Travelers Reports Second Quarter 2019 Net Income per Diluted Share of \$2.10, up 9%, and Return on Equity of 9.0%

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Second Quarter 2019 Core Income per Diluted Share of \$2.02, up 12%, and Core Return on Equity of 9.2%

- Second quarter net income of \$557 million and core income of \$537 million, up 6% and 9%, respectively.
- Consolidated combined ratio of 98.4%; underlying combined ratio of 94.9%, an increase from the prior year quarter due to higher non-catastrophe weather-related losses.
- Record net written premiums of \$7.450 billion, up 4%, reflecting growth in all segments.
- Renewal premium change in Business Insurance of 6.7% at highest level since 2014.
- Total capital returned to shareholders of \$593 million, including \$376 million of share repurchases.
 Year-to-date total capital returned to shareholders of \$1.218 billion, including \$797 million of share repurchases.
- Book value per share of \$97.26, up 12% from year-end 2018. Adjusted book value per share of \$90.05, up 3% from year-end 2018.
- Board of Directors declared quarterly dividend per share of \$0.82.

The Travelers Companies, Inc. today reported net income of \$557 million, or \$2.10 per diluted share, for the quarter ended June 30, 2019, compared to \$524 million, or \$1.92 per diluted share, in the prior year quarter. Core income in the current quarter was \$537 million, or \$2.02 per diluted share, compared to \$494 million, or \$1.81 per diluted share, in the prior year quarter. Core income increased primarily due to lower catastrophe losses and higher net investment income, partially offset by elevated non-catastrophe weather-related losses and lower net favorable prior year reserve development. Net realized investment gains were \$25 million pretax (\$20 million after-tax), compared to \$36 million pre-tax (\$30 million after-tax) in the prior year quarter. Per diluted share amounts benefited from the impact of share repurchases.

Consolidated Highlights

(\$ in millions, except for per share	 Three Moi	nth	s Ended J	une 30,	_	 Six Mon	ths	Ended Ju	ıne 30,	_
amounts, and after-tax, except for premiums and revenues)	2019		2018	Change	•	2019		2018	Chang	e
Net written premiums	\$ 7,450	\$	7,131	4%	_	\$ 14,507	\$	13,955	4%)
Total revenues	\$ 7,834	\$	7,477	5		\$ 15,505	\$	14,763	5	
Net income	\$ 557	\$	524	6		\$ 1,353	\$	1,193	13	
per diluted share	\$ 2.10	\$	1.92	9		\$ 5.08	\$	4.35	17	
Core income	\$ 537	\$	494	9		\$ 1,292	\$	1,172	10	
per diluted share	\$ 2.02	\$	1.81	12		\$ 4.85	\$	4.27	14	
Diluted weighted average shares										
outstanding	263.7		271.1	(3)		264.2		272.5	(3)	
Combined ratio	98.4%		98.1%	0.3	pts	96.1%		96.8%	(0.7)	pt
Underlying combined ratio	94.9%		93.6%	1.3	pts	93.3%		93.0%	0.3	pt
Return on equity	9.0%		9.2%	(0.2)	pts	11.2%		10.3%	0.9	pt
Core return on equity	9.2%		8.7%	0.5	pts	11.1%		10.3%	0.8	pt

		AS		Change F	rom		
	ıne 30, 2019		ember 31, 2018	J	une 30, 2018	December 31, 2018	June 30, 2018
Book value per share	\$ 97.26	\$	86.84	\$	84.51	12%	15%
Adjusted book value per share	90.05		87.27		84.93	3%	6%

See Glossary of Financial Measures for definitions and the statistical supplement for additional financial data.

"We are pleased to report solid second quarter core income of \$537 million, an increase of 9% over the prior year quarter, and core return on equity of 9.2%," said Alan Schnitzer, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "The increase in earnings was driven by the successful execution of our strategy to profitably grow our top line and thoughtfully manage our expenses, along with strong performance from our investment portfolio, partially offset by lower favorable prior year reserve development. While catastrophe losses were lower than in the prior year quarter, all-in weather losses were modestly higher, due to higher non-catastrophe weather-related losses which adversely impacted the underlying combined ratio of 94.9% by nearly two points compared to the prior year quarter. In addition and to a lesser degree, the change in the underlying combined ratio in the quarter was impacted by a number of favorable items, including lower large losses and improved expense leverage, partially offset by a modest impact from continuing challenges in the tort environment. In terms of capital management, we returned \$593 million of excess capital to our shareholders this quarter, this year to more than \$1.2 billion.

"We remain extremely pleased with our performance in the marketplace. We grew net written premiums by 4% to a record \$7.5 billion, marking the tenth consecutive quarter in which we generated premium growth in all three of our business segments. In Business Insurance, we achieved renewal premium change of 6.7%, including renewal rate change of 3.6%, in both cases the highest levels in five years, while maintaining historically high levels of retention. This is the twelfth consecutive quarter of higher year-over-year renewal premium change. In Bond & Specialty Insurance, we once again achieved strong production in both Management Liability and Surety. In Personal Insurance, higher net written premiums benefited from renewal premium increases in both our Agency Automobile and Agency Home businesses.

"Our performance this quarter and year-to-date reflect both the successful execution of our long-term strategy and our relentless execution in the marketplace every day. In an environment of persistently low interest rates, ongoing uncertainty surrounding weather-related losses and a more challenging tort

environment, we will continue to leverage the power of our franchise to meet our return objectives, including by selectively and thoughtfully seeking price and improved terms and conditions. With leading data and analytics in the hands of our frontline underwriters, the best talent in the industry and deep relationships with our agents and brokers, we remain well positioned to continue to generate industry-leading returns and deliver shareholder value over time."

Consolidated Results

	-	Three N	/lont	hs	Ended	Ju	ne 30,			Six Moi	nth	s	Ended J	une	30),	
(\$ in millions and pre-tax, unless noted otherwise)		2019		2	.018		Chang	je		2019			2018		Cł	nange	•
Underwriting gain:	\$	74	:	\$	90		\$ (16)		\$	469	5	\$	348	-	\$	121	
<u>Underwriting gain includes:</u>																	
Net favorable prior year reserve																	
development		123			186		(63)			174			336		((162)	
Catastrophes, net of reinsurance		(367)		((488)		121			(560)			(842)			282	
Net investment income		648			595		53			1,230			1,198			32	
Other income (expense), including																	
interest expense		(82)			(90)		8	_		(145)			(162)			17	_
Core income before income taxes		640			595		45			1,554			1,384			170	
Income tax expense		103			101		2			262			212			50	
Core income		537			494	•	43			1,292	-		1,172	-		120	_
Net realized investment gains after																	
income taxes		20			30		(10)			61			21			40	
Net income	\$	557		\$	524		\$ 33	=	\$	1,353	3	\$	1,193		\$	160	=
Combined ratio		98.4%			98.1%		0.3	pts	•	96.1%			96.8%			(0.7)	pts
Impact on combined ratio																	
Net favorable prior year reserve																	
development		(1.8)	pts		(2.8) p	ts	1.0	pts		(1.3) p	ots		(2.5)	pts		1.2	pts
Catastrophes, net of reinsurance		5.3	pts		7.3 p	ts	(2.0)	pts		4.1 p	ots		6.3	pts		(2.2)	pts
Underlying combined ratio		94.9%			93.6%		1.3	pts	•	93.3%			93.0%			0.3	pts
Net written premiums																	
Business Insurance	\$	3,874	:	\$ 3	,781		29	%	\$	8,037	,	\$	7,775			3%	ó
Bond & Specialty Insurance		710			653		9			1,297			1,227			6	
Personal Insurance		2,866		2	,697		6			5,173			4,953			4	
Total	\$	7,450		\$ 7	,131		49	%	\$:	14,507	;	\$:	13,955	•		4%	ó

Second Quarter 2019 Results

(All comparisons vs. second quarter 2018, unless noted otherwise)

Net income of \$557 million increased \$33 million due to higher core income, partially offset by lower net realized investment gains. Core income of \$537 million increased \$43 million. Core income increased primarily due to lower catastrophe losses and higher net investment income, partially offset by a lower underlying underwriting gain and lower net favorable prior year reserve development. The benefit of higher business volumes on the underlying underwriting gain was more than offset by higher levels of non-catastrophe weather-related losses.

Underwriting results:

- The combined ratio of 98.4% increased 0.3 points due to a higher underlying combined ratio (1.3 points) and lower net favorable prior year reserve development (1.0 points), partially offset by lower catastrophe losses (2.0 points).
- The underlying combined ratio of 94.9% increased 1.3 points, including a 0.6 point increase related to
 the Underlying Property Aggregate Catastrophe Excess-of-Loss Reinsurance Treaty entered into
 effective January 1, 2019 ("the new catastrophe reinsurance treaty"). See below for further details by
 segment.
- Net favorable prior year reserve development occurred in all segments. Catastrophe losses primarily resulted from wind storms in several regions of the United States.

Net investment income of \$648 million pre-tax (\$548 million after-tax) increased 9%. Income from the fixed income investment portfolio increased due to a higher average level of fixed maturity investments, as well as higher long-term and short-term interest rates. Private equity partnership returns were higher than in the prior year quarter.

Record net written premiums of \$7.450 billion increased 4%, reflecting growth in all segments.

Year-to-Date 2019 Results

(All comparisons vs. year-to-date 2018, unless noted otherwise)

Net income of \$1.353 billion increased \$160 million due to higher core income and higher net realized investment gains. Core income of \$1.292 billion increased \$120 million. Core income increased due to lower catastrophe losses and higher net investment income, partially offset by lower net favorable prior year reserve development. Net realized investment gains of \$78 million pre-tax (\$61 million after-tax) were higher by \$53 million pre-tax (\$40 million after-tax).

Underwriting results:

- The combined ratio of 96.1% decreased 0.7 points due to lower catastrophe losses (2.2 points), partially offset by lower net favorable prior year reserve development (1.2 points) and a higher underlying combined ratio (0.3 points).
- The underlying combined ratio of 93.3% increased 0.3 points, including a 0.6 point increase related to the new catastrophe reinsurance treaty. See below for further details by segment.
- Net favorable prior year reserve development occurred in all segments. Catastrophe losses included
 the second quarter events described above, as well as winter storms and wind storms in several
 regions of the United States in the first quarter of 2019.

Net investment income of \$1.230 billion pre-tax (\$1.044 billion after-tax) increased 3%. Income from the fixed income investment portfolio increased due to higher long-term and short-term interest rates, as well as a higher average level of fixed maturity investments. Private equity partnership and real estate partnership returns were lower than in the prior year.

Record gross written premiums of \$15.663 billion grew 5%, reflecting growth in all segments. Net written premiums of \$14.507 billion increased 4%. Growth in net written premiums was impacted by the new catastrophe reinsurance treaty, the entire cost of which impacted net written premiums in the first quarter. Accordingly, the treaty did not impact net written premiums in the second quarter and will not impact net written premiums in the remaining quarters of the year.

Shareholders' Equity

Shareholders' equity of \$25.321 billion increased 11% from year-end 2018, primarily due to the impact of lower interest rates on net unrealized investment gains (losses). Net unrealized investment gains included in shareholders' equity were \$2.389 billion pre-tax (\$1.878 billion after-tax), compared to net unrealized investment losses of \$137 million pre-tax (\$113 million after-tax) at year-end 2018. Book value per share of \$97.26 increased 12% from year-end 2018, also primarily due to the impact of lower interest rates on net unrealized investment gains (losses). Adjusted book value per share of \$90.05 increased 3% from year-end 2018

The Company repurchased 2.6 million shares during the second quarter at an average price of \$145.87 per share for a total cost of \$376 million. Capacity remaining under the existing share repurchase authorization was \$2.536 billion at the end of the quarter. Also at the end of the quarter, statutory capital and surplus was \$21.080 billion, and the ratio of debt-to-capital was 20.6%. The ratio of debt-to-capital excluding after-tax net unrealized investment gains included in shareholders' equity was 21.9%, within the Company's target range of 15% to 25%.

The Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.82 per share. The dividend is payable on September 30, 2019 to shareholders of record at the close of business on September 10, 2019.

Business Insurance Segment Financial Results

	_	Three N	/lont	hs	Ende	d Jı	une	e 30,			Six M	ontl	hs End	ed .	Jun	e 30,	
(\$ in millions and pre-tax, unless noted otherwise)		2019		2	2018		CI	hange	•		2019		2018	}		Chan	ge
Underwriting gain (loss):	\$	(55)		\$	32	_	\$	(87)	-	\$	2	-	\$ 105	5	5	\$ (103	3)
Underwriting gain (loss) includes:																	
Net favorable prior year reserve development		71			84			(13)			50		150)		(100	7)
Catastrophes, net of reinsurance		(211)			(168)			(43)			(306)		(306			-	-
Net investment income		481			440			41			908		886	/		22	2
Other income		(11)			(10)			(1)			(6)		(7	7)		-:	1
Segment income before income taxes	_	415			462	-	_	(47)	-	-	904	-	984	_	-	(80	0)
Income tax expense		64			77			(13)			139		147	7		•	B)
Segment income	\$	351		\$	385	-	\$	(34)	_	\$	765	_	\$ 837	7	:	\$ (72	2)
Combined ratio		101.1%	ò		98.8%	ò		2.3	pts	6	99.6%	ò	98.2	2%		1.4	1 pt
Impact on combined ratio																	
Net favorable prior year reserve																	
development		` '			(2.3)	pts	6	0.4	pts		. ,	pts			pts	1.4	
Catastrophes, net of reinsurance		5.6	pts		4.6	pts	3	1.0	pts			pts			pts	(0.2	, .
Underlying combined ratio		97.4%)		96.5%	ò		0.9	pts	3	96.2%	Ò	96.0)%		0.2	2 pt
Net written premiums by market																	
Domestic																	
Select Accounts	\$	756	5	\$	729			4%		\$	1,541		\$ 1,502	2		3	3%
Middle Market		2,009		1	.,985			1			4,419		4,247	7		4	4
National Accounts		223			231			(3)			527		540)		(2	2)
National Property and Other		588			518	_		14			975	_	898	3		ć	9
Total Domestic		3,576		3	3,463			3			7,462		7,187	7		4	4
International		298			318			(6)			575	_	588	3		(2	2)
Total	\$	3,874	5	\$ 3	3,781			2%	,	\$	8,037		\$ 7,775	5		;	3%

Second Quarter 2019 Results

(All comparisons vs. second quarter 2018, unless noted otherwise)

Segment income for Business Insurance was \$351 million after-tax, a decrease of \$34 million. Segment income decreased primarily due to higher catastrophe losses, a lower underlying underwriting gain and lower net favorable prior year reserve development, partially offset by higher net investment income. The benefit of higher business volumes on the underlying underwriting gain was more than offset by a higher underlying combined ratio, as described below.

Underwriting results:

- The combined ratio of 101.1% increased 2.3 points due to higher catastrophe losses (1.0 points), a higher underlying combined ratio (0.9 points) and lower net favorable prior year reserve development (0.4 points).
- The underlying combined ratio of 97.4% increased 0.9 points, primarily driven by the impact in the quarter of (1) higher loss estimates in the general liability product line for primary and excess coverages and in the commercial automobile product line, including the re-estimation of losses incurred in the first quarter of 2019, (2) higher non-catastrophe weather-related losses and (3) a 0.5 point impact from the new catastrophe reinsurance treaty, partially offset by (4) a lower level of domestic large losses, primarily fire-related and (5) a lower underwriting expense ratio.
- Net favorable prior year reserve development was primarily driven by better than expected loss
 experience in the segment's domestic operations in the workers' compensation product line for
 multiple accident years, partially offset by higher than expected loss experience in the segment's

domestic operations (1) in the general liability product line for primary and excess coverages for multiple accident years, including a \$60 million increase to environmental reserves for accident years 2009 and prior, (2) in the commercial automobile product line for recent accident years and (3) higher than expected loss experience in the segment's international operations.

Net written premiums of \$3.874 billion increased 2%, benefiting from continued strong retention and higher renewal premium change.

Year-to-date 2019 Results

(All comparisons vs. year-to-date 2018, unless noted otherwise)

Segment income for Business Insurance was \$765 million after-tax, a decrease of \$72 million. Segment income decreased primarily due to lower net favorable prior year reserve development, partially offset by higher net investment income.

Underwriting results:

- The combined ratio of 99.6% increased 1.4 points due to lower net favorable prior year reserve development (1.4 points) and a higher underlying combined ratio (0.2 points), partially offset by the impact of catastrophe losses (0.2 points).
- The underlying combined ratio of 96.2% increased 0.2 points. The new catastrophe reinsurance treaty
 resulted in a 0.5 point increase in the underlying combined ratio.
- Net favorable prior year reserve development was primarily driven by better than expected loss experience in the segment's domestic operations in (1) the workers' compensation product line for multiple accident years and (2) the commercial property product line for recent accident years, partially offset by higher than expected loss experience in the segment's domestic operations in (3) the general liability product line for primary and excess coverages for multiple accident years, including the impact of (a) the enactment of legislation by a number of states, which extended the statute of limitations for childhood sexual molestation claims and (b) a \$60 million increase to environmental reserves, both of which impacted accident years 2009 and prior, (4) the commercial automobile product line for recent accident years and (5) the commercial multi-peril product line for recent accident years.

Gross written premiums of \$8.923 billion grew 5%, benefiting from the same factors as discussed above for the second quarter 2019. Net written premiums of \$8.037 billion increased 3%. Growth in net written premiums was impacted by the new catastrophe reinsurance treaty.

Bond & Specialty Insurance Segment Financial Results

	Т	hree I	Montl	hs End	ed Ju	ıne:	30,		Six	Мо	nths	Ended	Jun	e 30,	
(\$ in millions and pre-tax, unless noted otherwise)	_	2019		2018		Cha	nge		2019)		2018		Chang	e
Underwriting gain:	\$	157	\$	199		\$ (4	12)	- ;	269	-	\$	343		\$ (74)	
<u>Underwriting gain includes</u> :															
Net favorable prior year reserve development		39		89		(5	0)		42	2		124		(82)	
Catastrophes, net of reinsurance		_		(5)			5		(3	3)		(5)		2	
Net investment income		58		57			1		114	ŀ		115		(1)	
Other income		5		3			2		10)		9		1	
Segment income before income taxes		220		259		(3	39)		393	3		467		(74)	
Income tax expense		46		55		((9)		8:	L		90		(9)	
Segment income	\$	174	\$	204	_ :	\$ (3	30)		312	2	\$	377	_ :	\$ (65)	_
Combined ratio		74.9%)	66.5%	ó	8.	4	pts	77.9	9%		70.59	ó	7.4	pts
Impact on combined ratio															
Net favorable prior year reserve															
development		(6.2)	pts	(14.8)	pts	8	.6	pts	(3.4	1)	pts	(10.5)	pts	7.1	pts
Catastrophes, net of reinsurance		0.1	pts	8.0	pts	(0	.7)	pts	0.2	2	pts	0.4	pts	(0.2)	pts
Underlying combined ratio		81.0%)	80.5%	ó	0	.5	pts	81.3	L%		80.69	ó	0.5	pts
Net written premiums															
Domestic															
Management Liability	\$	403	\$	362		1	L1%	, ;	\$ 770)	\$	710		89	6
Surety		244		235			4		428	3		420		2	
Total Domestic		647	_	597	_		8	_	1,198	3		1,130	_	6	
International		63	_	56		1	.3	_	99	9		97		2	
Total	\$	710	\$	653			9%	, ;	1,29	7	\$	1,227		69	6

Second Quarter 2019 Results

(All comparisons vs. second quarter 2018, unless noted otherwise)

Segment income for Bond & Specialty Insurance was \$174 million after-tax, a decrease of \$30 million. Segment income decreased primarily due to lower net favorable prior year reserve development.

Underwriting results:

- The combined ratio of 74.9% increased 8.4 points due to lower net favorable prior year reserve development (8.6 points) and a higher underlying combined ratio (0.5 points), partially offset by lower catastrophe losses (0.7 points).
- The underlying combined ratio remained very strong at 81.0%.
- Net favorable prior year reserve development was driven by better than expected loss experience in domestic general liability for management liability coverages for multiple accident years.

Net written premiums of \$710 million increased 9%, with contributions from both management liability and surety.

Year-to-Date 2019 Results

(All comparisons vs. year-to-date 2018, unless noted otherwise)

Segment income for Bond & Specialty Insurance was \$312 million after-tax, a decrease of \$65 million. Segment income decreased primarily due to lower net favorable prior year reserve development.

Underwriting results:

- The combined ratio of 77.9% increased 7.4 points due to lower net favorable prior year reserve development (7.1 points) and a higher underlying combined ratio (0.5 points), partially offset by lower catastrophe losses 0.2 points.
- The underlying combined ratio remained very strong at 81.1%.
- Net favorable prior year reserve development was driven by better than expected loss experience in domestic general liability for management liability coverages for multiple accident years.

Net written premiums of \$1.297 billion increased 6% and benefited from the same factors as discussed above for the second quarter 2019.

Personal Insurance Segment Financial Results

	1	hree Mo	onth	s Ended .	Jun	e 30,			Six Mo	onth	s Ended	Jun	e 30,	
(\$ in millions and pre-tax, unless noted otherwise)		2019		2018	С	hange	9		2019		2018		Chang	e
Underwriting gain (loss):	\$	(28)	\$	(141)	\$	113		\$	198		\$ (100)		\$ 298	
Underwriting gain (loss) includes:														
Net favorable prior year reserve														
development		13		13		_			82		62		20	
Catastrophes, net of reinsurance		(156)		(315)		159			(251)		(531)		280	
Net investment income		109		98		11			208		197		11	
Other income		21		14		7	_		43		31	_	12	_
Segment income before income taxes		102		(29)		131			449		128		321	
ncome tax expense		14		(12)		26			83		16		67	
Segment income (loss)	\$	88	\$	(17)	\$	105	_	\$	366	_	\$ 112		\$ 254	_
Combined ratio	:	L00.2%		104.9%		(4.7)	pts		95.2%	ó	101.39	6	(6.1)	pts
Impact on combined ratio														
Net favorable prior year reserve														
development		(0.5) p	ots	(0.5) pt	ts	_	pts		(1.6)	pts	(1.3)	pts	(0.3)	pts
Catastrophes, net of reinsurance		6.1 p	ots	12.8 pt	ts	(6.7)	pts		4.9	pts	11.0	pts	(6.1)	pts
Underlying combined ratio		94.6%		92.6%		2.0	pts		91.9%	ó	91.69	6	0.3	pt
Net written premiums														
Domestic														
Agency (1)														
Automobile	\$:	L,300	\$	1,258		3%	·	\$	2,524		\$ 2,441		3%	6
Homeowners & Other	:	L,258		1,137		11			2,095		1,969		6	
Total Agency	- :	2,558		2,395		7		_	4,619	_	4,410		5	
Direct to Consumer		103		99		4			198		191		4	
Total Domestic		2,661	_	2,494		7		_	4,817	_	4,601	_	5	
nternational		205		203		1			356		352		1	
Total	\$ 2	2,866	\$	2,697		6%		\$	5,173		\$ 4,953	_	49	_

(1) Represents business sold through agents, brokers and other intermediaries, and excludes direct to consumer.

Second Quarter 2019 Results

(All comparisons vs. second quarter 2018, unless noted otherwise)

Segment income for Personal Insurance was \$88 million after-tax, compared to a loss of \$(17) million in the prior year quarter. Segment income benefited primarily from lower catastrophe losses and higher net investment income, partially offset by a lower underlying underwriting gain. The benefit of higher business volumes on the underlying underwriting gain was more than offset by higher levels of non-catastrophe weather-related losses.

Underwriting results:

- The combined ratio of 100.2% improved 4.7 points due to lower catastrophe losses (6.7 points), partially offset by a higher underlying combined ratio (2.0 points).
- The underlying combined ratio of 94.6% increased 2.0 points, primarily driven by the impacts of (1) higher non-catastrophe weather-related losses in Agency Homeowners and Other and (2) a 0.8 point impact from the new catastrophe reinsurance treaty, mostly impacting Agency Homeowners and Other, partially offset by (3) the impact of earned pricing that exceeded loss cost trends in Agency Automobile and (4) a lower underwriting expense ratio.

Net written premiums of \$2.866 billion increased 6%. Agency Automobile net written premiums increased 3%, driven by renewal premium change of 5%. Agency Homeowners and Other net written premiums increased 11%, driven by renewal premium change of 7% and higher levels of new business.

Year-to-Date 2019 Results

(All comparisons vs. year-to-date 2018, unless noted otherwise)

Segment income for Personal Insurance was \$366 million after-tax, an increase of \$254 million. Segment income increased primarily due to lower catastrophe losses and higher net favorable prior year reserve development.

Underwriting results:

• The combined ratio of 95.2% improved 6.1 points due to lower catastrophe losses (6.1 points) and

- higher net favorable prior year reserve development (0.3 points), partially offset by a higher underlying combined ratio (0.3 points).
- The underlying combined ratio of 91.9% increased 0.3 points. The new catastrophe reinsurance treaty
 resulted in a 0.8 point increase in the underlying combined ratio.
- Net favorable prior year reserve development was driven by better than expected loss experience in Agency Automobile and Agency Homeowners and Other for recent accident years.

Gross written premiums of \$5.331 billion grew 6%. Net written premiums of \$5.173 billion increased 4%. Growth in net written premiums was impacted by the new catastrophe reinsurance treaty.

Agency Automobile gross written premiums of \$2.544 billion grew 4%, driven by renewal premium change of 5%. Net written premiums increased 3%. Growth in net written premiums was impacted by the new catastrophe reinsurance treaty.

Agency Homeowners & Other gross written premiums of \$2.222 billion grew 10% driven by renewal premium change of 6% and higher levels of new business. Net written premiums increased 6%. Growth in net written premiums was impacted by the new catastrophe reinsurance treaty.

Financial Supplement and Conference Call

The information in this press release should be read in conjunction with the financial supplement that is available on our website at www.travelers.com. Travelers management will discuss the contents of this release and other relevant topics via webcast at 9 a.m. Eastern (8 a.m. Central) on Tuesday, July 23, 2019. Investors can access the call via webcast at https://investor.travelers.com or by dialing 1.844.895.1976 within the United States and 1.647.689.5389 outside the United States. Prior to the webcast, a slide presentation pertaining to the quarterly earnings will be available on the Company's website.

Following the live event, an audio playback of the webcast and the slide presentation will be available on the same website.

About Travelers

The Travelers Companies, Inc. (NYSE: TRV) is a leading provider of property casualty insurance for <u>auto</u>, <u>home</u> and <u>business</u>. A component of the Dow Jones Industrial Average, Travelers has approximately 30,000 employees and generated revenues of approximately \$30 billion in 2018. For more information, visit <u>www.travelers.com</u>.

Travelers may use its website and/or social media outlets, such as Facebook and Twitter, as distribution channels of material Company information. Financial and other important information regarding the Company is routinely accessible through and posted on our website at http://investor.travelers.com, our Facebook page at https://investor.travelers.com, and our Twitter account (@Travelers) at https://twitter.com/travelers. In addition, you may automatically receive email alerts and other information about Travelers when you enroll your email address by visiting the Email Notifications section at http://investor.travelers.com.

Travelers is organized into the following reportable business segments:

Business Insurance - Business Insurance offers a broad array of property and casualty insurance and insurance-related services to its customers, primarily in the United States, as well as in Canada, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland and throughout other parts of the world as a corporate member of Lloyd's.

Bond & Specialty Insurance - Bond & Specialty Insurance provides surety, fidelity, management liability, professional liability, and other property and casualty coverages and related risk management services to its customers in the United States and certain specialty insurance products in Canada, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland and Brazil, utilizing various degrees of financially-based underwriting approaches.

Personal Insurance - Personal Insurance writes a broad range of property and casualty insurance covering individuals' personal risks, primarily in the United States, as well as in Canada. The primary products of automobile and homeowners insurance are complemented by a broad suite of related coverages.

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Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains, and management may make, certain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, may be forward-looking statements. Words such as "may," "will," "should," "likely," "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "projects," "believes," "estimates" and similar expressions are used to identify these forward-looking statements. These statements include, among other things, the Company's statements about:

- the Company's outlook and its future results of operations and financial condition (including, among
 other things, anticipated premium volume, premium rates, renewal premium changes, underwriting
 margins and underlying underwriting margins, net and core income, investment income and
 performance, loss costs, return on equity, core return on equity and expected current returns, and
 combined ratios and underlying combined ratios);
- · share repurchase plans;
- future pension plan contributions;
- the sufficiency of the Company's asbestos and other reserves;
- the impact of emerging claims issues as well as other insurance and non-insurance litigation;
- the cost and availability of reinsurance coverage;
- catastrophe losses;
- the impact of investment (including changes in interest rates), economic (including inflation, changes in tax law, changes in commodity prices and fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates) and underwriting market conditions;
- strategic and operational initiatives to improve profitability and competitiveness;
- the Company's competitive advantages;
- new product offerings;
- the impact of new or potential regulations imposed or to be imposed by the United States or other nations, including tariffs or other barriers to international trade; and

the impact of legislation enacted or to be enacted by states allowing victims of sexual abuse to file or
proceed with claims that otherwise would have been time-barred.

The Company cautions investors that such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, many of which are difficult to predict and generally beyond the Company's control, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied or projected by, the forward-looking information and statements

Some of the factors that could cause actual results to differ include, but are not limited to, the following:

- catastrophe losses could materially and adversely affect the Company's results of operations, its
 financial position and/or liquidity, and could adversely impact the Company's ratings, the Company's
 ability to raise capital and the availability and cost of reinsurance;
- if actual claims exceed the Company's claims and claim adjustment expense reserves, or if changes
 in the estimated level of claims and claim adjustment expense reserves are necessary, including as a
 result of, among other things, changes in the legal, regulatory and economic environments in which
 the Company operates, the Company's financial results could be materially and adversely affected;
- during or following a period of financial market disruption or an economic downturn, the Company's business could be materially and adversely affected;
- the Company's investment portfolio is subject to credit and interest rate risk, and may suffer reduced or low returns or material realized or unrealized losses;
- the Company's business could be harmed because of its potential exposure to asbestos and environmental claims and related litigation;
- the intense competition that the Company faces, and the impact of innovation, technological change and changing customer preferences on the insurance industry and the markets in which it operates, could harm its ability to maintain or increase its business volumes and its profitability;
- disruptions to the Company's relationships with its independent agents and brokers or the Company's inability to manage effectively a changing distribution landscape could adversely affect the Company;
- the Company is exposed to, and may face adverse developments involving, mass tort claims such as those relating to exposure to potentially harmful products or substances;
- the effects of emerging claim and coverage issues on the Company's business are uncertain;
- the Company may not be able to collect all amounts due to it from reinsurers, reinsurance coverage
 may not be available to the Company in the future at commercially reasonable rates or at all and we
 are exposed to credit risk related to our structured settlements;
- the Company is also exposed to credit risk in certain of its insurance operations and with respect to certain guarantee or indemnification arrangements that we have with third parties;
- within the United States, the Company's businesses are heavily regulated by the states in which it
 conducts business, including licensing, market conduct and financial supervision, and changes in
 regulation may reduce the Company's profitability and limit its growth;
- a downgrade in the Company's claims-paying and financial strength ratings could adversely impact
 the Company's business volumes, adversely impact the Company's ability to access the capital
 markets and increase the Company's borrowing costs;
- the inability of the Company's insurance subsidiaries to pay dividends to the Company's holding company in sufficient amounts would harm the Company's ability to meet its obligations, pay future shareholder dividends and/or make future share repurchases;
- the Company's efforts to develop new products, expand in targeted markets or improve business processes and workflows may not be successful and may create enhanced risks;
- the Company may be adversely affected if its pricing and capital models provide materially different indications than actual results;
- the Company's business success and profitability depend, in part, on effective information technology systems and on continuing to develop and implement improvements in technology, particularly as its business processes become more digital;
- if the Company experiences difficulties with technology, data and network security (including as a
 result of cyber attacks), outsourcing relationships or cloud-based technology, the Company's ability to
 conduct its business could be negatively impacted;
- the Company is also subject to a number of additional risks associated with its business outside the
 United States, such as foreign currency exchange fluctuations (including with respect to the valuation
 of the Company's foreign investments and interests in joint ventures) and restrictive regulations as
 well as the risks and uncertainties associated with the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the
 European Union;
- regulatory changes outside of the United States, including in Canada, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland and the European Union, could adversely impact the Company's results of operations and limit its growth;
- loss of or significant restrictions on the use of particular types of underwriting criteria, such as credit scoring, or other data or methodologies, in the pricing and underwriting of the Company's products could reduce the Company's future profitability;
- acquisitions and integration of acquired businesses may result in operating difficulties and other unintended consequences;
- the Company could be adversely affected if its controls designed to ensure compliance with quidelines, policies and legal and regulatory standards are not effective;
- the Company's businesses may be adversely affected if it is unable to hire and retain qualified employees;
- intellectual property is important to the Company's business, and the Company may be unable to
 protect and enforce its own intellectual property or the Company may be subject to claims for
 infringing the intellectual property of others;
- changes in federal regulation could impose significant burdens on the Company and otherwise adversely impact the Company's results;
- changes in U.S. tax laws or in the tax laws of other jurisdictions in which the Company operates could adversely impact the Company; and
- the Company's share repurchase plans depend on a variety of factors, including the Company's
 financial position, earnings, share price, catastrophe losses, maintaining capital levels commensurate
 with the Company's desired ratings from independent rating agencies, changes in levels of written
 premiums, funding of the Company's qualified pension plan, capital requirements of the Company's
 operating subsidiaries, legal requirements, regulatory constraints, other investment opportunities
 (including mergers and acquisitions and related financings), market conditions and other factors.

Our forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release or as of the date they are made, and we undertake no obligation to update forward-looking statements. For a more detailed discussion

of these factors, see the information under the captions "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on February 14, 2019, as updated by our periodic filings with the SEC.

GLOSSARY OF FINANCIAL MEASURES AND RECONCILIATIONS OF GAAP MEASURES TO NON-

The following measures are used by the Company's management to evaluate financial performance against historical results, to establish performance targets on a consolidated basis, and for other reasons as discussed below. In some cases, these measures are considered non-GAAP financial measures under applicable SEC rules because they are not displayed as separate line items in the consolidated financial statements or are not required to be disclosed in the notes to financial statements or, in some cases, include or exclude certain items not ordinarily included or excluded in the most comparable GAAP financial measure. Reconciliations of these measures to the most comparable GAAP measures also follow.

In the opinion of the Company's management, a discussion of these measures provides investors, financial analysts, rating agencies and other financial statement users with a better understanding of the significant factors that comprise the Company's periodic results of operations and how management evaluates the Company's financial performance.

Some of these measures exclude net realized investment gains (losses), net of tax, and/or net unrealized investment gains (losses), net of tax, included in shareholders' equity, which can be significantly impacted by both discretionary and other economic factors and are not necessarily indicative of operating trends.

Other companies may calculate these measures differently, and, therefore, their measures may not be comparable to those used by the Company's management.

RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO CORE INCOME AND CERTAIN OTHER NON-GAAP MEASURES

Core income (loss) is consolidated net income (loss) excluding the after-tax impact of net realized investment gains (losses), discontinued operations, the effect of a change in tax laws and tax rates at enactment, and cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles when applicable. Segment income (loss) is determined in the same manner as core income (loss) on a segment basis. Management uses segment income (loss) to analyze each segment's performance and as a tool in making business decisions. Financial statement users also consider core income (loss) when analyzing the results and trends of insurance companies. Core income (loss) per share is core income (loss) on a per common share basis.

Reconciliation of Net Income to Core Income less Preferred Dividends

					Jun		υ,
-	2019	2	2018		2019		2018
\$	557	\$	524	\$	1,353	\$	1,193
i	(20)		(30)		(61)		(21)
\$	537	\$	494	\$	1,292	\$	1,172
Thi				Si			
- 7	2019	2	2018	_	2019		2018
\$	665	\$	631	\$	1,632	\$	1,409
í	(25)		(36)		(78)		(25)
\$	640	\$	595	\$	1.554	\$	1.384
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	Twelve Months Ended December 31,													
(\$ in millions, after-tax)	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Net income	\$2,523	\$2,056	\$3,014	\$3,439	\$3,692	\$3,673	\$2,473	\$1,426	\$3,216	\$3,622	\$2,924	\$4,601	\$4,208	\$1,622
Less: Loss from discontinued														
operations														(439)
Income from continuing														
operations	2,523	2,056	3,014	3,439	3,692	3,673	2,473	1,426	3,216	3,622	2,924	4,601	4,208	2,061
Adjustments: Net realized investment (gains)														
losses Impact of TCJA at enactment	(93)	(142)	(47)	(2)	(51)	(106)	(32)	(36)	(173)	(22)	271	(101)	(8)	(35)
(1)		129												
Core income	2,430	2,043	2,967	3,437	3,641	3,567	2,441	1,390	3,043	3,600	3,195	4,500	4,200	2,026
Less: Preferred													_	
dividends								1	3	3	4	4	5	6
Core income, less preferred														
dividends	\$2,430	\$2,043	\$2,967	\$3,437	\$3,641	\$3,567	\$2,441	\$1,389	\$3,040	\$3,597	\$3,191	\$4,496	\$4,195	\$2,020

Reconciliation of Net Income per Share to Core Income per Share on a Basic and Diluted Basis

	Three Mor	nths En ne 30,	ded	Six Mont Jur	hs End ne 30,	led
	 2019		2018	2019		2018
Basic income per share	 ,					
Net income	\$ 2.11	\$	1.93	\$ 5.12	\$	4.39
Adjustments:						
Net realized investment gains, after-tax	(0.07)		(0.10)	(0.23)		(0.08)
Core income	\$ 2.04	\$	1.83	\$ 4.89	\$	4.31
Diluted income per share	 ,					
Net income	\$ 2.10	\$	1.92	\$ 5.08	\$	4.35
Adjustments:						
Net realized investment gains, after-tax	(80.0)		(0.11)	(0.23)		(0.08)
Core income	\$ 2.02	\$	1.81	\$ 4.85	\$	4.27

Reconciliation of Segment Income (Loss) to Total Core Income

		Three Moi Jur	nths End ne 30,	led	Six Mont Jui	hs En ne 30,	ded
(\$ in millions, after-tax)	2	019		2018	2019		2018
Business Insurance	\$	351	\$	385	\$ 765	\$	837
Bond & Specialty Insurance		174		204	312		377
Personal Insurance		88		(17)	366		112
Total segment income		613		572	1,443		1,326
Interest Expense and Other		(76)		(78)	(151)		(154)
Total core income	\$	537	\$	494	\$ 1,292	\$	1,172

RECONCILIATION OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY TO ADJUSTED SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND CALCULATION OF RETURN ON EQUITY AND CORE RETURN ON EQUITY

Adjusted shareholders' equity is shareholders' equity excluding net unrealized investment gains (losses), net of tax, included in shareholders' equity, net realized investment gains (losses), net of tax, for the period presented, the effect of a change in tax laws and tax rates at enactment (excluding the portion related to net unrealized investment gains (losses)), preferred stock and discontinued operations.

Reconciliation of Shareholders' Equity to Adjusted Shareholders' Equity

	As of J	June 30,
(\$ in millions)	2019	2018
Shareholders' equity	\$ 25,321	\$ 22,623
Adjustments:		
Net unrealized investment (gains) losses, net of tax, included in shareholders' equity	(1,878)	112
Net realized investment gains, net of tax	(61)	(21)
Adjusted shareholders' equity	\$ 23,382	\$ 22,714

						4	As of Dec	ember 31,						
(\$ in millions)	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Shareholders' equity	\$22,894	\$23,731	\$23,221	\$23,598	\$24,836	\$24,796	\$25,405	\$24,477	\$25,475	\$27,415	\$25,319	\$26,616	\$25,135	\$22,303
Adjustments: Net unrealized investment (gains) losses, net of tax, included in		. ,	,		,	, ,		,						, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
shareholders' equity Net realized investment (gains) losses, net of	113	(1,112)	(730)	(1,289)	(1,966)	(1,322)	(3,103)	(2,871)	(1,859)	(1,856)	146	(620)	(453)	(327)
tax Impact of TCJA at	(93)	(142)	(47)	(2)	(51)	(106)	(32)	(36)	(173)	(22)	271	(101)	(8)	(35)
enactment Preferred	_	287	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-
stock Loss from discontinued operations	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(68)	(79)	(89)	(112)	(129)	(153) 439
Adjusted shareholders' equity	\$22,914	\$22,764	\$22,444	\$22,307	\$22,819	\$23,368	\$22,270	\$21,570	\$23,375	\$25,458	\$25,647	\$25,783	\$24,545	

Return on equity is the ratio of annualized net income (loss) less preferred dividends to average shareholders' equity for the periods presented. **Core return on equity** is the ratio of annualized core income (loss) less preferred dividends to adjusted average shareholders' equity for the periods presented. In the opinion of the Company's management, these are important indicators of how well management creates value for its shareholders through its operating activities and its capital management.

Average shareholders' equity is (a) the sum of total shareholders' equity excluding preferred stock at the beginning and end of each of the quarters for the period presented divided by (b) the number of quarters in the period presented times two. Adjusted average shareholders' equity is (a) the sum of total adjusted shareholders' equity at the beginning and end of each of the quarters for the period presented divided by (b) the number of quarters in the period presented times two.

Calculation of Return on Equity and Core Return on Equity

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Month Jun	ns Ended e 30,			
(\$ in millions, after-tax)	2019		2018		2019			2018		
Annualized net income	\$	2,226	\$	2,094	\$	2,706	\$	2,385		
Average shareholders' equity		24,831		22,801		24,224		23,078		
Return on equity		9.0%		9.2%		11.2%		10.3%		
Annualized core income	\$	2,147	\$	1,978	\$	2,583	\$	2,344		
Adjusted average shareholders' equity		23,378		22,776		23,264		22,757		
Core return on equity		9.2%		8.7%		11.1%		10.3%		

Average annual core return on equity over a period is the ratio of:

a) the sum of core income less preferred dividends for the periods presented to b) the sum of: 1) the sum of the adjusted average shareholders' equity for all full years in the period presented, and 2) for partial years in the period presented, the number of quarters in that partial year divided by four, multiplied by the adjusted average shareholders' equity of the partial year.

Calculation of Average Annual Core Return on Equity from January 1, 2005 through June 30, 2019

		onths June 30,	Twelve Months Ended December 31,													
(\$ in millions)	2019	2018	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Core income, less preferred dividends Annualized	\$ 1,292	\$ 1,172	\$ 2,430	\$ 2,043	\$ 2,967	\$ 3,437	\$ 3,641	\$ 3,567	\$ 2,441	\$ 1,389	\$ 3,040	\$ 3,597	\$ 3,191	\$ 4,496	\$ 4,195	\$ 2,020
core income Adjusted average shareholders'	2,583	2,344														
equity	23,264	22,757	22,814	22,743	22,386	22,681	23,447	23,004	22,158	22,806	24,285	25,777	25,668	25,350	23,381	21,118
Core return on equity	11.1%	10.3%	10.7%	9.0%	13.3%	15.2%	15.5%	15.5%	11.0%	6.1%	12.5%	14.0%	12.4%	17.7%	17.9%	9.6%

Average annual core return on equity for the period Jan. 1, 2005 through June 30, 2019

12.9%

RECONCILIATION OF PRE-TAX UNDERWRITING GAIN EXCLUDING CERTAIN ITEMS TO NET INCOME

Underwriting gain (loss) is net earned premiums and fee income less claims and claim adjustment expenses and insurance-related expenses. In the opinion of the Company's management, it is important to measure the profitability of each segment excluding the results of investing activities, which are managed separately from the insurance business. This measure is used to assess each segment's business performance and as a tool in making business decisions. Pre-tax underwriting gain, excluding the impact of catastrophes and net favorable (unfavorable) prior year loss reserve development, is the underwriting gain adjusted to exclude claims and claim adjustment expenses, reinstatement premiums and assessments related to catastrophes and loss reserve development related to time periods prior to the current year. In the opinion of the Company's management, this measure is meaningful to users of the financial statements to understand the Company's periodic earnings and the variability of earnings caused by the unpredictable nature (i.e., the timing and amount) of catastrophes and loss reserve development. This measure is also referred to as underlying underwriting margin or underlying underwriting gain.

A **catastrophe** is a severe loss designated a catastrophe by internationally recognized organizations that track and report on insured losses resulting from catastrophic events, such as Property Claim Services (PCS) for events in the United States and Canada. Catastrophes can be caused by various natural events, including, among others, hurricanes, tornadoes and other windstorms, earthquakes, hail, wildfires, severe winter weather, floods, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions and other naturally occurring events, such as solar flares. Catastrophes can also be man-made, such as terrorist attacks and other intentionally destructive acts including those involving nuclear, biological, chemical and radiological events, cyber events, explosions and destruction of infrastructure. Each catastrophe has unique characteristics and catastrophes are not predictable as to timing or amount. Their effects are included in net and core income and claims and claim adjustment expense reserves upon occurrence. A catastrophe may result in the payment of reinsurance reinstatement premiums and assessments from various pools.

The Company's threshold for disclosing catastrophes is primarily determined at the reportable segment level. If a threshold for one segment or a combination thereof is exceeded and the other segments have losses from the same event, losses from the event are identified as catastrophe losses in the segment results and for the consolidated results of the Company. Additionally, an aggregate threshold is applied for international business across all reportable segments. The threshold for 2019 ranges from approximately \$19 million to \$30 million of losses before reinsurance and taxes.

Net favorable (unfavorable) prior year loss reserve development is the increase or decrease in incurred claims and claim adjustment expenses as a result of the re-estimation of claims and claim adjustment expense reserves at successive valuation dates for a given group of claims, which may be related to one or more prior years. In the opinion of the Company's management, a discussion of loss reserve development is meaningful to users of the financial statements as it allows them to assess the impact between prior and current year development on incurred claims and claim adjustment expenses, net and core income (loss), and changes in claims and claim adjustment expense reserve levels from period to period.

Components of Net Income

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Si	x Mont Jun	 s Ended 30,	
(\$ in millions, after-tax except as noted)	2019 2018		2019		2018		
Pre-tax underwriting gain excluding the impact of catastrophes and net favorable prior year loss reserve development	\$	318	\$	392	\$	855	\$ 854
Pre-tax impact of catastrophes		(367)		(488)		(560)	(842)
Pre-tax impact of net favorable prior year loss reserve development		123		186		174	336
Pre-tax underwriting gain		74		90		469	348
Income tax expense on underwriting results		22		29		110	65
Underwriting gain		52		61		359	283
Net investment income		548		507		1,044	1,020
Other income (expense), including interest expense		(63)		(74)		(111)	(131)
Core income		537		494		1,292	1,172
Net realized investment gains		20		30		61	21
Net income	\$	557	\$	524	\$	1,353	\$ 1,193

COMBINED RATIO AND ADJUSTMENTS FOR UNDERLYING COMBINED RATIO

Combined ratio: For Statutory Accounting Practices (SAP), the combined ratio is the sum of the SAP loss and LAE ratio and the SAP underwriting expense ratio as defined in the statutory financial statements required by insurance regulators. The combined ratio, as used in this earnings release, is the equivalent of, and is calculated in the same manner as, the SAP combined ratio except that the SAP underwriting expense ratio is based on net *written* premiums and the underwriting expense ratio as used in this earnings release is based on net *earned* premiums.

For SAP, the loss and LAE ratio is the ratio of incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses less certain administrative services fee income to net *earned* premiums as defined in the statutory financial statements required by insurance regulators. The loss and LAE ratio as used in this earnings release is calculated in the same manner as the SAP ratio.

For SAP, the underwriting expense ratio is the ratio of underwriting expenses incurred (including commissions paid), less certain administrative services fee income and billing and policy fees and other, to net *written* premiums as defined in the statutory financial statements required by insurance regulators. The underwriting expense ratio as used in this earnings release, is the ratio of underwriting expenses (including the amortization of deferred acquisition costs), less certain administrative services fee income, billing and policy fees and other, to net *earned* premiums.

The combined ratio, loss and LAE ratio, and underwriting expense ratio are used as indicators of the Company's underwriting discipline, efficiency in acquiring and servicing its business and overall underwriting profitability. A combined ratio under 100% generally indicates an underwriting profit. A combined ratio over 100% generally indicates an underwriting loss.

Underlying combined ratio represents the combined ratio excluding the impact of net prior year reserve development and catastrophes. The underlying combined ratio is an indicator of the Company's underwriting discipline and underwriting profitability for the current accident year.

Other companies' method of computing similarly titled measures may not be comparable to the Company's method of computing these ratios.

Calculation of the Combined Ratio

	T	hree Months	Ended	Six Months Ended June 30,					
(\$ in millions, pre-tax)		2019		2018		2019	2018		
Loss and loss adjustment expense ratio									
Claims and claim adjustment expenses	\$	4,821	\$	4,562	\$	9,263	\$	8,858	
Less:									
Policyholder dividends		9		12		22		25	
Allocated fee income		45		40	40 85			77	
Loss ratio numerator	\$	4,767	\$	4,510	\$	9,156	\$	8,756	
Underwriting expense ratio									
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs	\$	1,134	\$	1,081	\$	2,251	\$	2,142	
General and administrative expenses (G&A)		1,125		1,113		2,182		2,175	
Less:									
Non-insurance G&A		50		39		97		76	
Allocated fee income		71		72		140		138	
Billing and policy fees and other		26		22 53		53		45	
Expense ratio numerator	\$	2,112	\$	2,061	\$	4,143	\$	4,058	
Earned premium	\$	6,988	\$	6,695	\$	13,843	\$	13,232	
Combined ratio (1)									
Loss and loss adjustment expense ratio		68.2%		67.4%		66.2%		66.2%	
Underwriting expense ratio		30.2%		30.7%		29.9%		30.6%	
Combined ratio		98.4%		98.1%	_	96.1%	-	96.8%	

(1) For purposes of computing ratios, billing and policy fees and other (which are a component of other revenues) are allocated as a reduction of underwriting expenses. In addition, fee income is allocated as a reduction of losses and loss adjustment expenses and underwriting expenses. In addition, G&A include noninsurance expenses that are excluded from underwriting expenses, and accordingly are excluded in calculating the combined ratio.

RECONCILIATION OF BOOK VALUE PER SHARE AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY TO CERTAIN NON-GAAP MEASURES

Book value per share is total common shareholders' equity divided by the number of common shares outstanding. Adjusted book value per share is total common shareholders' equity excluding net unrealized

investment gains and losses, net of tax, included in shareholders' equity, divided by the number of common shares outstanding. In the opinion of the Company's management, adjusted book value per share is useful in an analysis of a property casualty company's book value per share as it removes the effect of changing prices on invested assets (i.e., net unrealized investment gains (losses), net of tax), which do not have an equivalent impact on unpaid claims and claim adjustment expense reserves. **Tangible book value per share** is adjusted book value per share excluding the after-tax value of goodwill and other intangible assets divided by the number of common shares outstanding. In the opinion of the Company's management, tangible book value per share is useful in an analysis of a property casualty company's book value on a nominal basis as it removes certain effects of purchase accounting (i.e., goodwill and other intangible assets), in addition to the effect of changing prices on invested assets.

Reconciliation of Shareholders' Equity to Tangible Shareholders' Equity, Excluding Net Unrealized Investment Gains (Losses), Net of Tax

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(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)	June 30, 2019	Dec	ember 31, 2018
Shareholders' equity	\$ 25,321	\$	22,894
Less: Net unrealized investment gains (losses), net of tax, included in shareholders' equity	1,878		(113)
Shareholders' equity, excluding net unrealized investment gains (losses), net of tax, included in shareholders' equity	23,443		23,007
Less:			
Goodwill	3,943		3,937
Other intangible assets	335		345
Impact of deferred tax on other intangible assets	(46)		(44)
Tangible shareholders' equity	\$ 19,211	\$	18,769
Common shares outstanding	260.3		263.6
Book value per share	\$ 97.26	\$	86.84
Adjusted book value per share	90.05		87.27
Tangible book value per share	73.79		71.20

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL CAPITALIZATION TO TOTAL CAPITALIZATION EXCLUDING NET UNREALIZED INVESTMENT GAINS (LOSSES), NET OF TAX

Total capitalization is the sum of total shareholders' equity and debt. Debt-to-capital ratio excluding net unrealized gain (loss) on investments, net of tax, included in shareholders' equity, is the ratio of debt to total capitalization excluding the after-tax impact of net unrealized investment gains and losses included in shareholders' equity. In the opinion of the Company's management, the debt-to-capital ratio is useful in an analysis of the Company's financial leverage.

	As of							
(\$ in millions)	June 30, 2019	De	cember 31, 2018					
Debt	\$ 6,558	\$	6,564					
Shareholders' equity	25,321		22,894					
Total capitalization	31,879		29,458					
Less: Net unrealized investment gains (losses), net of tax, included in shareholders' equity	1,878		(113)					
Total capitalization excluding net unrealized gain (loss) on investments, net of tax, included in shareholders' equity	\$ 30,001	\$	29,571					
Debt-to-capital ratio	20.69	6	22.3%					
Debt-to-capital ratio excluding net unrealized investment gains (losses), net of tax, included in shareholders' equity	21.9%	б	22.2%					

OTHER DEFINITIONS

Gross written premiums reflect the direct and assumed contractually determined amounts charged to policyholders for the effective period of the contract based on the terms and conditions of the insurance contract. **Net written premiums** reflect gross written premiums less premiums ceded to reinsurers.

For Business Insurance and Bond & Specialty Insurance, **retention** is the amount of premium available for renewal that was retained, excluding rate and exposure changes. For Personal Insurance, **retention** is the ratio of the expected number of renewal policies that will be retained throughout the annual policy period to the number of available renewal base policies. For all of the segments, **renewal rate change** represents the estimated change in average premium on policies that renew, excluding exposure changes. **Exposure** is the measure of risk used in the pricing of an insurance product. The change in exposure is the amount of change in premium on policies that renew attributable to the change in portfolio risk. **Renewal premium change** represents the estimated change in average premium on policies that renew, including rate and exposure changes. **New business** is the amount of written premium related to new policyholders and additional products sold to existing policyholders. These are operating statistics, which are in part dependent on the use of estimates and are therefore subject to change. For Business Insurance, retention, renewal premium change and new business exclude National Accounts. For Bond & Specialty Insurance, retention, renewal premium change and new business exclude surety and other products that are generally sold on a non-recurring, project specific basis.

Statutory capital and surplus represents the excess of an insurance company's admitted assets over its liabilities, including loss reserves, as determined in accordance with statutory accounting practices.

Holding company liquidity is the total funds available at the holding company level to fund general corporate purposes, primarily the payment of shareholder dividends and debt service. These funds consist of total cash, short-term invested assets and other readily marketable securities held by the holding company.

For a glossary of other financial terms used in this press release, we refer you to the Company's most recent annual report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 14, 2019, and subsequent periodic filings with the SEC.

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