large losses.

Catastrophe losses, as defined by the Property and Casualty Group, totaled \$288 million in 2010, \$129 million in 2009, and \$127 million in 2008, and amounted to 7.3 points, 3.4 points, and 3.4 points of the respective loss ratios. Catastrophe losses in 2010 were impacted by ice, snow, wind, flooding, hail and tornadoes primarily in the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Ohio. In 2009, catastrophe losses were impacted by flooding, hail, tornado and wind storms primarily in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, where 2008 catastrophe losses resulted primarily from flooding, tornado and wind storms related to Hurricane Ike, primarily in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

**Development of prior year loss reserves**

The following table provides a breakout of our prior year loss reserve development by type of business:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group		
	Years ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	2008
Direct business including salvage and subrogation	\$ (188)	\$ (30)	\$ (124)
Assumed reinsurance business	(51)	(38)	(65)
Ceded reinsurance business	(5)	(25)	3
Total prior year loss development	\$ (244)	\$ (93)	\$ (186)

*Negative amounts represent a redundancy (decrease in reserves), while positive amounts represent a deficiency (increase in reserves).*

*Direct business including salvage and subrogation* The following table presents the overall prior year loss development of direct reserves, including the effects of salvage and subrogation recoveries, for the personal and commercial lines operations by accident year.

<i>(in millions)</i>	Years ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	2008

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2009	\$ (60)	\$	\$
2008	(47)		4
2007	(39)		(11) (59)
2006	(17)		(18) (33)
2005	(17)		(4) (1)
2004	0		10 (9)
2003	(9)		(60) 14
2002	15		16 (1)
2001	0		(2) (2)
2000 and prior	(14)		35 (33)
Total	\$ (188)	\$ (30)	\$ (124)

*Negative amounts represent a redundancy (decrease in reserves), while positive amounts represent a deficiency (increase in reserves).*

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The 2010 favorable development totaled \$188 million, improved the combined ratio by 4.8 points and represented 5.2% of the net loss reserves at December 31, 2009. The most significant factors contributing to the 2010 favorable development were:

Favorable development of \$64 million related to the commercial multi-peril line of business and resulted primarily from improvements in severity trends on both property and liability lines, which impacted various recent accident years.

Favorable development of \$60 million related to the personal auto line of business and primarily resulted from better than expected severity trends on automobile bodily injury and uninsured/underinsured motorist bodily injury, which impacted the more recent accident years. An additional \$8 million of favorable development stems from the settlement of three pre-1986 automobile massive injury claims.

Favorable development of \$45 million related to the workers compensation line of business and resulted primarily from improvements in severity trends and the settlement of four workers compensation massive injury claims, which impacted the more recent accident years.

Adverse development of \$39 million was experienced in 2010 as a result of reserve strengthening on commercial liability claims that impacted the 2002 accident year. Of this amount, \$9 million related to the commercial multi-peril line of business and \$30 million related to other commercial lines.

The 2009 favorable development totaled \$30 million, improved the combined ratio by 0.8 points and represented 0.8% of the net loss reserves at December 31, 2008. The most significant factors contributing to the 2009 favorable development were:

Favorable development of \$138 million related to the workers compensation line of business. This favorable development was a function of 1) the settlement of several massive injury workers compensation claims of \$56 million, 2) changes to mortality assumptions of \$14 million and 3) a change in the payout patterns used in the calculation to discount workers compensation reserves of \$45 million. The settlement of the massive injury workers compensation claims impacted several accident years. The changes in assumptions and the discount calculation impacted all accident years.

Adverse development of \$77 million related to the personal auto line of business primarily in the pre-1986 automobile massive injury claims. The mortality assumptions used for these claims were changed to a 100% weighting of the disabled pensioner mortality table and gender specific mortality tables were used, resulting in an increase to reserves of \$44 million. The remaining adverse development resulted primarily from personal auto bodily injury claims as greater than expected frequency and severity trends were experienced related to accident years 2007 and 2008.

Adverse development of \$67 million related to the commercial multi-peril lines of business impacting various accident years. The majority of the adverse development stems from liability claims on accident years 2007 and 2008 as greater than expected severity trends were experienced. Adverse development on accident years prior to 2007 resulted mainly from the outcome of certain court decisions.

The 2008 favorable development totaled \$124 million, improved the combined ratio by 3.3 points and represented 3.4% of the net loss reserves at December 31, 2007. The most significant factors contributing to 2008 favorable development were:

Favorable development of \$78 million related to the personal auto line of business and \$18 million related to the commercial auto line of business primarily impacting the 2007, 2006 and 2000 and prior accident years. We experienced improvements in frequency trends and slight improvements in severity trends on automobile bodily injury and uninsured/underinsured motorist bodily injury. We believe this improvement was impacted by the employment of specialty claims units in Pennsylvania to improve claims handling and control severity.

We also made revisions to anticipated attendant care costs on automobile massive injury claims related to accident years prior to 1986. Pennsylvania's auto no-fault law provided for unlimited medical benefits prior to 1986.

Favorable development of \$24 million related to the commercial multi-peril line of business and \$17 million related to the homeowners line of business primarily impacting the 2007 accident year. This favorable development was the result of lower than expected frequency trends as improvements in claims handling procedures, changes in growth rates, and shifts in the mix of business caused changes in loss development patterns over the more recent accident years.

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Additional information on direct loss reserve development is provided in Item 1. Business, Reserves for losses and loss expenses. The variability in reserve development over the ten year period illustrates the uncertainty of the loss reserving process. Conditions and trends that have affected reserve development in the past will not necessarily recur in the future. It is not appropriate to extrapolate future favorable or unfavorable reserve development based upon amounts experienced in prior years.

*Assumed reinsurance* The Property and Casualty Group's favorable development of prior accident year loss reserves on its assumed reinsurance business totaled \$51 million in 2010, compared to \$38 million in 2009, and \$65 million in 2008. The favorable development in 2010 was due to less than anticipated growth in involuntary reinsurance. In 2009 and 2008 the favorable development was due to less than anticipated growth in involuntary reinsurance and, to a lesser extent, reductions in reserve levels related to World Trade Center losses.

*Ceded reinsurance* Favorable development of ceded reinsurance reserves totaled \$5 million in 2010, compared to favorable development of \$25 million in 2009, and adverse development of \$3 million in 2008. Ceded reinsurance reserves are primarily related to the pre-1986 automobile massive injury claims. The favorable development in 2010 was primarily the result of a \$9 million increase related to the business catastrophe liability line, offset by a \$4 million reduction in ceded recoveries related to the pre-1986 automobile massive injury reserves. As mentioned in the 2009 discussion of direct business above, the pre-1986 automobile massive injury reserves increased in 2009 due to assumption changes and frequency trends. These reserve increases drove the corresponding increase in the 2009 receivable from the ceded reinsurer.

**Policy acquisition and other underwriting expenses**

Our policy acquisition and other underwriting expense ratio decreased 1.4 points in 2010, compared to an increase of 2.3 points in 2009. The management fee rate was 25% in 2010, 2009 and 2008. The year ended December 31, 2009 included a charge of \$62 million related to the write-off of assumed involuntary reinsurance premium related to the North Carolina Beach and Coastal Plans deemed uncollectible as a result of state legislation, which contributed 1.6 points to the 2009 policy acquisition and other underwriting expense ratio.

**Table of Contents****Life insurance operations**

EFL is a Pennsylvania-domiciled life insurance company which underwrites and sells individual and group life insurance policies and fixed annuities and operates in 10 states and the District of Columbia.

(in millions)	Erie Family Life Insurance Company Years ended December 31,				
	2010	% Change	2009	% Change	2008
Individual life premiums	\$ 61	1.5%	\$ 60	(2.8)%	\$ 62
Group life and other premiums	3	(3.2)	3	(5.8)	3
Other revenue	1	(3.0)	1	(0.6)	1
Total net policy revenue	65	1.3	64	(2.8)	66
Net investment income	94	1.6	93	6.2	87
Net realized gains (losses) on investments	14	NM	3	NM	(10)
Impairment losses recognized in earnings	(2)	91.6	(23)	72.5	(83)
Equity in earnings (losses) of limited partnerships	1	NM	(10)	NM	0
Total revenues	172	35.0	127	NM	60
Benefits and other changes in policy reserves	90	1.4	89	(4.8)	94
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs	17	33.3	13	NM	3
Other operating expenses	15	(2.4)	15	(11.1)	17
Total benefits and expenses	122	4.3	117	2.7	114
Income (loss) before income taxes	50	NM	10	NM	(54)
Income (loss) before taxes Indemnity <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 11	NM	\$ 2	NM	\$ (12)
Income (loss) before taxes Exchange <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 39	NM	\$ 8	NM	\$ (42)

NM = not meaningful

(1) Indemnity has a 21.6% ownership interest in EFL and the Exchange has a 78.4% ownership interest in EFL. As a result of the pending sale of Indemnity's 21.6% ownership interest in EFL to the Exchange which is scheduled to close by March 31, 2011, all earnings of EFL will accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, after March 31, 2011. (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Events section.)

**Premiums**

Gross policy revenues increased 4.1% to \$106 million in 2010, compared to \$102 million in 2009, and \$100 million in 2008. EFL reinsures a large portion of its traditional products in order to reduce claims volatility. Our reinsurers assume 75% of the risk on new term business. Ceded reinsurance premiums were \$42 million in 2010, \$39 million in

2009, and \$35 million in 2008.

Premiums received on annuity and universal life products totaled \$113 million, \$181 million, and \$170 million in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Of this amount, annuity and universal life premiums recorded as deposits and therefore not reflected in revenue on the Consolidated Statements of Operations were \$97 million, \$164 million, and \$153 million in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Investments

Due to continued improvements in market conditions in 2010, EFL experienced low levels of impairments and an increase in net realized gains on investments compared to 2009. Equity in earnings of limited partnerships also reflected the improvement in market conditions. In 2009, impairments decreased significantly compared to 2008 due to improving market conditions, while equity in losses of limited partnerships reflects the deterioration in market conditions in the fourth quarter of 2008, as limited partnership activity is reported on a one quarter lag. See additional discussion of investments in the Investment Operations segment that follows.

Benefits and expenses

Total benefits and expenses were primarily impacted in 2010 by an increase in the amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs due to a significant reduction in impairments and experiencing a greater level of realized gains as a result of the continued improvements in market conditions in 2010, compared to 2009. The amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs in 2008 was impacted by the more significant impairment losses recorded in 2008.

**Table of Contents****Investment operations**

Prior to and through December 31, 2010, the investment results from EIC, ENY and EPC accrued to the benefit of the Indemnity shareholder interest. Due to the sale of Indemnity's property and casualty subsidiaries to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, the investment results for these companies will accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, after December 31, 2010. (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Events section.)

(in millions)	Erie Insurance Group Years ended December 31,				
	2010	% Change	2009	% Change	2008
<b>Indemnity</b>					
Net investment income	\$ 37	(11.9)%	\$ 42	(4.6)%	\$ 44
Net realized (losses) gains on investments	(1)	NM	10	NM	(43)
Net impairment losses recognized in earnings	(1)	NM	(12)	NM	(70)
Equity in earnings (losses) of limited partnerships	21	NM	(76)	NM	6
Net revenue (loss) from investment operations Indemnity <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 56	NM	\$ (36)	NM	\$ (63)
<b>Exchange</b>					
Net investment income	\$ 407	1.2%	\$ 402	(0.7)%	\$ 405
Net realized gains (losses) on investments	314	NM	402	NM	(983)
Net impairment losses recognized in earnings	(5)	NM	(114)	NM	(501)
Equity in earnings (losses) of limited partnerships	107	NM	(293)	NM	(64)
Goodwill impairment	(22)	NM		NM	
Net revenue (loss) from investment operations Exchange <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	\$ 801	NM	\$ 397	NM	\$ (1,143)

NM = not meaningful

(1) As a result of the sale of Indemnity's property and casualty insurance subsidiaries, EIC, ENY and EPC, to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, future investment revenue and losses generated from these entities will no longer accrue to the benefit of the Indemnity shareholder interest. Investment revenue from these entities totaled \$29 million in 2010 and \$21 million in 2009, compared to losses of \$9 million in 2008. These components of investment income will accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, in 2011 and thereafter. (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Events section.)



*(2) The Exchange's results include net revenues of EFL operations of \$107 million and \$63 million in 2010 and 2009, respectively and net losses of \$6 million in 2008.*

Net investment income includes primarily interest and dividends on our fixed maturity and equity security portfolio. Indemnity net investment income decreased 11.9% in 2010 primarily due to lower yields on fixed income and preferred stock holdings. The Exchange net investment income for 2010 increased slightly as lower investment yields were offset by larger invested balances compared to 2009.

Realized gains on investments decreased in both Indemnity and the Exchange compared to 2009 in large part due to realized losses generated on the sale of limited partnership holdings. In 2010 the Indemnity recognized losses of \$12 million and the Exchange recognized losses of \$46 million on sales of limited partnerships. These partnerships were sold to recapture tax paid on previous period capital gains that were due to expire. The Exchange recorded unrealized gains on its common stock portfolio of \$254 million and \$464 million in 2010 and 2009, respectively compared to unrealized losses of \$416 million in 2008. These securities are classified as trading securities and therefore any change in the fair value is recorded through income. The Exchange recorded realized gains on the sale of common stock of \$70 million in 2010 and losses of \$60 million and \$499 million in 2009 and 2008, respectively. Impairment losses recognized in earnings decreased \$11 and \$109 million for the year ended December 31, 2010 compared to the year ended December 31, 2009 in Indemnity and Exchange, respectively. The decrease in impairments totaled \$58 million and \$387 for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to the year ended December 31, 2008 for the Indemnity and Exchange, respectively. These decreases are due to improved market conditions.

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Indemnity's equity in earnings of limited partnerships totaled \$21 million in 2010 compared to losses of \$76 million in 2009 and gains of \$6 million in 2008. The Exchange's equity in earnings of limited partnerships totaled \$107 million in 2010, compared to losses of \$293 million and \$64 million in 2009 and 2008 respectively. These 2010 gains were primarily a result of improved market conditions across all limited partnership sectors.

Goodwill is reviewed for impairment at least annually or more frequently if events occur or circumstances change that would indicate that a triggering event has occurred. The goodwill impairment test follows a two step process. In the first step, the fair value of a reporting unit is compared to its carrying value. If the carrying value of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the second step of the impairment test is performed for purposes of measuring the impairment. Prior to December 31, 2010, the Exchange had \$22 million of goodwill attributed to its purchase of EFL's stock in 2006. On November 4, 2010, the Exchange entered into an agreement to purchase the Indemnity's remaining 21.6% ownership interest in EFL, which is expected to be completed by March 31, 2011. A valuation of EFL was performed by an external independent third party in preparation for the sale. The valuation resulted in a purchase price determination of 95% of book value. In response to the valuation and sale price, management concluded that the possibility for impairment existed and step two of the goodwill impairment test was completed to determine the impairment amount. Step two of the impairment test compared the value of new business for EFL to the current goodwill balance. The analysis determined that the value of EFL's new business did not support the \$22 million goodwill and an impairment entry was made to write down the entire goodwill balance at December 31, 2010. The charge of \$22 million decreased the net income attributable to the Exchange.

The breakdown of our net realized (losses) gains on investments is as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group		
	Years ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	2008
<b>Indemnity</b>			
Securities sold:			
Fixed maturities	\$ 5	\$ 1	\$ (2)
Preferred stock equity securities	1	1	(5)
Common stock equity securities	5	(3)	(16)
Common stock valuation adjustments	0	11	(22)
Limited partnerships	(12)	0	2
Total net realized (losses) gains Indemnity <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ (1)	\$ 10	\$ (43)
<b>Exchange</b>			
Securities sold:			
Fixed maturities	\$ 25	\$ (15)	\$ (40)
Preferred stock equity securities	11	13	(35)
Common stock equity securities	70	(60)	(499)
Common stock valuation adjustments	254	464	(416)
Limited partnerships	(46)	0	7
Total net realized gains (losses) Exchange <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	\$ 314	\$ 402	\$ (983)

(1) See Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data* Note 7, *Investments, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* contained within this report for additional disclosures regarding net realized gains (losses) on investments.

(2) *The Exchange net realized gains (losses) include net realized gains from EFL operations of \$14 million in 2010 and \$3 million in 2009 and net realized losses of \$10 million in 2008.*

Impairment charges of \$1 million on fixed maturities were incurred by the Indemnity in 2010. Exchange impairment charges of \$5 million included \$4 million on fixed maturities and \$1 million on preferred stock in 2010. Impairment charges during 2010 decreased significantly compared to 2009 as the financial markets continue to stabilize.

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The components of equity in earnings (losses) of limited partnerships are as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group Years ended December 31,				
	2010	% Change	2009	% Change	2008
<b>Indemnity</b>					
Private equity	\$ 14	NM	\$ (12)	NM	\$ 5
Real estate	0	NM	(58)	NM	(4)
Mezzanine debt	7	NM	(6)	NM	5
Total equity in earnings (losses) of limited partnerships Indemnity	\$ 21	NM	\$ (76)	NM	\$ 6
<b>Exchange</b>					
Private equity	\$ 77	NM	\$ (34)	19.0%	\$ (42)
Real estate	3	NM	(257)	NM	(47)
Mezzanine debt	27	NM	(2)	NM	25
Total equity in earnings (losses) of limited partnerships Exchange <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 107	NM	\$ (293)	NM	\$ (64)

NM = not meaningful

(1) Total equity in earnings (losses) of limited partnerships include earnings from EFL operations of \$0.5 million in 2010 and losses of \$10 million in 2009 and \$0.1 million in 2008.

Limited partnership earnings pertain to investments in U.S. and foreign private equity, real estate and mezzanine debt partnerships. Valuation adjustments are recorded to reflect the fair value of limited partnerships. These adjustments are recorded as a component of equity in earnings of limited partnerships in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

We experienced an increase in earnings as a result of asset value increases recognized in 2010 due to current favorable market conditions. Limited partnership earnings tend to be cyclical based on market conditions, the age of the partnership and the nature of the investments. Generally, limited partnership earnings are recorded by us on a quarter lag from financial statements we receive from our general partners. As a consequence, earnings from limited partnerships reported at December 31, 2010 do not reflect investment valuation changes that may have resulted from the financial markets and the economy in general in the fourth quarter of 2010.

**Table of Contents****FINANCIAL CONDITION****Investments**

Prior to and through December 31, 2010, the investment results from EIC, ENY and EPC accrued to the benefit of the Indemnity shareholder interest. Due to the sale of Indemnity's property and casualty subsidiaries to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, the investment results for these companies will accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, after December 31, 2010. (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Events section.)

Our investment strategy takes a long-term perspective emphasizing investment quality, diversification and superior investment returns. Investments are managed on a total return approach that focuses on current income and capital appreciation. Our investment strategy also provides for liquidity to meet our short- and long-term commitments.

**Distribution of investments**

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group Carrying value at December 31,			
	2010	% to total	2009	% to total
<b>Indemnity</b>				
Fixed maturities	\$ 264	50%	\$ 664	68%
Equity securities:				
Preferred stock	24	4	38	4
Common stock	28	5	42	4
Limited partnerships:				
Real estate	83	16	99	10
Private equity	86	16	85	9
Mezzanine debt	47	9	51	5
Real estate mortgage loans	1	0	1	0
<b>Total investments Indemnity</b>	<b>\$ 533</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 980</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Exchange</b>				
Fixed maturities	\$ 7,279	65%	\$ 6,517	66%
Equity securities:				
Preferred stock	570	5	472	5
Common stock	2,306	20	1,835	18
Limited partnerships:				
Real estate	339	3	397	4
Private equity	555	5	503	5
Mezzanine debt	214	2	216	2
Policy loans	15	0	15	0
Real estate mortgage loans	4	0	5	0
<b>Total investments Exchange</b>	<b>\$ 11,282</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 9,960</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Total investments Erie Insurance Group</b>	<b>\$ 11,815</b>		<b>\$ 10,940</b>	

We continually review the investment portfolio to evaluate positions that might incur other-than-temporary declines in value. For all investment holdings, general economic conditions and/or conditions specifically affecting the underlying issuer or its industry, including downgrades by the major rating agencies, are considered in evaluating impairment in value. In addition to specific factors, other factors considered in our review of investment valuation are the length of time the fair value is below cost and the amount the fair value is below cost.

We individually analyze all positions with emphasis on those that have, in management's opinion, declined significantly below cost. In compliance with impairment guidance for debt securities, we perform further analysis to determine if a credit-related impairment has occurred. Some of the factors considered in determining whether a debt security is credit impaired include potential for the default of interest and/or principal, level of subordination, collateral of the issue, compliance with financial covenants, credit ratings and industry conditions. We have the intent to sell all credit-impaired debt securities, therefore the entire amount of the impairment charges are included in earnings and no

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credit impairments are recorded in other comprehensive income. Prior to the second quarter of 2009, there was no differentiation between impairments related to credit loss and those related to other factors and declines in fair value of debt securities were deemed other-than-temporary if we did not have the intent and ability to hold a security to recovery. For available-for-sale equity securities, a charge is recorded in the Consolidated Statement of Operations for positions that have experienced other-than-temporary impairments due to credit quality or other factors. (See Investment Operations section herein.)

If our policy for determining the recognition of impaired positions was different, our Consolidated Results of Operations could be significantly impacted. Management believes its investment valuation philosophy and accounting practices result in appropriate and timely measurement of value and recognition of impairment.

**Fixed maturities**

Under our investment strategy, we maintain a fixed maturities portfolio that is of high quality and well diversified within each market sector. This investment strategy also achieves a balanced maturity schedule. The fixed maturities portfolio is managed with the goal of achieving reasonable returns while limiting exposure to risk. The municipal bond portfolio accounts for \$197 million, or 75%, of the total fixed maturity portfolio for Indemnity and \$1.5 billion or 20% of the fixed maturity portfolio for the Exchange at December 31, 2010. The overall credit rating of the municipal portfolio without consideration of the underlying insurance is AA-. Because of the rating downgrades of municipal bond insurers, the underlying insurance does not improve the overall credit rating.

Fixed maturities classified as available-for-sale are carried at fair value with unrealized gains and losses, net of deferred taxes, included in shareholders' equity. At December 31, 2010, Indemnity's net unrealized gains on fixed maturities, net of deferred taxes, amounted to \$5 million compared to net unrealized gains of \$14 million at December 31, 2009. At December 31, 2010, the Exchange had net unrealized gains on fixed maturities of \$270 million compared to net unrealized gains of \$156 million at December 31, 2009.

The following is a breakdown of the fair value of our fixed maturities portfolio by sector and rating as of December 31, 2010 for Indemnity and Exchange, respectively:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group					Non-investment grade	Fair value
	AAA	AA	A	BBB			
Industry Sector							
<b>Indemnity</b>							
Structured securities <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4		\$ 4
Financial	0	2	10	12	2		26
Government - municipal	63	95	37	2	0		197
Industrial	0	0	2	0	0		2
U.S. treasury	25	0	0	0	0		25
Utilities	0	0	0	10	0		10
Total Indemnity	\$ 88	\$ 97	\$ 49	\$ 24	\$ 6		\$ 264
<b>Exchange</b>							
Structured securities <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 327	\$ 42	\$ 9	\$ 23	\$ 36		\$ 437
Basic materials	0	0	37	157	5		199
Communications	0	0	150	328	21		499
Consumer	0	27	195	415	67		704
Diversified	0	0	22	0	0		22
Energy	17	11	107	331	31		497
Financial	27	317	1,154	637	144		2,279
Funds	0	0	0	5	0		5

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Government municipal	422	795	228	24	2	1,471
Industrial	0	5	93	220	26	344
U.S. treasury	12	0	0	0	0	12
Government sponsored entity	73	0	2	0	0	75
Government other countries	0	0	15	6	0	21
Technology	0	0	41	72	0	113
Utilities	0	3	88	435	75	601
Total Exchange	\$ 878	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,141	\$ 2,653	\$ 407	\$ 7,279

(1) *Structured securities include asset-backed securities, collateral, lease and debt obligations, commercial mortgage-backed securities and residential mortgage-backed securities.*



**Table of Contents****Equity securities**

Our equity securities consist of common stock and nonredeemable preferred stock. Investment characteristics of common stock and nonredeemable preferred stock differ substantially from one another. Our nonredeemable preferred stock portfolio provides a source of current income that is competitive with investment-grade bonds.

The following tables present an analysis of the fair value of our preferred and common stock securities by sector for Indemnity and Exchange, respectively.

<i>(in millions)</i>	Industry sector	Erie Insurance Group Fair Value at December 31,			
		2010 Preferred stock	2010 Common stock	2009 Preferred stock	2009 Common stock
<b>Indemnity</b>					
	Basic materials	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2
	Communications	1	2	1	2
	Consumer	0	14	0	15
	Diversified	0	0	0	1
	Energy	0	2	0	3
	Financial	11	6	27	9
	Funds	0	0	0	3
	Industrial	2	3	2	6
	Technology	3	1	3	1
	Utilities	7	0	5	0
	<b>Total Indemnity</b>	<b>\$ 24</b>	<b>\$ 28</b>	<b>\$ 38</b>	<b>\$ 42</b>
<b>Exchange</b>					
	Basic materials	\$ 0	\$ 124	\$ 0	\$ 95
	Communications	9	174	8	170
	Consumer	5	564	0	457
	Diversified	0	12	0	8
	Energy	0	185	0	157
	Financial	428	292	348	231
	Funds	0	309	0	298
	Government	0	0	3	0
	Industrial	5	324	5	207
	Technology	14	295	12	190
	Utilities	109	27	96	22
	<b>Total Exchange</b>	<b>\$ 570</b>	<b>\$ 2,306</b>	<b>\$ 472</b>	<b>\$ 1,835</b>

Our preferred stock equity securities are classified as available-for-sale and are carried at fair value on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position with all changes in unrealized gains and losses reflected in other comprehensive income. At December 31, 2010, the unrealized gain on preferred stock classified as available-for-sale securities, net of deferred taxes amounted to \$3 million for Indemnity and \$44 million for the Exchange, compared to an unrealized gain net of deferred taxes of \$2 million for Indemnity and \$31 million for the Exchange at December 31, 2009.

The common stock portfolio is classified as a trading portfolio and measured at fair value with all changes in unrealized gains and losses reflected in our Consolidated Statements of Operations.

**Table of Contents****Limited partnership investments**

During 2010, investments in limited partnerships decreased \$19 million for Indemnity and \$8 million for the Exchange due to the sale of 9 partnerships in the Indemnity and 11 partnerships in the Exchange as part of a tax planning strategy to recapture tax paid on previous period capital gains that were due to expire. The components of limited partnership investments are as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group	
	At December 31,	
	2010	2009
<b>Indemnity</b>		
Private equity	\$ 86	\$ 85
Real estate	83	99
Mezzanine debt	47	51
Total limited partnerships Indemnity	\$ 216	\$ 235
<b>Exchange</b>		
Private equity	\$ 555	\$ 503
Real estate	339	397
Mezzanine debt	214	216
Total limited partnerships Exchange	\$ 1,108	\$ 1,116

**Liabilities****Property and casualty loss reserves**

Loss reserves are established to account for the estimated ultimate costs of loss and loss expenses for claims that have been reported but not yet settled and claims that have been incurred but not reported. While we exercise professional diligence to establish reserves at the end of each period that are fully reflective of the ultimate value of all claims incurred, these reserves are, by their nature, only estimates and cannot be established with absolute certainty.

The factors which may potentially cause the greatest variation between current reserve estimates and the actual future paid amounts are: unforeseen changes in statutory or case law altering the amounts to be paid on existing claim obligations, new medical procedures and/or drugs with costs significantly different from those seen in the past, and claims patterns on current business that differ significantly from historical claims patterns.

Loss and loss expense reserves are presented on our Consolidated Statements of Financial Position on a gross basis. The following tables represent the direct and assumed loss and loss expense reserves by major line of business for Indemnity and Exchange, respectively. The reinsurance recoverable amount represents the related ceded amounts which results in the net liability attributable to Indemnity and Exchange, respectively.

As of December 31, 2010, all property and casualty insurance underwriting related risk resides with the Exchange. (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Events section.)

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group	
	At December 31,	
	2010	2009

**Indemnity**

Gross reserve liability:

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Personal auto	\$ 0	\$ 221
Automobile massive injury	0	147
Homeowners	0	22
Workers compensation	0	169
Workers compensation massive injury	0	12
Commercial auto	0	56
Commercial multi-peril	0	68
All other lines of business	0	57
Gross reserves	0	752
Reinsurance recoverable	0	1
Net reserve liability Indemnity	\$ 0	\$ 751

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<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group	
	At December 31, 2010	2009
<b>Exchange</b>		
Gross reserve liability:		
Personal auto	\$ 1,105	\$ 887
Automobile massive injury	440	316
Homeowners	240	178
Workers compensation	481	342
Workers compensation massive injury	154	132
Commercial auto	286	226
Commercial multi-peril	566	475
All other lines of business	312	290
Gross reserves	3,584	2,846
Reinsurance recoverable	188	199
Net reserve liability Exchange	\$ 3,396	\$ 2,647

The reserves that have the greatest potential for variation are the massive injury claim reserves. The Property and Casualty Group is currently reserving for about 300 claimants requiring lifetime medical care, of which about 120 involve massive injuries. The reserve carried by the Property and Casualty Group for the massive injury claimants, which includes automobile and workers compensation massive injury reserves, was \$428 million at December 31, 2010, which is net of \$166 million of anticipated reinsurance recoverables, compared to \$428 million at December 31, 2009, which was net of \$179 million of anticipated reinsurance recoverables. The decrease in the pre-1986 automobile massive injury gross reserves at December 31, 2010, compared to December 31, 2009, was primarily due to settling three claims and the payment of \$8 million in losses in 2010, while the increase in the workers compensation massive injury reserves at December 31, 2010, compared to December 31, 2009, was primarily due to adding four new claims with higher reserve amounts than four prior claims that were settled in 2010.

The estimation of ultimate liabilities for these claims is subject to significant judgment due to variations in medical cost inflation, claimant health and mortality over time. Actual experience, different than that assumed, could have a significant impact on the reserve estimates. A 100-basis point change in the medical cost inflation assumption would result in a change in the combined automobile and workers compensation massive injury reserves of \$102 million. The life expectancy (mortality rate) assumption underlying the estimate reflects experience to date. It is anticipated that these massive injury claims will require payments over the next 30 to 40 years. Massive injury claims payments totaled \$21 million, \$16 million, and \$15 million in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

**Life insurance reserves**

EFL's primary commitment is its obligation to pay future policy benefits under the terms of its life insurance and annuity contracts. To meet these future obligations, EFL establishes life insurance reserves based upon the type of policy, the age, gender and risk class of the insured and the number of years the policy has been in force. EFL also establishes annuity and universal life reserves based on the amount of policyholder deposits (less applicable insurance and expense charges) plus interest earned on those deposits. Life insurance and annuity reserves are supported primarily by EFL's long-term, fixed income investments as the underlying policy reserves are generally also of a long-term nature.

**Shareholders equity****Pension plan**

The funded status of our postretirement benefit plans is recognized in the statement of financial position, with a corresponding adjustment to accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax. At December 31, 2010, shareholders' equity decreased by \$4 million, net of tax, of which \$3 million represents amortization of the prior service cost and net actuarial loss and \$7 million represents the current period actuarial loss. The 2010 actuarial loss was primarily due to the change in the discount rate assumption used to measure the future benefit obligations to 5.69% in 2010 from 6.11% in 2009. Although Indemnity is the sponsor of these postretirement plans and records the funded status of these plans, generally the Exchange and EFL reimburse Indemnity for approximately 57% of the annual benefit expense of these plans. At December 31, 2009, shareholders' equity increased by \$24 million, net of tax, of which \$2 million represents amortization of the prior service cost and net actuarial loss and \$22 million represents the current period actuarial gain. The 2009 actuarial gain was primarily due to greater than expected actual investment returns. Also contributing to the gain were assumption changes made based on actual experience, such as the decrease in the assumed rate of compensation increase.

**Table of Contents****IMPACT OF INFLATION**

Property and casualty insurance premiums are established before losses occur and before loss expenses are incurred, and therefore, before the extent to which inflation may impact such costs is known. Consequently, in establishing premium rates, we attempt to anticipate the potential impact of inflation, including medical cost inflation, construction and auto repair cost inflation and tort issues. Medical costs are a broad element of inflation that impacts personal and commercial auto, general liability, workers compensation and commercial multi-peril lines of insurance written by the Property and Casualty Group.

**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES****Sources and uses of cash**

Liquidity is a measure of a company's ability to generate sufficient cash flows to meet the short- and long-term cash requirements of its business operations and growth needs. Our liquidity requirements have been met primarily by funds generated from premiums collected and income from investments. The insurance operations provide liquidity in that premiums are collected in advance of paying losses under the policies purchased with those premiums. Cash outflows for the property and casualty business are generally variable since settlement dates for liabilities for unpaid losses and the potential for large losses, whether individual or in the aggregate, cannot be predicted with absolute certainty. Accordingly, after satisfying our operating cash requirements, excess cash flows are used to build our investment portfolio in order to increase future investment income, which then may be used as a source of liquidity if cash from our insurance operations would not be sufficient to meet our obligations. Cash provided from these sources is used primarily to fund losses and policyholder benefits, fund the costs of operations including commissions, salaries and wages, pension plans, share repurchases, dividends to shareholders and the purchase and development of information technology. We expect that our operating cash needs will be met by funds generated from operations. Continuing volatility in the financial markets presents challenges to us as we do occasionally access our investment portfolio as a source of cash. Some of our fixed income investments, despite being publicly traded, are illiquid due to current credit market conditions. Further volatility in these markets could impair our ability to sell certain of our fixed income securities or cause such securities to sell at deep discounts. Additionally, our limited partnership investments are significantly less liquid. We believe we have sufficient liquidity to meet our needs from other sources even if market volatility persists throughout 2011.

**Cash flow activities Erie Insurance Group**

The following table is a summary of our condensed consolidated cash flows for the years ended December 31:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group		
	2010	2009	2008
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 721	\$ 889	\$ 720
Net cash used in investing activities	(405)	(890)	(425)
Net cash used in financing activities	(120)	(42)	(141)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	\$ 196	\$ (43)	\$ 154

Cash flows provided by operating activities totaled \$721 million in 2010, \$889 million in 2009, and \$720 million in 2008. The decrease in 2010 was primarily driven by the payment of federal income taxes of \$69 million, compared to the recovery of federal income taxes of \$121 million in 2009. The increase in cash flows from operating activities in 2009, compared to 2008, was primarily driven by the recovery of federal income taxes of \$121 million compared to the payment of federal income taxes of \$273 million in 2008, somewhat offset by lower distributions from limited partnerships.

At December 31, 2010, we recorded a net deferred tax liability of \$283 million, which included capital loss carry-forwards of \$16 million. There was no valuation allowance at December 31, 2010. We have the ability to carry-back capital losses of \$281 million as a result of gains recognized in prior years. In 2010 capital losses totaled \$256 million, which will be carried back to recapture taxes paid in prior years. In the fourth quarter of 2010, we

received a tax refund of \$91 million relating to the carry-back of 2009 capital losses.



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Cash flows used in investing activities totaled \$405 million in 2010, compared to \$890 million in 2009 and \$425 million in 2008. In 2010, we generated more proceeds from limited partnerships and certain fixed maturities while using less cash for the purchase of fixed maturities. At December 31, 2010, we had contractual commitments to invest up to \$452 million related to our limited partnership investments to be funded as required by the partnerships agreements. At December 31, 2010, the total remaining commitment to fund limited partnerships that invest in private equity securities was \$198 million, real estate activities was \$160 million and mezzanine debt securities was \$94 million. In 2009, cash flows used in investing activities increased compared to 2008, as we generated more proceeds from sales of common stocks in 2008 as part of a tax planning strategy.

For a discussion of cash flows used in financing activities, see the following Cash flow activities Indemnity, as the primary drivers of financing cash flows related to Indemnity.

**Cash flow activities Indemnity**

The following table summarizes Indemnity cash flows for the years ended December 31:

<i>(in millions)</i>	2010	Indemnity 2009	2008
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 193	\$ 180	\$ 151
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	196	(69)	73
Net cash used in financing activities	(155)	(96)	(194)
Net increase in cash	\$ 234	\$ 15	\$ 30

See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 24, Indemnity Supplemental Information, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report for more detail on Indemnity cash flows.

Indemnity's cash flows provided by operating activities increased to \$193 million in 2010, compared to \$180 million in 2009, and \$151 million in 2008. Increased cash from operating activities in 2010, compared to 2009, was primarily due to an increase in management fee revenues received offset by a decrease in reimbursements collected from affiliates. Management fee revenues were higher reflecting the increase in the premiums written or assumed by the Exchange. Cash paid for agent commissions and bonuses decreased to \$532 million in 2010, compared to \$535 million in 2009, as a result of a decrease in cash paid for agent bonuses. We made a contribution to our pension plan of \$13 million in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$14 million made in the third quarter of 2009.

Indemnity's policy is generally to contribute an amount equal to the greater of the IRS minimum required contribution or the target normal cost for the year plus interest to the date the contribution is made. Indemnity is generally reimbursed about 57% of the net periodic benefit cost of the pension plan from its affiliates. In 2009, increased cash from operating activities compared to 2008 was primarily due to increased management fee revenues received offset by lower distributions from limited partnerships.

At December 31, 2010, Indemnity recorded a net deferred tax liability of \$26 million, which included capital loss carry-forwards of \$7 million. There was no valuation allowance at December 31, 2010. Indemnity has the ability to carry back capital losses of \$39 million as a result of gains recognized in prior years. In 2010 capital losses totaled \$39 million, which will be carried back to recapture taxes paid in prior years. In the fourth quarter of 2010, we received a tax refund of \$11 million relating to the carry-back of 2009 capital losses. Indemnity's capital gain and loss strategies take into consideration its ability to offset gains and losses in future periods, carry-back of capital loss opportunities to the three preceding years, and capital loss carry-forward opportunities to apply against future capital gains over the next five years.

Cash flows provided by Indemnity investing activities totaled \$196 million in 2010, compared to cash used of \$69 million in 2009, and cash provided of \$73 million in 2008. In the fourth quarter of 2010, Indemnity received cash consideration from the Exchange of \$281 million, net of \$12 million cash disposed, as a result of the sale of Indemnity's wholly owned property and casualty insurance subsidiaries, EIC, ENY and EPC, to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, based upon an estimated purchase price. The GAAP book value of these entities on December 31,

2010 was slightly lower than the estimated purchase price. Also, Indemnity retained a deferred tax asset of \$6 million that was not transferable to the Exchange. This deferred tax asset is related to capital losses that will be available to offset future capital gains of Indemnity. Indemnity recorded a liability to the Exchange for the difference between the GAAP book value and the deferred tax asset of \$8 million. Net after-tax cash proceeds to Indemnity from the sale of Indemnity's wholly owned property and casualty insurance subsidiaries are estimated to be \$285 million.

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Final settlement of the transaction will occur by March 31, 2011. (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Events section.)

Indemnity's 2010 investing activities also included increased cash used to purchase certain fixed maturities, offset somewhat by increased cash from the sale of other fixed maturities and limited partnerships compared to 2009. Impacting Indemnity future investing activities are limited partnership commitments, which totaled \$50 million at December 31, 2010, and will be funded as required by the partnerships' agreements. At December 31, 2010, Indemnity's total remaining commitment to fund limited partnerships that invest in private equity securities was \$21 million, real estate activities was \$17 million and mezzanine debt securities was \$12 million. Indemnity's investing activities in 2009 were impacted by lower investment balances due to the significant share repurchase activity in 2008. Also, in the second quarter of 2009, Indemnity made a capital contribution to EFL in the amount of \$12 million to support EFL's life insurance and annuity business and strengthen its surplus.

Cash flows used in Indemnity financing activities totaled \$155 million in 2010, \$96 million in 2009, and \$194 million in 2008. The increase in cash used in financing activities in 2010 was primarily driven by increases in the cash outlay for share repurchases and dividends paid to shareholders. Indemnity repurchased 1.1 million shares of its Class A nonvoting common stock in conjunction with its stock repurchase plan at a total cost of \$57 million during 2010. In 2009, shares repurchased under this plan totaled 0.1 million at a total cost of \$3 million, compared to 2.1 million shares at a total cost of \$102 million in 2008. In December 2010, our Board of Directors approved a continuation of the current stock repurchase program for a total of \$150 million. Indemnity has approximately \$146 million of repurchase authority remaining under this plan at December 31, 2010.

In 2010, we also repurchased 44,206 shares of our outstanding Class A nonvoting common stock outside of our publicly announced share repurchase program at a total cost of \$2 million. Of this amount, 39,406 shares were purchased in June for \$1.8 million, or \$45.92 per share, in conjunction with our long-term incentive plan and 4,800 shares were purchased in July for \$0.2 million, or \$48.75 per share, for the vesting of stock-based awards for executive management. These shares were delivered to plan participants and executive management, respectively, in July 2010.

Dividends paid to shareholders totaled \$98 million, \$93 million, and \$92 million in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Indemnity increased both its Class A and Class B shareholder quarterly dividends for 2010. There are no regulatory restrictions on the payment of dividends to Indemnity's shareholders. Dividends have been approved at a 7.3% increase for 2011.

Indemnity's financing activities during 2008 included short-term borrowings of \$75 million on its bank line of credit for certain intercompany cash settlement needs. Payments were made on the line of credit of \$45 million and \$30 million in the third and fourth quarters of 2008, respectively, reducing the outstanding balance to zero at December 31, 2008. This line of credit was extended to December 31, 2011. Also during the first quarter of 2008, Indemnity borrowed \$30 million from EIC, its then 100% owned property and casualty insurance subsidiary, to fund certain operating and financing activities. Indemnity repaid the entire balance during the second quarter of 2008. This intercompany borrowing was eliminated upon consolidation and therefore had no impact on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position or Operations.

**Capital Outlook**

We regularly prepare forecasts evaluating the current and future cash requirements of Indemnity and the Exchange for both normal and extreme risk events. Should an extreme risk event result in a cash requirement exceeding normal cash flows, we have the ability to meet our future funding requirements through various alternatives available to us.

*Indemnity* Outside of Indemnity's normal operating and investing cash activities, future funding requirements could be met through 1) Indemnity's cash and cash equivalents, which total approximately \$310 million at December 31, 2010, 2) a \$100 million bank line of credit held by Indemnity, from which there were no borrowings as of December 31, 2010, and 3) liquidation of assets held in Indemnity's investment portfolio, including common stock, preferred stock and investment grade bonds which totaled approximately \$310 million at December 31, 2010.

Volatility in the financial markets could impair Indemnity's ability to sell certain of its fixed income securities or cause such securities to sell at deep discounts. Additionally, Indemnity has the ability to curtail or modify discretionary cash

outlays such as those related to shareholder dividends and share repurchase activities.

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Indemnity had no borrowings under its line of credit at December 31, 2010. At December 31, 2010, bonds with fair values of \$128 million were pledged as collateral. These securities have no restrictions. The bank requires compliance with certain covenants, which include minimum net worth and leverage ratios. Indemnity was in compliance with its bank covenants at December 31, 2010.

Prior to and through December 31, 2010, the underwriting results retained by EIC and ENY and the investment results of EIC, ENY and EPC accrued to the benefit of the Indemnity shareholder interest. Due to the sale of Indemnity's property and casualty subsidiaries to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, all property and casualty underwriting results and all investment results for these companies accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, after December 31, 2010. The net cash provided from these entities by operating activities totaled \$30 million in 2010, \$33 million in 2009, and \$29 million in 2008. These operating cash flows will accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, in 2011 and thereafter. (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Events section.)

*Exchange* Outside of the Exchange's normal operating and investing cash activities, future funding requirements could be met through 1) the Exchange's cash and cash equivalents, which total approximately \$120 million at December 31, 2010, 2) a \$200 million bank line of credit held by the Exchange, from which there were no borrowings at December 31, 2010, and 3) liquidation of assets held in the Exchange's investment portfolio, including common stock, preferred stock and investment grade bonds which totaled approximately \$9.7 billion at December 31, 2010. Volatility in the financial markets could impair the Exchange's ability to sell certain of its fixed income securities or cause such securities to sell at deep discounts.

The Exchange had no borrowings under its line of credit at December 31, 2010. At December 31, 2010, bonds with fair values of \$252 million were pledged as collateral. These securities have no restrictions. The bank requires compliance with certain covenants, which include statutory surplus and risk based capital ratios. The Exchange was in compliance with its bank covenants at December 31, 2010.

Indemnity has no rights to the assets, capital, or line of credit of the Exchange and, conversely, the Exchange has no rights to the assets, capital, or line of credit of Indemnity. We believe we have the funding sources available to us to support cash flow requirements in 2011.

**Contractual obligations**

Cash outflows for the Property and Casualty Group are variable because the fluctuations in settlement dates for claims payments vary and cannot be predicted with absolute certainty. While volatility in claims payments could be significant for the Property and Casualty Group, the cash flow requirements for claims have not historically had a significant effect on our liquidity. Based on a historical 15-year average, about 30% of losses and loss expenses for the Property and Casualty Group included in the reserve are paid out in the subsequent 12-month period and approximately 68% are paid out within a five-year period. Losses that are paid out after that five-year period reflect long-tail lines such as workers compensation and auto bodily injury.

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We have certain obligations and commitments to make future payments under various contracts. As of December 31, 2010, the aggregate obligations were as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Total	Erie Insurance Group Payments due by period			2016 and thereafter
		2011	2012-2013	2014-2015	
Fixed obligations:					
<b>Indemnity:</b>					
Limited partnership commitments <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 50	\$ 47	\$ 3	\$ 0	\$ 0
Pension contribution <sup>(2)</sup>	15	15	0	0	0
Other commitments <sup>(3)</sup>	38	22	14	2	0
Operating leases vehicles	16	5	8	3	0
Operating leases real estate <sup>(4)</sup>	6	2	3	1	0
Operating leases computers	3	2	1	0	0
<b>Total fixed contractual obligations</b>					
<b>Indemnity</b>	128	93	29	6	0
<b>Noncontrolling interest:</b>					
Limited partnership commitments <sup>(1)</sup>	402	273	77	52	0
Total fixed contractual obligations					
Exchange	402	273	77	52	0
Total fixed contractual obligations Erie Insurance Group	530	366	106	58	0
Gross property and casualty loss and loss expense reserves Exchange <sup>(5)</sup>	3,584	1,075	968	394	1,147
Life gross long-term liabilities <sup>(6)</sup>	4,025	188	379	406	3,052
Gross contractual obligations Erie Insurance Group <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 8,139	\$ 1,629	\$ 1,453	\$ 858	\$ 4,199

Gross contractual obligations net of estimated reinsurance recoverables are as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Total	Payments due by period			2016 and thereafter
		2011	2012-2013	2014-2015	
Gross contractual obligations Erie Insurance Group <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 8,139	\$ 1,629	\$ 1,453	\$ 858	\$ 4,199
Estimated reinsurance recoverables property and casualty	188	56	51	21	60
Estimated reinsurance recoverables life <sup>(8)</sup>	447	21	40	41	345
Net contractual obligations Erie Insurance Group	\$ 7,504	\$ 1,552	\$ 1,362	\$ 796	\$ 3,794

- (1) *Limited partnership commitments will be funded as required for capital contributions at any time prior to the agreement expiration date. The commitment amounts are presented using the expiration date as the factor by which to age when the amounts are due. At December 31, 2010, Indemnity's total commitment to fund limited partnerships that invest in private equity securities is \$21 million, real estate activities \$17 million and mezzanine debt of \$12 million. At December 31, 2010, the Exchange's total commitment to fund limited partnerships that invest in private equity securities is \$177 million, real estate activities \$143 million and mezzanine debt of \$82 million.*
- (2) *The pension contribution for 2011 was estimated in accordance with the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Contributions anticipated in future years are expected to be an amount at least equal to the IRS minimum required contribution in accordance with this Act.*
- (3) *Other commitments include various agreements for service, including such things as computer software, telephones and maintenance.*
- (4) *Operating leases real estate are for 16 of our 24 field offices that are operated in the states in which the Property and Casualty Group does business and three operating leases are for warehousing facilities leased from unaffiliated parties.*
- (5) *Due to the sale of Indemnity's property and casualty insurance subsidiaries to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, all property and casualty loss and loss expense reserves accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, after December 31, 2010. (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Events section.)*
- (6) *Contractual obligations on gross long-term liabilities represent estimated benefit payments from insurance policies and annuity contracts including claims currently payable. Actual obligations in any single year will vary based on actual mortality, morbidity, lapse and withdrawal experience. The sum of these obligations exceeds the liability on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position of \$1.6 billion due to expected future premiums and investment income that, along with invested assets backing the liabilities, will be used to fund these obligations.*
- (7) *Gross contractual obligations do not include the obligations for our unfunded benefit plans, including the Supplemental Employee Retirement Plan (SERP) for our executive and senior management and the directors retirement plan. The recorded accumulated benefit obligations for these plans at December 31, 2010, are \$5 million. We expect to have sufficient cash flows from operations to meet the future benefit payments as they become due.*
- (8) *Reinsurance recoverables on life business includes estimated amounts from reinsurers on long-term liabilities that are subject to the credit worthiness of the reinsurer.*

**Table of Contents****Off-balance sheet arrangements**

Off-balance sheet arrangements include those with unconsolidated entities that may have a material current or future effect on our financial condition or results of operations, including material variable interests in unconsolidated entities that conduct certain activities. We have no material off-balance sheet obligations or guarantees, other than limited partnership investment commitments.

**Financial ratings**

Our property and casualty insurers are rated by rating agencies that provide insurance consumers with meaningful information on the financial strength of insurance entities. Higher ratings generally indicate financial stability and a strong ability to pay claims. The ratings are generally based upon factors relevant to policyholders and are not directed toward return to investors. The insurance companies are currently rated by AM Best Company as follows:

Erie Insurance Exchange	A+
Erie Insurance Company	A+
Erie Insurance Property and Casualty Company	A+
Erie Insurance Company of New York	A+
Flagship City Insurance Company	A+
Erie Family Life Insurance Company	A

The outlook for all ratings is stable. According to AM Best, a Superior rating (A+), the second highest of their financial strength rating categories, is assigned to those companies that, in AM Best's opinion, have achieved superior overall performance when compared to the standards established by AM Best and have a superior ability to meet their obligations to policyholders over the long term. Only 9% of insurance groups are rated A+ or higher, and we are included in that group. By virtue of its affiliation with the Property and Casualty Group, EFL is typically rated one level lower, or an Excellent rating (A), than the property and casualty companies by AM Best Company. The insurers of the Property and Casualty Group are also rated by Standard & Poor's, but this rating is based solely on public information. Standard & Poor's rates these insurers AApi, very strong, and EFL Api, strong. Financial strength ratings continue to be an important factor in evaluating the competitive position of insurance companies.

**Regulatory risk-based capital**

The standard set by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) for measuring the solvency of insurance companies, referred to as Risk-Based Capital (RBC), is a method of measuring the minimum amount of capital appropriate for an insurance company to support its overall business operations in consideration of its size and risk profile. The RBC formula is used by state insurance regulators as an early warning tool to identify, for the purpose of initiating regulatory action, insurance companies that potentially are inadequately capitalized. In addition, the formula defines minimum capital standards that will supplement the current system of low fixed minimum capital and surplus requirements on a state-by-state basis. At December 31, 2010, all property and casualty insurance companies and the life insurance company had RBC levels substantially in excess of levels that would require regulatory action.

**Regulatory restrictions on surplus**

The members of the Property and Casualty Group and EFL are subject to various regulatory restrictions that limit the maximum amount of dividends available to be paid without prior approval of insurance regulatory authorities. The Exchange's property and casualty insurance subsidiaries have a maximum of \$29 million available for such dividends in 2011 without prior approval of the Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner for Pennsylvania-domiciled subsidiaries and the New York Superintendent of Insurance for the New York domiciled subsidiary. No dividends were paid from the property and casualty subsidiaries in 2010, 2009 or 2008.

The maximum dividend EFL could pay its shareholders in 2011 without prior approval is \$38 million. No dividends were paid to Indemnity or the Exchange in 2010, 2009 or 2008.

The Exchange is operated for the benefit of its subscribers (policyholders) and any distributions it might declare would only be payable to them. The Exchange did not make any distributions to its subscribers (policyholders) in 2010, 2009 or 2008.





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**Enterprise risk management**

As a large property and casualty insurer with supplemental life insurance operations, we are exposed to many risks. The role of our Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) function is to ensure that all significant risks are clearly identified, understood, proactively managed and consistently monitored to achieve strategic objectives for all stakeholders of the Erie Insurance Group. As an insurance company, we are in the business of taking risks from our policyholders, managing these risks in a cost-effective manner and ensuring long term stability for policyholders as well as shareholders. Since risk is integral to our business, we strive to manage the multitude of risks we face in an optimal manner.

Our risks can be broadly classified into insurance, investment and operational risks. These risks are a function of our business segments as well as the market and regulatory environment within which we operate. Since certain risks can occur simultaneously or be correlated with other risks, an event or a series of events has the potential to impact multiple areas of our business and materially affect our operations, financial position or liquidity. Therefore our ERM program takes a holistic view of risk and ensures implementation of risk responses to mitigate potential impacts across our entire group of companies.

Our ERM process is founded on a governance framework that ensures oversight at multiple levels of our organization including our Board of Directors and risk committees made up of senior management. Accountability to identify, manage and mitigate risk is embedded within all functions and areas of our business. We have defined risk tolerances to monitor and manage significant risks within acceptable levels. In addition to identifying, evaluating, prioritizing, monitoring and mitigating significant risks, our ERM process includes extreme event analyses and scenario testing. Dynamic Financial Analysis (DFA) and catastrophe modeling enable us to quantify risk within our property and casualty insurance operations and investment portfolio. Model output is used to quantify the potential variability of future performance and the sufficiency of capital levels given our defined tolerance for risk. The models provide insight into capital management, allocation of capital by product lines, catastrophe exposure management and reinsurance purchasing decisions. Additionally, ERM tools have been developed and modified to enhance our ability to assess project level risk and to provide senior management with pertinent risk information, enabling them to make better informed decisions.

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**TRANSACTIONS / AGREEMENTS BETWEEN INDEMNITY AND NONCONTROLLING INTEREST (EXCHANGE)**

**Board oversight**

Our Board of Directors (Board) has a broad oversight responsibility over intercompany relationships within and among the Property and Casualty Group. As a consequence, the Board may be required to make decisions or take actions that may not be solely in the interest of our shareholders such as:

setting the management fee rate paid by the Exchange to Indemnity;

ratifying any other significant intercompany activity.

**Subscriber s agreement**

Indemnity serves as attorney-in-fact for the policyholders at the Exchange, a reciprocal insurance exchange. Each applicant for insurance to a reciprocal insurance exchange signs a subscriber s agreement that contains an appointment of an attorney-in-fact. Through the designation of attorney-in-fact, Indemnity is required to provide sales, underwriting and policy issuance services to the policyholders of the Exchange, as discussed previously. Pursuant to the subscriber s agreement, for these services Indemnity earns a management fee calculated as a percentage of the direct premiums written by the Exchange and the other members of the Property and Casualty Group, which are assumed by the Exchange under an intercompany pooling arrangement.

**Intercompany agreements**

**Pooling**

Members of the Property and Casualty Group participate in an intercompany reinsurance pooling agreement. Under the pooling agreement, all insurance business of the Property and Casualty Group is pooled in the Exchange. The Erie Insurance Company and Erie Insurance Company of New York share in the underwriting results of the reinsurance pool through retrocession. Since 1995, the Board of Directors has set the allocation of the pooled underwriting results at 5.0% participation for Erie Insurance Company, 0.5% participation for Erie Insurance Company of New York and 94.5% participation for the Exchange.

Prior to and through December 31, 2010, the underwriting results retained by Erie Insurance Company and Erie Insurance Company of New York accrued to the benefit of the Indemnity shareholder interest. Due to the sale of Indemnity s property and casualty subsidiaries to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, all property and casualty underwriting results for these companies accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, after December 31, 2010. (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Events section.)

**Service agreements**

Indemnity makes certain payments on behalf of the Erie Insurance Group s related entities. These amounts are reimbursed to Indemnity on a cost basis in accordance with service agreements between Indemnity and the individual entities within the Erie Insurance Group. Cash transfers are settled quarterly.

**Leased property**

The Exchange leases certain office facilities to Indemnity on a five and six year basis with options to renew. Rents are determined considering returns on invested capital and building operating and overhead costs. Rental costs of shared facilities are allocated based on square footage occupied.

**Intercompany cost allocation**

The allocation of costs affects the financial condition of the Erie Insurance Group companies. Management must determine that allocations are consistently made in accordance with intercompany management service agreements, the attorney-in-fact agreements with the policyholders of the Exchange and applicable insurance laws and regulations. While allocation of costs under these various agreements requires management judgment and interpretation, such allocations are performed using a consistent methodology, which in management s opinion, adheres to the terms and intentions of the underlying agreements.

**Table of Contents****Intercompany receivables of Indemnity**

<i>(in millions)</i>	2010	Percent of Indemnity total assets	2009	Percent of Indemnity total assets	2008	Percent of Indemnity total assets
Reinsurance recoverable from and ceded unearned premiums to the Exchange	\$ 0	0.0%	\$ 902	33.8%	\$ 887	34.0%
Other receivables from the Exchange and affiliates (management fees, costs and reimbursements)	232	17.7	213	8.0	218	8.3
Note receivable from EFL	25	1.9	25	0.9	25	0.9
Total intercompany receivables	\$ 257	19.6%	\$ 1,140	42.7%	\$ 1,130	43.2%

Indemnity has significant receivables from the Exchange that result in a concentration of credit risk. In 2009 and 2008, these receivables included the liability for losses and unearned premiums ceded to the Exchange under the intercompany pooling agreement and from management services performed by Indemnity for the Exchange. Prior to and through December 31, 2010, all property and casualty insurance underwriting receivables recorded by EIC, ENY and EPC accrued to the benefit of the Indemnity shareholder interest. Due to the sale of Indemnity's property and casualty subsidiaries to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, all property and casualty underwriting receivables accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, on and after December 31, 2010. At December 31, 2010 and thereafter, Indemnity's receivables from the Exchange primarily include the management fee due for services performed by Indemnity for the Exchange under the subscriber's agreement. (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Events section.) Credit risks related to the receivables from the Exchange are evaluated periodically by management. Prior to and through December 31, 2010, reinsurance contracts did not relieve Indemnity from its primary obligations to policyholders if the Exchange were unable to satisfy its obligation, and Indemnity collected its reinsurance recoverable amounts generally within 30 days of actual settlement of losses.

In addition to Indemnity's receivable from the Exchange for management fees and costs Indemnity pays on behalf of the Exchange, Indemnity also pays certain costs for, and is reimbursed by, EFL. Since its inception, Indemnity has collected these amounts due from the Exchange and EFL in a timely manner (normally quarterly). There is interest charged on the outstanding balance due from the Exchange until its quarterly settlement that is based on an independent mutual fund rate.

**Surplus notes**

The Exchange holds a surplus note for \$20 million from EFL that is payable on demand on or after December 31, 2025 with prior approval of the Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner. EFL paid interest to the Exchange on the surplus note of \$1 million in 2010 and 2009. No other interest is charged or received on this intercompany balance due to the timely settlement terms and nature of the note.

Indemnity holds a surplus note for \$25 million from EFL that is payable on demand on or after December 31, 2018 with prior approval of the Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner. EFL paid interest to Indemnity on the surplus note of \$2 million in 2010 and 2009. No other interest is charged or received on this intercompany balance due to the timely settlement terms and nature of the note.

**Capital contribution**

In June 2009, the Exchange made a \$43 million capital contribution to EFL and Indemnity made a \$12 million capital contribution to EFL to strengthen its surplus. This \$55 million in capital contributions increased EFL's investments and total shareholders' equity.

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Prior to and through December 31, 2010, the investment results from EIC, ENY and EPC accrued to the benefit of the Indemnity shareholder interest. Due to the sale of Indemnity's property and casualty subsidiaries to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, the investment results for these companies will accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, after December 31, 2010. (See Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report and the previous Recent Events section.)

**Market risk**

Market risk is the risk of loss arising from adverse changes in market rates and prices, such as interest rates, as well as other relevant market rate or price changes. The volatility and liquidity in the markets in which the underlying assets are traded directly influence market risk. The following is a discussion of our primary risk exposures, including interest rate risk, investment credit risk, concentration risk, liquidity risk, equity price risk and how those exposures are currently managed as of December 31, 2010.

**Interest rate risk**

We invest primarily in fixed maturity investments, which comprised 49.5% of invested assets for Indemnity and 64.5% of invested assets for the Exchange at December 31, 2010. The value of the fixed maturity portfolio is subject to interest rate risk. As market interest rates decrease, the value of the portfolio goes up with the opposite holding true in rising interest rate environments. We do not hedge our exposure to interest rate risk since we have the capacity and intention to hold the fixed maturity positions until maturity. A common measure of the interest sensitivity of fixed maturity assets is modified duration, a calculation that utilizes maturity, coupon rate, yield and call terms to calculate an average age of the expected cash flows. The longer the duration, the more sensitive the asset is to market interest rate fluctuations. Duration is analyzed quarterly to ensure that it remains in the targeted range we established.

A sensitivity analysis is used to measure the potential loss in future earnings, fair values or cash flows of market-sensitive instruments resulting from one or more selected hypothetical changes in interest rates and other market rates or prices over a selected period. In our sensitivity analysis model, a hypothetical change in market rates is selected that is expected to reflect reasonably possible changes in those rates. The following pro forma information is presented assuming a 100-basis point increase in interest rates at December 31 of each year and reflects the estimated effect on the fair value of our fixed maturity investment portfolio. We used the modified duration of our fixed maturity investment portfolio to model the pro forma effect of a change in interest rates at December 31, 2010 and 2009.

**Fixed maturities interest-rate sensitivity analysis**

<i>(dollars in millions)</i>	At December 31,	
	2010	2009
<b>Indemnity</b>		
Fair value of fixed income portfolio	\$ 264	\$ 664
Fair value assuming 100-basis point rise in interest rates	\$ 255	\$ 635
Modified duration Indemnity	3.93	4.35
<b>Exchange</b>		
Fair value of fixed income portfolio	\$ 7,279	\$ 6,517
Fair value assuming 100-basis point rise in interest rates	\$ 6,954	\$ 6,249
Modified duration Exchange	4.87	4.58



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While the fixed income portfolio is sensitive to interest rates, the future principal cash flows that will be received are presented as follows by contractual maturity date. Actual cash flows may differ from those stated as a result of calls, prepayments or defaults.

<i>(in millions)</i>	December 31, 2010	
	Indemnity	Exchange
Fixed maturities:		
2011	\$ 64	\$ 309
2012	22	553
2013	21	719
2014	18	564
2015	25	681
Thereafter	100	4,030
Total <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 250	\$ 6,856
Fair value	\$ 264	\$ 7,279

*(1) These amounts exclude Indemnity's \$25 million surplus note due from EFL and the Exchange's \$20 million surplus note due from EFL.*

<i>(in millions)</i>	December 31, 2009	
	Indemnity	Exchange
Fixed maturities:		
2010	\$ 39	\$ 364
2011	34	388
2012	70	626
2013	81	774
2014	64	596
Thereafter	357	3,641
Total <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 645	\$ 6,389
Fair value	\$ 664	\$ 6,517

*(1) These amounts exclude Indemnity's \$25 million surplus note due from EFL and the Exchange's \$20 million surplus note due from EFL.*

**Investment credit risk**

Our objective is to earn competitive returns by investing in a diversified portfolio of securities. Our portfolios of fixed maturity securities, nonredeemable preferred stock, mortgage loans and, to a lesser extent, short-term investments are subject to credit risk. This risk is defined as the potential loss in fair value resulting from adverse changes in the borrower's ability to repay the debt. We manage this risk by performing upfront underwriting analysis and ongoing reviews of credit quality by position and for the fixed maturity portfolio in total. We do not hedge the credit risk inherent in our fixed maturity investments.



Generally, the fixed maturities in our portfolio are rated by external rating agencies. If not externally rated, we rate them internally on a basis consistent with that used by the rating agencies. We classify all fixed maturities as available-for-sale securities, allowing us to meet our liquidity needs and provide greater flexibility to appropriately respond to changes in market conditions. The following table shows our fixed maturity investments by S&P rating as of December 31, 2010:

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<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group		
	Amortized cost	Fair value	Percent of total
<b>Indemnity</b>			
Comparable S&P Rating			
AAA, AA, A	\$ 229	\$ 234	88.5%
BBB	24	24	9.2
Total investment grade	253	258	97.7
BB	0	2	0.8
B	4	4	1.5
CCC, CC, C	0	0	0.0
Total non-investment grade	4	6	2.3
Total Indemnity	\$ 257	\$ 264	100.0%
<b>Exchange</b>			
Comparable S&P Rating			
AAA, AA, A	\$ 4,012	\$ 4,219	58.0%
BBB	2,485	2,653	36.4
Total investment grade	6,497	6,872	94.4
BB	284	314	4.3
B	70	77	1.1
CCC, CC, C	12	16	0.2
Total non-investment grade	366	407	5.6
Total Exchange	\$ 6,863	\$ 7,279	100.0%

Approximately 1% of Indemnity and 6% of the Exchange fixed income portfolio is invested in structured products. This includes mortgage-backed securities (MBS), collateralized debt and loan obligations (CDO and CLO), collateralized mortgage obligations (CMO), asset-backed (ABS) and credit-linked notes. The overall credit rating of the structured product portfolio is AA.

The municipal bond portfolio accounts for \$197 million, or 75% of the total fixed maturity portfolio for the Indemnity, and \$1.5 billion, or 20% of the total fixed maturity portfolio for the Exchange. The overall credit rating of the municipal portfolio without consideration of the underlying insurance is AA-.

In our limited partnership investment portfolio we are exposed to credit risk, as well as price risk. Price risk is defined as the potential loss in estimated fair value resulting from an adverse change in prices. Our investments are directly affected by the impact of changes in these risk factors on the underlying investments held by our fund managers, which could vary significantly from fund to fund. We manage these risks by performing up front due diligence on our fund managers, ongoing monitoring and through the construction of a diversified portfolio.

Indemnity is also exposed to a concentration of credit risk with the Exchange. See the section, Transactions / Agreements between Indemnity and Noncontrolling Interest (Exchange), Intercompany receivables of Indemnity for further discussion of this risk.

**Concentration Risk**

While our portfolio is well diversified within each market sector, there is an inherent risk of concentration in a particular industry or sector. We continually monitor our level of exposure to individual issuers as well as our allocation to each industry and market sector against internally established policies. See the Financial Condition section of, Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained within this report for details of investment holdings by sector.

**Liquidity Risk**

Periods of volatility in the financial markets can create conditions where fixed maturity investments, despite being publicly traded, can become illiquid. However, we actively manage the maturity profile of our fixed maturity portfolio such that scheduled repayments of principal occur on a regular basis. Additionally, there is no ready market for our investments in limited partnerships which increases the risk they may not be converted to cash on favorable terms and on a timely basis.

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**Equity price risk**

Our portfolio of equity securities, which is carried on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position at estimated fair value, has exposure to the risk of potential loss in estimated fair value resulting from an adverse change in prices ( price risk ). We do not hedge our exposure to price risk inherent in our equity investments. Our objective is to earn competitive relative returns by investing in a diverse portfolio of high-quality, liquid securities. Portfolio holdings are diversified across industries and among exchange-traded small- to large-cap stocks. We measure risk by comparing the performance of the marketable equity portfolio to benchmark returns such as the Standard & Poors (S&P) 500 Composite Index. Beta is a measure of a security s systematic (non-diversifiable) risk, which is the percentage change in an individual security s return for a 1% change in the return of the market. The average Beta for our common stock holdings was 0.95 for Indemnity and 1.02 for the Exchange. Based on a hypothetical 20% reduction in the overall value of the stock market, the fair value of the common stock portfolio would decrease by approximately \$5 million for Indemnity and \$470 million for the Exchange.

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**Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data**

**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders

of Erie Indemnity Company

Erie, Pennsylvania

We have audited Erie Indemnity Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2010, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). Erie Indemnity Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Erie Indemnity Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2010, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated statements of financial position of Erie Indemnity Company as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2010 of Erie Indemnity Company and our report dated February 24, 2011 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young, LLP

Cleveland, Ohio

February 24, 2011

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders  
of Erie Indemnity Company

Erie, Pennsylvania

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position of Erie Indemnity Company as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2010. Our audits also included the financial statement schedules listed in the Index at 15 (a). These financial statements and schedules are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedules based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Erie Indemnity Company at December 31, 2010 and 2009, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2010, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedules, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, effective January 1, 2010 the Company adopted and retrospectively applied the Financial Accounting Standards Board's amended accounting guidance related to the consolidation of variable interest entities.

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, in 2009 the Company changed its method of accounting for recognizing other-than-temporary impairment charges for its debt securities in connection with the adoption of the revised Financial Accounting Standards Board's other-than-temporary impairment model.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Erie Indemnity Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2010, based on criteria established in *Internal Control-Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated February 24, 2011 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young, LLP

Cleveland, Ohio

February 24, 2011

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**ERIE INDEMNITY COMPANY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
**Years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008**  
*(dollars in millions, except share data)*

	2010	2009	2008
<b>Revenues</b>			
Premiums earned	\$ 3,987	\$ 3,869	\$ 3,834
Net investment income	433	433	438
Net realized investment gains (losses)	313	412	(1,026)
Net impairment losses recognized in earnings	(6)	(126)	(571)
Equity in earnings (losses) of limited partnerships	128	(369)	(58)
Other income	35	36	34
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>4,890</b>	<b>4,255</b>	<b>2,651</b>
<b>Benefits and expenses</b>			
Insurance losses and loss expenses	2,900	2,728	2,582
Policy acquisition and underwriting expenses	969	1,003	908
Goodwill impairment	22		
<b>Total benefits and expenses</b>	<b>3,891</b>	<b>3,731</b>	<b>3,490</b>
<b>Income (loss) from operations before income taxes and noncontrolling interests</b>			
	999	524	(839)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	339	78	(223)
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 660</b>	<b>\$ 446</b>	<b>\$ (616)</b>
<b>Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest in consolidated entity Exchange</b>			
	<b>498</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>(685)</b>
<b>Net income attributable to Indemnity</b>	<b>\$ 162</b>	<b>\$ 108</b>	<b>\$ 69</b>
<b>Earnings Per Share</b>			
<b>Net income attributable to Indemnity per share</b>			
Class A common stock basic	\$ 3.18	\$ 2.10	\$ 1.34
<b>Class A common stock diluted</b>	<b>\$ 2.85</b>	<b>\$ 1.89</b>	<b>\$ 1.19</b>
Class B common stock basic and diluted	\$ 462.83	\$ 312.45	\$ 204.20
<b>Weighted average shares outstanding attributable to Indemnity Basic</b>			

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Class A common stock	50,705,607	51,250,606	51,824,649
Class B common stock	2,546	2,549	2,551

**Weighted average shares outstanding attributable to  
Indemnity Diluted**

Class A common stock	56,884,894	57,428,999	58,003,976
Class B common stock	2,546	2,549	2,551

See accompanying notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.



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**ERIE INDEMNITY COMPANY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**At December 31, 2010 and 2009**

*(dollars in millions, except per share data)*

	2010	2009
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Investments-Indemnity</b>		
Available-for-sale securities, at fair value:		
Fixed maturities (amortized cost of \$257 and \$642, respectively) (See Note 1)	\$ 264	\$ 664
Equity securities (cost of \$20 and \$35, respectively) (See Note 1)	24	38
Trading securities, at fair value (cost of \$21 and \$36, respectively)	28	42
Limited partnerships (cost of \$202 and \$281, respectively)	216	235
Other invested assets	1	1
<b>Investments-Exchange</b>		
Available-for-sale securities, at fair value:		
Fixed maturities (amortized cost of \$6,863 and \$6,277, respectively) (See Note 1)	7,279	6,517
Equity securities (cost of \$503 and \$425, respectively) (See Note 1)	570	472
Trading securities, at fair value (cost of \$1,773 and \$1,556, respectively)	2,306	1,835
Limited partnerships (cost of \$1,083 and \$1,392, respectively)	1,108	1,116
Other invested assets	19	20
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>11,815</b>	<b>10,940</b>
Cash and cash equivalents (Exchange portion of \$120 and \$158, respectively)	430	234
Premiums receivable from policyholders (Exchange portion of \$942 and \$715, respectively) (See Note 1)	942	906
Reinsurance recoverable (Exchange portion of \$201 and \$212, respectively) (See Note 1)	201	215
Deferred income taxes (Exchange portion of \$0 and \$75, respectively)	0	116
Deferred acquisition costs (Exchange portion of \$467 and \$416, respectively) (See Note 1)	467	467
Other assets (Exchange portion of \$357 and \$306, respectively)	489	409
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 14,344</b>	<b>\$ 13,287</b>
<b>Liabilities and shareholders equity</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Indemnity liabilities</b>		
Losses and loss expense reserves (See Note 1)	\$	\$ 752
Unearned premiums (See Note 1)		325
Deferred income taxes	26	0
Other liabilities	382	387
<b>Exchange liabilities</b>		
Losses and loss expense reserves (See Note 1)	3,584	2,846
Life policy and deposit contract reserves	1,603	1,540
Unearned premiums (See Note 1)	2,082	1,656
Deferred income taxes	257	0
Other liabilities	76	56

<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>8,010</b>	<b>7,562</b>
<b>Indemnity s shareholders equity</b>		
Class A common stock, stated value \$0.0292 per share; authorized 74,996,930 shares; issued 68,289,600 shares, 50,054,506 and 51,203,473 shares outstanding, respectively	2	2
Class B common stock, convertible at a rate of 2,400 Class A shares for one Class B share, stated value \$70 per share; 2,546 shares authorized, issued and outstanding, respectively	0	0
Additional paid-in-capital	8	8
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(53)	(43)
Retained earnings, before cumulative effect adjustment	1,827	1,743
Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of tax		6
Retained earnings, after cumulative effect adjustment	1,827	1,749
Total contributed capital and retained earnings	1,784	1,716
Treasury stock, at cost, 18,235,094 and 17,086,127 shares, respectively	(872)	(814)
<b>Total Indemnity shareholders equity</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>902</b>
<b>Noncontrolling interest in consolidated entity Exchange</b>	<b>5,422</b>	<b>4,823</b>
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>6,334</b>	<b>5,725</b>
<b>Total liabilities, shareholders equity and noncontrolling interest</b>	<b>\$ 14,344</b>	<b>\$ 13,287</b>

See accompanying notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. See Note 24, Indemnity Supplemental Information, for supplemental consolidating statements of financial position information.

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**ERIE INDEMNITY COMPANY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY**

**Years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008**

*(dollars in millions, except per share data)*

	2010	2009	2008
<b>Common stock</b>			
Class A	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2
Class B	0	0	0
Total common stock	2	2	2
<b>Additional paid-in capital</b>	8	8	8
<b>Accumulated other comprehensive income</b>			
Balance, beginning of year	(43)	(136)	10
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of tax (Note 2)		(6)	(11)
Unrealized gains (losses), net of tax (Note 20)	9	75	(44)
Reclassification of unrealized gain on sale of P&C affiliated subsidiaries, net of tax	(15)		
Postretirement plans, net of tax (Note 20)	(4)	24	(91)
Balance, end of year	(53)	(43)	(136)
<b>Retained earnings</b>			
Balance, beginning of year	1,749	1,729	1,740
Net income	162	108	69
Dividends declared Class A (\$1.955, \$1.83 and \$1.77 per share, respectively)	(99)	(94)	(91)
Dividends declared Class B (\$293.25, \$274.50 and \$265.50 per share, respectively)	0	0	0
Reclassification of unrealized gain on sale of P&C affiliated subsidiaries, net of tax	15		
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of tax (Note 2)		6	11
Balance, end of year	1,827	1,749	1,729
<b>Treasury stock</b>			
Balance, beginning of year	(814)	(811)	(709)
Purchase of treasury stock	(58)	(3)	(102)
Balance, end of year	(872)	(814)	(811)
<b>Total Indemnity shareholders equity</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>792</b>

<b>Noncontrolling interest in consolidated entity</b>	<b>Exchange</b>		
Balance, beginning of year	4,823	3,967	4,918
Comprehensive income (loss)	599	856	(951)
Balance, end of year	<b>5,422</b>	<b>4,823</b>	<b>3,967</b>
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>\$ 6,334</b>	<b>\$ 5,725</b>	<b>\$ 4,759</b>

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**ERIE INDEMNITY COMPANY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**Years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008**  
*(in millions)*

	2010	2009	2008
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Premiums collected	\$ 4,055	\$ 3,964	\$ 3,843
Net investment income received	445	421	453
Limited partnership distributions	122	81	315
Service agreement fee received	34	35	32
Commissions and bonuses paid to agents	(532)	(535)	(534)
Losses paid	(2,398)	(2,241)	(2,201)
Loss expenses paid	(419)	(405)	(384)
Other underwriting and acquisition costs paid	(517)	(552)	(530)
Interest paid on bank line of credit	0	0	(1)
Income taxes (paid) recovered	(69)	121	(273)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>720</b>
 <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of investments:			
Fixed maturities	(1,760)	(1,938)	(1,784)
Preferred stock	(179)	(176)	(244)
Common stock	(1,495)	(1,450)	(2,232)
Limited partnerships	(165)	(174)	(396)
Sales/maturities of investments:			
Fixed maturity sales	562	510	790
Fixed maturity calls/maturities	1,009	734	1,002
Preferred stock	135	210	263
Common stock	1,376	1,394	2,151
Net collections (distributions) on policy loans	0	1	(2)
Sale of and returns on limited partnerships	142	15	40
Purchase of property and equipment	(33)	(14)	(9)
Net distributions on agent loans	3	(2)	(4)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(405)</b>	<b>(890)</b>	<b>(425)</b>
 <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Annuity and supplementary contract deposits and interest	111	183	191
Annuity and supplementary contract surrenders and withdrawals	(79)	(129)	(147)
Universal life deposits and interest	38	39	21
Universal life surrenders	(35)	(39)	(12)
Purchase of treasury stock	(57)	(3)	(102)
Dividends paid to shareholders	(98)	(93)	(92)
Decrease in collateral from securities lending	0	(285)	(361)

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Redemption of securities lending collateral	0	285	361
Proceeds from bank line of credit	0	0	75
Payments on bank line of credit	0	0	(75)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(120)</b>	<b>(42)</b>	<b>(141)</b>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	196	(43)	154
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	234	277	123
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 430</b>	<b>\$ 234</b>	<b>\$ 277</b>

See accompanying notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. See Note 22, Supplementary Data on Cash Flows, for supplemental cash flow information.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Note 1. Nature of Operations**

Erie Indemnity Company ( Indemnity ) is a publicly held Pennsylvania business corporation that since 1925 has been the managing attorney-in-fact for the subscribers (policyholders) at the Erie Insurance Exchange ( Exchange ). The Exchange is a subscriber owned Pennsylvania-domiciled reciprocal insurer that writes property and casualty insurance.

Indemnity s primary function is to perform certain services for the Exchange relating to the sales, underwriting and issuance of policies on behalf of the Exchange. This is done in accordance with a subscriber s agreement (a limited power of attorney) executed by each subscriber (policyholder), appointing Indemnity as their common attorney-in-fact to transact business on their behalf and to manage the affairs of the Exchange. Pursuant to the subscriber s agreement and for its services as attorney-in-fact, Indemnity earns a management fee calculated as a percentage of the direct premiums written by the Exchange and the other members of the Property and Casualty Group, which are assumed by the Exchange under an intercompany pooling arrangement.

Through December 31, 2010, Indemnity also operated as a property and casualty insurer through its wholly owned subsidiaries, Erie Insurance Company ( EIC ), Erie Insurance Company of New York ( ENY ) and Erie Insurance Property and Casualty Company ( EPC ). EIC, ENY and EPC, together with the Exchange and its wholly owned subsidiary, Flagship City Insurance Company ( Flagship ), are collectively referred to as the Property and Casualty Group . The Property and Casualty Group operates in 11 Midwestern, Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern states and the District of Columbia and primarily writes private passenger automobile (48%), homeowners (21%), commercial multi-peril (11%), commercial automobile (7%), and workers compensation (6%) lines of insurance based upon 2010 direct written premiums.

On December 31, 2010, Indemnity sold all of the outstanding capital stock of its wholly owned property and casualty subsidiaries to the Exchange. There was no gain or loss resulting from this sale as Indemnity and the Exchange are deemed to be under common control. Under this new structure, all property and casualty insurance operations are owned by the Exchange, and Indemnity will continue to function as the management company. There was no impact on the existing reinsurance pooling agreement between the Exchange and EIC or ENY as a result of the sale, nor was there any impact to the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, to the Exchange s independent insurance agents, or to Indemnity s employees.

Erie Family Life Insurance Company ( EFL ) is an affiliated life insurance company that underwrites and sells individual and group life insurance policies and fixed annuities. Indemnity and the Exchange own 21.6% and 78.4% of EFL, respectively. On November 4, 2010, Indemnity entered into a definitive agreement for the sale of its 21.6% ownership interest in EFL to the Exchange, which is scheduled to close by March 31, 2011. Upon the closing date, the Exchange will own 100% of EFL.

Because Indemnity and the Exchange are deemed to be under common control for financial reporting purposes, any gains or losses resulting from the sale of Indemnity s equity interest in EFL will be recorded as an adjustment directly to Indemnity s equity balance at March 31, 2011.

Indemnity shareholder interest refers to the interest in Erie Indemnity Company owned by the Class A and Class B shareholders. Noncontrolling interest refers to the interest in the Erie Insurance Exchange held for the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders).

The consolidated financial statements of Erie Indemnity Company reflect the results of Indemnity and its variable interest entity, the Exchange, which we refer to collectively as Erie Insurance Group ( we, us, our ).

**Note 2. Significant Accounting Policies****Retrospective adoption of new accounting principle**

On June 12, 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) updated Accounting Standards Codification ( ASC ) 810, *Consolidation*, which amended the existing guidance for determining whether an enterprise is the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity ( VIE ). As of January 1, 2010 Erie Indemnity Company adopted the new accounting principle on a retrospective basis since inception. The 2009 and 2008 financial information within this report has been conformed to this consolidated presentation.





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This guidance changed the methodology for assessing whether an enterprise is the primary beneficiary of a VIE by requiring a qualitative analysis to determine if an enterprise's variable interest gives it a controlling financial interest. The qualitative analysis looks at the power to direct activities of the VIE that most significantly impact economic performance and the right to receive benefits (or obligation to absorb losses) from the VIE that could be significant. In accordance with the new accounting guidance, Indemnity is deemed to be the primary beneficiary of the Exchange given the significance of the management fee to the Exchange and Indemnity's power to direct the Exchange's significant activities. Under the previously issued accounting guidance, Indemnity was not deemed the primary beneficiary of the Exchange and its financial position and operating results were not consolidated with Indemnity's. Following adoption of the new accounting guidance, as primary beneficiary of the Exchange, Erie Indemnity Company has consolidated Indemnity and the Exchange's financial position and operating results. Furthermore, upon consolidation of the Exchange, 100% of the ownership of EFL resides within the consolidated entity and consequently EFL's financial results are also consolidated.

There was no cumulative effect to Indemnity's shareholders' equity from consolidation of the Exchange and EFL. The noncontrolling interest in total equity represents the amount of the Exchange's subscribers' (policyholders') equity.

**Basis of presentation and principles of consolidation**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and include the accounts of Indemnity together with its affiliated companies in which Indemnity holds a majority voting or economic interest. In addition, we consolidate the Exchange as a variable interest entity for which Indemnity is the primary beneficiary. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The required presentation of noncontrolling interests is reflected in the consolidated financial statements. Noncontrolling interests represent the ownership interests of the Exchange, all of which is held by parties other than Indemnity (i.e., the Exchange's subscribers (policyholders)). Noncontrolling interests also include the Exchange subscribers' 78.4% ownership interest in EFL.

*Presentation of assets and liabilities* While the assets of the Exchange are presented separately in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position, the Exchange's assets can only be used to satisfy the Exchange's liabilities or for other unrestricted activities. ASC 810, *Consolidation*, does not require separate presentation of the Exchange's assets. However, because the shareholders of Indemnity have no rights to the assets of the Exchange and, conversely, the Exchange has no rights to the assets of Indemnity, we have presented the invested assets of the Exchange separately on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position along with the remaining consolidated assets reflecting the Exchange's portion parenthetically. Liabilities are required under ASC 810, *Consolidation*, to be presented separately for the Exchange on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as the Exchange's creditors do not have recourse to the general credit of Indemnity.

*Rights of shareholders of Indemnity and subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange* The shareholders of Indemnity, through the management fee, have a controlling financial interest in the Exchange, however, they have no other rights to or obligations arising from assets and liabilities of the Exchange. The shareholders of Indemnity own its equity but have no rights or interest in the Exchange's (noncontrolling interest) income or equity. The noncontrolling interest equity represents the Exchange's equity held for the benefit of its subscribers (policyholders), who have no rights or interest in the Indemnity shareholder interest income or equity.

All intercompany assets and liabilities between Indemnity and the Exchange have been eliminated in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Table of Contents****Adopted accounting pronouncements**

In 2007, the FASB issued guidance under FASB ASC 325, *Financial Instruments*, that gave us the irrevocable option to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value and established presentation and disclosure requirements. We adopted the fair value option for our common stock portfolio. Beginning January 1, 2008, all changes in fair value of our common stock are recognized in earnings as they occur. The net impact of the cumulative effect adjustment for our common stock portfolio on January 1, 2008 increased retained earnings and reduced other comprehensive income by \$11 million, net of tax.

On April 1, 2009, we adopted new accounting guidance under FASB ASC 320, *Investments – Debt and Equity Securities*. This guidance amended the other-than-temporary impairment ( OTTI ) model for debt securities and requires that credit-related losses and securities in an unrealized loss position that we intend to sell be recognized in earnings, with the remaining decline recognized in other comprehensive income. Additionally, this accounting guidance modified the presentation of OTTI in the statement of operations with the total OTTI presented along with an offset for the amount of OTTI recognized in other comprehensive income. Disclosures include further disaggregation of securities, methodology, inputs related to credit-related loss impairments and a rollforward of credit-related loss impairments. The adoption of this guidance required a cumulative effect adjustment to reclass previously recognized non-credit other-than-temporary impairments from retained earnings to other comprehensive income. The net impact of the cumulative effect adjustment increased retained earnings and decreased other comprehensive income by \$6 million, net of tax. Disclosures regarding our impairment methodology are included in this note under the caption Investments. The remaining disclosures regarding credit and non-credit related impairments have been provided in Note 7.

In January 2010, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ( ASU ) 2010-06, *Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements*. This guidance updated the disclosures on FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*. The additional disclosures include the amounts and reasons for significant transfers between the levels in the fair value hierarchy, the expansion of fair market disclosures by each class of assets, disclosure of the policy for recognition of level transfers, and disclosure of the valuation techniques used for all Level 2 and Level 3 assets. These disclosures were effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2009 and have been included in Note 6, Fair Value. An additional disclosure requirement to present purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements of Level 3 activity on a gross basis becomes effective with periods beginning after December 15, 2010.

**Pending accounting pronouncements**

In October 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-26, *Accounting for Costs Associated with Acquiring or Renewing Insurance Contracts*. This guidance modifies the definition of the types of costs incurred by insurance entities that can be capitalized in the acquisition of new and renewal insurance contracts. The amendments in this update specify that the costs are limited to incremental direct costs that result directly from successful contract transactions and would not have been incurred by the insurance entity had the contract transactions not occurred. These costs must be directly related to the underwriting, policy issuance and processing, medical and inspection and sales force contract selling. The amendments also specify that advertising costs only should be included as deferred acquisition costs if the direct-response advertising criteria are met. ASU 2010-26 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011 with either prospective or retrospective adoption permitted. Although we have not performed a detailed analysis, the adoption method and impact of this update on the Company's financial position, cash flows, or results of operations is expected to be immaterial.

**Investments**

*Available-for-sale securities* – Fixed maturity and preferred stock securities are classified as available-for-sale and are reported at fair value. Unrealized holding gains and losses, net of related tax effects, on fixed maturities and preferred stock are charged or credited directly to shareholders' equity as accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). Realized gains and losses on sales of fixed maturity and preferred stock securities are recognized in income based upon the specific identification method. Interest and dividend income are recognized as earned.

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Fixed income and redeemable preferred stock (debt securities) are evaluated monthly for other-than-temporary impairment loss. For debt securities that have experienced a decline in fair value and we intend to sell or for which it is more likely than not we will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost, an other-than-temporary impairment is deemed to have occurred and is recognized in earnings.

Debt securities that have experienced a decline in fair value and that we do not intend to sell, and that will not be required to sell before recovery, are evaluated to determine if the decline in fair value is other-than-temporary.

Some factors considered in this evaluation include:

the extent and duration to which fair value is less than cost;

historical operating performance and financial condition of the issuer;

short and long-term prospects of the issuer and its industry based on analysts' recommendations;

specific events that occurred affecting the issuer, including a ratings downgrade;

near term liquidity position of the issuer; and

compliance with financial covenants.

If a decline is deemed to be other-than-temporary, an assessment is made to determine the amount of the total impairment related to a credit loss and that related to all other factors. Consideration is given to all available information relevant to the collectability of the security in this determination. If the entire amortized cost basis of the security will not be recovered, a credit loss exists. Currently, we have the intent to sell all of our securities that have been determined to have a credit-related impairment. As a result, the entire amount of the impairment has been recognized in earnings. If we had securities with credit impairments that we did not intend to sell, the non-credit portion of the impairment would have been recorded in other comprehensive income.

Impairment charges on non-redeemable preferred securities and hybrid securities with equity characteristics are included in earnings consistent with the treatment for equity securities.

*Trading securities* Our common stock securities are trading securities which are reported at fair value. Unrealized holding gains and losses on these securities are included in net realized gains (losses) in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. Realized gains and losses on sales of common stock are recognized in income based on the specific identification method. Dividend income is recognized as earned.

*Limited partnerships* Limited partnerships include U.S. and foreign private equity, real estate and mezzanine debt investments. The private equity limited partnerships invest primarily in small- to medium-sized companies. The general partners for our limited partnerships determine the market value of investments in the partnerships, including any other-than-temporary impairments of these individual investments. The primary basis for the valuation of limited partnership interests are financial statements prepared by the general partner. Because of the timing of the preparation and delivery of these financial statements, the use of the most recently available financial statements provided by the general partners result in a quarter delay in the inclusion of the limited partnership results in our Consolidated Statements of Operations. Due to this delay, these financial statements do not yet reflect the market conditions experienced in the fourth quarter of 2010.

Nearly all of the underlying investments in our limited partnerships are valued using a source other than quoted prices in active markets. The fair value amounts for our private equity and mezzanine debt partnerships are based on the financial statements of the general partners, who use multiple methods to estimate fair value including the market approach, income approach or the cost approach. The market approach uses prices and other pertinent information from market-generated transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities. Such valuation techniques often use market multiples derived from a set of comparables. The income approach uses valuation techniques to convert future cash flows or earnings to a single discounted present value amount. The measurement is based on the value indicated by current market expectations on those future amounts. The cost approach is derived from the amount that is currently required to replace the service capacity of an asset. If information becomes available that would

impair the cost of these partnerships, then the general partner would generally adjust to the net realizable value. For real estate limited partnerships, the general partners record these at fair value based on an independent appraisal or internal estimates of fair value.

We perform various procedures in review of the general partners' valuations. While we generally rely on the general partners' financial statements as the best available information to record our share of the partnership

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unrealized gains and losses resulting from valuation changes, we adjust our financial statements for impairments at the fund level as necessary. There were no valuation changes in 2010, 2009 or 2008. As there is a limited market for these investments, they have the greatest potential for market price variability.

Unrealized gains and losses for these investments are reflected in equity in earnings (losses) of limited partnerships in our Consolidated Statements of Operations in accordance with the equity method of accounting. Cash contributions made to and distributions received from the partnerships are recorded in the period in which the transaction occurs.

*Cash and cash equivalents* Short-term investments, consisting of cash, money market accounts and other short-term, highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase, are considered cash and cash equivalents.

**Deferred acquisition costs**

Acquisition costs that vary with and relate to the production of insurance and investment-type contracts are deferred. Such costs consist principally of commissions, premium taxes and policy issuance expenses.

*Property and casualty insurance* Deferred acquisition costs ( DAC ) for property and casualty insurance contracts, which is primarily composed of commissions and certain underwriting expenses, is amortized on a pro rata basis over the applicable policy term. The amount of costs to be deferred would be reduced to the extent future policy premiums and anticipated investment income would not exceed related losses, expenses and policyholder dividends.

There was no reduction in costs deferred in any periods presented. The DAC profitability is analyzed annually to ensure recoverability.

*Life insurance* DAC related to traditional life insurance products is amortized in proportion to premium revenues over the premium-paying period of related policies using assumptions about mortality, morbidity, lapse rates, expenses and future yield on related investments established when the policy was issued. Amortization is adjusted each period to reflect policy lapse or termination rates as compared to anticipated experience. DAC related to universal life products and deferred annuities is amortized over the estimated lives of the contracts in proportion to actual and expected future gross profits, investment, mortality and expense margins and surrender charges. Both historical and anticipated investment returns, including realized gains and losses, are considered in determining the amortization of DAC.

Estimated gross profits are adjusted monthly to reflect actual experience to date and/or for the unlocking of underlying key assumptions based on experience studies. DAC is periodically reviewed for recoverability. For traditional life products, if the benefit reserves plus anticipated future premiums and interest earnings for a line of business are less than the current estimate of future benefits and expenses (including any unamortized DAC), a charge to income is recorded for additional DAC amortization or for increased benefit reserves. For universal life and deferred annuities, if the current present value of future expected gross profits is less than the unamortized DAC, a charge to income is recorded for additional DAC amortization.

**Deferred taxes**

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recorded for temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their reported amounts in the consolidated financial statements, using the statutory tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in the results of operations in the period that includes the enactment date under the law. Valuation allowances on deferred tax assets are estimated based on our assessment of the realizability of such amounts.

**Property and casualty unpaid losses and loss expenses**

Unpaid losses and loss expenses include estimates for claims that have been reported and those that have been incurred but not reported, as well as estimates of all expenses associated with processing and settling these claims, less estimates of anticipated salvage and subrogation recoveries. Unpaid loss and loss expense reserves are set at full expected cost, except for workers compensation loss reserves, which have been discounted using an interest rate of 2.5%. Estimating the ultimate cost of future losses and loss expenses is an uncertain and complex process. This estimation process is based on the assumption that past developments are an appropriate indicator of future events, and involves a variety of actuarial techniques that analyze experience, trends and other relevant factors. The uncertainties involved with the reserving process include internal factors, such as changes in claims handling



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procedures, as well as external factors, such as economic trends and changes in the concepts of legal liability and damage awards. Accordingly, final loss settlements may vary from the present estimates, particularly when those payments may not occur until well into the future.

We regularly review the adequacy of our estimated loss and loss expense reserves by line of business. Adjustments to previously established reserves are reflected in the operating results of the period in which the adjustment is determined to be necessary. Such adjustments could possibly be significant, reflecting any variety of new and adverse or favorable trends.

**Life insurance reserves**

The liability for future benefits of life insurance contracts is the present value of such benefits less the present value of future net premiums. Life insurance and income-paying annuity future policy benefit reserves are computed primarily by the net level premium method with assumptions as to mortality, withdrawal, lapses and investment yields.

Traditional life insurance products are subject to loss recognition testing. The adequacy of the related reserves is verified as part of loss recognition testing. Loss recognition is necessary when the sum of the reserve and the present value of projected policy cash flows is less than unamortized DAC.

Deferred annuity future benefit reserves are established at accumulated account values without reduction for surrender charges. These account values are credited with varying interest rates determined at the discretion of EFL subject to certain minimums.

**Agent bonus estimates**

Agent bonuses are based on an individual agency's property and casualty underwriting profitability and also include a component for growth in agency property and casualty premiums if the agency's underwriting profitability targets for our book of business are met. The estimate for agent bonuses, which are based on the performance over 36 months, is modeled on a monthly basis using actual underwriting data by agency for the two prior years combined with the current year-to-date actual data. At December 31 of each year, we use actual data available and record an accrual based on the expected payment amount. These costs are included in the policy acquisition and underwriting expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

**Recognition of premium revenues and losses**

*Property and casualty insurance* Insurance premiums written are earned over the terms of the policies on a pro-rata basis. Unearned premiums represent that portion of premiums written which is applicable to the unexpired terms of policies in force. Losses and loss expenses are recorded as incurred.

*Life insurance* Premiums on traditional life insurance products are recognized as revenue when due. Reserves for future policy benefits are established as premiums are earned. Premiums received for annuity and universal life products are reported as deposits and included in liabilities. For universal life products, revenue is recognized as amounts are assessed against the policyholder's account for mortality coverage and contract expenses. The primary source of revenue on annuity deposits is derived from the interest earned by EFL, which is reflected in net investment income.

**Reinsurance**

*Property and casualty insurance* Property and casualty assumed and ceded reinsurance premiums are earned over the terms of the reinsurance contracts. Premiums ceded to other companies are reported as a reduction of premium income. Reinsurance contracts do not relieve the Property and Casualty Group from its obligations to policyholders.

*Life insurance* Reinsurance premiums, commissions and expense reimbursements on reinsurance ceded on life insurance policies are accounted for on a basis consistent with those used in accounting for the underlying reinsured policies. Expense reimbursements received in connection with new reinsurance ceded have been accounted for as a reduction of the related policy acquisition costs. Amounts recoverable from reinsurers for future policy benefits are estimated in a manner consistent with the assumptions used for the underlying policy benefits. Amounts recoverable for incurred claims, future policy benefits and expense reimbursements are recorded as assets. Reinsurance contracts do not relieve EFL from its obligations to policyholders.

**Table of Contents****Recognition of management fee revenue**

Indemnity earns management fees from the Exchange for providing sales, underwriting and policy issuance services. Pursuant to the subscriber's agreements with the policyholders at the Exchange, Indemnity may retain up to 25% of all premiums written or assumed by the Exchange. Management fee revenue is calculated by multiplying the management fee rate by the direct premiums written by the Exchange and the other members of the Property and Casualty Group, which are assumed by the Exchange under an intercompany pooling arrangement. The Property and Casualty Group issues policies with annual terms only. Management fees are recorded as revenue upon policy issuance or renewal, as substantially all of the services required to be performed by us have been satisfied at that time. Certain activities are performed and related costs are incurred by us subsequent to policy issuance in connection with the services provided to the Exchange; however, these activities are inconsequential and perfunctory. Management fee revenue is eliminated upon consolidation.

**Recognition of service agreement revenue**

Included in service agreement revenue are service charges Indemnity collects from policyholders for providing multiple payment plans on policies written by the Property and Casualty Group. Service charges, which are flat dollar charges for each installment billed beyond the first installment, are recognized as revenue when bills are rendered to the policyholder. Service agreement revenue also includes late payment and policy reinstatement fees. Service agreement revenue is included in other income in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

**Note 3. Earnings Per Share**

Basic earnings per share are calculated under the two-class method, which allocates earnings to each class of stock based on its dividend rights. Class B shares are convertible into Class A shares at a conversion ratio of 2,400 to 1. See Note 19, Capital Stock. Class A diluted earnings per share are calculated under the if-converted method which reflects the conversion of Class B shares and the effect of potentially dilutive outstanding employee stock-based awards and awards vested and not yet vested related to the outside directors' stock compensation plan. Vested shares related to the outside directors' compensation plan were included in the table below for the first time in 2010. The 2009 and 2008 amounts have been updated to include these shares. This had no impact on previously reported diluted earnings per share.

A reconciliation of the numerators and denominators used in the basic and diluted per-share computations is presented as follows for each class of Indemnity common stock:

Indemnity Earnings Per Share Calculation									
For the years ended December 31,									
2010			2009			2008			
	Allocated net income	Weighted shares (denominator)	Per- share amount	Allocated net income	Weighted shares (denominator)	Per- share amount	Allocated net income	Weighted shares (denominator)	Per- share amount
<i>(dollars in millions, except per share data)</i>									

**Class A Basic EPS:**

Income available to Class A stockholders	\$ 161	50,705,607	\$ 3.18	\$ 107	51,250,606	\$ 2.10	\$ 68	51,824,649	\$ 1.34
Dilutive effect of stock awards	0	68,887		0	60,793		0	56,927	
Assumed conversion of Class B shares	1	6,110,400		1	6,117,600		1	6,122,400	



**Class A Diluted**

**EPS:**

Income available to  
Class A stockholders  
on Class A equivalent  
shares

\$ 162	56,884,894	\$ 2.85	\$ 108	57,428,999	\$ 1.89	\$ 69	58,003,976	\$ 1.19
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**Class B Basic and**

**diluted EPS:**

Income available to  
Class B stockholders

\$ 1	2,546	\$ 462.83	\$ 1	2,549	\$ 312.45	\$ 1	2,551	\$ 204.20
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**Note 4. Variable Interest Entity**

Exchange

The Exchange is a reciprocal insurance exchange domiciled in Pennsylvania, for which Indemnity serves as attorney-in-fact. Indemnity holds a variable interest in the Exchange because of the absence of decision-making capabilities by the equity owners (subscribers) of the Exchange and because of the significance of the management

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fee the Exchange pays to Indemnity as the decision maker. The new accounting guidance, which we adopted on January 1, 2010, requires entities to perform a qualitative analysis to determine the primary beneficiary of variable interest entities. As a result of adopting the new guidance, Indemnity is deemed to have a controlling financial interest in the Exchange and is considered the primary beneficiary. The Exchange's results have been consolidated with those of Indemnity. We have retrospectively applied the new accounting guidance and have consolidated the Exchange for all periods presented in this report for comparability purposes. See Note 2, Significant Accounting Policies. Consolidation of the Exchange is required given the significance of the management fee to the Exchange and because Indemnity has the power to direct the activities of the Exchange that most significantly impact the Exchange's economic performance. Indemnity earns management fee revenues from the Exchange for services provided as attorney-in-fact for the Exchange. Indemnity's management fee revenues are based on all premiums written or assumed by the Exchange. Indemnity's Board of Directors determines the management fee rate paid by the Exchange to Indemnity. This rate cannot exceed 25% of the direct and affiliated assumed written premiums of the Exchange, as defined by the subscriber's agreement signed by each policyholder. The management fee revenues and management fee expenses are eliminated in consolidation.

Indemnity has no obligation related to any underwriting and/or investment losses experienced by the Exchange. Indemnity would however be adversely impacted if the Exchange incurred significant underwriting and/or investment losses. If the surplus of the Exchange were to decline significantly from its current level, its financial strength ratings could be reduced and as a consequence the Exchange could find it more difficult to retain its existing business and attract new business. A decline in the business of the Exchange would have an adverse effect on the amount of the management fees Indemnity receives. In addition, a decline in the surplus of the Exchange from its current level may impact the management fee rate received by Indemnity. Indemnity also has an exposure to a concentration of credit risk related to the unsecured receivables due from the Exchange for its management fee.

On December 31, 2010, Indemnity sold all of the outstanding capital stock of its wholly owned subsidiaries to the Exchange. Under this new structure, all property and casualty insurance operations are owned by the Exchange, and Indemnity will continue to function as the management company. There was no impact on the existing reinsurance pooling agreement between the Exchange and EIC or ENY as a result of the sale, nor was there any impact to the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, to the Exchange's independent insurance agents, or to Indemnity's employees.

Indemnity has not provided financial or other support to the Exchange for the reporting periods presented. At December 31, 2010, there are no explicit or implicit arrangements that would require Indemnity to provide future financial support to the Exchange. Indemnity is not liable if the Exchange was to be in violation of its debt covenants or was unable to meet its obligation for unfunded commitments to limited partnerships.

**Note 5. Segment Information**

As a result of the changes in our reporting entity effective January 1, 2010 (see Note 2, Significant Accounting Policies), our reportable segments have increased from three to four. Our reportable segments now include management operations, property and casualty insurance operations, life insurance operations and investment operations. The segment information presented below includes reclassification of all comparative prior period segment information. Accounting policies for segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies. See Note 2, Significant Accounting Policies. Assets are not allocated to the segments but rather are reviewed in total for purposes of decision-making. No single customer or agent provides 10% or more of revenues. Our management operations segment consists of serving as attorney-in-fact for the Exchange. Indemnity operates in this capacity solely for the Exchange. We evaluate profitability of our management operations segment principally on the gross margin from management operations. Indemnity earns management fees from the Exchange for providing sales, underwriting and policy issuance services. Management fee revenue, which is eliminated in consolidation, is calculated as a percentage not to exceed 25% of all the direct premiums written by the Exchange and the other members of the Property and Casualty Group, which are assumed by the Exchange under an intercompany pooling arrangement. The Property and Casualty Group issues policies with annual terms only. Management fees are recorded upon policy issuance or renewal, as substantially all of the services required to be performed by Indemnity have been satisfied at that time. Certain activities are performed and related costs are



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incurred by us subsequent to policy issuance in connection with the services provided to the Exchange; however, these activities are inconsequential and perfunctory. Although these management fee revenues and expenses are eliminated in consolidation, the amount of the fee directly impacts the allocation of our consolidated net income between noncontrolling interest, which bears the management fee expense and represents the interests of the Exchange subscribers (policyholders), and Indemnity's interest which earns the management fee revenue and represents Indemnity shareholder interest in net income.

Our property and casualty insurance operations segment includes personal and commercial lines. Personal lines consist primarily of personal auto and homeowners and are marketed to individuals. Commercial lines consist primarily of commercial multi-peril, commercial auto and workers compensation and are marketed to small- and medium-sized businesses. Our property and casualty policies are sold by independent agents. Our property and casualty insurance underwriting operations are conducted through the Exchange and its subsidiaries, which includes assumed voluntary reinsurance from nonaffiliated domestic and foreign sources, assumed involuntary and ceded reinsurance business. The Exchange exited the assumed voluntary reinsurance business effective December 31, 2003, and therefore unaffiliated reinsurance includes only run-off activity of the previously assumed voluntary reinsurance business. We evaluate profitability of the property and casualty operations principally based on net underwriting results represented by the combined ratio.

Our life insurance operations segment includes traditional and universal life insurance products and fixed annuities marketed to individuals using the same independent agency force utilized by our property and casualty operations. We evaluate profitability of the life insurance segment principally based on segment net income, including investments, which for segment purposes are reflected in the investment operations segment. At the same time, we recognize that investment-related income is integral to the evaluation of the life insurance segment because of the long duration of life products. In 2010, investment activities on life insurance-related assets generated revenues of \$107 million resulting in EFL reporting income before income taxes of \$50 million, before intercompany eliminations. In 2009, investment activities on life insurance-related assets generated revenues of \$63 million resulting in EFL reporting income before income taxes of \$10 million, before intercompany eliminations. In 2008, investment activities on life insurance-related assets generated losses of \$6 million resulting in EFL reporting a loss before income taxes of \$54 million, before intercompany eliminations. See Note 25, EFL Supplemental Information.

The investment operations segment performance is evaluated based on appreciation of assets, rate of return and overall return. Investment-related income for the life operations is included in the investment segment results.

The following tables summarize the components of the Consolidated Statements of Operations by reportable business segments:

Erie Insurance Group						
For the year ended December 31, 2010						
<i>(in millions)</i>	Management operations	Property and casualty insurance operations	Life insurance operations	Investment operations	Eliminations	Consolidated
Premiums earned/life policy revenue		\$ 3,925	\$ 64		\$ (2)	\$ 3,987
Net investment income				\$ 444	(11)	433
Net realized investment gains				313		313
Net impairment losses recognized in earnings				(6)		(6)
Equity in earnings of limited partnerships				128		128

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Management fee revenue	\$ 1,009				(1,009)	
Service agreement and other revenue	34		1			35
Total revenues	1,043	3,925	65	879	(1,022)	4,890
Cost of management operations	841				(841)	
Insurance losses and loss expenses		2,815	90		(5)	2,900
Policy acquisition and underwriting expense		1,113	32		(176)	969
Goodwill impairment				22		22
Total benefits and expenses	841	3,928	122	22	(1,022)	3,891
Income (loss) before income taxes	202	(3)	(57)	857		999
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	71	(1)	(20)	289		339
Net income (loss)	\$ 131	\$ (2)	\$ (37)	\$ 568	\$	\$ 660

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Erie Insurance Group  
For the year ended December 31, 2009

<i>(in millions)</i>	Management operations	Property and casualty operations	Life insurance Operations	Investment operations	Eliminations	Consolidated
Premiums earned/life policy revenue		\$ 3,808	\$ 63		\$ (2)	\$ 3,869
Net investment income				\$ 444	(11)	433
Net realized investment gains				412		412
Net impairment losses recognized in earnings				(126)		(126)
Equity in losses of limited partnerships				(369)		(369)
Management fee revenue	\$ 965				(965)	
Service agreement and other revenue	35		1			36
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>3,808</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>(978)</b>	<b>4,255</b>
Cost of management operations	813				(813)	
Insurance losses and loss expenses		2,644	89		(5)	2,728
Policy acquisition and underwriting expense		1,135	28		(160)	1,003
<b>Total benefits and expenses</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>3,779</b>	<b>117</b>		<b>(978)</b>	<b>3,731</b>
Income (loss) before income taxes	187	29	(53)	361		524
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	60	10	(19)	27		78
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 127</b>	<b>\$ 19</b>	<b>\$ (34)</b>	<b>\$ 334</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 446</b>

Erie Insurance Group  
For the year ended December 31, 2008

<i>(in millions)</i>	Management operations	Property and casualty operations	Life insurance operations	Investment operations <sup>(1)</sup>	Eliminations	Consolidated
Premiums earned/life policy revenue		\$ 3,771	\$ 65		\$ (2)	\$ 3,834

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Net investment income				\$ 449	(11)	438
Net realized investment losses				(1,026)		(1,026)
Net impairment losses recognized in earnings				(571)		(571)
Equity in losses of limited partnerships				(58)		(58)
Management fee revenue	\$ 950				(950)	
Service agreement and other revenue	33		1			34
Total revenues (losses)	983	3,771	66	(1,206)	(963)	2,651
Cost of management operations	810				(810)	
Insurance losses and loss expenses		2,494	93		(5)	2,582
Policy acquisition and underwriting expense		1,035	21		(148)	908
Total benefits and expenses	810	3,529	114		(963)	3,490
Income (loss) before income taxes	173	242	(48)	(1,206)		(839)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	56	84	(17)	(346)		(223)
Net income (loss)	\$ 117	\$ 158	\$ (31)	\$ (860)	\$	\$ (616)

(1) The more significant realized losses, impairment charges and market value adjustments on limited partnership investments were impacted by the significant disruption in the financial markets, primarily in the third and fourth quarters of 2008.

See the Results of the Erie Insurance Group's operations by interest table in the Management's Discussion and Analysis for the composition of income attributable to Indemnity and income attributable to the noncontrolling interest (Exchange).

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Our available-for-sale and trading securities are recorded at fair value, which is the price that would be received to sell the asset in an orderly transaction between willing market participants as of the measurement date.

Valuation techniques used to derive the fair value of our available-for-sale and trading securities are based on observable and unobservable inputs. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources. Unobservable inputs reflect our own assumptions regarding fair market value for these securities. Although the majority of our prices are obtained from third party sources, we also perform an internal pricing review for securities with low trading volumes in the current market conditions. Financial instruments are categorized based upon the following characteristics or inputs to the valuation techniques:

Level 1	Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets not subject to adjustments or discounts
Level 2	Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations whose inputs are observable or whose significant value drivers are observable.
Level 3	Instruments whose significant value drivers are unobservable and reflect management's estimate of fair value based on assumptions used by market participants in an orderly transaction as of the valuation date.

The following table represents the fair value measurements on a recurring basis for our consolidated available-for-sale and trading securities by major category and level of input at December 31, 2010:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Total	Erie Insurance Group Fair value measurements using:		
		Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets Level 1	Significant observable inputs Level 2	Significant unobservable inputs Level 3
<b>Indemnity</b>				
Available-for-sale securities:				
Fixed maturities:				
U.S. treasuries and government agencies	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 0	\$ 0
Municipal securities	197	0	197	0
U.S. corporate debt non-financial	12	0	12	0
U.S. corporate debt financial	26	0	26	0
Structured securities:				
Collateralized debt obligations	4	0	0	4
Total fixed maturities	\$ 264	\$ 25	\$ 235	\$ 4
Equity securities:				
U.S. nonredeemable preferred securities:				
Financial	\$ 11	\$ 5	\$ 6	\$ 0
Non-financial	12	6	6	0
Foreign nonredeemable preferred securities:				



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Non-financial	1	0	1	0
Total equity securities	\$ 24	\$ 11	\$ 13	\$ 0
Total available-for-sale securities	\$ 288	\$ 36	\$ 248	\$ 4
Trading securities:				
Common stock	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total trading securities	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Indemnity	\$ 316	\$ 64	\$ 248	\$ 4

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<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group Fair value measurements using:			
	Total	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets Level 1	Significant observable inputs Level 2	Significant unobservable inputs Level 3
<b>Exchange</b>				
Available-for-sale securities:				
Fixed maturities:				
U.S. treasuries and government agencies	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 0	\$ 0
U.S. government sponsored enterprises	75	0	75	0
Foreign government	21	0	21	0
Municipal securities	1,471	0	1,467	4
U.S. corporate debt non-financial	2,535	6	2,520	9
U.S. corporate debt financial	1,897	6	1,889	2
Foreign corporate debt non-financial	449	0	449	0
Foreign corporate debt financial	382	0	382	0
Structured securities:				
Asset-backed securities auto loans	38	0	38	0
Asset-backed securities other	19	0	9	10
Collateralized debt obligations	70	0	40	30
Commercial mortgage-backed	86	0	86	0
Residential mortgage-backed:				
Government sponsored enterprises	205	0	205	0
Non-government sponsored enterprises	19	0	19	0
Total fixed maturities	\$ 7,279	\$ 24	\$ 7,200	\$ 55
Equity securities:				
U.S. nonredeemable preferred securities:				
Financial	\$ 373	\$ 102	\$ 264	\$ 7
Non-financial	133	48	85	0
Government sponsored enterprises	0	0	0	0
Foreign nonredeemable preferred securities:				
Financial	55	16	39	0
Non-financial	9	0	9	0
Total equity securities	\$ 570	\$ 166	\$ 397	\$ 7
Total available-for-sale securities	\$ 7,849	\$ 190	\$ 7,597	\$ 62
Trading securities:				
Common stock	\$ 2,306	\$ 2,294	\$ 0	\$ 12

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Total trading securities	\$ 2,306	\$ 2,294	\$ 0	\$ 12
Total Exchange	\$10,155	\$ 2,484	\$ 7,597	\$ 74
Total Erie Insurance Group	\$10,471	\$ 2,548	\$ 7,845	\$ 78

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## Level 3 Assets Quarterly Change:

	Erie Insurance Group						
	Beginning balance at September 30, 2010	Transfer(s) in and (out) (1)	Included in earnings (2)	Included in other comprehensive income	Purchases, sales and adjustments	Transfer(s) in and (out) of Level 3 (3)	Ending balance at December 31, 2010
<i>(in millions)</i>							
<b>Indemnity</b>							
Available-for-sale securities:							
Fixed maturities:							
U.S. corporate debt financial	\$ 2	\$ (2)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Collateralized debt obligations	7	(4)	0	0	0	1	4
Total fixed maturities	9	(6)	0	0	0	1	4
Preferred stock:							
U.S. nonredeemable financial	2	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0
Total preferred stock	2	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0
Total Level 3 assets							
Indemnity	\$ 11	\$ (7)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (1)	\$ 1	\$ 4
<b>Exchange</b>							
Available-for-sale securities:							
Fixed maturities:							
Municipal securities	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4	\$ 4
U.S. corporate debt non-financial	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
U.S. corporate debt financial	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Asset-backed securities other	5	0	0	0	0	5	10
Collateralized debt obligations	42	4	(1)	1	(16)	0	30
Total fixed maturities	56	6	(1)	1	(16)	9	55
Preferred stock:							
U.S. nonredeemable financial	5	1	0	1	0	0	7
Total preferred stock	5	1	0	1	0	0	7

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Trading securities:							
Common stock	11	0	1	0	0	0	12
Total trading securities	11	0	1	0	0	0	12
Total Level 3 assets							
Exchange	\$ 72	\$ 7	\$ 0	\$ 2	\$ (16)	\$ 9	\$ 74
Total Level 3 assets							
Erie Insurance Group	\$ 83	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2	\$ (17)	\$ 10	\$ 78

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## Level 3 Assets Year-to-Date Change:

	Erie Insurance Group						
	Beginning balance at December 31, 2009	Transfer(s) in and (out) (1)	Included in earnings (2)	Included in other comprehensive income	Purchases, sales and adjustments	Transfer(s) in and (out) of Level 3 (3)	Ending balance at December 31, 2010
<i>(in millions)</i>							
<b>Indemnity</b>							
Available-for-sale securities:							
Fixed maturities:							
U.S. corporate debt financial	\$ 2	\$ (2)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Collateralized debt obligations	8	(4)	0	0	0	0	4
Total fixed maturities	10	(6)	0	0	0	0	4
Preferred stock:							
U.S. nonredeemable financial	1	(1)	0	0	0	0	0
Total preferred stock	1	(1)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Level 3 assets							
Indemnity	\$ 11	\$ (7)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4
<b>Exchange</b>							
Available-for-sale securities:							
Fixed maturities:							
Municipal securities	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4	\$ 4
U.S. corporate debt non-financial	17	0	0	0	0	(8)	9
U.S. corporate debt financial	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Asset-backed securities other	5	0	0	0	0	5	10
Collateralized debt obligations	49	4	(1)	5	(19)	(8)	30
Total fixed maturities	71	6	(1)	5	(19)	(7)	55
Preferred stock:							
U.S. nonredeemable financial	4	1	0	2	0	0	7
Total preferred stock	4	1	0	2	0	0	7

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Trading securities:							
Common stock	9	0	3	0	0	0	12
Total trading securities	9	0	3	0	0	0	12
Total Level 3 assets							
Exchange	\$ 84	\$ 7	\$ 2	\$ 7	\$ (19)	\$ (7)	\$ 74
Total Level 3 assets							
Erie Insurance Group	\$ 95	\$ 0	\$ 2	\$ 7	\$ (19)	\$ (7)	\$ 78

- (1) *Transfers in and out are attributable to the sale of Indemnity's wholly owned property and casualty insurance subsidiaries Erie Insurance Company, Erie Insurance Company of New York and Erie Insurance Property and Casualty Company, to the Exchange. Level 3 securities previously held by the Indemnity are shown as transfer (out) while transfers to the Exchange are shown as transfer in.*
- (2) *Includes losses as a result of other-than-temporary impairments and accrual of discount and amortization of premium. These amounts are reported in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. There were no unrealized gains or losses included in earnings for the three or twelve months ended December 31, 2010 on Level 3 securities.*
- (3) *Transfers in and out of Level 3 are attributable to changes in the availability of market observable information for individual securities within the respective categories. There were no significant transfers in and out of Level 3. Transfers in and out of levels are recognized at the end of the period. There were no significant transfers between Levels 1 and 2 during the twelve months ended December 31, 2010.*

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The following table represents the fair value measurements on a recurring basis for our consolidated available-for-sale and trading securities by major category and level of input at December 31, 2009:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Total	Erie Insurance Group At December 31, 2009 Fair value measurements using:		
		Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets Level 1	Significant observable inputs Level 2	Significant unobservable inputs Level 3
<b>Indemnity</b>				
Available-for-sale securities:				
Fixed maturities:				
U.S. treasuries and government agencies	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 0	\$ 0
U.S. government sponsored enterprises	14	0	14	0
Foreign government	2	0	2	0
Municipal securities	244	0	244	0
U.S. corporate debt non-financial	181	3	178	0
U.S. corporate debt financial	138	0	136	2
Foreign corporate debt non-financial	28	0	28	0
Foreign corporate debt financial	20	0	20	0
Structured securities:				
Asset-backed securities auto loans	4	0	4	0
Collateralized debt obligations	8	0	0	8
Commercial mortgage-backed	5	0	5	0
Residential mortgage-backed:				
Government sponsored enterprises	14	0	14	0
Non-government sponsored enterprises	3	0	3	0
Total fixed maturities	\$ 664	\$ 6	\$ 648	\$ 10
Equity securities:				
U.S. nonredeemable preferred securities:				
Financial	\$ 22	\$ 6	\$ 15	\$ 1
Non-financial	10	3	7	0
Foreign nonredeemable preferred securities:				
Financial	5	0	5	0
Non-financial	1	0	1	0
Total equity securities	\$ 38	\$ 9	\$ 28	\$ 1
Total available-for-sale securities	\$ 702	\$ 15	\$ 676	\$ 11
Trading securities:				
Common stock	\$ 42	\$ 42	\$ 0	\$ 0



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Total trading securities	\$ 42	\$ 42	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Indemnity	\$ 744	\$ 57	\$ 676	\$ 11

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		Erie Insurance Group At December 31, 2009			
		Fair value measurements using:			
		Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets Level 1	Significant observable inputs Level 2	Significant unobservable inputs Level 3	
<i>(in millions)</i>	Total				
<b>Exchange</b>					
Available-for-sale securities:					
Fixed maturities:					
U.S. treasuries and government agencies	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
U.S. government sponsored enterprises	77	0	77	0	0
Foreign government	11	0	11	0	0
Municipal securities	1,441	0	1,441	0	0
U.S. corporate debt non-financial	2,193	22	2,154	17	0
U.S. corporate debt financial	1,552	4	1,548	0	0
Foreign corporate debt non-financial	395	0	395	0	0
Foreign corporate debt financial	299	0	299	0	0
Structured securities:					
Asset-backed securities auto loans	51	0	51	0	0
Asset-backed securities credit cards	5	0	5	0	0
Asset-backed securities other	33	0	28	5	0
Collateralized debt obligations	77	0	28	49	0
Commercial mortgage-backed	127	0	127	0	0
Residential mortgage-backed:					
Government sponsored enterprises	198	0	198	0	0
Non-government sponsored enterprises	53	0	53	0	0
<b>Total fixed maturities</b>	<b>\$6,517</b>	<b>\$ 31</b>	<b>\$ 6,415</b>	<b>\$ 71</b>	<b>\$ 71</b>
Equity securities:					
U.S. nonredeemable preferred securities:					
Financial	\$ 301	\$ 96	\$ 201	\$ 4	\$ 4
Non-financial	113	47	66	0	0
Government sponsored enterprises	3	2	1	0	0
Foreign nonredeemable preferred securities:					
Financial	47	12	35	0	0
Non-financial	8	0	8	0	0
<b>Total equity securities</b>	<b>\$ 472</b>	<b>\$ 157</b>	<b>\$ 311</b>	<b>\$ 4</b>	<b>\$ 4</b>
<b>Total available-for-sale securities</b>	<b>\$6,989</b>	<b>\$ 188</b>	<b>\$ 6,726</b>	<b>\$ 75</b>	<b>\$ 75</b>
Trading securities:					
Common stock	\$ 1,835	\$ 1,826	\$ 0	\$ 9	\$ 9

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Total trading securities	\$ 1,835	\$ 1,826	\$ 0	\$ 9
Total Exchange	\$ 8,824	\$ 2,014	\$ 6,726	\$ 84
Total Erie Insurance Group	\$ 9,568	\$ 2,071	\$ 7,402	\$ 95

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Level 3 Assets Quarterly Change:

	Erie Insurance Group					
	Beginning balance at September 30, 2009	Included in earnings <sup>(1)</sup>	Included in other comprehensive income	Purchases, sales and adjustments	Transfers in and (out) of Level 3 <sup>(2)</sup>	Ending balance at December 31, 2009
<i>(in millions)</i>						
<b>Indemnity</b>						
Available-for-sale securities:						
Fixed maturities:						
U.S. corporate debt financial	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2	\$ 0	\$ 2
Collateralized debt obligations	9	0	0	0	(1)	8
Total fixed maturities	9	0	0	2	(1)	10
Preferred stock:						
U.S. nonredeemable financial	4	0	0	(3)	0	1
Total preferred stock	4	0	0	(3)	0	1
Total Level 3 assets						
Indemnity	\$ 13	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (1)	\$ (1)	\$ 11
<b>Exchange</b>						
Available-for-sale securities:						
Fixed maturities:						
U.S. corporate debt non-financial	\$ 17	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 17
Foreign corporate debt non-financial	1	0	0	0	(1)	0
Asset-backed securities other	5	0	0	0	0	5
Collateralized debt obligations	77	(4)	0	0	(24)	49
Total fixed maturities	100	(4)	0	0	(25)	71
Preferred stock:						
U.S. nonredeemable financial	9	0	0	0	(5)	4
U.S. nonredeemable non-financial	5	0	0	(5)	0	0

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Total preferred stock	14	0	0	(5)	(5)	4
Trading securities:						
Common stock	1	2	0	6	0	9
Total trading securities	1	2	0	6	0	9
Total Level 3 assets						
Exchange	\$ 115	\$ (2)	\$ 0	\$ 1	\$ (30)	\$ 84
Total Level 3 assets						
Insurance Group	\$ 128	\$ (2)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (31)	\$ 95

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Level 3 Assets Year-to-Date Change:

	Erie Insurance Group						Ending balance at December 31, 2009
	Beginning balance at December 31, 2008	Included in earnings <sup>(1)</sup>	Included in other comprehensive income	Purchases, sales and adjustments	Transfers in and (out) of Level 3 <sup>(2)</sup>		
<i>(in millions)</i>							
<b>Indemnity</b>							
Available-for-sale securities:							
Fixed maturities:							
U.S. corporate debt financial	\$ 5	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (2)	\$ (1)	\$ 2	
Commercial mortgage-backed	2	0	0	0	(2)	0	
Collateralized debt obligations	7	(1)	2	1	(1)	8	
Total fixed maturities	14	(1)	2	(1)	(4)	10	
Preferred stock:							
U.S. nonredeemable financial	7	0	0	1	(7)	1	
U.S. nonredeemable non-financial	4	0	0	0	(4)	0	
Total preferred stock	11	0	0	1	(11)	1	
Total Level 3 assets							
Indemnity	\$ 25	\$ (1)	\$ 2	\$ 0	\$ (15)	\$ 11	
<b>Exchange</b>							
Available-for-sale securities:							
Fixed maturities:							
U.S. corporate debt financial	\$ 36	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (16)	\$ (20)	\$ 0	
U.S. corporate debt non-financial	21	0	0	(2)	(2)	17	
Foreign corporate debt financial	1	0	0	0	(1)	0	
Foreign corporate debt non-financial	2	0	0	0	(2)	0	
Asset-backed securities other	5	0	0	0	0	5	
Collateralized debt obligations	36	(7)	10	8	2	49	

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Commercial mortgage-backed	7	0	0	0	(7)	0
Total fixed maturities	108	(7)	10	(10)	(30)	71
Preferred stock:						
U.S. nonredeemable financial	24	0	2	0	(22)	4
U.S. nonredeemable non-financial	22	0	0	(5)	(17)	0
Total preferred stock	46	0	2	(5)	(39)	4
Trading securities:						
Common stock	0	3	0	6	0	9
Total trading securities	0	3	0	6	0	9
Total Level 3 assets						
Exchange	\$ 154	\$ (4)	\$ 12	\$ (9)	\$ (69)	\$ 84
Total Level 3 assets Erie Insurance Group	\$ 179	\$ (5)	\$ 14	\$ (9)	\$ (84)	\$ 95

- (1) *Includes losses as a result of other-than-temporary impairments and accrual of discount and amortization of premium. These amounts are reported in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. There were no unrealized gains or losses included in earnings for the three or twelve months ended December 31, 2009 on Level 3 securities.*
- (2) *Transfers in and out of Level 3 are attributable to changes in the availability of market observable information for individual securities within the respective categories. Transfers in and out of levels are recorded at the end of the period.*

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Estimates of fair values for our investment portfolio are obtained primarily from a nationally recognized pricing service. Our Level 1 category includes those securities valued using an exchange traded price provided by the pricing service. The methodologies used by the pricing service that support a Level 2 classification of a financial instrument include multiple verifiable, observable inputs including benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers and reference data. Pricing service valuations for Level 3 securities are based on proprietary models and are used when observable inputs are not available in illiquid markets. In limited circumstances we adjust the price received from the pricing service when, in our judgment, a better reflection of fair value is available based on corroborating information and our knowledge and monitoring of market conditions. At December 31, 2010, we adjusted some prices received by the pricing service to reflect an alternate fair market value based on observable market data such as a disparity in price of comparable securities and/or non-binding broker quotes.

The following table displays the number and values of these adjustments for the year ended December 31, 2010:

<i>(dollars in millions)</i>	Number of holdings	Value of securities using pricing service	Value of securities used in the financial statements
Exchange	2	\$ 0.4	\$ 1.2
Total Erie Insurance Group		\$ 0.4	\$ 1.2

We perform continuous reviews of the prices obtained from the pricing service. This includes evaluating the methodology and inputs used by the pricing service to ensure we determine the proper level classification of the financial instrument. Price variances, including large periodic changes, are investigated and corroborated by market data. We have reviewed the pricing methodologies of our pricing service and believe that their prices adequately consider market activity in determining fair value.

In cases in which a price from the pricing service is not available, values are determined by obtaining non-binding broker quotes and/or market comparables. When available, we obtain multiple quotes for the same security. The ultimate value for these securities is determined based on our best estimate of fair value using corroborating market information. Our evaluation includes the consideration of benchmark yields, reported trades, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers and reference data.

For certain structured securities in an illiquid market, there may be no prices available from a pricing service and no comparable market quotes available. In these situations, we value the security using an internally-developed risk-adjusted discounted cash flow model.



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The following table sets forth the fair value of the consolidated fixed maturity and preferred stock securities by pricing source:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Total	Erie Insurance Group December 31, 2010		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Indemnity</b>				
Fixed maturity securities:				
Priced via pricing services	\$ 260	\$ 25	\$ 235	\$ 0
Priced via market comparables/non-binding broker quote <sup>(1)</sup>	0	0	0	0
Priced via internal modeling <sup>(2)</sup>	4	0	0	4
Total fixed maturity securities	264	25	235	4
Preferred stock securities:				
Priced via pricing services	22	11	11	0
Priced via market comparables/non-binding broker quote <sup>(1)</sup>	2	0	2	0
Priced via internal modeling <sup>(2)</sup>	0	0	0	0
Total preferred stock securities	24	11	13	0
Common stock securities:				
Priced via pricing services	28	28	0	0
Priced via market comparables/non-binding broker quote <sup>(1)</sup>	0	0	0	0
Priced via internal modeling <sup>(2)</sup>	0	0	0	0
Total common stock securities	28	28	0	0
Total available-for-sale/trading securities Indemnity	\$ 316	\$ 64	\$ 248	\$ 4
<b>Exchange</b>				
Fixed maturity securities:				
Priced via pricing services	\$ 7,138	\$ 24	\$ 7,114	\$ 0
Priced via market comparables/non-binding broker quote <sup>(1)</sup>	86	0	86	0
Priced via internal modeling <sup>(2)</sup>	55	0	0	55
Total fixed maturity securities	7,279	24	7,200	55
Preferred stock securities:				
Priced via pricing services	533	166	367	0
Priced via market comparables/non-binding broker quote <sup>(1)</sup>	37	0	30	7
Priced via internal modeling <sup>(2)</sup>	0	0	0	0

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Total preferred stock securities		570	166	397	7
Common stock securities:					
Priced via pricing services		2,294	2,294	0	0
Priced via market comparables/non-binding broker quote (1)		0	0	0	0
Priced via internal modeling (2)		12	0	0	12
Total common stock securities		2,306	2,294	0	12
Total available-for-sale/trading securities	Exchange	\$ 10,155	\$ 2,484	\$ 7,597	\$ 74
Total available-for-sale/trading securities	Erie Insurance Group	\$ 10,471	\$ 2,548	\$ 7,845	\$ 78

(1) All broker quotes obtained for securities were non-binding. When a non-binding broker quote was the only price available, the security was classified as Level 3.

(2) Internal modeling using a discounted cash flow model was performed on 12 fixed maturities representing less than 0.5% of the total available-for-sale portfolio of the Erie Insurance Group.

We have no assets that were measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis during the year ended December 31, 2010.

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The following tables summarize the cost and fair value of our available-for-sale securities at December 31, 2010 and 2009:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Amortized	Erie Insurance Group December 31, 2010		Estimated fair value
		Gross unrealized cost	Gross unrealized gains	
Available-for-sale securities				
<b>Indemnity</b>				
Fixed maturities:				
U.S. treasuries and government agencies	\$ 25	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 25
U.S. government sponsored enterprises	0	0	0	0
Municipal securities	193	6	2	197
U.S. corporate debt non-financial	12	0	0	12
U.S. corporate debt financial	24	2	0	26
Structured securities:				
Collateralized debt obligations	3	1	0	4
Total fixed maturities	\$ 257	\$ 9	\$ 2	\$ 264
Equity securities:				
U.S. nonredeemable preferred securities:				
Financial	\$ 8	\$ 3	\$ 0	\$ 11
Non-financial	11	1	0	12
Foreign nonredeemable preferred securities:				
Non-financial	1	0	0	1
Total equity securities	\$ 20	\$ 4	\$ 0	\$ 24
Total available-for-sale securities Indemnity	\$ 277	\$ 13	\$ 2	\$ 288
<b>Exchange</b>				
Fixed maturities:				
U.S. treasuries and government agencies	\$ 11	\$ 1	\$ 0	\$ 12
U.S. government sponsored enterprises	74	1	0	75
Foreign government	20	1	0	21
Municipal securities	1,437	43	9	1,471
U.S. corporate debt non-financial	2,354	186	5	2,535
U.S. corporate debt financial	1,767	137	7	1,897
Foreign corporate debt non-financial	415	34	0	449
Foreign corporate debt financial	364	20	2	382
Structured securities:				
Asset-backed securities auto loans	36	2	0	38
Asset-backed securities other	18	1	0	19
Collateralized debt obligations	69	6	5	70
Commercial mortgage-backed	82	5	1	86

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Residential mortgage-backed:							
Government sponsored enterprises	196		9		0	205	
Non-government sponsored enterprises	20		0		1	19	
Total fixed maturities	\$ 6,863	\$	446	\$	30	\$ 7,279	
Equity securities:							
U.S. nonredeemable preferred securities:							
Financial	\$ 317	\$	58	\$	2	\$ 373	
Non-financial	126		9		2	133	
Government sponsored enterprises	0		0		0	0	
Foreign nonredeemable preferred securities:							
Financial	52		6		3	55	
Non-financial	8		1		0	9	
Total equity securities	\$ 503	\$	74	\$	7	\$ 570	
Total available-for-sale securities	Exchange	\$ 7,366	\$	520	\$	37	\$ 7,849
Total available-for-sale securities	Erie Insurance	\$ 7,643	\$	533	\$	39	\$ 8,137
Group							

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<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group At December 31, 2009			
	Amortized cost	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses	Estimated fair value
Available-for-sale securities				
<b>Indemnity</b>				
Fixed maturities:				
U.S. treasuries and government agencies	\$ 3	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3
U.S. government sponsored enterprises	14	0	0	14
Foreign government	2	0	0	2
Municipal securities	235	9	0	244
U.S. corporate debt non-financial	172	10	1	181
U.S. corporate debt financial	135	7	4	138
Foreign corporate debt non-financial	26	2	0	28
Foreign corporate debt financial	19	2	1	20
Structured securities:				
Asset-backed securities auto loans	4	0	0	4
Collateralized debt obligations	10	0	2	8
Commercial mortgage-backed	5	0	0	5
Residential mortgage-backed:				
Government sponsored enterprises	14	0	0	14
Non-government sponsored enterprises	3	0	0	3
Total fixed maturities	\$ 642	\$ 30	\$ 8	\$ 664
Equity securities:				
U.S. nonredeemable preferred securities:				
Financial	\$ 20	\$ 3	\$ 1	\$ 22
Non-financial	9	1	0	10
Government sponsored enterprises	0	0	0	0
Foreign nonredeemable preferred securities:				
Financial	5	0	0	5
Non-financial	1	0	0	1
Total equity securities	\$ 35	\$ 4	\$ 1	\$ 38
Total available-for-sale securities Indemnity	\$ 677	\$ 34	\$ 9	\$ 702
<b>Exchange</b>				
Fixed maturities:				
U.S. treasuries and government agencies	\$ 5	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5
U.S. government sponsored enterprises	76	1	0	77
Foreign government	10	1	0	11
Municipal securities	1,389	55	3	1,441
U.S. corporate debt non-financial	2,078	125	10	2,193
U.S. corporate debt financial	1,498	82	28	1,552
Foreign corporate debt non-financial	375	22	2	395

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Foreign corporate debt	financial	292	11	4	299
Structured securities:					
Asset-backed securities	auto loans	48	3	0	51
Asset-backed securities	credit cards	5	0	0	5
Asset-backed securities	other	35	0	2	33
Collateralized debt obligations		88	5	16	77
Commercial mortgage-backed		127	5	5	127
Residential mortgage-backed:					
Government sponsored enterprises		192	6	0	198
Non-government sponsored enterprises		59	0	6	53
Total fixed maturities		\$ 6,277	\$ 316	\$ 76	\$ 6,517
Equity securities:					
U.S. nonredeemable preferred securities:					
Financial		\$ 259	\$ 53	\$ 11	\$ 301
Non-financial		111	4	2	113
Government sponsored enterprises		1	2	0	3
Foreign nonredeemable preferred securities:					
Financial		46	4	3	47
Non-financial		8	0	0	8
Total equity securities		\$ 425	\$ 63	\$ 16	\$ 472
Total available-for-sale securities	Exchange	\$ 6,702	\$ 379	\$ 92	\$ 6,989
Total available-for-sale securities	Erie Insurance Group	\$ 7,379	\$ 413	\$ 101	\$ 7,691

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The amortized cost and estimated fair value of fixed maturities at December 31, 2010, are shown below by remaining contractual term to maturity. Mortgage-backed securities are allocated based on their stated maturity dates. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

		Erie Insurance Group	
		Amortized cost	Estimated fair value
<i>(in millions)</i>			
<b>Indemnity</b>			
Due in one year or less		\$ 64	\$ 66
Due after one year through five years		88	92
Due after five years through ten years		59	61
Due after ten years		46	45
Total fixed maturities	Indemnity	\$ 257	\$ 264
<b>Exchange</b>			
Due in one year or less		\$ 318	\$ 335
Due after one year through five years		2,492	2,646
Due after five years through ten years		2,724	2,920
Due after ten years		1,329	1,378
Total fixed maturities	Exchange	\$ 6,863	\$ 7,279
Total fixed maturities	Erie Insurance Group	\$ 7,120	\$ 7,543

Fixed maturities and equity securities in a gross unrealized loss position at December 31, 2010 are as follows for Indemnity. Data is provided by length of time securities were in a gross unrealized loss position.

**December 31, 2010**

		Erie Insurance Group						
		Less than 12 months		12 months or longer		Total		No. of holdings
		Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses	
<i>(dollars in millions)</i>								
<b>Indemnity</b>								
Fixed maturities:								
U.S. government sponsored enterprises		\$ 25	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 25	\$ 0	1
Municipal securities		39	2	1	0	40	2	20
U.S. corporate debt non-financial		11	0	0	0	11	0	1
U.S. corporate debt financial		20	0	0	0	20	0	2
Total fixed maturities	Indemnity	\$ 95	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ 0	\$ 96	\$ 2	24
Equity securities:								
U.S. nonredeemable preferred securities:								

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Non-financial		\$ 3	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3	\$ 0	1
Total equity securities	Indemnity	\$ 3	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3	\$ 0	1

Quality breakdown of fixed maturities at December 31, 2010

<i>(dollars in millions)</i>	Less than 12 months		12 months or longer		Fair value	Total		No. of holdings
	Fair Value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses		Unrealized losses		
<b>Indemnity</b>								
Investment grade	\$ 95	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ 0	\$ 96	\$ 2		24
Non-investment grade	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Total fixed maturities								
Indemnity	\$ 95	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ 0	\$ 96	\$ 2		24



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Fixed maturities and equity securities in a gross unrealized loss position at December 31, 2010 are as follows for the Exchange. Data is provided by length of time securities were in a gross unrealized loss position.

**December 31, 2010**

	Less than 12 months		Erie Insurance Group 12 months or longer		Fair value	Total Unrealized losses	No. of holdings
	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses			
<i>(dollars in millions)</i>							
<b>Exchange</b>							
Fixed maturities:							
U.S. treasuries and government agencies	\$ 2	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2	\$ 0	1
U.S. government sponsored enterprises	20	0	0	0	20	0	2
Foreign government	10	0	0	0	10	0	1
Municipal securities	299	8	5	1	304	9	59
U.S. corporate debt non-financial	217	4	36	1	253	5	43
U.S. corporate debt financial	141	2	85	5	226	7	47
Foreign corporate debt non-financial	8	0	16	0	24	0	5
Foreign corporate debt financial	32	2	7	0	39	2	6
Structured securities:							
Collateralized debt obligations	1	0	33	5	34	5	6
Commercial mortgage-backed	0	0	12	1	12	1	2
Residential mortgage-backed:							
Government sponsored enterprises	6	0	0	0	6	0	2
Non-government sponsored enterprises	0	0	7	1	7	1	2
Total fixed maturities Exchange	\$ 736	\$ 16	\$ 201	\$ 14	\$ 937	\$ 30	176
Equity securities:							
U.S. nonredeemable preferred securities:							
Financial	\$ 25	\$ 0	\$ 24	\$ 2	\$ 49	\$ 2	6
Non-financial	14	1	20	1	34	2	4
Foreign nonredeemable preferred securities:							
Financial	6	1	15	2	21	3	5
Total equity securities Exchange	\$ 45	\$ 2	\$ 59	\$ 5	\$ 104	\$ 7	15

**Quality breakdown of fixed maturities at December 31, 2010**

	Less than 12 months		12 months or longer		Fair	Total Unrealized	No. of
	Fair	Unrealized	Fair	Unrealized			

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<i>(dollars in millions)</i>	value	losses	value	losses	value	losses	holdings
<b>Exchange</b>							
Investment grade	\$ 703	\$ 16	\$ 155	\$ 11	\$ 858	\$ 27	154
Non-investment grade	33	0	46	3	79	3	22
Total fixed maturities							
Exchange	\$ 736	\$ 16	\$ 201	\$ 14	\$ 937	\$ 30	176

The above securities for Indemnity and the Exchange have been evaluated and determined to be temporary impairments for which we expect to recover our entire principal plus interest. The primary components of this analysis are a general review of market conditions and financial performance of the issuer along with the extent and duration of which fair value is less than cost. Any debt securities that we intend to sell or will more likely than not be required to sell before recovery are included in other-than-temporary impairments with the impairment charges recognized in earnings.

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Fixed maturities and equity securities in a gross unrealized loss position at December 31, 2009 are as follows for Indemnity. Data is provided by length of time securities were in a gross unrealized loss position.

**December 31, 2009**

<i>(dollars in millions)</i>	Less than 12 months		Erie Insurance Group 12 months or longer		Fair Value	Total Unrealized losses	No. of holdings
	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses			
<b>Indemnity</b>							
Fixed maturities:							
U.S. government sponsored enterprises							
	\$ 8	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 8	\$ 0	2
Municipal securities	18	0	5	0	23	0	12
U.S. corporate debt non-financial	19	0	8	1	27	1	16
U.S. corporate debt financial	16	1	40	3	56	4	42
Foreign corporate debt							
non-financial	0	0	4	0	4	0	3
Foreign corporate debt financial	2	0	3	1	5	1	4
Structured securities:							
Collateralized debt obligations							
	0	0	3	2	3	2	6
Commercial mortgage-backed	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Residential mortgage-backed:							
Government sponsored enterprises	6	0	0	0	6	0	2
Non-government sponsored enterprises	0	0	3	0	3	0	2
Total fixed maturities Indemnity	\$ 69	\$ 1	\$ 67	\$ 7	\$ 136	\$ 8	90
Equity securities:							
U.S. nonredeemable preferred securities:							
Financial	\$ 5	\$ 0	\$ 5	\$ 1	\$ 10	\$ 1	8
Non-financial	3	0	4	0	7	0	3
Foreign nonredeemable preferred securities:							
Financial	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Total equity securities Indemnity	\$ 8	\$ 0	\$ 10	\$ 1	\$ 18	\$ 1	12

**Quality breakdown of fixed maturities at December 31, 2009**

<i>(dollars in millions)</i>	Less than 12 months		12 months or longer		Fair value	Total Unrealized losses	No. of holdings
	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses			
<b>Indemnity</b>							
Investment grade	\$ 69	\$ 1	\$ 49	\$ 4	\$ 118	\$ 5	71
Non-investment grade	0	0	18	3	18	3	19

Total fixed maturities													
Indemnity	\$	69	\$	1	\$	67	\$	7	\$	136	\$	8	90

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Fixed maturities and equity securities in a gross unrealized loss position at December 31, 2009 are as follows for the Exchange. Data is provided by length of time securities were in a gross unrealized loss position.

**December 31, 2009**

<i>(dollars in millions)</i>	Less than 12 months		Erie Insurance Group 12 months or longer		Fair value	Total Unrealized losses	No. of holdings
	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses			
<b>Exchange</b>							
Fixed maturities:							
U.S. government sponsored enterprises							
	\$ 50	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 50	\$ 0	6
Municipal securities	105	2	26	1	131	3	24
U.S. corporate debt non-financial	128	3	129	7	257	10	56
U.S. corporate debt financial	159	2	318	26	477	28	98
Foreign corporate debt							
non-financial	12	0	36	2	48	2	9
Foreign corporate debt financial	17	0	68	4	85	4	17
Structured securities:							
Asset backed credit cards	0	0	5	0	5	0	1
Asset backed other	0	0	18	2	18	2	3
Collateralized debt obligations	8	1	28	15	36	16	15
Commercial mortgage-backed	1	0	34	5	35	5	6
Residential mortgage-backed:							
Government sponsored enterprises							
	28	0	0	0	28	0	4
Non-government sponsored enterprises							
	0	0	45	6	45	6	9
Total fixed maturities Exchange	\$ 508	\$ 8	\$ 707	\$ 68	\$ 1,215	\$ 76	248
Equity securities:							
U.S. nonredeemable preferred securities:							
Financial	\$ 36	\$ 2	\$ 72	\$ 9	\$ 108	\$ 11	20
Non-financial	14	0	43	2	57	2	10
Foreign nonredeemable preferred securities:							
Financial	0	0	18	3	18	3	4
Total equity securities Exchange	\$ 50	\$ 2	\$ 133	\$ 14	\$ 183	\$ 16	34

**Quality breakdown of fixed maturities at December 31, 2009**

<i>(dollars in millions)</i>	Less than 12 months		12 months or longer		Fair value	Total Unrealized losses	No. of holdings
	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses			

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**Exchange**

Investment grade	\$ 494	\$ 8	\$ 522	\$ 50	\$ 1,016	\$ 58	191
Non-investment grade	14	0	185	18	199	18	57
Total fixed maturities							
Exchange	\$ 508	\$ 8	\$ 707	\$ 68	\$ 1,215	\$ 76	248

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Investment income, net of expenses, was generated from the following portfolios as follows for the years ended December 31:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group		
	2010	2009	2008
<b>Indemnity</b>			
Fixed maturities	\$ 33	\$ 36	\$ 36
Equity securities	4	5	9
Cash equivalents and other	1	1	2
Total investment income	38	42	47
Less: investment expenses	1	0	3
Investment income, net of expenses	\$ 37	\$ 42	44
<b>Exchange</b>			
Fixed maturities	\$ 350	\$ 343	\$ 319
Equity securities	72	68	88
Cash equivalents and other	2	4	13
Total investment income	424	415	420
Less: investment expenses	28	24	26
Investment income, net of expenses	\$ 396	\$ 391	\$ 394
Total consolidated investment income, net of expenses	\$ 433	\$ 433	\$ 438

Dividend income is recognized as earned and recorded to net investment income.

In 2010, Indemnity sold its interest in nine limited partnerships and the Exchange sold its interest in eleven limited partnerships, which generated net realized losses. There were no sales of limited partnerships in 2009. In 2008, Indemnity and the Exchange sold their interest in ten limited partnerships, which generated net realized gains.

Realized gains (losses) on Indemnity's investments were as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group		
	Years ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	2008
<b>Indemnity</b>			
Available-for-sale securities:			
Fixed maturities			
Gross realized gains	\$ 6	\$ 5	\$ 3
Gross realized losses	(1)	(4)	(5)
Net realized gains (losses)	5	1	(2)
Equity securities			
Gross realized gains	1	8	8

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Gross realized losses	0	(7)	(13)
Net realized gains (losses)	1	1	(5)
Trading securities:			
Common stock			
Gross realized gains	6	2	12
Gross realized losses	(1)	(5)	(28)
Valuation adjustments	0	11	(22)
Net realized gains (losses)	5	8	(38)
Limited partnerships:			
Gross realized gains	0	0	4
Gross realized losses	(12)	0	(2)
Net realized (losses) gains	(12)	0	2
Net realized (losses) gains on investments    Indemnity	\$ (1)	\$ 10	\$ (43)



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Realized gains (losses) on the Exchange's investments were as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Years ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	2008
<b>Exchange</b>			
Available-for-sale securities:			
Fixed maturities			
Gross realized gains	\$ 49	\$ 22	\$ 13
Gross realized losses	(24)	(37)	(53)
Net realized gains (losses)	25	(15)	(40)
Equity securities			
Gross realized gains	14	39	33
Gross realized losses	(3)	(26)	(68)
Net realized gains (losses)	11	13	(35)
Trading securities:			
Common stock			
Gross realized gains	205	143	155
Gross realized losses	(135)	(203)	(654)
Valuation adjustments	254	464	(416)
Net realized gains (losses)	324	404	(915)
Limited partnerships:			
Gross realized gains	0	0	15
Gross realized losses	(46)	0	(8)
Net realized (losses) gains	(46)	0	7
Net realized gains (losses) on investments - Exchange	\$ 314	\$ 402	\$ (983)
Net realized gains (losses) on investments - Erie Insurance Group	\$ 313	\$ 412	\$ (1,026)

The components of other-than-temporary impairments on investments are included below.

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group Years ended December 31		
	2010	2009	2008
<b>Indemnity</b>			
Fixed maturities	\$ (1)	\$ (7)	\$ (36)
Equity securities	0	(5)	(34)
Total	(1)	(12)	(70)
Portion recognized in other comprehensive income	0	0	0

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Net impairment losses recognized in earnings	Indemnity	\$ (1)	\$ (12)	\$ (70)
<b>Exchange</b>				
Fixed maturities		\$ (4)	\$ (54)	\$ (306)
Equity securities		(1)	(60)	(195)
Total		(5)	(114)	(501)
Portion recognized in other comprehensive income		0	0	0
Net impairment losses recognized in earnings	Exchange	\$ (5)	\$ (114)	\$ (501)
Net impairment losses recognized in earnings	Erie Insurance Group	\$ (6)	\$ (126)	\$ (571)

In considering if fixed maturity securities were credit-impaired some of the factors considered include: potential for the default of interest and/or principal, level of subordination, collateral of the issue, compliance with financial covenants, credit ratings and industry conditions. We have the intent to sell all credit-impaired fixed maturity securities, therefore the entire amount of the impairment charges were included in earnings and no non-credit impairments were recognized in other comprehensive income. Prior to the second quarter of 2009 when new impairment guidance was issued for debt securities, the impairment policy for fixed maturities was consistent with that of equity securities. See also Note 2, Significant Accounting Policies.

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**Limited partnerships**

Our limited partnership investments are recorded using the equity method of accounting. As these investments are generally reported on a one-quarter lag, our limited partnership results through December 31, 2010 are comprised of general partnership financial results for the fourth quarter of 2009 and the first, second, and third quarters of 2010. Given the lag in reporting, our limited partnership results do not reflect the market conditions of the fourth quarter of 2010. Cash contributions made to and distributions received from the partnerships are recorded in the period in which the transaction occurs.

We have provided summarized financial information in the following table for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. Amounts provided in the table are presented using the latest available financial statements received from the partnerships. Limited partnership financial information has been presented based on the investment percentage in the partnerships for the Erie Insurance Group consistent with how management evaluates the investments.

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As these investments are generally reported on a one-quarter lag, our limited partnership results through December 31, 2010 include the general partnership results for the fourth quarter of 2009 and the first three quarters of 2010.

(dollars in millions)

As of and for the year ended December 31, 2010

Investment percentage in partnership for Erie Insurance Group	Number of partnerships	Asset recorded	Income (loss) recognized due to valuation adjustments by the partnerships	Income (loss) recorded
<b>Indemnity</b>				
<u>Private equity:</u>				
Less than 10%	26	\$ 78	\$ 4	\$ 7
Greater than or equal to 10% but less than 50%	3	8	3	0
Greater than 50%	0	0	0	0
Total private equity	29	86	7	7
<u>Mezzanine debt:</u>				
Less than 10%	11	30	4	3
Greater than or equal to 10% but less than 50%	3	15	2	(2)
Greater than 50%	1	2	0	0
Total mezzanine debt	15	47	6	1
<u>Real estate:</u>				
Less than 10%	12	59	30	(31)
Greater than or equal to 10% but less than 50%	4	14	10	(10)
Greater than 50%	4	10	4	(3)
Total real estate	20	83	44	(44)
Total limited partnerships Indemnity	64	\$ 216	\$ 57	\$ (36)
<b>Exchange</b>				
<u>Private equity:</u>				
Less than 10%	41	\$ 517	\$ 28	\$ 40
Greater than or equal to 10% but less than 50%	3	38	10	0
Greater than 50%	0	0	0	(1)
Total private equity	44	555	38	39
<u>Mezzanine debt:</u>				
Less than 10%	14	142	12	13
Greater than or equal to 10% but less than 50%	3	41	2	(2)
Greater than 50%	3	31	0	2
Total mezzanine debt	20	214	14	13
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Real estate:

Less than 10%	25	250	(11)	10
Greater than or equal to 10% but less than 50%	6	52	7	(7)
Greater than 50%	4	37	15	(11)
Total real estate	35	339	11	(8)
Total limited partnerships Exchange	99	\$ 1,108	\$ 63	\$ 44
Total limited partnerships Erie Insurance Group		\$ 1,324	\$ 120	\$ 8

Per the limited partner financial statements, total partnership assets were \$58 billion and total partnership liabilities were \$10 billion at December 31, 2010 (as recorded in the September 30, 2010 limited partnership financial statements). For the twelve month period comparable to that presented in the preceding table (fourth quarter of 2009 and first three quarters of 2010), total partnership valuation adjustment gains were \$4 billion and total partnership net income was \$3 billion.

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As these investments are generally reported on a one-quarter lag, our limited partnership results through December 31, 2009 include the general partnership financial results for the fourth quarter of 2008 and the first three quarters of 2009.

(dollars in millions)

As of and for the year ended December 31, 2009

Investment percentage in partnership for Erie Insurance Group	Number of partnerships	Asset recorded	As of and for the year ended December 31, 2009	
			(Loss) income recognized due to valuation adjustments by the partnerships	(Loss) income recorded
<b>Indemnity</b>				
<u>Private equity:</u>				
Less than 10%	26	\$ 76	\$ (11)	\$ (1)
Greater than or equal to 10% but less than 50%	3	6	0	0
Greater than 50%	1	3	0	0
Total private equity	30	85	(11)	(1)
<u>Mezzanine debt:</u>				
Less than 10%	12	30	(4)	(1)
Greater than or equal to 10% but less than 50%	3	18	(2)	2
Greater than 50%	1	3	(1)	0
Total mezzanine debt	16	51	(7)	1
<u>Real estate:</u>				
Less than 10%	19	65	(31)	1
Greater than or equal to 10% but less than 50%	5	17	(6)	1
Greater than 50%	4	17	(21)	(2)
Total real estate	28	99	(58)	0
Total limited partnerships Indemnity	74	\$ 235	\$ (76)	\$ 0
<b>Exchange</b>				
<u>Private equity:</u>				
Less than 10%	41	\$ 466	\$ (46)	\$ 14
Greater than or equal to 10% but less than 50%	3	31	1	(1)
Greater than 50%	1	6	(1)	(1)
Total private equity	45	503	(46)	12
<u>Mezzanine debt:</u>				
Less than 10%	14	138	(11)	4
Greater than or equal to 10% but less than 50%	4	48	(4)	9
Greater than 50%	3	30	(2)	2
Total mezzanine debt	21	216	(17)	15

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Real estate:

Less than 10%	32	302	(164)	(8)
Greater than or equal to 10% but less than 50%	7	61	(40)	(1)
Greater than 50%	4	34	(48)	4
Total real estate	43	397	(252)	(5)
Total limited partnerships Exchange	109	\$ 1,116	\$ (315)	\$ 22
Total limited partnerships Erie Insurance Group		\$ 1,351	\$ (391)	\$ 22

Per the limited partner financial statements, total partnership assets were \$53 billion and total partnership liabilities were \$11 billion at December 31, 2009 (as recorded in the September 30, 2009 limited partnership financial statements). For the twelve month period comparable to that presented in the preceding table (fourth quarter of 2008 and first three quarters of 2009), total partnership valuation adjustment losses were \$8 billion and total partnership net losses were \$1 billion.

See also Note 21, Commitments and Contingencies, for investment commitments related to limited partnerships.

**Table of Contents****Securities lending program**

We previously participated in a program whereby marketable securities from our investment portfolio were lent to independent brokers or dealers based on, among other things, their creditworthiness, in exchange for collateral initially equal to 102% of the value of the securities on loan and are thereafter maintained at a minimum of 100% of the fair value of the securities loaned. The program was terminated in 2009.

**Note 8. Goodwill Impairment**

Goodwill is reviewed for impairment at least annually or more frequently if events occur or circumstances change that would indicate that a triggering event has occurred. The goodwill impairment test follows a two step process. In the first step, the fair value of a reporting unit is compared to its carrying value. If the carrying value of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the second step of the impairment test is performed for purposes of measuring the impairment. Prior to December 31, 2010, the Exchange had \$22 million of goodwill attributed to its purchase of EFL's stock in 2006. On November 4, 2010, the Exchange entered into an agreement to purchase the Indemnity's remaining 21.6% ownership interest in EFL, which is expected to be completed by March 31, 2011. A valuation of EFL was performed by an external independent third party in preparation for the sale. The valuation resulted in a purchase price determination of 95% of book value. In response to the valuation and sale price, management concluded that the possibility for impairment existed and step two of the goodwill impairment test was completed to determine the impairment amount. Step two of the impairment test compared the value of new business for EFL to the current goodwill balance. The analysis determined that the value of EFL's new business did not support the \$22 million goodwill and an impairment entry was made to write down the entire goodwill balance at December 31, 2010. The charge of \$22 million decreased the net income attributable to the Exchange.

**Note 9. Capitalized Software Development Costs**

We capitalize computer software costs developed or obtained for internal use in accordance with ASC 350-40, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other, Internal-Use Software*. Capitalized costs include internal and external labor and overhead, all of which are attributable to Indemnity. Capitalization ceases and amortization begins no later than the point at which a computer software project is complete and ready for its intended use. Capitalized software costs are amortized over a seven year period. There were no capitalized software costs for the year ended December 31, 2008. The following table outlines the total capitalized software development costs subject to amortization and amortization expense for the years ended December 31:

<i>(in millions)</i>	2010	2009
Capitalized software development costs subject to amortization:		
Balance January 1,	\$ 0	\$ 0
Capitalized software projects put into use during the year	16	0
Accumulated amortization	(1)	0
Balance December 31, net of amortization	\$ 15	\$ 0
Amortization expense	\$ 1	\$ 0

The following table outlines the total capitalized software development costs not yet subject to amortization for the years ended December 31:

<i>(in millions)</i>	2010	2009
Capitalized software development costs in process:		
Balance January 1,	\$ 10	\$ 0
Capitalized software project costs	22	10



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Capitalized software projects put into use	(16)	0
Balance December 31,	\$ 16	\$ 10

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The following table outlines the estimated future amortization expense related to capitalized software development costs as of December 31, 2010.

(in millions)

Year ending	Amortization expense
December 31, 2011	\$4
2012	4
2013	4
2014	4
2015	4

We anticipate incurring additional costs related to our software development initiatives. These costs are unknown at this time and therefore not considered in the table above.

**Note 10. Bank Line of Credit**

As of December 31, 2010, Indemnity has available a \$100 million line of credit with a bank that expires on December 31, 2011. There were no borrowings outstanding on the line of credit as of December 31, 2010. Bonds with a fair value of \$128 million are pledged as collateral on the line at December 31, 2010.

As of December 31, 2010, the Exchange has available a \$200 million revolving line of credit that expires on September 30, 2012. There were no borrowings outstanding on the line of credit as of December 31, 2010. Bonds with a fair value of \$252 million are pledged as collateral on the line at December 31, 2010.

Securities pledged as collateral on both lines have no restrictions and are reported as available-for-sale fixed maturities in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as of December 31, 2010. The banks require compliance with certain covenants, which include statutory surplus and risk based capital ratios for Exchange's line of credit and minimum net worth and leverage ratios for Indemnity's line of credit. We are in compliance with all covenants at December 31, 2010.

**Note 11. Income Taxes**

The provision (benefit) for income taxes consists of the following for the years ended December 31:

(in millions)	Erie Insurance Group		
	2010	2009	2008
<b>Indemnity</b>			
Current income taxes	\$ 37	\$ 56	\$ 63
Deferred income taxes	67	(7)	(23)
Total provision for income taxes Indemnity	104	49	40
<b>Exchange</b>			
Current income taxes	(43)	7	(40)
Deferred income taxes	278	22	(223)
Total provision (benefit) for income taxes Exchange	235	29	(263)
Total provision (benefit) for income taxes Erie Insurance Group	\$ 339	\$ 78	\$ (223)

The deferred income tax expense in 2010 was primarily driven by the sale of previously impaired investments and unrealized gains on common stock and limited partnerships. In addition, the deferred tax liability recorded for

Indemnity's investment in Erie Family Life Insurance Company increased by \$18 million in 2010 as a result of a change in the tax rate used to calculate the liability. This deferred tax charge was required due to Indemnity's decision to sell its 21.6% ownership interest in EFL rather than receiving its share of EFL's earnings in the form of future dividends, which would have been eligible for an 80% dividend received deduction. The deferred income tax benefit in 2008 was primarily driven by impairments and unrealized losses on common stock. The more significant impairment losses in 2008 related to bonds and preferred stocks in the financial services industry.

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A reconciliation of the provision (benefit) for income taxes with amounts determined by applying the statutory federal income tax rates to pre-tax income is as follows for the years ended December 31:

(in millions)	Erie Insurance Group		
	2010	2009	2008
<b>Indemnity</b>			
Income tax at statutory rates	\$ 93	\$ 53	\$ 43
Tax-exempt interest	(3)	(3)	(3)
Dividends received deduction	(1)	(1)	(2)
Deferred tax valuation allowance	(2)	0	1
Erie Family Life earnings <sup>(1)</sup>	15	0	0
Other, net	2	0	1
Provision for income taxes Indemnity	104	49	40
<b>Exchange</b>			
Income tax at statutory rates	259	130	(337)
Tax-exempt interest	(16)	(17)	(17)
Dividends received deduction	(11)	(11)	(14)
Deferred tax valuation allowance	(4)	(71)	110
Goodwill Impairments	8	0	0
Other, net	(1)	(2)	(5)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes Exchange	235	29	(263)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes Erie Insurance Group	\$ 339	\$ 78	\$ (223)

(1) Indemnity's tax rate on its share of EFL earnings was adjusted from 7% to 35% due to Indemnity's decision to sell its 21.6% ownership interest in EFL to the Exchange, which is scheduled to close by March 31, 2011, rather than receiving its share of EFL's earnings in the form of future dividends, which would have been eligible for an 80% dividend received deduction.

Temporary differences and carry-forwards, which give rise to consolidated deferred tax assets and liabilities, are as follows:

(in millions)	Erie Insurance Group	
	2010	2009
<b>Indemnity</b>		
<u>Deferred tax assets:</u>		
Loss reserve discount	\$ 0	\$ 5
Unearned premiums	0	7
Net allowance for service fees and premium cancellations	3	3
Other employee benefits	8	6
Pension and other postretirement benefits	21	19
Write-downs of impaired securities	2	10
Capital loss carryover	7	4

Limited partnerships	0	18
Other	1	3
Total deferred tax assets	42	75
<u>Deferred tax liabilities:</u>		
Deferred policy acquisition costs	0	6
Unrealized gains on investments	7	12
Equity interest in EFL	22	4
Limited partnerships	20	0
Depreciation	7	1
Prepaid expenses	5	4
Capitalized internally developed software	5	3
Other	2	2
Total deferred tax liabilities	68	32
Valuation allowance	0	(2)
<b>Net deferred income tax (liability) asset    Indemnity</b>	<b>\$ (26)</b>	<b>\$ 41</b>

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<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group (continued)	
	2010	2009
<b>Exchange</b>		
<u>Deferred tax assets:</u>		
Loss reserve discount	\$ 83	\$ 80
Liability for future life and annuity policy benefits	13	12
Unearned premiums	156	140
Limited partnerships	0	102
Write-downs of impaired securities	42	114
Wash sales	8	11
Capital loss carryover	9	10
Other	8	4
Total deferred tax assets	319	473
<u>Deferred tax liabilities:</u>		
Deferred policy acquisition costs	153	148
Unrealized gains on investments	356	232
Limited partnerships	49	0
Net allowance for service fees and premium cancellations	3	3
Other	15	11
Total deferred tax liabilities	576	394
Valuation allowance	0	(4)
<b>Net deferred income tax (liability) asset    Exchange</b>	<b>\$ (257)</b>	<b>\$ 75</b>
<b>Net deferred income tax (liability) asset    Erie Insurance Group</b>	<b>\$ (283)</b>	<b>\$ 116</b>

Indemnity had deferred tax asset valuation allowances of \$0 and \$2 million recorded at December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively, related to impairments on investments where it is more likely than not that the related deferred tax asset will not be realized.

The Exchange had deferred tax asset valuation allowances of \$0 and \$4 million recorded at December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively, related to impairments on investments where it is more likely than not that the related deferred tax asset will not be realized.

In 2010, Indemnity generated taxable losses of \$42 million and the Exchange generated taxable losses of \$192 million on the sale of limited partnerships. These partnerships were sold to recapture tax paid on prior period capital gains that were due to expire. The unrealized losses on these partnerships were previously recorded as a deferred tax asset. Indemnity and the Exchange are expected to recapture \$15 million and \$67 million in tax on these transactions in 2011, respectively.

We have one uncertain income tax position for which a current liability was recorded. As a related temporary tax difference was also recognized, there was no impact on our operations or financial position. We recognize interest related to our remaining uncertain tax position in income tax expense. Accrued estimated interest on our unrecognized tax benefit was \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The IRS has examined tax filings through 2007 and is currently examining our federal income tax returns for 2008 and 2009. We do not

currently estimate that our unrecognized tax benefits will change significantly in the next 12 months.

Indemnity is the attorney-in-fact for the subscribers (policyholders) at the Exchange, a reciprocal insurance exchange. In that capacity, Indemnity provides all services and facilities necessary to conduct the Exchange's insurance business. Indemnity and the Exchange together constitute one insurance business. Indemnity remits premium taxes for the Exchange in states where they conduct insurance business and on that basis Indemnity is not subject to state corporate income or franchise taxes in these states.

**Table of Contents****Note 12. Deferred Policy Acquisition Costs**

The following table summarizes the components of the Property and Casualty Group's and EFL's deferred policy acquisition costs asset for the years ended December 31:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group	
	2010	2009
<b>Property and Casualty Group</b>		
Deferred policy acquisition costs asset at beginning of year	\$ 313	\$ 301
Capitalized deferred policy acquisition costs	649	623
Amortized deferred policy acquisition costs	(635)	(611)
Deferred policy acquisition costs asset at end of year - Property and Casualty Group	\$ 327	\$ 313
<b>Erie Family Life Insurance Company</b>		
Deferred policy acquisition costs asset at beginning of year	\$ 154	\$ 201
Capitalized deferred policy acquisition costs	17	19
Amortized deferred policy acquisition costs	(16)	(13)
Amortized shadow deferred policy acquisition costs	(15)	(53)
Deferred policy acquisition costs asset at end of year - EFL	\$ 140	\$ 154
Deferred policy acquisition costs asset - Erie Insurance Group	\$ 467	\$ 467

**Note 13. Property and Casualty Unpaid Losses and Loss Expenses**

The following table provides a reconciliation of property and casualty beginning and ending loss and loss expense liability balances for the years ended December 31:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Property and Casualty Group		
	2010	2009	2008
Total gross unpaid losses and loss expenses at January 1,	\$ 3,598	\$ 3,586	\$ 3,684
Less reinsurance recoverable	200	187	190
Net liability at January 1,	3,398	3,399	3,494
Incurred losses and loss expenses related to:			
Current accident year	3,053	2,732	2,675
Prior accident years	(244)	(93)	(186)
Total incurred losses and loss expenses	2,809	2,639	2,489
Paid losses and loss expenses related to:			
Current accident year	1,855	1,608	1,546
Prior accident years	956	1,032	1,038



Total paid losses and loss expenses	2,811	2,640	2,584
<b>Total net liability at December 31,</b>	<b>3,396</b>	<b>3,398</b>	<b>3,399</b>
Plus reinsurance recoverables	188	200	187
<b>Total gross unpaid losses and loss expenses at December 31,</b>	<b>\$ 3,584</b>	<b>\$ 3,598</b>	<b>\$ 3,586</b>

Loss reserves are set at full expected cost, except for workers compensation loss reserves which have been discounted using an interest rate of 2.5% for all periods presented. This discounting reduced unpaid losses and loss expenses by \$127 million and \$136 million at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The reserves for losses and loss expenses are reported net of receivables for salvage and subrogation of \$141 million and \$133 million at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

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Favorable development in 2010 on prior accident year direct loss reserves is primarily the result of improvements in severity trends in our commercial multi-peril, personal auto and workers compensation lines of business combined with the settlement of several large claims. The favorable development in 2009 was primarily due to changes in our mortality rate and medical cost assumptions in our workers compensation line of business and the change in the workers compensation discount discussed above. This favorable development in 2009 was offset by adverse development in our personal auto line of business as a result of the use of gender specific tables in our mortality rate assumption and the outcome of some court decisions related to our commercial multi-peril line of business. Driving the favorable development in 2008 was improved frequency and severity trends in our personal auto, commercial auto, commercial multi-peril and homeowners lines of business.

As discussed in Note 16, Reinsurance, the members of the Property and Casualty Group participate in an intercompany reinsurance pooling arrangement, under which the Exchange retains 94.5% of the property and casualty insurance business and EIC retains 5.0% and ENY retains 0.5%. The following table reconciles the loss and loss expense reserve balances on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position, which is exclusive of intercompany transactions, to the ultimate liability of the Exchange and Indemnity when factoring in intercompany pooling transactions and reinsurance recoverables.

*(in millions)*

	Gross liability at December 31, 2010	Erie Insurance Group Intercompany		Net liability at December 31, 2010
		pooling eliminations	Reinsurance recoverables	
At December 31, 2010:				
Indemnity losses and loss expense reserves <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Exchange losses and loss expense reserves	3,584	0	(188)	3,396
Losses and loss expense reserves	\$ 3,584	\$	\$ (188)	\$ 3,396

*(in millions)*

	Gross liability at December 31, 2009	Erie Insurance Group Intercompany		Net liability at December 31, 2009
		pooling eliminations	Reinsurance recoverables	
At December 31, 2009:				
Indemnity losses and loss expense reserves <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 752	\$ (554)	\$ (11)	\$ 187
Exchange losses and loss expense reserves	2,846	554	(189)	3,211
Losses and loss expense reserves	\$ 3,598	\$	\$ (200)	\$ 3,398

*(1) Prior to December 31, 2010, all property and casualty insurance underwriting liabilities recorded by EIC, ENY and EPC were the responsibility of the Indemnity shareholder interest. Due to the sale of Indemnity's property and casualty subsidiaries to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, all property and casualty underwriting*

*liabilities are the responsibility of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, (See Note 1, Nature of Operations .)*

**Note 14. Life Policy and Deposit Contract Reserves**

<i>(in millions)</i>	2010	2009	2008
Deferred annuities	\$ 1,117	\$ 1,076	\$ 1,017
Ordinary/traditional life	254	229	207
Universal life	214	211	209
Other	18	24	16
Life policy and deposit contract reserves	\$ 1,603	\$ 1,540	\$ 1,449

The reinsurance credit related to these reserves was \$95 million, \$82 million and \$70 million at December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and is presented in other assets in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.

**Table of Contents****Note 15. Unearned Premiums**

Unearned premiums are reflected net of intercompany eliminations on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position. Unearned premiums after the intercompany pooling transactions are presented below.

(in millions)

	Balance at December 31, 2010	Erie Insurance Group Intercompany pooling transactions	Net unearned premiums at December 31, 2010
At December 31, 2010:			
Indemnity unearned premiums <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Exchange unearned premiums	2,082	0	2,082
Unearned premiums	\$ 2,082	\$ 0	\$ 2,082

	Balance at December 31, 2009	Erie Insurance Group Intercompany pooling transactions	Net unearned premiums at December 31, 2009
At December 31, 2009:			
Indemnity unearned premiums <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 325	\$ (216)	\$ 109
Exchange unearned premiums	1,656	216	1,872
Unearned premiums	\$ 1,981	\$	\$ 1,981

(1) Prior to December 31, 2010, all property and casualty insurance underwriting liabilities recorded by EIC, ENY and EPC were the responsibility of the Indemnity shareholder interest. Due to the sale of Indemnity's property and casualty subsidiaries to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, all property and casualty underwriting liabilities are the responsibility of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest. (See Note 1, Nature of Operations .)

**Note 16. Reinsurance**

Members of the Property and Casualty Group participate in an intercompany reinsurance pooling agreement. Under the pooling agreement, all insurance business of the Property and Casualty Group is pooled in the Exchange. EIC and ENY share in the underwriting results of the reinsurance pool through retrocession. Since 1995, the Board of Directors has set the allocation of the pooled underwriting results at 5.0% participation for EIC, 0.5% participation for ENY and 94.5% participation for the Exchange. Intercompany accounts are settled by payment within 30 days after the end of each quarterly accounting period. The purpose of the pooling agreement is to spread the risks of the members of the Property and Casualty Group collectively across the different lines of business they underwrite and geographic regions in which each operates. This agreement may be terminated by any party as of the end of any calendar year by providing not less than 90 days advance written notice. On December 31, 2010, Indemnity sold all of the outstanding capital stock of its wholly owned subsidiaries to the Exchange. Under this new structure, all property and casualty insurance operations will be owned by the Exchange, and Indemnity will continue to function as the management

company. There was no impact on the existing reinsurance pooling agreement between the Exchange and EIC or ENY as a result of the sale.

Reinsurance contracts do not relieve the Property and Casualty Group or EFL from their primary obligations to policyholders. A contingent liability exists with respect to reinsurance recoverables in the event reinsurers are unable to meet their obligations under the reinsurance agreements.

The Property and Casualty Group maintains a property catastrophe treaty with nonaffiliated reinsurers to mitigate future potential catastrophe loss exposure. During 2010, this reinsurance treaty provided coverage of up to 95% of a loss of \$500 million in excess of the Property and Casualty Group's loss retention of \$400 million per occurrence. This treaty was renewed for 2011, providing coverage of up to 90% of a loss of \$500 million in excess of the Property and Casualty Group's loss retention of \$350 million per occurrence. In addition, a second property catastrophe reinsurance treaty was entered into with nonaffiliated reinsurers providing coverage of up to 90% of a loss of \$25 million in excess of the first property catastrophe reinsurance treaty's coverage of \$850 million. There have been no losses subject to this treaty.

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EFL maintains several reinsurance treaties with nonaffiliated life reinsurance companies in order to reduce claims volatility. EFL had direct life insurance in force totaling \$40 billion and \$39 billion at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Of the amount, EFL ceded \$22 billion and \$21 billion of life insurance in force at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. At December 31, 2010 and 2009, the largest amount of in-force life insurance ceded to one reinsurer totaled \$11 billion and \$10 billion, respectively.

The following tables summarize the direct insurance and reinsurance for the property and casualty and life insurance activities, respectively, for the years ended December 31.

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group		
<b>Property and casualty insurance</b>	2010	2009	2008
<u>Premiums written:</u>			
Direct	\$ 4,035	\$ 3,861	\$ 3,800
Assumed	19	30	37
Ceded	(35)	(30)	(49)
Premiums written, net	\$ 4,019	3,861	\$ 3,788
<u>Premiums earned:</u>			
Direct	\$ 3,939	\$ 3,806	\$ 3,784
Assumed	20	42	35
Ceded	(34)	(40)	(48)
Premiums earned, net	3,925	3,808	3,771
<u>Insurance losses and loss expenses:</u>			
Direct	2,834	2,655	2,507
Assumed	(15)	12	(11)
Ceded	(9)	(28)	(7)
Insurance losses and loss expenses, net	\$ 2,810	\$ 2,639	\$ 2,489

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group		
<b>Life insurance</b>	2010	2009	2008
<u>Premiums earned:</u>			
Direct	\$ 104	\$ 100	\$ 98
Ceded	(42)	(39)	(35)
Premiums earned, net	62	61	63
<u>Insurance losses and loss expenses:</u>			
Direct	102	114	106
Ceded	(12)	(25)	(13)
Insurance losses and loss expenses, net	\$ 90	\$ 89	\$ 93

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group		
<b>Total</b>	2010	2009	2008
<u>Premiums earned:</u>			
Property and casualty	\$ 3,925	\$ 3,808	\$ 3,771
Life	62	61	63
Premiums earned, net	3,987	3,869	3,834
<u>Insurance losses and loss expenses:</u>			
Property and casualty	2,810	2,639	2,489
Life	90	89	93
Insurance losses and loss expenses, net	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,728	\$ 2,582

**Note 17. Postretirement Benefits**Pension and retiree health benefit plans

Our pension plans consist of a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all employees and an unfunded supplemental employee retirement plan ( SERP ) for certain members of executive and senior management of the Erie Insurance Group. The pension plans provide benefits to covered individuals satisfying certain age and service requirements. The defined benefit pension plan and SERP provide benefits through a final average earnings formula and a percent of average monthly compensation formula, respectively.

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We previously provided retiree health benefits in the form of medical and pharmacy health plans for eligible retired employees and eligible dependents. In 2006, the retiree health benefit plan was curtailed by an amendment that restricted eligibility to those who attained age 60 and 15 years of service on or before July 1, 2010.

The liabilities for the plans described in this note are presented in total for all employees of the Erie Insurance Group. The gross liability for postretirement benefits is presented in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position within other liabilities. Approximately 57% of postretirement benefit expenses are reimbursed to Indemnity from the Exchange and EFL.

Our affiliated entities are charged an allocated portion of net periodic benefit costs under the benefit plans. For our funded pension plan, amounts are settled in cash throughout the year for related entities' share of net periodic benefit costs. For our unfunded plans, we pay the obligations when due. Amounts are settled in cash between affiliates when there is a payout under the unfunded plans.

**Assumptions used to determine benefit obligations at the periods ended December 31:**

	2010	2009	2008
<u>Employee pension plan:</u>			
Discount rate	5.69%	6.11%	6.06%
Expected return on plan assets	8.00	8.25	8.25
Rate of compensation increase <sup>(1)</sup>	4.15	4.15	4.25
<u>SERP:</u>			
Discount rate <sup>(2)</sup>	5.69/5.19	6.11/5.00	6.06/5.00
Rate of compensation increase	6.00	6.00	6.00

**Assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit cost:**

	2010	2009	2008
<u>Employee pension plan:</u>			
Discount rate	6.11%	6.06%	6.62%
Expected return on plan assets	8.00	8.25	8.25
Rate of compensation increase <sup>(1)</sup>	4.15	4.15	4.25
<u>SERP:</u>			
Discount rate <sup>(2)</sup>	6.11/5.00	6.06/5.00	6.62/5.00
Rate of compensation increase	6.00	6.00	6.00

(1) Rate of compensation increase is age-graded. An equivalent single compensation increase rate of 4.15% in 2010 and 2009 and 4.25% in 2008 would produce similar results.

(2) Pre-retirement/post-retirement

The two economic assumptions that have the most impact on the postretirement benefit expense are the discount rate and the long-term rate of return on plan assets. The discount rate assumption used to determine the benefit obligation was 5.69% for 2010 and was based on a yield curve developed from corporate bond yield information. The construction of these yield curves is based on yields of corporate bonds rated Aa quality. Target yields are developed from bonds at various maturity points and a curve is fitted to those targets. Spot rates (zero coupon bond yields) are developed from the yield curve and used to discount benefit payment amounts associated with each future year. The present value of plan benefits is calculated by applying the spot/discount rates to projected benefit cash flows. A single discount rate is then developed to produce the same present value. This represents the suggested discount rate. The discount rate assumption used to determine the benefit obligation for 2009 and 2008 was based on a bond-matching study that compared projected pension plan benefit flows to the cash flows from a comparable portfolio of fixed maturity instruments rated AA- or better with duration similar to plan liabilities. The approach used to determine the long-term rate of return assumption derived expected future returns for each asset category based on applicable indices and their historical relationships under various market conditions. These expected future returns



were then weighted based on our target asset allocation percentages for each asset category.

**Table of Contents****Pension benefit plans**

The following tables set forth change in benefit obligation, changes in plan assets and funded status of the pension plans as well as the net periodic benefit cost.

**Pension benefits for the years ended December 31,**

<i>(in millions)</i>	2010	2009	2008
<b>Change in benefit obligation</b>			
Benefit obligation at beginning of period	\$ 344	\$ 326	\$ 276
Service cost	15	15	13
Interest cost	21	19	18
Amendments	1	3	0
Actuarial loss (gain)	25	(12)	34
Benefits paid	(6)	(4)	(4)
Impact due to settlement	0	(3) <sup>(1)</sup>	(11) <sup>(1)</sup>
Impact due to termination benefits	0	0	0 <sup>(1)</sup>
Benefit obligation at end of period	\$ 400	\$ 344	\$ 326
<b>Change in plan assets</b>			
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of period	\$ 279	\$ 218	\$ 288
Actual return (loss) on plan assets	41	51	(82)
Employer contributions	13	14	15
Benefits paid	(5)	(4)	(3)
Fair value of plan assets at end of period	\$ 328	\$ 279	\$ 218
<b>Funded status at end of period</b>	\$ (72)	\$ (65)	\$ (108)
<b>Accumulated benefit obligation, December 31</b>	\$ 297	\$ 252	\$ 238
<b>Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income, before tax</b>			
Net actuarial loss	\$ 110	\$ 104	\$ 145
Prior service cost	5	5	3
Net amount recognized	\$ 115	\$ 109	\$ 148
<b>Amounts recognized in Consolidated Statements of Financial Position</b>			
Accrued benefit liability	(72)	(65)	(108)
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax	75	71	96
Net amount recognized	\$ 3	\$ 6	\$ (12)
<b>Components of net periodic benefit cost</b>			
Service cost	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 12
Interest cost	21	19	18
Expected return on plan assets <sup>(2)</sup>	(25)	(24)	(24)

Amortization of prior service cost	1	0	0
Recognized net actuarial loss	3	3	0
Settlement gain	0	(1) <sup>(1)</sup>	0 <sup>(1)</sup>
Termination charge	0	0	1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Net periodic benefit expense before allocation to affiliates	\$ 15	\$ 12	\$ 7

(1) In December 2007, employment agreements for certain members of executive management were signed which incorporated a payment in full of accrued SERP benefits as of December 2008 in a lump sum payment, after which time no additional SERP benefits would accrue. This resulted in the curtailment in 2007 and the subsequent settlement gains in 2008 and 2009. The 2008 termination charge relates to two of these members of executive management whose SERP payouts were to occur, and did occur, in 2009.

(2) The market-related value of plan assets is used to determine the expected return component of pension benefit cost. We use a four year averaging method to determine the market-related value, under which asset gains or losses that result from returns that differ from our long-term rate of return assumption are recognized in the market-related value of assets on a level basis over a four year period. Once factored into the market-related asset value, these experience losses will be amortized over a period of 15 years, which is the average remaining service period of the employee group in the plan.

The 2010 net actuarial loss was primarily due to the change in the discount rate assumption used to measure the future benefit obligations to 5.69% in 2010 from 6.11% in 2009. The cumulative net actuarial loss was offset in 2009 by an actuarial gain resulting from actual investment returns that were greater than expected. Also contributing to this gain were assumption changes made based on actual experience, such as the decrease in the assumed rate of compensation increase. The 2008 actuarial loss was primarily due to a significant difference in the plan's actual investment returns in 2008 from the expected returns assumed and the decrease in the discount rate assumption used to estimate the future benefit obligations to 6.06% in 2008 from 6.62% in 2007. The component of the \$145 million actuarial loss produced in 2008 that related to the difference between actual and expected investment returns was \$106 million. Recognition of this loss is being deferred over the subsequent four year period.

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Amounts recognized in other comprehensive income for the years ended December 31 for pension plans were as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Pension plans	
	2010	2009
Amortization of net actuarial loss	\$ (4)	\$ (3)
Amortization of prior service cost	0	0
Net actuarial loss (gain) arising during the year	9	(38)
Amendments	1 <sup>(1)</sup>	3 <sup>(2)</sup>
Impact due to settlement/termination	0	1 <sup>(3)</sup>
Total recognized in other comprehensive income	\$ 6	\$ (37)

(1) *The charges recognized as amendments were the result of factoring in the prior service cost for four new plan participants in 2010.*

(2) *The charges recognized as amendments were the result of factoring in the prior service cost for six new plan participants in 2009.*

(3) *Settlement charges relate to SERP payouts for certain executives.*

The estimated net actuarial loss and prior service cost for the pension plans that will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive income into net periodic benefit cost during 2011 are \$6 million and \$1 million, respectively. The following table sets forth amounts of benefits expected to be paid over the next 10 years from the Company's pension and other postretirement plans as of December 31,

<i>( in millions)</i>	Expected future cash flows	
<b><u>Year ending December 31,</u></b>		
2011	\$	7
2012		8
2013		10
2014		11
2015		13
2016-2020		98

The following table provides information for the defined benefit pension plans with an accumulated benefit obligation in excess of plan assets as of December 31,

<i>(in millions)</i>	2010	2009
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**Information for pension plans with an accumulated benefit obligation in excess of plan assets**

Projected benefit obligation	\$ 10	\$ 8
Accumulated benefit obligation	5	4

Our current policy is generally to contribute an amount equal to the greater of the IRS minimum required contribution or the target normal cost for the year plus interest to the date the contribution is made. For 2011, the expected

contribution amount is \$15 million.

The employee pension plan utilizes a return seeking and a liability asset matching allocation strategy. It is based on the understanding that 1) equity investments are expected to outperform debt investments over the long-term, 2) the potential volatility of short-term returns from equities is acceptable in exchange for the larger expected long-term returns and 3) a portfolio structured across investment styles and markets (both domestic and foreign) reduces volatility. As a result, the employee pension plan's investment portfolio utilizes a broadly diversified asset allocation across domestic and foreign equity and debt markets. The investment portfolio is composed of commingled pools that are dedicated exclusively to the management of employee benefit plan assets.

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Our target asset allocation percentage was 60% equity securities and 40% fixed income securities for both 2010 and 2009 and 65% equity securities and 35% fixed income securities for 2008.

The target asset allocation for the portfolio is:

	Target asset allocation
<u>Return seeking assets:</u>	
US equity index	17%
US large capitalization core equity	16
International risk-controlled equity	15
US small capitalization core equity	8
International small capitalization risk-controlled equity	2
Emerging markets equity	2
	60%
<u>Liability matching assets:</u>	
Long duration fixed income	16
Broad market fixed income	15
Long duration corporate fixed income	8
Money market	1
	40%
	<b>100%</b>

The actual asset allocation for the portfolio is:

	2010	2009
<b>Pension plan asset allocations (employee pension plan)</b>		
Equity securities	59.9%	61.0%
Debt securities:		
Due in one year	1.0	0.4
Due beyond one year	39.1	38.6
Total debt securities	40.1	39.0
Total plan assets	100.0%	100.0%

The following tables represent the fair value measurements for the pension plan assets by major category and level of input:

At December 31, 2010			
Fair value measurements			
using:			
Quoted prices in	Significant	Significant	Significant

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<i>(in millions)</i>	Total	active markets for identical assets Level 1	observable inputs Level 2	unobservable inputs Level 3
Institutional money market fund	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b><u>Return seeking assets:</u></b>				
US equity index <sup>(1)</sup>	55	0	55	0
US large capitalization core equity <sup>(2)</sup>	51	0	51	0
International risk-controlled equity <sup>(3)</sup>	50	0	50	0
US small capitalization core equity <sup>(4)</sup>	26	0	26	0
International small capitalization risk-controlled equity <sup>(5)</sup>	8	0	8	0
Emerging markets equity <sup>(6)</sup>	7	0	7	0
<b><u>Liability matching assets:</u></b>				
Long duration fixed income <sup>(7)</sup>	51	0	51	0
Broad market fixed income <sup>(8)</sup>	49	0	49	0
Long duration corporate fixed income <sup>(9)</sup>	28	0	28	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 328</b>	<b>\$ 3</b>	<b>\$ 325</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

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At December 31, 2009				
Fair value measurements				
using:				
(in millions)	Total	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets Level 1	Significant observable inputs Level 2	Significant unobservable inputs Level 3
Institutional money market fund	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 0	\$ 0
<u>Return seeking assets:</u>				
US equity index <sup>(1)</sup>	48	0	48	0
US large capitalization core equity <sup>(2)</sup>	45	0	45	0
International risk-controlled equity <sup>(3)</sup>	43	0	43	0
US small capitalization core equity <sup>(4)</sup>	21	0	21	0
International small capitalization risk-controlled equity <sup>(5)</sup>	6	0	6	0
Emerging markets equity <sup>(6)</sup>	7	0	7	0
<u>Liability matching assets:</u>				
Long duration fixed income <sup>(7)</sup>	42	0	42	0
Broad market fixed income <sup>(8)</sup>	42	0	42	0
Long duration corporate fixed income <sup>(9)</sup>	23	0	23	0
Total	\$ 279	\$ 2	\$ 277	\$ 0

(1) This category comprises equity index funds not actively managed that track the S&P 500.

(2) This category includes equity securities that seek to achieve excess returns relative to the S&P 500 while maintaining portfolio risk characteristics similar to the index.

(3) This category seeks long-term capital growth with an emphasis on controlling return volatility relative to an international market index.

(4) This category includes equity securities that seek to achieve excess returns relative to the Russell 2000 Index while maintaining portfolio risk characteristics similar to the index.

(5) This category seeks to provide excess returns relative to an international small cap index, while maintaining regional weights similar to the index.

(6) This category seeks long-term capital growth in securities of companies that have their principal business activities in countries in the Morgan Stanley Capital International Emerging Markets Free Index.



- (7) *This category seeks to generate returns that exceed the Barclays Capital Long Government/Credit Index through investment-grade fixed income securities.*
- (8) *This category seeks to generate returns that exceed the Barclays Capital US Aggregate Bond Index through investment-grade fixed income securities.*
- (9) *This category seeks to generate returns that exceed the Barclays Capital US Long Corporate Bond A or Better Index investing in US Corporate Bonds with an emphasis on long duration bonds rated A or better.*

Estimates of fair values of the pension plan assets are obtained primarily from a nationally recognized pricing service. Our Level 1 category includes a money market fund that is a mutual fund for which the fair value is determined using an exchange traded price provided by the pricing service. Our Level 2 category includes commingled pools. Estimates of fair values for securities held by our commingled pools are obtained primarily from the pricing service. The methodologies used by the pricing service that support a Level 2 classification of a financial instrument include multiple verifiable, observable inputs including benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuers spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers and reference data. There were no Level 3 investments during 2010.

Retiree health benefit plan

The retiree health benefit plan was terminated in 2006. We continue to provide retiree health benefits only to employees who met certain age and service requirements on or before July 1, 2010. The accumulated benefit obligation and net periodic benefit cost of this plan were not material to our consolidated financial statements. At December 31, 2010 and 2009, the accumulated benefit obligation associated with these benefits was \$7 million and \$8 million, respectively. This plan is funded only as claims are incurred. Periodic benefit costs for the Erie Insurance Group were \$0.3 million in 2010 and 2009.

**Table of Contents****Employee savings plan**

All full-time and regular part-time employees are eligible to participate in a traditional qualified 401(k) or a Roth 401(k) savings plan. We match 100% of the participant contributions up to 3% of compensation and 50% of participant contributions over 3% and up to 5% of compensation. Matching contributions paid to the plan were \$9 million in 2010 and \$8 million in both 2009 and 2008. Employees are permitted to invest the employer-matching contributions in our Class A common stock and may sell the shares at any time without restriction. The plan acquires shares in the open market necessary to meet the obligations of the plan. Plan participants held 0.2 million of our Class A shares at December 31, 2010 and 2009. Liabilities for the 401(k) plan are presented in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position with other liabilities.

**Note 18. Incentive Plans and Deferred Compensation**

We have separate annual and long-term incentive plans for our executive and senior vice presidents. We also make available deferred compensation plans for executive and senior management and outside directors.

**Annual incentive plan**

The annual incentive plan is a bonus plan that annually pays cash bonuses to our executive and senior vice presidents. The incentives under the annual incentive plan are based on the achievement of certain predetermined performance targets. These targets are established by the Executive Compensation and Development Committee of the Board and can include various financial measures. Incentives for the 2010 plan were based on measures specific to each member of executive and senior management, primarily on statutory reported combined ratio, direct written premium of the Property and Casualty Group and Indemnity net operating income, as defined in the plan. Incentives for the 2009 plan were based on measures specific to each member of executive and senior management, primarily on statutory reported combined ratio, policies in force of the Property and Casualty Group, direct written premium of the Property and Casualty Group and Indemnity net operating income, as defined in the plan.

The cost of the plan is charged to operations as the compensation is earned over the performance period of one year. The after-tax compensation cost charged to operations for the annual incentive plan bonus for the Erie Insurance Group was \$2.9 million, \$2.2 million, and \$2.5 million for 2010, 2009 and 2008 respectively.

**Long-term incentive plan**

The long-term incentive plan ( LTIP ) is a performance based incentive plan designed to reward executive and senior vice presidents who can have a significant impact on our long-term performance.

*Pre-2004 LTIP* Prior to 2004, restricted stock awards were determined based on the achievement of predetermined financial performance goals for actual growth in our retained earnings. The 2003-2005 performance period was the final open award period under the pre-2004 LTIP. At December 31, 2008, all shares awarded for the 2003-2005 performance period were vested. The average grant price for the 2003-2005 performance period was \$52.65. The plan award of \$0.5 million was paid in January 2009.

*2004 LTIP* Beginning in 2004, the LTIP award is based on the level of achievement of objective measures of performance over a three-year period as compared to a peer group of property and casualty companies that write predominately personal lines insurance. The 2009 and 2008 awards were based on the reported combined ratio, growth in direct written premiums and total return on invested assets as defined by the Erie Insurance Group. These internal measures are compared to the same performance measures of a peer group of companies. Because the award is based on a comparison to results of a peer group over a three-year period, the award accrual is based on estimates of results for the remaining performance period. This estimate is subject to variability if our results or the results of the peer group are substantially different than the results we project.

Beginning with the 2009-2011 performance period awards can be granted as either restricted performance shares and/or performance units. Restricted performance shares represent the right to receive shares of common stock. Performance units represent the right to receive a cash payment. Previously only restricted performance shares were awarded and were granted at the beginning of a performance period. The Compensation Committee now determines the form of the award to grant at the beginning of each performance period. Both the restricted performance shares

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and performance units are considered vested at the end of a performance period. The 2009-2011 performance period awards were granted as performance units.

The maximum number of shares which may be earned under the plan by any single participant during any one performance period is limited to 250,000 shares. The aggregate number of Class A common stock that may be issued pursuant to awards granted under the LTIP is 1.0 million shares. With respect to an award of performance units, the maximum dollar amount which may be earned under the plan by any single participant during any one performance period is \$3 million. A liability is recorded and compensation expense is recognized ratably over the performance period.

At December 31, 2009, the awards for the 2007-2009 performance period were fully vested in accordance with the 2004 LTIP plan. The average grant price for the 2007-2009 performance period was \$44.48. The plan award of \$2 million was paid in July 2010.

Earned amounts are allocated to related entities and settled in cash once the payout is made. The after-tax compensation cost charged to operations for these restricted stock awards for the Erie Insurance Group was \$4.3 million for 2010 and \$2.4 million for both 2009 and 2008.

**Deferred compensation plans**

The deferred compensation plans are arrangements for our executive and senior vice presidents whereby the participants can elect to defer receipt of a portion of their compensation until a later date. Supplemental employee contributions to the deferred compensation plan are deferrals that cannot be credited to our tax-qualified 401(k) plan because they exceed the annual contribution or compensation limits of that plan. However, these contributions are credited with a company-matching contribution using the same formula as in our 401(k) plan. The deferred compensation plan for directors allows them to defer receipt of a portion of their director and meeting fees until a later date. Employees or directors participating in the respective plans select hypothetical investment funds for their deferrals and are credited with the hypothetical returns generated.

The awards, payments, deferrals and liabilities under the deferred compensation, annual and long-term incentive plans for officers and directors were as follows for the years ended December 31:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group		
	2010	2009	2008
<b>Plan awards, employer match and hypothetical earnings</b>			
Long-term incentive plan awards	\$ 7	\$ 4	\$ 4
Annual incentive plan awards	4	3	4
Deferred compensation plan, employer match and hypothetical earnings (losses)	2	1	(4)
Total plan awards and earnings	13	8	4
Total plan awards paid	6	8	11
Compensation deferred under the plans	1	1	1
Distributions from the deferred compensation plans	(1)	(1)	(2)
Gross incentive plan and deferred compensation liabilities	\$ 22	\$ 15	\$ 15

**Stock compensation plan for outside directors**

We have a stock compensation plan for our outside directors to further align the interests of directors with shareholders by providing for a portion of annual compensation for the directors' services in shares of our Class A common stock. Each director vests in the grant 25% every three months over the course of a year. Dividends paid by

us are reinvested into each director's account with additional shares of our Class A common stock. In 2010, the annual charge related to this plan totaled \$2 million. In 2009, the annual charge related to this plan totaled \$0.4 million. In 2008, compensation expense for this plan was offset by market value adjustments to the directors' accounts resulting in a net credit of \$0.2 million.

**Table of Contents****Note 19. Capital Stock****Class A and B shares**

We have two classes of common stock, Class A which has a dividend preference, and Class B which has voting power and a conversion right. Each share of Class A common stock outstanding at the time of the declaration of any dividend upon shares of Class B common stock shall be entitled to a dividend payable at the same time, at the same record date, and in an amount at least equal to 2/3 of 1.0% of any dividend declared on each share of Class B common stock. We may declare and pay a dividend in respect to Class A common stock without any requirement that any dividend be declared and paid in respect to Class B common stock. Sole shareholder voting power is vested in Class B common stock except insofar as any applicable law shall permit Class A common shareholders to vote as a class in regards to any changes in the rights, preferences and privileges attaching to Class A common stock. Holders of Class B shares may, at their option, convert their shares into Class A shares at the rate of 2,400 Class A shares for each Class B share. In 2009, five shares of Class B common stock were converted into 12,000 shares of Class A common stock. There were no conversions of Class B shares to Class A shares in 2010 or 2008. There is no provision for conversion of Class A shares to Class B shares and Class B shares surrendered for conversion cannot be reissued.

**Stock repurchase plan**

A stock repurchase program was authorized for our outstanding Class A nonvoting common stock beginning January 1, 2004. Treasury shares are recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position at total cost based upon trade date. Shares repurchased under this plan totaled 1.1 million during 2010 at a total cost of \$57 million and 0.1 million shares during 2009 at a total cost of \$3 million. Cumulative shares repurchased under this plan since inception totaled 12.9 million at a total cost of \$671 million as of December 31, 2010. In December 2010, our Board of Directors approved a continuation of the current stock repurchase program for a total of \$150 million, with no time limitation. We have approximately \$146 million of repurchase authority remaining under this plan at December 31, 2010.

In 2010, we also repurchased 44,206 shares of our outstanding Class A nonvoting common stock outside of our publicly announced share repurchase program at a total cost of \$2 million. Of this amount, 39,406 shares were purchased in June for \$1.8 million, or \$45.92 per share, in conjunction with our long-term incentive plan and 4,800 shares were purchased in July for \$0.2 million, or \$48.75 per share, for the vesting of stock-based awards for executive management. These shares were delivered to plan participants and executive management, respectively, in July 2010.

**Table of Contents****Note 20. Comprehensive Income**

The components of changes to comprehensive (loss) income follow for the periods ended December 31:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group		
	2010	2009	2008
<b>Indemnity</b>			
Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of tax	\$	\$ (6)	\$ (11)
<u>Unrealized (loss) gain on securities:</u>			
Gross unrealized holding gains (losses) on investments arising during period	18	105	(145)
Unrealized gains transferred to the noncontrolling interest <sup>(1)</sup>	(23)		
Reclassification adjustment for gross (gains) losses included in net income	(5)	10	77
Unrealized holding (losses) gains on investments	(10)	115	(68)
Income tax benefit (expense) related to unrealized (losses) gains	4	(40)	24
Net unrealized holding (losses) gains on investments arising during year	(6)	75	(44)
<u>Postretirement plans:</u>			
Amortization of prior service cost	0	0	0
Amortization of actuarial loss	4	3	0
Net actuarial (loss) gain during year	(9)	38	(139)
Losses due to plan changes during year	(1)	(3)	0
Curtailed/settlement loss arising during year	0	(1)	0
Postretirement benefits, gross	(6)	37	(139)
Income tax benefit (expense) related to postretirement benefits	2	(13)	48
Postretirement plans, net	(4)	24	(91)
Change in other comprehensive (loss) income , net of tax    Indemnity	(10)	93	(146)
Change in other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax    Exchange	101	423	(266)
Change in other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax    Erie Insurance Group	\$ 91	\$ 516	\$ (412)

(1) This represents unrealized gains moved from Indemnity shareholder interest to the noncontrolling interest as a result of the December 31, 2010 sale of the P&C subsidiaries.

The components of accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax for the periods ended December 31, are as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group		
	2010	2009	2008
<b>Indemnity</b>			
Accumulated net appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$ 22	\$ 28	\$ (40)

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Accumulated net losses associated with post-retirement benefits	(75)	(71)	(96)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss Indemnity	(53)	(43)	(136)
<b>Exchange</b>			
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) Exchange	\$ 277	\$ 176	\$ (247)

The components of comprehensive income (loss), net of tax for the periods ended December 31, are as follows:

(in millions)	Erie Insurance Group		
	2010	2009	2008
Net income (loss) Erie Insurance Group	\$ 660	\$ 446	\$ (616)
Change in other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax Erie Insurance Group	91	516	(412)
Less: Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of tax		(101)	(11)
Less: Unrealized gains transferred to the noncontrolling interest, net of tax <sup>(1)</sup>	(15)		
Total comprehensive income (loss) Erie Insurance Group	766	1,063	(1,017)
Less: Noncontrolling interest in consolidated entity Exchange	599	856	(951)
Total comprehensive income (loss) Indemnity	\$ 167	\$ 207	\$ (66)

(1) This represents unrealized gains moved from Indemnity shareholder interest to the noncontrolling interest as a result of the December 31, 2010 sale of the P&C subsidiaries.

**Table of Contents****Note 21. Commitments and Contingencies**

Indemnity has contractual commitments to invest up to \$50 million related to its limited partnership investments at December 31, 2010. These commitments are split between private equity securities of \$21 million, real estate activities of \$17 million and mezzanine debt securities of \$12 million. These commitments will be funded as required by the partnership agreements.

The Exchange, including EFL, has contractual commitments to invest up to \$402 million related to its limited partnership investments at December 31, 2010. These commitments are split between private equity securities of \$177 million, real estate activities of \$143 million and mezzanine debt securities of \$82 million. These commitments will be funded as required by the partnership agreements.

We are involved in litigation arising in the ordinary course of business. In our opinion, the effects, if any, of such litigation are not expected to be material to our consolidated financial condition, operations or cash flows.

**Note 22. Supplementary Data on Cash Flows**

A reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities as presented in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows is as follows for the years ended December 31:

	Indirect method of cash flows		
<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group		
	2010	2009	2008
<b><u>Cash flows from operating activities:</u></b>			
Net income (loss)	\$ 660	\$ 446	\$ (616)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation	12	9	7
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs	652	624	602
Impairment of goodwill	22		
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)	342	15	(246)
Realized (gains) losses and impairments on investments	(307)	(285)	1,597
Equity in (earnings) losses of limited partnerships	(128)	369	58
Net amortization of bond premium (discount)	9	(12)	6
Increase (decrease) in deferred compensation	7	0	(10)
Limited partnership distributions	122	81	315
(Increase) decrease in receivables, reinsurance recoverables and reserve credits	(158)	209	(222)
Increase in prepaid expenses	10	(9)	0
Increase in deferred policy acquisition costs	(667)	(642)	(626)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	25	(4)	(13)
Decrease in accrued agent bonuses	(6)	(12)	(17)
(Decrease) increase in loss reserves	(11)	12	(155)
Increase in future life policy benefits and claims reserves	21	37	19
Increase in unearned premiums	116	51	21
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 721	\$ 889	\$ 720

**Note 23. Statutory Information**

Accounting principles used to prepare statutory financial statements differ from those used to prepare financial statements under U.S. GAAP. Prescribed statutory accounting practices ( SAP ) include state laws, regulations, and general administration rules, as well as a variety of publications from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners ( NAIC ). The statutory financial statements of the Exchange and its subsidiaries, EIC, EPC, Flagship



and EFL, are prepared in accordance with accounting practices prescribed and permitted by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department. ENY prepares its statutory financial statements in accordance with accounting practices prescribed by the New York Insurance Department.

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Financial statements prepared under statutory accounting principles focus on the solvency of the insurer and generally provide a more conservative approach than under GAAP. Differences between SAP and GAAP include the valuation of investments, deferred policy acquisition cost assets, the actuarial assumptions used in life reserves, deferred tax assets, and unearned subscriber fees.

Statutory net income and capital and surplus as determined in accordance with SAP prescribed or permitted by insurance regulatory authorities are as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	SAP Net Income (Loss)			Capital and Surplus	
	Years ended December 31,			At December 31,	
	2010	2009	2008	2010	2009
Erie Insurance Company	\$ 21	\$ 16	\$ (10)	\$ 251	\$ 232
Erie Insurance Company of New York	2	2	1	20	22
Erie Insurance Property & Casualty Company	0	0	0	10	10
Erie Insurance Exchange	531	(56)	(363)	5,070	4,518
Flagship City Insurance Company	0	0	0	11	10
Erie Family Life Insurance Company	38	3	(66)	208	174

The minimum statutory capital and surplus requirements under Pennsylvania and New York law for Exchange's stock property and casualty subsidiaries amounts to \$12 million. The Exchange's subsidiaries' total statutory capital and surplus significantly exceed these minimum requirements, totaling \$292 million at December 31, 2010. The risk-based capital levels of all members of the Property and Casualty Group and EFL significantly exceed the minimum requirements. Cash and securities with a carrying value of \$14 million were deposited by the property and casualty and life entities with regulatory authorities under statutory requirements at December 31, 2010.

As prescribed by the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Exchange records unearned subscriber fees (fees to attorney-in-fact) as deductions from unearned premium reserve and charges current operations on a pro-rata basis over the periods covered by the policies. The Pennsylvania-domiciled members of the Property and Casualty Group discount workers compensation loss reserves on a non-tabular basis as prescribed by the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Exchange's NAIC prepared statutory surplus, excluding the impact of the Pennsylvania prescribed practices, would have been \$4.6 billion at December 31, 2010. EIC's NAIC prepared statutory surplus, excluding the impact of the Pennsylvania prescribed practices, would have been \$244 million at December 31, 2010. EPC and Flagship record the discounting of workers compensation loss reserves on a direct basis; however, after application of the intercompany pooling arrangement, there is no impact on their financial statements.

The amount of dividends EIC, EPC and Flagship, Exchange's Pennsylvania-domiciled property and casualty subsidiaries, can pay without the prior approval of the Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner is limited to not more than the greater of: (a) 10% of its statutory surplus as reported on its last annual statement, or (b) the net income as reported on its last annual statement. The amount of dividends that the EIC's New York-domiciled property and casualty subsidiary, ENY, can pay without the prior approval of the New York Superintendent of Insurance is limited to the lesser of: (a) 10% of its statutory surplus as reported on its last annual statement, or (b) 100% of its adjusted net investment income during such period. In 2011, the maximum dividend payout that the Exchange could receive from its property and casualty insurance subsidiaries would be \$29 million. No dividends were paid by these property and casualty insurance subsidiaries in 2010, 2009 or 2008.

The amount of dividends EFL, a Pennsylvania-domiciled life insurer, can pay to its shareholders without the prior approval of the Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner is limited by statute to the greater of: (a) 10% of its statutory surplus as shown on its last annual statement on file with the commissioner, or (b) the net income as reported on its last annual statement, but shall not include pro-rata distribution of any class of the insurer's own securities.

Accordingly, the maximum dividend payout that the Exchange and Indemnity could receive in 2011 without prior Pennsylvania Commissioner approval is \$30 million and \$8 million, respectively. There were no dividends paid to either the Exchange or Indemnity in 2010, 2009 or 2008.



**Table of Contents****Note 24. Indemnity Supplemental Information****Consolidating Statement of Financial Position**

<b>December 31, 2010</b> <i>(in millions)</i>	Indemnity shareholder interest	Exchange noncontrolling interest	Reclassifications and eliminations	Erie Insurance Group
<b>Assets</b>				
<b>Investments</b>				
Available-for-sale securities, at fair value:				
Fixed maturities	\$ 264	\$ 7,279	\$	\$ 7,543
Equity securities	24	570		594
Trading securities, at fair value	28	2,306		2,334
Limited partnerships	216	1,108		1,324
Other invested assets	1	19		20
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>11,282</b>		<b>11,815</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	310	120		430
Premiums receivable from policyholders <sup>(1)</sup>		942		942
Reinsurance recoverable <sup>(1)</sup>		201		201
Deferred acquisition costs <sup>(1)</sup>		467		467
Other assets	132	357		489
Receivables from Exchange and other affiliates <sup>(1)</sup>	232		(232)	
Note receivable from EFL	25		(25)	
Equity in EFL	80		(80)	
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,312</b>	<b>\$ 13,369</b>	<b>\$ (337)</b>	<b>\$ 14,344</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Losses and loss expense reserves <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	\$ 3,584	\$	\$ 3,584
Life policy and deposit contract reserves		1,603		1,603
Unearned premiums <sup>(1)</sup>		2,082		2,082
Deferred income taxes	26	257		283
Other liabilities	374	341	(257)	458
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>7,867</b>	<b>(257)</b>	<b>8,010</b>
<b>Shareholders' equity and noncontrolling interest</b>				
Total Indemnity shareholders' equity	912			912
Noncontrolling interest for the benefit of policyholders' Exchange		5,502	(80)	5,422
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>5,502</b>	<b>(80)</b>	<b>6,334</b>
<b>Total liabilities, shareholders' equity and noncontrolling interest</b>	<b>\$ 1,312</b>	<b>\$ 13,369</b>	<b>\$ (337)</b>	<b>\$ 14,344</b>

- (1) *Prior to December 31, 2010, the underwriting assets and liabilities retained by EIC and ENY were the responsibility of the Indemnity shareholder interest. Due to the sale of Indemnity's property and casualty subsidiaries to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, all property and casualty underwriting assets and liabilities are the responsibility of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest. (See Note 1, Nature of Operations .)*

**Table of Contents****Consolidating Statement of Financial Position**

<b>December 31, 2009</b> <i>(in millions)</i>	Indemnity shareholder interest	Exchange noncontrolling interest	Reclassifications and eliminations	Erie Insurance Group
<b>Assets</b>				
Investments				
Available-for-sale securities, at fair value:				
Fixed maturities	\$ 664	\$ 6,517	\$	\$ 7,181
Equity securities	38	472		510
Trading securities, at fair value	42	1,835		1,877
Limited partnerships	235	1,116		1,351
Other invested assets	1	20		21
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>9,960</b>		<b>10,940</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	76	158		234
Premiums receivable from policyholders <sup>(1)</sup>	237	872	(203)	906
Reinsurance recoverable <sup>(1)</sup>	2	213		215
Deferred income taxes	41	75		116
Deferred acquisition costs <sup>(1)</sup>	17	450		467
Other assets	102	308	(1)	409
Reinsurance recoverables and receivables from Exchange and other affiliates <sup>(1)</sup>	1,115		(1,115)	
Note receivable from EFL	25		(25)	
Equity in EFL	72		(72)	
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,667</b>	<b>\$ 12,036</b>	<b>\$ (1,416)</b>	<b>\$ 13,287</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Losses and loss expense reserves <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 965	\$ 3,424	\$ (791)	\$ 3,598
Life policy and deposit contract reserves		1,540		1,540
Unearned premiums <sup>(1)</sup>	434	1,872	(325)	1,981
Other liabilities	366	305	(228)	443
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,765</b>	<b>7,141</b>	<b>(1,344)</b>	<b>7,562</b>
<b>Shareholders equity and noncontrolling interest</b>				
Total Indemnity shareholders equity	902			902
Noncontrolling interest for the benefit of policyholders Exchange		4,895	(72)	4,823
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>4,895</b>	<b>(72)</b>	<b>5,725</b>
<b>Total liabilities, shareholders equity and noncontrolling interest</b>	<b>\$ 2,667</b>	<b>\$ 12,036</b>	<b>\$ (1,416)</b>	<b>\$ 13,287</b>

(1) *Indemnity's insurance related accounts in this table include its wholly owned property and casualty insurance subsidiaries' direct business in addition to their share of the pooling transactions, which represents 5.5% of the total Property and Casualty Group business. The Consolidated Statements of Financial Position include direct business only as the 5.5% of activity assumed in accordance with the intercompany pooling arrangement has been eliminated in the consolidated presentation.*

Receivables from Exchange and EFL and concentrations of credit risk

Financial instruments could potentially expose Indemnity to concentrations of credit risk, including unsecured receivables from the Exchange. A majority of Indemnity's revenue and receivables are from the Exchange and affiliates. See also Note 4, Variable Interest Entity.

Management fee and expense allocation amounts due from the Exchange were \$229 million and \$210 million at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The receivable from EFL for expense allocations totaled \$3 million at December 31, 2010 and 2009.

Indemnity is due \$25 million from EFL in the form of a surplus note that was issued in 2003. The note may be repaid only out of unassigned surplus of EFL. Both principal and interest payments are subject to prior approval by the Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner. The note bears an annual interest rate of 6.7% and will be payable on demand on or after December 31, 2018, with interest scheduled to be paid semi-annually. EFL paid annual interest to Indemnity of \$2 million in both 2010 and 2009.

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<i>(in millions)</i>	Percent	Indemnity shareholder interest Years ended December 31,		
		2010	2009	2008
<b>Management operations</b>				
Management fee revenue, net	100.0%	\$ 1,009	\$ 965	\$ 950
Service agreement revenue	100.0%	34	35	33
Total revenue from management operations		1,043	1,000	983
Cost of management operations	100.0%	841	813	810
<b><i>Income from management operations before taxes</i></b>		202	187	173
<b>Property and casualty insurance operations</b>				
Net premiums earned	5.5% <sup>(2)</sup>	216	209	207
Losses and loss expenses	5.5% <sup>(2)</sup>	155	145	137
Policy acquisition and other underwriting expenses	5.5% <sup>(2)</sup>	61	63	57
<b><i>Income from property and casualty insurance operations before taxes</i></b>		0	1	13
<b>Life insurance operations<sup>(1)</sup></b>				
Total revenue	21.6% <sup>(3)</sup>	37	27	13
Total benefits and expenses	21.6% <sup>(3)</sup>	26	25	25
<b><i>Income (loss) from life insurance operations before taxes</i></b>		11	2	(12)
<b>Investment operations</b>				
Net investment income <sup>(2)</sup>		37	42	44
Net realized (losses) gains on investments <sup>(2)</sup>		(1)	10	(43)
Net impairment losses recognized in earnings <sup>(2)</sup>		(1)	(12)	(70)
Equity in earnings (losses) of limited partnerships		21	(76)	6
<b><i>Income (loss) from investment operations before taxes<sup>(2)</sup></i></b>		56	(36)	(63)
<b>Income from operations before income taxes and noncontrolling interest</b>				
Provision for income taxes		269	154	111
		107	46	42
<b>Net income</b>		\$ 162	\$ 108	\$ 69

(1) Earnings on life insurance related invested assets are integral to the evaluation of the life insurance operations because of the long duration of life products. On that basis, for presentation purposes, the life insurance operations in the table above include life insurance related investment results. However, the life insurance investment results are included in the investment operations segment discussion in Note 5, Segment Information .



- (2) *Prior to and through December 31, 2010, the underwriting results retained by EIC and ENY and the investment results of EIC, ENY and EPC accrued to the benefit of the Indemnity shareholder interest. Due to the sale of Indemnity's property and casualty subsidiaries to the Exchange on December 31, 2010, all property and casualty underwriting results and all investment results for these companies accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, after December 31, 2010. (See Note 1, Nature of Operations .)*
- (3) *As a result of the pending sale of Indemnity's 21.6% ownership interest in EFL to the Exchange which is scheduled to close by March 31, 2011, all earnings of EFL will accrue to the benefit of the subscribers (policyholders) of the Exchange, or noncontrolling interest, after March 31, 2011. (See Note 1, Nature of Operations .)*

Expense allocations

All claims handling services for the Exchange are performed by Indemnity employees who are entirely dedicated to claims related activities. All costs associated with these employees are reimbursed to Indemnity from Exchange revenues in accordance with the subscriber's agreement. Likewise, Indemnity is reimbursed by EFL from its revenues for all costs associated with employees who perform life insurance operating activities for EFL in accordance with its service agreement with Indemnity. Cash settlements for payments on the account of the Exchange totaled \$293 million, \$282 million and \$267 million in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and \$27 million, \$32 million and \$36 million in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively, for EFL. Cash transfers are settled quarterly.

Common overhead expenses included in the expenses paid by Indemnity are allocated based on appropriate utilization statistics (employee count, square footage, vehicle count, project hours, etc.) specifically measured to accomplish proportional allocations. Executive compensation is allocated based on each executive's primary responsibilities (management services, property and casualty claims operations, EFL operations and investment operations). We believe the methods used to allocate common overhead expenses among the affiliated entities are reasonable.

**Table of Contents****Office leases**

Indemnity leases certain office space on a five and six year basis from the Exchange including the home office and three field office facilities. Rent expenses under these leases totaled \$6 million in 2010, 2009 and 2008. Indemnity also has a lease commitment with EFL for a branch office until 2018. Annual rentals paid to EFL under this lease totaled \$0.4 million in 2010 and \$0.3 million in 2009 and 2008.

**Direct method of cash flows**

Indemnity's components of direct cash flows as included in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows are as follows for the years ended December 31:

<i>(in millions)</i>	2010	Indemnity 2009	2008
Management fee received	\$ 947	\$ 912	\$ 898
Service agreement fee received	34	35	32
Premiums collected	220	214	208
Net investment income received	45	45	52
Limited partnership distributions	21	13	29
(Decrease) increase in reimbursements collected from affiliates	(15)	3	(8)
Commissions and bonuses paid to agents	(532)	(535)	(534)
Salaries and wages paid	(106)	(110)	(111)
Pension contribution and employee benefits paid	(33)	(32)	(48)
Losses paid	(132)	(123)	(121)
Loss expenses paid	(23)	(22)	(21)
Other underwriting and acquisition costs paid	(53)	(54)	(52)
General operating expenses paid	(119)	(104)	(104)
Interest paid on bank line of credit	0	0	(1)
Income taxes paid	(61)	(62)	(68)
Net cash provided by operating activities	193	180	151
Net cash provided (used in) by investing activities	196	(69)	73
Net cash used in financing activities	(155)	(96)	(194)
Net increase in cash	234	15	30
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	76	61	31
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 310	\$ 76	\$ 61

**Note 25. EFL Supplemental Information**

EFL is a Pennsylvania-domiciled life insurance company operating in 10 states and the District of Columbia. Indemnity owns 21.6% of EFL's common shares outstanding and accounted for its ownership interest using the equity method of accounting. On November 4, 2010 Indemnity entered into a definitive agreement for the sale of its 21.6% ownership interest in EFL to the Exchange, which is scheduled to close by March 31, 2011. Upon the closing date, the Exchange will own 100% of the life insurance operations. Indemnity's share of EFL's undistributed earnings included in retained earnings as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, totaled \$63 million and \$55 million, respectively. The following table presents condensed financial information for EFL on a U.S. GAAP basis for the years ended December 31:

<i>(in millions)</i>	2010	2009	2008
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Policy and other revenues	\$ 65	\$ 64	\$ 66
Net investment income (expense)	107	63	(6)
Benefits and expenses	122	117	114
Income (loss) before income taxes	50	10	(54)
Income tax expense (benefit)	14	(16)	14
Net income (loss)	36	26	(68)
Comprehensive income (loss)	60	142	(138)

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In 2010 net income was positively impacted by improving market conditions and a reduction in impairment charges which led to an increase in investment income of \$44 million. Impairment charges totaled \$2 million in 2010 compared to \$23 million and \$83 million in 2009 and 2008, respectively. Net realized gains on investments totaled \$14 million and \$3 million in 2010 and 2009, respectively compared to losses of \$10 million recorded in 2008.

Net income in 2009 was positively impacted by a reduction in the deferred tax valuation allowance of \$19 million. A deferred tax valuation allowance of \$33 million was recorded in the Statements of Operations for 2008 related to the more significant impairment charges and contributed to the net loss reported in 2008.

In 2008 a deferred tax valuation allowance of \$7 million was recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income for unrealized losses on securities where the related deferred tax asset was not expected to be realized. This amount was reduced in both 2009 and 2010 driven by unrealized gains during the year. The deferred tax valuation allowance was \$0 at December 31, 2010.

In 2009 comprehensive income was positively impacted by the \$27 million cumulative effect of implementing new other-than-temporary impairment guidance in the second quarter. Additionally, EFL experienced unrealized gains, after tax of \$90 million in 2009 which contributed to the increase in comprehensive income and investments. The comprehensive loss for 2008 included unrealized losses after tax of \$70 million resulting from the 2008 market conditions.

<i>(in millions, except per share data)</i>	As of December 31,	
	2010	2009
Investments	\$ 1,777	\$ 1,639
Total assets	2,077	1,941
Liabilities	1,685	1,609
Accumulated other comprehensive income	42	18
Cumulative effect adjustment		27
Total shareholders' equity	393	333
Book value per share	\$ 41.54	\$ 35.19

In June 2009, Indemnity made a \$12 million capital contribution to EFL and the Exchange made a \$43 million capital contribution to EFL to strengthen its surplus. The \$55 million in capital contributions increased EFL's investments and total shareholders' equity.

During the second quarter of 2009, a required cumulative effect adjustment reclassified previously recognized non-credit other-than-temporary impairments of \$27 million out of retained earnings. Deferred taxes of \$9 million related to this cumulative effect adjustment were offset by a reduction in the valuation allowance in the same amount related to previously recognized impairments.

Total shareholders' equity increased \$60 million at December 31, 2010 compared to December 31, 2009. The main factors driving this increase were \$24 million in unrealized gains, net of tax and net income of \$36 million.

**Table of Contents****Note 26. Quarterly Results of Operations (unaudited)**

<i>(in millions, except per share data)</i>	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	Year ended
<b>2010</b>					
Revenues	\$ 1,216	\$ 916	\$ 1,357	\$ 1,401	\$ 4,890
Benefits and expenses	988	967	952	984	3,891
Income (loss) from operations before income taxes and noncontrolling interest	228	(51)	405	417	999
Net income (loss)	162	(31)	275	254	660
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest in consolidated entity Exchange	115	(80)	221	242	498
Net income attributable to Indemnity	\$ 47	\$ 49	\$ 54	\$ 12	\$ 162
Earnings per share <sup>(1)</sup>					
Net income attributable to Indemnity per share					
Class A common stock basic	\$ 0.92	\$ 0.96	\$ 1.05	\$ 0.25	\$ 3.18
<b>Class A common stock diluted</b>	<b>\$ 0.82</b>	<b>\$ 0.86</b>	<b>\$ 0.94</b>	<b>\$ 0.22</b>	<b>\$ 2.85</b>
Class B common stock basic and diluted	\$ 132.83	\$ 138.21	\$ 150.87	\$ 40.93	\$ 462.83
	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	Year ended
<b>2009</b>					
Revenues	\$ 695	\$ 1,149	\$ 1,286	\$ 1,125	\$ 4,255
Benefits and expenses	1,035	891	930	875	3,731
(Loss) income from operations before income taxes and noncontrolling interest	(340)	258	356	250	524
Net (loss) income	(251)	271	252	174	446
Less: Net (loss) income attributable to noncontrolling interest in consolidated entity Exchange	(262)	238	212	150	338
Net income attributable to Indemnity	\$ 11	\$ 33	\$ 40	\$ 24	\$ 108

Earnings per share<sup>(1)</sup>

Net income attributable to

Indemnity per share

Class A common stock	basic	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.77	\$ 0.48	\$ 2.10
<b>Class A common stock</b>	<b>diluted</b>	<b>\$ 0.19</b>	<b>\$ 0.57</b>	<b>\$ 0.69</b>	<b>\$ 0.43</b>	<b>\$ 1.89</b>
Class B common stock	basic and diluted	\$ 34.78	\$ 93.19	\$ 112.06	\$ 72.49	\$ 312.45

(1) The cumulative sum of quarterly basic and diluted net income per share amounts may not equal total basic and diluted net income per share for the year due to differences in weighted average shares and equivalent shares outstanding for each of the periods presented.

**Note 27. Subsequent Events**

We have evaluated for recognized and nonrecognized subsequent events through the date of financial statement issuance. No items were identified in this period subsequent to the financial statement date that required adjustment or disclosure.

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**Item 9. Changes In and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure**

None.

**Item 9A. Controls and Procedures**

**Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow for timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

As required by the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 13a-15(e), we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2010. Based on the foregoing, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

**Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

There has been no change in our internal controls over financial reporting during our most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect our internal controls over financial reporting. Our process for evaluating controls and procedures is continuous and encompasses constant improvement of the design and effectiveness of established controls and procedures.

**Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting of Erie Indemnity Company, as such term is defined in the Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f). Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Erie Indemnity Company's internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in *Internal Control-Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on our evaluation under the framework in *Internal Control-Integrated Framework*, management has concluded that Erie Indemnity Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2010.

/s/ Terrence W. Cavanaugh

/s/ Marcia A. Dall

/s/ Gregory J. Gutting

Terrence W. Cavanaugh  
President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
February 24, 2011

Marcia A. Dall  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
February 24, 2011

Gregory J. Gutting  
Senior Vice President and  
Controller  
February 24, 2011

Our independent auditors have issued an attestation report on management's assessment of our internal control over financial reporting. This report appears on page 69.

**Item 9B. Other Information**

There was no additional information in the fourth quarter of 2010 that has not already been filed in a Form 8-K.

**Table of Contents****PART III****Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance**

The information with respect to our directors, audit committee, and audit committee financial experts and Section 16(a) beneficial ownership reporting compliance, is incorporated by reference to the information statement on Form 14(C) to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission no later than 120 days after December 31, 2010. We have adopted a code of conduct that applies to all of our directors, officers (including our chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief accounting officer and any person performing similar functions) and employees. We previously filed a copy of this Code of Conduct as Exhibit 14 to the Registrant's 2003 Form 10-K Annual Report as filed with the SEC on March 8, 2004. We have also made the Code of Conduct available on our website at <http://www.erieinsurance.com>.

**Executive Officers of the Registrant**

Name	Age as of 12/31/10	Principal Occupation for Past Five Years and Positions with Erie Insurance Group
<b><u>President &amp; Chief Executive Officer:</u></b>		
Terrence W. Cavanaugh	57	President and Chief Executive Officer of Erie Indemnity Company since July 29, 2008; Senior Vice President, Chubb & Son/Federal Insurance, for more than five years prior thereto; Chief Operating Officer, Chubb Surety, for more than five years prior thereto; Director, Erie Indemnity Company, EFL, EIC, Flagship, ENY and EPC.
<b><u>Executive Vice Presidents:</u></b>		
Marcia A. Dall	47	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since March 30, 2009; Chief Financial Officer Healthcare, Cigna Corporation, January 2008 through March 2009; Chief Financial Officer International & U.S. Mortgage Insurance, Genworth Financial, September 2006 through January 2008; Chief Financial Officer International & U.S. Mortgage Insurance, GE Mortgage Insurance, for more than five years prior thereto; Director, EFL, EIC, Flagship, ENY and EPC.
James J. Tanous	63	Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel since April 30, 2007; Partner and Chairman of Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugal, LLP (law firm headquartered in Buffalo, NY) for more than five years prior thereto; Director, EFL, EIC, Flagship, ENY and EPC.
Michael S. Zavasky	58	Executive Vice President Insurance Operations since March 7, 2008; Senior Vice President Strategy Management, January 2006 through March 2008; Senior Vice President Commercial Lines Underwriting, June 2001 through January 2006; Director, EFL, EIC, Flagship, ENY and EPC.
George D. Dufala	39	Executive Vice President Services since September 1, 2010; Senior Vice President, Erie Family Life Insurance Company, October 2008 through August 2010; Senior Vice President, Customer Service, January 2005 through September 2008.





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Name	Age as of 12/31/10	Principal Occupation for Past Five Years and Positions with Erie Insurance Group
<b><u>Executive Vice Presidents</u></b>		
<b><u>(continued):</u></b>		
John F. Kearns	51	Executive Vice President Sales & Marketing since September 1, 2010; Senior Vice President, Commercial Lines Division, February 2007 through August 2010; Sabbatical, February 2005 through January 2007; President Financial & Professional Services, St. Paul Travelers, November 2000 through January 2005.
<b><u>Senior Vice President:</u></b>		
Douglas F. Ziegler	60	Senior Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Investment Officer since 1993; Director, EFL, EIC, Flagship, ENY, and EPC.

**Item 11. Executive Compensation**

The information required by this item with respect to executive compensation is incorporated by reference to the information statement on Form 14(C) to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission no later than 120 days after December 31, 2010.

**Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters**

The information with respect to security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management and securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans, is incorporated by reference to the information statement on Form 14(C) to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission no later than 120 days after December 31, 2010.

**Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence**

Information with respect to certain relationships with our directors is incorporated by reference to the information statement on Form 14(C) to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission no later than 120 days after December 31, 2010.

**Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services**

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to the information statement on Form 14(C) to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission no later than 120 days after December 31, 2010.

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**PART IV**

**Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules**

(a) The following documents are filed as part of this report:

1. Consolidated Financial Statements

Included in Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data contained in this report.

Erie Indemnity Company:

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on the Effectiveness of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on the Consolidated Financial Statements

Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as of December 31, 2010 and 2009

Consolidated Statements of Shareholders Equity for the three years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the three years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008

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All other schedules have been omitted since they are not required, not applicable or the information is included in the financial statements or notes thereto.	
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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

February 24, 2011

ERIE INDEMNITY COMPANY  
(Registrant)

/s/ Terrence W. Cavanaugh  
Terrence W. Cavanaugh, President and CEO  
(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Marcia A. Dall  
Marcia A. Dall, Executive Vice President & CFO  
(Principal Financial Officer)

/s/ Gregory J. Gutting  
Gregory J. Gutting, Senior Vice President &  
Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Board of Directors

/s/ J. Ralph Borneman, Jr.

J. Ralph Borneman, Jr.

/s/ Lucian L. Morrison

Lucian L. Morrison

/s/ Terrence W. Cavanaugh

Terrence W. Cavanaugh

/s/ Thomas W. Palmer

Thomas W. Palmer

/s/ Jonathan Hirt Hagen

Jonathan Hirt Hagen

/s/ Martin P. Sheffield

Martin P. Sheffield

/s/ Susan Hirt Hagen

Susan Hirt Hagen

/s/ Richard L. Stover

Richard L. Stover

/s/ Thomas B. Hagen

Thomas B. Hagen

/s/ Elizabeth A. Vorsheck

Elizabeth A. Vorsheck

/s/ C. Scott Hartz

C. Scott Hartz

/s/ Robert C. Wilburn

Robert C. Wilburn

/s/ Claude C. Lilly, III

Claude C. Lilly, III

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## SCHEDULE I

## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS OTHER THAN INVESTMENTS IN RELATED PARTIES

(See Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report.)

<i>(in millions)</i>	Erie Insurance Group December 31, 2010		
	Amortized cost	Estimated fair value	Amount at which shown in the balance sheet
<b>Indemnity</b>			
Fixed maturities:			
U.S. treasuries and government agencies	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25
U.S. government sponsored enterprises	0	0	0
Municipal securities	193	197	197
U.S. corporate debt non-financial	12	12	12
U.S. corporate debt financial	24	26	26
Structured securities:			
Collateralized debt obligations	3	4	4
Total fixed maturities-Indemnity	\$ 257	\$ 264	\$ 264
Equity securities:			
U.S. nonredeemable preferred securities:			
Financial	\$ 8	\$ 11	\$ 11
Non-financial	11	12	12
Foreign nonredeemable preferred securities:			
Non-financial	1	1	1
Total equity securities Indemnity	\$ 20	\$ 24	\$ 24
Trading securities	\$ 21	\$ 28	\$ 28
Limited partnerships	\$ 202	\$ 216	\$ 216
Real estate mortgage loans	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1
Total Investments Indemnity	\$ 501	\$ 533	\$ 533
<b>Exchange</b>			
Fixed maturities:			
U.S. treasuries and government agencies	\$ 11	\$ 12	\$ 12
U.S. government sponsored enterprises	74	75	75
Foreign government	20	21	21
Municipal securities	1,437	1,471	1,471
U.S. corporate debt non-financial	2,354	2,535	2,535
U.S. corporate debt financial	1,767	1,897	1,897
Foreign corporate debt non-financial	415	449	449
Foreign corporate debt financial	364	382	382

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Structured securities:				
Asset-backed securities auto loans	36	38		38
Asset-backed securities other	18	19		19
Collateralized debt obligations	69	70		70
Commercial mortgage-backed	82	86		86
Residential mortgage-backed:				
Government sponsored enterprises	196	205		205
Non-government sponsored enterprises	20	19		19
Total fixed maturities Exchange	\$ 6,863	\$ 7,279	\$	7,279
Equity securities:				
U.S. nonredeemable preferred securities:				
Financial	\$ 317	\$ 373	\$	373
Non-financial	126	133		133
Government sponsored enterprises	0	0		0
Foreign nonredeemable preferred securities:				
Financial	52	55		55
Non-financial	8	9		9
Total equity securities Exchange	\$ 503	\$ 570	\$	570
Trading securities	\$ 1,773	\$ 2,306	\$	2,306
Limited partnerships	\$ 1,083	\$ 1,108	\$	1,108
Life policy loans	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$	14
Real estate mortgage loans	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$	5
Total Investments Exchange	\$ 10,241	\$ 11,282	\$	11,282
Total Investments Erie Insurance Group	\$ 10,742	\$ 11,815	\$	11,815

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**SCHEDULE III**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY INSURANCE INFORMATION**

(See Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report.)

<i>(in millions)</i>	Deferred policy acquisition costs	Reserves for losses, loss expenses, life policy deposit contracts	Unearned premiums	Premiums earned	Net investment income*	Benefits, claims, losses, and settlement expenses	Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs	Other operating expenses*	Net premiums written (excluding life)
<b>December 31, 2010:</b>									
Property and casualty insurance operations	\$327	\$ 3,584	\$2,082	\$3,925	\$325	\$2,810	\$ 635	\$303	\$4,019
Life insurance operations	140	1,603	0	62	96	90	16	15	0
Management operations	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$467</b>	<b>\$ 5,187</b>	<b>\$2,082</b>	<b>\$3,987</b>	<b>\$433</b>	<b>\$2,900</b>	<b>\$ 651</b>	<b>\$318</b>	<b>\$4,019</b>
<b>December 31, 2009:</b>									
Property and casualty insurance operations	\$313	\$ 3,598	\$1,981	\$3,808	\$326	\$2,639	\$ 611	\$364	\$3,861
Life insurance operations	154	1,540	0	61	93	89	13	15	0
Management operations	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$467</b>	<b>\$ 5,138</b>	<b>\$1,981</b>	<b>\$3,869</b>	<b>\$433</b>	<b>\$2,728</b>	<b>\$ 624</b>	<b>\$379</b>	<b>\$3,861</b>
<b>December 31, 2008:</b>									
Property and casualty insurance operations	\$301	\$ 3,586	\$1,936	\$3,771	\$332	\$2,489	\$ 599	\$289	\$3,788



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Life insurance operations	201	1,449	0	63	87	93	3	17	0
Management operations	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0
Total	\$502	\$ 5,035	\$1,936	\$3,834	\$438	\$2,582	\$ 602	\$306	\$3,788

\* *Net investment income and other operating expenses are charged directly to the respective entities, therefore an allocation basis is not required.*

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REINSURANCE**

<i>(in millions)</i>	Gross amount (direct)	Ceded to other companies	Assumed from other companies	Net amount	Percentage of amount assumed to net
<b>December 31, 2010:</b>					
Life insurance in force	\$ 40,431	\$ 22,303	\$ 0	\$ 18,128	0.0%
Premiums for the year:					
Life insurance	\$ 104	\$ 42	\$ 0	\$ 62	0.0%
Property and liability insurance	3,939	34	20	3,925	0.5%
Total premiums	\$ 4,043	\$ 76	\$ 20	\$ 3,987	0.5%
<b>December 31, 2009:</b>					
Life insurance in force	\$ 38,961	\$ 20,858	\$ 0	\$ 18,103	0.0%
Premiums for the year:					
Life insurance	\$ 100	\$ 39	\$ 0	\$ 61	0.0%
Property and liability insurance	3,806	40	42	3,808	1.1%
Total premiums	\$ 3,906	\$ 79	\$ 42	\$ 3,869	1.1%
<b>December 31, 2008:</b>					
Life insurance in force	\$ 37,697	\$ 19,404	\$ 0	\$ 18,293	0.0%
Premiums for the year:					
Life insurance	\$ 98	\$ 35	\$ 0	\$ 63	0.0%
Property and liability insurance	3,784	48	35	3,771	0.9%
Total premiums	\$ 3,882	\$ 83	\$ 35	\$ 3,834	0.9%

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION CONCERNING PROPERTY-CASUALTY INSURANCE OPERATIONS  
(See Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 1, Nature of Operations, of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained within this report.)

<i>(in millions)</i>	Deferred policy acquisition costs	Reserve for unpaid losses and loss expenses	Discount, if any, deducted from reserves*	Unearned premiums	Earned premiums	Net investment income
<b>December 31, 2010:</b>						
Consolidated P&C Entities	\$ 327	\$ 3,584	\$ 127	\$ 2,082	\$ 3,925	\$ 325
Unconsolidated P&C Entities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proportionate share of registrant & subsidiaries	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 327</b>	<b>\$ 3,584</b>	<b>\$ 127</b>	<b>\$ 2,082</b>	<b>\$ 3,925</b>	<b>\$ 325</b>
<b>December 31, 2009:</b>						
Consolidated P&C Entities	\$ 313	\$ 3,598	\$ 136	\$ 1,981	\$ 3,808	\$ 326
Unconsolidated P&C Entities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proportionate share of registrant & subsidiaries	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 313</b>	<b>\$ 3,598</b>	<b>\$ 136</b>	<b>\$ 1,981</b>	<b>\$ 3,808</b>	<b>\$ 326</b>
<b>December 31, 2008:</b>						
Consolidated P&C Entities	\$ 301	\$ 3,586	\$ 98	\$ 1,936	\$ 3,771	\$ 332
Unconsolidated P&C Entities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proportionate share of registrant & subsidiaries	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 301</b>	<b>\$ 3,586</b>	<b>\$ 98</b>	<b>\$ 1,936</b>	<b>\$ 3,771</b>	<b>\$ 332</b>

\* *Workers compensation case and incurred but not reported loss reserves were discounted at 2.5% for all years presented.*

Losses and loss  
expenses  
incurred related to

Amortization  
of deferred

<i>(in millions)</i>	(1) Current year	(2) Prior years	policy acquisition costs	Net losses and loss expenses paid	Net premiums written

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(Pursuant to Item 601 of Regulation S-K)

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit	Sequentially Numbered Page
3.1	Articles of Incorporation of Registrant. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like numbered exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10 Registration Statement Number 0-24000 filed with the Commission on May 2, 1994.	
3.1A	Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of Registrant effective May 2, 1996. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like numbered exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-Q that was filed with the Commission on July 29, 2010.	
3.1B	Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of Registrant effective May 4, 2001. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like numbered exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-Q that was filed with the Commission on July 29, 2010.	
3.1C	Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of Registrant effective May 10, 2007. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like numbered exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-Q that was filed with the Commission on July 29, 2010.	
3.7	Erie Indemnity Company Amended and Restated Bylaws effective May 5, 2009. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 8-K that was filed with the Commission on May 11, 2009.	
10.12	Form of Subscriber's Agreement whereby policyholders of Erie Insurance Exchange appoint Registrant as their Attorney-in-Fact. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled but renumbered exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-Q that was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 6, 2002.	
10.97	Severance Agreement dated February 28, 2008, by and between Erie Indemnity Company and Thomas B. Morgan. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 8-K that was filed with the Commission on March 3, 2008.	
10.98	Separation Agreement between Erie Indemnity Company and Michael J. Krahe dated June 25, 2008. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 8-K that was filed with the Commission on June 26, 2008.	
10.99	Executive Retention Agreement between Erie Indemnity Company and Philip A. Garcia dated June 25, 2008. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 8-K that was filed with the Commission on June 26, 2008.	
10.100	Employment Agreement dated July 14, 2008, between Erie Indemnity Company and Terrence W. Cavanaugh. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 8-K that was filed with the Commission on July 18, 2008.	

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Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit	Sequentially Numbered Page
10.101	Amendment of Erie Insurance Group Retirement Plan for Employees (As Amended and Restated Effective December 31, 2005) dated December 29, 2008. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-K annual report that was filed with the Commission on February 26, 2009.	
10.102	Amendment of Erie Insurance Group Employee Savings Plan (As Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2006) dated December 29, 2008. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-K annual report that was filed with the Commission on February 26, 2009.	
10.103	Supplemental Retirement Plan for Certain Members of the Erie Insurance Group Retirement Plan for Employees (Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2009). Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-K annual report that was filed with the Commission on February 26, 2009.	
10.104	Deferred Compensation Plan of Erie Indemnity Company (As Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2009). Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-K annual report that was filed with the Commission on February 26, 2009.	
10.105	Erie Indemnity Company Deferred Compensation Plan for Outside Directors (As Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2009). Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-K annual report that was filed with the Commission on February 26, 2009.	
10.106	Erie Indemnity Company Long-Term Incentive Plan (Restated Effective January 1, 2009). Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-K annual report that was filed with the Commission on February 26, 2009.	
10.107	Erie Indemnity Company Annual Incentive Plan (As Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2009). Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-K annual report that was filed with the Commission on February 26, 2009.	
10.108	Form of Indemnification Agreement that Registrant has entered into on November 14, 2008 with Terrence W. Cavanaugh (Director and Officer); J. Ralph Borneman, Jr., Patricia Garrison-Corbin, Jonathan Hirt Hagen, Susan Hirt Hagen, Thomas B. Hagen, C. Scott Hartz, Claude C. Lilly, III, Lucian L. Morrison, Thomas W. Palmer, Elizabeth A. Vorsheck, Robert C. Wilburn (Directors); James J. Tanous, Michael S. Zavasky and George R. Lucore (Officers). Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-K annual report that was filed with the Commission on February 26, 2009.	

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Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit	Sequentially Numbered Page
10.109	Loan Agreement between Erie Indemnity Company and PNC Bank, National Association dated January 30, 2008, Amendment to Loan Documents dated February 27, 2008, Reimbursement Agreement for Standby Letter(s) of Credit dated February 27, 2008, Sixth Amendment to Loan Documents dated December 29, 2008, Eighth Amendment to Loan Documents dated April 21, 2009, and Ninth Amendment to Loan Documents dated June 29, 2009. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-Q that was filed with the Commission on August 5, 2009.	
10.110	Committed Line of Credit Note between Erie Indemnity Company and PNC Bank, National Association dated January 30, 2008, and Third Amended and Restated Committed Line of Credit Note dated December 29, 2008. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-Q that was filed with the Commission on August 5, 2009.	
10.111	Notification and Control Agreement between Erie Indemnity Company and PNC Bank, National Association dated January 30, 2008. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-Q that was filed with the Commission on August 5, 2009.	
10.112	Pledge Agreement between Erie Indemnity Company and PNC Bank, National Association dated January 30, 2008. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-Q that was filed with the Commission on August 5, 2009.	
10.113	\$200,000,000.00 Revolving Credit Facility Credit Agreement between Erie Insurance Exchange acting by and through Erie Indemnity Company, its Attorney-in-Fact, and PNC Bank, National Association, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Bank of America, N.A., and PNC Capital Markets LLC dated September 30, 2009. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-Q that was filed with the Commission on October 29, 2009.	
10.114	Form of Revolving Credit Note that Erie Insurance Exchange has entered into by and through the Registrant, as its Attorney-in-Fact, on September 30, 2009 with Bank of America, N.A. (\$35 million), The Bank of New York Mellon (\$25 million), JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (\$35 million), PNC Bank, National Association (\$55 million), U.S. Bank National Association (\$25 million), and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (\$25 million). Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-Q that was filed with the Commission on October 29, 2009.	
10.115	Swing Note between Erie Insurance Exchange acting by and through Erie Indemnity Company, its Attorney-in-Fact, and PNC Bank, National Association dated September 30, 2009. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-Q that was filed with the Commission on October 29, 2009.	

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Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit	Sequentially Numbered Page
10.116	Notification and Control Agreement between Erie Indemnity Company as Attorney-in-Fact for Erie Insurance Exchange and The Bank of New York Mellon and PNC Bank, National Association dated September 30, 2009. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-Q that was filed with the Commission on October 29, 2009.	
10.117	Pledge Agreement between Erie Indemnity Company as Attorney-in-Fact for Erie Insurance Exchange and PNC Bank, National Association dated September 30, 2009. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-Q that was filed with the Commission on October 29, 2009.	
10.118	Tenth Amendment to Loan Documents between Erie Indemnity Company and PNC Bank, National Association dated December 10, 2009. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 8-K that was filed with the Commission on December 10, 2009.	
10.119	Indemnification Agreement that Registrant has entered into on February 23, 2010 with Marcia A. Dall (Executive Vice President & CFO). Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-K that was filed with the Commission on February 25, 2010.	
10.120	First Amendment to Erie Indemnity Company Annual Incentive Plan (As Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2009) effective January 1, 2010. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-Q that was filed with the Commission on May 6, 2010.	
10.121	Second Amendment to Erie Indemnity Company Annual Incentive Plan (As Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2009) effective January 1, 2010. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-Q that was filed with the Commission on November 4, 2010.	
10.122	Stock Purchase Agreement between Erie Indemnity Company and Erie Insurance Exchange Relating to the Capital Stock of Erie Insurance Company, Erie Insurance Company of New York and Erie Property and Casualty Company dated November 4, 2010. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 8-K that was filed with the Commission on November 4, 2010.	
10.123	Stock Purchase Agreement between Erie Indemnity Company and Erie Insurance Exchange Relating to the Capital Stock of Erie Family Life Insurance Company dated November 4, 2010. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 8-K that was filed with the Commission on November 4, 2010.	
10.124*	Erie Insurance Group Retirement Plan for Employees (As Amended and Restated Effective December 31, 2009) dated December 23, 2010.	



10.125\* Erie Insurance Group Employee Savings Plan (As Amended and Restated Effective as of January 1, 2010) dated December 23, 2010.

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Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit	Sequentially Numbered Page
10.126*	Agreement dated January 13, 2010, by and between Erie Indemnity Company and George R. Lucore.	
10.127*	Eleventh Amendment to Loan Documents between Erie Indemnity Company and PNC Bank, National Association dated July 20, 2010.	
10.128*	Amendment to Loan Documents between Erie Indemnity Company and PNC Bank, National Association dated December 22, 2010.	
10.129*	Lease Agreement between Erie Insurance Exchange and Erie Indemnity Company dated January 1, 2011.	
14	Code of Conduct. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 10-K annual report for the year ended December 31, 2003 that was filed with the Commission on March 8, 2004.	
23*	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	
31.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002	
31.2*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002	
32*	Certifications pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002	
99.1	Audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying footnote disclosures of Erie Indemnity Company for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 conformed to reflect the amended guidance in ASC 810 Consolidation, which became effective January 1, 2010. Also included is the independent auditors' report dated as of February 25, 2010 and May 6, 2010. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operation for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 conformed to reflect these changes and the Controls and Procedures item. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 8-K that was filed with the Commission on May 6, 2010.	
99.2	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP. Such exhibit is incorporated by reference to the like titled exhibit in the Registrant's Form 8-K that was filed with the Commission on May 6, 2010.	
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document	
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document	

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101.CAL\* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document

101.LAB\* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document

101.PRE\* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

101.DEF\* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document

\* filed herewith