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ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

10:00 a.m. CDT, Thursday, April 25, 2013
Corporate Headquarters
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The proceedings will be webcast live and in replay on the Investor Relations page of the Torchmark Corporation website. The Company's Annual Meeting will be conducted in accordance with its Shareholder Rights Policy. A copy of this policy can be obtained on the Company's website, or by contacting the Corporate Secretary at the Torchmark Corporation headquarters address.

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- Torchmark's Annual Reports/10-K and Proxy
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The Investor Relations page contains a menu with links to many topics of interest to investors and other interested third parties:

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS*

In thousands, except percentage and per share amounts

	2012	2011	% CHANGE
OPERATIONS:			
Total Premium	\$2,856,866	\$2,657,345	7.5
Net Operating Income	506,647	493,700	2.6
Annualized Life Premium In Force	1,895,017	1,813,705	4.5
Annualized Health Premium In Force	1,228,502	1,016,393	20.9
Diluted Average Shares Outstanding	97,898	109,815	(10.9)
Net Operating Income as a Return on Average Common Equity	15.5%	14.7%	
PER COMMON SHARE (ON A DILUTED BASIS):			
Net Operating Income	\$5.18	\$4.50	15.1
Shareholders' Equity at Year End	35.24	31.96	10.3

* Certain financial data differ from the comparable GAAP financial data.
Reconciliations to GAAP financial data are presented on pages 14-15.



LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS*

Before we talk about Torchmark's operations, we'd like to make a few comments about our Chairman, Mark McAndrew, who stepped down as CEO last June after over 30 years of service to the Torchmark companies.

Mark navigated Torchmark through one of the most difficult economic environments in modern history. We emerged from the financial crisis stronger than before without government assistance and without issuing equity. We've both worked with Mark for over 26 years and have always admired his remarkable ability to quickly sort through complex issues and develop innovative solutions.

Mark ran the Company with integrity, always making decisions with the best interests of Torchmark's shareholders, customers and employees in mind. His contributions as Chief Executive Officer will benefit Torchmark for years to come.

Leadership Structure and Philosophy

When Mark stepped down as CEO on June 1, 2012, we were appointed co-CEOs. We're often asked why Torchmark chose a co-CEO structure. While we'll admit it is unusual, we believe the arrangement works best for Torchmark now

because of the unique relationship that we have. We have worked closely together at Torchmark and all the insurance subsidiaries for over 26 years. Our complementary skill sets and our trust in each other provide a depth to the position that wouldn't exist with a single CEO.

The co-CEO arrangement facilitates a sound collective decision-making process and also allows us the flexibility to more easily oversee daily operations and plan for the future.

We both believe in the Torchmark business model - selling simple, protection-oriented products to middle-income families through captive distribution with products that generate strong margins and high cash flow, minimizing administrative expenses, maintaining a conservative investment approach, and managing our capital to maximize shareholder value.

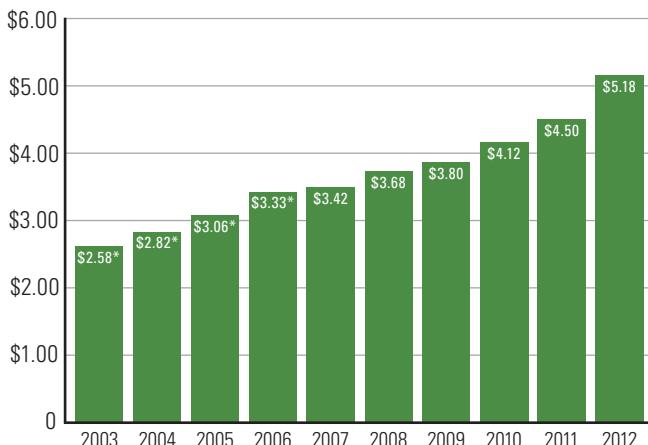
Our target market is vastly underserved and provides significant opportunity for growth as has been evidenced by the Company's performance in recent years.

Due to our focus on stable, protection-oriented products and conservative management of investments, Torchmark has delivered consistent growth.

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NET OPERATING INCOME PER SHARE*

Compound Annual Growth Rate 10 Year – 8.3%, 5 Year – 8.7%

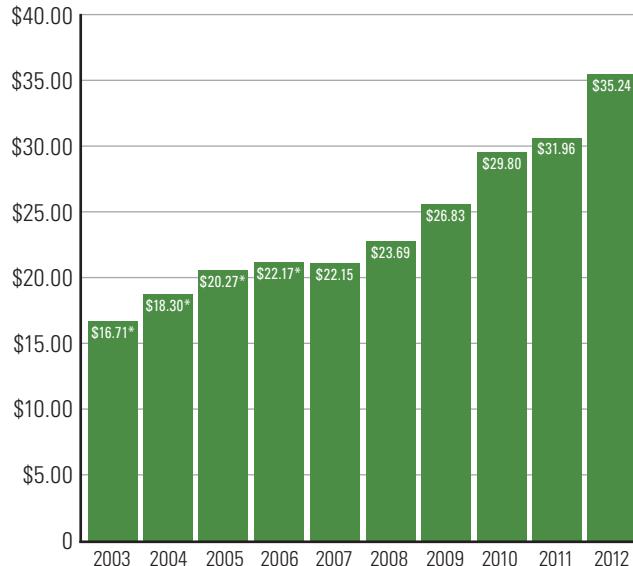


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As you can see, net operating income per share has increased steadily over the last ten years. The compound annual growth rate over the past ten years was 8.3% despite the recent financial crisis. For the last five years, the compound annual growth rate was 8.7%. For 2012, we grew net operating income per share by 15.1%, our best year in the past fourteen years.

BOOK VALUE PER SHARE (EXCLUDING NET UNREALIZED GAINS OR LOSSES ON FIXED MATURITIES)*

Compound Annual Growth Rate 10 Year – 8.9%, 5 Year – 9.7%



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Book value per share has also grown steadily. Excluding net unrealized gains or losses on our fixed maturities, our book value per share grew at a compound annual growth rate of 9.7% over the last five years, while our reported GAAP value, which includes net unrealized gains or losses, grew at a compound annual growth rate of 16.1% over the past five years.

2012 HIGHLIGHTS

2012 was a very good year for Torchmark.

Highlights include:

- Net operating income per share grew 15%.
- American Income life sales grew 12%, while the agent count increased 18%.
- Direct Response life sales grew 3% despite a difficult economy.
- Liberty National began to turn around:
 - Agent count and sales grew steadily beginning in February, and
 - Life underwriting margin increased from 22% of premium to 26%.
- Family Heritage Life Insurance Company of America was acquired without restricting future buybacks or mergers and acquisitions activity.
- We refinanced debt on favorable terms.
- We repurchased 7.5 million shares or 7.4% of the outstanding Torchmark shares.

All in all, a very good year for Torchmark.

INSURANCE OPERATIONS

COMPONENTS OF NET OPERATING INCOME - 2012

(\$ in millions, except per share data)

	Per share
Underwriting Income	\$547
Excess Investment Income	237
Tax and Parent Expenses	(277)
Net Operating Income	\$507

The largest component of net operating income is underwriting income. Underwriting income is about 70% of our pre-tax operating income.

COMPONENTS OF UNDERWRITING INCOME - 2012

(\$ in millions)

	Income		Profit Margin
	\$	% of Total	as % of Premium
Life	\$395	72%	21.9%
Health	118	22%	16.1%
Health - Part D	30	6%	9.6%
Other	4		
Underwriting Income	\$547	100%	19.1%

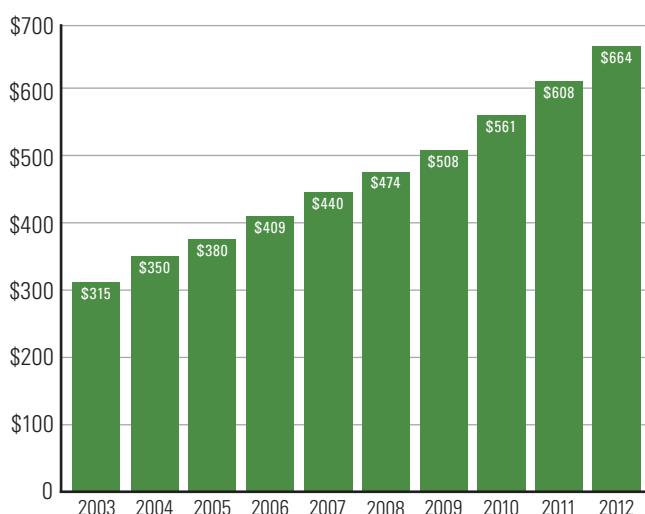
Life underwriting income is the largest component of underwriting income. It produces 72% of our underwriting income, while health, excluding Medicare Part D, produces 22%. We focus on life insurance as it has higher margins, generates significant investment income and is less competitive and regulated than health insurance.

AMERICAN INCOME LIFE

American Income Life is our largest and most profitable distribution channel.

AMERICAN INCOME - LIFE PREMIUM

(\$ in millions)
10-Year Compound Annual Growth Rate - 9.1%



As you can see in this chart, life premiums at American Income have steadily increased at a 10-year compound annual growth rate of 9.1%. Underwriting margins as a percentage of premium have consistently ranged from 30-33% before administrative expenses.

2012 was a great year for American Income. Life sales were up 12% over 2011, and agent count was up 18% over a year ago. We continue to focus on developing middle management to ensure sustainable agency growth. We also continue to refine our agent training programs and financial incentives.

Our Laptop Sales Presentation program provides us with a wealth of valuable data we can use to manage the agency force. This data allows us to monitor and break down agency activity at all levels of the organization: by individual agent, by individual managers, by region, etc.

American Income's labor union affinity and underserved target market allow it to operate in a

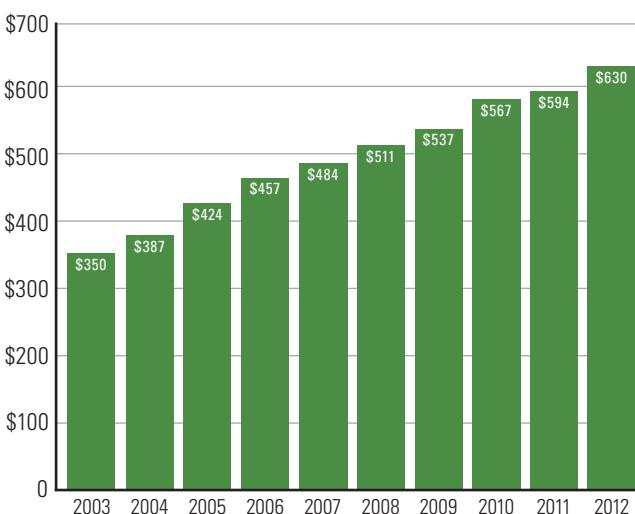
niche that provides plentiful opportunity for future growth. We expect to see strong net life sales growth throughout 2013, beginning with low to mid-single-digit growth through the first quarter and then rising to 10-14% for the entire year.

GLOBE LIFE DIRECT RESPONSE

Our second largest distribution channel is Globe Life Direct Response. As you can see in the chart below, Direct Response life premiums have grown at a 10-year compound annual growth rate of 7.1%.

DIRECT RESPONSE - LIFE PREMIUM

(\$ in millions)
10-Year Compound Annual Growth Rate - 7.1%



Our basic strategy is to continually search for new ways to reach our market, utilizing an innovative approach that is constantly evolving. Over the past few years, Internet marketing and our inbound call center have been our fastest growing sources of new production. Five years ago, Internet marketing and inbound calls produced about 5% of Direct Response's new business. Today, Internet marketing and inbound calls produce approximately 40% of our Direct Response new business.

Despite a difficult economy, Direct Response life sales grew 3% in 2012. We expect sales to be relatively flat through the first quarter, but we are

optimistic that the initiatives we are putting in place throughout 2013 will increase response rates, resulting in mid-single-digit sales growth for the full year.

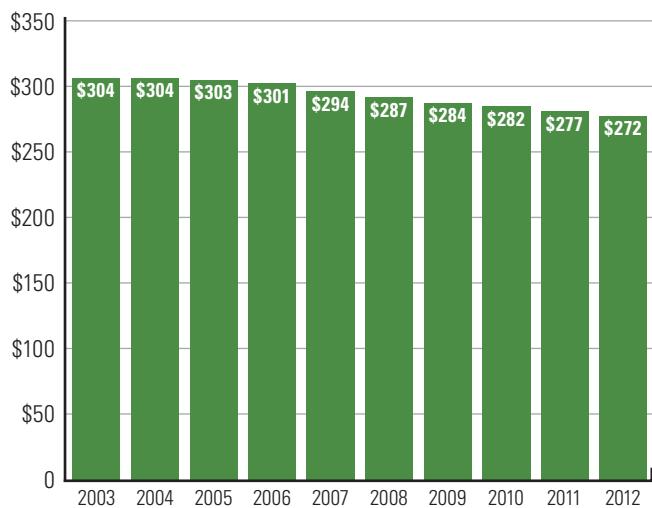
Furthermore, the Postal Service's recently announced plan to discontinue Saturday mail delivery is not expected to have any impact on our direct mail business.

LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE

Unlike American Income and Globe Life, Liberty National has a recent history of slightly declining premiums.

LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE - LIFE PREMIUM

(\$ in millions)



Several years ago we began to convert Liberty from a fixed cost model to a variable cost model. We accelerated this process and began a turnaround program late in 2011, when we made a management change at Liberty along with several other significant changes, including:

- Office operating expenses are now the responsibility of branch managers, rather than the home office.
- All new agents are hired as independent contractors rather than employees.

- We added a new layer of middle management.
- We cut a significant portion of non-deferrable acquisition costs.

While this is a significant change in the culture of this distribution system, we knew these changes were necessary to produce acceptable profit margins on the business we write and to put Liberty in a position to grow going forward.

The changes we made are paying off as we had steady sequential gains in both sales and agent count in 2012 beginning in mid-February, and our life underwriting margin as a percent of premium has increased from 22% to 26%.

FAMILY HERITAGE LIFE

We are excited about the acquisition of Family Heritage Life. This is the kind of company we have been looking to acquire – a company selling basic protection insurance to middle-income families through a captive agency. Their offering of supplemental health policies with a cash back feature, such as return of premium, in non-urban areas gives them a unique operating niche.

The integration of the Family Heritage Life operation has gone very smoothly so far. We believe there is potential for strong long-term sales growth through geographic expansion and integration of Torchmark's agent recruiting techniques.

This acquisition will not restrict future share repurchases or mergers and acquisitions activity.

INVESTMENT OPERATIONS

COMPONENTS OF NET OPERATING INCOME - 2012

(\$ in millions, except per share data)

	Per share
Underwriting Income	\$547
Excess Investment Income	237
Tax and Parent Expenses	(277)
Net Operating Income	\$507
	\$5.18

The second major component of net operating income is excess investment income. In 2012, it was \$237 million or about 30% of pre-tax operating income.

Excess investment income is net investment income less the required interest on the net policy liabilities and the interest on our debt. The primary component is the investment income earned on our investment portfolio, which totaled \$12 billion at December 31, 2012 on an amortized cost basis.

EXCESS INVESTMENT INCOME - 2012

(\$ in millions)

Net Investment Income	\$716
Required Interest on Net Policy Liabilities	(399)
Interest on Debt	(80)
Excess Investment Income	\$237

Over the years, we have followed a conservative long-term investment strategy. With the high underwriting margins generated by our insurance products we don't have to stretch for investment yield.

As shown in the chart below, 96% of our investment portfolio consists of fixed maturities. These assets consist primarily of long-term, investment grade corporate bonds. We have no commercial mortgage-backed securities or securities backed by subprime or Alt-A mortgages.

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO - DECEMBER 31, 2012

Invested Assets (\$ in millions)

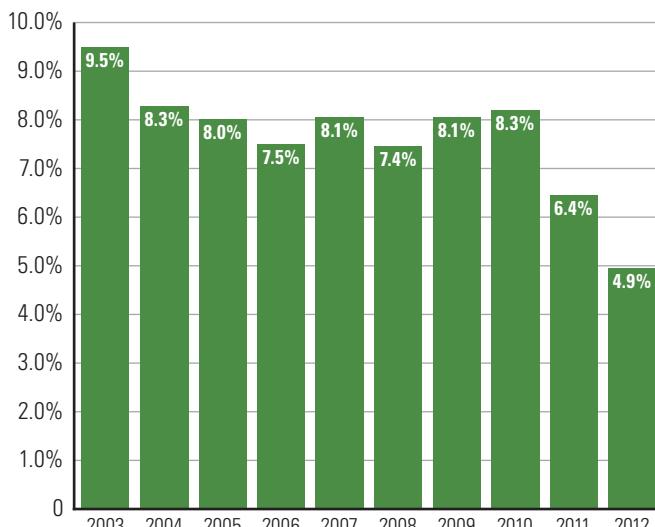
	\$	% of Total
Fixed Maturities (at amortized cost)	\$11,963	96
Equities	15	0
Mortgage Loans	1	0
Investment Real Estate	3	0
Policy Loans	424	3
Other Long-Term Investments	15	0
Short-Term Investments	95	1
Total	\$12,516	100%

We invest in long term, fixed-rate assets because they provide the best match for the long duration and fixed-rate nature of our policy liabilities.

Of the \$12 billion of fixed maturities, \$11.4 billion are investment grade, and \$585 million are below investment grade.

BELOW INVESTMENT GRADE BONDS

As a Percent of Fixed Maturities*



* Excluding net unrealized gains and losses

The percentage of below investment grade (BIG) bonds to total fixed maturities is 4.9% compared to 6.4% a year ago and higher levels in prior years. At the current level, with our relatively low portfolio leverage, the percentage of BIG bonds to equity, excluding net unrealized gains on fixed maturities is 17%, which is less than most of our peers.

Overall, the portfolio is rated A-.

Low Interest Rate Environment

There has been much discussion and concern recently about a prolonged low interest rate environment and the impact it would have on insurance companies. While lower interest rates pressure the net investment income of all life companies, we believe we face less exposure to a “lower for longer” environment than most of our peers.

As long as we are in this low interest rate environment the portfolio yield will continue to decline, and thus pressure excess investment income.

However, the impact on Torchmark will be diminished by the fact that on average, only 2% – 3% of fixed maturities will run off each year over the next five years.

To quantify the potential impact of an extended low interest rate environment, we performed stress tests assuming new money rates of 4.25% and 4.00% for the next 5 years. These scenarios result in a portfolio yield of about 5.50% to 5.55% at the end of 2017.

At these rates, we would still earn a small spread on the net policy liabilities while earning the full 550-555 basis points on our equity. In either scenario we will still generate substantial excess investment income.

Although an extended low interest rate environment pressures our investment income, it does not pose a threat to our balance sheet. Since we primarily sell non-interest sensitive protection products, we don’t see a reasonable scenario that would require us to write off deferred acquisition costs or put up additional GAAP reserves due to interest rate fluctuations. In addition, we do not foresee a negative impact on our statutory balance sheet, as the results of our cash flow testing indicate that our reserves are more than adequate to compensate for lower interest rates.

Although we don’t prefer a “lower for longer” interest rate environment, we feel that it will have less impact on us than many of our peers.

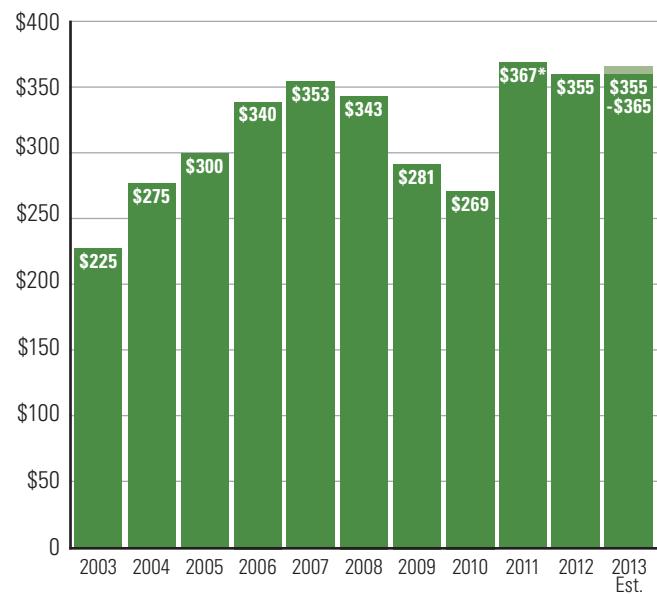
With high underwriting margins, we generate significant underwriting income and don’t have to rely on excess investment income to generate positive operating earnings.

In addition, the stress test results give us confidence that we can maintain or grow the current level of excess investment income per share in an extended low rate environment.

That said, we strongly prefer higher interest rates. Because of our product profile and our strong, consistent cash flow, we would benefit from a spike in rates. We would not be concerned about the resulting unrealized losses in the investment portfolio because we have the intent and more importantly, the ability, to hold our investments to maturity.

FREE CASH FLOW

(\$ in Millions)



*Excludes \$305 from the sale of United Investors.

We define free cash flow as the cash that is available to the parent company from the annual dividends received from the insurance subsidiaries less the interest expense on our debt and less the dividends paid to Torchmark shareholders. The net amount left over is "free cash" that can be used for any corporate purpose.

Because of the products we offer and our high underwriting margins, we have a large, stable block of policies in force that consistently generates substantial free cash flow year after year.

As you can see in the previous chart, we generated strong free cash flow even at the height of the financial crisis. In 2013, we expect to generate free cash of around \$355 to \$365 million.

SHARE REPURCHASES

	Average Price	No. of Shares (in 000's)	Total Spent (in millions)	P/E Ratio [†]
2012	\$48.20	7,479	\$360	9.3
2011	\$41.68	18,898	\$788	9.3
2010	\$35.67	5,707	\$204	8.7
2009	\$15.19	3,075	\$47	4.0
2008	\$37.24	11,457	\$427	10.1
2007	\$43.59	9,225	\$402	12.7
2006	\$38.32	8,363	\$320	11.5
2005	\$35.43	8,471	\$300	11.6
2004	\$34.26	7,831	\$268	12.1
2003	\$25.44	8,853	\$225	9.9

[†]Values prior to 2007 are not retroactively adjusted for the effect of ASU 2010-26.

On an ongoing basis, we evaluate alternative uses of our free cash, but share buybacks have generally been the most efficient use.

We began our share repurchase program in 1986, and have purchased Torchmark shares in all years since then, except 1995 after we acquired American Income Life. In the last 27 years, we have repurchased 74% of the Company's outstanding shares.

As mentioned, we expect to generate \$355-365 million of free cash in 2013. If market conditions are favorable, we plan to use most, if not all of this cash for share repurchases.

RETURN TO SHAREHOLDERS

	Share Repurchases	Dividends Paid	(A) Total Cash Returned	(B) Net Income	(A)/(B)
2012	\$360	\$56	\$416	\$529	79%
2011	\$788	\$49	\$837	\$497	168%
2010	\$204	\$50	\$254	\$499	51%
2009	\$47	\$47	\$94	\$383	24%
2008	\$427	\$49	\$476	\$427	111%
2007	\$402	\$50	\$452	\$497	91%
2006	\$320	\$48	\$368	\$519	71%
2005	\$300	\$46	\$346	\$495	70%
2004	\$268	\$49	\$317	\$469	68%
2003	\$225	\$44	\$269	\$430	63%
10-Year Total		\$3,829	\$4,745		81%

For over 25 years, Torchmark's management and board of directors have agreed on the importance of distributing excess capital to the shareholders. We have accomplished this through share repurchases and dividends, with an obvious emphasis on share repurchases.

As a result, Torchmark has consistently distributed a large portion of earnings to our shareholders. In fact, in the last 10 years, Torchmark distributed 81% of net income our shareholders.

Maintaining our cash flow and returning a substantial portion of earnings to shareholders will continue to be an important part of our business model.

Summary - What Does Torchmark Have to Offer Shareholders

Torchmark's growth potential – While many people see life insurance as a mature industry, Torchmark operates in a vastly underserved market with little competition where the majority of individuals either have no life insurance or do not have enough life insurance. Our extensive experience along with our ability to control costs allows us to operate effectively in the middle-income market. And with the acquisition of Family Heritage, we expect to reverse the recent trend of declining health sales.

Our high underwriting margins – Our underwriting margins are among the highest in the industry. We don't have to rely on investment income to generate profits.

Our conservative investment philosophy – Because of our high underwriting margins, we can generate strong profits without having to take significant investment risks.

A sustainable mid-double digit ROE – Our return on equity excluding net unrealized gains on our fixed maturities was 15.5% in 2012, and we expect to maintain ROE at around the 15% level.

A safe haven in a low interest rate environment – We are much less exposed to the low interest rate environment than most of our peers. We are very confident that it poses no threat to our balance sheet and we expect to grow net operating income per share close to 10% per year even in a low interest rate environment.

Our insurance operations are relatively immune to the economy – While low interest rates impact our net investment income, our insurance operations have always proven relatively immune to swings in the economy. Even though sales can be more challenging in a difficult economy, our persistency has never been impacted and our earnings are driven by our inforce block.

We have strong reliable free cash flow – Our statutory earnings are driven by our large, stable inforce block. Even if we had no sales in a given year, we would still expect to generate over \$300 million dollars of free cash flow.

Our return of cash to shareholders – Torchmark has a long history of using free cash flow to repurchase stock. Since 1986, we have repurchased 74% of our stock. We expect that the majority, if not all, of our free cash flow in 2013 will be used to repurchase shares as long as market conditions are favorable.

In summary, we are very excited about Torchmark's prospects and expect 2013 to be another good year. Thank you for your investment in Torchmark.



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LARRY HUTCHISON
Co-Chief Executive Officer

The signature of Gary Coleman, written in black ink in a cursive script.

GARY COLEMAN
Co-Chief Executive Officer

Torchmark cautions you that this Letter to Shareholders may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities law. These prospective statements reflect management's current expectations, but are not guarantees of future performance. Accordingly, please refer to Torchmark's cautionary statement regarding forward-looking statements, and the business environment in which the Company operates, contained in the Company's Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2012, found on the following pages and on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Torchmark specifically disclaims any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement because of new information, future developments or otherwise.

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OPERATING SUMMARY

Unaudited and in thousands except per share amounts

	TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31,	% INCREASE (DECREASE)
	2012	2011
Underwriting Income		
Life:		
Premium	\$1,808,524	\$1,726,244
Net policy obligations	(688,128)	(660,880)
Non-deferred commissions and amortization	(554,589)	(527,534)
Non-deferred acquisition expense	(56,331)	(76,867)
Underwriting margin	509,476	460,963
Health:		
Premium	730,019	733,783
Net policy obligations	(432,025)	(434,172)
Non-deferred commissions and amortization	(122,737)	(119,559)
Non-deferred acquisition expense	(11,273)	(15,215)
Underwriting margin	163,984	164,837
Health - Part D underwriting margin	33,357	24,153
Annuity underwriting margin	3,465	2,345
Total underwriting margin	710,282	652,298
Other income	1,898	2,507
Insurance administration expenses	(165,405)	(159,109)
Underwriting income	546,775	495,696
Excess Investment Income		
Net investment income	715,918	707,041
Required interest on:		
Net policy liabilities:		
Policy reserves	(584,148)	(551,798)
Deferred acquisition costs	185,172	181,387
Debt	(80,298)	(77,644)
Total excess investment income	236,644	258,986
Corporate expenses	(8,222)	(7,693)
Pre-tax operating income	775,197	746,989
Income tax	(254,507)	(243,569)
Net Operating Income before stock compensation expense	520,690	503,420
Stock compensation expense, net of tax	(14,043)	(9,720)
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$506,647	\$493,700
Operating EPS on a diluted basis	\$5.18	\$4.50
Diluted average shares outstanding	97,898	109,815
Reconciliation of Net Operating Income to Net Income:		
Net operating income	\$506,647	\$493,700
Non operating items, net of tax:		
Realized gains	24,591	16,838
Loss on disposal of discontinued operations	0	(455)
State administrative settlement	0	(4,486)
Loss on sale of equipment	0	(636)
Family Heritage Life acquisition expense	(1,914)	0
Litigation expense	0	(7,800)
Net Income	\$529,324	\$497,161
EPS on a diluted basis	\$5.41	\$4.53

The Operating Summary has been prepared in the manner Torchmark management uses to evaluate the operating results of the company. It differs from the Consolidated Statement of Operations found in the accompanying SEC Form 10-K.

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

Unaudited and in thousands except percentage and per share amounts

	AT DECEMBER 31,	
	2012	2011
Assets:		
Fixed maturities at amortized cost*	\$ 11,963,406	\$ 10,924,244
Cash and short-term investments	156,570	105,357
Mortgages and real estate	3,330	3,716
Other investments	454,826	440,421
Deferred acquisition costs*	3,223,688	2,949,223
Goodwill	441,591	396,891
Other assets	980,969	836,950
Total assets*	\$ 17,224,380	\$ 15,656,802
Liabilities and shareholders' equity:		
Policy liabilities	\$ 11,104,065	\$ 9,956,537
Accrued income taxes*	1,066,442	993,838
Short-term debt	319,043	224,842
Long-term debt and trust preferred securities	989,686	914,282
Other liabilities	392,502	313,127
Shareholders' equity, excluding ASC 320*	3,352,642	3,254,176
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 17,224,380	\$ 15,656,802
Actual shares outstanding:		
Basic	94,236	100,579
Diluted	95,138	101,808
Book value (shareholders' equity, excluding ASC 320) per diluted share	\$ 35.24	\$ 31.96
Net operating income as a return on average equity, excluding ASC 320	15.5%	14.7%
Average equity, excluding ASC 320	\$ 3,273,208	\$ 3,369,743
Debt to capital ratio, excluding ASC 320	28.1%	25.9%
 *Reconciliation of Torchmark management's view of selected financial measures to comparable GAAP measures:		
Shareholders' equity, excluding ASC 320 (formerly known as FAS 115)	\$ 3,352,642	\$ 3,254,176
Effect of ASC 320:		
Increase fixed maturities	1,577,787	963,961
Decrease deferred acquisition costs	(25,257)	(32,491)
Increase accrued income taxes	(543,386)	(326,015)
Shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 4,361,786</u>	<u>\$ 3,859,631</u>
Other comparable GAAP measures:		
Fixed maturities	\$ 13,541,193	\$ 11,888,205
Deferred acquisition costs	3,198,431	2,916,732
Total assets	18,776,910	16,588,272
Shareholders' equity	4,361,786	3,859,631
Accrued income taxes	1,609,828	1,319,853
Book value (shareholders' equity) per diluted share	45.85	37.91
Net income as a return on average equity	13.0%	13.5%
Average equity	\$ 4,072,425	\$ 3,673,750
Debt to capital ratio	23.1%	22.8%

The Condensed Balance Sheet, excluding ASC 320 has been prepared in the manner Torchmark management, industry analysts, rating agencies and financial institutions use to evaluate the financial position of the company. It differs from the Consolidated Balance Sheet found in the accompanying SEC Form 10-K.

*Formerly known as FAS 115



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, 2012

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____
Commission file number: 001-08052

TORCHMARK CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

3700 South Stonebridge Drive, McKinney, TX
(Address of principal executive offices)

63-0780404

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

75070
(Zip Code)

972-569-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

None

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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

Title of each class	CUSIP	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per share	891027104	New York Stock Exchange
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per share	891027104	The International Stock Exchange, London, England

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a 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

As of June 30, 2012, the aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$4,821,117,686 based on the closing sale price as reported on the New York Stock Exchange.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class	Outstanding at February 12, 2013
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per share	93,656,137 shares

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Document	Parts Into Which Incorporated
Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held April 25, 2013 (Proxy Statement)	Part III

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PART I

Item 1. Business

Torchmark Corporation (Torchmark) is an insurance holding company incorporated in Delaware in 1979. Its primary subsidiaries are American Income Life Insurance Company (American Income), Liberty National Life Insurance Company (Liberty), Globe Life And Accident Insurance Company (Globe), United American Insurance Company (United American), and Family Heritage Life Insurance Company of America (Family Heritage).

Torchmark's website is: www.torchmarkcorp.com. Torchmark makes available free of charge through its website, its annual report on Form 10-K, its quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports as soon as reasonably practicable after they have been electronically filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The following table presents Torchmark's business by primary marketing distribution method.

Primary Distribution Method	Company	Products and Target Markets	Distribution
American Income Exclusive Agency	American Income Life Insurance Company Waco, Texas	Individual life and supplemental health insurance marketed to union and credit union members.	5,176 producing agents in the U.S., Canada, and New Zealand.
Direct Response	Globe Life And Accident Insurance Company Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Individual life and supplemental health insurance including juvenile and senior life coverage, Medicare Supplement, and Medicare Part D marketed to middle-income Americans.	Direct mail, internet, television, magazine; nationwide.
Family Heritage	Family Heritage Life Insurance Company Cleveland, Ohio	Supplemental limited-benefit health insurance to middle-income families.	1,160 captive agents
Liberty National Exclusive Agency	Liberty National Life Insurance Company McKinney, Texas	Individual life and supplemental health insurance marketed to middle-income families.	1,419 producing agents; 67 branch offices.
United American Independent Agency	United American Insurance Company McKinney, Texas	Medicare Supplement and Medicare Part D coverage to Medicare beneficiaries and, to a lesser extent, life insurance and supplemental limited-benefit health coverage to people under age 65.	2,003 independent producing agents.

Additional information concerning industry segments may be found in *Management's Discussion and Analysis* and in *Note 14—Business Segments* in the *Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements*.

Insurance

Life Insurance

Torchmark's insurance subsidiaries write a variety of nonparticipating ordinary life insurance products. These include traditional and interest sensitive whole-life insurance, term life insurance, and other life insurance. The following table presents selected information about Torchmark's life products.

	Annualized Premium in Force (Amounts in thousands)		
	2012	2011	2010
Whole life:			
Traditional	\$1,213,304	\$1,153,621	\$1,115,777
Interest-sensitive	63,290	68,832	76,248
Term	551,583	524,784	499,814
Other	66,840	66,468	61,207
	\$1,895,017	\$1,813,705	\$1,753,046

The distribution methods for life insurance products include sales by direct response, exclusive agents and independent agents. These methods are described in more depth in the Distribution Method chart earlier in this report. The following table presents life annualized premium in force by distribution method.

	Annualized Premium in Force (Amounts in thousands)		
	2012	2011	2010
Direct response	\$ 659,026	\$ 630,044	\$ 602,593
Exclusive agents:			
American Income	705,417	642,803	596,583
Liberty National	295,396	302,489	310,475
Independent agents:			
United American	19,533	22,203	24,726
Other	215,645	216,166	218,669
	\$1,895,017	\$1,813,705	\$1,753,046

Health Insurance

Torchmark offers supplemental limited-benefit health insurance products that include primarily cancer and accident plans. These policies are designed to supplement health coverage that applicants already own. Medicare Supplements are also offered to enrollees in the traditional fee-for-service Medicare program. Medicare Supplement plans are standardized by federal regulation and are designed to pay deductibles and co-payments not paid by Medicare. We also offer Medicare Part D prescription drug insurance.

The following table presents supplemental health annualized premium in force information for the three years ended December 31, 2012 by product category.

	Annualized Premium in Force (Amounts in thousands)					
	2012		2011		2010	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
Medicare Supplement	\$ 450,812	37	\$ 451,773	44	\$461,386	47
Limited-benefit plans	451,941	37	281,633	28	308,899	32
Medicare Part D	325,749	26	282,987	28	203,340	21
Total Health	<u>\$1,228,502</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$1,016,393</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$973,625</u>	<u>100</u>

The following table presents supplemental health annualized premium in force for the three years ended December 31, 2012 by marketing (distribution) method.

	Annualized Premium in Force (Amounts in thousands)		
	2012	2011	2010
Direct response	\$ 60,206	\$ 58,512	\$ 57,014
Exclusive agents:			
Liberty National	259,452	284,204	316,839
American Income	73,280	72,991	74,049
Family Heritage	187,979	0	0
Independent agents:			
United American	321,836	317,699	322,383
	902,753	733,406	770,285
Medicare Part D	325,749	282,987	203,340
	<u>\$1,228,502</u>	<u>\$1,016,393</u>	<u>\$973,625</u>

Annunities

Annuity products offered include single-premium and flexible-premium deferred annuities. Annuities in each of the three years ending December 31, 2012 comprised less than 1% of premium.

Pricing

Premium rates for life and health insurance products are established using assumptions as to future mortality, morbidity, persistency, and expenses, all of which are generally based on Company experience and on projected investment earnings. Revenues for individual life and health insurance products are primarily derived from premium income, and, to a lesser extent, through policy charges to the policyholder account values on certain individual life products. Profitability is affected to the extent actual experience deviates from the assumptions made in pricing and to the extent investment income varies from that which is required for policy reserves.

Collections for annuity products and certain life products are not recognized as revenues but are added to policyholder account values. Revenues from these products are derived from charges to the account balances for insurance risk and administrative costs. Profits are earned to the extent these revenues exceed actual costs. Profits are also earned from investment income on the deposits invested in excess of the amounts credited to policyholder accounts.

Underwriting

The underwriting standards of each Torchmark insurance subsidiary are established by management. Each subsidiary uses information from the application and, in some cases, telephone interviews with applicants, inspection reports, pharmacy data, doctors' statements and/or medical examinations to determine whether a policy should be issued in accordance with the application, with a different rating, with a rider, with reduced coverage or rejected.

Reserves

The life insurance policy reserves reflected in Torchmark's financial statements as future policy benefits are calculated based on generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). These reserves, with premiums to be received in the future and the interest thereon compounded annually at assumed rates, must be sufficient to cover policy and contract obligations as they mature. Generally, the mortality and persistency assumptions used in the calculations of reserves are based on Company experience. Similar reserves are held on most of the health policies written by Torchmark's insurance subsidiaries, since these policies generally are issued on a guaranteed-renewable basis. A list of the assumptions used in the calculation of Torchmark's reserves are reported in the financial statements. Reserves for annuity products and certain life products consist of the policyholders' account values and are increased by policyholder deposits and interest credited and are decreased by policy charges and benefit payments.

Investments

The nature, quality, and percentage mix of insurance company investments are regulated by state laws. The investments of Torchmark insurance subsidiaries consist predominantly of high-quality, investment-grade securities. Fixed maturities represented 96% of total investments at fair value at December 31, 2012. (*See Note 4—Investments in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis.*)

Competition

Torchmark competes with other insurance carriers through policyholder service, price, product design, and sales efforts. While there are insurance companies competing with Torchmark, no individual company dominates any of Torchmark's life or health markets.

Torchmark's health insurance products compete with, in addition to the products of other health insurance carriers, health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations, and other health care-related institutions which provide medical benefits based on contractual agreements.

Management believes Torchmark companies operate at lower policy acquisition and administrative expense levels than peer companies. This allows Torchmark to have competitive rates while maintaining higher underwriting margins.

Regulation

Insurance. Insurance companies are subject to regulation and supervision in the states in which they do business. The laws of the various states establish agencies with broad administrative and supervisory powers which include, among other things, granting and revoking licenses to transact business, regulating trade practices, licensing agents, approving policy forms, approving certain premium rates, setting minimum reserve and loss ratio requirements, determining the form and content of required financial statements, and prescribing the type and amount of investments permitted. They are also required to file detailed annual reports with supervisory agencies, and records of their business are subject to examination at any time. Under the rules of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), insurance companies are examined periodically by one or more of the supervisory agencies.

Risk Based Capital. The NAIC requires a risk based capital formula be applied to all life and health insurers. The risk based capital formula is a threshold formula rather than a target capital formula. It is designed only to identify companies that require regulatory attention and is not to be used to rate or rank companies that are adequately capitalized. All Torchmark insurance subsidiaries are more than adequately capitalized under the risk based capital formula.

Guaranty Assessments. State guaranty laws provide for assessments from insurance companies to be placed into a fund which is used, in the event of failure or insolvency of an insurance company, to fulfill the obligations of that company to its policyholders. The amount which a company is assessed is determined according to the extent of these unsatisfied obligations in each state. Assessments are recoverable to a great extent as offsets against state premium taxes.

Medicare Part D. The Medicare Part D program is regulated at the federal level by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This agency periodically examines Torchmark's participating subsidiaries.

Holding Company. States have enacted legislation requiring registration and periodic reporting by insurance companies domiciled within their respective jurisdictions that control or are controlled by other corporations so as to constitute a holding company system. Torchmark and its subsidiaries have registered as a holding company system pursuant to such legislation in Indiana, Nebraska, Ohio, and New York.

Insurance holding company system statutes and regulations impose various limitations on investments in subsidiaries, and may require prior regulatory approval for material transactions between insurers and affiliates and for the payment of certain dividends and other distributions.

Personnel

At the end of 2012, Torchmark had 2,570 employees and 472 licensed employees under sales contracts.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Risks Related to Our Business

Product Marketplace and Operational Risks:

The insurance industry is a mature, regulated industry, populated by many firms. We operate in the life and health insurance sectors of the insurance industry, each with its own set of risks.

The development and maintenance of our various distribution systems are critical to growth in product sales and profits. Because our life and health insurance sales are primarily made to individuals, rather than groups, and the face amounts sold are lower than that of policies sold in the higher income market, the development, maintenance, and retention of adequate numbers of producing agents and direct response systems to support growth of sales in this market are critical. We compete for producing agents with other insurers primarily on the basis of our products and compensation. Adequate compensation that is competitive with other employment opportunities and that also motivates producing agents to increase sales is critical, as our competitors seek to hire away our agents from time to time. In direct response, continuous development of new offerings and cost efficiency are key. Less than optimum execution of these strategies may result in reduced sales and profits.

Economic conditions may materially adversely affect our business and results of operations. We serve primarily the middle-income market for individual protection life and health insurance and, as a result, we compete directly with alternative uses of a customer's disposable income. If disposable income within this demographic group declines or the use of disposable income becomes more limited, as a result of an economic downturn or otherwise, then new sales of our insurance products could become more challenging, and our policyholders may choose to defer paying insurance premiums or stop paying insurance premiums altogether.

Variations in expected to actual rates of mortality, morbidity, and persistency could negatively affect our results of operations and financial condition. We establish a liability for our policy reserves to pay future policyholder benefits and claims. These reserves do not represent an exact calculation of liability, but rather are actuarial estimates based on models that include many assumptions and projections which are inherently uncertain. The reserve computations involve the exercise of significant judgment with respect to levels of mortality, morbidity, and persistency as well as the timing of premium and benefit payments. Even though our actuaries continually test expected-to-actual results, actual levels that occur may differ significantly from the levels assumed when premium rates were first set. Accordingly, we cannot determine with precision the ultimate amounts of claims or benefits that we will pay or the timing of such payments. Significant variations from the levels assumed when policy reserves are first set could negatively affect our profit margins and income.

A ratings downgrade or other negative action by a rating agency could materially and negatively affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Various rating agencies review the financial performance and condition of insurers, including our insurance subsidiaries, and publish their financial strength ratings as indicators of an insurer's ability to meet policyholder and contract holder obligations. These ratings are important to maintaining public confidence in our insurance products, our ability to market these products and our competitive position. A downgrade or other negative action by a rating agency with respect to the financial strength ratings of our insurance subsidiaries could negatively affect us in many ways, including the following: limiting or restricting the ability of our insurance subsidiaries to pay dividends to us and adversely affecting our ability to sell insurance products through our independent agencies.

Rating agencies also publish credit ratings for us. Credit ratings are indicators of a debt issuer's ability to meet the terms of debt obligations in a timely manner. These ratings are important to our overall ability to access certain types of liquidity. Actual or anticipated downgrades in our credit ratings, or an announcement that our ratings are under further review for a downgrade, could have a material adverse effect on our operations, including limiting our access to capital markets, increasing the cost of debt,

impairing our ability to raise capital to refinance maturing debt obligations, limiting our capacity to support growth at our insurance subsidiaries, and making it more difficult to maintain or improve the current financial strength ratings of our insurance subsidiaries.

Ratings reflect only the rating agency's views and are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold our securities. Rating agencies assign ratings based upon several factors. While most of the factors relate to the rated company, some of the factors relate to the views of the rating agency, general economic conditions and circumstances outside the rated company's control. In addition, rating agencies use various models and formulas to assess the strength of a rated company, and from time to time rating agencies have, in their discretion, altered the models. Changes to the models could impact the rating agencies' judgment of the rating to be assigned to the rated company. There can be no assurance that current credit ratings will remain in effect for any given period of time or that such ratings will not be lowered, suspended or withdrawn entirely by the rating agencies, if in each rating agency's judgment, circumstances so warrant. We cannot predict what actions the rating agencies may take, or what actions we may take in response to the actions of the rating agencies, which could negatively affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Life Insurance Marketplace Risk:

Our life products are sold in selected niche markets. We are at risk should any of these markets diminish. We have two life distribution channels that focus on distinct market niches: labor union members and sales via direct response distribution. The contraction of the size of either market could adversely affect sales. In recent years, labor union membership has experienced minimal growth and has declined as a percentage of employed workers. Most of our direct response business is solicited either through direct mail, insertion into other mail media for distribution, internet marketing, or by inbound telephone calls. Significant adverse changes in postage cost or the acceptance of unsolicited marketing mail by consumers could negatively affect this business.

Health Insurance Marketplace Risks:

Congress could make changes to the Medicare program which could impact our Medicare Supplement and Medicare Part D prescription drug insurance business. Medicare Supplement insurance constitutes a significant portion of our in-force health insurance business. Because of increasing medical cost inflation and concerns about the solvency of the Medicare program, it is possible that changes will be made to the Medicare program by Congress in the future. The nature and timing of these changes cannot be predicted and could have a material adverse effect on that business.

Our Medicare Supplement business could be negatively affected by alternative healthcare providers. Our Medicare Supplement business is impacted by market trends in the senior-aged health care industry that provide alternatives to traditional Medicare, such as Medicare Advantage, or other health maintenance organizations (HMOs) or managed care plans. The success of these alternative businesses could negatively affect the sales and premium growth of traditional Medicare Supplement insurance.

Our Medicare Supplement and other health insurance business is subject to intense competition primarily on the basis of price which could restrict future sales. In recent years, price competition in the traditional Medicare Supplement market, as well as the market for other health products, has been significant, characterized by some insurers who have been willing to earn very small profit margins or to underprice new sales in order to gain market share. We have elected not to compete on those terms, which has negatively affected sales. Should these industry practices continue, it is likely that our sales of health insurance products will remain depressed.

An inability to obtain timely and appropriate premium rate increases for the health insurance policies we sell due to regulatory delay could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. A significant percentage of the health insurance premiums that our insurance subsidiaries earn is from Medicare Supplement insurance. Medicare Supplement insurance and the terms under which the premiums for such policies may be increased are highly regulated at both the state and federal level. As a result, it is characterized by lower profit margins than life insurance and requires strict administrative discipline and economies of scale for success. Because Medicare Supplement policies are

coordinated with the federal Medicare program, which experiences health care inflation every year, annual premium rate increases for the Medicare Supplement policies are necessary. Obtaining timely rate increases is of critical importance to our success in this market. Accordingly, the inability of our insurance subsidiaries to obtain approval of premium rate increases in a timely manner from state insurance regulatory authorities in the future could adversely impact their profitability.

Investment Risks:

Our investments are subject to market and credit risks. Our invested assets are subject to the customary risks of defaults, downgrades, and changes in market values. Substantially all of our investment portfolio consists of fixed-maturity and short-term investments. A significant portion of our fixed-maturity investments is comprised of corporate bonds, exposing us to the risk that individual corporate issuers will not have the ability to make required interest or principal payments on the investment. Factors that may affect both market and credit risks include interest rate levels, financial market performance, disruptions in credit markets, and general economic conditions, as well as particular circumstances affecting the businesses or industries of each issuer. Additionally, because the majority of our investments are longer-term fixed maturities that we typically hold until maturity, significant increases in interest rates, widening of credit spreads, or inactive markets associated with market downturns could cause a material temporary decline in the fair value of our fixed investment portfolio, even with regard to performing assets. These declines could cause a material increase in unrealized losses in our investment portfolio. Significant unrealized losses can substantially reduce our capital position and shareholders' equity. It is possible that our investment in certain of these securities with unrealized losses may experience a default event and that a portion or all of that unrealized loss may not be recoverable. In that case, the unrealized loss will be realized, at which point we would take an impairment charge, reducing our net income.

Difficulties in the business of particular issuers or in industries in which we hold investments could cause significant downgrades, delinquencies and defaults in our investment portfolio, potentially resulting in lower net investment income and increased realized and unrealized investment losses. Difficult conditions in U.S. capital markets in recent periods caused a notable increase in the troubled status of businesses in which we hold investments. If difficulties within these businesses and industries increase, there could be deferrals and defaults on amounts owed to us. If conditions in the capital markets worsen, we could experience credit downgrades or default events within our investment portfolio.

A default by an issuer could result in a significant other-than-temporary impairment of that investment, causing us to write the investment down and take a charge against net income. The risk of default is higher for bonds with longer-term maturities, which we acquire in order to match our long-term insurance obligations. We attempt to reduce this risk by purchasing only investment grade securities and by carefully evaluating an issuer before entering into an investment. Also, while we have invested in a broad array of industries and issuers in order to attempt to maintain a highly diversified portfolio, a significant amount of our investments is in banks, insurance companies, and other financial institutions, which have experienced an increased level of downgrades in recent years. Moreover, we cannot be assured that any particular issuer, regardless of industry, will be able to make required interest and principal payments, on a timely basis or at all. Material other-than-temporary impairments could reduce our statutory surplus, leading to lower risk-based capital ratios, potential downgrades of our ratings by rating agencies and a potential reduction of future dividend capacity from our insurance subsidiaries. While we intend to hold our investments until maturity, a severe increase in defaults could cause us to suffer a significant decrease in investment income or principal repayments, resulting in substantial realized losses from the writedowns of impaired investments. Current net income would be negatively impacted by the writedowns, and prospective net income would be adversely impacted by the loss of future interest income.

A decline in interest rates could negatively affect income. Declines in interest rates expose insurance companies to the risk of not earning anticipated spreads between the interest rate earned on investments and the discount rates used to calculate the net policy liabilities. While we attempt to manage our investments to preserve the excess investment income spread, we provide no assurance that a significant and persistent decline in interest rates will not materially affect such spreads. Significant

decreases in interest rates could result in calls by issuers of investments, where such features are available to issuers. These calls could result in a decline in our investment income, as reinvestment of the proceeds would likely be at lower rates.

Liquidity Risks:

Our liquidity to fund operations is substantially dependent on funds available, primarily dividends, from our insurance subsidiaries. As a holding company with no direct operations, our principal asset is the capital stock of our insurance subsidiaries, which periodically declare and distribute dividends on their capital stock. Moreover, our liquidity, including our ability to pay our operating expenses and to make principal and interest payments on debt securities or other indebtedness owed by us, as well as our ability to pay dividends on our common stock or any preferred stock, depends significantly upon the surplus and earnings of our insurance subsidiaries and the ability of these subsidiaries to pay dividends or to advance or repay funds to us. Other sources of liquidity for us also include a variety of short- and long-term instruments, including our credit facility, commercial paper and medium- and long-term debt.

The principal sources of our insurance subsidiaries' liquidity are insurance premiums, as well as investment income, maturities, repayments, and other cash flow from our investment portfolio. Our insurance subsidiaries are subject to various state statutory and regulatory restrictions applicable to insurance companies that limit the amount of cash dividends, loans, and advances that those subsidiaries may pay to us, including laws establishing minimum solvency and liquidity thresholds. For example, in the states where our companies are domiciled, an insurance company generally may pay dividends only out of its unassigned surplus as reflected in its statutory financial statements filed in that state. Additionally, dividends paid by insurance subsidiaries are generally limited to the greater of prior year statutory net income, excluding capital gains, on an annual noncumulative basis or 10% of prior year statutory surplus without regulatory approval. Accordingly, a disruption in our insurance subsidiaries' operations could reduce their capital or cash flow and, as a result, limit or disallow payment of dividends to us, a principal source of our cash flow.

We can give no assurance that more stringent restrictions will not be adopted from time to time by states in which our insurance subsidiaries are domiciled, which could, under certain circumstances, significantly reduce dividends or other amounts paid to us by our subsidiaries. Although we do not anticipate changes, changes in these laws could constrain the ability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends or to advance or repay funds to us in sufficient amounts and at times necessary to meet our debt obligations and corporate expenses. Additionally, the inability of our insurance subsidiaries to obtain approval of premium rate increases in a timely manner from state insurance regulatory authorities could adversely impact their profitability, and thus their ability to declare and distribute dividends to us. Limitations on the flow of dividends from our subsidiaries could limit our ability to service and repay debt or to pay dividends on our capital stock.

Adverse capital and credit market conditions may significantly affect our ability to meet liquidity needs or access capital, as well as affect our cost of capital. The capital and credit markets have recently experienced extreme instability and disruption for an extended period of time. In some cases, the markets exerted downward pressure on the availability of liquidity and credit capacity for certain industries and issuers. Additionally, should credit spreads widen again in the future, the interest rate we must pay on any new debt obligation we may issue could increase, and our net income could be reduced. If the credit and capital markets were to experience significant disruption, uncertainty, and instability, these conditions could adversely affect our access to capital. Such market conditions may limit our ability to replace maturing liabilities (in a timely manner or at all) and/or access the capital necessary to grow our business.

In the unlikely event that current resources do not satisfy our needs, we may have to seek additional financing or raise capital. The availability of additional financing or capital will depend on a variety of factors such as market conditions, the general availability of credit or capital, the volume of trading activities, the overall availability of credit to the insurance industry, and our credit ratings and credit capacity. Additionally, customers, lenders, or investors could develop a negative perception of our long- or short-term financial prospects if we incur large investment losses or if the level of our business activity

decreases due to a market downturn. Our access to funds may also be impaired if regulatory authorities or rating agencies take negative actions against us. Our internal sources of liquidity may prove to be insufficient, and, in such case, we may not be able to successfully obtain additional financing on favorable terms, or at all. As such, we may be forced to delay raising capital, issue shorter term securities than we prefer, or bear an unattractive cost of capital which could decrease our profitability and significantly reduce our financial flexibility. Therefore, as a result, our results of operations, financial condition, and cash flows could be materially negatively affected by disruptions in the financial markets.

Regulatory Risks:

Our businesses are heavily regulated, and changes in regulation may reduce our profitability and growth. Insurance companies, including our insurance subsidiaries, are subject to extensive supervision and regulation in the states in which we do business. The primary purpose of this supervision and regulation is the protection of our policyholders, not our investors. State agencies have broad administrative power over numerous aspects of our business, including premium rates and other terms and conditions that we can include in the insurance policies offered by our insurance subsidiaries, marketing practices, advertising, licensing agents, policy forms, capital adequacy, solvency, reserves, and permitted investments. Also, regulatory authorities have relatively broad discretion to grant, renew, or initiate procedures to revoke licenses or approvals. The insurance laws, regulations and policies currently affecting Torchmark and its insurance subsidiaries may change at any time, possibly having an adverse effect on our business. Should these changes to our business occur, we may be unable to maintain all required licenses and approvals, and our business may not fully comply with the wide variety of applicable laws and regulations or the relevant authority's interpretation of the laws and regulations, which may change from time to time. If we do not have the requisite licenses and approvals or do not comply with applicable regulatory requirements, the insurance regulatory authorities could preclude or temporarily suspend us from carrying on some or all of our activities or impose substantial fines.

We cannot predict the timing or substance of any future regulatory initiatives. In recent years, there has been increased scrutiny of insurance companies, including our insurance subsidiaries, by insurance regulatory authorities, which has included more extensive examinations and more detailed review of disclosure documents. These regulatory authorities may bring regulatory or other legal actions against us if, in their view, our practices, or those of our agents or employees, are improper. These actions can result in substantial fines, penalties, or prohibitions or restrictions on our business activities and could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, or financial condition. Additionally, changes in the overall legal or regulatory environment may, even absent any particular regulatory authority's interpretation of an issue changing, cause us to change our views regarding the actions that we need to take from a legal or regulatory risk management perspective, thus necessitating changes to our practices that may, in some cases, limit our ability to grow or otherwise negatively impact the profitability of our business.

Currently, the U.S. federal government does not directly regulate the business of insurance. However, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Record and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 establishes a Federal Insurance Office (FIO) within the Department of the Treasury, and the Affordable Care Act created the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO), originally established under the Department of Health and Human Services and subsequently transferred to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The creation of these insurance regulatory offices may indicate that the federal government intends to play a larger role in the direct regulation of the insurance industry. We cannot predict what impact, if any, the FIO and CCIIO, as well as any other proposals for federal regulation of insurance could have on our business, results of operations, or financial condition.

Changes in U.S. federal income tax law could increase our tax costs. Changes to the Internal Revenue Code, administrative rulings or court decisions affecting the insurance industry could increase our effective tax rate and lower our net income.

Changes in accounting standards issued by accounting standard-setting bodies may adversely affect our financial statements and reduce our profitability. Our financial statements are subject to the application of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America

(GAAP), which principles are periodically revised and/or expanded. Accordingly, from time to time, we are required to adopt new or revised accounting standards or guidance issued by recognized authoritative bodies. It is possible that future accounting standards that we are required to adopt could change the current accounting treatment that we apply to our consolidated financial statements and that such changes could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. Further, standard setters have a full agenda of unissued topics under review at any given time, any of which have the potential to negatively impact our profitability.

If we fail to comply with restrictions on patient privacy and information security, including taking steps to ensure that our business associates who obtain access to sensitive patient information maintain its confidentiality, our reputation and business operations could be materially adversely affected. The collection, maintenance, use, disclosure and disposal of individually identifiable data by our insurance subsidiaries are regulated at the international, federal and state levels. These laws and rules are subject to change by legislation or administrative or judicial interpretation. Various state laws address the use and disclosure of individually identifiable health data to the extent they are more restrictive than those contained in the privacy and security provisions in the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 (GLBA) and in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). HIPAA also requires that we impose privacy and security requirements on our business associates (as that term is defined in the HIPAA regulations). Noncompliance with any privacy laws or any security breach involving the misappropriation, loss or other unauthorized disclosure of sensitive or confidential information, whether by us or by one of our business associates, could have a material adverse effect on our business, reputation and results of operations and could include material fines and penalties, various forms of damages, consent orders regarding our privacy and security practices, adverse actions against our licenses to do business and injunctive relief.

Litigation Risk:

Litigation could result in substantial judgments against us or our subsidiaries. We are, and in the future may be, subject to litigation in the ordinary course of business. Some of these proceedings have been brought on behalf of various alleged classes of complainants, and, in certain of these matters, the plaintiffs are seeking large and/or indeterminate amounts, including punitive or exemplary damages. Members of our management and legal teams review litigation on a quarterly and annual basis. However, the outcome of any such litigation cannot be predicted with certainty. A number of civil jury verdicts have been returned against insurers in the jurisdictions in which Torchmark and its insurance subsidiaries do business involving the insurers' sales practices, alleged agent misconduct, failure to properly supervise agents, and other matters. These lawsuits have resulted in the award of substantial judgments against insurers that are disproportionate to the actual damages, including material amounts of punitive damages. In some states in which we operate, juries have substantial discretion in awarding punitive damages. This discretion creates the potential for unpredictable material adverse judgments in any given punitive damages suit.

Our pending and future litigation could adversely affect us because of the costs of defending these cases, the costs of settlement or judgments against us, or changes in our operations that could result from litigation. Substantial legal liability in these or future legal actions could also have a material financial effect or cause significant harm to our reputation, which, in turn, could materially harm our business and our business prospects.

Catastrophic Event Risk:

Our business is subject to the risk of the occurrence of catastrophic events. Our insurance policies are issued to and held by a large number of policyholders throughout the United States in relatively low-face amounts. Accordingly, it is unlikely that a large portion of our policyholder base would be affected by a single natural disaster. However, our insurance operations could be exposed to the risk of catastrophic mortality, caused by events such as a pandemic, an act of terrorism, or another event that causes a large number of deaths or injuries across a wide geographic area. These events could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations in any period and, depending on their severity and geographic scope, could also materially and adversely affect our financial condition.

The extent of losses from a catastrophe is a function of both the total number of policyholders in the area affected by the event and the severity of the event. Pandemics, hurricanes, earthquakes, and man-made catastrophes, including terrorism and war, may produce significant claims in larger areas, especially those that are heavily populated. Claims resulting from natural or man-made catastrophic events could cause substantial volatility in our financial results for any fiscal quarter or year and could materially reduce our profitability or harm our financial condition.

Information Technology Risk:

The occurrence of computer viruses, network security breaches, disasters, or other unanticipated events could affect the data processing systems of Torchmark or its subsidiaries and could damage our business and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. A computer virus could affect the data processing systems of Torchmark or its subsidiaries, destroying valuable data or making it difficult to conduct business. In addition, despite our implementation of network security measures, our servers could be subject to physical and electronic break-ins and similar disruptions from unauthorized tampering with our computer systems.

We retain confidential information in our computer systems and rely on sophisticated commercial technologies to maintain the security of those systems. Anyone who is able to circumvent our security measures and penetrate our computer systems could access, view, misappropriate, alter, or delete information in the systems, including personally identifiable customer information and proprietary business information. In addition, an increasing number of states require that customers be notified of unauthorized access, use, or disclosure of their information. Any compromise of the security of our computer systems that results in inappropriate access, use, or disclosure of personally identifiable customer information could damage our reputation in the marketplace, deter people from purchasing our products, subject us to significant civil and criminal liability, and require us to incur significant technical, legal, and other expenses.

In the event of a disaster such as a natural catastrophe, an industrial accident, a blackout, or a terrorist attack or war, our computer systems may be inaccessible to our employees or customers for a period of time. Even if our employees are able to report to work, they may be unable to perform their duties for an extended period of time if our data or systems are disabled or destroyed.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

As of December 31, 2012, Torchmark had no unresolved staff comments.

Item 2. Properties

Torchmark, through its subsidiaries, owns or leases buildings that are used in the normal course of business. Torchmark owns and occupies a 290,000 square foot facility located in McKinney, Texas (a north Dallas suburb). This facility is Torchmark's corporate headquarters and also houses the operations of United American.

Liberty owns a 487,000 square foot building in Birmingham, Alabama which until 2010 served as Liberty's home office. During 2010, Liberty vacated this building and currently operates its home office activities out of a 34,000 square foot facility leased in a Birmingham suburb. Approximately 8,000 square feet of storage space has also been leased near the new home office facility. Liberty also operates a company-owned district office used for agency sales personnel. Liberty is currently in the process of selling its former home office building, opting instead to operate from leased facilities.

A subsidiary of Globe owns a 133,000 square foot facility located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma which houses the Globe direct response operation. This subsidiary also currently leases 37,000 square feet of space for its home office activities in downtown Oklahoma City.

American Income owns and is the sole occupant of an office building located in Waco, Texas. The building is a two-story structure containing approximately 72,000 square feet of usable floor space. American Income also owns a 43,000 square foot facility located in Waco which houses the American Income direct response operation.

Family Heritage owns 50% of a partnership that owns a 66,272 square foot building in Broadview Heights, Ohio (a suburb of Cleveland) that serves as Family Heritage's headquarters. The joint venture also leases a portion of the building to unrelated tenants.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

Torchmark and its subsidiaries, in common with the insurance industry in general, are subject to litigation, including claims involving tax matters, alleged breaches of contract, torts, including bad faith and fraud claims based on alleged wrongful or fraudulent acts of agents of Torchmark's subsidiaries, employment discrimination, and miscellaneous other causes of action. Based upon information presently available, and in light of legal and other factual defenses available to Torchmark and its subsidiaries, management does not believe that such litigation will have a material adverse effect on Torchmark's financial condition, future operating results or liquidity; however, assessing the eventual outcome of litigation necessarily involves forward-looking speculation as to judgments to be made by judges, juries and appellate courts in the future. This bespeaks caution, particularly in states with reputations for high punitive damage verdicts such as Alabama and Mississippi. Torchmark's management recognizes that large punitive damage awards bearing little or no relation to actual damages continue to be awarded by juries in jurisdictions in which Torchmark and its subsidiaries have substantial business, particularly Alabama and Mississippi, creating the potential for unpredictable material adverse judgments in any given punitive damage suit.

As previously reported Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings, on March 15, 2011, purported class action litigation was filed against American Income and Torchmark in the District Court for the Northern District of Ohio (*Fitzhugh v. American Income Life Insurance Company and Torchmark Corporation*, Case No. 1:11-cv-00533). The plaintiff, a formerly independently contracted American Income agent, alleged that American Income intentionally misclassified its agents as independent contractors rather than as employees in order to escape minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act, as well as to avoid payroll taxes, workers compensation premiums and other benefits required to be provided by employers. Monetary damages in the amount of unpaid compensation plus liquidated damages and/or prejudgment interest as well as injunctive and/or declaratory relief were sought by the plaintiff on behalf of the purported class. On November 3, 2011, the Court granted American Income's motion to compel arbitration and dismissed the case. Plaintiffs appealed this decision. In May 2012, the parties negotiated a settlement of this matter and filed a joint motion for its approval by

the Court. On December 4, 2012, the Court entered an order approving the settlement and dismissing the case with prejudice.

As previously reported in filings with the SEC, Torchmark subsidiary, United American was named as defendant in purported class action litigation filed on May 31, 2011 in Cross County Arkansas Circuit Court and subsequently removed to the United States District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas (*Kennedy v. United American Insurance Company* (Case No. 2:11-cv-00131-SWW)). In the litigation, filed on behalf of a proposed nationwide class of owners of certain limited benefit hospital and surgical expense policies from United American, the plaintiff alleged that United American breached the policy by failing and/or refusing to pay benefits for the total number of days an insured is confined to a hospital and by limiting payment to the number of days for which there are incurred hospital room charges despite policy obligations allegedly requiring United American to pay benefits for services and supplies in addition to room charges. Claims for unjust enrichment, breach of contract, bad faith refusal to pay first party benefits, breach of the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing, bad faith, and violation of the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act were initially asserted. The plaintiff sought declaratory relief, restitution and/or monetary damages, punitive damages, costs and attorneys' fees. In September 2011, the plaintiff dismissed all causes of action, except for the breach of contract claim. On November 14, 2011, plaintiff filed an amended complaint based upon the same facts asserting only breach of contract claims on behalf of a purported nationwide restitution/monetary relief class or, in the first alternative, a purported multiple-state restitution/monetary relief class or, in the second alternative, a purported Arkansas statewide restitution/monetary relief class. Restitution and/or monetary relief for United American's alleged breach of contract, costs, attorney's fees and expenses, expert fees, prejudgment interest and other relief are being sought on behalf of the plaintiff and members of the class. On December 7, 2011, United American filed a Motion to Dismiss the plaintiff's amended complaint, which the Court subsequently denied on July 24, 2012. On September 28, 2012, plaintiff filed a second amended and supplemental complaint with the same allegations on behalf of a nationwide class or alternatively, an Arkansas statewide class limited to GSP2 policies. Plaintiff filed a third supplemental and amending class action complaint and a motion for leave to file to file an amended complaint on November 21, 2012 again with the same allegations but a different plaintiff class and alternatively, for sub-classes or a multistate class, which was opposed by United American. Plaintiff also filed a motion for class certification on November 21, 2012. On December 28, 2012, United American filed its response to plaintiffs' motion for class certification. The parties are presently awaiting the Court's rulings on various outstanding motions and the trial of this case has been continued until October 21, 2013.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not Applicable.

PART II

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

(a) Market Price of and Dividends on the Registrant's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters

The principal market in which Torchmark's common stock is traded is the New York Stock Exchange. There were 3,355 shareholders of record on December 31, 2012, excluding shareholder accounts held in nominee form. The market prices and cash dividends paid by calendar quarter for the past two years are as follows:

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>2012</u> <u>Market Price</u>		<u>Dividends Per Share</u>
	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	
1	\$50.55	\$43.36	\$.12
2	50.55	45.29	.15
3	52.76	49.10	.15
4	52.97	49.55	.15
Year-end closing price		\$51.67	

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>2011</u> <u>Market Price</u>		<u>Dividends Per Share</u>
	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	
1	\$44.32	\$40.45	\$.107
2	45.23	41.00	.107
3	43.68	33.18	.11
4	43.74	33.72	.12
Year-end closing price		\$43.39	

(c) Purchases of Certain Equity Securities by the Issuer and Others for the Fourth Quarter 2012

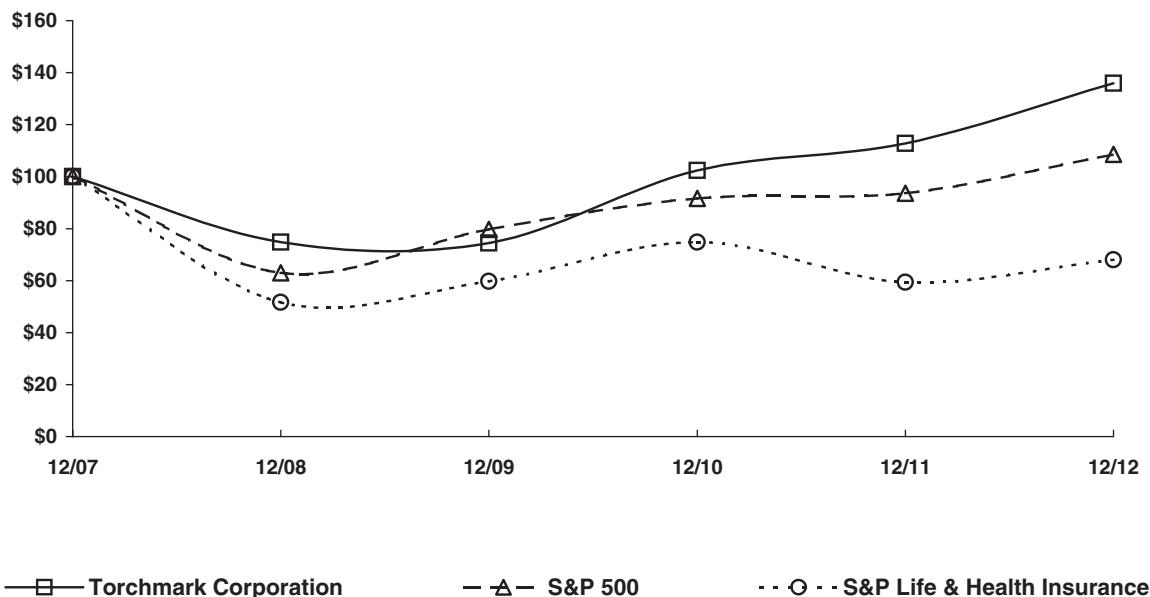
<u>Period</u>	<u>(a) Total Number of Shares Purchased</u>	<u>(b) Average Price Paid Per Share</u>	<u>(c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</u>	<u>(d) Maximum Number of Shares (or Approximate Dollar Amount) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs</u>
October 1-31, 2012	0	\$ 0.00	0	
November 1-30, 2012	1,110,000	50.26	1,110,000	
December 1-31, 2012	935,000	51.64	935,000	

On August 1, 2012, Torchmark's Board reaffirmed its continued authorization of the Company's stock repurchase program in amounts and with timing that management, in consultation with the Board, determined to be in the best interest of the Company. The program has no defined expiration date or maximum shares to be purchased.

(e) Performance Graph

COMPARISON OF 5 YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN*

Among Torchmark Corporation, the S&P 500 Index, and the S&P Life & Health Insurance Index



* \$100 invested on 12/31/07 in stock or index, including reinvestment of dividends. Fiscal year ending December 31.

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The line graph shown above compares Torchmark's cumulative total return on its common stock with the cumulative total returns of the Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Index (S&P 500) and the Standard and Poor's Life & Health Insurance Index (S&P Life & Health Insurance). Torchmark is one of the companies whose stock is included within both the S&P 500 and the S&P Life & Health Insurance Index.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The following information should be read in conjunction with Torchmark's Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes reported elsewhere in this Form 10-K:

(Amounts in thousands except per share and percentage data)

Year ended December 31,	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Premium revenue:					
Life	\$ 1,808,524	\$ 1,726,244	\$ 1,663,699	\$ 1,591,853	\$ 1,544,219
Health	1,047,379	929,466	987,421	1,017,711	1,127,059
Other	559	608	638	541	622
Total	2,856,462	2,656,318	2,651,758	2,610,105	2,671,900
Net investment income	693,644	693,028	676,364	632,540	627,206
Realized investment gains (losses)	37,833	25,904	37,340	(129,492)	(107,541)
Total revenue	3,589,516	3,377,401	3,367,632	3,115,073	3,196,236
Income from continuing operations	529,324	497,616	504,095	364,273	404,380
Income from discontinued operations	0	0	29,784	18,901	22,559
Loss on disposal, net of tax	0	(455)	(35,013)	0	0
Net income	529,324	497,161	498,866	383,174	426,939
Per common share:					
Basic earnings:					
Income from continuing operations ..	5.48	4.60	4.13	2.93	3.06
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	0.00	(0.01)	(0.04)	0.15	0.17
Net income	5.48	4.59	4.09	3.08	3.23
Diluted earnings:					
Income from continuing operations ..	5.41	4.53	4.09	2.93	3.05
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	0.00	0.00	(0.04)	0.15	0.17
Net income	5.41	4.53	4.05	3.08	3.22
Cash dividends declared	0.60	0.46	0.41	0.38	0.37
Cash dividends paid	0.57	0.45	0.41	0.37	0.37
Basic average shares outstanding	96,614	108,278	122,009	124,550	132,079
Diluted average shares outstanding	97,898	109,815	123,123	124,550	132,774
As of December 31,	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Cash and invested assets ⁽¹⁾	\$14,155,919	\$12,437,699	\$11,563,656	\$10,054,764	\$ 7,812,992
Total assets ⁽¹⁾	18,776,910	16,588,272	15,622,973	15,514,761	13,053,558
Short-term debt	319,043	224,842	198,875	233,307	403,707
Long-term debt ⁽²⁾	989,686	914,282	913,354	919,761	622,760
Shareholders' equity	4,361,786	3,859,631	3,667,329	3,068,043	1,913,837
Per diluted share	45.85	37.91	30.35	24.60	15.06
Effect of fixed maturity revaluation on diluted equity per share ⁽³⁾	10.61	5.95	0.55	(2.23)	(8.63)
Annualized premium in force:					
Life ⁽¹⁾	1,895,017	1,813,705	1,753,046	1,694,402	1,625,549
Health ⁽¹⁾	1,228,502	1,016,393	973,625	1,026,560	1,098,349
Total	3,123,519	2,830,098	2,726,671	2,720,962	2,723,898
Basic shares outstanding	94,236	100,579	118,865	124,261	127,061
Diluted shares outstanding	95,138	101,808	120,815	124,739	127,061

(1) Cash and invested assets include \$615 million, total assets includes \$869 million, annualized life premium in force includes \$969 thousand, and annualized health premium in force includes \$188 million, representing the business acquired in the acquisition of Family Heritage in 2012.

(2) Includes Torchmark's 7.1% Junior Subordinated Debentures reported as "Due to affiliates" on the *Consolidated Balance Sheets* at year ends 2008 through 2011 in the amount of \$123.7 million.

(3) There is an accounting rule requiring available-for-sale fixed maturities to be revalued at fair value each period. The effect of this rule on diluted equity per share reflects the amount added or (deducted) under this rule to produce GAAP Shareholders' equity per share. Please see the explanation and discussion under the caption *Capital Resources in Management's Discussion and Analysis* in this report concerning the effect this rule has on Torchmark's equity.

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

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the *Selected Financial Data* and Torchmark's *Consolidated Financial Statements* and Notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this report.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Acquisition: On November 1, 2012, we acquired Family Heritage, a previously privately-held supplemental health insurance carrier. Information about this acquisition can be found in *Note 6—Acquisition* in the *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*. The results of Family Heritage subsequent to our acquisition are included in this discussion within our health insurance segment.

Discontinued Operations: As described in *Note 3—Discontinued Operations* in the *Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements*, we sold our subsidiary United Investors Life Insurance Company (United Investors) as of December 31, 2010. Because of the sale, United Investors' financial results are excluded from this discussion since those operations were discontinued.

How Torchmark Views Its Operations: Torchmark is the holding company for a group of insurance companies which market primarily individual life and supplemental health insurance, and to a limited extent annuities, to middle income households throughout the United States. We view our operations by segments, which are the insurance product lines of life, health, and annuities, and the investment segment that supports the product lines. Segments are aligned based on their common characteristics, comparability of the profit margins, and management techniques used to operate each segment.

Insurance Product Line Segments. As fully described in *Note 14—Business Segments* in the *Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements*, the product line segments involve the marketing, underwriting, and the administration of policies. Each product line is further segmented by the various distribution units that market the insurance policies. Each distribution unit operates in a niche market offering insurance products designed for that particular market. Whether analyzing profitability of a segment as a whole, or the individual distribution units within the segment, the measure of profitability used by management is the underwriting margin, which is:

Premium revenue
Less:
 Policy obligations
 Policy acquisition costs and commissions

Investment Segment. The investment segment involves the management of our capital resources, including investments and the management of corporate debt and liquidity. Our measure of profitability for the investment segment is excess investment income, which is:

Net investment income
Less:
 Required interest on net policy liabilities
 Financing costs

The tables in *Note 14—Business Segments* reconcile Torchmark's revenues and expenses by segment to its major income statement line items for each of the years in the three-year period ending December 31, 2012. Additionally, this Note provides a summary of the profitability measures that demonstrates year-to-year comparability and which reconciles to net income. That summary is reproduced below from the *Consolidated Financial Statements* to present our overall operations in the manner that we use to manage the business.

Analysis of Profitability by Segment
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	2012	2011	2010	2012 Change	%	2011 Change	%
Life insurance underwriting margin	\$ 509,476	\$ 460,963	\$ 430,262	\$ 48,513	11	\$ 30,701	7
Health insurance underwriting margin	197,341	188,990	198,966	8,351	4	(9,976)	(5)
Annuity underwriting margin	3,465	2,345	1,348	1,120	48	997	
Other insurance:							
Other income	1,898	2,507	2,834	(609)	(24)	(327)	(12)
Administrative expense	(165,405)	(159,109)	(155,615)	(6,296)	4	(3,494)	2
Excess investment income	236,644	258,986	265,245	(22,342)	(9)	(6,259)	(2)
Corporate and adjustments	(29,827)	(22,647)	(20,657)	(7,180)	32	(1,990)	10
Pre-tax total	753,592	732,035	722,383	21,557	3	9,652	1
Applicable taxes	(246,945)	(238,335)	(242,558)	(8,610)	4	4,223	(2)
After-tax total, before discontinued operations	506,647	493,700	479,825	12,947	3	13,875	3
Discontinued operations (after tax)	0	0	27,932	0		(27,932)	
Total	506,647	493,700	507,757	12,947	3	(14,057)	(3)
Realized gains (losses)—investments (after tax)*	24,591	16,838	24,270	7,753		(7,432)	
Realized gains (losses)—discontinued operations (after tax)*	0	0	1,852	0		(1,852)	
Loss on disposal of discontinued operations (after tax)	0	(455)	(35,013)	455		34,558	
Acquisition expense—Family Heritage (after tax)	(1,914)	0	0	(1,914)		0	
Cost of legal settlements (after tax)	0	(7,800)	0	7,800		(7,800)	
State administrative settlement (after tax)	0	(4,486)	0	4,486		(4,486)	
Loss on sale of equipment (after tax)	0	(636)	0	636		(636)	
Net income	<u>\$ 529,324</u>	<u>\$ 497,161</u>	<u>\$ 498,866</u>	<u>\$ 32,163</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>\$ (1,705)</u>	<u>0</u>

* See the discussion of *Realized Gains and Losses* in this report.

Torchmark's operations on a segment-by-segment basis are discussed in depth under the appropriate captions following in this report.

Summary of Operations: Net income rose 6% to \$529 million in 2012 from \$497 million in 2011. It had declined slightly in 2011 from \$499 million in 2010. On a diluted per share basis, 2012 net income rose 19% to \$5.41 after a 12% increase in 2011 to \$4.53 from net income of \$4.05 in 2010. The per-share results have exceeded the growth in dollar amounts due to our share repurchase program. Results in 2010 include a \$35 million after-tax loss on the disposal of United Investors, representing \$.28 per diluted share. Also, each year's per share net income was affected by realized investment gains, which were \$0.25, \$0.15, and \$0.20 in 2012, 2011, and 2010, respectively. More information concerning realized investment gains and losses can be found under the caption *Realized Gains and Losses* in this report where there is a more complete discussion. Also, as explained in Note 14—*Business Segments* in the *Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements*, we do not consider realized gains and losses to be a component of our core insurance operations or operating segments. Additionally, we do not consider non-operating items which are not related to the current ongoing reporting performance of our segments to be part of our segment operating income.

As shown in the above chart, after-tax segment results of operations, before discontinued operations, rose each year over the prior year from \$480 million in 2010 to \$494 million in 2011 to \$507 million in 2012. The primary contributor to the growth in both 2011 and 2012 was the underwriting margin in our life insurance segment, in which margins rose \$31 million in 2011 and \$49 million in 2012. The life insurance segment is our strongest segment and is the largest contributor to earnings in each year presented. Also contributing to growth in 2012 income was our health insurance segment, which provided \$8 million of additional margin after a decline of \$10 million in 2011. The 2012 improvement was largely due to the increased volume in our Medicare Part D program while the 2011 decline was a result of the discontinuance of sales of certain limited-benefit health products in late 2010 due to healthcare reform. Both 2012 and 2011 have been impacted negatively by declines in excess investment income, the measure of profitability of our investment segment. These declines in excess investment income have resulted from the continuing low interest rate environment which has pressured investment yields and spreads on policy benefit requirements, discussed more fully under the caption *Investments* in this report.

In 2012, this pressure on excess investment income was increased as an unusual number of calls, resulting from a new regulation affecting bank hybrid securities, caused us to replace these higher yielding securities with securities at lower yields due to the current low-interest-rate environment. Also in 2012, there was a \$7 million increase in stock compensation expense which negatively affected the results during the year. The increase in stock compensation expense resulted primarily from the increase in the value of Torchmark's stock and not from an increase in the number of grants.

Total revenues rose 6% in 2012 to \$3.59 billion. They were flat in 2011 at \$3.38 billion compared with \$3.37 billion in 2010. Life premium rose 5% or \$82 million in 2012 to \$1.81 billion. Life premium increased \$63 million in 2011 to \$1.73 billion. Net investment income was essentially flat at \$694 million in 2012, after rising 2% or \$17 million in 2011. Health premium increased 13% to \$1.05 billion in 2012 and contributed \$117 million to 2012 revenue growth, but health premium negatively affected revenue growth in 2011 as discussed below.

While life insurance premium has grown steadily in each of the three years ending December 31, 2012, margins as a percentage of premium have risen even more, rising in 2012 to 28% from 27% in 2011 and 26% in 2010. Segment profits for life insurance were not only positively affected by the premium growth, but also by improvements in persistency in both periods. Life net sales increased 6% in 2012 to \$343 million, but declined 1% in 2011 to \$325 million. Life insurance segment results are discussed further in this report under the caption *Life Insurance*.

We primarily market Medicare Supplement insurance, Medicare Part D prescription drug insurance, limited-benefit cancer, and accident health products. Prior to September, 2010, we marketed an under-age-65 limited-benefit hospital-surgical product. Health premium increased \$117 million or 13% in 2012, as a result of the addition of a large number of new low-income Medicare Part D auto-enrollees in the 2012 plan year. However, 2011 health premium declined 6% to \$930 million as a result of the discontinuance of certain limited-benefit health products because of healthcare reform mentioned above. Medicare Supplement remains our largest contributor to total health premium, and we have experienced growth in net sales in this product in each successive year. Medicare Supplement premium was \$432 million in 2012 but has declined slightly in each successive year as lapses have exceeded new sales. Our Medicare Part D premium rose 62% to \$318 in 2012 as a result of the previously-noted addition of low-income auto-enrollees in the 2012 plan. Due to increased competition for the 2013 plan year, we expect a slight decrease in 2013 Part D premium. See the discussion under *Health Insurance* for a more detailed discussion of health insurance results.

We offer fixed annuities, but we do not emphasize sales of annuity products, favoring life insurance instead. With the sale of United Investors in 2010, we disposed of 37% of our annuity deposit balance. See the caption *Annuities* for further discussion of the Annuity segment.

As previously mentioned, the investment segment's pretax profitability, or excess investment income, declined in both 2012 and 2011. Profitability in this segment is based on three major components: net investment income, required interest on net policy liabilities (interest applicable to insurance products), and financing costs. In recent years, growth in net investment income has been restricted in relation to the growth in the size of our portfolio. One reason that investment income has grown at a lower rate than mean invested assets has grown in recent years is that new investments have been made at yield rates lower than the yield rates earned on securities that matured or were otherwise disposed of. Also, there is sometimes a lag between the time when proceeds from maturities and dispositions are received and when the proceeds are reinvested, during which the funds are held in cash. Growth in total investment income has also been somewhat negatively affected by Torchmark's share repurchase program (described later under this caption), which has diverted cash that could have otherwise been used to acquire investments. In 2012, net investment income rose 1% while the portfolio (at amortized cost) grew 4%, as new money yields available have continued to decline.

The interest required on net policy liabilities is deducted from net investment income, and generally grows in conjunction with the net policy liabilities that are supported by the invested assets. The lower new-money yields resulting from the low-interest-rate environment noted above have compressed excess investment income as required interest has continued to grow. We have implemented certain strategies to offset this effect, including lowering the discount rate on new business and increasing premium rates on

sales of new products as discussed under the caption *Investments*. Financing costs, which consist of the interest required for debt service on our long and short-term debt, are also deducted from net investment income. Financing costs in 2012 increased 3% to \$80 million, primarily as a result of two new debt offerings issued in the latter half of 2012 as described below. Financing costs also increased from \$75 million in 2010 to \$78 million in 2011, primarily a result of increased charges related to our letters of credit facility.

Torchmark's current investment policy limits new investment acquisitions to investment-grade fixed maturities generally with longer maturities (often exceeding twenty years) that meet our quality and yield objectives. Approximately 96% of our invested assets at fair value consist of fixed maturities of which 96% were investment grade at December 31, 2012. The average quality rating of the portfolio was A-. The portfolio contains no securities backed by sub prime or Alt-A mortgages, no direct investment in residential mortgages, no counterparty risks, no credit default swaps, or derivative contracts. See the analysis of excess investment income and investment activities under the caption *Investments* in this report and *Note 4—Investments in the Notes to Consolidated Statements of Operations* for a more detailed discussion of this segment.

As noted earlier, we issued two new debt offerings during 2012: our \$300 million principal amount 3.8% Senior Notes due 2022 and our \$125 million principal amount 5.875% Junior Subordinated Debentures due 2052, both issued in September. Proceeds from the Senior Notes were \$297 million, but \$150 million were purchased by our insurance subsidiaries and were eliminated in consolidation. Proceeds from this offering provided funding for the retirement of our 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ % Senior Notes due in August, 2013 and for the acquisition of Family Heritage in November, 2012. The \$121 million net proceeds from the Subordinated Debentures were used to fund the call of our \$120 million principal amount 7.1% Trust Originated Preferred Securities in October, 2012. More information on these transactions can be found in *Note 6—Acquisition* and *Note 11—Debt* in the *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* and in our discussion of *Capital Resources* in this report.

In 2011, income from continuing operations was affected by certain significant, unusual, and nonrecurring nonoperating items. We do not view these items as components of core operating results because they are not indicative of past performance or future prospects of the insurance operations. As reported in *Note 1—Significant Accounting Policies* in the *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* under the caption *Settlements*, we were involved in certain issues in which we incurred settlement losses and expenses. We settled a state administrative matter in the pretax amount of \$6.9 million (\$4.5 million after tax) and accrued an estimated liability for a litigation amount which settled in early 2012 in the pretax amount of \$12.0 million (\$7.8 million after tax). Both of these issues involved matters arising many years ago. Additionally, in connection with the 2012 purchase of Family Heritage as described in *Note 6—Acquisition*, we incurred \$2.9 million of acquisition-related expenses (\$1.9 million after tax). The state administrative settlement, the litigation accrual, and the acquisition expenses are included in "Other operating expense" in the *Consolidated Statements of Operations*. However, as described in *Note 1*, we remove items such as these that relate to prior periods or are non-operating items when evaluating the results of current operations, and therefore exclude such matters from our segment analysis for current periods.

Torchmark has in place an ongoing share repurchase program which began in 1986. With no specified authorization amount, we determine the amount of repurchases based on the amount of the Company's excess cash flow, general market conditions, and other alternative uses. The majority of these purchases are made from excess operating cash flow when market prices are favorable. Additionally, when stock options are exercised, proceeds from these exercises and the tax benefit are used to repurchase additional shares on the open market to minimize dilution as a result of the option exercises. Due to poor economic conditions, we temporarily suspended our share repurchase program in the first quarter of 2009. However, in the first quarter of 2010, the Board of Directors reactivated the Company's share repurchase program in amounts and with timing that management, in consultation with the Board, determines to be in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders. The following chart summarizes share purchase activity for each of the three years ended December 31, 2012.

Analysis of Share Purchases
(Amounts in thousands)

Purchases	2012		2011		2010	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Excess cash flow and borrowings	7,479	\$360,490	18,901	\$787,697	5,707	\$203,566
Option proceeds	4,292	209,675	4,380	184,859	1,074	42,440
Total	<u>11,771</u>	<u>\$570,165</u>	<u>23,281</u>	<u>\$972,556</u>	<u>6,781</u>	<u>\$246,006</u>

Option proceeds increased significantly in 2011 and 2012 due to optionholders exercising several years of option grants that expired in 2012.

Throughout the remainder of this discussion, share purchases refer only to those made from excess cash flow and borrowings.

A discussion of each of Torchmark's segments follows. The following discussions are presented in the manner we view our operations, as described in *Note 14—Business Segments*.

Life Insurance. Life insurance is our largest insurance segment, with 2012 life premium representing 63% of total premium. Life underwriting income before other income and administrative expense represented 72% of the total in 2012. Additionally, investments supporting the reserves for life products produce the majority of excess investment income attributable to the investment segment.

Life insurance premium rose 5% to \$1.81 billion in 2012 after having increased 4% in 2011 to \$1.73 billion. Life insurance products are marketed through several distribution channels. Premium income by channel for each of the last three years is as follows:

LIFE INSURANCE
Premium by Distribution Method
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	2012		2011		2010	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
American Income Exclusive Agency	\$ 663,696	37%	\$ 607,914	35%	\$ 560,649	34%
Direct Response	630,111	35	593,650	34	566,604	34
Liberty National Exclusive Agency	281,723	15	288,308	17	294,587	18
Other Agencies	<u>232,994</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>236,372</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>241,859</u>	<u>14</u>
	<u><u>\$1,808,524</u></u>	<u><u>100%</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,726,244</u></u>	<u><u>100%</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,663,699</u></u>	<u><u>100%</u></u>

We use three statistical measures as indicators of premium growth and sales over the near term: "annualized premium in force," "net sales," and "first-year collected premium." Annualized premium in force is defined as the premium income that would be received over the following twelve months at any given date on all active policies if those policies remain in force throughout the twelve-month period. Annualized premium in force is an indicator of potential growth in premium revenue. Net sales is annualized premium issued, net of cancellations in the first thirty days after issue, except in the case of Direct Response where net sales is annualized premium issued at the time the first full premium is paid after any introductory offer period has expired. We believe that net sales is a superior indicator of the rate of premium growth relative to annualized premium issued. First-year collected premium is defined as the premium collected during the reporting period for all policies in their first policy year. First-year collected premium takes lapses into account in the first year when lapses are more likely to occur, and thus is a useful indicator of how much new premium is expected to be added to premium income in the future.

Annualized life premium in force was \$1.90 billion at December 31, 2012, an increase of 4% over \$1.81 billion a year earlier. Annualized life premium in force was \$1.75 billion at December 31, 2010.

The following table shows net sales information for each of the last three years by distribution method.

LIFE INSURANCE
Net Sales by Distribution Method
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	2012		2011		2010	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
American Income Exclusive Agency	\$158,609	46%	\$141,793	44%	\$137,554	42%
Direct Response	140,928	41	136,663	42	136,653	41
Liberty National Exclusive Agency	32,296	10	36,338	11	44,763	14
Other Agencies	11,331	3	10,404	3	10,561	3
	<u>\$343,164</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$325,198</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$329,531</u>	<u>100%</u>

The table below discloses first-year collected life premium by distribution channel.

LIFE INSURANCE
First-Year Collected Premium by Distribution Method
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	2012		2011		2010	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
American Income Exclusive Agency	\$126,223	49%	\$113,151	46%	\$110,751	45%
Direct Response	93,374	37	88,962	37	89,542	37
Liberty National Exclusive Agency	26,533	10	31,296	13	34,845	14
Other Agencies	9,660	4	9,413	4	10,364	4
	<u>\$255,790</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$242,822</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$245,502</u>	<u>100%</u>

The **American Income Exclusive Agency** has historically focused primarily on marketing to members of labor unions. While the labor union market is still the backbone of American Income's business, the agency has diversified in recent years by focusing heavily on other affinity groups and referrals to help to ensure sustainable growth. It is Torchmark's highest margin business. The American Income Agency was also the largest contributor to life premium and net sales of any Torchmark distribution method in 2012. Life premium for this agency rose 9% to \$664 million, after having risen 8% in 2011. Net sales increased 12% in 2012 after having risen 3% in 2011. Net sales rose 8% in 2010. The average face amount of policies issued in 2012 was approximately \$33 thousand. As is the case with all of Torchmark's agency distribution systems, continued increases in product sales are largely dependent on increases in agent count. The American Income agent count was 5,176 at December 31, 2012 compared with 4,381 a year earlier, an increase of 18%. The agent count increased 12% in 2011. Management's primary objective is to grow middle management in the agency to help ensure sustainable growth. This is being achieved through an increased emphasis on agent training programs and financial incentives that appropriately reward agents at all levels for helping develop and train personnel. In 2011, we began providing more home-office and webinar training programs. These programs are designed to provide each agent, from new recruits to top level managers, coaching and instruction specifically designed for his or her level of experience and responsibilities.

The **Direct Response Unit** reaches the market through a variety of direct-to-consumer marketing approaches which include direct mailings, insert media, internet, and inbound telephone calls. These different approaches support and complement one another in our efforts to reach the consumer. Direct

response focuses primarily on young middle-income households with children. The juvenile life insurance policy is a key product for this unit. Not only is the juvenile market an important source of sales, it is also a vehicle to reach the parents and grandparents of the juvenile policyholders. Also, both the juvenile policyholders and their parents are low acquisition cost targets for sales of additional coverage over time. At this time, we believe that the Direct Response unit is the largest U.S. writer of juvenile direct mail life insurance. We expect that sales to this demographic group will continue as one of Direct Response's premier markets. Historically, the Direct Response unit's growth has been fueled by constant innovation. In recent years, the internet and inbound call center production has grown rapidly as management has aggressively increased internet marketing activities and focused on driving traffic to the inbound call center.

The Direct Response operation accounted for 35% of our life insurance premium during 2012, increasing 6% over 2011 premium. Life premium for this unit rose 5% in 2011 and 6% in 2010. Net sales rose 3% to \$141 million in 2012 after being flat in 2011. First-year collected premium rose 5% to \$93 million after a decline of 1% to \$89 million in 2011. The average face amount of policies issued in 2012 was approximately \$20 thousand.

The **Liberty National Exclusive Agency** markets primarily life insurance and supplemental health insurance, focusing on middle-income customers. Life premium income for this agency was \$282 million in 2012, a 2% decrease compared with \$ 288 million in 2011. Life premium also declined 2% in 2011 from 2010. First year collected premium declined 15% in 2012, after having declined 10% in 2011. The average face amount of life policies issued in 2012 was approximately \$23 thousand.

The Liberty National Agency's net sales declined 11% to \$32 million in 2012, after having declined 19% a year earlier. As is the case with all of our agencies, sales are driven by the size of the agent force. The Liberty agency had 1,419 producing agents at December 31, 2012, compared with 1,345 a year earlier, an increase of 6%. The producing agent count declined 33% during 2011.

The recent declines in premium and sales were due primarily to changes in the cost structure of the agency that have affected agent counts in recent years. Several years ago, management began a process to convert the agency from a fixed expense, salary-based agency model to a commission-driven variable-cost model. Even though we knew the conversion would result in agent defections, the change had to be made to maintain acceptable underwriting margins on new business and ensure the long-term survival and growth of this distribution channel. This was a significant cultural change and it has been implemented gradually to minimize agency disruption as much as possible. Declines in agent count finally ceased in February, 2012 and there was a slow steady increase in agent count for the remainder of the year. Liberty has historically focused its marketing efforts in smaller rural areas in the southeastern United States. Going forward, management expects to grow this agency through nationwide geographic expansion into more urban areas and cross-selling individual life insurance to customers who purchased group health insurance through Liberty's worksite marketing program.

We also offer life insurance through **Other Agencies** consisting of the Military Agency, the United American Independent Agency, and other small sales agencies. The Military Agency consists of a nationwide independent agency whose sales force is comprised primarily of former military officers who sell primarily to commissioned and noncommissioned military officers and their families. This business consists of whole-life products with term insurance riders. Military premium represented 10% of life premium at December 31, 2012. The United American Independent Agency represented approximately 1% of Torchmark's total life premium at that date, as their sales of Torchmark products consist primarily of health insurance.

LIFE INSURANCE
Summary of Results
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	2012		2011		2010	
	Amount	% of Premium	Amount	% of Premium	Amount	% of Premium
Premium and policy charges	\$1,808,524	100%	\$1,726,244	100%	\$1,663,699	100%
Policy obligations	1,172,020	65	1,118,909	65	1,082,423	65
Required interest on reserves	(483,892)	(27)	(458,029)	(27)	(434,319)	(26)
Net policy obligations	688,128	38	660,880	38	648,104	39
Commissions, premium taxes, and non-deferred acquisition expenses	137,115	8	152,347	9	141,792	8
Amortization of acquisition costs	473,805	26	452,054	26	443,541	27
Total expense	<u>1,299,048</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>1,265,281</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>1,233,437</u>	<u>74</u>
Insurance underwriting margin before other income and administrative expenses	\$ 509,476	28%	\$ 460,963	27%	\$ 430,262	26%

Gross margins, as indicated by insurance underwriting margin before other income and administrative expense, rose 11% in 2012 and 7% in 2011. The margin increased to \$509 million in 2012 after rising to \$461 million in 2011. Margin growth in all periods was primarily the result of premium growth. As a percentage of life insurance premium, the margins have risen steadily each year, largely due to improved persistency.

Health Insurance. Health insurance sold by Torchmark includes primarily Medicare Supplement and Part D prescription drug coverage to enrollees in the federal Medicare program, cancer coverage, and accident coverage. All health coverage plans other than Medicare Supplement and Part D are classified here as limited-benefit plans.

Total health premium represented 37% of Torchmark's total premium income in 2012. Excluding Part D premium, health premium represented 26% of total premium income in 2012, compared with 28% in 2011 and 29% in 2010. Health underwriting margin, excluding Part D, accounted for 23% of the total in 2012, compared with 25% in 2011 and 28% in 2010. These declines in the health percentages are indicative of the growth in the premium and profitability of our life segment in relation to our health segment. Health results have been negatively affected by the discontinuance of sales in 2010 of a block of hospital-surgical limited-benefit products which became less marketable due to healthcare reform developments. These products were also our highest-premium, lowest-margin products. Health results have also been negatively affected by the earlier restructuring of the Liberty National Agency as discussed under the caption *Life Insurance*. The following table indicates health insurance premium income by distribution channel for each of the last three years.

HEALTH INSURANCE
Premium by Distribution Method
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	2012		2011		2010	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
United American Independent Agency						
Medicare Supplement	\$ 272,382		\$ 270,029		\$ 267,280	
Limited-benefit plans	26,377		36,461		47,244	
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	298,759	41%	306,490	42%	314,524	40%
Liberty National Exclusive Agency						
Medicare Supplement	100,928		114,974		130,019	
Limited-benefit plans	162,607		175,133		201,037	
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	263,535	36	290,107	39	331,056	43
American Income Exclusive Agency						
Medicare Supplement	683		817		918	
Limited-benefit plans	78,957		79,302		78,141	
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	79,640	11	80,119	11	79,059	10
Family Heritage Agency						
Medicare Supplement	0		0		0	
Limited Benefit	30,119		0		0	
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	30,119	4	0	0	0	0
Direct Response						
Medicare Supplement	57,625		56,695		53,930	
Limited-benefit plans	341		372		398	
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	57,966	8	57,067	8	54,328	7
Total Premium (Before Part D)						
Medicare Supplement	431,618	59	442,515	60	452,147	58
Limited-benefit plans	298,401	41	291,268	40	326,820	42
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	730,019	100%	733,783	100%	778,967	100%
Medicare Part D*						
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Total Health Premium*	\$ 317,764		\$ 196,710		\$ 208,970	
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	\$ 1,047,783		\$ 930,493		\$ 987,937	

* Total Medicare Part D premium and health premium exclude \$404 thousand in 2012, \$1.0 million in 2011, and \$516 thousand in 2010 of risk-sharing premium paid to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services consistent with the Medicare Part D contract. This risk-sharing amount is a portion of the excess or deficiency of actual over expected claims, and therefore we view this payment as a component of policyholder benefits in our segment analysis.

We market supplemental health insurance products through a number of distribution channels with the United American Independent Agency being our market leader. The following table presents net sales by distribution method for the last three years.

HEALTH INSURANCE
Net Sales by Distribution Method
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	2012		2011		2010	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
United American Independent Agency						
Medicare Supplement	\$ 41,218		\$ 31,584		\$ 27,444	
Limited-benefit plans	989		1,065		4,596	
	<u>42,207</u>	54%	<u>32,649</u>	51%	<u>32,040</u>	50%
Liberty National Exclusive Agency						
Medicare Supplement	818		1,814		3,804	
Limited-benefit plans	<u>14,274</u>		<u>15,033</u>		<u>10,385</u>	
	<u>15,092</u>	19	<u>16,847</u>	26	<u>14,189</u>	22
American Income Exclusive Agency						
Medicare Supplement	0		0		0	
Limited-benefit plans	<u>8,695</u>		<u>9,572</u>		<u>13,081</u>	
	<u>8,695</u>	11	<u>9,572</u>	15	<u>13,081</u>	20
Family Heritage Agency						
Medicare Supplement	0		0		0	
Limited Benefit	<u>7,441</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
	<u>7,441</u>	10	<u>0</u>	0	<u>0</u>	0
Direct Response						
Medicare Supplement	3,876		4,123		4,548	
Limited-benefit plans	<u>727</u>		<u>868</u>		<u>549</u>	
	<u>4,603</u>	6	<u>4,991</u>	8	<u>5,097</u>	8
Total Net Sales (Before Part D)						
Medicare Supplement	45,912	59	37,521	59	35,796	56
Limited-benefit plans	<u>32,126</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>26,538</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>28,611</u>	<u>44</u>
	<u>78,038</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>64,059</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>64,407</u>	<u>100%</u>
Medicare Part D*	<u>114,489</u>		<u>115,122</u>		<u>38,799</u>	
Total Health Net Sales	<u>\$192,527</u>		<u>\$179,181</u>		<u>\$103,206</u>	

* Net sales for Medicare Part D represents only new first-time enrollees.

The following table discloses first-year collected health premium by distribution method.

HEALTH INSURANCE
First-Year Collected Premium by Distribution Method
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	2012	2011	2010			
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
United American Independent Agency						
Medicare Supplement	\$ 33,176		\$ 28,044		\$ 29,999	
Limited-benefit plans	838		1,531		5,638	
	<u>34,014</u>	50%	<u>29,575</u>	51%	<u>35,637</u>	47%
Liberty National Exclusive Agency						
Medicare Supplement	1,127		2,144		3,324	
Limited-benefit plans	13,105		10,432		12,435	
	<u>14,232</u>	21	<u>12,576</u>	21	<u>15,759</u>	21
American Income Exclusive Agency						
Medicare Supplement	0		0		0	
Limited-benefit plans	10,364		11,652		13,965	
	<u>10,364</u>	15	<u>11,652</u>	20	<u>13,965</u>	19
Family Heritage Agency						
Medicare Supplement	0		0		0	
Limited Benefit	5,710		0		0	
	<u>5,710</u>	8	<u>0</u>	0	<u>0</u>	0
Direct Response						
Medicare Supplement	3,714		4,209		9,162	
Limited-benefit plans	623		572		488	
	<u>4,337</u>	6	<u>4,781</u>	8	<u>9,650</u>	13
Total First-Year Collected Premium (Before Part D)						
Medicare Supplement	38,017	55	34,397	59	42,485	57
Limited-benefit plans	30,640	45	24,187	41	32,526	43
Total (Before Part D)	<u>68,657</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>58,584</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>75,011</u>	<u>100%</u>
Medicare Part D*	<u>153,509</u>		<u>26,823</u>		<u>48,945</u>	
Total First-Year Collected Premium	<u><u>\$222,166</u></u>		<u><u>\$ 85,407</u></u>		<u><u>\$123,956</u></u>	

* First-year collected premium for Medicare Part D represents only premium collected from new first-time enrollees in their first policy year.

The Medicare Part D Health product will be presented and discussed separately in this report.

Health insurance, excluding Medicare Part D. Health premium other than Part D has declined in each successive year presented, falling 1% in 2012 to \$730 million and declining 6% in 2011. The declines in premium resulted primarily from the previously-mentioned run-off of a block of discontinued hospital-surgical plans. Net sales increased 22% in 2012 to \$78 million, due in part to the acquisition of Family Heritage, which contributed 12% of the increase. Net sales declined 1% in 2011 and declined 33% in 2010. First-year collected premium increased 17% in 2012 after a 22% decline in 2011. Family Heritage accounted for 10% of the 2012 increase.

Medicare Supplement provides the greatest amount of health premium, partially because Medicare Supplement products are generally more persistent than the limited-benefit products, but also because of improved sales in recent periods. Medicare Supplement premium represented 59% of non-Part D health premium in 2012, compared with 60% in 2011 and 58% in 2010.

The UA Independent Agency is Torchmark's largest in terms of health premium income and sales, producing 41% of health premium and 54% of health sales. This Agency is composed of independent agencies appointed with Torchmark whose size range from very large, multi-state organizations down to one-person offices. All of these agents generally sell for a number of insurance companies. Torchmark had 2,003 active producing agents at December 31, 2012 compared with 1,447 a year earlier. This Agency is our largest producer of Medicare Supplement insurance, with \$272 million or 63% of our Medicare Supplement premium income in 2012. Net sales for this Agency increased 29% to \$42 million in 2012, after having increased 2% in 2011 from \$32 million in 2010. Total health premium income for the UA Independent Agency was \$299 million in 2012, a 3% decline from 2011 premium of \$306 million. Premium income also declined 3% in 2011. These declines in premium have resulted due to lapses of limited-benefit products being greater than new sales.

The **Family Heritage Agency** was acquired by Torchmark's acquisition of Family Heritage on November 1, 2012 as discussed in *Note 6—Acquisition* in the *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*. This agency markets primarily limited-benefit supplemental health insurance in non-urban areas. Most of their policies include a cash-back feature, such as a return-of-premium feature whereby any excess of premiums over claims paid is returned to the policyholder at the end of a specified period stated within the insurance policy. Management expects to grow this agency through geographic expansion and incorporation of Torchmark's recruiting programs. This agency contributed \$30 million in health premium income during the two-month period of 2012. Annualized health premium in force at December 31, 2012 was \$188 million.

The **Liberty National Exclusive Agency** represented 36% of all Torchmark non-Part D health premium income at \$264 million in 2012. The Liberty Agency markets limited-benefit health supplemental products consisting primarily of cancer insurance. Much of the Liberty's health business is now generated through worksite marketing targeting small businesses of 10 to 25 employees. In 2012, health premium income in the Agency declined 9% from prior year premium of \$290 million. As noted earlier, the premium decline was due primarily to the runoff of the block of discontinued hospital-surgical business, and the previously-discussed restructuring of this Agency to a commission-driven model.

The **American Income Exclusive Agency**, predominantly a life insurance distribution channel, was our third largest health insurance distributor based on premium income in 2012. Its health plans are comprised of various limited-benefit plans. Approximately 69% of the agency's 2012 health premium was from accident policies. Sales of the plans by this Agency are generally made in conjunction with a life policy being sold to the same customer.

Health premium at this agency was flat in 2012 at \$80 million, after rising 1% in 2011. However, net health sales declined 9% to \$9 million in 2012, after a 27% decline in 2011. Because this agency focuses on life products, net health sales comprised only 5% of the American Income Agency's total net sales in 2012.

Direct Response, primarily a life operation, also offers health insurance, which is predominantly Medicare Supplements sold directly to employer or union sponsored groups. In all three years considered, net health sales were approximately \$5 million. In 2012, net health sales for this group represented approximately 3% of Direct Response's total life and health net sales. Direct Response health premium income has risen each year over the prior year. Health premium rose 2% in 2012 to \$58 million and 5% in 2011.

Medicare Part D. Torchmark, through its subsidiary United American, offers coverage under the government's Medicare Part D plan. The Medicare Part D plan is a stand-alone prescription drug plan for Medicare beneficiaries. Part D is regulated and partially funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for participating private insurers like United American. Under Part D, private carriers are the primary insurers, while CMS provides significant premium subsidies and reinsurance. Our Medicare Part D product is sold through the Direct Response operation and to groups through the UA Independent Agency. Part D net sales were \$114 million in 2012, compared with \$115 million in 2011 and \$39 million in 2010. We count only sales to new first-time enrollees in net sales, and the majority of premium income was from previous enrollees. Total Medicare Part D premium was \$318 million in 2012, compared with \$197 million in 2011, an increase of 62%. Part D premium declined 6% in 2011.

Changes in Part D premium generally result from changes in the number of enrollees. At the beginning of the 2013 Part D plan year, United American had approximately 254 thousand enrollees, compared with 215 thousand at the beginning of the 2012 plan year, 144 thousand at the beginning of the 2011 plan year, and 157 thousand at the beginning of the 2010 plan year. United American had large growth in Part D enrollees in 2012 as a result of a new lower cost Part D plan which allowed us to pick up a large number of low-income auto-enrollees and to grow our own individual sales. Due to intensified price competition for the 2013 plan year, we will not qualify for as many new auto-enrollees in 2013 as we did in 2012. However, we expect that only a small number of the auto-enrollees assigned to us in 2012 will be reassigned to another Part D carrier. While the number of Part D enrollees at the beginning of plan year 2013 was higher than at the beginning of plan year 2012, it was lower than the number of enrollees at the end of 2012. The enrollee count grew throughout 2012 due to significant additions of low-income enrollees each month, but we lost several employer group Part D cases at the end of 2012. As such, we expect a lower average number of enrollees for 2013 than we had in 2012 and we anticipate a slight decline in Part D premium in 2013.

We participate in the Medicare Part D program because of our experience with the senior-age market and with Medicare Supplements, the government assurances with regard to the risk-sharing agreements for participating insurers, limited-risk due to the incremental income added to our health insurance margins, and the renewal of the business every year. Due to our experience with service to the senior-age market and the use of our existing Direct Response marketing system, entry to this business required little new investment. However, as with any government-sponsored program, the possibility of regulatory changes could change the outlook for this market.

As presented in the following table, Torchmark's health insurance underwriting margin before other income and administrative expense increased 4% to \$197 million in 2012, but declined 5% in 2011 to \$189 million. As a percentage of premium income, margins were 20% in both 2011 and 2010 as compared with 19% in 2012. The 2012 percentage reflects the greater proportion of Medicare Part D business which has a much higher benefit ratio.

**HEALTH INSURANCE
Summary of Results**
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	2012					
	<u>Health*</u>	<u>% of Premium</u>	<u>Medicare Part D</u>	<u>% of Premium</u>	<u>Total Health</u>	<u>% of Premium</u>
Premium**	\$730,019	100%	\$317,764	100%	\$1,047,783	100%
Policy obligations	472,988	65	266,957	84	739,945	71
Required interest on reserves	(40,963)	(6)	0	0	(40,963)	(4)
Net policy obligations	432,025	59	266,957	84	698,982	67
Commissions, premium taxes, and non-deferred acquisition expenses	52,625	8	14,498	5	67,123	6
Amortization of acquisition costs	81,385	11	2,952	1	84,337	8
Total expense	<u>566,035</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>284,407</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>850,442</u>	<u>81</u>
Insurance underwriting income before other income and administrative expenses	<u>\$163,984</u>	<u>22%</u>	<u>\$ 33,357</u>	<u>10%</u>	<u>\$ 197,341</u>	<u>19%</u>
	2011					
	<u>Health*</u>	<u>% of Premium</u>	<u>Medicare Part D</u>	<u>% of Premium</u>	<u>Total Health</u>	<u>% of Premium</u>
Premium**	\$733,783	100%	\$196,710	100%	\$ 930,493	100%
Policy obligations	470,901	64	161,946	82	632,847	68
Required interest on reserves	(36,729)	(5)	0	0	(36,729)	(4)
Net policy obligations	434,172	59	161,946	82	596,118	64
Commissions, premium taxes, and non-deferred acquisition expenses	56,359	8	7,798	4	64,157	7
Amortization of acquisition costs	78,415	11	2,813	2	81,228	9
Total expense	<u>568,946</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>172,557</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>741,503</u>	<u>80</u>
Insurance underwriting income before other income and administrative expenses	<u>\$164,837</u>	<u>22%</u>	<u>\$ 24,153</u>	<u>12%</u>	<u>\$ 188,990</u>	<u>20%</u>
	2010					
	<u>Health*</u>	<u>% of Premium</u>	<u>Medicare Part D</u>	<u>% of Premium</u>	<u>Total Health</u>	<u>% of Premium</u>
Premium**	\$778,967	100%	\$208,970	100%	\$ 987,937	100%
Policy obligations	497,576	64	172,131	82	669,707	68
Required interest on reserves	(35,368)	(5)	0	0	(35,368)	(4)
Net policy obligations	462,208	59	172,131	82	634,339	64
Commissions, premium taxes, and non-deferred acquisition expenses	60,224	8	8,341	4	68,565	7
Amortization of acquisition costs	82,609	11	3,458	2	86,067	9
Total expense	<u>605,041</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>183,930</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>788,971</u>	<u>80</u>
Insurance underwriting income before other income and administrative expenses	<u>\$173,926</u>	<u>22%</u>	<u>\$ 25,040</u>	<u>12%</u>	<u>\$ 198,966</u>	<u>20%</u>

* Health other than Medicare Part D.

** Total Medicare Part D premium and health premium excludes \$404 thousand in 2012, \$1.0 million in 2011, and \$516 thousand in 2010 of risk-sharing premium paid to the CMS consistent with the Medicare Part D contract. This risk-sharing amount is a portion of the excess or deficiency of actual over expected claims, and therefore we view this payment as a component of policyholder benefits in our segment analysis.

Annuities. As described in *Note 3—Discontinued Operations*, we sold our subsidiary United Investors on December 31, 2010. United Investors was our variable annuity carrier and a primary carrier of fixed annuities. Because we disposed of approximately 37% of our annuity deposit balance in the sale, including all of our variable annuities, we do not expect that annuities will be a significant portion of our business or marketing strategy going forward.

Our fixed annuity balances at the end of 2012, 2011, and 2010 were \$1.35 billion, \$1.29 billion, and \$1.24 billion, respectively. Underwriting income was \$3.5 million, \$2.3 million, \$1.3 million in each of the years 2012, 2011, and 2010, respectively.

While the fixed annuity account balance has increased modestly each year over the prior year and underwriting income has increased each year as well, policy charges have actually declined slightly in each successive year. The majority of policy charges consist of surrender charges which are not based on account size. These charges have remained somewhat level in recent periods. A considerable portion of fixed annuity profitability is derived from the spread of investment income exceeding contractual interest requirements, which can result in negative net policy obligations. In each of the years presented, the spreads for fixed annuities increased over the prior year as a result of credited rate reductions on the inforce annuities accounting for the growth in underwriting margin. The amortization of deferred acquisition costs also rose as these costs are amortized in relation to gross profits.

Administrative expenses. Operating expenses are included in the Other and Corporate Segments and are classified into two categories: insurance administrative expenses and expenses of the parent company. The following table is an analysis of operating expenses for the three years ended December 31, 2012.

Operating Expenses Selected Information
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	2012		2011		2010	
	Amount	% of Prem.	Amount	% of Prem.	Amount	% of Prem.
Insurance administrative expenses:						
Salaries	\$ 77,137	2.7%	\$ 76,206	2.9%	\$ 73,034	2.8%
Other employee costs	28,344	1.0	30,294	1.1	34,109	1.3
Other administrative expense	51,228	1.8	43,085	1.6	41,736	1.6
Legal expense—insurance	8,696	.3	9,524	.4	6,736	.2
Total insurance administrative expenses	<u>165,405</u>	<u>5.8%</u>	<u>159,109</u>	<u>6.0%</u>	<u>155,615</u>	<u>5.9%</u>
Parent company expense	8,222		7,693		8,809	
Stock compensation expense	21,605		14,954		11,848	
State administrative settlement	0		6,901		0	
Settlement of prior period litigation	0		12,000		0	
Loss on sale of property and equipment	0		979		0	
Acquisition expenses of Family Heritage	<u>2,944</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
Total operating expenses, per <i>Consolidated Statements of Operations</i>	<u>\$198,176</u>		<u>\$201,636</u>		<u>\$176,272</u>	
Insurance administrative expenses:						
Increase (decrease) over prior year		4.0%		2.2%		3.5%
Total operating expenses:						
Increase (decrease) over prior year		(1.7)%		14.4%		3.6%

Insurance administrative expenses rose 4% in 2012, after having increased 2% in 2011. As a percentage of premium, they increased .1% in 2011, but declined .2% in 2012 to 5.8%. The 2012 increase in total insurance administrative expense of \$6.3 million was primarily the result of the expiration of a third party agreement under which we were reimbursed a net of \$5.2 million in 2011 for providing policy administration services, and \$1.6 million from the addition of Family Heritage's expenses in 2012. The 11% decline in employee costs in 2011 was primarily due to unusually high employee health insurance costs in 2010. Stock compensation expense has risen in each successive year as the value of Torchmark stock has increased, resulting in higher values for grants of stock and options and not because of an increase in the number of grants. As stated in *Note 14—Business Segments* in the *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*, management views stock compensation expense as a corporate expense, and therefore treats it as a Parent Company expense.

As a result of the acquisition of Family Heritage in late 2012 as described in *Note 6—Acquisition* in the *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*, we incurred expenses related to the transaction of \$2.9 million. Additionally, as mentioned in *Note 1—Significant Accounting Policies*, we incurred two settlement expense issues in 2011 that related to events occurring many years ago: the settlement of a state administrative issue of \$7 million and a litigation issue in the estimated amount of \$12 million. The latter item was settled in that amount in 2012. In addition to these two 2011 items, we sold aviation equipment in 2011 at a loss of \$979 thousand. While all of these nonrecurring expenses were included in "Operating expenses" for the respective year in the *Consolidated Statements of Operations* in accordance with accounting guidance, they are considered as non-operating expenses by management.

Investments. We manage our capital resources including investments, debt, and cash flow through the investment segment. Excess investment income represents the profit margin attributable to investment operations. It is the measure that we use to evaluate the performance of the investment segment as described in *Note 14—Business Segments* in the *Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements*. It is defined as net investment income less both the required interest attributable to net policy liabilities and the interest cost associated with capital funding or "financing costs." We also view excess investment income per diluted share as an important and useful measure to evaluate the performance of the investment segment. It is defined as excess investment income divided by the total diluted weighted average shares outstanding, representing the contribution by the investment segment to the consolidated earnings per share of the Company. Since implementing our share repurchase program in 1986, we have used over \$5.4 billion of cash flow to repurchase Torchmark shares after determining that the repurchases provided a greater return than other investment alternatives. Share repurchases reduce excess investment income because of the foregone earnings on the cash that would otherwise have been invested in interest-bearing assets, but they also reduce the number of shares outstanding. In order to put all capital resource uses on a comparable basis, we believe that excess investment income per diluted share is an appropriate measure of the investment segment.

Excess Investment Income. The following table summarizes Torchmark's investment income and excess investment income.

Analysis of Excess Investment Income
(Dollar amounts in thousands except for per share data)

	2012	2011	2010
Net investment income	\$ 693,644	\$ 693,028	\$ 676,364
Reclassification of low income housing expense ⁽¹⁾	22,488	14,277	9,153
Reclassification of interest amount due to deconsolidation ⁽²⁾	(214)	(264)	(264)
Adjusted net investment income (per segment analysis)	715,918	707,041	685,253
Interest on net insurance policy liabilities:			
Interest on reserves	(584,148)	(551,798)	(521,683)
Interest on deferred acquisition costs	185,172	181,387	176,940
Net required interest	(398,976)	(370,411)	(344,743)
Financing costs	(80,298)	(77,644)	(75,265)
Excess investment income	<u>\$ 236,644</u>	<u>\$ 258,986</u>	<u>\$ 265,245</u>
Excess investment income per diluted share	<u>\$ 2.42</u>	<u>\$ 2.36</u>	<u>\$ 2.15</u>
Mean invested assets (at amortized cost)	\$11,750,059	\$11,254,566	\$10,836,788
Average net insurance policy liabilities ⁽³⁾	7,093,560	6,651,648	6,249,602
Average debt and preferred securities (at amortized cost)	1,248,427	1,119,964	1,112,147

- (1) Reclassified amortization of non-guaranteed low-income housing interests included in "Net investment income" in the *Consolidated Statements of Operations* but recorded in "Income taxes" in the segment analysis. See Note 1—Significant Accounting Policies in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under the caption *Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Interests* for an explanation.
- (2) Deconsolidation of trusts liable for Trust Preferred Securities required by accounting guidance. See Note 11—Debt in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.
- (3) Net of deferred acquisition costs, excluding the associated unrealized gains and losses thereon.

Excess investment income declined \$22 million or 9% in 2012 from the prior year. Excess investment income declined \$6 million or 2% in 2011. Excess investment income has been pressured over the past three years as a result of the impact of lower interest rates on net investment income coupled with the increase in required interest on net policy liabilities discussed later under this caption. On a per diluted share basis, excess investment income rose 3% to \$2.42 per share in 2012, after having risen 10% in the prior year. The favorable increases in the per share amounts relative to the changes in dollar amounts for excess investment income are a result of share repurchases.

The largest component of excess investment income is net investment income, as adjusted for the segment analysis, which rose 1% to \$716 million in 2012. It increased 3% to \$707 million in 2011 from \$685 million in 2010. Presented in the following chart is the growth in net investment income compared with the growth in mean invested assets.

	2012	2011	2010
Growth in net investment income	1.3%	3.2%	8.4%
Growth in mean invested assets (at amortized cost)	4.4	3.9	8.2

Growth in net investment income has generally been slower than growth in mean invested assets in recent years due to the declining interest rate environment. In a declining interest rate environment, the overall portfolio yield will decrease as new money is invested at lower yields, especially when the new investments are replacing higher-yielding investments that mature or are otherwise disposed of. Approximately 50% of the invested assets added in 2010 through 2012 replaced higher-yielding assets that matured or were disposed of during that period. This level of replacement activity was higher than normal.

We had more sales of investments than usual in each of the years 2010 through 2012. These sales were generally made due to credit concerns or for tax purposes. Additionally in 2012, we had an unusually large number of securities called. Fixed maturity securities are more likely to be called in a declining interest-rate environment. In addition to bonds with scheduled call dates, our portfolio includes bank-issued hybrid securities with provisions allowing the security to be called in the event of a change in capital treatment. Many banks chose to call their hybrid securities in 2012 because the Dodd-Frank Act phases out the partial equity credit historically allowed for these securities.

At December 31, 2012, we still held \$262 million of bank hybrids callable without a make-whole provision. The average yield on these securities was 7.26%. Approximately 51% of these securities was below investment grade. To the extent these are called, there would be a reduction in net investment income. However, the ratio of below-investment-grade securities to our total investment portfolio and statutory required capital would also decrease.

In 2010, growth in net investment income slightly exceeded the growth in the portfolio. Because of the uncertainty about liquidity in the financial markets in 2009, we held significantly more cash and short-term investments than in other years. Holding this larger balance of low-yielding securities in 2009 resulted in the unusually high growth rate in 2010 as these lower-yielding cash balances were invested in 2010.

Excess investment income is reduced by the required interest on net insurance policy liabilities, because we consider these amounts to be components of the profitability of our insurance segments. Required interest is the actuarial interest assumption used in discounting the benefit reserve liability and the amortization of deferred acquisition costs for our insurance policies in force. Essentially all of our life and health insurance policies are fixed interest-rate protection policies, not investment products, and are accounted for under current accounting guidance for long-duration insurance products (formerly SFAS 60, now incorporated into ASC 944-20-05), which mandates that interest rate assumptions be "locked in" for the life of that block of business. Each calendar year, we set the assumed discount rate to be used to calculate the benefit reserve liability and the deferred acquisition cost asset for all insurance policies issued that year. That rate is based on the new money yields that we expect to earn on cash flow received in the future from policies of that issue year, and cannot be changed except in the event of a premium deficiency. The discount rate used for policies issued in the current year has no impact on the in force policies issued in prior years as the rates of all prior issue years are also locked in. As such, the overall discount rate for the entire in force block is a weighted average of the discount rates being used from all issue years. Changes in the overall weighted-average discount rate over time are caused by changes in the mix of the reserves and the deferred acquisition cost asset by issue year on the entire block of in force business. Business issued in the current year has very little impact on the overall weighted-average discount rate due to the size of our in force business. Information about interest on policy liabilities is shown in the following table.

Required Interest on Net Insurance Policy Liabilities
(Dollar amounts in millions)

	Required Interest	Average Net Insurance Policy Liabilities	Average Discount Rate
2012			
Life and Health	\$335.0	\$5,820.1	5.76%
Annuity	<u>64.0</u>	<u>1,273.5</u>	5.03
Total	399.0	7,093.6	5.62
Increase in 2012	7.71%	6.64%	
2011			
Life and Health	\$309.5	\$5,442.4	5.69%
Annuity	<u>60.9</u>	<u>1,209.2</u>	5.03
Total	370.4	6,651.6	5.57
Increase in 2011	7.45%	6.43%	
2010			
Life and Health	\$288.9	\$5,111.1	5.65%
Annuity	<u>55.8</u>	<u>1,138.5</u>	4.91
Total	344.7	6,249.6	5.52
Increase in 2010	8.79%	8.41%	

The combined average interest discount rate has risen in each of the last three years due to the changes in the mix of the in force business discussed above.

Excess investment income is also impacted by financing costs. Financing costs for the investment segment primarily consist of interest on our various debt instruments and are deducted from excess investment income. The table below reconciles interest expense per the *Consolidated Statements of Operations* to financing costs.

The table below presents the components of financing costs.

Analysis of Financing Costs
(Amounts in thousands)

	2012	2011	2010
Interest on funded debt	\$74,815	\$72,697	\$72,889
Interest on short-term debt	5,656	5,207	2,589
Other	41	4	51
Interest expense per <i>Consolidated Statements of Operations</i>	80,512	77,908	75,529
Reclassification of interest due to deconsolidation ⁽¹⁾	(214)	(264)	(264)
Financing costs	<u>\$80,298</u>	<u>\$77,644</u>	<u>\$75,265</u>

(1) See *Principles of Consolidation in Note 1—Significant Accounting Policies* in the *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* for an explanation of deconsolidation.

Financing costs increased \$3 million or 3% in 2012. They rose \$2 million or 3% in 2011. The increase in financing costs in 2012 reflects the increased interest expense from the issuance in September 2012 of \$300 million principal amount of our 3.8% Senior Notes due in 2022, \$150 million of which is eliminated in consolidation. Also in September, 2012, we issued our 5.875% Junior Subordinated Debentures due 2052 for \$125 million principal amount but called our \$120 million 7.1% Trust Preferred Securities one month later. The 2011 and 2012 increases in interest on short-term debt were primarily a result of the \$2.1 million increase in financing charges on our letter of credit facility, arising from the December, 2010 restructuring of our credit facility. More information on our debt transactions are disclosed in the *Financial Condition* section of this report and in *Note 11—Debt* in the *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*.

Excess investment income benefits from increases in long-term rates available on new investments and decreases in short-term borrowing rates. Of these two factors, higher investment rates have the greater impact because the amount of cash that we invest is significantly greater than the amount that we borrow at short-term rates. Therefore, Torchmark would benefit if rates, especially long-term rates, were to rise.

However, growth rates in our excess investment income decline when growth in income from the portfolio is less than that of the interest required by policy liabilities and financing costs, such as we have experienced in recent periods. In an extended low-interest-rate environment, the portfolio yield will tend to decline as we invest new money at lower long-term rates. We believe, however, the decline would be relatively slow, as, on average, only 2% to 3% of fixed maturities are expected to run off each year over the next five years.

In response to the lower interest rates, we reduced the discount rate on life policies issued in 2012. We also raised the premium rates for new business on major life products in 2012. The increased premiums will provide additional margin on these policies to help offset the possible future reductions in excess investment income and have not had a detrimental impact on sales.

Because actuarial discount rates are locked in for life on essentially all of our business, benefit reserves and deferred acquisition costs are not affected by interest rate fluctuations unless a loss recognition event occurs. Due to the strength of our underwriting margins and the current positive spread between the yield on our investment portfolio and the weighted-average discount rate of our in force block, we don't expect an extended low-interest-rate environment to cause a loss recognition event.

Investment Acquisitions. Torchmark's current investment policy calls for investing almost exclusively in investment-grade fixed maturities generally with long maturities (maturity date more than 20 years after acquisition date) that meet our quality and yield objectives. We generally prefer to invest in securities with longer maturities because they more closely match the long-term nature of our policy liabilities. Further, we believe this strategy is appropriate because our strong positive cash flows are generally stable and predictable. If such longer-term securities do not meet our quality and yield objectives, we consider investing in short-term securities, taking into consideration the slope of the yield curve and other factors at the time. During calendar years 2010 through 2012, Torchmark invested almost exclusively in fixed-maturity securities, primarily with longer-term maturities as presented in the chart below.

The following table summarizes selected information for fixed-maturity purchases. The effective annual yield shown in the table is the yield calculated to the potential termination date that produces the lowest yield. This date is commonly known as the "worst call date." Two different average life calculations are shown, average life to the next call date and average life to the maturity date.

Fixed Maturity Acquisitions Selected Information (Dollar amounts in millions)

	For the Year		
	2012	2011	2010
Cost of acquisitions:			
Investment-grade corporate securities	\$1,465.9	\$1,078.3	\$1,478.5
Taxable municipal securities	1.5	10.7	201.2
Other investment-grade securities	16.9	15.2	33.7
Total fixed-maturity acquisitions	<u>\$1,484.3</u>	<u>\$1,104.2</u>	<u>\$1,713.4</u>
Effective annual yield (one year compounded*)	4.30%	5.65%	5.89%
Average life (in years, to next call)	25.6	27.4	24.2
Average life (in years to maturity)	26.7	28.1	26.1
Average rating	BBB+	A-	A-

* Tax-equivalent basis, where the yield on tax-exempt securities is adjusted to produce a yield equivalent to the pretax yield on taxable securities.

We prefer to invest primarily in bonds that are not callable (on other than a make-whole basis) prior to maturity, but we periodically invest some funds in callable bonds when the incremental yield available on such bonds warrants doing so. For investments in callable bonds, the actual life of the investment will depend on whether the issuer calls the investment prior to the maturity date. Given our investments in callable bonds, the actual average life of our investments can not be known at the time of the investment. However, the average life will not be less than the average life to next call and will not exceed the average life to maturity. Data for both of these average life measures is provided in the above chart.

During the three years 2010 through 2012, we have invested primarily in investment-grade corporate bonds. Purchases in 2012 and 2011 consisted almost entirely of these corporates. During 2010, we acquired a significant amount of taxable municipal bonds, primarily Build America Bonds authorized by the American Recovery and Retirement Act of 2009. The investments in these municipal bonds consisted almost exclusively of general obligation bonds and revenue bonds for essential services. In assessing the creditworthiness of these bonds, we took into account a number of factors, including the geographic location of the municipalities.

New cash flow available for investment is primarily provided through our insurance operations, but has also been affected by other factors. Issuer calls, as a result of the low-interest environment experienced during the past three years were a factor. Issuers are more likely to call bonds when rates are low because they often can refinance them at a lower cost. Calls increase funds available for investment, but as noted earlier in this discussion, they can have a negative impact on investment income if the proceeds from the calls are reinvested in bonds that have lower yields than that of the bonds that were called. Issuer calls were \$650 million in 2012, \$187 million in 2011, and \$109 million in 2010. The higher level of acquisitions in 2012 was primarily due to the additional funds available from the higher level of 2012 calls.

Portfolio Analysis. Because Torchmark has recently invested almost exclusively in fixed-maturity securities, the relative percentage of our assets invested in various types of investments varies from industry norms. The following table presents a comparison of Torchmark's components of invested assets at amortized cost as of December 31, 2012 with the latest industry data.

	Torchmark		
	Amount (in millions)	%	Industry % ⁽¹⁾
Bonds	\$11,228	90%	77%
Preferred stock (redeemable and perpetual) ⁽²⁾	749	6	0
Common stocks	1	0	2
Mortgage loans	1	0	10
Real estate	3	0	0
Policy loans	424	3	4
Other invested assets	15	0	4
Cash and short terms	156	1	3
	<u><u>\$12,577</u></u>	<u><u>100%</u></u>	<u><u>100%</u></u>

(1) Latest data available from the American Council of Life Insurance as of December 31, 2011.

(2) Includes redeemable preferred of \$735 million or 6% and perpetual preferred of \$14 million or 0%.

At December 31, 2012, approximately 96% of our investments at book value (or amortized cost) were in a diversified fixed-maturity portfolio. Policy loans, which are secured by policy cash values, made up an additional 3%. The remaining balance was comprised of other investments including equity securities, mortgage loans, and other long-term and short-term investments.

Because fixed maturities represent such a significant portion of our investment portfolio, the remainder of the discussion of portfolio composition will focus on fixed maturities. An analysis of our fixed-maturity portfolio by component at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 is as follows:

Fixed Maturities by Component
At December 31, 2012
(Dollar amounts in millions)

	Cost or Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	% of Total Fixed Maturities	
					Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Corporates	\$ 9,309	\$1,443	\$(55)	\$10,697	78%	79%
Redeemable preferred stock	735	44	(11)	768	6	6
Municipals	1,284	174	0	1,458	11	11
Government-sponsored enterprises	392	1	(5)	388	3	3
Governments & agencies	130	1	0	131	1	1
Residential mortgage-backed securities	13	1	0	14	0	0
Collateralized debt obligations	65	0	(18)	47	1	0
Other asset-backed securities	35	3	0	38	0	0
Total fixed maturities	<u>\$11,963</u>	<u>\$1,667</u>	<u>\$(89)</u>	<u>\$13,541</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

Fixed Maturities by Component
At December 31, 2011
(Dollar amounts in millions)

	Cost or Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	% of Total Fixed Maturities	
					Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Corporates	\$ 8,358	\$1,051	\$(138)	\$ 9,271	77%	78%
Redeemable preferred stock	1,163	27	(68)	1,122	11	10
Municipals	1,213	119	(2)	1,330	11	11
Government-sponsored enterprises	46	1	0	47	0	1
Governments & agencies	36	1	0	37	0	0
Residential mortgage-backed securities	14	1	0	15	0	0
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collateralized debt obligations	60	0	(30)	30	1	0
Other asset-backed securities	34	3	(1)	36	0	0
Total fixed maturities	<u>\$10,924</u>	<u>\$1,203</u>	<u>\$(239)</u>	<u>\$11,888</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

At December 31, 2012, fixed maturities had a fair value of \$13.5 billion, compared with \$11.9 billion at December 31, 2011. At December 31, 2012, fixed maturities were in a \$1,578 million net unrealized gain position compared with an unrealized gain position of \$964 million at December 31, 2011. Approximately 78% of our fixed maturity assets at December 31, 2012 at amortized cost were corporate bonds and 6% were redeemable preferred stocks. This compares with 77% corporate bonds and 11% redeemable preferred stocks at year end 2011. On a combined basis, residential mortgage-backed securities, other asset-backed securities, and collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) were less than 1% of the assets at amortized cost at December 31, 2012. The \$65 million of CDOs at amortized cost made up less than 0.6% of the assets and are backed primarily by trust preferred securities issued by banks and insurance companies. The \$13 million of residential mortgage-backed securities are rated AAA. For more information about our fixed-maturity portfolio by component at December 31, 2012 and 2011, including an analysis of unrealized investment losses and a schedule of maturities, see Note 4—Investments in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Due to the strong and stable cash flows generated by its insurance products, Torchmark has the ability to hold securities with temporary unrealized losses until recovery. Even though these fixed maturity investments are available for sale, Torchmark generally expects and intends to hold to maturity any securities which are temporarily impaired.

Additional information concerning the fixed-maturity portfolio is as follows.

Fixed Maturity Portfolio Selected Information

	At December 31, 2012	At December 31, 2011
Average annual effective yield ⁽¹⁾	6.04%	6.49%
Average life, in years, to:		
Next call ⁽²⁾	18.3	17.3
Maturity ⁽²⁾	22.3	22.2
Effective duration to:		
Next call ^{(2), (3)}	10.8	9.9
Maturity ^{(2), (3)}	12.3	11.6

- (1) Tax-equivalent basis, where the yield on tax-exempt securities is adjusted to produce a yield equivalent to the pretax yield on taxable securities.
- (2) Torchmark calculates the average life and duration of the fixed-maturity portfolio two ways:
 - (a) based on the next call date which is the next call date for callable bonds and the maturity date for noncallable bonds, and
 - (b) based on the maturity date of all bonds, whether callable or not.
- (3) Effective duration is a measure of the price sensitivity of a fixed-income security to a particular change in interest rates.

Credit Risk Sensitivity. Credit risk relates to the level of uncertainty that a security's issuer will maintain its ability to honor the terms of that security until maturity. Approximately 85% of our fixed-maturity holdings at book value are in corporate securities (including redeemable preferred and asset-backed securities). As we continue to invest in corporate bonds with relatively long maturities, credit risk is a concern. We mitigate this ongoing risk, in part, by acquiring only investment-grade bonds and by analyzing the financial fundamentals of each prospective issuer. We continue to monitor the status of issuers on an ongoing basis. We also seek to reduce credit risk by spreading investments over a large number of issuers and a wide range of industry sectors.

The following table presents the relative percentage of our fixed maturities by industry sector at December 31, 2012.

Fixed Maturities by Sector
At December 31, 2012
(Dollar amounts in millions)

	Cost or Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	% of Total Fixed Maturities	
	At Amortized Cost			At Fair Value		
Financial - Life/Health/PC						
Insurance	\$ 1,831	\$ 215	\$(16)	\$ 2,030	15%	15%
Financial - Bank	841	79	(16)	904	7	7
Financial - Other	565	80	(3)	642	5	4
Total Financial	3,237	374	(35)	3,576	27	26
Utilities	2,030	345	(4)	2,371	17	18
Government	1,806	176	(5)	1,977	15	15
Energy	1,305	237	(2)	1,540	11	11
Basic Materials	797	126	(1)	922	7	7
Consumer Non-cyclical	680	120	(4)	796	6	6
Other Industrials	703	81	(10)	774	5	6
Communications	479	84	(6)	557	4	4
Transportation	473	72	(2)	543	4	4
Consumer Cyclical	375	51	(2)	424	3	3
Collateralized debt obligations	65	0	(18)	47	1	0
Mortgage-backed securities ...	13	1	0	14	0	0
Total fixed maturities	<u>\$11,963</u>	<u>\$1,667</u>	<u>\$(89)</u>	<u>\$13,541</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

At December 31, 2012, approximately 27% of the fixed maturity assets at amortized cost (26% at fair value) were in the financial sector, including 15% in life and health or property casualty insurance companies and 7% in banks at amortized cost. Financial guarantors, mortgage insurers, and insurance brokers comprised approximately 5% of the portfolio at amortized cost. After financials, the next largest sector was utilities, which comprised 17% of the portfolio at amortized cost. The balance of the portfolio is spread among 410 issuers in a wide variety of sectors. As previously noted, gross unrealized losses were \$89 million at December 31, 2012, declining from \$239 million a year earlier. The portfolio was in a net unrealized gain position of \$1,578 million at December 31, 2012.

An analysis of the fixed-maturity portfolio by a composite rating at December 31, 2012 is shown in the table below. The composite rating for each security is the average of the security's ratings as assigned by Moody's Investor Service, Standard & Poor's, Fitch Ratings, and Dominion Bond Rating Service, LTD. The ratings assigned by these four nationally recognized statistical rating organizations are evenly weighted when calculating the average.

**Fixed Maturities by Rating
At December 31, 2012**
(Dollar amounts in millions)

	Amortized Cost	%	Fair Value	%
Investment grade:				
AAA	\$ 868	7.3	\$ 910	6.7
AA	1,325	11.1	1,508	11.1
A	3,132	26.2	3,716	27.4
BBB+	2,621	21.9	2,995	22.2
BBB	2,479	20.6	2,823	20.9
BBB-	953	8.0	1,042	7.7
Investment grade	<u>11,378</u>	<u>95.1</u>	<u>12,994</u>	<u>96.0</u>
Below investment grade:				
BB	322	2.7	329	2.4
B	111	0.9	99	0.7
Below B	152	1.3	119	0.9
Below investment grade	<u>585</u>	<u>4.9</u>	<u>547</u>	<u>4.0</u>
	<u><u>\$11,963</u></u>	<u><u>100%</u></u>	<u><u>\$13,541</u></u>	<u><u>100%</u></u>

The portfolio has a weighted average quality rating of A- based on amortized cost. Approximately 95% of the portfolio at amortized cost was considered investment grade. Our investment portfolio contains no securities backed by sub-prime or Alt-A mortgages (loans for which some of the typical documentation was not provided by the borrower). We have no direct investments in residential mortgages, nor do we have any counterparty risks as we are not a party to any credit default swaps or other derivative contracts. We do not participate in securities lending. There are no off-balance sheet investments, as all investments are reported on our *Consolidated Balance Sheets*. Other than \$11 million of German government bonds at amortized cost and fair value, we have no direct exposure to European sovereign debt.

Our current investment policy is to acquire only investment-grade obligations. Thus, any increases in below investment-grade issues are a result of ratings downgrades of existing holdings.

An analysis of changes in below-investment grade fixed maturities at amortized cost is as follows.

	Year Ended December 31, <u>2012</u>
	(in \$ millions)
Balance at January 1	\$701
Downgrades by rating agencies	34
Upgrades by rating agencies	(82)
Disposals	(65)
Write down of other-than-temporarily impaired securities	(6)
Amortization	3
Balance at December 31	<u><u>\$585</u></u>

Market Risk Sensitivity. Torchmark's financial securities are exposed to interest rate risk, meaning the effect of changes in financial market interest rates on the current fair value of the company's investment portfolio. Since 96% of the book value of our investments is attributable to fixed-maturity investments (and virtually all of these investments are fixed-rate investments), the portfolio is highly subject to market risk. Declines in market interest rates generally result in the fair value of the investment portfolio exceeding the book value of the portfolio and increases in interest rates cause the fair value to decline below the book value. Under normal market conditions, we do not expect to realize these unrealized gains and losses because we have the ability and generally the intent to hold these investments to maturity. The long-term nature of our insurance policy liabilities and strong cash-flow operating position substantially mitigate any future need to liquidate portions of the portfolio. The increase or decrease in the fair value of insurance liabilities and debt due to increases or decreases in market interest rates largely offsets the impact of rates on the investment portfolio. However, in accordance with GAAP, these liabilities are not marked to market.

The following table illustrates the market risk sensitivity of our interest-rate sensitive fixed-maturity portfolio at December 31, 2012 and 2011. This table measures the effect of a change in interest rates (as represented by the U.S. Treasury curve) on the fair value of the fixed-maturity portfolio. The data measures the change in fair value arising from an immediate and sustained change in interest rates in increments of 100 basis points.

Change in Interest Rates (in basis points)	Market Value of Fixed Maturity Portfolio (\$ millions)	
	At December 31, 2012	At December 31, 2011
-200	\$17,216	\$14,847
-100	15,231	13,261
0	13,541	11,888
100	12,094	10,694
200	10,846	9,650

Realized Gains and Losses. Our life and health insurance companies collect premium income from policyholders for the eventual payment of policyholder benefits, sometimes paid many years or even decades in the future. In addition to the payment of these benefits, we also incur acquisition costs, administrative expenses, and taxes as a part of insurance operations. Because benefits are expected to be paid in future periods, premium receipts in excess of current expenses are invested to provide for these obligations. For this reason, we hold a significant investment portfolio as a part of our core insurance operations. This portfolio consists primarily of high-quality fixed maturities containing an adequate yield to provide for the cost of carrying these long-term insurance product obligations. As a result, fixed maturities are generally held for long periods to support the liabilities. Expected yields on these investments are taken into account when setting insurance premium rates and product profitability expectations.

Investments are occasionally sold or called, resulting in a realized gain or loss. These gains and losses generally occur only incidentally, usually as the result of sales because of deterioration in investment quality of issuers or calls by the issuers. Investment losses are also caused by writedowns due to impairments. We do not engage in trading investments for profit. Therefore, gains or losses which occur in protecting the portfolio or its yield, or which result from events that are beyond our control, are only secondary to our core insurance operations of providing insurance coverage to policyholders.

Realized gains and losses can be significant in relation to the earnings from core insurance operations, and as a result, can have a material positive or negative impact on net income. The significant fluctuations caused by gains and losses can cause the period-to-period trends of net income not to be indicative of historical core operating results nor predictive of the future trends of core operations. Accordingly, they have no bearing on core insurance operations or segment results as we view operations. For these reasons, and in line with industry practice, we remove the effects of realized gains and losses when evaluating overall insurance operating results.

The following table summarizes our tax-effected realized gains (losses) by component for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2012.

Analysis of Realized Gains (Losses), Net of Tax
(Dollar amounts in thousands, except for per share data)

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2012		2011		2010	
	Amount	Per Share	Amount	Per Share	Amount	Per Share
Investments:						
Sales	\$24,943	\$0.26	\$ 673	\$0.01	\$10,761	\$ 0.09
Called or tendered	5,830	0.06	15,512	0.14	17,265	0.14
Writedowns*	(3,640)	(0.04)	(13)	0.00	(3,152)	(0.02)
Loss on redemption of debt	(2,671)	(0.03)	0	0.00	(1,070)	(0.01)
Other	129	0.00	666	0.00	466	0.00
Total	<u>\$24,591</u>	<u>\$0.25</u>	<u>\$16,838</u>	<u>\$0.15</u>	<u>\$24,270</u>	<u>\$ 0.20</u>

* Written down due to other-than-temporary impairment.

As described in *Note 4—Investments* under the caption *Other-than temporary impairments* in the *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*, we wrote certain securities down to fair value during each year 2010 through 2012 as a result of other-than-temporary impairment. The impaired securities met our criteria for other-than-temporary impairment as discussed in *Note 1—Significant Accounting Policies* and in our *Critical Accounting Policies* in this report. The writedowns resulted in pretax charges of \$5.6 million in 2012 (\$3.6 million after tax), \$20 thousand in 2011 (\$13 thousand after tax), and \$5 million in 2010 (\$3.2 million after tax). In 2010, we acquired \$7.3 million book value of our 9 1/4% Senior Notes at a cost of \$8.9 million, resulting in an after-tax loss on debt redemption of \$1.1 million. In 2012, we redeemed our 7.1% Trust Originated Preferred Securities, recording a loss on redemption of \$4.1 million (\$2.7 million after tax).

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Liquidity. Liquidity provides Torchmark with the ability to meet on demand the cash commitments required by its business operations and financial obligations. Our liquidity is primarily derived from three sources: positive cash flow from operations, a portfolio of marketable securities, and a line of credit facility.

Insurance Subsidiary Liquidity. The operations of our insurance subsidiaries have historically generated substantial cash inflows in excess of immediate cash needs. Sources of cash flows for the insurance subsidiaries include primarily premium and investment income. Cash outflows from operations include policy benefit payments, commissions, administrative expenses, and taxes. The funds to provide for policy benefits, the majority of which are paid in future periods, are invested primarily in long-term fixed maturities to meet these long-term obligations. In addition to investment income, maturities and scheduled repayments in the investment portfolio are sources of cash. Excess cash available from the insurance subsidiaries' operations is generally distributed as a dividend to the Parent Company, subject to regulatory restriction. The dividends are generally paid in amounts equal to the subsidiaries' prior year statutory net income excluding realized capital gains. The leading source of the excess cash is investment income. However, due to our high underwriting margins and effective expense control, a significant portion of the excess cash comes from underwriting income.

Parent Company Liquidity. Cash flows from the insurance subsidiaries are used to pay interest and principal repayments on Parent Company debt, operating expenses of the Parent, and Parent Company dividends to Torchmark shareholders. In 2012, the Parent received \$493 million of dividends and transfers from its insurance subsidiaries, as compared with \$790 million in 2011 and \$401 million in 2010. The 2011 dividend included \$305 million of additional dividends available as a result of the sale of United Investors. Including transfers from other subsidiaries and after paying debt obligations, shareholder dividends, and other expenses (but before share repurchases), Torchmark Parent had excess operating cash flow in 2012 of approximately \$371 million, compared with \$672 million in 2011 including the \$305 million from the sale of United Investors. Parent Company cash flow in excess of its operating requirements is available for other corporate purposes, such as strategic acquisitions or share repurchases. In 2013, it is expected that the Parent Company will receive approximately \$506 million in dividends and transfers from subsidiaries, and that approximately \$365 million will be available as excess cash flow. Certain restrictions exist on the payment of these dividends. For more information on the restrictions on the payment of dividends by subsidiaries, see the restrictions section of *Note 12—Shareholders' Equity* in the *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*. Although these restrictions exist, dividend availability from subsidiaries historically has been sufficient for the cash flow needs of the Parent Company. As additional liquidity, the Parent held \$2 million of cash and short-term investments at December 31, 2012, compared with \$27 million a year earlier. The Parent also had available a \$144 million receivable from subsidiaries at December 31, 2012.

Short-Term Borrowings. An additional source of parent company liquidity is a line of credit facility with a group of lenders which allows unsecured borrowings and stand-by letters of credit up to \$600 million. As of December 31, 2012, we had available \$177 million of additional borrowing capacity under this facility, as we also had a year earlier. There have been no difficulties in accessing the commercial paper market under this facility during the three years ended December 31, 2012. For detailed information about this line of credit facility, see the *Commercial Paper* section of *Note 11—Debt*.

In summary, Torchmark expects to have readily available funds for 2013 and the foreseeable future to conduct its operations and to maintain target capital ratios in the insurance subsidiaries through internally generated cash flow and the credit facility. In the unlikely event that more liquidity is needed, the Company could generate additional funds through multiple sources including, but not limited to, the issuance of additional debt, a short-term credit facility, and intercompany borrowing.

Consolidated Liquidity. Consolidated net cash inflows provided from operations were \$943 million in 2012, compared with \$859 million in 2011 and \$1.03 billion in 2010. In addition to cash inflows from operations, our companies have received \$661 million in investment calls and tenders and \$76 million of scheduled maturities or repayments during 2012. Maturities, tenders, and calls totaled \$410 million in 2011 and \$639 million in 2010.

Our cash and short-term investments were \$157 million at year-end 2012 and \$105 million at year-end 2011. Additionally, we have a portfolio of marketable fixed and equity securities that are available for sale in the event of an unexpected need. These securities had a fair value of \$13.6 billion at December 31, 2012. However, our strong cash flows from operations, investment maturities, and the availability of our credit line make any need to sell securities for liquidity unlikely.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements. As described in *Note 11—Debt in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* and under the subcaption *Funded Debt*, Torchmark had outstanding \$120 million (par amount) 7.1% Trust Preferred Securities at December 31, 2011, but these securities were redeemed during 2012. The capital trust liable for these securities was the legal entity responsible for the securities and facilitated the payment of dividends to shareholders. The trust was an off-balance sheet arrangement which we were required to deconsolidate in accordance with GAAP rules, because the capital trust was considered to be a variable interest entity in which we had no variable interest. While these liabilities were not on our *Consolidated Balance Sheets*, they were represented by Torchmark's 7.1% Junior Subordinated Debentures due to the trust in the amount of \$124 million which was on our balance sheet at December 31, 2011 under the caption "Due to affiliates".

As a part of its above-mentioned credit facility, Torchmark had outstanding \$198 million in stand-by letters of credit at December 31, 2012. However, these letters are issued among our subsidiaries and have no impact on company obligations as a whole.

As of December 31, 2012, we had no other significant unconsolidated affiliates and no guarantees of the obligations of third-party entities other than as described above. All of our guarantees were guarantees of the performance of consolidated subsidiaries, as disclosed in *Note 15—Commitments and Contingencies*.

The following table presents information about future payments under our contractual obligations for the selected periods as of December 31, 2012.

(Amounts in millions)

	Actual Liability	Total Payments	Less than One Year	One to Three Years	Four to Five Years	More than Five Years
Fixed and determinable:						
Debt—principal ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,309	\$ 1,322	\$ 319	\$ 0	\$ 250	\$ 753
Debt—interest ⁽²⁾	9	740	76	141	116	407
Capital leases	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operating leases	0	14	3	6	3	2
Purchase obligations	67	67	47	16	1	3
Pension obligations ⁽³⁾	137	206	14	33	38	121
Future insurance obligations ⁽⁴⁾	10,706	42,475	1,310	2,571	2,468	36,226
Total	<u>\$12,228</u>	<u>\$44,824</u>	<u>\$1,769</u>	<u>\$2,767</u>	<u>\$2,876</u>	<u>\$37,512</u>

- (1) Funded debt is itemized in *Note 11—Debt in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* and includes short-term commercial paper.
- (2) Interest on debt is based on our fixed contractual obligations.
- (3) Pension obligations are primarily liabilities in trust funds that are calculated in accordance with the terms of the pension plans. They are offset by invested assets in the trusts, which are funded through periodic contributions by Torchmark in a manner which will provide for the settlement of the obligations as they become due. Therefore, our obligations are offset by those assets when reported on Torchmark's *Consolidated Balance Sheets*. At December 31, 2012, these pension obligations were \$415 million, but there were also assets of \$278 million in the pension entities. The schedule of pension benefit payments covers ten years and is based on the same assumptions used to measure the pension obligations, except there is no interest assumption because the payments are undiscounted. Please refer to *Note 10—Postretirement Benefits* in the *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* for more information on pension obligations.
- (4) Future insurance obligations consist primarily of estimated future contingent benefit payments on policies in force at December 31, 2012. These estimated payments were computed using assumptions for future mortality, morbidity and persistency. The actual amount and timing of such payments may differ significantly from the estimated amounts shown. Management believes that the assets supporting the liability of \$10.7 billion at December 31, 2012, along with future premiums and investment income, will be sufficient to fund all future insurance obligations.

Capital Resources. Torchmark's capital structure consists of short-term debt (the commercial paper facility described in *Note 11—Debt* in the *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*), long-term funded debt, and shareholders' equity. As of December 31, 2012, our 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ % Notes due 2013 have been reclassified from long-term funded debt to short-term debt because of its current maturity in August 2013. A complete analysis and description of long-term debt issues outstanding is presented in *Note 11—Debt* in the *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*.

The carrying value of the long-term funded debt was \$990 million at December 31, 2012, compared with \$914 million a year earlier. As fully explained in *Note 11—Debt*, we issued \$300 million principal amount of 3.8% Senior Notes due in 2022 in September, 2012 for proceeds of \$297 million in a public offering. However, \$150 million of the offering was acquired by Torchmark insurance subsidiaries and was eliminated in consolidation, resulting in net proceeds after issue expenses to the consolidated group of \$147 million. The majority of the \$297 million proceeds received by the Parent were used to acquire Family Heritage as described in *Note 6—Acquisition*. The balance was invested to be used for the redemption of our 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ % Senior Notes that mature in August, 2013, or at an earlier time if opportunities to repurchase these notes become available, and for other corporate purposes.

As also discussed in *Note 11*, we issued \$125 million principal amount of our 5.875% Junior Subordinated Debentures due 2052 in a September, 2012 public offering. This issue resulted in net proceeds after issue expenses of \$121 million, and were used to redeem our 7.1% Trust Originated Preferred Securities in the amount of \$120 million plus accrued dividends for a total cost of \$121 million.

Also noted in *Note 11* was our assumption of \$20 million of Trust Preferred Securities in connection with our acquisition of Family Heritage. These securities bear interest at a variable rate, the three-month LIBOR plus 330 basis points, which is reset each quarter. While these securities are callable by us at any time, we have no immediate plans to do so.

Our insurance subsidiaries generally target a capital ratio of at least 325% of required regulatory capital under Risk-Based Capital (RBC), a formula designed by insurance regulatory authorities to monitor the adequacy of capital. The 325% target is considered sufficient for the subsidiaries because of their strong reliable cash flows, the relatively low risk of their product mix, and because that ratio is in line with rating agency expectations for Torchmark. At December 31, 2012, our insurance subsidiaries in the aggregate had RBC ratios of approximately 348%. Should we experience additional impairments and ratings downgrades in the future that cause the ratio to fall below 325%, management has more than sufficient liquidity at the Parent Company to make additional contributions as necessary to maintain the ratios at or above 325%.

As noted under the caption *Summary of Operations* in this report, we have an ongoing share repurchase program. Under this program, we acquired 7 million shares at a cost of \$360 million in 2012, 19 million shares at a cost of \$788 million in 2011, and 6 million shares for \$204 million in 2010. The majority of purchased shares are retired each year. Please refer to the description of our share repurchase program under the caption *Summary of Operations* in this report.

Torchmark has increased the dividend on its common shares over the past three years. In the first quarter of 2010, the dividend was increased from \$.0933 per share to \$.10 per share and in the fourth quarter of 2010, it was further increased to \$.1067 per share. In the second quarter of 2011, it was raised to \$.12 per share and in the first quarter of 2012, it was again increased to \$.15 per share.

Shareholders' equity was \$4.4 billion at December 31, 2012, compared with \$3.9 billion at December 31, 2011. During the twelve months since December 31, 2011, shareholders' equity was reduced by the \$360 million in share purchases under the repurchase program and another \$210 million to offset the dilution from stock option exercises, but has been increased by the \$529 million of net income, \$204 million from option exercises, and by after-tax unrealized gains of \$404 million in the fixed maturity portfolio as conditions in financial markets have improved.

We plan to use excess cash as efficiently as possible in the future. Excess cash flow could be used for share repurchases, acquisitions, increases in shareholder dividends, investment in fixed maturities, or repayment of short-term debt. We will determine the best use of excess cash after ensuring that desired capital levels are maintained in our companies.

We maintain a significant available-for-sale fixed-maturity portfolio to support our insurance policyholders' liabilities. Current accounting guidance requires that we revalue our portfolio to fair market value at the end of each accounting period. The period-to-period changes in fair value, net of their associated impact on deferred acquisition costs and income tax, are reflected directly in shareholders' equity. Changes in the fair value of the portfolio can result from changes in interest rates and liquidity in financial markets. While invested assets are revalued, accounting rules do not permit interest-bearing insurance policy liabilities to be valued at fair value in a consistent manner as that of assets, with changes in value applied directly to shareholders' equity. Due to the size of our policy liabilities in relation to our shareholders' equity, this inconsistency in measurement usually has a material impact on the reported value of shareholders' equity. If these liabilities were revalued in the same manner as the assets, the effect on equity would be largely offset. Fluctuations in interest rates cause undue volatility in the period-to-period presentation of our shareholders' equity, capital structure, and financial ratios which would be essentially removed if interest-bearing liabilities were valued in the same manner as assets. From time to time, the market value of our fixed maturity portfolio may be depressed as a result of bond market illiquidity which could result in a significant decrease in shareholders' equity. Because of the long-term nature of our fixed maturities and liabilities and the strong cash flows generated by our insurance subsidiaries, we have the intent and ability to hold our securities to maturity. As such, we do not expect to incur losses due to fluctuations in market value of fixed maturities caused by interest rate changes and temporarily illiquid markets. Accordingly, our management, credit rating agencies, lenders, many industry analysts, and certain other financial statement users prefer to remove the effect of this accounting rule when analyzing our balance sheet, capital structure, and financial ratios.

The following tables present selected data related to our capital resources. Additionally, the tables present the effect of this accounting guidance on relevant line items, so that investors and other financial statement users may determine its impact on Torchmark's capital structure.

Selected Financial Data

	At December 31, 2012		At December 31, 2011		At December 31, 2010	
	GAAP	Effect of Accounting Rule Requiring Revaluation (1)	GAAP	Effect of Accounting Rule Requiring Revaluation (1)	GAAP	Effect of Accounting Rule Requiring Revaluation (1)
Fixed maturities (millions)	\$13,541	\$1,578	\$ 11,888	\$ 964	\$ 10,543	\$ 107
Deferred acquisition costs (millions) (2)	3,198	(25)	2,917	(33)	2,870	(4)
Total assets (millions)	18,777	1,553	16,588	931	15,623	103
Short-term debt (millions)	319	0	225	0	199	0
Long-term debt (millions) (3)	990	0	914	0	913	0
Shareholders' equity (millions)	4,362	1,009	3,860	605	3,667	67
Book value per diluted share	45.85	10.61	37.91	5.95	30.35	0.55
Debt to capitalization (4)	23.1%	(5.0)%	22.8%	(3.1)%	23.3%	(0.3)%
Diluted shares outstanding (thousands)	95,138		101,808		120,815	
Actual shares outstanding (thousands)	94,236		100,579		118,865	

(1) Amount added to (deducted from) comprehensive income to produce the stated GAAP item

(2) Includes the value of insurance purchased

(3) Includes Torchmark's 7.1% Junior Subordinated Debentures in 2011 and 2010 in the amount of \$124 million.

(4) Torchmark's debt covenants require that the effect of the accounting rule requiring revaluation be removed to determine this ratio. This ratio is computed by dividing total debt by the sum of debt and shareholders' equity.

FASB guidance provides for an option which, if elected, would permit us to value our interest-bearing policy liabilities and debt at fair value in our *Consolidated Balance Sheets*. However, unlike the accounting rule which permits us to account for changes in our available-for-sale bond portfolio through other comprehensive income, the guidance requires such changes to be recorded in earnings. Because both the size and duration of the investment portfolio do not match those attributes of our policyholder

liabilities and debt, the impact on earnings could be very significant and volatile, causing reported earnings not to be reflective of core results. Therefore, we have not elected this option.

Torchmark's ratio of earnings before interest and taxes to interest requirements (times interest earned) was 10.5 times in 2012, compared with 10.3 times in 2011 and 10.9 times in 2010. This times-interest-earned ratio is computed by dividing interest expense into the sum of pre-tax income from continuing operations and interest expense. A discussion of our interest expense is included in the discussion of financing costs under the caption *Investments* in this report.

Financial Strength Ratings.

The financial strength of our major insurance subsidiaries is rated by Standard & Poor's and A. M. Best. The following chart presents these ratings for our four largest insurance subsidiaries at December 31, 2012.

	Standard & Poor's	A.M. Best
Liberty	AA-	A+ (Superior)
Globe	AA-	A+ (Superior)
United American	AA-	A+ (Superior)
American Income	AA-	A+ (Superior)

A.M. Best states that it assigns an A+ (Superior) rating to those companies which, in its opinion, have demonstrated superior overall performance when compared to the norms of the life/health insurance industry. A+ (Superior) companies have a superior ability to meet their obligations to policyholders over a long period of time.

The AA financial strength rating category is assigned by Standard & Poor's Corporation to those insurers which have very strong financial security characteristics, differing only slightly from those rated higher. The minus sign (-) shows the relative standing within the major rating category.

OTHER ITEMS

Litigation. Torchmark and its subsidiaries are subject to being named as parties to pending or threatened litigation, much of which involves punitive damage claims based upon allegations of agent misconduct at the insurance subsidiaries. Such punitive damage claims that are tried in Alabama state courts may have the potential for significant adverse results since punitive damages in Alabama are based upon the compensatory damages (including mental anguish) awarded and the discretion of the jury in awarding compensatory damages is not precisely defined. Additionally, it should be noted that our subsidiaries actively market insurance in the State of Mississippi, a jurisdiction which is nationally recognized for large punitive damage verdicts. This bespeaks caution since it is impossible to predict the likelihood or extent of punitive damages that may be awarded if liability is found in any given case. Based upon information presently available, and in light of legal and other factual defenses available to Torchmark and its subsidiaries, contingent liabilities arising from threatened and pending litigation are not presently considered by us to be material. For more information concerning litigation, please refer to Note 15—Commitments and Contingencies in the *Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements*.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Future Policy Benefits. Because of the long-term nature of insurance contracts, our insurance companies are liable for policy benefit payments that will be made in the future. The liability for future policy benefits is determined by standard actuarial procedures common to the life insurance industry. The accounting policies for determining this liability are disclosed in *Note 1—Significant Accounting Policies* in the *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*.

Approximately 82% of our liabilities for future policy benefits at December 31, 2012 were traditional insurance liabilities where the liability is determined as the present value of future benefits less the present value of the portion of the gross premium required to pay for such benefits. The assumptions used in estimating the future benefits for this portion of business are set at the time of contract issue. These assumptions are “locked in” and are not revised for the lifetime of the contracts, except where there is a premium deficiency, as defined in *Note 1—Significant Accounting Policies* in the *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* under the caption *Future Policy Benefits*. Otherwise, variability in the accrual of policy reserve liabilities after policy issuance is caused only by variability of the inventory of in force policies. Torchmark did not have a premium deficiency event for its traditional business during the three years ended December 31, 2012.

The remaining portion of liabilities for future policy benefits pertains to business accounted for as deposit business, where the recorded liability is the fund balance attributable to the benefit of policyholders as determined by the policy contract at the financial statement date. Accordingly, there are no assumptions used to determine the future policy benefit liability for deposit business.

Deferred Acquisition Costs. Certain costs of acquiring new business are deferred and recorded as an asset. Deferred acquisition costs eligible for deferral consist primarily of sales commissions and other underwriting costs related to the successful issuance of a new insurance contract as indicated in *Note 1—Significant Accounting Policies* under the caption *Deferred Acquisition Costs* in the *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*. Additionally, the cost of acquiring blocks of insurance business or insurance business through the purchase of other companies, known as the value of insurance purchased, is included in deferred acquisition costs. Our policies for accounting for deferred acquisition costs and the associated amortization are reported under the same caption in *Note 1*.

Approximately 98% of our recorded amounts for deferred acquisition costs at December 31, 2012 were related to traditional products and are being amortized over the premium-paying period in proportion to the present value of actual historic and estimated future gross premiums. The projection assumptions for this business are set at the time of contract issue. These assumptions are “locked-in” at that time and, except where there is a loss recognition issue, are not revised for the lifetime of the contracts. Absent a premium deficiency, variability in amortization after policy issuance is caused only by variability in premium volume. We have not recorded a deferred acquisition cost loss recognition event for assets related to this business for any period in the three years ended December 31, 2012.

The remaining 2% of deferred acquisition costs pertain to deposit business for which deferred acquisition costs are amortized over the estimated lives of the contracts in proportion to actual and estimated future gross profits. These contracts are not subject to lock-in. The assumptions must be updated when actual experience or other evidence suggests that earlier estimates should be revised. Revisions related to our deposit business assets have not had a material impact on the amortization of deferred acquisition costs during the three years ended December 31, 2012.

Policy Claims and Other Benefits Payable. This liability consists of known benefits currently payable and an estimate of claims that have been incurred but not yet reported to us. The estimate of unreported claims is based on prior experience and is made after careful evaluation of all information available to us. However, the factors upon which these estimates are based can be subject to change from historical patterns. Factors involved include the litigation environment, regulatory mandates, and the introduction of policy types for which claim patterns are not well established, and medical trend rates and medical cost inflation as they affect our health claims. Changes in these estimates, if any, are reflected in the earnings of the period in which the adjustment is made. We believe that the estimates used to produce the liability for claims and other benefits, including the estimate of unsubmitted claims, are the most appropriate

under the circumstances. However, there is no certainty that the resulting stated liability will be our ultimate obligation. At this time, we do not expect any change in this estimate to have a material impact on earnings or financial position consistent with our historical experience.

Valuation of Fixed Maturities. We hold a substantial investment in high-quality fixed maturities to provide for the funding of our future policy contractual obligations over long periods of time. While these securities are generally expected to be held to maturity, they are classified as available for sale and are sold from time to time, primarily to manage risk. We report this portfolio at fair value. Fair value is the price that we would expect to receive upon sale of the asset in an orderly transaction. The fair value of the fixed-maturity portfolio is primarily affected by changes in interest rates in financial markets, having a greater impact on longer-term maturities. Because of the size of our fixed-maturity portfolio, small changes in rates can have a significant effect on the portfolio and the reported financial position of the Company. This impact is disclosed in 100 basis point increments under the caption *Market Risk Sensitivity* in this report. However, as discussed under the caption *Financial Condition* in this report, we believe these unrealized fluctuations in value have no meaningful impact on our actual financial condition and, as such, we remove them from consideration when viewing our financial position and financial ratios.

At times, the values of our fixed maturities can also be affected by illiquidity in the financial markets. Illiquidity would contribute to a spread widening, and accordingly unrealized losses, on many securities that we would expect to be fully recoverable. Even though our fixed maturity portfolio is available for sale, we have the ability and intent to hold the securities until maturity as a result of our strong and stable cash flows generated from our insurance products. Considerable information concerning the policies, procedures, classification levels, and other relevant data concerning the valuation of our fixed-maturity investments is presented in *Note 1—Significant Accounting Policies* and in *Note 4—Investments* under the captions *Fair Value Measurements* in both notes.

Impairment of Investments. We continually monitor our investment portfolio for investments that have become impaired in value, where fair value has declined below carrying value. While the values of the investments in our portfolio constantly fluctuate due to market conditions, an other-than-temporary impairment charge is recorded only when a security has experienced a decline in fair market value which is deemed to be other than temporary. The policies and procedures that we use to evaluate and account for impairments of investments are disclosed in *Note 1—Significant Accounting Policies* in the *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* and the discussions under the captions *Investments* and *Realized Gains and Losses* in this report. While every effort is made to make the best estimate of status and value with the information available regarding an other-than-temporary impairment, it is difficult to predict the future prospects of a distressed or impaired security.

Defined benefit pension plans. We maintain funded defined benefit plans covering most full-time employees. We also have unfunded nonqualified defined benefit plans covering certain key and other employees. Our obligations under these plans are determined actuarially based on specified actuarial assumptions. In accordance with GAAP, an expense is recorded each year as these pension obligations grow due to the increase in the service period of employees and the interest cost associated with the passage of time. These obligations are offset, at least in part, by the growth in value of the assets in the funded plans. At December 31, 2012, our gross liability under these funded plans was \$353 million, but was offset by assets of \$278 million.

The actuarial assumptions used in determining our obligations for pensions include employee mortality and turnover, retirement age, the expected return on plan assets, projected salary increases, and the discount rate at which future obligations could be settled. These assumptions have an important effect on the pension obligation. A decrease in the discount rate or rate of return on plan assets will cause an increase in the pension obligation. A decrease in projected salary increases will cause a decrease in this obligation. Small changes in assumptions may cause material differences in reported results for these plans. While we have used our best efforts to determine the most reliable assumptions, given the information available from company experience, economic data, independent consultants and other sources, we cannot be certain that actual results will be the same as expected. Our discount rate, rate of return on assets, and projected salary increase assumptions are disclosed and the criteria used to determine those assumptions are discussed in *Note 9—Postretirement Benefits* in the *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*. The assumptions are reviewed annually and revised, if necessary, based on more current information available to us. Note 9 also contains information about pension plan assets, investment policies, and other related data.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

We caution readers regarding certain forward-looking statements contained in the foregoing discussion and elsewhere in this document, and in any other statements made by us or on our behalf whether or not in future filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any statement that is not a historical fact, or that might otherwise be considered an opinion or projection concerning us or our business, whether express or implied, is meant as and should be considered a forward-looking statement. Such statements represent our opinions concerning future operations, strategies, financial results or other developments.

Forward-looking statements are based upon estimates and assumptions that are subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control. If these estimates or assumptions prove to be incorrect, the actual results may differ materially from the forward-looking statements made on the basis of such estimates or assumptions. Whether or not actual results differ materially from forward-looking statements may depend on numerous foreseeable and unforeseeable events or developments, which may be national in scope, related to the insurance industry generally, or applicable to Torchmark specifically. Such events or developments could include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- 1) Changes in lapse rates and/or sales of our insurance policies as well as levels of mortality, morbidity and utilization of healthcare services that differ from our assumptions;
- 2) Federal and state legislative and regulatory developments, particularly those impacting taxes and changes to the federal Medicare program that would affect Medicare Supplement and Medicare Part D insurance;
- 3) Market trends in the senior-aged health care industry that provide alternatives to traditional Medicare, such as health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and other managed care or private plans, and that could affect the sales of traditional Medicare Supplement insurance;
- 4) Interest rate changes that affect product sales and/or investment portfolio yield;
- 5) General economic, industry sector or individual debt issuers' financial conditions that may affect the current market value of securities that we own, or that may impair issuers' ability to pay interest due us on those securities;
- 6) Changes in pricing competition;
- 7) Litigation results;
- 8) Levels of administrative and operational efficiencies that differ from our assumptions;
- 9) Our inability to obtain timely and appropriate premium rate increases for health insurance policies due to regulatory delay;
- 10) The customer response to new products and marketing initiatives; and
- 11) Reported amounts in the financial statements which are based on our estimates and judgments which may differ from the actual amounts ultimately realized.

Readers are also directed to consider other risks and uncertainties described in our other documents on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Information required by this item is found under the heading *Market Risk Sensitivity* in *Item 7* beginning on page 43 of this report.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of
Torchmark Corporation
McKinney, Texas

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Torchmark Corporation and subsidiaries (Torchmark) as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012. Our audits also included the financial statement schedules listed in the Index at Item 15. These financial statements and financial statement schedules are the responsibility of Torchmark's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements and financial statement 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, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Torchmark Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedules, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Torchmark's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated February 28, 2013 expressed an unqualified opinion on Torchmark's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Dallas, Texas
February 28, 2013

TORCHMARK CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Dollar amounts in thousands except per share data)

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
Assets:		
Investments:		
Fixed maturities—available for sale, at fair value (amortized cost):		
2012—\$11,963,406; 2011—\$10,924,244)	\$13,541,193	\$11,888,205
Equity securities, at fair value (cost: 2012—\$14,875; 2011—\$14,875)	15,567	17,056
Policy loans	424,050	400,914
Other long-term investments	18,539	26,167
Short-term investments	94,860	21,244
Total investments	<u>14,094,209</u>	<u>12,353,586</u>
Cash	61,710	84,113
Accrued investment income	195,497	192,325
Other receivables	383,709	253,549
Deferred acquisition costs	3,198,431	2,916,732
Goodwill	441,591	396,891
Other assets	401,763	391,076
Total assets	<u>\$18,776,910</u>	<u>\$16,588,272</u>
Liabilities:		
Future policy benefits	\$10,706,219	\$ 9,572,257
Unearned and advance premiums	76,088	69,539
Policy claims and other benefits payable	228,470	222,254
Other policyholders' funds	93,288	92,487
Total policy liabilities	<u>11,104,065</u>	<u>9,956,537</u>
Current and deferred income taxes payable	1,609,828	1,319,853
Other liabilities	392,502	312,417
Short-term debt	319,043	224,842
Long-term debt (estimated fair value: 2012—\$1,191,320; 2011—\$947,142)	989,686	790,571
Due to affiliates	0	124,421
Total liabilities	<u>14,415,124</u>	<u>12,728,641</u>
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, par value \$1 per share—Authorized 5,000,000 shares; outstanding: 0 in 2012 and in 2011	0	0
Common stock, par value \$1 per share—Authorized 320,000,000 shares; outstanding: (2012—105,812,123 issued, less 11,576,487 held in treasury and 2011—112,312,123 issued, less 11,732,658 held in treasury)	105,812	112,312
Additional paid-in capital	439,782	425,331
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	925,275	549,916
Retained earnings	3,403,338	3,264,711
Treasury stock	(512,421)	(492,639)
Total shareholders' equity	<u>4,361,786</u>	<u>3,859,631</u>
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$18,776,910</u>	<u>\$16,588,272</u>

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

TORCHMARK CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Amounts in thousands except per share data)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Revenue:			
Life premium	\$1,808,524	\$1,726,244	\$1,663,699
Health premium	1,047,379	929,466	987,421
Other premium	559	608	638
Total premium	<u>2,856,462</u>	<u>2,656,318</u>	<u>2,651,758</u>
Net investment income	693,644	693,028	676,364
Realized investment gains (losses)	43,433	25,924	42,190
Other-than-temporary impairments	(5,600)	(20)	(4,850)
Other income	1,577	2,151	2,170
Total revenue	<u>3,589,516</u>	<u>3,377,401</u>	<u>3,367,632</u>
Benefits and expenses:			
Life policyholder benefits	1,172,020	1,118,909	1,082,423
Health policyholder benefits	739,541	631,820	669,191
Other policyholder benefits	44,121	42,547	41,430
Total policyholder benefits	<u>1,955,682</u>	<u>1,793,276</u>	<u>1,793,044</u>
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs	385,167	364,583	362,390
Commissions, premium taxes, and non-deferred acquisition expenses	203,986	216,216	209,827
Other operating expense	198,176	201,636	176,272
Interest expense	80,512	77,908	75,529
Total benefits and expenses	<u>2,823,523</u>	<u>2,653,619</u>	<u>2,617,062</u>
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	765,993	723,782	750,570
Income taxes	<u>(236,669)</u>	<u>(226,166)</u>	<u>(246,475)</u>
Income from continuing operations	529,324	497,616	504,095
Discontinued operations:			
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	0	0	29,784
Loss on disposal, net of tax benefit of \$467 in 2011 and \$2,868 in 2010	0	(455)	(35,013)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	0	(455)	(5,229)
Net income	<u>\$ 529,324</u>	<u>\$ 497,161</u>	<u>\$ 498,866</u>
Basic net income per share:			
Continuing operations	\$ 5.48	\$ 4.60	\$ 4.13
Discontinued operations	0.00	(0.01)	(0.04)
Total basic net income per share	<u>\$ 5.48</u>	<u>\$ 4.59</u>	<u>\$ 4.09</u>
Diluted net income per share:			
Continuing operations	\$ 5.41	\$ 4.53	\$ 4.09
Discontinued operations	0.00	0.00	(0.04)
Total diluted net income per share	<u>\$ 5.41</u>	<u>\$ 4.53</u>	<u>\$ 4.05</u>
Dividends declared per common share	<u>\$.60</u>	<u>\$.46</u>	<u>\$.41</u>

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

TORCHMARK CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(Amounts in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Net income	\$ 529,324	\$ 497,161	\$ 498,866
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Unrealized investment gains (losses):			
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities:			
Unrealized holding gains (losses) arising during period	657,954	882,467	615,503
Reclassification adjustment for (gains) losses on securities included in net income	(41,745)	(27,771)	(38,170)
Reclassification adjustment for amortization of (discount) premium	462	(1,880)	(3,820)
Foreign exchange adjustment on securities marked to market	(4,334)	3,510	(7,735)
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities	612,337	856,326	565,778
Unrealized gains (losses), adjustment to deferred acquisition costs	7,234	(28,292)	(31,975)
Unrealized gains (losses) on other assets	2,517	366	0
Total unrealized investment gains (losses)	622,088	828,400	533,803
Less applicable taxes	(217,726)	(289,941)	(186,832)
Unrealized gains (losses), net of tax	404,362	538,459	346,971
Foreign exchange translation adjustments, other than securities	3,487	(3,261)	5,006
Less applicable taxes	(1,118)	699	(1,752)
Foreign exchange translation adjustments, other than securities, net of tax	2,369	(2,562)	3,254
Pension adjustments:			
Amortization of pension costs	14,799	12,146	10,857
Plan amendments	(3,452)	0	0
Experience gain (loss)	(59,613)	(26,106)	(23,086)
Pension adjustments	(48,266)	(13,960)	(12,229)
Less applicable taxes	16,894	4,887	4,279
Pension adjustments, net of tax	(31,372)	(9,073)	(7,950)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	375,359	526,824	342,275
Comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ 904,683</u>	<u>\$1,023,985</u>	<u>\$ 841,141</u>

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

TORCHMARK CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
(Amounts in thousands except per share data)

	Preferred Stock	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock	Total Shareholders' Equity
Year Ended December 31, 2010							
Balance at January 1, 2010	\$0	\$125,812	\$441,361	\$(319,183)	\$2,856,119	\$ (36,066)	\$3,068,043
Comprehensive income (loss)				342,275	498,866		841,141
Common dividends declared (\$.41 a share)					(49,015)		(49,015)
Acquisition of treasury stock						(246,006)	(246,006)
Stock-based compensation		8,393				3,451	11,844
Exercise of stock options		4,205		(2,329)	39,446		41,322
Retirement of treasury stock	—	(6,000)	(21,351)		(179,205)	206,556	0
Balance at December 31, 2010	0	119,812	432,608	23,092	3,124,436	(32,619)	3,667,329
Year Ended December 31, 2011							
Comprehensive income (loss)				526,824	497,161		1,023,985
Common dividends declared (\$.46 a share)				(49,815)			(49,815)
Acquisition of treasury stock						(972,556)	(972,556)
Stock-based compensation		7,631				7,323	14,954
Exercise of stock options		13,121		(29,328)	191,941		175,734
Retirement of treasury stock	—	(7,500)	(28,029)		(277,743)	313,272	0
Balance at December 31, 2011	0	112,312	425,331	549,916	3,264,711	(492,639)	3,859,631
Year Ended December 31, 2012							
Comprehensive income (loss)				375,359	529,324		904,683
Common dividends declared (\$.60 a share)				(57,592)			(57,592)
Acquisition of treasury stock						(570,165)	(570,165)
Stock-based compensation		18,413				3,192	21,605
Exercise of stock options		22,602		(51,322)	232,344		203,624
Retirement of treasury stock	—	(6,500)	(26,564)		(281,783)	314,847	0
Balance at December 31, 2012	\$0	<u>\$105,812</u>	<u>\$439,782</u>	<u>\$ 925,275</u>	<u>\$3,403,338</u>	<u>\$(512,421)</u>	<u>\$4,361,786</u>

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Note 1—Significant Accounting Policies

Business: Torchmark Corporation (Torchmark or alternatively, the Company) through its subsidiaries provides a variety of life and health insurance products and annuities to a broad base of customers.

Basis of Presentation: The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), under guidance issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities 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.

Principles of Consolidation: The consolidated financial statements include the results of Torchmark and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. When Torchmark acquires a subsidiary or a block of business, the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed are measured at fair value at the acquisition date. Any excess of acquisition cost over the fair value of net assets is recorded as goodwill. Expenses incurred to effect the acquisition are charged to earnings as of the acquisition date. Upon acquisition, the accounts and results of operations are consolidated as of and subsequent to the acquisition date.

Torchmark accounts for its variable interest entities under accounting guidance which clarifies the definition of a variable interest and the instructions for consolidating variable interest entities (VIE's). Only primary beneficiaries are required or allowed to consolidate VIE's. Therefore, a company may have voting control of a VIE, but if it is not the primary beneficiary of the VIE, it is not permitted to consolidate the VIE. The trust that was liable for Torchmark's Trust Preferred Securities met the definition of a VIE. However, Torchmark was not the primary beneficiary of this entity because its interest was not variable. Therefore, Torchmark was not permitted to consolidate its interest, even though it owned 100% of the voting equity of the trust and guaranteed its performance. For this reason, Torchmark reported its 7.1% Junior Subordinated Debentures due to the trust as "Due to affiliates" each period at its carrying value. However, Torchmark viewed the Trust Preferred Securities as it does any other debt offering and consolidated the trust in its segment analysis because GAAP requires that the segment analysis be reported as management views its operations and financial condition. These Securities were redeemed in October, 2012, as disclosed in *Note 11—Debt*.

Additionally, as further described under the caption *Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Interests* below in this note, Torchmark holds passive interests in limited partnerships which provide investment returns through the provision of tax benefits (principally from the transfer of Federal or state tax credits related to federal low-income housing). These interests are also considered to be VIEs. They are not consolidated because the Company has no power to control the activities that most significantly affect the economic performance of these entities and therefore the Company is not the primary beneficiary of any of these interests. Torchmark's involvement is limited to its limited partnership interest in the entities. Torchmark has not provided any other financial support to the entities beyond its commitments to fund its limited partnership interests, and there are no arrangements or agreements with any of the interests to provide other financial support. The maximum loss exposure relative to these interests is limited to their carrying value.

When a component of Torchmark's business is sold or expected to be sold during the ensuing year, Torchmark reports the assets and liabilities of the component as assets and liabilities of subsidiaries held for sale. Assets or liabilities of subsidiaries held for sale are segregated and are recorded in the *Consolidated Balance Sheets* at the lower of the carrying amount or estimated fair value less cost to sell. If the carrying amount of the business exceeds its estimated fair value, a loss is recognized. Torchmark reports the results of operations of a business as discontinued operations when the component is sold or expected to be sold, the operations and cash flows of the business have been or will be eliminated from

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the ongoing operations as a result of the disposal transaction, and Torchmark will not have any significant continuing involvement in the operations of the business after the disposal transaction. The results of discontinued operations are reported in discontinued operations in the *Consolidated Statements of Operations* for current and prior periods commencing in the period in which the business is either disposed of or is accounted for as a disposal group, including any gain or loss recognized on the sale or adjustment of the carrying amount to fair value less cost to sell. Major components of the income from discontinued operations are separately disclosed in *Note 3 — Discontinued Operations* in the *Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements*. Because the business has been sold or classified as held for sale and its operations are discontinued, the financial results of the business are excluded from the *Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements*, other than in Note 3, the *Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows*, and *Note 2 — Statutory Accounting*.

Investments: Torchmark classifies all of its fixed-maturity investments, which include bonds and redeemable preferred stocks, as available for sale. Investments classified as available for sale are carried at fair value with unrealized gains and losses, net of deferred taxes, reflected directly in accumulated other comprehensive income. Investments in equity securities, which include common and nonredeemable preferred stocks, are reported at fair value with unrealized gains and losses, net of deferred taxes, reflected directly in accumulated other comprehensive income. Policy loans are carried at unpaid principal balances. Mortgage loans, included in “Other long-term investments,” are carried at amortized cost. Investments in real estate, included in “Other long-term investments,” are reported at cost less allowances for depreciation. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line method. Short-term investments include investments in interest-bearing time deposits with original maturities of twelve months or less.

Gains and losses realized on the disposition of investments are determined on a specific identification basis. Income attributable to investments is included in Torchmark’s net investment income. Net investment income and realized investment gains and losses are not allocated to insurance policyholders’ liabilities.

Fair Value Measurements, Investments in Securities: Torchmark measures the fair value of its fixed maturities and equity securities based on a hierarchy consisting of three levels which indicate the quality of the fair value measurements as described below:

- *Level 1* – fair values are based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access as of the measurement date.
- *Level 2* – fair values are based on inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, or inputs that can otherwise be corroborated by observable market data.
- *Level 3* – fair values are based on inputs that are considered unobservable where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability as of the measurement date. In this circumstance, the Company has to rely on values derived by independent brokers or internally-developed assumptions. Unobservable inputs are developed based on the best information available to the Company which may include the Company’s own data or bid and ask prices in the dealer market.

The great majority of the Company’s fixed maturities are not actively traded and direct quotes are not generally available. Management therefore determines the fair values of these securities after consideration of data provided by third-party pricing services and independent broker/dealers. Over 99% of the fair value reported at December 31, 2012 was determined using data provided by third-party pricing services. Prices provided by third-party pricing services are not binding offers but are estimated exit values. They are based on observable market data inputs which can vary by security type. Such inputs include benchmark yields, available trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, benchmark securities,

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bids, offers, and other market data. As part of the Company's controls over pricing, management reviews and analyzes all prices obtained to insure the reasonableness of the values, taking all available information into account. One very important control is the corroboration of prices obtained from third-party sources against other independent sources. When corroborated prices produce small variations, the close correlation indicates observable inputs, and the median value is used. When corroborated prices present greater variations, additional analysis is required to determine which value is the most appropriate. When only one price is available, management evaluates observable inputs and performs additional analysis to confirm that the price is appropriate. All fair value measurements based on prices determined with observable market data are reported as Level 1 or Level 2 measurements.

When third-party vendor prices are not available, the Company attempts to obtain at least three quotes from broker/dealers for each security. When at least three quotes are obtained, and the standard deviation of such quotes is less than 3%, (suggesting that the independent quotes were likely derived using similar observable inputs), the Company uses the median quote and classifies the measurement as Level 2. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, there were no assets valued as Level 2 in this manner with broker quotes.

When the standard deviation is 3% or greater, or the Company cannot obtain three quotes, then additional information and management judgment are required to establish the fair value. Further review is performed on the available quotes to determine if they can be corroborated within reasonable tolerance to any other observable evidence. If one of the quotes or the median of the available quotes can be corroborated with other observable evidence, then the value is reported as Level 2. Otherwise, the value is reported as Level 3. The measurement is then classified as Level 3. The Company uses information and valuation techniques deemed appropriate for determining the point within the range of reasonable fair value estimates that is most representative of fair value under current market conditions. As of December 31, 2012 and 2011, fair value measurements classified as Level 3 represented 2.1% and 0.4%, respectively, of total fixed maturities and equity securities. Transfers between levels are recognized as of the end of the period of transfer.

Beginning in 2012, Torchmark began investing in a small portfolio of private placement bonds which are not actively traded. This portfolio is managed by a third party and was \$184 million at amortized cost on December 31, 2012. The portfolio manager provides valuations for the bonds based on a matrix utilizing observable inputs, such as the benchmark treasury rate and published sector indices, and unobservable inputs such as an internally-developed credit rating. If the unobservable inputs can be closely corroborated with publicly available information, the fair values are classified as Level 2. If they cannot be corroborated, the fair values are classified as Level 3. As of December 31, 2012, all private placements were classified as Level 3.

The fair values for each class of security and by valuation hierarchy level are indicated in *Note 4—Investments* under the caption *Fair value measurements*.

Fair Value Measurements, Other Financial Instruments: Fair values for cash, short-term investments, short-term debt, receivables and payables approximate carrying value. The fair values of Torchmark's long-term debt issues, along with the trust preferred securities, are based on the same methodology as investments in fixed maturities. Because observable inputs were available for these debt securities at December 31, 2012, they were classified as Level 2 in the valuation hierarchy. The fair value for each debt instrument as of December 31, 2012 is disclosed in *Note 11—Debt*. Mortgage loans and collateral loans are valued using discounted cash flows and are considered to be Level 3 in the valuation hierarchy. The fair values for these loans are presented in *Note 4—Investments* under the caption *Other investment information*.

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Impairment of Investments: Torchmark's portfolio of fixed maturities fluctuates in value due to changes in interest rates in the financial markets as well as other factors. Fluctuations caused by market interest rate changes have little bearing on whether or not the investment will be ultimately recoverable. Therefore, Torchmark considers these declines in value resulting from changes in market interest rates to be temporary. In certain circumstances, however, Torchmark determines that the decline in the value of a security is other-than-temporary and writes the book value of the security down to its fair value, realizing an investment loss. The evaluation of Torchmark's securities for other-than-temporary impairments is a process that is undertaken at least quarterly and is overseen by a team of Company investment and accounting professionals. Each security which is impaired because the fair value is less than the cost or amortized cost is identified and evaluated. The determination that an impairment is other-than-temporary is highly subjective and involves the careful consideration of many factors. Among the factors considered are:

- The length of time and extent to which the security has been impaired
- The reason(s) for the impairment
- The financial condition of the issuer and the near-term prospects for recovery in fair value of the security
- The Company's ability and intent to hold the security until anticipated recovery
- Expected future cash flows

The relative weight given to each of these factors can change over time as facts and circumstances change. In many cases, management believes it is appropriate to give relatively more weight to prospective factors than to retrospective factors. Prospective factors that are given more weight include prospects for recovery, the Company's ability and intent to hold the security until anticipated recovery, and expected future cash flows.

Among the facts and information considered in the process are:

- Default on a required payment
- Issuer bankruptcy filings
- Financial statements of the issuer
- Changes in credit ratings of the issuer
- The value of underlying collateral
- News and information included in press releases issued by the issuer
- News and information reported in the media concerning the issuer
- News and information published by or otherwise provided by credit analysts
- Recent cash flows

While all available information is taken into account, it is difficult to predict the ultimately recoverable amount of a distressed or impaired security. If a security is determined to be other-than-temporarily impaired, the cost basis of the security is written down to fair value and is treated as a realized loss in the period the determination is made. The written-down security will be amortized and revenue recognized in accordance with estimated future cash flows.

Current accounting guidance is such that if an entity intends to sell or if it is more likely than not that it will be required to sell an impaired security prior to recovery of its cost basis, the security is to be considered other-than-temporarily impaired and the full amount of impairment must be charged to earnings. Otherwise, losses on fixed maturities which are other-than-temporarily impaired are separated into two categories, the portion of loss which is considered credit loss and the portion of loss which is due to other factors. The credit loss portion is charged to earnings while the loss due to other factors is charged to other comprehensive income. The credit loss portion of an impairment is determined as the

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difference between the security's amortized cost and the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the security's original effective yield rate. The temporary portion is the difference between this present value of expected future cash flows and fair value (as discounted by a market yield). The expected cash flows are determined using judgment and the best information available to the Company. Inputs used to derive expected cash flows include expected default rates, current levels of subordination, and loan-to-collateral value ratios. Management believes that the present value of future cash flows at the original effective yield is a better measure of valuation, because fair value is based on limited observable market data, and the market for these securities is neither active nor orderly.

Cash: Cash consists of balances on hand and on deposit in banks and financial institutions. Overdrafts arising from the overnight investment of funds offset cash balances on hand and on deposit.

Recognition of Premium Revenue and Related Expenses: Premium income for traditional long-duration life and health insurance products is recognized when due from the policyholder. Premiums for short-duration health contracts are recognized as revenue over the contract period in proportion to the insurance protection provided. Profits for limited-payment life insurance contracts are recognized over the contract period. Premiums for universal life-type and annuity contracts are added to the policy account value, and revenues for such products are recognized as charges to the policy account value for mortality, administration, and surrenders (retrospective deposit method). Life premium includes policy charges of \$23 million, \$24 million, and \$26 million for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011, and 2010, respectively. Other premium consists of annuity policy charges in each year. Profits are also earned to the extent that investment income exceeds policy liability interest requirements. The related benefits and expenses are matched with revenues by means of the provision of future policy benefits and the amortization of deferred acquisition costs in a manner which recognizes profits as they are earned over the same period.

Future Policy Benefits: The liability for future policy benefits for universal life-type products is represented by policy account value. The liability for future policy benefits for all other life and health products, approximately 82% of total future policy benefits, is determined on the net level premium method. This method provides for the present value of expected future benefit payments less the present value of expected future net premiums, based on estimated investment yields, mortality, morbidity, persistency and other assumptions which were considered appropriate at the time the policies were issued. Assumptions used for these traditional life and health insurance products are based on Torchmark's previous experience with similar products. Assumptions for interest rates range from 2.5% to 7.0% for Torchmark's insurance companies with an overall weighted average assumed rate of 5.9%. Mortality tables used for individual life insurance include various statutory tables and modifications of a variety of generally accepted actuarial tables. Morbidity assumptions for individual health are based on either Company experience or the assumptions used in determining statutory reserves. Withdrawal and termination assumptions are based on Torchmark's experience. Once established, assumptions for these products are generally not changed. An additional provision is made on most products to allow for possible adverse deviation from the assumptions. These estimates are periodically reviewed and compared with actual experience. If it is determined that existing contract liabilities, together with the present value of future gross premiums, will not be sufficient to cover the present value of future benefits and to recover unamortized acquisition costs, then a premium deficiency exists. Such a deficiency would be recognized immediately by a charge to earnings and either a reduction of unamortized acquisition costs or an increase in the liability for future policy benefits. From that point forward, the liability for future policy benefits would be based on the revised assumptions.

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Deferred Acquisition Costs: Certain costs of acquiring new insurance business are deferred and recorded as an asset. These costs are essential to the acquisition of new insurance business and are directly related to the successful issuance of an insurance contract including sales commissions, policy issue costs, and underwriting costs for policies that are successfully issued. Additionally, deferred acquisition costs include the value of insurance purchased, which are the costs of acquiring blocks of insurance from other companies or through the acquisition of other companies. These costs represent the difference between the fair value of the contractual insurance assets acquired and liabilities assumed and the assets and liabilities for insurance contracts that the Company issues or holds measured in accordance with GAAP. Deferred acquisition costs and the value of insurance purchased are amortized in a systematic manner which matches these costs with the associated revenues. Policies other than universal life-type policies are amortized with interest over the estimated premium-paying period of the policies in a manner which charges each year's operations in proportion to the receipt of premium income. Limited-payment contracts are amortized over the contract period. Universal life-type policies are amortized with interest in proportion to estimated gross profits. The assumptions used to amortize acquisition costs with regard to interest, mortality, morbidity, and persistency are consistent with those used to estimate the liability for future policy benefits. For interest-sensitive and deposit-balance type products, these assumptions are reviewed on a regular basis and are revised if actual experience differs significantly from original expectations. For all other products, amortization assumptions are generally not revised once established. Deferred acquisition costs are subject to periodic recoverability and loss recognition testing to determine if there is a premium deficiency. These tests ensure that the present value of future contract-related cash flows will support the capitalized deferred acquisition cost asset. These cash flows consist primarily of premium income, less benefits and expenses taking inflation into account. The present value of these cash flows, less the benefit reserve, is then compared with the unamortized deferred acquisition cost balance. In the event the estimated present value of net cash flows is less, the deficiency would be recognized by a charge to earnings and either a reduction of unamortized acquisition costs or an increase in the liability for future benefits, as described under the caption *Future Policy Benefits*.

Advertising Costs: Costs related to advertising are generally charged to expense as incurred. However, certain direct response advertising costs are capitalized when there is a reliable and demonstrated relationship between total costs and future benefits that is a direct result of incurring these costs. Torchmark's Direct Response advertising costs consist primarily of the production and distribution costs of direct mail advertising materials, and when capitalized are included as a component of deferred acquisition costs. They are amortized in the same manner as other deferred acquisition costs. Direct response advertising costs charged to earnings and included in other operating expense were \$16 million, \$16 million, and \$12 million in 2012, 2011, and 2010, respectively. Capitalized advertising costs were \$1.04 billion at December 31, 2012 and \$1.00 billion at December 31, 2011.

Policy Claims and Other Benefits Payable: Torchmark establishes a liability for known policy benefits payable and an estimate of claims that have been incurred but not yet reported to the Company. The estimate of unreported claims is based on prior experience. Torchmark makes an estimate after careful evaluation of all information available to the Company. However, there is no certainty the stated liability for claims and other benefits, including the estimate of unsubmitted claims, will be Torchmark's ultimate obligation.

Income Taxes: Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement book values and tax bases of assets and liabilities. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. More information concerning income taxes is provided in *Note 8—Income Taxes*.

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Property and Equipment: Property and equipment, included in “Other assets,” is reported at cost less allowances for depreciation. Depreciation is recorded primarily on the straight line method over the estimated useful lives of these assets which range from two to ten years for equipment and five to forty years for buildings and improvements. Ordinary maintenance and repairs are charged to income as incurred. Impairments, if any, are recorded when, based on events and circumstances, it becomes evident that the fair value of the asset is less than its carrying amount. Original cost of property and equipment was \$125 million at December 31, 2012 and \$119 million at December 31, 2011. Accumulated depreciation was \$79 million at year end 2012 and \$71 million at the end of 2011. Depreciation expense was \$7.1 million in 2012, \$6.8 million in 2011, and \$6.0 million in 2010.

Asset Retirements: Certain of Torchmark’s subsidiaries own and occupy buildings containing asbestos. These facilities are subject to regulations which could cause the Company to be required to remove and dispose of all or part of the asbestos upon the occurrence of certain events. Otherwise, the subsidiaries are under no obligation under the regulations. At this time, no such events under these regulations have occurred. For this reason, the Company has not recorded a liability for this potential obligation, as the time at which any obligation could be settled is not known. Therefore, there is insufficient information to estimate a fair value.

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Interests: As of December 31, 2012, Torchmark had \$285 million invested in limited partnerships that provide low-income housing tax credits and other related Federal income tax and state premium tax benefits to Torchmark. The carrying value of Torchmark’s investment in these entities was \$293 million at December 31, 2011. As of December 31, 2012, Torchmark was obligated under future commitments of \$67 million, which amount is included in the above carrying value. Interests for which the return has been guaranteed by unrelated third-parties are accounted for using the effective-yield method. The remaining interests are accounted for using the amortized-cost method.

The Federal income benefits accrued during each of the years presented, net of the amortization associated with guaranteed interests, were recorded in “Income taxes.” Amortization associated with non-guaranteed interests and interests providing for state premium tax benefits was reflected as a component of “Net investment income.” All state premium tax benefits, net of the related amortization, were recorded in “Net investment income.” At December 31, 2012, \$275 million associated with the Federal interests was included in “Other assets” with the remaining \$10 million state-related interests included in “Other invested assets.” At December 31, 2011, the comparable amounts were \$281 million and \$12 million, respectively. Any unpaid commitments to invest are recorded in “Other liabilities.” In the segment analysis, the amortization associated with the non-guaranteed interests is reflected as a component of “Income tax expenses,” and not “Net investment income,” consistent with the treatment of the guaranteed interests. Management views this presentation as a more accurate matching of costs with the associated revenues with respect to the low-income housing interests.

Goodwill: The excess cost of business acquired over the fair value of net assets acquired is reported as goodwill. Goodwill is subject to annual impairment testing based on certain procedures outlined by GAAP. These procedures include a qualitative assessment as to whether it is more likely than not that goodwill is impaired. If it is determined that an impairment is likely, the procedures then involve measuring the carrying value of each reporting unit of Torchmark’s segments, including the goodwill of that unit, against the estimated fair value of the corresponding unit. If the carrying value of a unit including goodwill exceeds its estimated fair value, then the goodwill in that unit could potentially be impaired. In that event, further testing is required under the accounting guidance to determine the amount of impairment, if any. If there is an impairment in the goodwill of any reporting unit, it is written down and charged to earnings in the period of test.

Torchmark has tested its goodwill annually in each of the years 2010 through 2012. These tests, performed in the third quarter each year, involved assigning carrying value by allocating the Company’s net assets to each of the reporting units of Torchmark’s segments, including the portion of goodwill

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assigned to the unit. In 2012, the qualitative assessment was employed as permitted by accounting guidance. Based on the analyses as outlined in the guidance, it was determined that an impairment of goodwill was not likely. In 2011 and 2010, the fair values of the various reporting units were developed. The fair value of each reporting unit is determined using discounted expected cash flows associated with that unit. Judgment and assumptions are used in developing the projected cash flows for the reporting units, and such estimates are subject to change. The Company also exercises judgment in the determination of the discount rate, which management believes to be appropriate for the risk associated with the cash flow expectations. The fair value of each reporting unit is then measured against that reporting unit's corresponding carrying value. Because the estimated fair value exceeded the carrying value, including goodwill, of each reporting unit in each period, Torchmark's goodwill was not impaired in any of those periods. Due to the acquisition described in *Note 6—Acquisition*, goodwill in the amount of \$44.7 million was acquired in 2012.

Treasury Stock: Torchmark accounts for purchases of treasury stock on the cost method. Issuance of treasury stock is accounted for using the weighted-average cost method.

Settlements: During 2011, Torchmark settled a state administrative matter involving issues arising over a period of many years. The settlement resulted in a pre-tax charge of \$6.9 million (\$4.5 million after tax). Additionally in 2011, the Company accrued a liability for settlement of an insurance litigation matter which was settled in 2012. The liability for this litigation, which arose many years ago, was \$12.0 million pretax (\$7.8 million after tax). Management removes items that are related to prior periods when evaluating the operating results of current periods. Therefore, these items are excluded in its presentation of segment results as disclosed in *Note 14—Business Segments*, because accounting guidance requires that operating segment results be presented as management views its business.

Postretirement Benefits: Torchmark accounts for its postretirement defined benefit plans by recognizing the funded status of those plans on its *Consolidated Balance Sheets* in accordance with accounting guidance. Periodic gains and losses attributable to changes in plan assets and liabilities that are not recognized as components of net periodic benefit costs are recognized as components of other comprehensive income, net of tax. More information concerning the accounting and disclosures for postretirement benefits is found in *Note 9—Postretirement Benefits*.

Stock Compensation: Torchmark accounts for stock-based compensation by recognizing an expense in the financial statements based on the “fair value method.” The fair value method requires that a fair value be assigned to a stock option or other stock grant on its grant date and that this value be amortized over the grantees’ service period.

The fair value method requires the use of an option valuation model to value employee stock options. Torchmark has elected to use the Black-Scholes valuation model for option expensing. A summary of assumptions for options granted in each of the three years 2010 through 2012 is as follows:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Volatility factor	39.4%	42.3%	40.3%
Dividend yield	1.0%	1.0%	1.3%
Expected term (in years)	5.55	4.66	4.74
Risk-free rate	1.3%	2.0%	2.5%

The expected term is generally derived from Company experience. However, expected terms of grants made under the Torchmark Corporation 2005 Incentive Plan (2005 Plan) and the 2007 Long-Term Compensation Plan (2007 Plan), involving grants made in the years 2005 through 2010, were determined based on the simplified method as permitted by Staff Accounting Bulletins 107 and 110. This method was

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used because the 2005 and 2007 Plans limited grants to a maximum contract term of seven years, and Torchmark had no previous experience with seven-year contract terms. Prior to 2005, substantially all grants contained ten-year terms. Because a large portion of these grants vest over a three-year period, the Company did not have sufficient exercise history during 2010 or previous years to determine an appropriate expected term on these grants. Beginning in 2011, all grants with seven-year terms are based on Company experience. The Torchmark Corporation 2011 Incentive Plan replaced the previous plans and allows for option grants with a ten-year contractual term which vest over five years in addition to seven-year grants which vest over three years as permitted by the previous plans. The Company has no historical experience with five-year vesting, and will therefore use the simplified method to determine the expected term for these grants until such experience is developed. Volatility and risk-free interest rates are assumed over a period of time consistent with the expected term of the option. Volatility is measured on a historical basis. Monthly data points are utilized to derive volatility for periods greater than three years. Expected dividend yield is based on current dividend yield held constant over the expected term. Once the fair value of an option has been determined, it is amortized on a straight-line basis over the employee's service period for that grant (from the grant date to the date the grant is fully vested).

Torchmark management views all stock-based compensation expense as a corporate or Parent Company expense and, therefore, presents it as such in its segment analysis (See Note 14—*Business Segments*). It is included in “Other operating expense” in the *Consolidated Statements of Operations*.

Earnings Per Share: Torchmark presents basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS) on the face of the *Consolidated Statements of Operations*. Basic EPS is computed by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weighted average common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS is calculated by adding to shares outstanding the additional net effect of potentially dilutive securities or contracts, such as stock options, which could be exercised or converted into common shares. For more information on earnings per share, see Note 12—*Shareholders' Equity*.

Note 2—Statutory Accounting

Life insurance subsidiaries of Torchmark are required to file statutory financial statements with state insurance regulatory authorities. Accounting principles used to prepare these statutory financial statements differ from GAAP. Consolidated net income and shareholders' equity (capital and surplus) on a statutory basis for the insurance subsidiaries were as follows:

	Net Income Year Ended December 31,			Shareholders' Equity At December 31,	
	2012	2011	2010	2012	2011
Life insurance subsidiaries	\$484,327	\$424,738	\$499,440	\$1,358,047	\$1,273,117

The excess, if any, of shareholder's equity of the insurance subsidiaries on a GAAP basis over that determined on a statutory basis is not available for distribution by the insurance subsidiaries to Torchmark without regulatory approval. Insurance subsidiaries' statutory capital and surplus necessary to satisfy regulatory requirements in the aggregate was \$427 million at December 31, 2012. More information on the restrictions on the payment of dividends can be found in Note 12—*Shareholders' Equity*.

Torchmark's statutory financial statements are presented on the basis of accounting practices prescribed by the insurance department of the state of domicile of each insurance subsidiary. All states have adopted the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' (NAIC) statutory accounting practices (NAIC SAP) as the basis for statutory accounting. However, certain states have retained the prescribed practices of their respective insurance code or administrative code which can differ from NAIC SAP. There are no significant differences between NAIC SAP and the accounting practices prescribed by the states of domicile for Torchmark's life insurance companies that affect statutory surplus.

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Note 3—Discontinued Operations

During the third quarter of 2010, Torchmark's subsidiary, Liberty, entered into an agreement to sell its wholly-owned subsidiary, United Investors Life Insurance Company (United Investors), to an unaffiliated insurance carrier. The sale was completed as of December 31, 2010. United Investors marketed primarily term and interest-sensitive life insurance and fixed annuities. Consideration for the sale consisted of \$343 million in cash at the closing, as well as post-closing proceeds receivable from the buyer of approximately \$21 million which was received in early 2011. The transaction resulted in a pretax loss of approximately \$38 million (\$35 million after tax), which has been reported as a realized loss on the disposal of a discontinued operation in 2010. Due to the sale, Torchmark's consolidated financial statements are presented to reflect the transactions as discontinued operations.

An analysis of income from discontinued operations is as follows:

	Twelve months ended December 31, 2010
Premium income	\$ 73,675
Investment income	43,787
Realized investment gains (losses)	2,850
Other income	103
 Total revenue*	 120,415
 Policyholder benefits	 56,374
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs	14,599
Other expense	4,960
 Total benefits and expense	 75,933
 Pre tax income from discontinued operations	 44,482
Income tax	(14,698)
 Income from discontinued operations	 \$ 29,784

Revenues and profitability in the indicated segment were as follows:

	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2010
 Revenues:	
Life	\$ 65,726
Annuity	7,949
Investment	43,787
Other	103
 Total*	 \$117,565
 Segment profitability (loss):	
Life	\$ 22,692
Annuity	(931)
Investment	22,490
Other	(2,619)
 Total	 \$ 41,632

* Segment revenues differ from discontinued revenues by the amount of realized investment gains/losses, which Torchmark excludes from its consideration of ongoing operations.

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Note 4—Investments

Portfolio Composition:

A summary of fixed maturities available for sale and equity securities by cost or amortized cost and estimated fair value at December 31, 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

2012:	Cost or Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Amount per the Balance Sheet	% of Total Fixed Maturities*
Fixed maturities available for sale:						
Bonds:						
U.S. Government direct, guaranteed, and government-sponsored enterprises	\$ 492,928	\$ 1,948	\$ (4,773)	\$ 490,103	\$ 490,103	4%
States, municipalities, and political subdivisions	1,283,883	173,649	(189)	1,457,343	1,457,343	11
Foreign governments	33,577	988	0	34,565	34,565	0
Corporates	9,309,408	1,442,638	(55,023)	10,697,023	10,697,023	79
Collateralized debt obligations	64,622	0	(18,051)	46,571	46,571	0
Other asset-backed securities	43,560	3,708	(401)	46,867	46,867	0
Redeemable preferred stocks	735,428	43,897	(10,604)	768,721	768,721	6
Total fixed maturities	<u>11,963,406</u>	<u>1,666,828</u>	<u>(89,041)</u>	<u>13,541,193</u>	<u>13,541,193</u>	<u>100%</u>
Equity securities	<u>14,875</u>	<u>692</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,567</u>	<u>15,567</u>	
Total fixed maturities and equity securities	<u>\$11,978,281</u>	<u>\$1,667,520</u>	<u>\$ (89,041)</u>	<u>\$13,556,760</u>	<u>\$13,556,760</u>	
 2011:						
Fixed maturities available for sale:						
Bonds:						
U.S. Government direct, guaranteed, and government-sponsored enterprises	\$ 65,283	\$ 1,756	\$ (4)	\$ 67,035	\$ 67,035	1%
States, municipalities, and political subdivisions	1,213,082	118,636	(1,896)	1,329,822	1,329,822	11
Foreign governments	21,832	1,327	0	23,159	23,159	0
Corporates	8,357,809	1,051,019	(137,908)	9,270,920	9,270,920	78
Collateralized debt obligations	60,437	0	(30,117)	30,320	30,320	0
Other asset-backed securities	42,862	3,210	(1,392)	44,680	44,680	0
Redeemable preferred stocks	1,162,939	27,184	(67,854)	1,122,269	1,122,269	10
Total fixed maturities	<u>10,924,244</u>	<u>1,203,132</u>	<u>(239,171)</u>	<u>11,888,205</u>	<u>11,888,205</u>	<u>100%</u>
Equity securities	<u>14,875</u>	<u>2,244</u>	<u>(63)</u>	<u>17,056</u>	<u>17,056</u>	
Total fixed maturities and equity securities	<u>\$10,939,119</u>	<u>\$1,205,376</u>	<u>\$(239,234)</u>	<u>\$11,905,261</u>	<u>\$11,905,261</u>	

* At fair value

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Note 4—Investments (continued)

A schedule of fixed maturities by contractual maturity at December 31, 2012 is shown below on an amortized cost basis and on a fair value basis. Actual maturities could differ from contractual maturities due to call or prepayment provisions.

	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Fixed maturities available for sale:		
Due in one year or less	\$ 113,013	\$ 116,074
Due from one to five years	436,514	473,976
Due from five to ten years	876,057	991,262
Due from ten to twenty years	2,742,186	3,163,562
Due after twenty years	7,683,337	8,698,281
Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities	112,299	98,038
	<hr/> <u>\$11,963,406</u>	<hr/> <u>\$13,541,193</u>

Analysis of investment operations:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Net investment income is summarized as follows:			
Fixed maturities	\$691,229	\$683,101	\$662,202
Equity securities	1,178	1,558	1,183
Policy loans	30,717	29,293	27,248
Other long-term investments	2,320	2,439	3,064
Short-term investments	311	165	762
	<hr/> <u>725,755</u>	<hr/> <u>716,556</u>	<hr/> <u>694,459</u>
Less investment expense	(32,111)	(23,528)	(18,095)
Net investment income	<u>\$693,644</u>	<u>\$693,028</u>	<u>\$676,364</u>

An analysis of realized gains (losses) from investments is as follows:

Realized investment gains (losses):

Fixed maturities:			
Sales and other	\$ 47,345	\$ 27,790	\$ 43,022
Writedowns	(5,600)	(20)	(4,850)
Equity securities	0	0	1
Loss on redemption of debt	(4,109)	0	(1,646)
Other	197	(1,866)	813
	<hr/> <u>37,833</u>	<hr/> <u>25,904</u>	<hr/> <u>37,340</u>
Applicable tax	(13,242)	(9,066)	(13,070)
Realized gains (losses) from investments, net of tax	<u>\$ 24,591</u>	<u>\$ 16,838</u>	<u>\$ 24,270</u>

An analysis of the net change in unrealized investment gains (losses) is as

follows:

Equity securities	\$ (1,489)	\$ (98)	\$ 432
Fixed maturities available for sale	613,826	856,424	562,921
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on securities	<u>\$612,337</u>	<u>\$856,326</u>	<u>\$563,353</u>

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Note 4—Investments (continued)

Additional information about securities sold is as follows:

	At December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Fixed maturities:			
Proceeds from sales	\$345,601	\$236,662*	\$314,904**
Gross realized gains	40,851	28,249	29,821
Gross realized losses	(2,477)	(24,323)	(13,361)
Equities:			
Proceeds from sales	0	0	1
Gross realized gains	0	0	1
Gross realized losses	0	0	0

* Includes \$12.3 million of unsettled trades

** Proceeds from sales including discontinued operations were \$326 million in 2010.

Fair value measurements: The following tables represent the fair value of assets measured on a recurring basis at December 31, 2012 and 2011:

Description	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2012 Using:				
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total Fair Value	
Fixed maturities available for sale:					
Bonds:					
U.S. Government direct, guaranteed, and government-sponsored enterprises	\$ 0	\$ 490,103	\$ 0	\$ 490,103	
States, municipalities and political subdivisions	0	1,457,343	0	1,457,343	
Foreign governments	0	34,565	0	34,565	
Corporates	31,976	10,443,526	221,521	10,697,023	
Collateralized debt obligations	0	0	46,571	46,571	
Other asset-backed securities	0	38,886	7,981	46,867	
Redeemable preferred stocks	128,473	630,697	9,551	768,721	
Total fixed maturities	160,449	13,095,120	285,624	13,541,193	
Equity securities	14,828	0	739	15,567	
Total fixed maturities and equity securities	<u>\$175,277</u>	<u>\$13,095,120</u>	<u>\$286,363</u>	<u>\$13,556,760</u>	
Percent of total	<u>1.3%</u>	<u>96.6%</u>	<u>2.1%</u>	<u>100%</u>	

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Note 4—Investments (continued)

Description	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2011 Using:				
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)		Total Fair Value
Fixed maturities available for sale:					
Bonds:					
U.S. Government direct, guaranteed, and government-sponsored enterprises	\$ 0	\$ 67,035	\$ 0	\$ 67,035	
States, municipalities, and political subdivisions	0	1,329,822	0	1,329,822	
Foreign governments	0	23,159	0	23,159	
Corporates	28,092	9,231,578	11,250	9,270,920	
Collateralized debt obligations	0	0	30,320	30,320	
Other asset-backed securities	0	37,558	7,122	44,680	
Redeemable preferred stocks	217,613	904,656	0	1,122,269	
Total fixed maturities	245,705	11,593,808	48,692	11,888,205	
Equity securities	16,346	0	710	17,056	
Total fixed maturities and equity securities	\$262,051	\$11,593,808	\$49,402	\$11,905,261	
Percentage of total	2.2%	97.4%	0.4%	100.0%	

The following table represents changes in assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3).

	Analysis of Changes in Fair Value Measurements Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)				
	Asset-backed securities	Collateralized debt Obligations	Corporates*	Other	Total
Balance at January 1, 2010	\$ 7,981	\$ 18,037	\$ 71,764	\$ 5,836	\$103,618
Total gains or losses:					
Included in realized gains/losses	0	(1,712)	1,504	708	500
Included in other comprehensive income	255	2,445	14,711	(534)	16,877
Sales	0	0	(5,862)	(2,331)	(8,193)
Amortization	(194)	2,333	2,536	(1)	4,674
Other **	0	1,353	0	0	1,353
Transfers out of Level 3	0	0	(10,980)	(3,008)	(13,988)
Balance at December 31, 2010	8,042	22,456	73,673	670	\$104,841
Total gains or losses:					
Included in realized gains/losses	0	0	(12,542)	0	(12,542)
Included in other comprehensive income	(714)	3,952	14,578	40	17,856
Sales	0	0	(13,875)	0	(13,875)
Amortization	(206)	2,470	1,302	0	3,566
Other **	0	1,442	0	0	1,442
Transfers out of Level 3	0	0	(51,886)	0	(51,886)
Balance at December 31, 2011	7,122	30,320	11,250	710	49,402
Total gains or losses:					
Included in realized gains/losses	0	0	1,482	0	1,482
Included in other comprehensive income	1,078	12,067	3,600	29	16,774
Acquisitions	0	0	183,676	0	183,676
Sales	0	0	(13,429)	0	(13,429)
Amortization	(219)	2,648	699	0	3,128
Other **	0	1,536	0	0	1,536
Transfers out of Level 3	0	0	43,794	0	43,794
Balance at December 31, 2012	\$7,981	\$46,571	\$231,072	\$ 739	\$286,363

* Includes redeemable preferred stocks

** Includes capitalized interest and foreign exchange adjustments.

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Note 4—Investments (continued)

The collateral underlying collateralized debt obligations for which fair values are reported as Level 3 consists primarily of trust preferred securities issued by banks and insurance companies. None of the collateral is subprime or Alt-A mortgages (loans for which the typical documentation was not provided by the borrower). Acquisitions in 2012 are comprised of private-placement fixed maturities managed by an unaffiliated third-party.

**Quantitative Information about Level 3
Fair Value Measurements
As of December 31, 2012**

	Fair Value	Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Input	Range	Weighted Average
Collateralized debt obligations	\$ 46,571	Discounted cash flows	Discount rate	15%	15%
Private placement fixed maturities . . .	182,946	Discounted cash flows	Credit rating	BBB-to BBB+	BBB
Other investments	56,846	Third-party pricing without adjustment	N/A	N/A	N/A
<u>\$286,363</u>					

Collateralized debt obligations are valued at the present value of expected future cash flows using an unobservable discount rate. Expected cash flows are determined by scheduling the projected repayment of the collateral assuming no future defaults, deferrals, or recoveries. The discount rate is risk-adjusted to take these items into account. A significant increase (decrease) in the discount rate will produce a significant decrease (increase) in fair value. Additionally, a significant increase (decrease) in the cash flow expectations would result in a significant increase (decrease) in fair value. The private placements are also valued based on discounted cash flows, resulting from the contractual cash flows discounted by a yield determined as a treasury benchmark adjusted for a credit spread. The credit spread is developed from observable indices for similar public fixed maturities and unobservable indices for private fixed maturities for corresponding credit ratings. However, the credit ratings for the private placements are unobservable inputs, and are assigned by the third party provider based on a quantitative and qualitative assessment of the credit underwritten. A higher (lower) credit rating would result in a higher (lower) valuation. For more information regarding valuation procedures, please refer to *Note 1 — Significant Accounting Policies* under the caption *Fair Value Measurements, Investments in Securities*.

The following table presents transfers in and out of each of the valuation levels of fair values.

	2012			2011			2010		
	In	Out	Net	In	Out	Net	In	Out	Net
Level 1	\$48,536	\$ 0	\$ 48,536	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 54	\$ (4,848)	\$ (4,794)
Level 2	0	(92,330)	(92,330)	51,886	0	51,886	18,836	(54)	18,782
Level 3	43,794	0	43,794	0	(51,886)	(51,886)	0	(13,988)	(13,988)

Transfers into Level 2 from Level 3 result from the availability of observable market data when a security is valued at the end of a period. Transfers into Level 3 occur when there is a lack of observable market information. Transfers into Level 1 from Level 2 occur when direct quotes are available; transfers from Level 1 into Level 2 result when only observable market data and no direct quotes are available.

Other-than-temporary impairments: Torchmark has determined that certain of its holdings in fixed maturity investments were other-than-temporarily impaired during the three years ended December 31, 2012. The following table presents the writedowns recorded due to these impairments in accordance with accounting guidance and whether the writedown was charged to earnings or other comprehensive income.

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Note 4—Investments (continued)

Writedowns for Other-Than-Temporary Impairments

	2012		2011		2010	
	Net Income	Other Comprehensive Income	Net Income	Other Comprehensive Income	Net Income	Other Comprehensive Income
Collateralized debt obligations	\$ 0	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,712	\$ 0
Corporate bonds	5,600	0	20	0	3,138	0
Total pre-tax	<u>\$5,600</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$ 20</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 4,850</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
After tax	<u>\$3,640</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$ 13</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 3,152</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

As of year end 2012, previously written down securities remaining in the portfolio were carried at a fair value of \$48 million. Otherwise, as of December 31, 2012, Torchmark has no information available to cause it to believe that any of its investments are other-than-temporarily impaired. Torchmark has the ability and intent to hold these investments to recovery, and does not intend to sell nor expects to be required to sell its other impaired securities.

Bifurcated credit losses result when there is an other-than-temporary impairment for which a portion of the loss is recognized in other comprehensive income. Torchmark's balances related to bifurcated credit loss positions included in other comprehensive income were \$22 million at December 31, 2012, December 31, 2011, and December 31, 2010. There was no change in this balance since January 1, 2010.

Unrealized gain/loss analysis. As conditions in financial markets have improved since 2009, unrealized gains in the portfolio have occurred and losses have declined. Net unrealized losses on fixed maturities of \$455 million at December 31, 2009 became net unrealized gains of \$108 million at December 31, 2010. During 2011, net unrealized gains rose to \$964 million at December 31, 2011 and to \$1.6 billion at December 31, 2012. At December 31, 2012, investments in securities in the financial sector were in a \$339 million unrealized gain position compared with an unrealized gain position of \$14 million at December 31, 2011. Investments in securities in the other sectors had net unrealized gains of \$1.2 billion in 2012 and \$950 million in 2011. The following tables disclose gross unrealized investment losses by class of investment at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011. Torchmark considers these investments to be only temporarily impaired.

ANALYSIS OF GROSS UNREALIZED INVESTMENT LOSSES
At December 31, 2012

Description of Securities	Less than Twelve Months		Twelve Months or Longer		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss
Fixed maturities available for sale:						
Bonds:						
U.S. Government direct, guaranteed, and government-sponsored enterprises	\$ 316,596	\$ (4,770)	\$ 199	\$ (3)	\$ 316,795	\$ (4,773)
States, municipalities and political subdivisions ..	26,206	(189)	0	0	26,206	(189)
Foreign governments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Corporates	761,477	(15,339)	343,987	(39,684)	1,105,464	(55,023)
Collateralized debt obligations	0	0	46,446	(18,051)	46,446	(18,051)
Other asset-backed securities	7,940	(88)	7,981	(313)	15,921	(401)
Redeemable preferred stocks	44,132	(310)	171,852	(10,294)	215,984	(10,604)
Total fixed maturities	1,156,351	(20,696)	570,465	(68,345)	1,726,816	(89,041)
Equity securities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total fixed maturities and equity securities	<u>\$1,156,351</u>	<u>(\$20,696)</u>	<u>\$570,465</u>	<u>(\$68,345)</u>	<u>\$1,726,816</u>	<u>(\$89,041)</u>

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Note 4—Investments (continued)

ANALYSIS OF GROSS UNREALIZED INVESTMENT LOSSES
At December 31, 2011

<u>Description of Securities</u>	<u>Less than Twelve Months</u>		<u>Twelve Months or Longer</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unrealized Loss</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unrealized Loss</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unrealized Loss</u>
Fixed maturities available for sale:						
Bonds:						
U.S. Government direct, guaranteed, and government-sponsored enterprises	\$ 279	\$ (3)	\$ 34	\$ (1)	\$ 313	\$ (4)
States, municipalities and political subdivisions	0	0	17,609	(1,896)	17,609	(1,896)
Foreign governments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Corporates	585,265	(38,249)	612,338	(99,659)	1,197,603	(137,908)
Collateralized debt obligations	0	0	30,320	(30,117)	30,320	(30,117)
Other asset-backed securities	0	0	7,122	(1,392)	7,122	(1,392)
Redeemable preferred stocks	205,449	(14,250)	367,450	(53,604)	572,899	(67,854)
Total fixed maturities	790,993	(52,502)	1,034,873	(186,669)	1,825,866	(239,171)
Equity securities	386	(63)	0	0	386	(63)
Total fixed maturities and equity securities	\$791,379	\$(52,565)	\$1,034,873	\$(186,669)	\$1,826,252	\$(239,234)

Additional information about investments in an unrealized loss position is as follows:

	<u>Less than Twelve Months</u>	<u>Twelve Months or Longer</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of issues (Cusip numbers) held:			
As of December 31, 2012	195	95	290
As of December 31, 2011	117	93	210

Torchmark's entire fixed-maturity and equity portfolio consisted of 1,630 issues at December 31, 2012 and 1,373 issues at December 31, 2011. The weighted-average quality rating of all unrealized loss positions as of December 31, 2012 was BBB+, compared with BBB- a year earlier. The weighted-average quality ratings are based on amortized cost.

Other investment information:

Other long-term investments consist of the following:

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Mortgage loans, at cost	\$ 514	\$ 551
Investment real estate, at depreciated cost	2,816	3,165
Low-income housing interests	9,875	12,188
Collateral loans	0	7,598
Other	5,334	2,665
Total	\$18,539	\$26,167

The fair value for mortgages was approximately \$0.5 million at December 31, 2012 and \$0.6 million at December 31, 2011. The fair value for collateral loans was approximately \$7 million at December 31, 2011. Accumulated depreciation on investment real estate was \$2.1 million at December 31, 2012 and \$1.8 million at December 31, 2011.

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Note 4—Investments (continued)

Torchmark had \$125 thousand in fixed maturities at book value (\$150 thousand at fair value) that were non-income producing during the twelve months ended December 31, 2012. Torchmark had \$2.6 million in investment real estate at December 31, 2012 which was non-income producing during the previous twelve months. Torchmark did not have any other invested assets that were non-income producing during the twelve months ended December 31, 2012.

Note 5—Deferred Acquisition Costs

An analysis of deferred acquisition costs is as follows:

	2012	2011	2010
Balance at beginning of year	\$2,916,732	\$2,869,546	\$2,810,507
Additions:			
Deferred during period:			
Commissions	312,581	283,961	291,562
Other expenses	168,237	157,864	149,351
Total deferred	480,818	441,825	440,913
Value of insurance purchased during year	175,257	0	0
Foreign exchange adjustment	3,557	0	5,055
Adjustment attributable to unrealized investment losses ⁽¹⁾	7,234	0	0
Total additions	666,866	441,825	445,968
Deductions:			
Amortized during period	(385,167)	(364,583)	(362,390)
Foreign exchange adjustment	0	(1,765)	0
Adjustment attributable to unrealized investment gains ⁽¹⁾	0	(28,291)	(24,539)
Total deductions	(385,167)	(394,639)	(386,929)
Balance at end of year	<u>\$3,198,431</u>	<u>\$2,916,732</u>	<u>\$2,869,546</u>

(1) Represents amounts pertaining to investments relating to universal life-type products.

In the event of lapses or early withdrawals in excess of those assumed, deferred acquisition costs may not be recoverable.

Note 6—Acquisition

On November 1, 2012, Torchmark acquired all of the outstanding common stock of Family Heritage Life Insurance Company of America (Family Heritage), a privately-held supplemental health insurance provider. The purchase price was approximately \$234 million, including post-closing adjustments and the assumption of \$20 million par value of debt in the form of trust preferred securities issued by Family Heritage's previous parent company (\$20 million fair value at the purchase date). The balance of the purchase price of approximately \$214 million was funded primarily with cash provided from borrowings as described in Note 11—Debt.

Family Heritage was founded in 1989 and is headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio. It is a specialty insurer focused primarily on selling protection-oriented individual supplemental health insurance products through a captive agency force. Torchmark believes that Family Heritage is an excellent fit with Torchmark's existing insurance business, given that Family Heritage's operations are consistent with Torchmark's strategy of selling basic protection products in relatively non-competitive markets through controlled distribution channels. Acquisition expenses in connection with the transaction charged to Torchmark's earnings in 2012 were \$2.9 million (\$1.9 million after tax). These costs were included as "Other operating expense" in the *Consolidated Statement of Operations* for 2012.

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Note 6—Acquisition (continued)

The acquisition was accounted for under the purchase method of accounting as required by accounting guidance. This guidance requires that the total purchase price be allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their fair values at the acquisition date. The results of operations since the acquisition date have been consolidated. A summary of the net assets acquired is as follows:

	Fair Value as of November 1, 2012
Assets acquired:	
Investments	\$591,947
Cash	27,323
Value of insurance purchased	175,257
Goodwill	44,700
Other assets	<u>45,573</u>
Total assets	884,800
Liabilities assumed:	
Policy liabilities	643,306
Other liabilities	<u>7,747</u>
Total liabilities	651,053
Total net assets acquired	<u><u>\$233,747</u></u>

The amount recorded as the value of insurance purchased at November 1, 2012, represents the difference between the fair value of the contractual insurance assets acquired and liabilities assumed and the assets and liabilities measured in accordance with the Company's accounting policies for insurance contracts that it issues or holds in accordance with GAAP. The fair value of this asset was determined based on an actuarial analysis performed by management. The value of insurance purchased is included with "Deferred acquisition costs" on the *Consolidated Balance Sheets* and will be amortized in proportion with the premium income of the acquired insurance business in accordance with accounting guidance.

No goodwill related to the acquisition is expected to be deductible for tax purposes. Because the operations of Family Heritage will be considered a part of Torchmark's health segment, goodwill arising from the transition will be assigned to that reporting group.

During the two-month period commencing on the purchase date of November 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012, Family Heritage had revenues of \$33 million and net income of \$3.1 million included in Torchmark's 2012 *Consolidated Statement of Operations*.

The table below presents supplemental unaudited pro forma information for 2012 and 2011 as if the Family Heritage acquisition were completed on January 1, 2011, based on estimates and assumptions considered appropriate:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
Revenues	\$197,174	\$180,155
Net income	13,220	12,107
Net income per diluted share	0.14	0.11

The supplemental unaudited pro forma information above is presented for informational purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that actually would have been achieved had the acquisition been consummated as of that time, nor is it intended to be a projection of future results.

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Note 7—Liability for Unpaid Health Claims

Activity in the liability for unpaid health claims is summarized as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Balance at beginning of year	\$103,517	\$100,598	\$104,346
Acquisition of Family Heritage	11,700	0	0
Incurred related to:			
Current year	704,934	628,137	661,740
Prior years	(17,531)	(10,644)	(19,424)
Total incurred	687,403	617,493	642,316
Paid related to:			
Current year	627,495	538,910	577,875
Prior years	70,255	75,664	68,189
Total paid	697,750	614,574	646,064
Balance at end of year	<u>\$104,870</u>	<u>\$103,517</u>	<u>\$100,598</u>

At the end of each period, the liability for unpaid health claims includes an estimate of claims incurred but not yet reported to the Company. Such estimates are updated regularly based upon the Company's most recent claims data with recognition of emerging experience trends. Because of the nature of the Company's health business, the payment lags are relatively short and most claims are fully paid within a year from the time incurred. Fluctuations in claims experience can lead to either over- or under-estimation of the liability for any given year. The difference between the estimate made at the end of the prior period and the actual experience during the period is reflected above under the caption "Incurred related to: Prior years."

Claims paid in each of the years 2010 through 2012 were settled for amounts less than anticipated when estimated at the previous year end. The most significant components of these favorable variances were in Torchmark's UA Independent, Liberty National Branch, and Medicare Part D distribution channels. The Company's estimates at each point have reflected the emerging data and trends. In the Medicare Part D channel, the Company is required to estimate claim discounts that will be received from drug manufacturers. In each of the years 2010 through 2012, the discounts from the drug manufacturers received in the current year but related to prior year claims were higher than anticipated when the claim liability was determined.

The liability for unpaid health claims is included with "Policy claims and other benefits payable" on the *Consolidated Balance Sheets*.

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Note 8—Income Taxes

Torchmark and its subsidiaries file a life-nonlife consolidated Federal income tax return.

The components of income taxes were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Income tax expense from continuing operations	\$236,669	\$226,166	\$246,475
Income tax expense (benefit) from discontinued operations	0	(467)	11,830
Shareholders' equity:			
Other comprehensive income (loss)	201,950	284,355	184,305
Tax basis compensation expense (from the exercise of stock options and vesting of restricted stock awards) in excess of amounts recognized for financial reporting purposes	(22,602)	(13,121)	(3,455)
	\$416,017	\$496,933	\$439,155

Income tax expense from continuing operations consists of:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Current income tax expense	\$161,332	\$169,500	\$147,346
Deferred income tax expense	75,337	56,666	99,129
	\$236,669	\$226,166	\$246,475

In each of the years 2010 through 2012, deferred income tax expense was incurred because of certain differences between net income before income taxes as reported on the *Consolidated Statements of Operations* and taxable income as reported on Torchmark's income tax returns. As explained in Note 1—*Significant Accounting Policies*, these differences caused the financial statement book values of some assets and liabilities to be different from their respective tax bases.

The effective income tax rate differed from the expected 35% rate as shown below:

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2012	%	2011	%	2010	%
Expected income taxes	\$268,098	35.0%	\$253,324	35.0%	\$262,700	35.0%
Increase (reduction) in income taxes resulting from:						
Tax-exempt investment income	(3,506)	(.4)	(3,468)	(.5)	(3,371)	(.5)
Low income housing investments	(28,877)	(3.8)	(24,258)	(3.4)	(12,900)	(1.7)
Other	954	.1	568	.1	46	0
Income tax expense	\$236,669	30.9%	\$226,166	31.2%	\$246,475	32.8%

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Note 8—Income Taxes (continued)

The tax effects of temporary differences that gave rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are presented below:

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Deferred tax assets:		
Fixed maturity investments	\$ 22,387	\$ 35,670
Carryover of tax losses	14,177	7,429
Other assets	4,084	5,509
Total gross deferred tax assets	<u>40,648</u>	<u>48,608</u>
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Unrealized gains	481,804	276,591
Employee and agent compensation	65,877	57,136
Deferred acquisition costs	791,254	712,974
Future policy benefits, unearned and advance premiums, and policy claims	311,366	355,825
Total gross deferred tax liabilities	<u>1,650,301</u>	<u>1,402,526</u>
Net deferred tax liability	<u>\$1,609,653</u>	<u>\$1,353,918</u>

Torchmark's Federal income tax returns are routinely audited by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The IRS is currently examining Torchmark's 2009 tax year. The statutes of limitation for the assessments of additional tax are closed for all tax years prior to 2008. Management believes that adequate provision has been made in the financial statements for any potential assessments that may result from current or future tax examinations and other tax-related matters for all open tax years.

Torchmark has net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$41 million at December 31, 2012 which will begin to expire in 2021 if not otherwise used to offset future taxable income. A valuation allowance is to be provided when it is more likely than not that deferred tax assets will not be realized by the Company. No valuation allowance has been recorded relating to Torchmark's deferred tax assets since, in management's judgment, Torchmark will more likely than not have sufficient taxable income in future periods to fully realize its existing deferred tax assets.

Torchmark's tax liability is adjusted to include the provision for uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits (excluding effects of accrued interest, net of Federal tax benefits) for the years 2010 through 2012 is as follows:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Balance at January 1,	\$0	\$ 875	\$ 3,960
Increase based on tax positions taken in current period	0	0	245
Increase related to tax positions taken in prior periods	0	0	280
Decrease related to tax positions taken in prior periods	0	(875)	(3,610)
Decrease due to settlements	0	0	0
Balance at December 31,	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 875</u>

Torchmark's continuing practice is to recognize interest and/or penalties related to income tax matters in income tax expense. The Company recognized interest income of \$56 thousand, \$0, and \$124 thousand, net of Federal income tax benefits, in its *Consolidated Statements of Operations* for 2012, 2011, and 2010, respectively. The Company had an accrued interest receivable of \$0 and \$2.7 million, net of Federal income tax expense, as of 2012 and 2011, respectively. The Company had no accrued penalties at December 31, 2012 or 2011.

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Note 9—Postretirement Benefits

Pension Plans: Torchmark has noncontributory retirement benefit plans and contributory savings plans which cover substantially all employees. There are also two nonqualified, noncontributory supplemental benefit pension plans which cover a limited number of employees. The total cost of these retirement plans charged to operations was as follows:

<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	<u>Defined Contribution Plans</u>	<u>Defined Benefit Pension Plans</u>
2012	\$3,668	\$26,007
2011	3,552	20,952
2010	3,617	18,948

Torchmark accrues expense for the defined contribution plans based on a percentage of the employees' contributions. The plans are funded by the employee contributions and a Torchmark contribution equal to the amount of accrued expense. Plan contributions are both mandatory and discretionary, depending on the terms of the plan.

Cost for the defined benefit pension plans has been calculated on the projected unit credit actuarial cost method. All plan measurements for the defined benefit plans are as of December 31 of the respective year. The defined benefit pension plans covering the majority of employees are funded. Contributions are made to funded pension plans subject to minimums required by regulation and maximums allowed for tax purposes. Defined benefit plan contributions were \$8.2 million in 2012, \$8.6 million in 2011, and \$13 million in 2010. Torchmark estimates as of December 31, 2012 that it will contribute an amount not to exceed \$20 million to these plans in 2013. The actual amount of contribution may be different from this estimate.

Torchmark has a Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP), which provides to a limited number of executives an additional supplemental defined pension benefit. The supplemental benefit is based on the participant's qualified plan benefit without consideration to the regulatory limits on compensation and benefit payments applicable to qualified plans, except that eligible compensation is capped at \$1 million. The SERP is unfunded. However, life insurance policies on the lives of plan participants have been established for this plan with an unaffiliated insurance carrier. The premiums for this coverage paid in 2012 were \$1.7 million and in 2011 were \$3.9 million. The cash value of these policies at December 31, 2012 was \$18 million and was \$16 million a year earlier. Additionally, a Rabbi Trust was established for this plan in 2010 in the amount of \$21 million to support the liability for this plan. Additional deposits of \$5 million in 2012 and \$5 million in 2011 were added to this trust as an investment account was established in 2011. Investments consist of exchange traded funds. As of December 31, 2012, the combined value of the insurance policies and the trust investments was \$54 million, compared with \$43 million a year earlier. Because this plan is unqualified, the Rabbi Trust and the policyholder value of these policies are not included as defined benefit plan assets but as assets of the Company. They are included with "Other Assets" in the *Consolidated Balance Sheets*. The liability for this SERP at December 31, 2012 was \$59 million and was \$47 million a year earlier.

The other supplemental benefit pension plan is limited to a very select group of employees and was closed as of December 31, 1994. It provides the full benefits that an employee would have otherwise received from a defined benefit plan in the absence of the limitation on benefits payable under a qualified plan. This plan is unfunded. Liability for this closed plan was \$3 million at both December 31, 2012 and 2011. Pension cost for both supplemental defined benefit plans is determined in the same manner as for the qualified defined benefit plans.

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Note 9—Postretirement Benefits (continued)

Torchmark's investment objectives for its plan assets include preservation of capital, preservation of purchasing power, and long-term growth. Torchmark seeks to preserve capital through investments made in high quality securities with adequate diversification by issuer and industry sector to minimize risk. The portfolio is monitored continuously for changes in quality and diversification mix. The preservation of purchasing power is intended to be accomplished through asset growth, exclusive of contributions and withdrawals, in excess of the rate of inflation. Torchmark intends to maintain investments that when combined with future plan contributions will produce adequate long-term growth to provide for all plan obligations. The Company's expectation for the portfolio is to achieve a compound total rate of return of 3% in excess of the inflation rate, to be reviewed on a three-year basis. It is also Torchmark's objective that the portfolio's investment return will meet or exceed the return of a balanced market index.

The majority of the securities in the portfolio are highly marketable so that there will be adequate liquidity to meet projected payments. There are no specific policies calling for asset durations to match those of benefit obligations.

Allowed investments are limited to equities, fixed maturities, and short-term investments (invested cash). There is also a guaranteed annuity contract to fund the obligations of the American Income Pension Plan. The assets are to be invested in a mix of equity and fixed income investments that best serve the objectives of the pension plan. Factors to be considered in determining the asset mix include funded status, annual pension expense, annual pension contributions, and balance sheet liability. Equities include common and preferred stocks, securities convertible into equities, mutual funds that invest in equities, and other equity-related investments. Equities must be listed on major exchanges and adequate market liquidity is required. Fixed maturities consist of marketable debt securities rated investment grade at purchase by a major rating agency. Short-term investments include fixed maturities with maturities less than one year and invested cash. Short-term investments in commercial paper must be rated at least A-2 by Standard & Poor's with the issuer rated investment grade. Invested cash is limited to banks rated A or higher. Investments outside of the aforementioned list are not permitted, except by prior approval of the Plan's Trustees. At December 31, 2012, there were no restricted investments contained in the portfolio. Plan contributions have been invested primarily in fixed maturities during the three years ending December 31, 2012.

The investment portfolio is to be well diversified to avoid undue exposure to a single sector, industry, business, or security. The equity and fixed-maturity portfolios are not permitted to invest in any single issuer that would exceed 10% of total plan assets at the time of purchase. Torchmark does not employ any other special risk management techniques, such as derivatives, in managing the pension investment portfolio.

The following table discloses the assumptions used to determine Torchmark's pension liabilities and costs for the appropriate periods. The discount and compensation increase rates are used to determine current year projected benefit obligations and subsequent year pension expense. The long-term rate of return is used to determine current year expense. Differences between assumptions and actual experience are included in actuarial gain or loss.

Weighted Average Pension Plan Assumptions

For Benefit Obligations at December 31:

	2012	2011
Discount Rate	4.18%	5.09%
Rate of Compensation Increase	4.40	4.04

For Periodic Benefit Cost for the Year:

	2012	2011	2010
Discount Rate	5.09%	5.77%	6.31%
Expected Long-Term Returns	7.20	7.24	7.24
Rate of Compensation Increase	4.04	4.00	3.79

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Note 9—Postretirement Benefits (continued)

The discount rate is determined based on the expected duration of plan liabilities. A yield is then derived based on the current market yield of a hypothetical portfolio of higher-quality corporate bonds which match the liability duration. The rate of compensation increase is projected based on Company experience, modified as appropriate for future expectations. The expected long-term rate of return on plan assets is management's best estimate of the average rate of earnings expected to be received on the assets invested in the plan over the benefit period. In determining this assumption, consideration is given to the historical rate of return earned on the assets, the projected returns over future periods, and the spread between the long-term rate of return on plan assets and the discount rate used to compute benefit obligations.

Net periodic pension cost for the defined benefit plans by expense component was as follows:

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>		
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Service cost—benefits earned during the period	\$ 11,215	\$ 9,277	\$ 8,174
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	16,796	16,106	15,392
Expected return on assets	(17,114)	(16,068)	(15,025)
Net amortization	15,110	11,637	10,407
Net periodic pension cost	\$ 26,007	\$ 20,952	\$ 18,948

An analysis of the impact on other comprehensive income (loss) concerning pensions and other postretirement benefits is as follows:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Balance at January 1	\$(119,863)	\$(105,903)	\$ (93,674)
Amortization of:			
Prior service cost	2,146	2,080	2,098
Net actuarial (gain) loss	12,653	10,071	8,766
Transition obligation	0	(5)	(7)
Total amortization	14,799	12,146	10,857
Plan amendments	(3,452)	0	0
Experience gain(loss)	(59,613)	(26,106)	(23,086)
Balance at December 31	\$(168,129)	\$(119,863)	\$(105,903)

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Note 9—Postretirement Benefits (continued)

The following table presents a reconciliation from the beginning to the end of the year of the projected benefit obligation and plan assets for pensions. This table also presents the amounts previously recognized as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income.

	Pension Benefits For the year ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
<i>Changes in benefit obligation:</i>		
Obligation at beginning of year	\$ 331,609	\$285,560
Service cost	11,215	9,277
Interest cost	16,796	16,106
Actuarial loss (gain)	67,949	34,515
Plan amendments	3,452	0
Benefits paid	(16,100)	(13,849)
Obligation at end of year	414,921	331,609
<i>Changes in plan assets:</i>		
Fair value at beginning of year	258,067	236,893
Return on assets	27,493	26,439
Contributions	8,181	8,584
Benefits paid	(16,100)	(13,849)
Fair value at end of year	277,641	258,067
Funded status at year end	\$(137,280)	\$(73,542)
<i>Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income consist of:</i>		
Net loss (gain)	\$ 156,567	\$111,964
Prior service cost	7,752	6,446
Transition obligation	0	0
Net amounts recognized at year end	\$ 164,319	\$118,410

The portion of other comprehensive income that is expected to be reflected in pension expense in 2013 is as follows:

Amortization of prior service cost	\$ 2,276
Amortization of net loss (gain)	15,888
Amortization of transition obligation	0
Total	\$18,164

The accumulated benefit obligation (ABO) for Torchmark's funded defined benefit pension plans was \$321 million and \$263 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. In the unfunded plans, the ABO was \$52 million and \$39 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Torchmark has estimated its expected pension benefits to be paid over the next ten years as of December 31, 2012. These estimates use the same assumptions that measure the benefit obligation at December 31, 2012, taking estimated future employee service into account. Those estimated benefits are as follows:

For the year(s)	
2013	\$ 14,194
2014	15,394
2015	17,118
2016	18,436
2017	19,910
2018-2021	120,779

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Note 9—Postretirement Benefits (continued)

Postretirement Benefit Plans Other Than Pensions: Torchmark provides a small postretirement life insurance benefit for most retired employees, and also provides additional postretirement life insurance benefits for certain key employees. The majority of the life insurance benefits are accrued over the working lives of active employees. Otherwise, Torchmark does not provide postretirement benefits other than pensions and the life insurance benefits described above.

Torchmark's post-retirement defined benefit plans other than pensions are not funded. Liabilities for these plans are measured as of December 31 for the appropriate year.

The components of net periodic postretirement benefit cost for plans other than pensions are as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Service cost	\$ 392	\$ 919	\$ 728
Interest cost on benefit obligation	1,020	999	970
Expected return on plan assets	0	0	0
Amortization of prior service cost	0	0	0
Recognition of net actuarial (gain) loss	0	(815)	(583)
Net periodic postretirement benefit cost	\$1,412	\$1,103	\$1,115

The following table presents a reconciliation of the benefit obligation and plan assets from the beginning to the end of the year. As these plans are unfunded, funded status is equivalent to the accrued benefit liability.

	Benefits Other Than Pensions For the year ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
<i>Changes in benefit obligation:</i>		
Obligation at beginning of year	\$ 19,008	\$ 16,889
Service cost	392	919
Interest cost	1,020	999
Actuarial loss (gain)	2,358	638
Benefits paid	(411)	(437)
Obligation at end of year	22,367	19,008
<i>Changes in plan assets:</i>		
Fair value at beginning of year	0	0
Return on assets	0	0
Contributions	411	437
Benefits paid	(411)	(437)
Fair value at end of year	0	0
Funded status at year end	\$(22,367)	\$(19,008)
<i>Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income:</i>		
Net loss*	\$ 3,812	\$ 1,453
Net amounts recognized at year end	\$ 3,812	\$ 1,453

* The net loss for benefit plans other than pensions reduces other comprehensive income.

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Note 9—Postretirement Benefits (continued)

The table below presents the assumptions used to determine the liabilities and costs of Torchmark's post-retirement benefit plans other than pensions.

**Weighted Average Assumptions for Post-Retirement
Benefit Plans Other Than Pensions**

For Benefit Obligations at December 31:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Discount Rate	4.18%	5.09%
Rate of Compensation Increase	3.50	3.50

For Periodic Benefit Cost for the Year:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Discount Rate	5.09%	5.77%	6.60%
Rate of Compensation Increase	3.50	4.50	4.50

Note 10—Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information

The following table summarizes Torchmark's noncash transactions, which are not reflected on the *Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows*:

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>		
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Stock-based compensation not involving cash	\$21,605	\$14,954	\$ 11,848
Commitments for low-income housing interests	29,759	36,722	137,817
Capitalized investment income	1,537	5,321	6,517
Debt assumed to acquire Family Heritage	20,000	0	0

The following table summarizes certain amounts paid during the period:

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>		
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Interest paid	\$77,686	\$ 75,653	\$ 76,911
Income taxes paid	89,061	188,510	195,172

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Note 11—Debt

The following table presents information about the terms and outstanding balances of Torchmark's debt.

Selected Information about Debt Issues

Description	Annual Percentage Rate	Issue Date	Periodic Interest Payments Due	As of December 31,			
				2012	2011	Outstanding Principal (Par Value)	Outstanding Principal (Book Value)
Notes, due 5/15/23 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	7.875%	5/93	5/15 & 11/15	\$ 165,612	\$ 163,471	\$ 213,270	\$ 163,344
Notes, due 8/1/13 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	7.375%	7/93	2/1 & 8/1	94,050	93,956	97,180	93,823
Senior Notes, due 6/15/16 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁸⁾	6.375%	6/06	6/15 & 12/15	250,000	248,300	281,447	247,875
Senior Notes, due 6/15/19 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁸⁾	9.250%	6/09	6/15 & 12/15	292,647	289,950	395,703	289,661
Senior Notes, due 9/15/22 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁸⁾	3.800%	9/12	3/15 & 9/15	150,000	147,148	154,400	
Issue expenses ⁽³⁾							(4,132)
Junior Subordinated Debentures due 6/1/46 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	7.100%	6/06	quarterly				123,711
Junior Subordinated Debentures due 12/15/52 ⁽⁶⁾⁽¹⁰⁾	5.875%	9/12	quarterly	125,000	120,817	126,500	
Junior Subordinated Debentures due 3/15/36 ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾	0% ^{(11) (12)}		quarterly	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Total funded debt				1,097,309	1,083,642	1,288,500	914,282
Less current maturity of long-term debt				(94,050)	(93,956)	(97,180)	0
Total long-term debt				1,003,259	989,686	1,191,320	914,282
Current maturity of long-term debt				94,050	93,956	97,180	0
Commercial Paper ⁽⁹⁾				225,180	225,087	225,087	224,842
Total short-term debt				319,230	319,043	322,267	224,842
Total debt				\$1,322,489	\$1,308,729	\$1,513,587	\$1,139,124

(1) All securities other than the Junior Subordinated Debentures have equal priority with one another.

(2) Not callable.

(3) Unamortized issue expenses related to Trust Preferred Securities.

(4) Junior Subordinated Debentures are classified as "Due to affiliates" and are junior to other securities in priority of payment.

(5) Called October 24, 2012.

(6) Quarterly payments on the 15th of March, June, Sept., and Dec.

(7) Callable anytime.

(8) Callable subject to "make-whole" premium.

(9) Classified as short-term debt.

(10) Callable as of December 15, 2017.

(11) Interest paid at 3 month LIBOR plus 330 basis points, resets each quarter.

(12) Assumed upon November 1, 2012 acquisition of Family Heritage.

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Note 11—Debt (continued)

The amount of debt that becomes due during each of the next five years is: 2013—\$319 million; 2014—\$0; 2015—\$0; 2016—\$250; 2017—\$0 and thereafter—\$753 million.

Funded debt: On September 24, 2012, Torchmark issued \$300 million principal amount of 3.80% Senior Notes due 2022. Interest on the Senior Notes will be payable semi-annually and will commence on March 15, 2013. As part of the offering, two of Torchmark's insurance subsidiaries acquired a combined amount of \$150 million par value of the Senior Notes. Proceeds from the issuance of this debt, net of underwriters' discount and expenses, were \$147 million with total proceeds to the Parent Company of approximately \$297 million. The Senior Notes are redeemable by Torchmark in whole or in part at any time subject to a "make-whole" premium, whereby the Company would be required to pay the greater of the full principal amount of the notes or otherwise the present value of the remaining payment schedule of the notes discounted at a rate of interest equivalent to the rate of a United States Treasury security of comparable term plus a spread of 30 basis points. Torchmark used a portion of the net proceeds from the new Senior Note offering to fund the acquisition of Family Heritage as described in *Note 6 - Acquisition*. The Parent Company will use the remaining proceeds to retire our 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ % Senior Notes that mature in August, 2013 and for other corporate purposes.

Additionally, on September 24, 2012, Torchmark completed the public offering of its 5.875% Junior Subordinated Debentures due 2052 for an aggregate principal amount of \$125 million. Proceeds from this offering were \$121 million, net of underwriters' discount and issue expenses. These debentures pay interest quarterly commencing December 15, 2012. The securities are redeemable on December 15, 2052, and are first callable in whole or in part by Torchmark on or after December 15, 2017. Expenses of \$4.2 million related to the offering have been netted against long-term debt and will be amortized over the forty-year redemption period. Net proceeds were used to fund the redemption of Torchmark's 7.1% Trust Preferred Securities discussed below.

On October 24, 2012, Torchmark's 7.1% Trust Originated Preferred Securities were redeemed in the amount of \$120 million plus accrued dividends at a total cost of \$121 million. These securities were originally issued in 2006 as preferred securities of Torchmark's Capital Trust III, a deconsolidated variable interest entity. Upon redemption of these securities, Capital Trust III as well as the 7.1% Junior Subordinated Debentures due to that Trust in the amount of \$124 million were liquidated. An after-tax loss of \$2.7 million was recorded on this redemption in the fourth quarter of 2012 within "Realized investment gains (losses)," representing the write-off of the unamortized issue expenses.

Capital Trust III, which held the Trust Preferred Securities, was a variable interest entity in which Torchmark was not the primary beneficiary. Therefore, Torchmark was prohibited by accounting rules from consolidating Capital Trust III even though it had 100% ownership, complete voting control, and had guaranteed the performance of the trust. Accordingly, prior to redemption, Torchmark carried its 7.1% Junior Subordinated Debentures due to Capital Trust III as a liability under the caption "Due to Affiliates" on its *Consolidated Balance Sheets*. Expenses related to the original offering reduced long-term debt and were amortized over the forty-year redemption period.

In connection with the purchase of Family Heritage, Torchmark assumed \$20 million par amount of Trust Preferred Securities that were liabilities of Family Heritage's former parent. These securities, which are due March 15, 2036, had a fair value of \$20 million on the November 1, 2012 purchase date and were carried at an amortized cost of \$20 million at December 31, 2012. They bear interest at a variable rate paid quarterly, determined as the three-month LIBOR plus 330 basis points which is reset each quarter. They are callable by Torchmark at any time.

During 2010, Torchmark acquired \$7.4 million par value of its 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ % Senior Notes (\$7.3 million book value) at a cost of \$8.9 million. This repurchase resulted in a pre-tax loss of \$1.6 million (\$1.1 million after tax).

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Note 11—Debt (continued)

Commercial Paper: In December, 2010, Torchmark entered into a credit facility with a group of lenders allowing unsecured borrowings and stand-by letters of credit up to \$600 million. The facility includes a provision which allows Torchmark to increase the facility limit by \$200 million if certain conditions are met. The Company also has the ability to request up to \$250 million in letters of credit to be issued against the facility. The agreement is set to terminate on January 7, 2015. The credit facility is further designated as a back-up credit line for a commercial paper program, where Torchmark may borrow from either the credit line or issue commercial paper at any time, with total commercial paper outstanding not to exceed the facility limit less any letters of credit issued. Interest is charged at variable rates. The facility does not have a ratings-based acceleration trigger which would require early payment. A facility fee is charged for the entire facility. There is also an issuance fee for letters of credit issued. Torchmark is subject to certain covenants for the agreements regarding capitalization and earnings, with which it was in compliance at December 31, 2012 and throughout the three-year period ended December 31, 2012. Borrowings on the credit facilities are reported as short-term debt on the *Consolidated Balance Sheets*. A table presenting selected information concerning Torchmark's short-term borrowings is presented below.

Short-Term Borrowings

	At December 31,	
	2012	2011
Balance at end of period	\$225,180	\$225,000
Annualized interest rate36%	.55%
Letters of credit outstanding	\$198,000	\$198,000
Remaining amount available under credit line	176,820	177,000
	For the Year Ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
Average balance outstanding during period	\$250,401	\$206,148
Daily-weighted average interest rate*41%	.39%
Maximum daily amount outstanding during period	\$385,000	\$271,761
* Annualized		
	\$196,317	.43%

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Note 12—Shareholders' Equity

Share Data: A summary of preferred and common share activity is as follows:

	Preferred Stock		Common Stock	
	Issued	Treasury Stock	Issued	Treasury Stock
2010:				
Balance at January 1, 2010	0	0	125,812,123	(1,551,033)
Grants of restricted stock				121,923
Forfeitures of restricted stock				(10,621)
Issuance of common stock due to exercise of stock options				1,273,598
Treasury stock acquired				(6,781,364)
Retirement of treasury stock			(6,000,000)	6,000,000
Balance at December 31, 2010	0	0	119,812,123	(947,497)
2011:				
Grants of restricted stock				173,553
Forfeitures of restricted stock				(7,153)
Issuance of common stock due to exercise of stock options				4,829,892
Treasury stock acquired				(23,281,453)
Retirement of treasury stock			(7,500,000)	7,500,000
Balance at December 31, 2011	0	0	112,312,123	(11,732,658)
2012:				
Grants of restricted stock				69,720
Issuance of common stock due to exercise of stock options				5,357,490
Treasury stock acquired				(11,771,039)
Retirement of treasury stock			(6,500,000)	6,500,000
Balance at December 31, 2012	0	0	105,812,123	(11,576,487)

Acquisition of Common Shares: Torchmark shares are acquired from time to time through open market purchases under the Torchmark stock repurchase program when it is believed to be the best use of Torchmark's excess cash flows. Share repurchases under this program were 7.5 million shares at a cost of \$360 million in 2012, 18.9 million shares at a cost of \$788 million in 2011, and 5.7 million shares at a cost of \$204 million in 2010. When stock options are exercised, proceeds from the exercises are generally used to repurchase approximately the number of shares available with those funds in order to reduce dilution. Shares repurchased for dilution purposes were 4.3 million shares at a cost of \$210 million in 2012, 4.4 million shares at a cost of \$185 million in 2011, and 1.1 million shares at a cost of \$42 million in 2010.

Retirement of Treasury Stock: Torchmark retired 6.5 million shares of treasury stock in 2012, 7.5 million in 2011, and 6 million in 2010.

Restrictions: Restrictions exist on the flow of funds to Torchmark from its insurance subsidiaries. Statutory regulations require life insurance subsidiaries to maintain certain minimum amounts of capital and surplus. Dividends from insurance subsidiaries of Torchmark are limited to the greater of prior year statutory net income excluding realized capital gains on an annual noncumulative basis, or 10% of prior year surplus, in the absence of special regulatory approval. Additionally, insurance company distributions are generally not permitted in excess of statutory surplus. Subsidiaries are also subject to certain minimum capital requirements. In 2012, subsidiaries of Torchmark paid \$437 million in dividends to the parent company. As of December 31, 2012, dividends and transfers from insurance subsidiaries to parent available to be paid in 2013 were limited to the amount of \$428 million without regulatory approval, such that \$930 million was considered restricted net assets of the subsidiaries. The Company believes that total dividends and transfers of \$506 million will be available to the parent in 2013. Please refer to *Schedule II. Condensed Financial Information of Registrant* for more information about Torchmark's transactions with its subsidiaries. While there are no legal restrictions on the payment of dividends to

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Note 12—Shareholders' Equity (continued)

shareholders from Torchmark's retained earnings, retained earnings as of December 31, 2012 were restricted by lenders' covenants which require the Company to maintain and not distribute \$3.23 billion from its total consolidated retained earnings of \$3.40 billion.

Earnings Per Share: A reconciliation of basic and diluted weighted-average shares outstanding used in the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share is as follows:

	2012	2011	2010
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	96,614,199	108,278,113	122,009,228
Weighted average dilutive options outstanding	1,284,189	1,537,277	1,114,110
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	<u>97,898,388</u>	<u>109,815,390</u>	<u>123,123,338</u>

Stock options to purchase 0 million shares, 3.5 million shares, and 10.3 million shares, during the years 2012, 2011, and 2010, respectively, are considered to be anti-dilutive and are excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share. Income available to common shareholders for basic earnings per share is equivalent to income available to common shareholders for diluted earnings per share.

Note 13—Stock-Based Compensation

Torchmark's stock-based compensation consists of stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units, and performance shares. Certain employees, directors, and consultants have been granted fixed equity options to buy shares of Torchmark stock at the market value of the stock on the date of grant, under the provisions of the Torchmark stock option plans. The options are exercisable during the period commencing from the date they vest until expiring according to the terms of the grant. Options generally expire the earlier of employee termination or option contract term, which ranges from seven to ten years. Options generally vest in accordance with the following schedule:

Grants under the Torchmark Corporation 2011 Incentive Plan:

Directors – vest in six months.

Employees:

Seven year grants – vest one half in two years, and one half in three years.

Ten year grants – vest one fourth in two years, and one fourth in each of the next three years.

Grants under all previous compensation plans:

Directors – vest in six months.

Employees – vest one half in two years, and one half in three years.

All employee options vest immediately upon retirement on or after the attainment of age 65, upon death, or disability. Torchmark generally issues shares for the exercise of stock options from treasury stock. The Company generally uses the proceeds from option exercises to buy shares of Torchmark common stock in the open market to reduce the dilution from option exercises.

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Note 13—Stock-Based Compensation (continued)

A summary of restricted stock and restricted stock units granted during each of the years in the three year period ended December 31, 2012 is presented in the table below. Restricted stock holders are entitled to dividends on the stock and holders of restricted stock units are entitled to dividend equivalents. Executive grants vest over five years and director grants vest over six months.

	2012	2011	2010
Executives restricted stock:			
Shares	60,000	167,250	112,500
Price per share	\$ 46.12	\$ 44.39	\$ 30.87
Aggregate value	\$ 2,767	\$ 7,424	\$ 3,473
Percent vested as of 12/31/12	0%	20%	40%
Directors restricted stock:			
Shares	9,720	6,303	9,423
Price per share	\$ 43.74	\$ 40.45	\$ 30.85
Aggregate value	\$ 425	\$ 255	\$ 291
Percent vested as of 12/31/12	100%	100%	100%
Directors restricted stock units (including dividend equivalents):			
Shares	9,719	13,063	15,443*
Price per share	\$ 43.74	\$ 40.49	\$ 29.95
Aggregate value	\$ 425	\$ 529	\$ 463
Percent vested as of 12/31/12	100%	100%	100%

* 2,013 shares at \$29.84 per share were later forfeited in 2010.

Certain senior executives of the Company were granted 80 thousand performance shares on February 21 and 22, 2012. Grant prices ranged from \$48.72 to \$49.09 per share for an aggregate grant price of \$3.9 million. These grants have a three year contract life, and they do not vest prior to the termination of the contract period. While the target distribution is 80 thousand shares, the determination of the actual settlement in shares will be based on the achievement of certain performance objectives of Torchmark over the three year contract period. The actual shares could be distributed in a range from 0 to 160 thousand shares.

An analysis of unvested restricted stock is as follows:

	Executives Restricted Stock	Executive Performance Shares	Directors Restricted Stock	Total
2010:				
Balance at January 1, 2010	203,250	0	0	203,250
Grants	112,500	0	9,423	121,923
Restriction lapses	(71,100)	0	(9,423)	(80,523)
Forfeitures	(7,500)	0	0	(7,500)
Balance at December 31, 2010	<u>237,150</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>237,150</u>
2011:				
Grants	167,250	0	6,303	173,553
Restriction lapses	(72,600)	0	(6,303)	(78,903)
Forfeitures	(4,800)	0	0	(4,800)
Balance at December 31, 2011	<u>327,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>327,000</u>
2012:				
Grants	60,000	80,000	9,720	149,720
Restriction lapses	(75,300)	0	(9,720)	(85,020)
Forfeitures	0	0	0	0
Balance at December 31, 2012	<u><u>311,700</u></u>	<u><u>80,000</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>391,700</u></u>

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Note 13—Stock-Based Compensation (continued)

Restricted stock units outstanding at each of the year ends 2012, 2011, and 2010 were 53,272, 42,938, and 29,872, respectively. Restricted stock units are only available to directors, and are not converted to shares until the director's retirement, death, or disability. There were no unvested director restricted shares outstanding at the end of any of the years 2010 through 2012. Director restricted stock and restricted stock units are generally granted on the first working day of the year and vest in six months. Dividend equivalents are earned on restricted stock units only. They are granted in the form of additional restricted stock units and vest immediately upon grant.

Additional information about Torchmark's stock-based compensation as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Outstanding options:		
Weighted-average remaining contractual term (in years)	3.72	2.95
Aggregate intrinsic value	\$99,212	\$94,270
Exercisable options:		
Weighted-average remaining contractual term (in years)	2.29	1.89
Aggregate intrinsic value	\$69,472	\$59,097
Unrecognized compensation*	\$32,808	\$30,299
Weighted average period of expected recognition (in years)*	0.74	1.68

* Includes restricted stock

Additional information concerning Torchmark's unvested options is as follows at December 31:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Number of shares outstanding	3,070,320	3,354,575
Weighted-average exercise price (per share)	\$ 41.98	\$ 33.30
Weighted-average remaining contractual term (in years)	5.70	5.55
Aggregate intrinsic value	\$ 29,740	\$ 35,173

Torchmark expects that substantially all unvested options will vest.

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding at December 31, 2012.

Range of Exercise Prices	Options Outstanding			Options Exercisable		
	Number Outstanding	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Number Exercisable	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	
\$15.67 - \$30.40	826,159	2.66	\$ 19.76	818,013	\$ 19.66	
30.87 - 30.87	1,238,872	4.05	30.87	581,578	30.87	
35.33 - 40.45	998,259	1.99	37.63	987,904	37.64	
41.79 - 42.97	1,387,010	1.95	41.93	1,387,010	41.93	
43.06 - 44.39	1,646,212	4.82	44.12	330,112	43.07	
44.79 - 48.72	1,235,625	6.02	45.90	157,200	45.45	
\$15.67 - \$48.72	7,332,137	3.72	\$ 38.14	4,261,817	\$ 35.37	

No equity awards were cash settled during the three years ended December 31, 2012.

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Note 14—Business Segments

Torchmark's reportable segments are based on the insurance product lines it markets and administers: life insurance, health insurance, and annuities. These major product lines are set out as reportable segments because of the common characteristics of products within these categories, comparability of margins, and the similarity in regulatory environment and management techniques. There is also an investment segment which manages the investment portfolio, debt, and cash flow for the insurance segments and the corporate function. Torchmark's chief operating decision maker evaluates the overall performance of the operations of the Company in accordance with these segments.

Life insurance products include traditional and interest-sensitive whole life insurance as well as term life insurance. Health products are generally guaranteed-renewable and include Medicare Supplement, Medicare Part D, cancer, accident, long-term care, and limited-benefit hospital and surgical coverages. Annuities include fixed-benefit contracts.

Torchmark markets its insurance products through a number of distribution channels, each of which sells the products of one or more of Torchmark's insurance segments. The tables below present segment premium revenue by each of Torchmark's marketing groups.

**Torchmark Corporation
Premium Income By Distribution Channel**

Distribution Channel	For the Year 2012							
	Life		Health		Annuity		Total	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
United American Independent	\$ 21,127	1	\$ 298,759	28	\$559	100	\$ 320,445	11
Liberty National Exclusive	281,723	15	263,535	25			545,258	19
American Income Exclusive	663,696	37	79,640	8			743,336	26
Family Heritage	130	0	30,119	3			30,249	1
Direct Response	630,111	35	57,966	6			688,077	24
Medicare Part D			317,764	30			317,764	11
Other	211,737	12					211,737	8
	<u>\$1,808,524</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$1,047,783</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$559</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$2,856,866</u>	<u>100</u>

Distribution Channel	For the Year 2011							
	Life		Health		Annuity		Total	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
United American Independent	\$ 22,846	1	\$ 306,490	33	\$608	100	\$ 329,944	12
Liberty National Exclusive	288,308	17	290,107	31			578,415	22
American Income Exclusive	607,914	35	80,119	9			688,033	26
Direct Response	593,650	35	57,067	6			650,717	25
Medicare Part D			196,710	21			196,710	7
Other	213,526	12					213,526	8
	<u>\$1,726,244</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$ 930,493</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$608</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$2,657,345</u>	<u>100</u>

Distribution Channel	For the Year 2010							
	Life		Health		Annuity		Total	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
United American Independent	\$ 25,534	1	\$ 314,524	32	\$638	100	\$ 340,696	13
Liberty National Exclusive	294,587	18	331,056	34			625,643	24
American Income Exclusive	560,649	34	79,059	8			639,708	24
Direct Response	566,604	34	54,328	5			620,932	23
Medicare Part D			208,970	21			208,970	8
Other	216,325	13					216,325	8
	<u>\$1,663,699</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$ 987,937</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$638</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$2,652,274</u>	<u>100</u>

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Note 14—Business Segments (continued)

Because of the nature of the life insurance industry, Torchmark has no individual or group which would be considered a major customer. Substantially all of Torchmark's business is conducted in the United States, primarily in the Southeastern and Southwestern regions.

The measure of profitability established by the chief operating decision maker for insurance segments is underwriting margin before other income and administrative expenses, in accordance with the manner the segments are managed. It essentially represents gross profit margin on insurance products before insurance administrative expenses and consists of premium, less net policy obligations, acquisition expenses, and commissions. Interest credited to net policy liabilities (reserves less deferred acquisition costs) is reflected as a component of the Investment segment in order to match this cost to the investment earnings from the assets supporting the net policy liabilities.

The measure of profitability for the Investment segment is excess investment income, which represents the income earned on the investment portfolio in excess of net policy requirements and financing costs associated with Torchmark's debt. Other than the above-mentioned interest allocations and an intersegment commission, there are no other intersegment revenues or expenses. Expenses directly attributable to corporate operations are included in the "Corporate" category. Stock-based compensation expense is considered a corporate expense by Torchmark management and is included in this category. All other unallocated revenues and expenses on a pretax basis, including insurance administrative expense, are included in the "Other" segment category. The following tables set forth a reconciliation of Torchmark's revenues and operations by segment to its major income statement line items.

	For the Year 2012							
	Life	Health	Annuity	Investment	Other	Corporate	Adjustments	Consolidated
Revenue:								
Premium	\$ 1,808,524	\$ 1,047,783	\$ 559				\$ (404) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,856,462
Net investment income				\$ 715,918			(22,274) ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾	693,644
Other income					\$ 1,898		(321) ⁽⁴⁾	1,577
Total revenue	1,808,524	1,047,783	559	715,918	1,898		(22,999)	3,551,683
Expenses:								
Policy benefits	1,172,020	739,945	44,121				(404) ⁽¹⁾	1,955,682
Required interest on: Policy reserves	(483,892)	(40,963)	(59,293)	584,148				0
Deferred acquisition costs	163,875	19,059	2,238	(185,172)				0
Amortization of acquisition costs	309,930	65,278	9,959					385,167
Commissions, premium taxes, and non-deferred acquisition costs	137,115	67,123	69				(321) ⁽⁴⁾	203,986
Insurance administrative expense ⁽³⁾				165,405				165,405
Parent expense					\$ 8,222		2,944 ⁽⁶⁾	11,166
Stock-based compensation expense					21,605			21,605
Interest expense				80,298			214 ⁽²⁾	80,512
Total expenses	1,299,048	850,442	(2,906)	479,274	165,405	29,827	2,433	2,823,523
Sub total	509,476	197,341	3,465	236,644	(163,507)	(29,827)	(25,432)	728,160
Non operating items							2,944⁽⁶⁾	2,944
Amortization of low-income housing interests							22,488⁽⁵⁾	22,488
Measure of segment profitability (pretax)	\$ 509,476	\$ 197,341	\$ 3,465	\$ 236,644	\$(163,507)	\$(29,827)	\$ 0	753,592
Deduct applicable income taxes								(246,945)
Segment profits after tax								506,647
Add back income taxes applicable to segment profitability								246,945
Add (deduct) realized investment gains (losses)								37,833
Deduct amortization of low-income housing ⁽⁵⁾								(22,488)
Deduct Family Heritage Life acquisition expense ⁽⁶⁾								(2,944)
Pretax income per the <i>Consolidated Statement of Operations</i>								\$ 765,993

(1) Medicare Part D items adjusted to GAAP from the segment analysis, which matches expected benefits with policy premium.

(2) Reclassification of interest amount due to accounting rule requiring deconsolidation of Trust Preferred Securities.

(3) Administrative expense is not allocated to insurance segments.

(4) Elimination of intersegment commission.

(5) Amortization of low-income housing interests.

(6) Family Heritage Life acquisition expense.

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Note 14—Business Segments (continued)

	For the Year 2011							
	Life	Health	Annuity	Investment	Other	Corporate	Adjustments	Consolidated
Revenue:								
Premium	\$1,726,244	\$930,493	\$ 608				\$ (1,027) ⁽¹⁾	\$2,656,318
Net investment income				\$ 707,041			(14,013) ^(2,5)	693,028
Other income					\$ 2,507		(356) ⁽⁴⁾	2,151
Total revenue	1,726,244	930,493	608	707,041	2,507		(15,396)	3,351,497
Expenses:								
Policy benefits	1,118,909	632,847	42,547				(1,027) ⁽¹⁾	1,793,276
Required interest on:								
Policy reserves	(458,029)	(36,729)	(57,040)	551,798				0
Deferred acquisition costs	159,886	18,883	2,618	(181,387)				0
Amortization of acquisition costs ..	292,168	62,345	10,070					364,583
Commissions, premium taxes, and non-deferred acquisition costs ..	152,347	64,157	68				(356) ⁽⁴⁾	216,216
Insurance administrative expense ⁽³⁾					159,109		19,880 ^(6,7,8)	178,989
Parent expense						\$ 7,693		7,693
Stock-based compensation expense						14,954		14,954
Interest expense				77,644			264 ⁽²⁾	77,908
Total expenses	1,265,281	741,503	(1,737)	448,055	159,109	22,647	18,761	2,653,619
Sub total	460,963	188,990	2,345	258,986	(156,602)	(22,647)	(34,157)	697,878
Non operating items								19,880 ^(6,7,8)
Amortization of low-income housing interests							14,277 ⁽⁵⁾	14,277
Measure of segment profitability (pretax)	\$ 460,963	\$188,990	\$ 2,345	\$ 258,986	\$ (156,602)	\$ (22,647)	\$ 0	732,035
Deduct applicable income taxes								(238,335)
Segment profits after tax								493,700
Add back income taxes applicable to segment profitability								238,335
Add (deduct) realized investment gains (losses)								25,904
Deduct amortization of low-income housing ⁽⁵⁾								(14,277)
Deduct state administrative settlement expense ⁽⁶⁾								(6,901)
Deduct loss on sale of equipment ⁽⁷⁾								(979)
Deduct litigation expense ⁽⁸⁾								(12,000)
Pretax income per <i>Consolidated Statement of Operations</i>								\$ 723,782

- (1) Medicare Part D items adjusted to GAAP from the segment analysis, which matches expected benefits with policy premium.
- (2) Reclassification of interest amount due to accounting rule requiring deconsolidation of Trust Preferred Securities.
- (3) Administrative expense is not allocated to insurance segments.
- (4) Elimination of intersegment commission.
- (5) Amortization of low-income housing interests.
- (6) State administrative settlement expense.
- (7) Loss on sale of equipment.
- (8) Litigation expense.

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Note 14—Business Segments (continued)

	For the Year 2010							
	Life	Health	Annuity	Investment	Other	Corporate	Adjustments	Consolidated
Revenue:								
Premium	\$ 1,663,699	\$ 987,937	\$ 638				\$ (516) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,651,758
Net investment income				\$ 685,253			(8,889) ^(2,5)	676,364
Other income					\$ 2,834		(664) ⁽⁴⁾	2,170
Total revenue	1,663,699	987,937	638	685,253	2,834		(10,069)	3,330,292
Expenses:								
Policy benefits	1,082,423	669,707	41,430				(516) ⁽¹⁾	1,793,044
Required interest on:								
Policy reserves	(434,319)	(35,368)	(51,996)	521,683				0
Deferred acquisition costs	154,473	19,758	2,709	(176,940)				0
Amortization of acquisition costs ..	289,068	66,309	7,013					362,390
Commissions, premium taxes, and non-deferred acquisition costs ..	141,792	68,565	134				(664) ⁽⁴⁾	209,827
Insurance administrative expense ⁽³⁾				155,615				155,615
Parent expense					\$ 8,809			8,809
Stock-based compensation expense					11,848			11,848
Interest expense			75,265			264 ⁽²⁾		75,529
Total expenses	1,233,437	788,971	(710)	420,008	155,615	20,657	(916)	2,617,062
Subtotal	430,262	198,966	1,348	265,245	(152,781)	(20,657)	(9,153)	713,230
Amortization of low-income housing interests						9,153 ⁽⁵⁾		9,153
Measure of segment profitability (pretax)	\$ 430,262	\$ 198,966	\$ 1,348	\$ 265,245	\$ (152,781)	\$ (20,657)	\$ 0	722,383
Deduct applicable income taxes								(242,558)
Segment profits after tax								479,825
Add back income taxes applicable to segment profitability								242,558
Add (deduct) realized investment gains (losses)								37,340
Deduct amortization of low-income housing ⁽⁵⁾								(9,153)
Pretax income per <i>Consolidated Statement of Operations</i>								\$ 750,570

(1) Medicare Part D items adjusted to GAAP from the segment analysis, which matches expected benefits with policy premium.

(2) Reclassification of interest amount due to accounting rule requiring deconsolidation of Trust Preferred Securities.

(3) Administrative expense is not allocated to insurance segments.

(4) Elimination of intersegment commission.

(5) Amortization of low-income housing interests, previously considered a reduction of consolidated pretax segment profitability.

Torchmark holds a sizeable investment portfolio to support its insurance liabilities, the yield from which is used to offset policy benefit, acquisition, administrative and tax expenses. This yield or investment income is taken into account when establishing premium rates and profitability expectations of its insurance products. In holding such a portfolio, investments are sold, called, or written down from time to time, resulting in a realized gain or loss. These gains or losses generally occur as a result of disposition due to issuer calls, a downgrade in credit quality, compliance with Company investment policies, or other reasons often beyond management's control. Unlike investment income, realized gains and losses are incidental to insurance operations, and only overall yields are considered when setting premium rates or insurance product profitability expectations. While these gains and losses are not relevant to segment profitability or core operating results, they can have a material positive or negative result on net income. For these reasons, management removes realized investment gains and losses when it views its segment operations.

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Note 14—Business Segments (continued)

The following table summarizes the measures of segment profitability as determined in the three preceding tables for comparison with prior periods. The table also reconciles segment profits to net income.

Analysis of Profitability by Segment

	2012	2011	2010	2012 Change	%	2011 Change	%
Life insurance underwriting margin	\$ 509,476	\$ 460,963	\$ 430,262	\$ 48,513	11	\$ 30,701	7
Health insurance underwriting margin	197,341	188,990	198,966	8,351	4	(9,976)	(5)
Annuity underwriting margin	3,465	2,345	1,348	1,120	48	997	
Other insurance:							
Other income	1,898	2,507	2,834	(609)	(24)	(327)	(12)
Administrative expense	(165,405)	(159,109)	(155,615)	(6,296)	4	(3,494)	2
Excess investment income	236,644	258,986	265,245	(22,342)	(9)	(6,259)	(2)
Corporate and adjustments	(29,827)	(22,647)	(20,657)	(7,180)	32	(1,990)	10
Pre-tax total	753,592	732,035	722,383	21,557	3	9,652	1
Applicable taxes	(246,945)	(238,335)	(242,558)	(8,610)	4	4,223	(2)
After-tax total, before discontinued operations	506,647	493,700	479,825	12,947	3	13,875	3
Discontinued operations (after tax)	0	0	27,932	0		(27,932)	
Total	506,647	493,700	507,757	12,947	3	(14,057)	(3)
Realized gains (losses)—investments (after tax)*	24,591	16,838	24,270	7,753		(7,432)	
Realized gains (losses)—discontinued operations (after tax)*	0	0	1,852	0		(1,852)	
Loss on disposal of discontinued operations (after tax)	0	(455)	(35,013)	455		34,558	
Acquisition expense—Family Heritage (after tax)	(1,914)	0	0	(1,914)		0	
Cost of legal settlements (after tax)	0	(7,800)	0	7,800		(7,800)	
State administrative settlement (after tax)	0	(4,486)	0	4,486		(4,486)	
Loss on sale of equipment (after tax)	0	(636)	0	636		(636)	
Net income	<u>\$ 529,324</u>	<u>\$ 497,161</u>	<u>\$ 498,866</u>	<u>\$ 32,163</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>\$ (1,705)</u>	<u>0</u>

* See the discussion of *Realized Gains and Losses* in this report.

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Note 14—Business Segments (continued)

Assets for each segment are reported based on a specific identification basis. The insurance segments' assets contain deferred acquisition costs (including the value of insurance purchased). The investment segment includes the investment portfolio, cash, and accrued investment income. Goodwill is assigned to the insurance segments at the time of purchase based on the excess of cost over the fair value of assets acquired for the benefit of that segment. All other assets, representing approximately 4% of total assets, are included in the other category. The table below reconciles segment assets to total assets as reported in the consolidated financial statements.

Assets by Segment

	At December 31, 2012					<u>Consolidated</u>
	<u>Life</u>	<u>Health</u>	<u>Annuity</u>	<u>Investment</u>	<u>Other</u>	
Cash and invested assets				\$14,155,919		\$14,155,919
Accrued investment income				195,497		195,497
Deferred acquisition costs	\$2,688,876	\$481,725	\$27,830			3,198,431
Goodwill	309,609	131,982				441,591
Other assets					\$785,472	785,472
Total assets	<u>\$2,998,485</u>	<u>\$613,707</u>	<u>\$27,830</u>	<u>\$14,351,416</u>	<u>\$785,472</u>	<u>\$18,776,910</u>

At December 31, 2011

	<u>Life</u>	<u>Health</u>	<u>Annuity</u>	<u>Investment</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>
Cash and invested assets				\$12,437,699		\$12,437,699
Accrued investment income				192,325		192,325
Deferred acquisition costs	\$2,566,748	\$315,587	\$34,397			2,916,732
Goodwill	309,609	87,282				396,891
Other assets					\$644,625	644,625
Total assets	<u>\$2,876,357</u>	<u>\$402,869</u>	<u>\$34,397</u>	<u>\$12,630,024</u>	<u>\$644,625</u>	<u>\$16,588,272</u>

Other Balances by Segment

	At December 31, 2012			
	<u>Life</u>	<u>Health</u>	<u>Annuity</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>
Future policy benefits	\$8,093,618	\$1,264,540	\$1,348,061	\$10,706,219
Unearned and advance premium	16,856	59,232		76,088
Policy claims and other benefits payable	123,600	104,870		228,470
Total	<u>\$8,234,074</u>	<u>\$1,428,642</u>	<u>\$1,348,061</u>	<u>\$11,010,777</u>

At December 31, 2011

	<u>Life</u>	<u>Health</u>	<u>Annuity</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>
Future policy benefits	\$7,697,108	\$589,441	\$1,285,708	\$9,572,257
Unearned and advance premium	16,965	52,574		69,539
Policy claims and other benefits payable	118,737	103,517		222,254
Total	<u>\$7,832,810</u>	<u>\$745,532</u>	<u>\$1,285,708</u>	<u>\$9,864,050</u>

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Note 15—Commitments and Contingencies

Reinsurance: Insurance affiliates of Torchmark reinsure that portion of insurance risk which is in excess of their retention limits. Retention limits for ordinary life insurance range up to \$2.0 million per life. Life insurance ceded represented .5% of total life insurance in force at December 31, 2012. Insurance ceded on life and accident and health products represented .3% of premium income for 2012. Torchmark would be liable for the reinsured risks ceded to other companies to the extent that such reinsuring companies are unable to meet their obligations.

Insurance affiliates also assume insurance risks of other companies. Life reinsurance assumed represented 2.7% of life insurance in force at December 31, 2012 and reinsurance assumed on life and accident and health products represented 1.1% of premium income for 2012.

Leases: Torchmark leases office space and office equipment under a variety of operating lease arrangements. Rental expense for operating leases was \$3.6 million in 2012, \$4.8 million in 2011, and \$4.9 million in 2010. Future minimum rental commitments required under operating leases having remaining noncancelable lease terms in excess of one year at December 31, 2012 were as follows: 2013, \$3.4 million; 2014, \$2.9 million; 2015, \$2.9 million; 2016, \$1.6 million; 2017, \$1.1 million and in the aggregate, \$13.5 million.

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Interests: As described in Note 1, Torchmark had \$285 million invested in entities which provide certain tax benefits at December 31, 2012. As of December 31, 2012, Torchmark remained obligated under these commitments for \$67 million, of which \$47 million is due in 2013, \$16 million in 2014, \$1 million in 2015, and \$3 million thereafter.

Concentrations of Credit Risk: Torchmark maintains a diversified investment portfolio with limited concentration in any given issuer. At December 31, 2012, the investment portfolio, at fair value, consisted of the following:

Investment-grade corporate securities	78%
Securities of state and municipal governments	10
Below-investment-grade securities	4
Policy loans, which are secured by the underlying insurance policy values	3
Government-sponsored enterprises	3
Other fixed maturities, equity securities, mortgages, real estate, other long-term investments, and short-term investments	2
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	100%

As of December 31, 2012, securities of state and municipal governments represented 10% of invested assets at fair value. Such investments are made throughout the U.S. At year-end 2012, 5% or more of the state and municipal bond portfolio at fair value was invested in securities issued within the following states: Texas (31%), Ohio (8%), Washington (7%), Illinois (5%), and Alabama (5%). Otherwise, there was no significant concentration within any given state.

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Note 15—Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

Corporate debt and equity investments are made in a wide range of industries. Below are the ten largest industry concentrations held in the corporate portfolio at December 31, 2012, based on fair value:

Insurance	18%
Electric utilities and services	17%
Banks	8%
Oil and gas extraction	6%
Pipelines	6%
Transportation	5%
Mining	4%
Chemicals	3%
Telecommunications	3%
REITs	3%

At year-end 2012, 4% of invested assets at fair value was represented by fixed maturities rated below investment grade (BB or lower as determined by the weighted average of available ratings from rating services). Par value of these investments was \$694 million, amortized cost was \$585 million, and fair value was \$547 million. While these investments could be subject to additional credit risk, such risk should generally be reflected in their fair value.

Collateral Requirements: Torchmark requires collateral for investments in instruments where collateral is available and is typically required because of the nature of the investment. Torchmark's mortgages are secured by the underlying real estate.

Guarantees: At December 31, 2012, Torchmark had in place three guarantee agreements, all of which were either parent company guarantees of subsidiary obligations to a third party, or parent company guarantees of obligations between wholly-owned subsidiaries. As of December 31, 2012, Torchmark had no liability with respect to these guarantees.

Letters of Credit: Torchmark has guaranteed letters of credit in connection with its credit facility with a group of banks. The letters of credit were issued by TMK Re, Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary, to secure TMK Re, Ltd.'s obligation for claims on certain policies reinsured by TMK Re, Ltd. that were sold by other Torchmark insurance companies. These letters of credit facilitate TMK Re, Ltd.'s ability to reinsure the business of Torchmark's insurance carriers. The agreement expires in 2015. The maximum amount of letters of credit available is \$250 million. Torchmark (parent company) would be liable to the extent that TMK Re, Ltd. does not pay the reinsured party. At December 31, 2012, \$198 million of letters of credit were outstanding.

Equipment leases: Torchmark has guaranteed performance of a subsidiary as lessee under two leasing arrangements for aviation equipment. One of the leases expires in January, 2017 and the other expires in August, 2019. At December 31, 2012, total remaining undiscounted payments under the leases were approximately \$7 million. Torchmark (parent company) would be responsible for any subsidiary obligation in the event the subsidiary did not make payments or otherwise perform under the terms of the lease.

Litigation: Torchmark and its subsidiaries, in common with the insurance industry in general, are subject to litigation, including claims involving tax matters, alleged breaches of contract, torts, including bad faith and fraud claims based on alleged wrongful or fraudulent acts of agents of Torchmark's subsidiaries, employment discrimination, and miscellaneous other causes of action. Based upon information presently available, and in light of legal and other factual defenses available to Torchmark and its subsidiaries, management does not believe that such litigation will have a material adverse effect on Torchmark's financial condition, future operating results or liquidity; however, assessing the eventual outcome of litigation necessarily involves forward-looking speculation as to judgments to be made by judges, juries and appellate courts in the future. This bespeaks caution, particularly in states with

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Note 15—Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

reputations for high punitive damage verdicts such as Alabama and Mississippi. Torchmark's management recognizes that large punitive damage awards bearing little or no relation to actual damages continue to be awarded by juries in jurisdictions in which Torchmark and its subsidiaries have substantial business, particularly Alabama and Mississippi, creating the potential for unpredictable material adverse judgments in any given punitive damage suit.

As previously reported in Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings on March 15, 2011, purported class action litigation was filed against American Income and Torchmark in the District Court for the Northern District of Ohio (*Fitzhugh v. American Income Life Insurance Company and Torchmark Corporation*, Case No. 1:11-cv-00533). The plaintiff, a formerly independently contracted American Income agent, alleged that American Income intentionally misclassified its agents as independent contractors rather than as employees in order to escape minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act, as well as to avoid payroll taxes, workers compensation premiums and other benefits required to be provided by employers. Monetary damages in the amount of unpaid compensation plus liquidated damages and/or prejudgment interest as well as injunctive and/or declaratory relief were sought by the plaintiff on behalf of the purported class. On November 3, 2011, the Court granted American Income's motion to compel arbitration and dismissed the case. Plaintiffs appealed this decision. In May 2012, the parties negotiated a settlement of this matter and filed a joint motion for its approval by the Court. On December 4, 2012, the Court entered an order approving the settlement and dismissing the case with prejudice.

As previously reported in filings with the SEC, Torchmark subsidiary, United American was named as defendant in purported class action litigation filed on May 31, 2011 in Cross County Arkansas Circuit Court and subsequently removed to the United States District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas (*Kennedy v. United American Insurance Company* (Case No. 2:11-cv-00131-SWW)). In the litigation, filed on behalf of a proposed nationwide class of owners of certain limited benefit hospital and surgical expense policies from United American, the plaintiff alleged that United American breached the policy by failing and/or refusing to pay benefits for the total number of days an insured is confined to a hospital and by limiting payment to the number of days for which there are incurred hospital room charges despite policy obligations allegedly requiring United American to pay benefits for services and supplies in addition to room charges. Claims for unjust enrichment, breach of contract, bad faith refusal to pay first party benefits, breach of the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing, bad faith, and violation of the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act were initially asserted. The plaintiff sought declaratory relief, restitution and/or monetary damages, punitive damages, costs and attorneys' fees. In September 2011, the plaintiff dismissed all causes of action, except for the breach of contract claim. On November 14, 2011, plaintiff filed an amended complaint based upon the same facts asserting only breach of contract claims on behalf of a purported nationwide restitution/monetary relief class or, in the first alternative, a purported multiple-state restitution/monetary relief class or, in the second alternative, a purported Arkansas statewide restitution/monetary relief class. Restitution and/or monetary relief for United American's alleged breach of contract, costs, attorney's fees and expenses, expert fees, prejudgment interest and other relief are being sought on behalf of the plaintiff and members of the class. On December 7, 2011, United American filed a Motion to Dismiss the plaintiff's amended complaint, which the Court subsequently denied on July 24, 2012. On September 28, 2012, plaintiff filed a second amended and supplemental complaint with the same allegations on behalf of a nationwide class or alternatively, an Arkansas statewide class limited to GSP2 policies. Plaintiff filed a third supplemental and amending class action complaint and a motion for leave to file an amended complaint on November 21, 2012 again with the same allegations but a different plaintiff class and alternatively, for sub-classes or a multistate class, which was opposed by United American. Plaintiff also filed a motion for class certification on November 21, 2012. On December 28, 2012, United American filed its response to plaintiffs' motion for class certification. The parties are presently awaiting the Court's rulings on various outstanding motions and the trial of this case has been continued until October 21, 2013.

With respect to its current litigation, at this time management believes that the possibility of a material judgment adverse to Torchmark is remote and no estimate of range can be made for loss contingencies that are at least reasonably possible but not accrued.

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Note 16—Selected Quarterly Data (Unaudited)

The following is a summary of quarterly results for the two years ended December 31, 2012. The information is unaudited but includes all adjustments (consisting of normal accruals) which management considers necessary for a fair presentation of the results of operations for these periods.

	Three Months Ended			
	March 31,	June 30,	September 30,	December 31,
2012:				
Premium and policy charges	\$718,475	\$705,582	\$699,860	\$732,545
Net investment income	174,121	175,176	169,400	174,947
Realized investment gains/(losses)	5,006	4,661	7,283	20,883
Total revenues	897,923	885,795	877,100	928,698
Policy benefits	512,647	484,807	479,119	479,109
Amortization of acquisition expenses	96,498	96,601	94,016	98,052
Pretax income from continuing operations	170,235	186,380	188,791	220,587
Income from continuing operations	118,677	128,988	130,672	150,987
Income from discontinued operations	0	0	0	0
Net income	118,677	128,988	130,672	150,987
Basic net income per common share*				
Continuing operations	1.19	1.33	1.37	1.60
Discontinued operations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total basic net income per share	1.19	1.33	1.37	1.60
Diluted net income per common share*				
Continuing operations	1.17	1.32	1.36	1.58
Discontinued operations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total diluted net income per share	1.17	1.32	1.36	1.58
2011:				
Premium and policy charges	\$679,901	\$672,350	\$650,525	\$653,542
Net investment income	171,647	173,104	173,491	174,786
Realized investment gains/(losses)	(22,723)	31,272	12,600	4,755
Total revenues	829,272	877,334	837,241	833,554
Policy benefits	464,127	454,694	438,774	435,681
Amortization of acquisition expenses	92,463	91,664	89,899	90,557
Pretax Income from continuing operations	147,517	209,052	190,123	177,090
Income from continuing operations	100,740	142,781	131,256	122,839
Income from discontinued operations	(599)	0	144	0
Net income	100,141	142,781	131,400	122,839
Basic net income per common share*				
Continuing operations87	1.29	1.25	1.21
Discontinued operations	(0.01)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total basic net income per share86	1.29	1.25	1.21
Diluted net income per common share*				
Continuing operations85	1.27	1.25	1.20
Discontinued operations	(0.01)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total diluted net income per share84	1.27	1.25	1.20

* Basic and diluted net income per share by quarter may not add to per share income on a year-to-date basis due to share weighting and rounding.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

No disagreements with accountants on any matter of accounting principles or practices or financial statement disclosure have been reported on a Form 8-K within the twenty-four months prior to the date of the most recent financial statements.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Torchmark, under the direction of the Co-Chief Executive Officers and the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, has established disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by Torchmark in the reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. The disclosure controls and procedures are also intended to ensure that such information is accumulated and communicated to Torchmark's management, including the Co-Chief Executive Officers and the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

As of the end of the fiscal year completed December 31, 2012, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of Torchmark management, including the Co-Chief Executive Officers and the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, of Torchmark's disclosure controls and procedures (as those terms are defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based upon their evaluation, the Co-Chief Executive Officers and the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that Torchmark's disclosure controls and procedures are effective as of the date of this Form 10-K. In compliance with Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. § 1350), each of these officers executed a Certification included as an exhibit to this Form 10-K.

As of the quarter ended December 31, 2012, there have not been any changes in Torchmark's internal control over financial reporting or in other factors that could significantly affect this control over financial reporting subsequent to the date of their evaluation which have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, Torchmark's internal control over financial reporting. No material weaknesses in such internal controls were identified in the evaluation and as a consequence, no corrective action was required to be taken.

Item 9B. Other Information

There were no items required.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management at Torchmark Corporation is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting for the Company and for assessing the effectiveness of internal control on an annual basis. As a framework for assessing internal control over financial reporting, the Company utilizes the criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting described in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

Management excluded from its assessment the internal control over financial reporting at Family Heritage Life Insurance Company of America, which was acquired on November 1, 2012 and whose financial statements reflect total assets and total revenue constituting 4.6% and 0.9%, respectively, of the consolidated financial statement amounts as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012.

There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any internal control, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of controls. Accordingly, even effective internal controls can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation. Further, because of changes in conditions, the effectiveness of internal control may vary over time.

Management evaluated the Company's internal control over financial reporting, and based on its assessment, determined that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2012. The Company's independent registered public accounting firm has issued an attestation report on the Company's internal control over financial reporting as stated in their report which is included herein.

/s/ Gary L. Coleman

Gary L. Coleman
Co-Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Larry M. Hutchison

Larry M. Hutchison
Co-Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Frank M. Svoboda

Frank M. Svoboda
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

February 27, 2013

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of
Torchmark Corporation
McKinney, Texas

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of Torchmark Corporation and subsidiaries ("Torchmark") as of December 31, 2012, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Torchmark'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 Torchmark's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

As described in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, management excluded from its assessment the internal control over financial reporting at Family Heritage Life Insurance Company of America, which was acquired on November 1, 2012 and whose financial statements constitute 4.6% of total assets and 0.9% of total revenue of the consolidated financial statement amounts as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012. Accordingly, our audit did not include the internal control over financial reporting at Family Heritage Life Insurance Company of America.

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 by, or under the supervision of, the company's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by the company's board of directors, management, and other personnel 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 the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the 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, Torchmark maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedules as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012 of Torchmark and our report dated February 28, 2013 expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements and financial statement schedules.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Dallas, Texas
February 28, 2013

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

Information required by this item is incorporated by reference from the sections entitled "Election of Directors," "Profiles of Director Nominees," "Executive Officers," "Audit Committee Report," "Governance Guidelines and Codes of Ethics," "Director Qualification Standards," "Procedures for Director Nominations by Stockholders," and "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance" in the Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held April 25, 2013 (the Proxy Statement), which is to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Item 11. Executive Compensation

Information required by this item is incorporated by reference from the sections entitled "Compensation Discussion and Analysis", "Compensation Committee Report", "Summary Compensation Table", "2012 Grants of Plan-based Awards", "Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End 2012", "Option Exercises and Stock Vested during Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012", "Pension Benefits at December 31, 2012", "Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control", "2012 Director Compensation", "Payments to Directors" and "Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation" in the Proxy Statement, which is to be filed with the SEC.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

(a)

Equity Compensation Plan Information As of December 31, 2012

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants, and rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants, and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders . . .	7,332,137	\$38.14	4,536,301
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	0	0	0
Total	<u>7,332,137</u>	<u>\$38.14</u>	<u>4,536,301</u>

(b) Security ownership of certain beneficial owners:

Information required by this item is incorporated by reference from the section entitled "Principal Stockholders" in the Proxy Statement, which is to be filed with the SEC.

(c) Security ownership of management:

Information required by this item is incorporated by reference from the section entitled "Stock Ownership" in the Proxy Statement, which is to be filed with the SEC.

(d) Changes in control:

Torchmark knows of no arrangements, including any pledges by any person of its securities, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change of control.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence

Information required by this item is incorporated by reference from the sections entitled "Related Party Transaction Policy and Transactions" and "Director Independence Determinations" in the Proxy Statement, which is to be filed with the SEC.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

Information required by this Item is incorporated by reference from the section entitled "Principal Accounting Firm Fees" and "Pre-approval Policy" in the Proxy Statement, which is to be filed with the SEC.

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EXHIBITS

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| 3.1 | Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Torchmark Corporation, filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on April 30, 2010 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.1.2 to Form 8-K dated May 5, 2010) |
| 3.2 | Amended and Restated By-Laws of Torchmark Corporation, as amended April 20, 2012 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.2 to Form 8-K dated April 24, 2012) |
| 4.1 | Specimen Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4(a) to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1989) |
| 4.2 | Trust Indenture dated as of February 1, 1987 between Torchmark Corporation and Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, as Trustee (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4(b) to Form S-3 for \$300,000,000 of Torchmark Corporation Debt Securities and Warrants (Registration No. 33-11816)) |
| 4.3 | Junior Subordinated Indenture, dated November 2, 2001, between Torchmark Corporation and The Bank of New York defining the rights of the 7 3/4% Junior Subordinated Debentures (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.3 to Form 8-K dated November 2, 2001) |
| 4.4 | Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 14, 2001, between Torchmark, BankOne Trust Company, National Association and The Bank of New York, supplementing the Indenture Agreement dated February 1, 1987 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4(b) to Torchmark's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 33-11716), and defining the rights of the 6 1/4% Senior Notes (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 to Form 8-K dated December 14, 2001) |
| 4.5 | Second Supplemental Indenture dated as of June 23, 2006 between Torchmark Corporation, J.P. Morgan Trust Company, National Association and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 to Form 8-K filed June 23, 2006) |
| 4.6 | Third Supplemental Indenture dated as of June 30, 2009 between Torchmark Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4 to Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009) |
| 4.7 | Fourth Supplemental Indenture dated as of September 24, 2012 between Torchmark Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N. A., as Trustee, supplementing the Indenture dated February 1, 1987 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.2 to Form 8-K dated September 24, 2012) |
| 4.8 | First Supplemental Indenture dated as of September 24, 2012, between Torchmark Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N. A., as Trustee, supplementing the Junior Subordinated Indenture dated November 2, 2001, (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.5 to Form 8-K dated September 24, 2012) |
| 4.9 | Certificate and Declaration of Trust of SAFC Statutory Trust I dated February 16, 2006 |
| 4.10 | Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of SAFC Statutory Trust I dated March 1, 2006 |
| 4.11 | Indenture dated as of March 1, 2006 for Fixed/Floating Rate Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Debentures due 2036 between Southwestern American Financial Corporation and Wilmington Trust Company |
| 10.1 | Torchmark Corporation and Affiliates Retired Lives Reserve Agreement, as amended, and Trust (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(b) to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1991)* |
| 10.2 | Capital Accumulation and Bonus Plan of Torchmark Corporation, as amended, (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(c) to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1988)* |

- 10.3 Torchmark Corporation Supplementary Retirement Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(c) to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1992)*
- 10.4 Credit Agreement dated as of December 10, 2010 among Torchmark Corporation, as the Borrower, TMK Re, Ltd., as a Loan Party, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender, L/C Issuer and L/C Administrator and the other lenders listed therein (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.01 to Form 8-K dated December 16, 2010)
- 10.5 First Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of September 27, 2012, among Torchmark Corporation, as Borrower, TMK Re, Ltd, the other lenders listed on the signature pages hereof as Lenders and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Form 8-K dated October 1, 2012)
- 10.6 Certified Copy of Resolution Regarding Director Retirement Benefit Program (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(e) to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999)*
- 10.7 Torchmark Corporation Restated Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors, Advisory Directors, Directors Emeritus and Officers, as amended (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(e) to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1992)*
- 10.8 The Torchmark Corporation 1987 Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(f) to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998)*
- 10.9 General Agency Contract between Liberty National Life Insurance Company and First Command Financial Services, Inc., (formerly known as Independent Research Agency For Life Insurance, Inc.) (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(i) to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1990)
- 10.10 Amendment to General Agency Contract between First Command Financial Services and Liberty National Life Insurance Company (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Form 10-Q for the First Quarter 2005)**
- 10.11 Form of Deferred Compensation Agreement Between Torchmark Corporation or Subsidiary and Officer at the Level of Vice President or Above Eligible to Participate in the Torchmark Corporation and Affiliates Retired Lives Reserve Agreement and to Retire Prior to December 31, 1986 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(k) to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1991)*
- 10.12 Form of Deferred Compensation Agreement between Torchmark Corporation or Subsidiary and Officer at the Level of Vice President or Above Eligible to Participate in the Torchmark Corporation and Affiliates Retired Lives Reserve Agreement and Not Eligible to Retire Prior to December 31, 1986 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(l) to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1991)*
- 10.13 Form of Deferred Compensation Agreement Between Torchmark Corporation or Subsidiary and Officer at the Level of Vice President or Above Not Eligible to Participate in Torchmark Corporation and Affiliates Retired Lives Reserve Agreement (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(j) to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1991)*
- 10.14 Service Agreement, dated as of January 1, 1991, between Torchmark Corporation and Liberty National Life Insurance Company (prototype for agreements between Torchmark Corporation and other principal operating subsidiaries) (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(n) to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1992)
- 10.15 The Torchmark Corporation Amended and Restated Pension Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.15 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010)*

- 10.16 Amendment Sixteen to the Torchmark Corporation Amended and Restated Pension Plan (as Restated Effective January 1, 2009)*
- 10.17 The Torchmark Corporation 1998 Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(n) to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998)*
- 10.18 The Torchmark Corporation Savings and Investment Plan (amended and restated as of January 1, 2009)* (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.17 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010)
- 10.19 Torchmark Corporation 2008 Management Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Form 8-K dated April 30, 2008)*
- 10.20 Coinsurance and Servicing Agreement between Security Benefit Life Insurance Company and Liberty National Life Insurance Company, effective as of December 31, 1995 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(u) to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1995)
- 10.21 Torchmark Corporation 1996 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(w) to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1996)*
- 10.22 Torchmark Corporation 1996 Executive Deferred Compensation Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(x) to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1996)*
- 10.23 Form of Retirement Life Insurance Benefit Agreement (\$1,995,000 face amount limit) (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(z) to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001)*
- 10.24 Form of Retirement Life Insurance Benefit Agreement (\$495,000 face amount limit) (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(aa) to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001)*
- 10.25 Payments to Directors*
- 10.26 Form of Non-Formula Based Director Stock Option Agreement pursuant to Torchmark Corporation 2005 Non-Employee Director Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.2 to Form 10-Q for the First Quarter 2005)*
- 10.27 Form of Stock Option Agreement pursuant to Torchmark Corporation 2005 Incentive Plan (Section 16(a) (restoration)) (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.3 to Form 10-Q for the First Quarter 2005)*
- 10.28 Form of Stock Option Agreement pursuant to Torchmark Corporation 2005 Incentive Plan (restoration general) (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.4 to Form 10-Q for the First Quarter 2005)*
- 10.29 Form of Stock Option Agreement pursuant to Torchmark Corporation 2005 Incentive Plan (bonus) (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.36 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005)*
- 10.30 Form of Stock Option Agreement pursuant to Torchmark Corporation 2005 Incentive Plan (regular vesting) (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.37 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005)*
- 10.31 Torchmark Corporation 2005 Non-Employee Director Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Form 8-K dated May 4, 2005)*
- 10.32 Torchmark Corporation 2005 Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.2 to Form 8-K dated May 4, 2005)*
- 10.33 Form of Deferred Compensation Stock Option Grant Agreement pursuant to the Torchmark Corporation 2005 Non-Employee Director Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.3 to Form 8-K dated May 4, 2005)*
- 10.34 Torchmark Corporation Amended and Restated 2005 Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Form 10-Q for quarter ended March 31, 2006)*

- 10.35 Torchmark Corporation Amended and Restated 2005 Non-Employee Director Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.2 to Form 10-Q for quarter ended March 31, 2006)*
- 10.36 Form of Director Stock Option Issued under Torchmark Corporation Amended and Restated 2005 Non-Employee Director Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.3 to Form 10-Q for quarter ended March 31, 2006)*
- 10.37 Amendment One to Torchmark Corporation Supplementary Retirement Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.4 to Form 10-Q for quarter ended March 31, 2006)*
- 10.38 Torchmark Corporation Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Form 8-K dated January 25, 2007)*
- 10.39 Torchmark Corporation 2007 Long-Term Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.1 to Form 8-K dated May 2, 2007)*
- 10.40 Form of Stock Option Award Agreement under Torchmark Corporation 2007 Long-Term Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.2 to Form 8-K dated May 2, 2007)*
- 10.41 Form of Restricted Stock Award (Board grant) under Torchmark Corporation 2007 Long-Term Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.3 to Form 8-K dated May 2, 2007)*
- 10.42 Torchmark Corporation Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan, as amended and restated (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Form 8-K dated April 29, 2008)*
- 10.43 Amendment No. 1 to the Torchmark Corporation Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.53 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007)*
- 10.44 Amendment No. 2 to the Torchmark Corporation Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.54 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007)*
- 10.45 Amendment No. 2 to the Torchmark Corporation Supplementary Retirement Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.55 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007)*
- 10.46 Amendment No. 3 to the Torchmark Corporation Supplementary Retirement Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.56 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007)*
- 10.47 Form of Restricted Stock Award Notice under Torchmark Corporation Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.57 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007)*
- 10.48 Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Notice under Torchmark Corporation Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.58 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007)*
- 10.49 Form of Restricted Stock Award (Compensation Committee grant) under Torchmark Corporation 2007 Long-Term Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.59 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007)*
- 10.50 Amendment Four to the Torchmark Corporation Supplementary Retirement Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.52 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008)*
- 10.51 Amendment Three to the Torchmark Corporation Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.53 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008)*

10.52	Amendment One to the Torchmark Corporation Restated Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors, Advisory Directors, Directors Emeritus and Officers (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.54 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008)*	
10.53	Amendment Two to the Torchmark Corporation Restated Deferred Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.55 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008)*	
10.54	Amendment to the Torchmark Corporation 2007 Long-Term Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.56 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008)*	
10.55	Amendment Five to the Torchmark Corporation Savings and Investment Plan (amended and restated as of January 1, 2009) (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.54 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011)*	
10.56	Amendment Six to the Torchmark Corporation Savings and Investment Plan (As Restated Effective January 1, 2009)*	
10.57	Receivables Purchase Agreement dated as of December 31, 2008 among AILIC Receivables Corporation, American Income Life Insurance Company and TMK Re, Ltd. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Form 8-K dated January 6, 2009)	
10.58	Torchmark Corporation Amended 2011 Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan	
10.59	Form of Stock Option under Torchmark Corporation 2011 Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.57 to Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2010)*	
10.60	Form of Restricted Stock Award Notice under Torchmark Corporation 2011 Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.58 to Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2010)*	
10.61	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Notice under Torchmark Corporation 2011 Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.59 to Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2010)*	
10.62	Torchmark Corporation 2011 Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Form 8-K dated May 4, 2011)*	
10.63	Form of Restricted Stock Award (Executive) under Torchmark Corporation 2011 Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.2 to Form 8-K dated May 4, 2011)*	
10.64	Form of Restricted Stock Award (Special) under Torchmark Corporation 2011 Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.3 to Form 8-K dated May 4, 2011)*	
10.65	Form of Ten year Stock Option under Torchmark Corporation 2011 Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.4 to Form 8-K dated May 4, 2011)*	
10.66	Form of Five year Stock Option under Torchmark Corporation 2011 Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.5 to Form 8-K dated May 4, 2011)*	
10.67	Form of Performance Share Award under Torchmark Corporation 2011 Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Form 8-K dated February 27, 2012)*	
10.68	Second Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of January 10, 2013 among Torchmark Corporation as Borrower, TMK Re, Ltd., the other lenders listed on the signature pages hereof as Lenders and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to Form 8-K dated January 14, 2013)	
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- (23) Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP
- (24) Powers of attorney
- (31.1) Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification by Gary L. Coleman
- (31.2) Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification by Larry M. Hutchison
- (31.3) Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification by Frank M. Svoboda
- (32.1) Section 1350 Certification by Gary L. Coleman, Larry M. Hutchison and Frank M. Svoboda
- (101) Interactive Data File

* Compensatory plan or arrangement.

** Certain portions of the exhibit have been omitted pursuant to a request for confidential treatment which was granted June 23, 2010 effective until May 9, 2015. The non-public information was filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 24b-2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

*** To be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012.

Exhibit 11. Statement re computation of per share earnings

**TORCHMARK CORPORATION
COMPUTATION OF EARNINGS PER SHARE**

	Twelve Months Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Income from continuing operations	\$529,324,000	\$497,616,000	\$504,095,000
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	0	(455,000)	(5,229,000)
 Net Income	 <u>\$529,324,000</u>	 <u>\$497,161,000</u>	 <u>\$498,866,000</u>
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	96,614,199	108,278,113	122,009,228
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	97,898,388	109,815,390	123,123,338
 Basic net income per share:			
Continuing operations	\$ 5.48	\$ 4.60	\$ 4.13
Discontinued operations	0.00	(0.01)	(0.04)
 Total basic net income per share	 <u>\$ 5.48</u>	 <u>\$ 4.59</u>	 <u>\$ 4.09</u>
 Diluted net income per share:			
Continuing operations	\$ 5.41	\$ 4.53	\$ 4.09
Discontinued operations	0.00	0.00	(0.04)
 Total diluted net income per share	 <u>\$ 5.41</u>	 <u>\$ 4.53</u>	 <u>\$ 4.05</u>

Exhibit 21. Subsidiaries of the Registrant

The following table lists subsidiaries of the registrant which meet the definition of "significant subsidiary" according to Regulation S-X:

Company	State of Incorporation	Name Under Which Company Does Business
American Income Life Insurance Company	Indiana	American Income Life Insurance Company
Globe Life And Accident Insurance Company	Nebraska	Globe Life And Accident Insurance Company
Liberty National Life Insurance Company	Nebraska	Liberty National Life Insurance Company
United American Insurance Company	Nebraska	United American Insurance Company

All other exhibits required by Regulation S-K are listed as to location in the "Index of documents filed as a part of this report" on pages 112 through 117 of this report. Exhibits not referred to have been omitted as inapplicable or not required.

TORCHMARK CORPORATION
(PARENT COMPANY)
SCHEDULE II. CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT
CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS
(Amounts in thousands)

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
Assets:		
Investments:		
Long-term investments	\$ 31,060	\$ 36,458
Short-term investments	1,610	58
Total investments	32,670	36,516
Cash	0	27,099
Investment in affiliates	5,780,762	4,960,492
Due from affiliates	156,995	50,977
Taxes receivable	86,391	61,616
Other assets	27,635	7,581
Total assets	<u>\$6,084,453</u>	<u>\$5,144,281</u>
Liabilities and shareholders' equity:		
Liabilities:		
Short-term debt	\$ 319,043	\$ 224,842
Long-term debt	1,139,253	790,571
Due to affiliates	59,358	145,556
Other liabilities	205,013	123,681
Total liabilities	<u>1,722,667</u>	<u>1,284,650</u>
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock	351	351
Common stock	105,812	112,312
Additional paid-in capital	790,293	775,842
Accumulated other comprehensive income	925,275	549,916
Retained earnings	3,403,338	3,264,711
Treasury stock	(863,283)	(843,501)
Total shareholders' equity	<u>4,361,786</u>	<u>3,859,631</u>
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u><u>\$6,084,453</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,144,281</u></u>

See Notes to Condensed Financial Statements and accompanying Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

TORCHMARK CORPORATION
(PARENT COMPANY)

SCHEDULE II. CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT (continued)
CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Amounts in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Net investment income	\$ 22,968	\$ 23,542	\$ 26,031
Realized investment gains (losses)	(3,534)	508	(1,646)
Total revenue	19,434	24,050	24,385
General operating expenses	49,549	30,945	21,682
Reimbursements from affiliates	(31,184)	(19,335)	(13,375)
Interest expense	81,145	75,426	74,827
Total expenses	99,510	87,036	83,134
Operating income (loss) before income taxes and equity in earnings of affiliates	(80,076)	(62,986)	(58,749)
Income taxes	24,916	14,380	18,521
Net operating loss before equity in earnings of affiliates	(55,160)	(48,606)	(40,228)
Equity in earnings of affiliates	584,484	545,767	539,094
Net income	<u>\$529,324</u>	<u>\$497,161</u>	<u>\$498,866</u>

See Notes to Condensed Financial Statements and accompanying Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

TORCHMARK CORPORATION
(PARENT COMPANY)

SCHEDULE II. CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT—(continued)
CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Amounts in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Cash provided from (used for) operations before dividends from subsidiaries	\$ (5,652)	\$ (33,042)	\$ (33,403)
Cash dividends from subsidiaries	436,814	769,139	370,947
Cash provided from operations	431,162	736,097	337,544
Cash provided from (used for) investing activities:			
Acquisition of investments	0	0	(14,279)
Disposition of investments	3,955	11,828	33
Net decrease (increase) in short-term investments	(17,524)	62,524	106,881
Acquisition of Family Heritage	(213,747)	0	0
Investment in other subsidiaries	(205)	(25,000)	(18,722)
Cash provided from (used for) investing activities	(227,521)	49,352	73,913
Cash provided from (used for) financing activities:			
Issuance of 3.8% Senior Notes	296,646	0	0
Issuance of 5.875% Junior Subordinated Debentures	120,811	0	0
Acquisition of 9 1/4% Senior Notes	0	0	(8,913)
Redemption of 7.1% Junior Subordinated Debentures	(123,711)	0	0
Net issuance (repayment) of commercial paper	245	25,967	(34,432)
Issuance of stock	181,022	162,613	37,863
Acquisitions of treasury stock	(570,165)	(972,556)	(246,006)
Net borrowings to/from subsidiaries	(69,000)	96,000	(86,800)
Excess tax benefit on stock option exercises	12,209	2,021	162
Payment of dividends	(78,797)	(72,395)	(73,331)
Cash provided from (used for) financing activities	(230,740)	(758,350)	(411,457)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(27,099)	27,099	0
Cash balance at beginning of period	27,099	0	0
Cash balance at end of period	\$ 0	\$ 27,099	\$ 0

See Notes to Condensed Financial Statements and accompanying Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

TORCHMARK CORPORATION
(PARENT COMPANY)
NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Amounts in thousands)

Note A—Dividends from Subsidiaries

Cash dividends paid to Torchmark from the subsidiaries were as follows:

	2012	2011	2010
Dividends from subsidiaries	<u>\$436,814</u>	<u>\$769,139</u>	<u>\$370,947</u>

Note B—Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information

The following table summarizes noncash transactions, which are not reflected on the *Condensed Statements of Cash Flows*:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Stock-based compensation not involving cash	\$21,605	\$14,954	\$11,848
Debt assumed to acquire Family Heritage	20,000	0	0

The following table summarizes certain amounts paid (received) during the period:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Interest paid	\$76,833	\$74,569	\$75,909
Income taxes received	29,251	22,893	2,379

Note C—Preferred Stock

As of December 31, 2012, Torchmark had 351 thousand shares of Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series A, issued and outstanding, of which 280 thousand shares were 6.50% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series A, and 71 thousand shares were 7.15% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series A (collectively, the “Series A Preferred Stock”). All issued and outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock were held by wholly-owned insurance subsidiaries. In the event of liquidation, the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock at the time outstanding would be entitled to receive a liquidating distribution out of the assets legally available to stockholders in the amount of \$1 thousand per share or \$351 million in the aggregate, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends, before any distribution is made to holders of Torchmark common stock. Holders of Series A Preferred Stock do not have any voting rights nor have rights to convert such shares into shares of any other class of Torchmark capital stock.

See accompanying Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

TORCHMARK CORPORATION
SCHEDULE IV. REINSURANCE (CONSOLIDATED)
(Amounts in thousands)

	<u>Gross Amount</u>	<u>Ceded to Other Companies⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Assumed from Other Companies</u>	<u>Net Amount</u>	<u>Percentage of Amount Assumed to Net</u>
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012:					
Life insurance in force	<u>\$150,107,614</u>	<u>\$800,905</u>	<u>\$4,138,180</u>	<u>\$153,444,889</u>	<u>2.7%</u>
Premiums: ⁽²⁾					
Life insurance	\$ 1,762,640	\$ 7,592	\$ 30,725	\$ 1,785,773	1.7%
Health insurance	<u>1,049,608</u>	<u>2,229</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,047,379</u>	<u>0%</u>
Total premium	<u>\$ 2,812,248</u>	<u>\$ 9,821</u>	<u>\$ 30,725</u>	<u>\$ 2,833,152</u>	<u>1.1%</u>
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011:					
Life insurance in force	<u>\$144,778,793</u>	<u>\$738,935</u>	<u>\$4,414,247</u>	<u>\$148,454,105</u>	<u>3.0%</u>
Premiums: ⁽²⁾					
Life insurance	\$ 1,675,307	\$ 4,716	\$ 31,311	\$ 1,701,902	1.8%
Health insurance	<u>931,751</u>	<u>2,285</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>929,466</u>	<u>0%</u>
Total premium	<u>\$ 2,607,058</u>	<u>\$ 7,001</u>	<u>\$ 31,311</u>	<u>\$ 2,631,368</u>	<u>1.2%</u>
For the Year Ended December 31, 2010:					
Life insurance in force	<u>\$140,653,839</u>	<u>\$722,577</u>	<u>\$4,743,222</u>	<u>\$144,674,484</u>	<u>3.3%</u>
Premiums: ⁽²⁾					
Life insurance	\$ 1,618,973	\$ 4,684	\$ 23,419	\$ 1,637,708	1.4%
Health insurance	<u>990,024</u>	<u>2,603</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>987,421</u>	<u>0%</u>
Total premium	<u>\$ 2,608,997</u>	<u>\$ 7,287</u>	<u>\$ 23,419</u>	<u>\$ 2,625,129</u>	<u>.9%</u>

(1) No amounts have been netted against ceded premium

(2) Excludes policy charges of \$23,310, \$24,950, and \$26,629 in each of the years 2012, 2011, and 2010, respectively.

See accompanying Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 or 15(d) of the Securities Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

TORCHMARK CORPORATION

By: /s/ GARY L. COLEMAN

**Gary L. Coleman,
Co-Chief Executive Officer and Director**

By: /s/ LARRY M. HUTCHISON

Co-Chief Executive Officer and Director

By: /s/ FRANK M. SVOBODA

**Frank M. Svoboda, Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer)**

Date: February 27, 2013

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ CHARLES E. ADAIR *
**Charles E. Adair
Director**

By: /s/ LLOYD W. NEWTON *
**Lloyd W. Newton
Director**

By: Marilyn A. Alexander
Director

By: /s/ SAM R. PERRY *
**Sam R. Perry
Director**

By: /s/ DAVID L. BOREN *
**David L. Boren
Director**

By: Wesley D. Propheroe
Director

By: /s/ JANE M. BUCHAN *
**Jane M. Buchan
Director**

By: /s/ DARREN M. REBELEZ *
**Darren M. Rebelez
Director**

By: /s/ ROBERT W. INGRAM *
**Robert W. Ingram
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By: /s/ LAMAR C. SMITH *
**Lamar C. Smith
Director**

By: /s/ MARK S. MCANDREW *
**Mark S. McAndrew
Director**

By: /s/ PAUL J. ZUCCONI *
**Paul J. Zucconi
Director**

Date: February 27, 2013

*By: /s/ FRANK M. SVOBODA
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