



2017 Annual Report

Creating Value

About iA Financial Group

Founded in 1892, iA Financial Group is one of the largest insurance and wealth management companies in Canada, with operations in the United States.

It is also one of Canada's largest public companies and is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol IAG.

iA Financial Group serves over four million clients and employs more than 6,100 people. At December 31, 2017, the Company had nearly \$170 billion in assets under management and administration.

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Financial Highlights (Consolidated Financial Data)

Years ended December 31 (In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	2017	2016	Variation
Profitability			
Net income attributed to common shareholders	515.5	537.2	(4%)
Earnings per common share (diluted)	\$4.81	\$5.19	(\$0.38)
Return on common shareholders' equity	11.4%	13.2%	(180 bps)
Business Growth			
Net premiums, premium equivalents and deposits by line of business			
Individual Insurance	1,787.3	1,686.1	6%
Individual Wealth Management	4,575.5	3,334.5	37%
Group Insurance	1,625.9	1,476.4	10%
Group Savings and Retirement	1,518.9	1,455.0	4%
General Insurance	280.5	250.5	12%
Total	9,788.1	8,202.5	19%
Sales by line of business			
Individual Insurance	288.1	306.7	(6%)
Individual Wealth Management			
General fund	326.7	300.6	9%
Segregated funds	1,883.4	1,559.6	21%
Mutual funds	2,365.4	1,474.3	60%
Total	4,575.5	3,334.5	37%
Group Insurance			
Employee Plans	107.6	71.4	51%
Dealer Services - Creditor Insurance	401.4	363.0	11%
Dealer Services - P&C	233.4	196.9	19%
Special Markets Solutions	231.2	194.1	19%
Total	973.6	825.4	18%
Group Savings and Retirement	1,545.1	1,481.4	4%
Assets under management and administration			
Assets under management	88,752.7	84,847.0	5%
Assets under administration	80,787.1	41,387.2	95%
Total	169,539.8	126,234.2	34%
Financial Position (as at December 31)			
Book value per common share	\$44.20	\$40.97	8%
Equity and debentures	6,132.4	5,759.9	6%
Solvency ratio	209%	225%	(1,600 bps)
Debt ratios			
Debentures/capital structure	16.2%	17.3%	(110 bps)
Debentures and preferred shares/capital structure	22.4%	23.8%	(140 bps)
Quality of Investments (as at December 31)			
Net impaired investments as a % of investment portfolio	0.07%	0.08%	(1 bp)
Bonds: BB and lower as a % of the portfolio	0.99%	0.76%	23 bps
Mortgages: delinquency rate	0.34%	0.27%	7 bps
Investment properties: occupancy rate	93.0%	90.2%	280 bps
Share Information (as at December 31)			
Number of common shares outstanding (in millions)	106.8	106.2	1%
Weighted average number of common shares - diluted (in millions)	107.3	103.4	4%
Share price	\$59.82	\$53.39	12%
Market capitalization	6,386.2	5,670.3	13%
Human Resources			
Number of employees	6,115	5,350	765

2017 in review

Growth drives success

iA Financial Group's business growth is generated organically and through acquisitions. Organic growth contributes to the increase in business volume in day-to-day operations, while acquisitions increase business volume through the integration of newly acquired companies.

In 2017, **organic growth** was strong, carried by growth in sales, with a 19% increase in premiums and deposits compared to 2016.

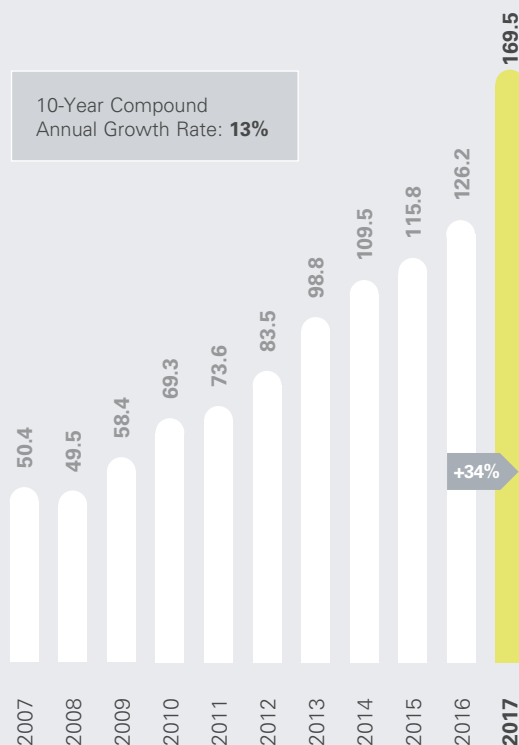
In 2017, **growth through acquisitions** was excellent. The Company expanded its car dealer business to the United States through a sizeable acquisition and completed the integration of HollisWealth, whose acquisition was announced at the end of 2016. The addition of HollisWealth's assets was a major contributor to the Company's 34% increase in assets under management and administration in 2017.

iA Financial Group has been successful in acquiring and integrating new operations. Including the acquisition of PPI Management Inc. communicated at the beginning of 2018, the Company has announced 38 acquisitions since going public in 2000.

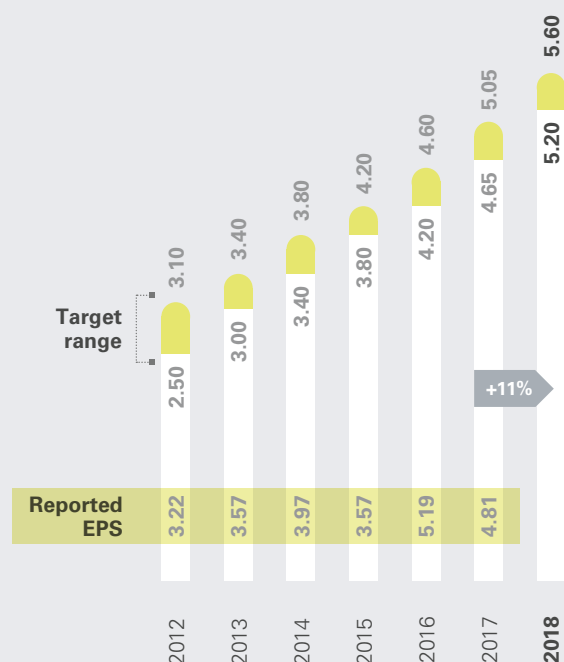
Net Premiums, Premium Equivalents and Deposits (\$Billion)



Assets Under Management and Administration (\$Billion, at December 31)



EPS Market Guidance (\$, diluted)



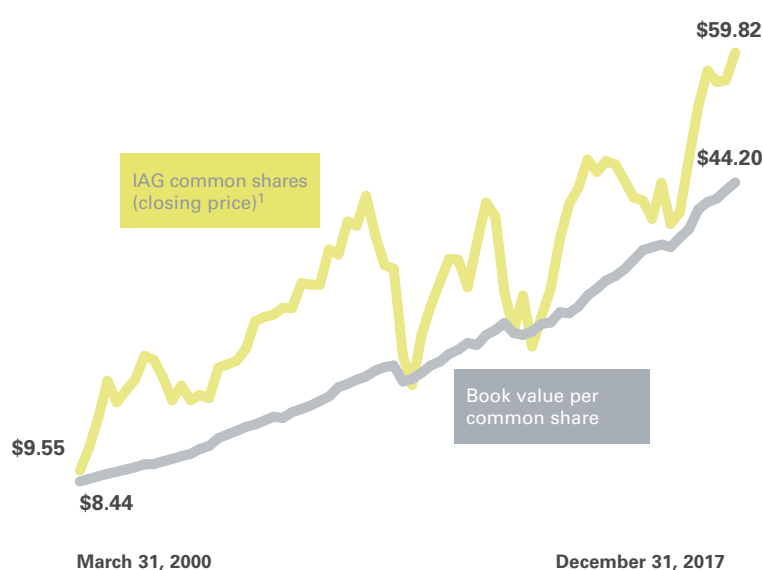
EPS commitment: annual growth of 10%

At the Investor Day held in June 2016, iA Financial Group announced its goal of increasing earnings per share (EPS) by 10% annually through 2019.

In 2017, the EPS target range given as guidance at the beginning of the year was \$4.65 to \$5.05. The Company reached this annual objective, reporting earnings per common share of \$4.81 for the year.

For 2018, the midpoint of the EPS guidance target range is 11% higher than the previous year.

IAG Share Price and Book Value



Financial strength and shareholder value

iA Financial Group's strong 2017 performance translated into an 8% increase in book value per share, a 13% year-over-year increase in the dividend paid to common shareholders and a 12% increase in the value of the Company's stock (IAG).

iA Financial Group's measures of financial strength such as the solvency ratio, debt ratio and credit ratings continue to be reassuring. The solvency ratio at the end of 2017 was above the 175% to 200% target range, the debt ratio including debentures and preferred shares remained below the 25% mark, and the investment portfolio continued to be of excellent quality. The Company's credit ratings assigned by Standard & Poor's, DBRS and A.M. Best remained of the highest quality with a stable outlook.

¹ Industrial Alliance became a public company in February 2000. The Company's stock began trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange at a price of \$7.88 taking into account the two-for-one split of the Company's common shares on May 16, 2005.

Message from the Chair of the Board



Jocelyne Bourgon
P.C., O.C.

Chair of the Board

It is an immense honour for me to chair the Board of Directors of iA Financial Group and I am very proud to be delivering my key observations for 2017, the Company's 125th year.

I want to start by sincerely thanking John LeBoutillier for his outstanding contribution, both as a director since joining the Board in 1997 and as Chairman from 2005 to May 2017.

Mr. LeBoutillier's reputation, knowledge and integrity reflected on everyone who had the privilege of working with him over the years. He guided iA Financial Group through its spectacular growth and provided sound, effective governance that fostered respect for all our stakeholders.

I will certainly be inspired by his vision and legacy moving forward.

As you will read in the report that follows from the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operating Officer, the Company's 2017 financial results were very good.

The Board is pleased with the Company's resolute progress in growing its distribution networks, diversifying and strengthening its presence in Canada, expanding its business in the United States and continuing the digital transformation of its operations. iA Financial Group is indeed creating value.

About the Board

The Board of Directors met eight times in 2017, and the Board's various committees held a total of twenty meetings. The participation rate was 100% in Board meetings, and 99.15% in Board committee meetings.

Aside from Mr. LeBoutillier, two other directors, Pierre Brodeur and Francis McGuire, announced their decision not to seek another term. Their terms ended on May 11 and June 1, 2017, respectively. On behalf of myself and the Board, I thank them both for their dedication and valuable contribution to the Company's Board of Directors.

Two new director nominees will be proposed for election by shareholders and participating policyholders at the Annual Meeting to be held Thursday, May 10, 2018. They are Nicolas Darveau-Garneau and Marc Poulin.

Nicolas Darveau-Garneau is Chief Strategist at Google Search. He has co-founded many Internet companies, including Imix.com, NDG Ventures, BigDeal and Liquor.com, where he has been a director since its inception in 2008. Mr. Darveau-Garneau is also an angel investor in Silicon Valley, California. He holds an MBA with Distinction from Harvard Business School and a math degree from the University of Waterloo.

Marc Poulin is a corporate director. He was formerly a senior executive in the Canadian food industry. During his nineteen-year career with Sobeys Inc., Marc Poulin held the positions of Vice President, Purchasing and Merchandising; Executive Vice President and Assistant General Manager (Quebec); Head of Operations for Quebec; and, from 2012 to 2016, President and Chief Executive Officer. He holds a bachelor's degree in Actuarial Science from Laval University and an MBA from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management in Evanston, Illinois.

Diversity and continuity

In November 2017, we adopted a new policy regarding the Board of Directors. This policy sets out rules for the Board's composition and guidelines with respect to its renewal.

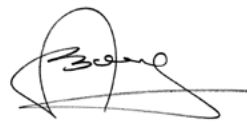
Diversity is not just a question of male and female representation. We believe it refers more to a plurality of ideas, opinions, knowledge and expertise. Even so,

iA Financial Group is recognized as a model for gender equality on its Board of Directors. As of December 31, 2017, the proportion of women directors on the Board was 50%, and 55% for independent directors.

The Board would also like to highlight the importance the Company places on ensuring strong continuity at the executive level, as illustrated by the two appointments made in 2017. Denis Ricard, who was appointed Chief Operating Officer, has been with iA Financial Group for 32 years. Jacques Potvin, appointed Executive Vice-President, CFO and Chief Actuary, has 27 years of service with the Company.

Also with a view to continuity, iA Financial Group announced its plan to create a holding company. This is a natural step in the Company's evolution and we strongly believe this structure will better meet the organization's needs and support its growth.

In closing, I would like to sincerely thank the executive team and all iA Financial Group employees for their outstanding work throughout 2017.



Chair of the Board

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Report from the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operating Officer



Yvon Charest
FSA, FCIA, O.C.

President and
Chief Executive Officer



Denis Ricard
FSA, FCIA

Chief Operating Officer

We are pleased to report that iA Financial Group recorded solid results in 2017. Business growth was strong and all of our business lines maintained enviable market shares.

Our two primary measures of business growth made impressive leaps during the year. First, premiums and deposits reached a new record high of nearly \$9.8 billion, increasing 19% in 2017. Second, assets under management and administration finished the year at nearly \$170 billion, up 34% compared to 2016, largely owing to the HollisWealth acquisition.

We would specifically like to highlight the performance of our Employee Plans division, which had an excellent year with strong growth in both sales and profits. In mutual funds, gross and net sales exceeded our expectations, and in segregated funds, we maintained the strong momentum of the last three years. Dealer Services and Special Markets Solutions continued to record solid growth, and Individual Insurance results were in line with expectations following an exceptional year in 2016.

We successfully met our profitability objective as earnings per share (EPS) for the year was well within guidance. We also finished the year with a solvency ratio above the 175% to 200% target range and our investment portfolio continued to be of excellent quality.

Our 2017 performance translated into an 8% increase in book value per share, a 13% year-over-year increase in the dividend paid to common shareholders and a 12% increase in the value of the Company's stock.

These results are a tribute to the strong execution of our business plan in 2017 and the soundness of our strategy to grow the organization both organically and through acquisitions.

Strategic acquisitions

In 2017, we completed our integration of HollisWealth, which puts us at the head of one of the largest independent non-bank wealth distribution networks in Canada.

Looking beyond 2017 for a moment, on February 26, 2018 we acquired PPI Management Inc., one of the largest insurance managing general agents in Canada, with 15 offices from coast to coast and a national distribution network of over 3,000 advisors.

With these two acquisitions, iA Financial Group is now a Canadian leader in independent financial services distribution, ensuring top-quality service in insurance and wealth management under a single brand.

In 2017, we also announced the acquisition of Dealers Assurance Company and Southwest Reinsure Inc., collectively referred to as “DAC.” Completed in January 2018, this acquisition in the United States will help us increase our presence south of the border and gives us a solid foundation in the vehicle warranty market, which we already know very well.

Putting our clients first

Distribution is the undeniable force behind iA Financial Group and is a major part of our growth strategy. We will maintain our initiatives in terms of acquisitions to continue strengthening our distribution networks in Canada and the United States.

All of this fits perfectly within the fundamental changes currently taking place in the Canadian financial industry. These changes hinge on three main issues: regulations accentuating transparency, distribution becoming a vital factor and consolidation ramping up.

On all of these fronts, we are actively participating in the significant transformation of our industry. This transformation is strongly driven by one of our key priorities: the fair treatment of clients. We will continue to put our clients first and ensure that our distribution networks offer our clients added value.

In addition, iA Financial Group’s digital transformation is still in full swing. We made great progress in 2017, specifically in digitally transforming our administration, distribution and marketing activities.

On May 29, 2017, we introduced a new technology platform called EVO, which was an immediate success. EVO accelerates the application process for all our individual insurance products. Advisors are able to instantly confirm acceptance for almost half of their clients, directly at the point of sale, for all life, critical illness and disability insurance products offered by the Company. What used to take several weeks is now done in less than five minutes. EVO is a real asset for our clients and advisors.

Corporate changes

On February 5, 2018, we announced our plan to create a holding company that will comprise all iA Financial Group activities. This plan is based on a clear objective: we want to adapt our legal and corporate structure to the current reality of our organization, create more flexibility to execute our growth strategy and better reflect the diversification of our operations.

Another notable change was our August 31, 2017 announcement that René Chabot, Executive Vice-President, CFO and Chief Actuary would be retiring on February 15, 2018, following 35 years of service with the Company. We sincerely thank him for his many years of service and wish him a very long and happy retirement.

Jacques Potvin has been appointed as the new Executive Vice-President, CFO and Chief Actuary. He is a Université Laval trained actuary and 27-year iA Financial Group veteran.

Lastly, on November 10, 2017, iA Financial Group announced the appointment of Denis Ricard as Chief Operating Officer. A 32-year iA Financial Group veteran himself, Denis Ricard is now responsible for all operations in Canada and the United States, and for the Company’s digital transformation.

Outlook for 2018

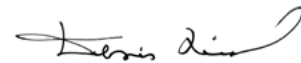
At the Investor Day held in June 2016, iA Financial Group announced its goal of increasing earnings per share (EPS) by at least 10% annually through 2019. EPS growth in 2018 is expected to come mainly from normal growth of in-force business in our various lines of business. Our recent acquisitions are also expected to contribute significantly to earnings growth.

Our balance sheet continues to be solid and we have the protection and resources we need to adjust to macroeconomic changes. We also have the financial flexibility and means to pursue our ambitions, including continuing to participate in the industry’s consolidation.

As you can see, we are currently entering an extremely promising and exciting time for our organization. Our primary goal remains to consistently create value for our many stakeholders, namely our clients, our shareholders, our distributors and our employees.



President and
Chief Executive Officer



Chief Operating Officer

iA Financial Group Planning Committee



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Executive Vice-President
U.S. Development



Michel Tremblay
FSA, FCIA, CFA

Executive Vice-President
and Chief Investment Officer

Notice

Legal Constitution and General Information

iA Financial Group is a Quebec-chartered life and health insurance company and is regulated by the *Autorité des marchés financiers*. iA Financial Group and its subsidiaries are authorized by the appropriate regulatory authorities to operate in all provinces and territories of Canada, and most of the United States. iA Financial Group is also an issuer subject to the various securities laws in effect in the provinces of Canada.

In February 2000, iA Financial Group became a public company incorporated under a private law, the *Act respecting Industrial Alliance Life Insurance Company*. The law was enacted by the Quebec National Assembly on November 26, 1999, and stipulates that no shareholder can acquire, either directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the Company's voting shares. In the event the allowable limit is surpassed, the Act provides that the voting rights attached to all of the acquired shares cannot be exercised.

The Company's legal name is "Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc." To simplify the reading of this report, the Company's name is often presented in its abbreviated form ("Industrial Alliance"), a generic form ("the Company"), or its business form ("iA Financial Group").

Note that iA Financial Group acts as both the operating company and as the parent company of a group of subsidiaries. As of the date of this Management's Discussion and Analysis, iA Financial Group and its subsidiaries are not controlled by a holding company. However, on February 5, 2018, the Company announced a plan to create a holding company that will comprise all iA Financial Group activities and that will provide more financial flexibility to execute its growth strategy and better reflect the diversification of its operations. More details about the new structure, including the requirement for shareholder and other approvals, will be announced in the coming weeks. Please refer to the Description of iA Financial Group section for a description and overview of the Company.

Please note that regardless of how iA Financial Group is referred to in this report (generic form, legal name, abbreviated name or business name), unless otherwise indicated, all results and operations of iA Financial Group presented in this report refer to the consolidated results and operations, i.e. those of iA Financial Group, as an operating company, and its subsidiaries.

Unless otherwise indicated, all information presented in the Management's Discussion and Analysis is established as at December 31, 2017, or for the period ended on that date.

Unless otherwise indicated, all amounts that appear in the Management's Discussion and Analysis are denominated in Canadian dollars. The financial information is presented in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as they apply to life insurance companies in Canada, and with the accounting requirements prescribed by the regulatory authorities.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is dated February 15, 2018.

Non-IFRS Financial Measures

iA Financial Group reports its financial results and statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). It also publishes certain financial measures that are not based on IFRS (non-IFRS). A financial measure is considered a non-IFRS measure for Canadian securities law purposes if it is presented other than in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles used for the Company's audited financial statements. These non-IFRS financial measures are often accompanied by and reconciled with IFRS financial measures. For certain non-IFRS financial measures, there are no directly comparable amounts under IFRS. The Company believes that these non-IFRS financial measures provide additional information to better understand the Company's financial results and assess its growth and earnings potential, and that they facilitate comparison of the quarterly and full-year results of the Company's ongoing operations. Since non-IFRS financial measures do not have standardized definitions and meaning, they may differ from the non-IFRS financial measures used by other institutions and should not be viewed as an alternative to measures of financial performance determined in accordance with IFRS. The Company strongly encourages investors to review its financial statements and other publicly-filed reports in their entirety and not to rely on any single financial measure.

Non-IFRS financial measures published by the Company include, but are not limited to: return on common shareholders' equity (ROE), core earnings per common share (core EPS), core return on common shareholders' equity (core ROE), sales, net sales, assets under management (AUM), assets under administration (AUA), premium equivalents, deposits, sources of earnings measures (expected profit on in-force, experience gains and losses, strain on sales, changes in assumptions, management actions and income on capital), capital, solvency ratio, interest rate and equity market sensitivities, loan originations, finance receivables and average credit loss rate on car loans.

The analysis of profitability according to the sources of earnings presents sources of income in compliance with the guideline issued by the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions and developed in cooperation with the Canadian Institute of Actuaries. This analysis is intended to be a supplement to the disclosure required by IFRS and to facilitate the understanding of the Company's financial position by both existing and prospective stakeholders to better form a view as to the quality, potential volatility and sustainability of earnings. It provides an analysis of the difference between actual income and the income that would have been reported had all assumptions at the start of the reporting period materialized during the reporting period. It sets out the following measures: expected profit on in-force business (representing the portion of the consolidated net income on business in force at the start of the reporting period that was expected to be realized based on the achievement of best-estimate assumptions); experience gains and losses (representing gains and losses that are due to differences between the actual experience during the reporting period and the best-estimate assumptions at the start of the reporting period); new business strain (representing the point-of-sale impact on net income of writing new business during the period); changes in assumptions, management actions and income on capital (representing the net income earned on the Company's surplus funds).

Sales is a non-IFRS measure used to assess the Company's ability to generate new business. They are defined as fund entries on new business written during the period. Net premiums, which are part of the revenues presented in the financial statements, include both fund entries from new business written and in-force contracts. Assets under management and administration is a non-IFRS measure used to assess the Company's ability to generate fees, particularly for investment funds and funds under administration. An analysis of revenues by sector is presented in the Profitability section of this report.

Core earnings per common share is a non-IFRS measure used to better understand the capacity of the Company to generate sustainable earnings.

Management's estimate of core earnings per common share excludes: 1) certain items, including but not limited to year-end assumption changes and unusual income tax gains and losses; 2) market gains and losses related to universal life policies, investment funds (MERs) and the dynamic hedging program for segregated fund guarantees; 3) gains and losses in excess of \$0.04 per share, on a quarterly basis, for strain on Individual Insurance sales, for policyholder experience by business segment (Individual Insurance, Individual Wealth Management, Group Insurance, Group Savings and Retirement and iA Auto and Home Insurance), for usual income tax gains and losses and for investment income on capital.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Management's Discussion and Analysis may contain statements relating to strategies used by iA Financial Group or statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as "may," "could," "should," "would," "suspect," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "believe," "estimate," and "continue" (or the negative thereof), as well as words such as "objective" or "goal" or other similar words or expressions. Such statements constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of securities laws. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, information concerning the Company's possible or assumed future operating results. These statements are not historical facts; they represent only the Company's expectations, estimates and projections regarding future events.

Although iA Financial Group believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, such statements involve risks and uncertainties, and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. Certain material factors or assumptions are applied in making forward-looking statements, and actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in such statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations include, but are not limited to: general business and economic conditions; level of competition and consolidation; changes in laws and regulations including tax laws; liquidity of iA Financial Group including the availability of financing to meet existing financial commitments on their expected maturity dates when required; accuracy of information received from counterparties and the ability of counterparties to meet their obligations; accuracy of accounting policies and actuarial methods used by iA Financial Group; insurance risks including mortality, morbidity, longevity and policyholder behaviour including the occurrence of natural or man-made disasters, pandemic diseases and acts of terrorism.

Additional information about the material factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations and about material factors or assumptions applied in making forward-looking statements may be found in the Risk Management section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis and in the Management of Risks Associated with Financial Instruments note to iA Financial Group's consolidated financial statements, and elsewhere in iA Financial Group's filings with Canadian securities regulators, which are available for review at sedar.com.

The forward-looking statements in this Management's Discussion and Analysis reflect the Company's expectations as of the date of this document. iA Financial Group does not undertake to update or release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this document or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by law.

Documents Related to the Financial Results

All documents related to the financial results of iA Financial Group are available on the Company's website at ia.ca, under *About iA*, in the *Investor Relations* section. More information about the Company can be found on the SEDAR website at sedar.com, as well as in the Company's Annual Information Form, which can be found on the Company website or the SEDAR website.

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Corporate Growth Strategy

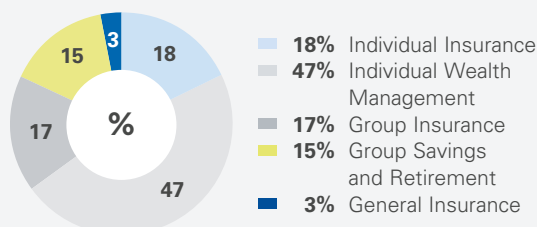
Geographic Presence

Distribution Networks

iA Financial Group's mission is to ensure the financial wellbeing of its clients by offering them insurance coverage and investment solutions to help them achieve their personal goals.

iA Financial Group has four main lines of business: Individual Insurance and Individual Wealth Management, which address the needs of retail customers, and Group Insurance and Group Savings and Retirement, which address the needs of groups and businesses. The Group Insurance line is made up of three divisions: Employee Plans, Dealer Services and Special Markets Solutions. The Company also provides general insurance in Quebec through its iA Auto and Home subsidiary.

Premiums and Deposits by Line of Business – 2017



Corporate Growth Strategy

iA Financial Group's business model is built on its ability to generate steady organic growth through the diversification of its distribution networks, its geographic presence, its extensive product offering and its market segments. It also rests on its ability to generate growth through strategic acquisitions.

To sustain its growth, the Company employs a variety of strategies.

In the Individual Insurance and Wealth Management sectors, it competes head-on with all industry players in all markets and geographic regions in Canada. Its key competitive advantage is its product and service distribution capacity.

In Group Insurance Employee Plans, Group Savings and Retirement and through iA Auto and Home, the Company competes selectively by market and region where it can leverage corporate relationships and synergies.

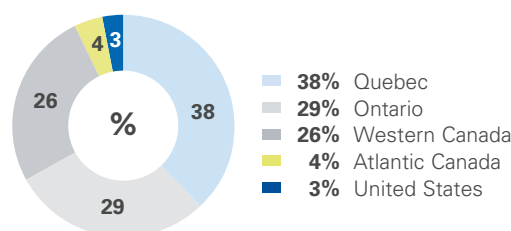
In Group Insurance Dealer Services and Special Markets Solutions, it operates in niche markets where it has few competitors and it holds a leading market position.

In the United States, iA Financial Group is a significant player in its market segment for life insurance, having adopted an opportunistic attitude in an underserved segment with a limited number of players. In 2017, the Company announced an acquisition in the U.S. extended vehicle warranty market.

Geographic Presence

Organic growth and acquisitions have enabled iA Financial Group to develop its North American footprint. In Canada, it has a coast-to-coast presence through a very sizeable and diverse distribution network. In the United States, it distributes products in certain targeted market segments.

Premiums and Deposits by Region – 2017



Distribution Networks

iA Financial Group's various distribution networks enable it to provide a vast range of products and services in all market segments in Canada and in specific niche markets in the United States.

In the retail sectors in Canada, the Company distributes insurance and wealth management products through agents in its Career Network, advisors with its distribution affiliates, managing general agents and independent advisors. In the United States, the Company distributes insurance products through independent marketing organizations (IMOs) and vehicle dealerships.

In the group sectors, the Company's distribution platform includes specialized advisors and actuarial consulting firms as well as motor vehicle dealers across Canada.

In the Company's general insurance subsidiary (iA Auto and Home), which operates only in Quebec, distribution is carried out through direct sales, referrals from iA Financial Group's distribution networks, and partnership agreements.

The table below provides a summary of the number of active representatives and advisors in the Company's various distribution networks in 2017.

Activities	Network	Number
Individual Insurance	Career Agents	1,900
	Managing General Agent Representatives	18,100
	National Accounts Representatives	600
	Agents with Independent Marketing Organizations in the U.S.	11,770
Individual Wealth Management	Career Agents – Individual Savings and Retirement	1,900
	Managing General Agent Representatives – Individual Savings and Retirement	18,100
	National Accounts Representatives – Individual Savings and Retirement	600
	Affiliated Distributors (FundEX, iAS and Investia)	3,500
	Private Wealth Management Advisors	50
Group Insurance	Employee Plans Advisors	325
	Dealer Services Representatives (Canada)	3,100
	Dealer Services Representatives (US)	5,000
	Special Markets Solutions Advisors	765
Groups Savings and Retirement	Independent Advisors, Career Agents and Managing General Agent Representatives	1,450
General Insurance	Direct Agents (iAAH and Prysm)	325

Note that a representative or advisor may be registered under more than one distribution network. The numbers shown are approximations at December 31, 2017 and vary over time.

Business Overview

	Activities	Products and Services
Personal Financial Services	Individual Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Life (universal, permanent and term) — Critical illness — Short and long-term disability — Accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) — Creditor (life and disability) — Travel insurance
	Individual Wealth Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Segregated funds — Mutual funds — Securities — Life and fixed-term annuities — Registered savings and disbursement plans (RRSP, RESP, TFSA and RRIF) — Investment advice — Private wealth management
	General Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Auto and home insurance
Group Products and Services	Group Insurance	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Employee Plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Life and health, AD&D, dental care, short and long-term disability, critical illness and home care insurance — Voluntary benefits (life, AD&D and critical illness) — Out-of-Canada medical insurance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Dealer Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Creditor insurance (life, disability and critical illness) — Replacement insurance, extended warranties and other ancillary products — Car loans
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Special Markets Solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — AD&D, travel medical, term life, critical illness and disability insurance — Other specialized products
	Group Savings and Retirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Capital accumulation products — Insured annuities

Manufacturers and Subsidiaries	Distribution Affiliates and Networks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — iA Financial Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – iA Excellence – iA American Life Insurance Company – American-Amicable Life Insurance Company of Texas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Career (iA) — Managing General Agents — National Accounts — Independent marketing organizations (U.S.) — Independent advisors — Michel Rhéaume et Associés (MRA) — Hollis Insurance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — iA Financial Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – iA Clarington – iA Trust – iA Investment Management – T.E. Financial Consultants – iA Investment Counsel – Forstrong Global Asset Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Career (iA) — Managing General Agents — National Accounts — Independent advisors — HollisWealth — Investia Financial Services — FundEX Investments — iA Securities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — iA Auto and Home Insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Direct sales — Referrals from iA networks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Prysm General Insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Preferred-partner distribution — White label
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — iA Financial Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Specialized brokers — Actuarial consulting firms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — iA Financial Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – SAL Marketing Inc. – National Warranties MRWV Limited – Industrial Alliance Pacific General Insurance Corporation – iA Auto Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Direct distribution through automobile and other motor vehicle dealers — White label
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — iA Financial Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Distribution partners — Specialized insurance brokers — Actuarial consulting firms — Direct sales
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — iA Financial Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Specialized brokers — Actuarial consulting firms — Career (iA) — Managing General Agents

Highlights

iA Financial Group had a good year in 2017. Earnings per share (EPS) was within guidance and business growth was strong. The Company expanded its dealer services offering to the United States through a sizeable acquisition (DAC)¹ and completed its integration of HollisWealth. The Company finished the year with a solvency ratio above the target range and its investment portfolio continued to be of excellent quality. This performance translated into an 8% increase in book value per share, a 13% year-over-year increase in the dividend paid to common shareholders and a 12% increase in the value of the Company's stock (IAG).

Profitability

Net income attributed to common shareholders amounted to \$515.5 million in 2017 compared to \$537.2 million the year before. Diluted earnings per common share (EPS) was \$4.81, well within the target range of \$4.65 to \$5.05. Refer to the Profitability section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis for more information on the Company's profitability in 2017.

Business Growth

Assets under management and administration were up 34% in 2017 to reach nearly \$170 billion at December 31. This growth was largely the result of the HollisWealth integration. Premiums and deposits were up 19% compared to 2016 thanks to increases in all lines of business. 2017 was also highlighted by significant fund entries in Individual Wealth Management and strong sales growth in all three Group Insurance divisions. Individual Insurance sales were down compared to 2016, which was an exceptional year due to new tax rules that came into effect. Refer to the sections that follow for more information on business growth by line of business.

Sales by Line of Business²

(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	2017	2016	Variation
Individual Insurance			
Minimum premiums	264.3	281.0	(6%)
Excess premiums	23.8	25.7	(7%)
Total	288.1	306.7	(6%)
Individual Wealth Management			
General fund	326.7	300.6	9%
Segregated funds	1,883.4	1,559.6	21%
Mutual funds	2,365.4	1,474.3	60%
Total	4,575.5	3,334.5	37%
Group Insurance			
Employee Plans	107.6	71.4	51%
Dealer Services – Creditor Insurance	401.4	363.0	11%
Dealer Services – P&C Insurance ³	233.4	196.9	19%
Special Markets Solutions	231.2	194.1	19%
Total	973.6	825.4	18%
Group Savings and Retirement	1,545.1	1,481.4	4%

Assets Under Management and Administration

	As at December 31		
(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	2017	2016	Variation
Assets under management	88,752.7	84,847.0	5%
Assets under administration	80,787.1	41,387.2	95%
Total	169,539.8	126,234.2	34%

Premiums and Deposits⁴

(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	2017	2016	Variation
Individual Insurance	1,787.3	1,686.1	6%
Individual Wealth Management	4,575.5	3,334.5	37%
Group Insurance	1,625.9	1,476.4	10%
Group Savings and Retirement	1,518.9	1,455.0	4%
General Insurance	280.5	250.5	12%
Total	9,788.1	8,202.5	19%

Financial Strength

The solvency ratio⁵ was 209% at December 31, 2017. This ratio is above the Company's 175% to 200% target range. The acquisition of DAC in the U.S., which was completed on January 23, 2018, is expected to reduce the solvency ratio by 8 percentage points. At the end of 2017, the Company's capital totalled over \$6.1 billion with equity and participating policyholders' accounts representing 84% of total capital.

The coverage ratio⁵, which is calculated by dividing the earnings for the last twelve months (before taxes and financing expenses) by the financing expenses, improved slightly in 2017 and ended the year relatively high at 13.3x. The debt ratio including debentures and preferred shares remained below the 25% mark, dropping slightly to 22.4% at December 31, 2017.

For detailed comments on financial strength, refer to the Financial Position section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Dividends

In November 2017, iA Financial Group increased its quarterly dividend per common share from \$0.3500 to \$0.3800. As a result, the dividend for 2017 totalled \$1.43 per common share, compared to \$1.26 per common share in 2016, an increase of over 13%. The dividend payout ratio was 30% for the year, which is at the midpoint of the 25% to 35% target range given as guidance at the beginning of 2017.

¹ Dealers Assurance Company and Southwest Reinsure, Inc.

² Refer to the sections on the Company's different business lines for a definition of sales.

³ Property and casualty

⁴ Premiums and deposits include all premiums collected by the Company for its insurance and annuity activities (and posted to the Company's general fund), all amounts collected for segregated funds (which are also considered to be premiums), deposits from the Group Insurance and Group Savings and Retirement sectors and mutual fund deposits.

⁵ The solvency and coverage ratios are not IFRS measures. For more details, refer to the Financial Position section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Quality of Investments

The Company's investment portfolio continued to be of excellent quality in 2017. The proportion of net impaired investments continued to be relatively low at 0.07% of total investments, bonds rated BB and lower accounted for just 0.99% of the bond portfolio, the delinquency rate on mortgages remained relatively low at 0.34% and the occupancy rate of the real estate portfolio increased to 93.0%. The following table shows the main investment quality indices.

Investment Quality Indices

(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	As at December 31	
	2017	2016
Net impaired investments	23.4	23.4
Net impaired investments as a % of total investments	0.07%	0.08%
Bonds – Proportion rated BB and lower	0.99%	0.76%
Mortgages – Delinquency rate	0.34%	0.27%
Investment properties – Occupancy rate	93.0%	90.2%

Sensitivity Analysis¹

The analysis of the Company's sensitivity to macroeconomic changes was updated at the end of 2017. The main results are shown in the table below and explanations regarding the results of this analysis are provided under "Market Risk" in the Risk Management section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Sensitivity Analysis

(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	As at December 31	
	2017	2016
Drop in the S&P/TSX ² index requiring a strengthening of the provisions for future policy benefits for stocks matched to long-term liabilities	30%	25%
Drop in the S&P/TSX ² index that would decrease the solvency ratio to 175%	47%	52%
Drop in the S&P/TSX ² index that would decrease the solvency ratio to 150%	59%	63%
Impact on net income of a sudden 10% drop in the stock markets (impact for a full year)	(32)	(28)
Impact on net income of a 10 basis point decrease in the initial reinvestment rate (IRR)	(18)	(24)
Impact on net income of a 10 basis point decrease in the ultimate reinvestment rate (URR)	(71)	(62)

Acquisitions, Dispositions and Structure of Businesses

During the year, either directly or through its subsidiaries, the Company acquired insurance and mutual fund brokerage firms. In particular, on August 4, 2017, the Company completed its acquisition of HollisWealth, a leading Canadian financial network. With the integration of HollisWealth, iA Financial Group becomes one of the largest non-banking wealth management advisory firms in Canada.

For more information on acquisitions, refer to note 4 of the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In addition, on September 21, 2017, the Company announced an agreement to acquire the shares of privately-owned, U.S.-based Dealers Assurance Company and Southwest Reinsure, Inc. (collectively DAC). The goal of this acquisition is to expand the Company's dealer services offering to the United States. The acquisition was completed on January 23, 2018, and is expected to more than double the Company's business volume in extended vehicle warranties.

On February 5, 2018, the Company announced a plan to create a holding company that will comprise all iA Financial Group activities.

For more information on these subsequent events, refer to note 30 of the Company's consolidated financial statements.

No material dispositions or mergers took place during the year.

Changes to Accounting Policies in 2017 and Future Changes in Accounting

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) issued a number of amendments and new standards that took effect on January 1, 2017. None of these standards had an impact on the Company's financial statements. For more information on the details of these amendments and new standards, refer to note 3 of the consolidated financial statements, entitled "Changes in Accounting Policies".

Outlook for 2018

At the Investor Day held in June 2016, the Company announced its goal of increasing earnings per share (EPS) by at least 10% annually through 2020. Consistent with this announcement, the midpoint of the EPS target range given as guidance for 2018 is 11% above that of 2017.

EPS growth in 2018 is expected to come mainly from normal growth in expected profit on in-force for the various lines of business. The recent acquisitions of HollisWealth in Canada and DAC in the United States are also expected to contribute significantly to EPS growth. This growth will be somewhat dampened by an increase in the tax expense, as reflected in the guidance increase shown below. This increase is mainly explained by growth in earnings taxed at the marginal tax rate, which is greater than the effective tax rate.

The balance sheet continues to be solid and the Company has the protection and resources it needs to adjust to macroeconomic changes. In short, iA Financial Group has the financial flexibility and the means to achieve its goals, which include continuing to make acquisitions in specific target markets.

Market Guidance for 2018

	2018	2017
Earnings per common share ³	\$5.20 to \$5.60	\$4.65 to \$5.05
Return on common shareholders' equity ³	11.0% to 12.5%	11.0% to 12.5%
Dividend payout ratio	25% to 35% (midpoint)	25% to 35% (midpoint)
Effective tax rate	21% to 23%	20% to 22%
New business strain	6% (quarterly range of 0% to 15%)	6% (quarterly range of 0% to 15%)

¹ The sensitivity analysis includes measures that have no IFRS equivalents.

² Decrease compared to the actual index values at December 31 of the indicated years.

³ Guidance for EPS and ROE excludes any potential impact of year-end assumption review.

Analysis by Line of Business

iA Financial Group offers insurance and wealth management products to individuals through two major lines of business: Individual Insurance and Individual Wealth Management. In addition, it markets auto and home insurance products in Quebec through its iA Auto and Home Insurance subsidiary.

The Company also offers a wide range of products to groups and businesses through the Group Insurance sector, which includes three divisions: Employee Plans, Dealer Services and Special Markets Solutions, and through the Group Savings and Retirement sector.

Individual Insurance

Description of Sector

The Individual Insurance sector generated 47% of the Company's operating profit¹ in 2017.

In this sector, iA Financial Group has large subsidiaries in the U.S. and Canada. The Company also relies on an extensive distribution network made up of Career Network advisors and independent representatives, allowing it to serve a vast client base.

The Company distributes a wide range of life insurance (universal, whole life and term), critical illness insurance, disability insurance and mortgage insurance products. This wide range of products plays a key role in the Company's success. The Company regularly fine-tunes its offering to ensure that it remains competitive and profitable.

In 2017, the Individual Insurance sector took an important step in the development of its digital offering by launching a new technology platform called EVO. This platform simplifies and greatly accelerates the sales process for all its individual insurance products sold in Canada. EVO offers many distinct advantages, including an automated underwriting engine and the use of electronic signatures. Today, more than half of the Company's insurance sales are made using this platform.

On January 8, 2018, the Company announced changes to its critical illness insurance product. New options to meet mortgage insurance needs will also be available and quick application solutions adapted to any budget will be introduced.

Business Growth

Individual Insurance – Business Growth

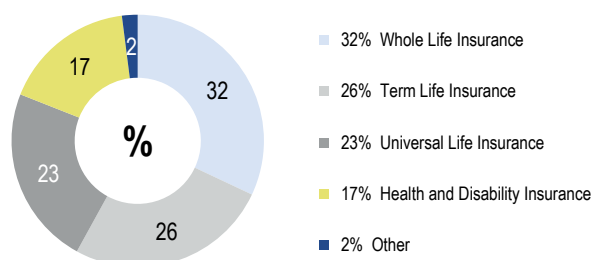
(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Sales ²					
Minimum premiums ³	264.3	281.0	232.4	195.1	193.7
Excess premiums ^{3,4}	23.8	25.7	21.9	20.9	40.6
Total	288.1	306.7	254.3	216.0	234.3
Growth	(6%)	21%	18%	(8%)	(4%)
Number of policies ⁵	121,583	118,312	108,643	100,848	105,927
Growth	3%	9%	8%	(5%)	(6%)
Premiums	1,787.3	1,686.1	1,578.5	1,495.1	1,425.2
Growth	6%	7%	6%	5%	6%

The sector ended the year with \$288.1 million in sales, down 6% from the previous year. This decrease can be explained by the exceptional sales growth in 2016 due to new tax rules that came into effect on January 1, 2017. Sales in 2017 were nonetheless up 13% from 2015, which represents normal growth for the sector. Also of note in 2017 was a 30% increase in sales of EquiBuild, a universal life product featuring strong surrender values that was launched in September 2015. In the U.S., sales were almost level with 2016 (in Canadian dollars) due to a pricing adjustment that dampened their growth.

In 2017, the number of policies issued in Canada was higher than in 2016 and premium income, carried by new sales and good business persistency, grew 6% to just under \$1.8 billion. Premium income is the key long-term profitability driver for the sector.

Sales by Product

2017



The sales mix varied slightly in 2017. The percentage of universal life insurance sales decreased in favour of health and disability insurance, which had an excellent year in 2017. Overall, products with long-term guarantees such as whole life and level cost universal life represented a smaller portion of sales than in previous years.

¹ Operating profit is derived from the sources of earnings analysis and is not an IFRS measure. The Company considers this measure an important additional tool to help investors better understand the source of shareholder value creation. This figure excludes changes in assumptions and management actions.

² Sales are not an IFRS measure. Sales are defined as fund entries on new business written during the period. They measure the Company's ability to generate new business. In the Individual Insurance sector, sales are defined as first-year annualized premiums. The net premiums presented in the consolidated financial statements include both fund entries on new business written during the period and on in-force contracts, less premiums ceded to reinsurers.

³ Minimum premiums are the portion of the premium used to cover the insurance risks under an individual insurance contract and are an important way to measure the sector's performance. Excess premiums are the portion of the premium allocated to additional savings. The option to pay an excess premium is only available with universal life insurance products.

⁴ The 2014 figure was corrected downward by \$9.5 million.

⁵ For Canadian sales only.

On an industry basis, according to the Canadian data published by LIMRA for the first nine months of the year, iA Financial Group ranked:

- First for the number of individual insurance policies sold and fourth for sales, with a market share of 7.8%.
- First for guaranteed renewal disability product sales, with a market share of 29.6%.
- Second for universal life insurance sales, with a market share of 15.4%.
- Second for critical illness insurance sales, with a market share of 22.4%.

Profitability

Net income attributed to shareholders for the Individual Insurance sector amounted to \$290.9 million in 2017, compared to \$357.2 million the year before. The 2017 result includes a reserve increase as well as experience losses. These two items are related to policyholder behaviour, in particular lapse experience, and they explain the decrease compared to 2016. For more details, refer to the Profitability section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Auto and Home Insurance Operations

Description of Activities

iA Auto and Home Insurance (iAAH) markets auto and home insurance products in Quebec.

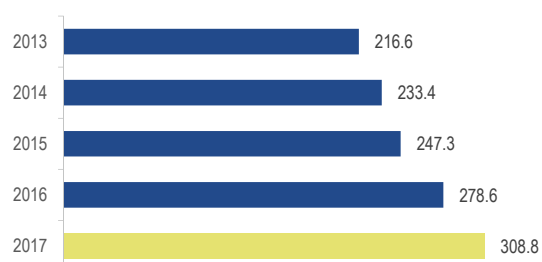
One advantage that sets iAAH apart is the referral of clients by the Company's distribution networks, providing a business development opportunity that is unique in the industry. Its products are distributed through direct agents, but also through Career Network advisors and dealerships working with the Dealer Services division. In addition, iAAH has strategic partnerships that allow preferred distributors to offer the subsidiary's products.

Business Growth

Direct written premiums totalled \$308.8 million in 2017, up 11% over the previous year. A significant portion of this growth can be attributed to strategic partnerships. iAAH's business volume has seen a compound annual growth rate of over 9% for the last four years, compared to an industry rate of 3%.

Direct Written Premiums

(\$Million)

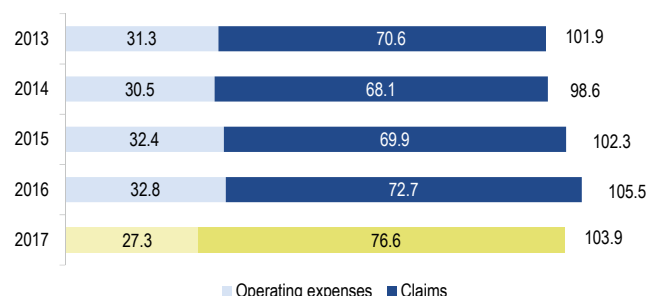


Combined Ratio

The combined ratio, which represents the sum of the expense ratio and the claims ratio, remained over 100% in 2017, resulting in a net loss. This is mainly explained by the relatively high claims ratio in 2017.

Combined Ratio

(%)



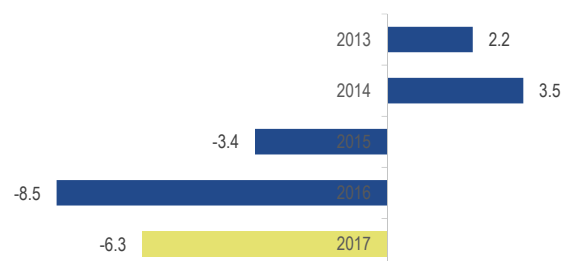
In home insurance, the first half of the year was marked by major weather events that led to an abnormally high frequency of claims. The start of 2017 also saw higher than usual claims in auto insurance, where the average cost per claim has risen dramatically in recent years.

Profitability

Given the high level of claims and the strain related to the year's strong growth, iAAH ended 2017 with a loss of \$6.3 million. Several pricing adjustments were made in 2017 in order to restore the subsidiary's profitability. Note that this subsidiary's results are included in the Company's income on capital since iAAH is not a separate line of business for financial reporting purposes.

Net Income (Loss)¹

(\$Million)



¹ Before accumulated other comprehensive income

Individual Wealth Management

Description of Sector

In the Individual Wealth Management sector, the Company offers a broad range of savings and retirement products. Clients can invest in these products through registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs), registered education savings plans (RESPs), tax-free savings accounts (TFSA), registered retirement income funds (RRIFs) and non-registered plans.

At the beginning of August, the Company completed the acquisition of HollisWealth, making iA Financial Group one of the two largest independent wealth management distribution networks in Canada.

Business Growth

In 2017, sales¹ growth for the sector was very strong, highlighted by the turnaround in net mutual fund sales.

Individual Wealth Management – Sales¹

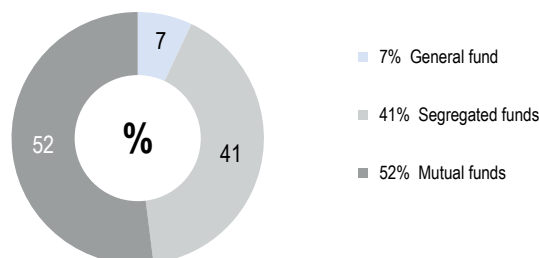
(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
General fund	326.7	300.6	130.4	111.9	119.2
Segregated funds	1,883.4	1,559.6	1,581.2	1,352.6	987.7
Mutual funds	2,365.4	1,474.3	1,428.5	1,897.6	2,251.9
Total	4,575.5	3,334.5	3,140.1	3,362.1	3,358.8
Growth	37%	6%	(7%)	0%	8%

Gross sales of \$4.6 billion were up 37% from 2016. By product category:

- Sales were up 9% in guaranteed return products (essentially guaranteed interest investments and annuities, found in the Company's general fund), reflecting the competitive position maintained throughout the year.
- Gross segregated fund sales reached a record high, with 21% growth compared to 2016. This is mostly explained by the popularity of funds offering competitive management fees as well as the success of the Company's distribution strategy. Gross segregated fund sales for the industry were up 9.7% during the year.² The Company continued to rank first in Canada for net segregated fund sales and third in terms of assets, with a market share of 12.0% at December 31, 2017 (compared to 11.6% a year earlier).²
- Gross mutual fund sales were up 60% owing to the success of the marketing strategy implemented in 2016 for the two main distribution channels: distribution affiliates and independent advisors. Distribution affiliates led the way in terms of sales growth in 2017.

Gross Sales by Product

2017



Net sales³ are made up of gross sales minus fund outflows. In 2017, net sales totalled \$839.1 million, compared to net outflows for the two previous years. The turnaround in mutual fund net sales was the main driver for this positive result. By product category:

- Net segregated fund sales amounted to \$509.9 million in 2017, up 49% compared to 2016. This performance is outstanding considering that in 2017, the segregated fund industry posted negative net sales.
- Net mutual fund sales were positive in 2017 after being negative for three years. The year's net sales of \$329.2 million are a tribute to the efforts made to minimize fund outflows.

Investment Funds – Net Sales³

(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Segregated funds	509.9	341.7	422.4	288.7	(88.7)
Mutual funds	329.2	(404.4)	(995.3)	(119.3)	673.9
Total	839.1	(62.7)	(572.9)	169.4	585.2
As a percentage of sales	20%	(2%)	(19%)	5%	18%

The sector's total assets amounted to \$111.1 billion at December 31, 2017, up 57% or \$40.3 billion from the end of the previous year. This significant growth is largely explained by the HollisWealth acquisition, which brought with it nearly \$33 billion in assets under administration. Assets under management were up 8% in 2017. The "Other" category of funds under management includes assets from the Company's private wealth management activities through the T.E. Wealth and Forstrong Global Asset Management subsidiaries.

¹ Sales are not an IFRS measure. Sales are defined as fund entries on new business written during the period. They measure the Company's ability to generate new business. In the Individual Wealth Management sector, total sales (or gross sales) for general fund and segregated fund products correspond to the net premiums presented in the consolidated financial statements. Sales for mutual funds are defined as deposits.

² Source: Investor Economics

³ Net sales are not an IFRS measure. In the Individual Wealth Management sector, net sales are a useful measure because they provide a more detailed understanding of the source of growth in assets under management. The change in assets under management is important because it determines the management fees recorded in the Consolidated Income Statements under "Other revenues". Sales for segregated funds and mutual funds correspond to net fund entries (gross sales less withdrawals and transfers).

Individual Wealth Management – Funds Under Management and Administration

As at December 31					
(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Funds under management					
General fund	1,241.3	1,186.1	1,089.0	1,162.0	1,226.9
Segregated funds	14,466.2	13,347.7	12,292.2	11,826.0	10,809.0
Mutual funds	11,723.2	10,937.5	10,428.3	11,832.9	11,413.2
Other	4,345.9	3,998.3	3,709.3	3,576.6	3,061.7
Subtotal	31,776.6	29,469.6	27,518.8	28,397.5	26,510.8
Growth	8%	7%	(3%)	7%	32%
Funds under administration¹	79,300.4	41,354.5	36,881.1	32,659.2	29,264.6
Growth	92%	12%	13%	12%	23%
Total	111,077.0	70,824.1	64,399.9	61,056.7	55,775.4
Growth	57%	10%	5%	9%	27%

Growth in assets under management, which is reliant on gross sales, in-force business persistency and the return on assets, is the key long-term profitability driver for the sector.

Profitability

The Individual Wealth Management sector generated net income attributed to shareholders of \$153.9 million in 2017, compared to \$119.9 million in 2016. This positive result is essentially due to growth in expected profit on in-force, generated mainly by good business growth and financial market performance. For more details, refer to the Profitability section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Group Insurance

Description of Sector

The Group Insurance sector is composed of three divisions: Employee Plans, Dealer Services and Special Markets Solutions.

Profitability for the Group Insurance Sector

Overall, the sector's three divisions generated net income attributed to shareholders of \$55.7 million in 2017, compared to \$55.0 million the year before. Growth in expected profit on in-force, generated by normal business growth, was good in 2017. However, this growth was partially offset by the negative impact of year-end assumption changes and an experience loss, mainly in the Special Markets Solutions division.

Experience for Employee Plans and Dealer Services was relatively in line with expectations. For more details, refer to the Profitability section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Group Insurance Employee Plans

Description of Division

Employee Plans distributes a broad range of life and health insurance, accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) insurance, dental care insurance, short and long-term disability insurance, critical illness and home care insurance, and out-of-Canada medical insurance.

The products are marketed Canada-wide through specialized brokers and actuarial consulting firms. The division has nearly 500 employees, has signed agreements with some 1,600 groups, and serves over 500,000 plan members.

To help manage plans more effectively and promote the health and wellness of insureds, the Company offers a number of services and technology tools for plan administrators, members and benefits advisors. These include a workforce management program, a drug management program (PharmAssist), a health and wellness program (Well-Balanced), a greatly improved online portal (My Client Space) and a new version of the iA Mobile digital app.

Business Growth

Group Insurance – Employee Plans Business Growth

(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Sales ⁴	107.6	71.4	68.0	70.2	59.4
Growth	51%	5%	(3%)	18%	29%
Premiums	911.3	849.1	818.4	801.6	809.0
Premium equivalents ²	53.9	45.0	42.8	42.0	43.9
Investment contracts ³	60.0	74.3	71.2	70.6	73.0
Total	1,025.2	968.4	932.4	914.2	925.9
Growth	6%	4%	2%	(1%)	(4%)

Total sales⁴ for Employee Plans amounted to \$107.6 million in 2017, up 51% from the previous year.

Premiums, premium equivalents and investment contract deposits totalled \$1,025.2 million in 2017, an increase of 6% compared to 2016. Growth in this item is a key long-term profitability driver and is a function of the increase in gross sales, in-force business persistency and growth in premiums from renewed contracts.

¹ Includes assets related to affiliated dealers.

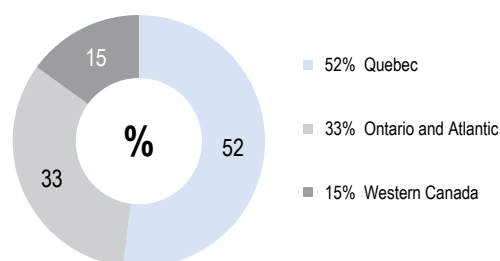
² Premium equivalents are income from administrative services only (ASO) contracts.

³ Premiums from Hold Harmless Agreements

⁴ Sales are not an IFRS measure. Sales are defined as fund entries on new business written during the period. They measure the Company's ability to generate new business. In the Group Insurance Employee Plans division, sales are defined as first-year annualized premiums, including premium equivalents (Administrative Services Only). The net premiums presented in the consolidated financial statements are net of reinsurance and include fund entries on new business written during the period and on in-force contracts. Net premiums for the Employee Plans division are included in the net premiums for the Group Insurance sector, along with those of the sector's two other divisions, Dealer Services and Special Markets Solutions.

Sales by Region in Canada

2017



In 2017, more than half of all sales were in Quebec, compared to 29% the previous year. In 2016, the largest portion of sales came from Ontario and the Atlantic provinces.

For the first nine months of the year, industry sales¹ for groups with 50 to 1,000 employees, the market closest to the division's target market, were up 21%. iA Financial Group ranked fifth in this market with 14% of sales (sixth in 2016 with 6% of sales).

Profitability

The division's 2017 net income attributed to shareholders was better than the previous year, explained by growth in expected profit on in-force, and experience was in line with expectations. For more information, refer to Profitability for the Group Insurance Sector above.

Group Insurance Dealer Services

Description of Division

Dealer Services distributes creditor insurance products (life, disability and critical illness), car loan financing and property and casualty (P&C) products that include extended warranties, replacement insurance and a full range of ancillary products.

The division has over 360 employees, has signed agreements with more than 3,000 organizations and insures over 2.1 million individuals. Its products are offered through an exclusive Canada-wide direct distribution network to automobile and other motor vehicle dealers. Distributors demand "one-stop shopping" for their after-market needs and iA Financial Group is one of the few companies that can provide it.

Business Growth

Dealer Services sales totalled \$634.8 million in 2017, representing solid growth compared to the prior year. Performance was particularly strong in Quebec, in part due to the Groupe PPP acquisition announced in November 2016.

Dealer Services – Creditor Insurance and P&C Total Sales²



Dealer Services – Creditor Insurance³

At \$401.4 million, creditor insurance sales were up 11% over 2016, surpassing the 5%⁴ sales growth in the Canadian light vehicle industry.

Dealer Services – Creditor Insurance² Business Growth

(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Sales	401.4	363.0	363.0	378.6	382.4
Growth	11%	0%	(4%)	(1%)	9%
Net premiums	264.3	233.2	252.5	292.6	303.9

Dealer Services – P&C Insurance⁵

P&C sales with motor vehicle dealers increased significantly from 2016 to reach \$233.4 million.

Dealer Services – P&C Insurance⁵ Business Growth

(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Underwritten	225.4	190.6	192.0	151.9	138.4
Non-Underwritten	8.0	6.3	5.7	5.3	4.6
Total	233.4	196.9	197.7	157.2	143.0
Growth	19%	0%	26%	10%	12%

¹ Source: LIMRA

² Sales are not an IFRS measure. Sales are defined as fund entries on new business written during the period. They measure the Company's ability to generate new business. Creditor insurance sales are defined as premiums before reinsurance and cancellations. P&C sales are defined as direct written premiums (before reinsurance). Net premiums for the Dealer Services division are included in the net premiums for the Group Insurance sector along with those of the other two divisions, i.e. Employee Plans and Special Markets Solutions.

³ Includes all creditor insurance business sold by the Company.

⁴ Source: DesRosiers Automotive Consultants Inc., December 2017 year-to-date information

⁵ P&C premiums include replacement insurance business, which was underwritten by iAAH from October 2010 to April 2013.

Dealer Services – Car Loans

Non-prime car loan originations recorded strong growth in 2017. In terms of prime car loans, the Company decided to exit the market at the beginning of 2017. This explains the decrease in total car loan originations for 2017, which amounted to \$278.6 million.

Profitability

Sales and car loan originations are the main profitability drivers for the Dealer Services division. The division's net income attributed to shareholders was better than the previous year, explained by improved experience in 2017 versus experience losses in 2016. For more information, refer to Profitability for the Group Insurance Sector above.

Group Insurance Special Markets Solutions

Description of Division

Special Markets Solutions specializes in niche insurance markets that are underserved by traditional group insurance carriers. The division primarily offers accidental death & dismemberment (AD&D) insurance, critical illness insurance and other specialized insurance products to employers and associations, as well as travel and health insurance through distribution partners and term life insurance to alumni associations and other affinity groups.

Special Markets Solutions has over 80 employees, has signed agreements with over 4,000 groups and associations, and insures millions of Canadians.

Business Growth

Special Markets Solutions Business Growth

(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Sales (gross premiums) ¹	231.2	194.1	190.3	179.8	170.9
Growth	19%	2%	6%	5%	11%
Net sales ²	216.4	180.0	176.9	167.8	159.7

Special Markets Solutions achieved \$231.2 million in sales in 2017, which represents 19% growth over 2016. The division had very good sales growth in travel medical, group health and group medical, along with reasonable growth in critical illness, disability and AD&D. One particularly large group health sale in 2017 accounted for \$16.6 million of the division's growth.

Sales (Gross Premiums)¹ (\$Million)



Similarly, net sales, defined as gross premiums net of reinsurance, experienced 20% growth in 2017.

Efforts to maintain a competitive edge were ongoing throughout 2017, including the implementation and further development of product enhancements and various marketing activities including advances in online marketing.

Profitability

Sales, along with good AD&D and critical illness claims experience, are the main profitability drivers for the Special Markets Solutions division. The division's 2017 net income attributed to shareholders was down from 2016 due to experience losses caused by higher-than-expected claims. For more information, refer to Profitability for the Group Insurance Sector above.

Group Savings and Retirement

Description of Sector

The Group Savings and Retirement sector offers a wide range of products and services adapted to the needs of companies and their employees. The products offered can be broken down into two categories: accumulation products (savings products, such as defined contribution or defined benefit plans, and institutional money management services) and disbursement products (essentially insured annuities).

Products are marketed Canada-wide through specialized brokers, actuarial consulting firms and representatives from the Career and Managing General Agents networks.

The Group Savings and Retirement sector has approximately 200 employees, has signed agreements with nearly 12,600 groups and serves approximately 390,000 plan members. It has regional offices in Halifax, Quebec City, Montreal, Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver.

¹ Sales are not an IFRS measure. Sales (gross premiums) are before reinsurance.

² Net sales in Special Markets Solutions are equivalent to net premiums (IFRS measure). Net premiums for this division are included in the net premiums for the Group Insurance sector along with those of the other two divisions, i.e. Employee Plans and Dealer Services.

The sector's efforts to improve competitiveness in 2017 included strengthening synergies with the Group Insurance sector, improving processes and technology tools for better plan member retention at retirement, automating the governance report to facilitate pension plan management, and developing a mobile app to enhance plan member experience.

Business Growth

Group Savings and Retirement ended the year with \$1,545.1 million in sales, an increase of 4% over the previous year.

Group Savings and Retirement – Premiums (Sales)¹

(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Accumulation Products					
Recurring premiums	847.3	727.1	638.8	582.5	550.7
Transfers	520.6	607.8	476.0	229.2	344.6
Premium equivalents	55.0	61.4	88.8	44.1	57.4
Subtotal	1,422.9	1,396.3	1,203.6	855.8	952.7
Insured Annuities	122.2	85.1	112.6	131.9	72.3
Total	1,545.1	1,481.4	1,316.2	987.7	1,025.0
Growth	4%	13%	33%	(4%)	18%

Accumulation Products

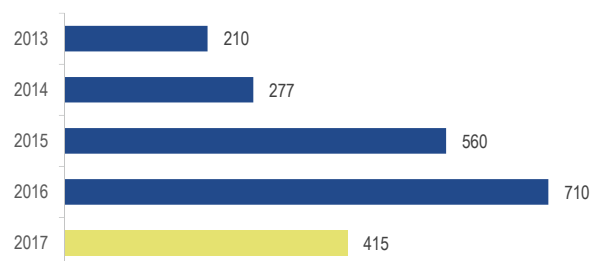
At \$1,422.9 million, accumulation product sales were up slightly from 2016. This growth was generated by the increase in recurring premiums, which represent sustainable business development and are the core of the sector's strategy. Recurring premiums correspond to regular member contributions collected from in-force group clients.

New plan sales totalled \$414.8 million in annualized premiums² in 2017, down 42% from the previous year.

Net fund entries³ in accumulation products totalled \$560.7 million in 2017, up 46% from the previous year. This is essentially explained by the increase in recurring premiums and the decrease in fund outflows. Outflows were down 15% compared to 2016.

Accumulation Products – New Plan Sales²

(\$Million)



Accumulation Products – Net Fund Entries³

(In millions of dollars)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Entries	1,422.9	1,396.3	1,203.6	855.8	952.7
Disbursements	862.3	1,011.2	968.0	896.3	632.5
Net entries	560.7	385.1	235.6	(40.5)	320.2

Insured Annuities

In the insured annuities segment, the year ended with \$122.2 million in sales, compared to \$85.1 million in 2016. The Company continues to aim for selective, prudent growth by focusing on appropriate risk management, primarily in terms of longevity.

Funds Under Management

Group Savings and Retirement – Funds Under Management

	As at December 31				
(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Accumulation Products	10,707.9	9,517.7	8,544.5	8,070.0	7,234.6
Insured Annuities	3,246.6	3,196.0	3,213.0	3,213.3	2,998.4
Total	13,954.5	12,713.7	11,757.5	11,283.3	10,233.0
Growth	10%	8%	4%	10%	9%

Funds under management totalled nearly \$14 billion at year-end, an increase of 10% over the previous year. This is primarily due to realized returns and net fund entries. Growth in assets under management is important because it is the key long-term profitability driver for the sector.

Profitability

The sector recorded net income attributed to shareholders of \$30.9 million in 2017, compared to \$21.6 million the year before. This positive result is mainly due to growth in expected profit on in-force and, to a lesser extent, the favourable impact of year-end assumption changes. For more details, refer to the Profitability section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

¹ Sales are not an IFRS measure. Sales are defined as fund entries on new business written during the period. They measure the Company's ability to generate new business. In the Group Savings and Retirement sector, sales include gross premiums (before reinsurance) and premium equivalents, or deposits. The net premiums presented in the consolidated financial statements are after reinsurance and exclude premium equivalents.

² New plan sales are measured by first-year annualized premiums, which equal the total of the initial asset transfer and recurring first-year annualized premiums.

³ Net fund entries are not an IFRS measure. In the Group Savings and Retirement sector, net fund entries are a useful measure because they provide a more detailed understanding of the source of growth in assets under management. The change in assets under management is important because it determines the management fees recorded in the consolidated financial statements under "Other revenues".

Profitability

Highlights

The Company ended the year with net income attributed to common shareholders of \$515.5 million, compared to \$537.2 million in 2016. Diluted earnings per common share (EPS) was \$4.81 (\$5.19 in 2016) and return on common shareholders' equity (ROE) was 11.4% (13.2% in 2016). Both of these results were in line with the guidance given at the beginning of 2017. The Company's 2016 results were impacted positively by multiple experience gains and the annual review of provisions for future policy benefits. In contrast, its 2017 results were impacted negatively by the review, as well as by experience losses.

Profitability

(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Income attributed to shareholders	531.4	553.7	386.4	432.9	384.5
Less: preferred share dividends	15.9	16.5	18.0	28.5	34.6
Less: redemption premium on preferred shares	---	---	4.0	4.0	---
Net income attributed to common shareholders	515.5	537.2	364.4	400.4	349.9
Earnings per common share (EPS)					
Basic	\$4.84	\$5.22	\$3.59	\$4.01	\$3.60
Diluted	\$4.81	\$5.19	\$3.57	\$3.97	\$3.57
Return on common shareholders' equity ¹	11.4%	13.2%	10.2%	12.4%	12.6%

Analysis According to Sources of Earnings

The profitability analysis according to sources of earnings below discusses the main items that had an impact on the financial results for the year in comparison with management's expectations. The measures presented in this analysis are not IFRS measures. They supplement the other information presented in the Analysis According to the Financial Statements section below and provide additional indicators for evaluating financial performance.

Expected profit on in-force – Expected profit on in-force amounted to \$639.3 million in 2017, a year-over-year increase of \$80.5 million before tax, or 14%. The increase comes from the growth in all four business lines, with superior relative growth coming from the savings sectors. Expected profit on in-force reflects the best estimates determined by management when the 2017 budget was prepared. Expected profit for the savings sectors is updated quarterly to reflect the changes in the stock markets and net fund entries.

Experience gains (losses) compared to expected profit – Experience gains or losses represent the difference between the expected profit on in-force and the realized profit. Gains or losses emerge when actual results differ from those derived from the assumptions used to calculate expected profit.

The Company ended the year with a slight experience loss of \$3.9 million before tax, compared to significant experience gains totalling \$63.7 million in 2016. Individual Insurance was the main contributor to this variation, as the other three business lines generated similar results for both years. The paragraphs that follow provide details on the 2017 results for each line of business.

- **Individual Insurance** – An experience loss of \$26.3 million before tax was recorded in 2017, compared to a gain of \$44.5 million in 2016. The loss recorded in 2017 mainly resulted from policyholder behaviour, in particular lapse. This issue was directly addressed in the year-end assumption review, as indicated below. In addition, market gains on universal life deposits were cancelled out by the negative impact of the premium tax extension to 2024 announced at the beginning of 2017 in the 2017–2018 Quebec budget.
- **Individual Wealth Management** – A positive variance of \$25.1 million before tax was recorded in 2017, compared to a positive variance of \$21.7 million in 2016. The sector benefitted specifically from market gains primarily related to the dynamic hedging program. This program is mainly designed to reduce the sensitivity of net income to the volatility of the financial markets with respect to the capital guarantees offered on certain segregated funds. The 2017 result also includes integration costs of nearly \$11 million before tax for the HollisWealth acquisition completed in August.
- **Group Insurance** – An experience loss of \$4.4 million before tax was recorded in 2017, compared to a loss of \$3.2 million in 2016. The Employee Plans and Dealer Services divisions performed relatively as expected, while the Special Markets Solutions division delivered a lower than expected result due to higher claims.
- **Group Savings and Retirement** – A positive variance of \$1.7 million before tax was recorded in 2017, compared to a positive variance of \$0.7 million in 2016. The sector slightly outperformed expectations in 2017, mainly due to gains on insured annuities.

Gain (strain) on sales – In the Individual Insurance sector, new business strain was \$14.9 million in 2017, 57% lower than the previous year. The strain expressed as a percentage of sales (measured in terms of first-year annualized premiums) was 5% in 2017 versus 11% a year earlier, beating the 6% target given as guidance for 2017.

¹ This measure has no IFRS equivalent.

Strain is a charge incurred by an insurance company mainly resulting from the expense of issuing new policies. Certain products have features that make them more strain-intensive than others, such as products with long-term guarantees. At iA Financial Group, the decrease in strain over the past several years has had a direct favourable impact on the profitability of the Individual Insurance sector.

Changes in assumptions – At the end of each quarter, the Company ensures the adequacy of its provisions given the existing economic environment. It also updates all its valuation assumptions at the end of each year to take into account the most recent developments in the economic and financial environment as well as its own experience in terms of mortality, morbidity, lapse rates, unit costs and other factors. At December 31, 2017, changes in actuarial assumptions (for non-participating business) led to a net increase in the provisions for future policy benefits corresponding to a negative impact of \$0.10 per common share. This was essentially due to changes in actuarial assumptions related to policyholder behaviour, in particular lapse assumptions. The assumption change reflects the Company's recent experience, namely the significant experience losses in 2017 as mentioned above.

However, note that a reserve release was also generated by changes in other assumptions, in particular the economic and mortality assumptions. The Company's mortality assumption change is supported by the use of a new mortality improvement table promulgated during the year by the Canadian Institute of Actuaries. For more details, refer to note 14 to the financial statements entitled Insurance Contract Liabilities and Investment Contract Liabilities.

Income on capital – Income on capital represents the income derived from investments in which the Company's capital is invested, minus any expenses incurred to generate this income. The Company also includes the results of the iA Auto and Home (iAAH) subsidiary in this item.

Income on capital amounted to \$84.0 million before tax in 2017, up \$18.9 million or 29% from the previous year. This increase is mainly attributable to increased investment income from higher-than-expected returns on assets, mainly generated by profitable financial strategies. The loss recorded in 2017 by the iAAH subsidiary was lower than that recorded in 2016, which also contributed, albeit to a lesser extent, to the increase in income on capital in 2017.

Income taxes – Income taxes represent the value of amounts payable under the tax laws and include tax payable and deferred income taxes. A life insurer's investment income taxes and premium taxes are not included in these amounts. They are considered to be an expense for the purpose of calculating the operating profit.

Income taxes amounted to \$148.9 million in 2017. The effective tax rate was therefore close to 22%, which is at the top of the 20% to 22% target range given as guidance at the beginning of the year.

The impact of the U.S. corporate tax reform on the Company's 2017 results is immaterial, but the Company estimates that the lower corporate tax rate will benefit results by approximately \$0.05 EPS per year starting in 2018.

Net Income Attributed to Common Shareholders¹

(In millions of dollars)	Individual Insurance		Individual Wealth Management		Group Insurance		Group Savings and Retirement		Total	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
Sources of earnings:										
Expected profit on in-force	350.6	318.8	187.1	150.9	74.8	68.3	26.8	20.8	639.3	558.8
Experience gains (losses)	(26.3)	44.5	25.1	21.7	(4.4)	(3.2)	1.7	0.7	(3.9)	63.7
Gain (strain) on sales	(14.9)	(34.5)	(7.8)	(4.5)	---	---	(1.9)	(3.2)	(24.6)	(42.2)
Changes in assumptions	(31.6)	12.3	8.9	10.4	(4.4)	(0.5)	12.6	9.5	(14.5)	31.7
Operating profit	277.8	341.1	213.3	178.5	66.0	64.6	39.2	27.8	596.3	612.0
Income on capital	81.0	69.9	(8.4)	(8.5)	9.0	2.2	2.4	1.5	84.0	65.1
Income taxes	(67.9)	(53.8)	(51.0)	(50.1)	(19.3)	(11.8)	(10.7)	(7.7)	(148.9)	(123.4)
Net income attributed to shareholders	290.9	357.2	153.9	119.9	55.7	55.0	30.9	21.6	531.4	553.7
Less: preferred share dividends	9.7	10.3	4.2	4.2	1.6	1.6	0.4	0.4	15.9	16.5
Less: redemption premium on preferred shares	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Net income attributed to common shareholders	281.2	346.9	149.7	115.7	54.1	53.4	30.5	21.2	515.5	537.2
Additional information according to the financial statements:										
Net premiums (excluding general insurance)	1,787.3	1,686.1	2,210.1	1,860.2	1,512.0	1,357.1	1,463.9	1,393.6	6,973.3	6,297.0
Net income attributed to shareholders	290.9	357.2	153.9	119.9	55.7	55.0	30.9	21.6	531.4	553.7
Less: preferred share dividends	9.7	10.3	4.2	4.2	1.6	1.6	0.4	0.4	15.9	16.5
Less: redemption premium on preferred shares	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Net income attributed to common shareholders	281.2	346.9	149.7	115.7	54.1	53.4	30.5	21.2	515.5	537.2

¹ The operating profit and income taxes presented in this table are not defined by IFRS. Operating profit is an important additional tool to help investors better understand the source of shareholder value creation. A reconciliation between non-IFRS financial measures and IFRS is presented below. Comments for each line of business are also presented in other sections of this Management's Discussion and Analysis that describe each sector's activities in detail.

Reconciliation of Certain Non-IFRS Measures with IFRS Measures

The following table reconciles the operating profit and income taxes indicated in the above table with IFRS.

Reconciliation of Sources of Earnings with IFRS

(In millions of dollars)	2017	2016
Components of earnings before taxes:		
Operating profit (according to sources of earnings)	596.3	612.0
Income on capital (according to sources of earnings)	84.0	65.1
Income attributable to participating contracts and other items	2.6	(8.7)
Tax items reallocated for sources of earnings and other items	---	25.7
Earnings before taxes according to the financial statements	682.9	694.1
Income taxes:		
On the operating profit and on income on capital	(148.9)	(123.4)
Amount for participating contracts and other items	(0.6)	2.7
Tax items reallocated for sources of earnings and other items	---	(25.7)
Income taxes according to financial statements	(149.5)	(146.4)
Net income according to financial statements	533.4	547.7

Analysis According to the Financial Statements

Annual Results

Following is the presentation of the Company's financial results according to the financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

Consolidated Income Statement

(In millions of dollars)	2017	2016	2015
Revenues			
Net premiums	7,253.8	6,547.5	6,041.0
Investment income	2,580.9	1,593.2	1,035.8
Other revenues	1,441.4	1,206.2	1,158.4
Total	11,276.1	9,346.9	8,235.2
Policy benefits and expenses			
Net policy benefits	4,500.5	4,186.5	3,933.7
Net transfers to segregated funds	1,020.7	743.8	741.1
Increase (decrease) in insurance contract liabilities	1,726.0	1,099.1	514.1
Increase (decrease) in investment contract liabilities	14.0	12.0	21.4
Decrease (increase) in reinsurance assets	579.8	122.2	265.9
Commissions	1,448.7	1,282.1	1,196.6
General expenses	1,121.4	1,018.0	972.7
Premium and other taxes	118.1	112.2	106.2
Financing charges	64.0	76.9	62.2
Total	10,593.2	8,652.8	7,813.9
Income before income taxes	682.9	694.1	421.3
Less: income taxes	149.5	146.4	39.3
Net income	533.4	547.7	382.0
Less: net income attributed to participating policyholders	2.0	(6.0)	(4.4)
Net income attributed to shareholders	531.4	553.7	386.4
Less: preferred share dividends	15.9	16.5	18.0
Less: redemption premium on preferred shares	---	---	4.0
Net income attributed to common shareholders	515.5	537.2	364.4

Revenues

Revenues, whose components are indicated in the above table, totalled \$11.3 billion in 2017, an increase of 21% over 2016. This increase is mainly due to an 11% increase in net premiums and a 62% increase in investment income. Net premiums were up mainly as a result of the increase in segregated fund premiums as well as group insurance premium growth. The increase in investment income is mainly attributable to the change in the fair value of investments due to variations in interest rates, stock markets and issuer spreads. Generally speaking, variations in the fair value of investments were largely neutralized by corresponding variations in insurance contract liabilities, making their impact on net income fairly minimal.

Policy Benefits and Expenses

Policy benefits and expenses totalled \$10.6 billion in 2017, up \$1.9 billion from the previous year. The main items contributing to this increase are as follows:

- An increase in net policy benefits reflecting the normal course of business. Net policy benefits include benefits paid due to death, disability, illness, claims or contract terminations, as well as annuity payments.
- An increase in net transfers to segregated funds compared to 2016. This increase reflects a larger increase in premiums than benefits for both individual and group insurance.
- A greater increase in insurance contract liabilities than in 2016. The variation in this liability during a given period reflects a number of factors, including the variation in the fair value and the return on assets matched to the provisions for future policy benefits, the variation in net policy premiums and benefits, net transfers to segregated funds and the variation in the provisions for future policy benefits due to assumption changes.
- A greater decrease in reinsurance assets than in 2016. This item is generally influenced by the same factors that influence the variation in insurance contract liabilities.
- An increase in commissions compared to the previous year, which primarily reflects the growth of the in-force block of business. Commissions correspond to the compensation of financial advisors for new sales and certain in-force contracts.

Income Taxes

The consolidated financial statements indicate an income tax expense of \$149.5 million in 2017, compared to \$146.4 million in 2016. These amounts represent the Company's tax expense net of all adjustments for prior years. During the year, the Company recognized tax benefits for certain investment income that was exempt from income tax under the Company's status as a multinational insurer, but for a smaller amount than the year before.

Net Income Attributed to Common Shareholders

Net income attributed to common shareholders totalled \$515.5 million in 2017, compared to \$537.2 million in 2016. The variation in this item is mostly explained by the items mentioned above.

The following table provides more details regarding the composition of revenues by sector.

Revenues by Sector

	Year ended December 31, 2017					
	Ind. Ins.	Ind. Wealth Mgmt	Grp Ins.	Grp Sav. and Rmt	Other ¹	Total
(In millions of dollars)						
Net premiums	1,787.3	2,210.1	1,512.0	1,463.9	280.5	7,253.8
Variation vs. 2016	101.2	349.9	154.9	70.3	30.0	706.3
Investment income	2,161.2	(23.1)	103.1	198.8	140.9	2,580.9
Variation vs. 2016	929.9	(16.7)	19.6	44.4	10.5	987.7
Other revenues	136.8	1,219.2	69.0	85.3	(68.9)	1,441.4
Variation vs. 2016	(10.7)	202.0	17.8	9.2	16.9	235.2
Total	4,085.3	3,406.2	1,684.1	1,748.0	352.5	11,276.1
Variation vs. 2016	1,020.4	535.2	192.3	123.9	57.4	1,929.2

Quarterly Results

Below is a summary of the Company's quarterly results, taken from the financial statements for the last eight quarters. The analysis in this section focuses primarily on the Company's results for the fourth quarter of 2017. Generally speaking, the terminology used in this section is the same terminology used in the financial statements.

Premiums

Net premiums include the amounts invested by insureds in the Company's segregated funds, but exclude those invested by clients in mutual funds. Net premiums amounted to \$1.8 billion in the fourth quarter, a year-over-year increase of 8%. This variation is mainly explained by:

- Premium growth in the Group Insurance sector.
- Increased segregated fund sales.

Other factors that can cause premiums to fluctuate from one quarter to another are generally as follows:

- The tendency of clients to concentrate their deposits in registered retirement savings products during the first 60 days of each calendar year.
- Stock market behaviour and the signing of new agreements with large groups in the group business lines.

Investment Income

In the fourth quarter of 2017, investment income was up \$2.8 billion from 2016. This increase is primarily due to an increase in the fair value of bond investments and derivative financial instruments caused by the fourth quarter drop in interest rates in 2017, compared to a rise in interest rates in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Investment income generally fluctuates based on variations in the following items:

- The fair value of investments due to changes in interest rates, stock markets and issuer spreads, particularly for bonds, equities and derivatives. Generally speaking, the variation in the fair value of investments is largely responsible for the variation in investment income from one period to another.
- Investment income as such (including interest income, dividends and rental income from real estate).
- Realized profits and losses on the disposition of available-for-sale assets.

From an accounting standpoint, the majority of stocks and bonds are classified as "Designated at fair value through profit or loss" and are used as underlying assets for the provisions for future policy benefits. The variation in the fair value of these assets is therefore reflected in the increase (decrease) in insurance contract liabilities.

¹ Includes general insurance revenues, revenues from car insurance, subsidiaries not related to the insurance sector, assets and liabilities unallocated and allocated to the surplus as well as eliminations and consolidation entries.

Other Revenues

Other revenues represent fees earned from the management of segregated funds and mutual funds, income from administrative services only (ASO) contracts, and fee income from the Company's brokerage subsidiaries and assets managed for third parties.

Other revenues totalled \$419.1 million in the fourth quarter, a year-over-year increase of \$109.7 million. This increase is essentially due to higher fees generated by the growth in assets under management and administration resulting from the HollisWealth acquisition.

Quarterly Results

(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	2017				2016			
	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Revenues								
Net premiums	1,810.1	1,684.5	1,818.4	1,940.8	1,673.9	1,680.8	1,569.9	1,622.9
Investment income	1,451.0	(433.0)	964.5	598.4	(1,299.2)	762.2	1,255.5	874.7
Other revenues	419.1	371.3	333.2	317.8	309.4	302.6	305.9	288.3
Total	3,680.2	1,622.8	3,116.1	2,857.0	684.1	2,745.6	3,131.3	2,785.9
Income before income taxes	178.1	194.5	164.8	145.5	183.0	190.6	191.5	129.0
Income taxes	39.9	45.7	33.1	30.8	30.5	41.8	47.5	26.6
Net income	138.2	148.8	131.7	114.7	152.5	148.8	144.0	102.4
Less: net income attributed to participating policyholders	1.6	0.1	---	0.3	(6.7)	0.3	0.4	---
Net income attributed to shareholders	136.6	148.7	131.7	114.4	159.2	148.5	143.6	102.4
Less: preferred share dividends	3.8	3.8	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1
Net income attributed to common shareholders	132.8	144.9	127.5	110.3	155.0	144.4	139.5	98.3
Earnings per common share								
Basic	\$1.25	\$1.36	\$1.20	\$1.04	\$1.50	\$1.41	\$1.36	\$0.96
Diluted	\$1.24	\$1.35	\$1.19	\$1.03	\$1.48	\$1.40	\$1.35	\$0.96
Net transfers to segregated funds	168.0	192.5	279.4	380.8	88.9	240.0	183.5	231.4
Increase (decrease) in insurance contract liabilities	873.2	(577.7)	937.7	492.8	(1,620.0)	642.9	1,212.5	863.7
Increase (decrease) in investment contract liabilities	7.9	(4.9)	4.6	6.4	(11.4)	6.3	12.0	5.1
Total general fund assets	37,789.4	37,146.2	37,011.8	36,329.6	35,223.8	37,109.5	35,971.9	34,375.0
Segregated fund net assets	24,117.0	23,207.1	22,942.0	22,664.1	21,825.8	21,511.3	20,634.9	20,007.5

Financial Position

Capitalization and Solvency

Capitalization

iA Financial Group's capital structure can be divided into three categories: equity, debentures, and participating policyholders' accounts. At December 31, 2017, the Company's capital exceeded \$6.1 billion, a year-over-year increase of over 6%, with equity and participating policyholders' accounts representing 84% of total capital.

The increase in 2017 is mainly due to the contribution of retained earnings resulting from profits realized during the year net of dividends paid to common shareholders.

Capital Structure

(In millions of dollars)	As at December 31				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Equity					
Common shares	1,520.9	1,498.8	1,310.5	1,243.5	1,183.5
Preferred shares ¹	375.0	375.0	375.0	475.0	575.0
Retained earnings	3,130.8	2,793.2	2,374.0	2,081.9	1,857.4
Contributed surplus	19.5	18.5	21.4	21.1	19.8
AOCI ²	48.9	40.1	58.1	63.6	(15.3)
Subtotal	5,095.1	4,725.6	4,139.0	3,885.1	3,620.4
Debentures ¹	996.3	995.3	846.1	597.2	498.5
Participating policyholders' accounts	41.0	39.0	45.0	49.4	47.1
Total	6,132.4	5,759.9	5,030.1	4,531.7	4,166.0

Financial Leverage and Coverage Ratio

The debt ratio measured as debentures over the capital structure was 16.2% at December 31, 2017. With the preferred shares added to the debentures, the ratio was 22.4%. The slight decrease over the 23.8% ratio twelve months earlier stems from the increase in capital from the contribution of retained earnings.

At December 31, 2017, the coverage ratio was 13.3x, compared to 12.8x at December 31, 2016. In 2017, the ratio, which was already relatively high, increased further due to the decrease in financing costs used to calculate the ratio. The coverage ratio represents the Company's earnings for the last twelve months before interest and income tax expenses divided by its interest and dividend expenses.

Debt Ratios and Coverage Ratio

	As at December 31				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Debt ratios					
Debentures/capital structure	16.2%	17.3%	16.8%	13.2%	12.0%
Debentures and preferred shares/capital structure	22.4%	23.8%	24.3%	23.7%	25.8%
Coverage ratio (number of times)	13.3	12.8	8.2	7.9	6.2

Solvency

The solvency ratio³ was 209% at December 31, 2017, compared to 225% a year earlier. As explained below, the 16 percentage point decrease was mainly due to the HollisWealth acquisition. Nevertheless, the year-end ratio was still above the 175% to 200% guidance target range.

The change for the year is explained by the following items:

- The HollisWealth acquisition in the third quarter, which decreased the solvency ratio by 13 percentage points.
- Macroeconomic changes, including their impact on required capital for segregated funds, which decreased the solvency ratio by 7 percentage points.
- Recurring items, including the contribution of net income to available capital plus a few other items, which had a combined positive impact of 4 percentage points.

The January 23, 2018, completion of the DAC acquisition in the United States is expected to reduce the solvency ratio by 8 percentage points.

Solvency

(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	As at December 31				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Available capital					
Tier 1 (net)	3,754.7	4,054.5	3,426.8	3,217.0	3,166.3
Tier 2 (net)	1,154.1	1,002.6	870.6	667.4	496.7
Total	4,908.8	5,057.1	4,297.4	3,884.4	3,663.0
Required capital	2,353.3	2,250.6	2,014.0	1,860.6	1,687.2
Solvency ratio³	209%	225%	213%	209%	217%

Equity and Financing

Redemption and Issue of Financial Instruments

The Company did not complete any offerings of subordinated debentures or common shares in 2017.

Debentures

The Company had four series of debentures on its balance sheet at December 31, 2017, with a total book value of \$996.3 million. These four series, for which details are provided in the table later in this section, were classified as financial liabilities at amortized cost. The debentures represent direct unsecured obligations of the Company that are subordinate to those of the Company's policyholders and other creditors. In 2017, the financing expense, made up of interest only, amounted to \$33.4 million, versus \$36.0 million in 2016.

¹ Items considered as long-term debt and included in the debt ratio calculation.

² AOCI: Accumulated other comprehensive income

³ This measure, which has no IFRS equivalent, is established in accordance with regulatory requirements.

Outstanding Common Shares

The Company has only one class of common shares and all common shares contain a single voting right. In addition, no shareholder may acquire, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the Company's voting shares. The Company's common shares are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol IAG.

The number of issued and outstanding common shares at December 31, 2017 was 106,756,360, an increase of 551,218 compared to December 31, 2016. This increase is explained by the issuance of common shares resulting from the exercise of options under the Stock Option Plan for executives.

Common Shares

	As at December 31				
(In millions)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Number of common shares outstanding	106.8	106.2	102.4	100.8	99.3

Stock Price and Market Capitalization

Industrial Alliance became a stock company in February 2000. The Company's stock began trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange on February 3, 2000, at a price of \$7.88, taking into account the two-for-one split of the Company's common shares, which took place on May 16, 2005.

The Company's stock closed the year at \$59.82 in 2017, an increase of 12% over the previous year. Its market capitalization amounted to nearly \$6.4 billion.

Stock Price and Market Capitalization

	End of period				
(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Stock price	\$59.82	\$53.39	\$44.13	\$44.43	\$46.95
Market capitalization	6,386.2	5,670.3	4,520.5	4,477.4	4,664.1

Book Value per Common Share

The book value per common share was \$44.20 at the end of 2017, up 8% during the year. This increase stems mainly from the contribution of retained earnings in 2017.

Book Value per Common Share

	As at December 31				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Book value per common share	\$44.20	\$40.97	\$36.76	\$33.83	\$30.67

Preferred Shares

In 2017, the Company paid \$15.9 million in dividends to preferred shareholders with Class A Shares, Series B and G. The Company's capital currently includes these two series of Class A Preferred Shares, as shown in the table on the following page.

Dividends

In November 2017, iA Financial Group increased its quarterly dividend per common share from \$0.3500 to \$0.3800. As a result, the dividend for 2017 totalled \$1.43 per common share, compared to \$1.26 per common share in 2016, an increase of over 13%. In total, the Company paid out \$152.3 million in dividends to common shareholders in 2017 and the dividend payout ratio for the year was 30% of the net income attributed to common shareholders.

Dividends

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Dividends paid per common share	\$1.43	\$1.26	\$1.16	\$1.06	\$0.98
Dividend payout ratio	30%	24%	32%	26%	27%

Declaration of Fourth Quarter Dividends

Following are the amounts and dates of payment and closing of registers for the Company's common shares and the various categories of its preferred shares.

The Board of Directors has declared the payment of a quarterly dividend of \$0.3800 per common share. The dividend is payable in cash on March 15, 2018, to the common shareholders of record as at March 2, 2018.

The Board of Directors has declared the payment of a quarterly dividend of \$0.2875 per non-cumulative Class A Preferred Share – Series B. The dividend is payable in cash on April 2, 2018, to the preferred shareholders of record as at March 2, 2018.

The Board of Directors has declared the payment of a quarterly dividend of \$0.2360625 per non-cumulative Class A Preferred Share – Series G. The dividend is payable in cash on April 2, 2018, to the preferred shareholders of record as at March 2, 2018.

For the purposes of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and any corresponding provincial and territorial tax legislation, all dividends paid by the Company on its common and preferred shares are eligible dividends.

Stock Option Plan

In accordance with the Stock Option Plan adopted by the Board of Directors in 2001, the Human Resources and Compensation Committee granted 491,000 new share purchase options in 2017. These new options, which will expire in 2027, were granted at an exercise price of \$55.85. The issue, net of the options exercised and cancelled during the year, brings the number of share purchase options outstanding to 2,734,500, or 2.6% of the number of issued and outstanding shares at December 31, 2017.

Dividend Reinvestment and Share Purchase Plan for Common Shareholders

The Dividend Reinvestment and Share Purchase Plan for Common Shareholders allows participants to have their dividends automatically reinvested in Industrial Alliance common shares and to make cash purchases of additional common shares from the Company. As of February 11, 2016, the Company no longer issues common shares under this plan. Shares issued under the plan are now acquired on the secondary market.

Preferred Shares and Debentures

Class A Preferred Shares – Series B

Number:	5,000,000
Nominal value:	\$125.0 million
Book value:	Shares recognized at their acquisition value
Dividend:	Fixed non-cumulative quarterly dividend of \$0.2875 per preferred share
Voting rights:	No voting rights
Conversion:	Not convertible into common shares
Redemption:	Redeemable in whole or in part at the option of the Company, subject to approval by the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF), on or after March 31, 2011.

Class A Preferred Shares – Series G

Number:	10,000,000
Nominal value:	\$250.0 million
Book value:	Shares recognized at their acquisition value
Dividend:	Non-cumulative 5-year rate reset quarterly dividend at an initial annual rate of \$1.0750 in cash per preferred share until June 30, 2017. The annual rate was modified to \$0.94425 in cash per preferred share as of June 30, 2017.
Voting rights:	No voting rights
Conversion:	Convertible at the option of the holder to Class A Preferred Shares – Series H on June 30, 2017 and on June 30 every 5 years thereafter.
Redemption:	Redeemable in whole or in part at the option of the Company, subject to approval by the AMF, on June 30, 2017 and on June 30 every 5 years thereafter.

Subordinated debentures issued on August 1, 2008 and maturing on August 1, 2023

Nominal value:	\$100.0 million
Book value:	\$100.0 million
Interest:	For the principal debenture of \$88.0 million: 5.63% payable semi-annually until August 1, 2018; for the secondary debenture of \$12.0 million: interest of 5.63% payable semi-annually until August 1, 2018. After that date, the interest rate on the principal and secondary debentures will be equal to the 90-day Bankers' Acceptance rate plus 1%, adjusted on the last day of the quarter, and payable semi-annually.
Redemption and repayment:	Redeemable at par by the Company on or after August 1, 2018, in whole but not in part, subject to prior approval by the AMF.

Subordinated debentures issued on May 16, 2014 and maturing on May 16, 2024

Nominal value:	\$250.0 million
Book value:	\$249.3 million
Interest:	2.80% until May 16, 2019. After that date, the interest rate will be a variable annual rate of return equal to the three-month CDOR (Canadian Dollar Offered Rate), plus 0.79%, payable quarterly.
Redemption and repayment:	Redeemable by the Company on or after May 16, 2019, in whole or in part, subject to prior approval by the regulatory bodies. The book value of these debentures includes the transaction costs and the premium at issue for a total of \$1.4 million.

Subordinated debentures issued on February 23, 2015 and maturing on February 23, 2027

Nominal value:	\$250.0 million
Book value:	\$249.0 million
Interest:	2.64% until February 23, 2022. After that date, the interest rate will be a variable annual rate of return equal to the three-month CDOR (Canadian Dollar Offered Rate), plus 1.08%, payable quarterly.
Redemption and repayment:	Redeemable by the Company on or after February 23, 2022, in whole or in part, subject to prior approval by the regulatory bodies. The book value of these debentures includes the transaction costs and the premium at issue for a total of \$1.4 million.

Subordinated debentures issued on September 16, 2016 and maturing on September 15, 2028

Nominal value:	\$400.0 million
Book value:	\$398.0 million
Interest:	3.30% until September 15, 2023. After that date, the interest rate will be a variable annual rate of return equal to the three-month CDOR (Canadian Dollar Offered Rate), plus 2.14%, payable quarterly.
Redemption and repayment:	Redeemable by the Company on or after September 15, 2023, in whole or in part, subject to prior approval by the regulatory bodies. The book value of these debentures includes the transaction costs and the premium at issue for a total of \$2.3 million.

More information about the features of the preferred shares and debentures can be found in the prospectus documents, which are available on the Company's website at ia.ca in the *Investor Relations* section under *About iA*.

Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that all material information is gathered and reported in a timely fashion to senior management, in particular the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Actuary in order that appropriate decisions may be made regarding disclosure. These controls and procedures are also designed to ensure that the information is gathered, recorded, processed, condensed and reported within the time frames prescribed by the Canadian Securities Act.

The Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Actuary are responsible for establishing and maintaining the controls and procedures for disclosing the Company's information. Following an evaluation carried out by these senior officers as at December 31, 2017, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were deemed to be effective.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The Company's internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance that the Company's financial reporting is reliable and that, for the purposes of publishing its financial information, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Actuary are responsible for establishing and maintaining the Company's internal control over financial reporting as defined in Multilateral Instrument 52-109 (*Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings*). As at December 31, 2017, they evaluated the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting using the framework and criteria established in the *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* report published by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Following this evaluation, they concluded that the internal control over financial reporting was effective. During the period, no changes had, or are reasonably likely to have had, a material impact on internal control over financial reporting.

Significant Accounting and Actuarial Policies

The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

For more information on significant accounting policies, refer to note 2 of the Company's consolidated financial statements.

The preparation of the financial statements requires that management make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, net income and additional information. Actual results may differ from management's estimates. The estimates and assumptions are revised periodically based on changes in relevant facts and circumstances. The changes are then accounted for in the period in which the revisions are made and in all subsequent periods affected by the revisions. The most significant estimates and judgments pertain to the classification of contracts and the determination of policy liabilities.

Other Items

Credit Ratings

The Company receives credit ratings from three independent rating agencies. These ratings confirm the Company's financial strength and its ability to meet its commitments to policyholders and creditors.

In 2017, the credit ratings assigned by Standard & Poor's, DBRS and A.M. Best remained unchanged, with a stable outlook.

Credit Ratings

Agency	Type of Evaluation	Rating
Standard & Poor's	Financial Strength	A+ (Strong)
	Issuer Credit Rating	A+ (Strong)
	Subordinated Debentures	A
	Preferred Shares	
	Canadian scale	P-1 (Low)
	Global scale	A-
DBRS	Financial Strength	A (high)
	Subordinated Debentures	A
	Preferred Shares	Pfd-2 (high)
A.M. Best	Financial Strength	A+ (Superior)
	Issuer Credit Rating	aa-
	Subordinated Debentures	a
	Preferred Shares	a-

Related Party Transactions

The value of the related party transactions is presented in note 27 of the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Guarantees, Commitments and Contingencies

In the normal course of business, the Company frequently signs various types of contracts or agreements which, in certain cases, can be considered to be guarantees, commitments or contingencies.

As at December 31, 2017, the Company's contractual obligations and commitments were as follows:

Contractual Obligations – Payments Due by Period

(In millions of dollars)	As at December 31, 2017			
	Total	Less than 1 year	1 year to 5 years	More than 5 years
Debentures ¹	996.3	---	---	996.3
Capital lease	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.1
Operating lease	98.6	22.9	75.7	---
Purchasing commitments	303.0	58.5	152.2	92.3
Other long-term commitments ²	4,366.6	2,666.3	1,150.7	549.6
Total of contractual obligations	5,765.4	2,748.2	1,378.9	1,638.3

For more information on commitments to third parties, investment commitments and the Company's lines of credit, refer to note 28 of the consolidated financial statements.

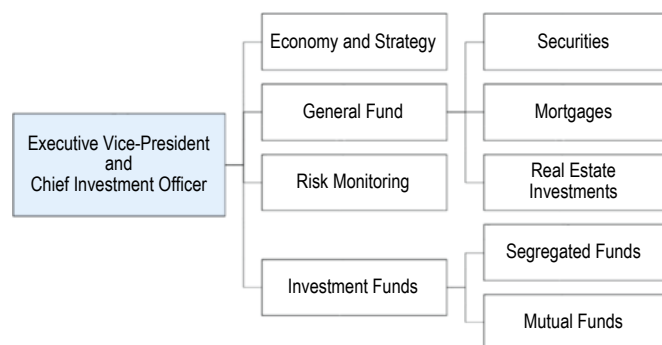
¹ The debentures can be redeemed at the Company's option on various dates. Interest is payable semi-annually. Refer to note 16 of the consolidated financial statements for more information on debentures.

² Includes long-term financial liabilities only.

Investments

Description of Sector

The Investments sector has two main functions: managing the assets in the Company's general fund and managing the investment funds offered to its clients. All of iA Financial Group's investment activities, including those associated with the U.S. business, are combined under a single authority and share a common philosophy. The investment management structure is illustrated below.



The general fund experts manage a diverse range of investments, including bonds, stocks, residential and commercial mortgages, real estate investments, short-term investments and derivatives.

The risk monitoring team is responsible for developing a global vision for the control and monitoring of the various investment risks (interest rate, stock market, foreign currency, credit, liquidity, etc.). In addition to quantifying the risks, the team helps develop strategies for managing these risks effectively.

Most of iA Financial Group's investment professionals work for iA Investment Management, where they look after asset allocation and securities selection for the general fund and for a number of segregated and mutual funds, in addition to overseeing all external managers.

Assets Under Management and Administration

At December 31, 2017, iA Financial Group had \$169.5 billion in assets under management and administration, an increase of \$43.3 billion, or 34.3%, over the previous year.

Assets Under Management and Administration

(In millions of dollars)	As at December 31				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Assets under management					
General fund ¹	37,789.4	35,223.8	33,161.4	31,591.2	27,195.5
Segregated funds	24,117.0	21,825.8	19,776.7	18,748.2	16,921.4
Mutual funds	11,723.2	10,937.5	10,428.3	11,832.9	11,413.2
Other	15,123.1	16,859.9	15,526.1	14,621.3	13,960.5
Subtotal	88,752.7	84,847.0	78,892.5	76,793.6	69,490.6
Assets under administration	80,787.1	41,387.2	36,920.8	32,687.2	29,289.7
Total	169,539.8	126,234.2	115,813.3	109,480.8	98,780.3

Assets under management, which are made up of amounts in the general fund, segregated funds and mutual funds, as well as certain assets managed for third parties (classified as "Other"), were up \$3.9 billion (+5%) in 2017. All components of assets under management contributed to this growth despite a reclassification of certain items in the Other category to assets under administration.

Assets under administration were up \$39.4 billion (+95%) mainly as a result of the HollisWealth acquisition. Assets under administration essentially include third-party assets that are administered through the mutual fund brokerage companies (Investia Financial Services and FundEX Investments, among others), the securities brokerage company (iA Securities) and the trust company (iA Trust).

General Fund

General Fund Investments

The Company uses a prudent, disciplined approach to investing and aims to achieve an optimal balance between risk and return. In addition to ensuring that its investments are well diversified among issuers and operating sectors, as well as geographically, the Company closely monitors its asset/liability matching and maintains a sufficient level of liquidity at all times. For more information about liquidity risk and how it is managed and about the asset/liability matching process and the measures used by the Company to reduce the risks associated with this process, refer to the Risk Management section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

The assets related to the Company's insurance and annuity operations are mainly invested in fixed-income securities, such as bonds, and to a lesser extent, in equity securities (stocks). The assets related to the Company's capital are invested in fixed-income securities and preferred shares.

Composition of General Fund Investments

At the end of 2017, 67.8% of the Company's investments were invested in bonds and 9.7% in mortgages and other loans, for a total of 77.5% in fixed-income securities. The proportion of fixed-income securities has fluctuated between 76% and 78% over the last five years, while stocks have varied between 10% and 13%.

General Fund Investments

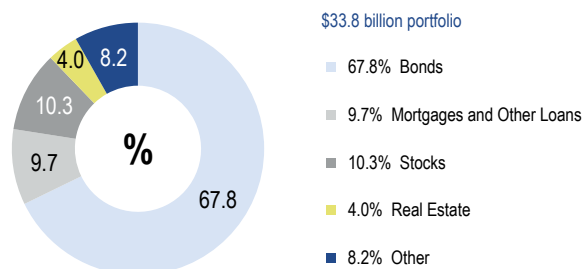
(In millions of dollars)	As at December 31				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Bonds	22,944.1	21,086.8	19,278.1	18,575.3	15,106.7
Mortgages and other loans	3,288.1	3,292.3	3,169.3	2,886.0	2,596.6
Stocks	3,467.0	3,083.0	2,924.1	3,242.0	3,120.2
Real estate	1,340.8	1,237.8	1,215.9	1,190.1	1,079.2
Other invested assets ²	2,781.9	2,391.0	2,362.2	1,515.7	1,287.1
Total	33,821.9	31,090.9	28,949.6	27,409.1	23,189.8

¹ At December 31, 2014, an adjustment was made to recognize the deferred income taxes related to certain intangible asset items. This adjustment, which increased the goodwill and future income tax liability by an equivalent amount, was reflected retroactively to January 1, 2013.

² In 2017, one item under "Other invested assets" was reclassified under "Other assets" on the balance sheet. This change is reflected back through 2015.

Investments by Asset Category

As at December 31, 2017



Overall Quality of Investments

At December 31, 2017, net impaired investments were \$23.4 million, the same as at December 31, 2016. On a \$33.8 billion portfolio, this represents just 0.07% of total investments (0.08% at December 31, 2016).

The overall quality of investments continued to be very good in 2017.

Net Impaired Investments (Excluding Insured Loans)

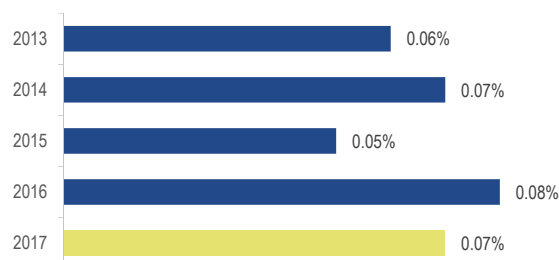
As at December 31

(In millions of dollars)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Bonds	15.1	16.9	6.0	7.2	7.3
Mortgages and other loans	8.3	6.5	8.2	11.5	6.5
Total	23.4	23.4	14.2	18.7	13.8

Net impaired investments are made up of bonds and conventional mortgages that are three or more months in arrears, as well as restructured loans and other loans in default, taking into account any specific provisions for losses set up in consideration of these assets.

Net impaired Investment as a Percentage of Total Investments

As at December 31



For the investment portfolio as a whole, unrealized losses on corporate fixed-income securities classified as "available for sale" amounted to \$9.2 million at December 31, 2017 (\$5.5 million at December 31, 2016).

Bond Portfolio

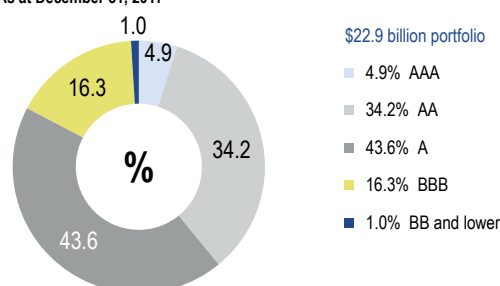
The quality of the Company's bond portfolio is very good, totalling \$22.9 billion at December 31, 2017.

In accordance with the rules defined in the investment policies, the Company largely invests in bonds whose credit rating from a recognized rating agency is BBB low or higher at the time of acquisition. In the event no evaluation is available from a recognized rating agency, the Company uses an in-house method to evaluate the quality of the bonds in question.

The proportion of bonds rated A or higher represented 82.7% of the portfolio at the end of 2017, compared to 82.2% at the end of 2016. At December 31, 2017, bonds rated BB and lower (high-yield bonds) represented \$227.0 million (1.0% of the portfolio), compared to \$160.7 million at December 31, 2016 (0.8% of the portfolio).

Bonds by Credit Rating

As at December 31, 2017



In addition to investing in bonds issued through public placements (government bonds and bonds of public corporations), the Company also invests in bonds issued through private placements. These bonds offer investment opportunities that are generally not available on the public market, and offer performance and risk features that are suitable for the operations of a life insurance company. They also provide greater access to information from issuers. However, bonds issued through private placements do not have the same level of liquidity and could be affected by changing credit conditions in the market. At December 31, 2017, private issue bonds totalled \$3.9 billion, which represents 16.9% of the bond portfolio (\$3.8 billion or 18.0% of the portfolio at December 31, 2016).

Bond Portfolio

As at December 31

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Book value of the portfolio (\$Million)	22,944.1	21,086.8	19,278.1	18,575.3	15,106.7
Distribution by category of issuer (%)					
Governments ¹	52.0	51.4	50.0	49.7	55.2
Municipalities	5.0	4.4	5.2	5.2	4.1
Corporates – Public issues	26.1	26.2	25.9	27.4	24.2
Corporates – Private issues	16.9	18.0	18.9	17.7	16.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Government issuers and those with an equivalent direct or indirect guarantee, excluding municipal issuers.

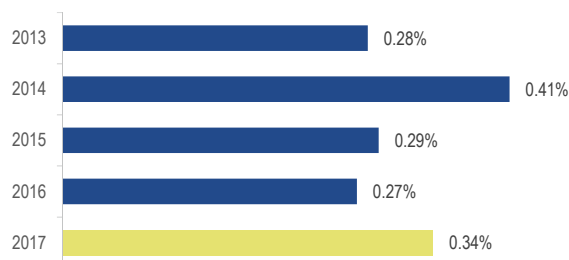
Mortgages and Other Loans Portfolio

The mortgages and other loans portfolio amounted to \$3.3 billion at December 31, 2017, a \$4 million decrease from December 31, 2016. A third of this portfolio, for an amount of \$1.1 billion, was securitized at the end of 2017 through CMHC's Canada Mortgage Bond (CMB) program.

Mortgages as such totalled \$2.7 billion at the end of 2017, and they were of excellent quality. The delinquency rate increased slightly during the year, from 0.27% at December 31, 2016 to 0.34% at December 31, 2017. In total, delinquent mortgages represented just \$9.2 million at December 31, 2017 (\$7.4 million at December 31, 2016). The delinquency rate data includes both insured and uninsured mortgages.

Delinquency Rate as a Percentage of Mortgages

As at December 31



As shown in the table below, insured mortgages have represented approximately three-quarters of total mortgages in recent years (78.1% in 2017).

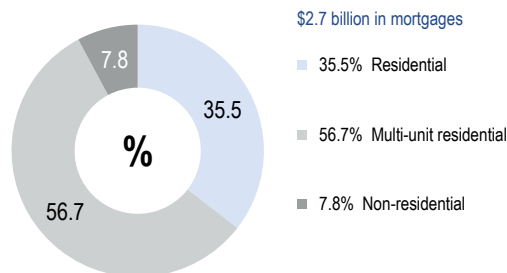
Mortgages and Other Loans Portfolio

	As at December 31				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Book value of the portfolio (\$Million)					
Mortgages	2,718.5	2,776.5	2,877.2	2,759.7	2,537.8
Other loans – Car loans	569.6	515.8	292.1	126.3	58.8
Total	3,288.1	3,292.3	3,169.3	2,886.0	2,596.6
Distribution of mortgages by type of loan (%)					
Insured loans	78.1	77.1	76.0	75.9	74.7
Conventional loans	21.9	22.9	24.0	24.1	25.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mortgage delinquency rate (%)	0.34	0.27	0.29	0.41	0.28

At December 31, 2017, the proportion of mortgages secured by single-family and multi-unit residential properties was 92.2% (88.3% at December 31, 2016). This number has been above 80% for several years.

Mortgages by Type of Property

As at December 31, 2017



In addition to mortgages and other loans, the Company also manages assets for third parties. In total, the Company's portfolio of mortgages and other loans plus assets managed for third parties amounted to \$12.7 billion at December 31, 2017 (\$13.0 billion at December 31, 2016). After several years of growth, loans managed for third parties were down slightly in 2017. The Company continues to develop new partnerships and to capitalize on its underwriting, compliance, customer service and management expertise.

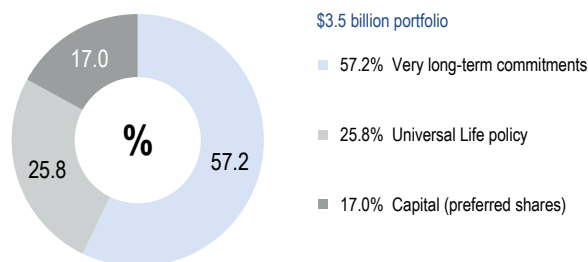
Stock Portfolio

At December 31, 2017, investments in equity securities amounted to \$3.5 billion, or 10.3% of the Company's total investments, compared to \$3.1 billion or 9.9% a year earlier.

Investments in equity securities, as well as the Company's preferred shares, are used to match long-term insurance contract liabilities and to cover the commitments on certain Universal Life policies. The stock portfolio matched to long-term commitments delivered a return of 13.0% in 2017. The Company's preferred shares delivered a return of 13.1%. These results are mainly due to the marked increase in interest rates as well as a growing appetite among institutional investors for this asset class. Private equities occupy an increasingly large part of the portfolio. This equity category offers opportunities in terms of diversification, returns and matching of long-term commitments.

Stock Portfolio by Type of Matching

As at December 31, 2017



The management strategy used for the stock portfolio aims to optimize return through investments in preferred shares, high dividend shares, market indices and investment funds. The Company favours a policy of diversification by industrial sector and by issuer to limit its exposure to concentration risk and to participate in the growth of all primary economic sectors.

Stock Portfolio

	As at December 31				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Book value of the portfolio (\$Million)	3,467.0	3,083.0	2,924.1	3,242.0	3,120.2
Distribution by category of stock (%)					
Common shares and investment fund units	41.2	43.3	50.3	59.4	60.4
Preferred shares	18.3	19.7	19.1	16.6	16.7
Market indices	14.3	13.7	13.0	14.2	18.4
Private equities	26.2	23.3	17.6	9.8	4.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Real Estate Portfolio

The Company recognizes investment properties at fair value. The book value of investment properties increased by \$103.0 million in the past year to reach \$1.3 billion at December 31, 2017. Changes in the book value are normally due to the net amount of acquisitions and dispositions, the increase in the fair value of investment properties that were reappraised during the year and any renovations to the properties. Real estate investments represented 4.0% of total investments at December 31, 2017, the same as at December 31, 2016.

The occupancy rate of investment properties increased slightly during the year (93.0% at December 31, 2017, compared to 90.2% at December 31, 2016). It continues to compare very favourably with that of commercial rental properties in large Canadian cities.

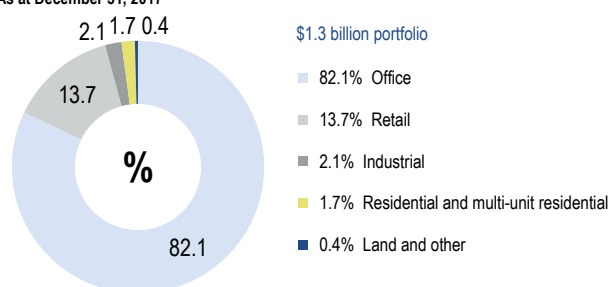
Office buildings account for over 80% of the Company's real estate investments.

Investment Properties

(In millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	As at December 31				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Book value of the portfolio	1,340.8	1,237.8	1,215.9	1,190.1	1,079.2
Occupancy rate	93.0%	90.2%	90.1%	91.0%	93.5%

Investment Properties by Category of Property

As at December 31, 2017



Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company uses derivative financial instruments in the normal course of managing the risk arising from fluctuations in interest rates, equity markets, currencies and credit. These instruments are primarily made up of interest rate, equity and foreign exchange swaps, as well as options, futures and forward contracts.

Derivative financial instruments are used primarily as part of the Company's hedging program. This program aims to alleviate the sensitivity of the capital guarantees on certain segregated fund products to interest rate and stock market fluctuations.

The Company also uses derivatives in the implementation of strategies to improve the matching of assets backing long-term life insurance liabilities and to hedge the risk associated with the Universal Life policy funds.

The table below presents certain values pertaining to the Company's financial instruments. For more information, refer to note 8 of the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Derivative Financial Instruments – Fair Value and Exposure

(In millions of dollars)	As at December 31	
	2017	2016
Net fair value ¹	200.0	(70.7)
Notional amount ²	13,137	12,338

Other Invested Assets

The "Other invested assets" category is made up of cash and cash equivalents, policy loans (most insurance contracts, except for term insurance contracts, allow policyholders to obtain a loan on the surrender value of their contracts), derivatives, short-term investments and other investments. These investments totalled \$2.8 billion at December 31, 2017 (\$2.4 billion at December 31, 2016).

¹ Positive fair value of the derivative financial instruments presented under Assets in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position, minus the negative fair value presented under Liabilities.

² Amount used to determine the contractual amount of the cash flows to be exchanged.

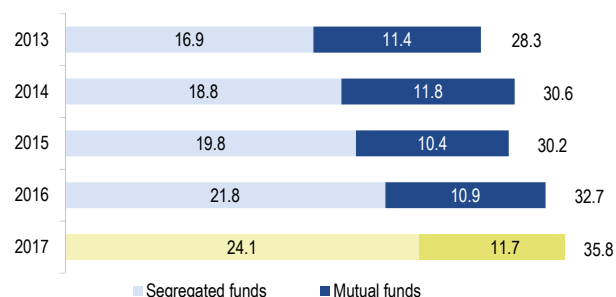
Investment Funds

(Segregated Funds and Mutual Funds)

Investment Fund Assets

Investment fund assets for iA Financial Group totalled \$35.8 billion at December 31, 2017 (\$24.1 billion in segregated funds and \$11.7 billion in mutual funds), up over 9% from the previous year. This increase is mainly explained by favourable financial markets and positive net sales for the year.

Segregated Fund and Mutual Fund Assets as at December 31 (\$Billion)



Range of Funds

iA Financial Group offers a broad, diverse range of investment funds. At December 31, 2017, the Company offered over 200 funds to its clients. Over half of the assets in these funds are managed in-house.

The Company continued to redesign its segregated fund offer in 2017 to provide greater diversity and more complementary management styles. Some innovative new options were also introduced for certain market segments and products, in particular the addition of low cost balanced mandates as well as globally slanted strategies.

On the mutual fund front, iA Clarington added a number of funds during the year. These include global and emerging country fixed income strategies and a managed solution fund offering the expertise of multiple managers and a global asset allocation.

Lastly, in the Group Savings and Retirement sector, the Company added several funds in response to high demand in certain fund categories.

iA Financial Group's Active Investment Funds

	As at December 31, 2017	
	Assets (\$Billion)	Distribution of assets
Segregated funds	24.1	67%
Mutual funds	11.7	33%
Total	35.8	100%

Investment Fund Performance

After several years of ultra-accommodative financial conditions driven by extraordinary measures taken by the world's main central banks, the economic cycles of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) member countries finally resynchronized for the first time since 2007. Not only was growth observed across the board, but the rapid acceleration of growth in certain areas, including Canada and Europe, garnered the attention of economists and investors.

Following its rebound in 2017, the Canadian stock market generated a solid 9.1% return despite the downturn in the energy sector during the year. In the U.S., the S&P 500 posted a return of 21.8% in local currency, or 13.7% in Canadian dollars given the appreciation of the Canadian currency versus the U.S. dollar. In foreign markets, the MSCI EAFE grew 15.2% in local currency or 16.7% in Canadian dollars.

On the bond markets, the increase in interest rates mainly affected short maturities, somewhat dampening performance for certain segments of this market. The FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index nonetheless finished the year in positive territory with a return of 2.5%.

In this context, our diversified investment funds and portfolios with a foreign equity bias ended up realizing attractive nominal returns.

Compared to the competition, our funds posted slightly below-average returns for the year in 2017. Overall, 44% of the assets held in funds offered by the Company surpassed their respective one-year medians. However, this percentage increases to 71% and 72% when looking at three- and five-year periods.

The returns on all the Company's investment funds, as well as detailed financial information on these funds, are presented in the investment fund financial reports prepared by iA Financial Group.

Risk Management

The Risk Management section of the Management's Discussion and Analysis contains certain information required under IFRS-7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures* of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) regarding the nature and scope of the risks arising from financial instruments. This information, which appears in the shaded sections, is an integral part of the audited consolidated financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2017, given that the standard permits cross-references between the Notes to the Financial Statements and the Management's Discussion and Analysis. Because of the references made to the financial statements, the terminology used in this section is generally what is found in the financial statements.

As a financial institution, iA Financial Group assumes a variety of risks inherent in the conduct of its business. The Company's goal is to manage these risks as effectively as possible in order to enhance long-term profitability and shareholder value, while continuing to meet the needs of policyholders and comply with regulatory requirements.

The Company maintains an overall vision and demonstrates prudence in implementing its strategies and business decisions in order to protect its reputation and the Company's value. The Company also places particular emphasis on its capital adequacy by maintaining a solvency ratio higher than that required by the regulatory authorities.

Risk Management Principles and Responsibilities

Effective risk management rests on identifying, understanding and communicating the risks the Company is exposed to in the course of its operations.

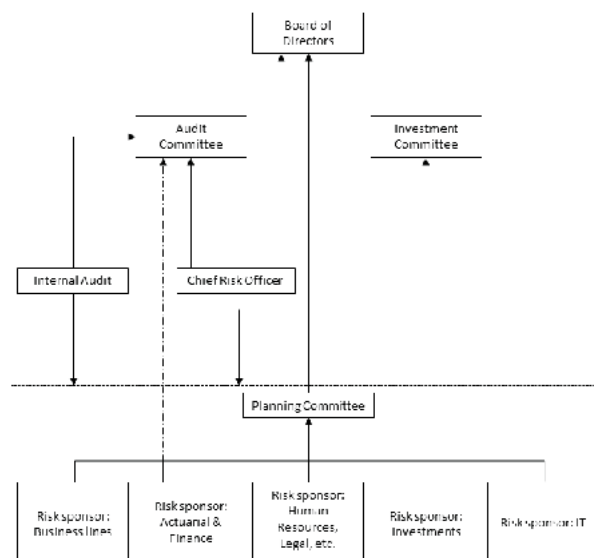
In accordance with this principle, the Company has implemented an enterprise risk management framework that is consistently applied and that is taken into account in developing the Company's business strategies and in all of its operations.

The goal of the enterprise risk management framework is to identify, assess, manage and monitor the risks the Company is exposed to in the course of its operations and to ensure that any pertinent information regarding these risks is communicated and shared on a regular and timely basis with the various people involved in the framework.

The enterprise risk management framework provides the Board of Directors with reasonable assurance that sufficient resources and appropriate procedures are in place within the Company to ensure sound risk management.

The framework is governed by a global policy designed to classify and define the risks the Company is exposed to, outline the risk management organizational structure, including the roles and responsibilities of the various people involved in the risk management process, and identify the key steps in the process, particularly in terms of identifying, assessing, communicating and monitoring the risks.

The diagram that follows illustrates the responsibility levels with respect to enterprise risk management within the Company.



The risk sponsors are made up of senior managers who are responsible for the various organizational units such as the business lines and the Actuarial and Finance, Human Resources, Legal, Investment and IT departments. These people are responsible for managing the risks that could adversely affect the achievement of the objectives identified in their respective areas of responsibility.

The Chief Risk Officer is responsible for coordinating the framework within the Company and ensuring that appropriate policies and procedures are defined and implemented by the risk sponsors. He is also responsible for summarizing and communicating the risk-related information to the Board of Directors. The Chief Risk Officer and his team work closely with the risk sponsors to ensure effective management of the risks in their respective areas of responsibility. They also play a key role in ensuring good communication among the various managers and promoting a general culture of sound risk management.

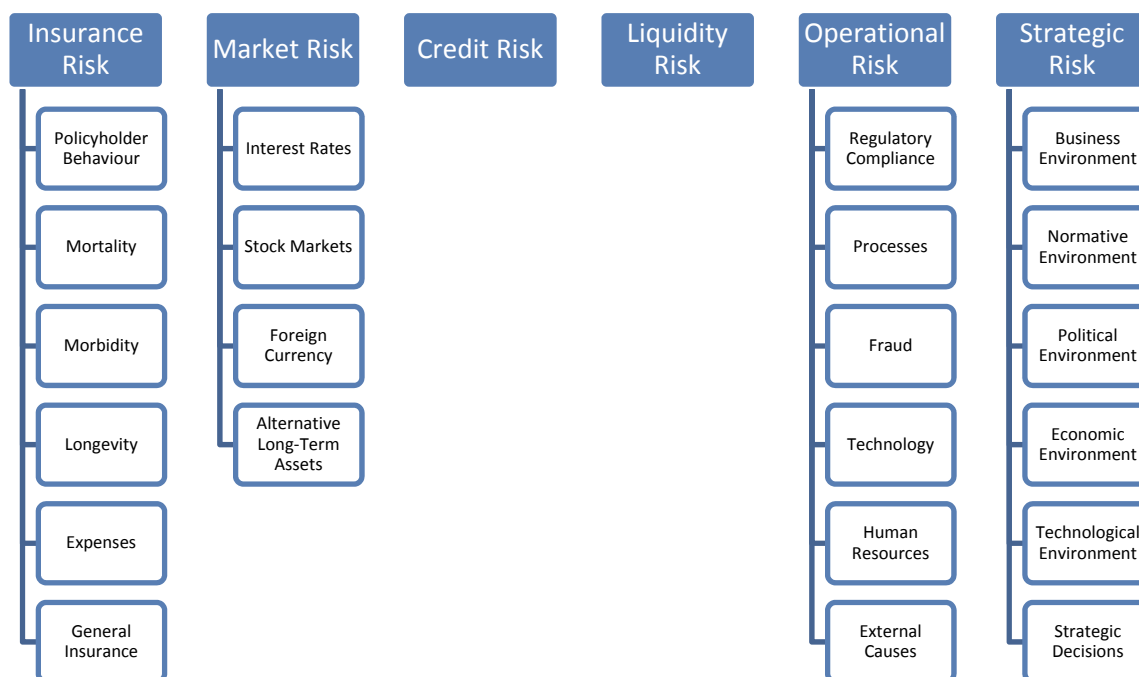
The Planning Committee, which includes the President and Chief Executive Officer as well as the senior executives, ensures that the policies and procedures are enforced and keeps the Board of Directors apprised of the key risks to which the Company is exposed and the measures being taken to manage them. It also ensures that risk sponsors carefully assess the material risks to which the Company is exposed, and that they act with prudence and discipline within the established limits for risk tolerance.

The Board of Directors monitors the effectiveness of the risk management framework. It verifies and approves the global policy governing this framework as well as any changes that are made to it. The Board also approves the overall level of risk the Company is willing to take as well as the tolerance thresholds it is willing to withstand regarding its objectives.

Internal Audit assesses the effectiveness of the enterprise risk management framework, recommends improvements to the people involved in the process and reports on the situation to the Board of Directors' Audit Committee.

The enterprise risk management framework is also applied in the Company's subsidiaries. The boards of directors of the subsidiaries, which are made up of members renowned for their expertise in their respective fields and may also include senior executives from the parent company, also play an important role in risk management.

Risk Categories



The diagram below illustrates the categories of risk the Company is exposed to in the course of pursuing its strategic objectives. A summary of these risks and the processes for managing them is outlined in the following pages.

The Company is also exposed to reputation risk. This risk can arise from the occurrence of one or more risks that appear in the six categories illustrated below. It may result from negligence or unauthorized actions by an employee or other individual affiliated with the Company, inappropriate behaviour by one of its representatives, or some other event that may, rightly or wrongly, have a negative impact on the public's perception of the Company and potentially lead to fewer clients, lost revenues or considerable litigation costs.

Strategic Risk

Strategic risk may arise from poor strategic decisions or not adapting well to changes in the business, normative, political, economic or technological environment.

Risk Associated with the Business Environment – The insurance and wealth management sectors are highly competitive. There is a risk that competitive pressures could lead to increased pressure on the business model and harm the Company's overall profitability. Changes in client needs and spending habits could also have an adverse effect on the Company's results if it doesn't adapt accordingly.

Risk Associated with the Normative Environment – Financial institutions are subject to a vast number of laws and regulations. As a result, legislative and regulatory changes could increase the amount of time and resources needed to ensure ongoing compliance. The Company is also exposed to risk related to changes in accounting and actuarial standards.

Risk Associated with the Political Environment – Political events or decisions could have an adverse impact on the competitiveness of the Company's products or on its general profitability.

Risk Associated with the Economic Environment – Changes in the economic environment like increased credit risk or a deterioration in financial market conditions that leads to increased volatility could increase pressure on the business model or adversely affect the Company's profitability, financial strength and access to capital.

Risk Associated with the Technological Environment – Not adapting well to changes in the technological environment could impact the integrity of our information systems and technology infrastructure or generally disrupt the Company's business plan.

Insurance Risk

Insurance risk is the risk of loss arising from higher claims than anticipated during product pricing and design. This category includes risk factors associated with policyholder behaviour, mortality, morbidity, longevity, expenses and general insurance. Insurance risk can occur at various stages of a product's life cycle, for example during product design and pricing, during underwriting or claims adjudication or when calculating the provisions for future policy benefits. The Company has put controls and processes in place at each of these stages to ensure appropriate management of these risks.

Product design and pricing – For certain types of contracts, the insurance risk may be shared with or transferred to the policyholder through dividend and experience refund policies, or through the fact that the Company can adjust the premiums or future benefits if experience turns out to be different than expected. For other types of contracts, the Company assumes the entire risk, thus the need to carry out a proper valuation of the commitments in this regard.

The Company has adopted a product design and pricing policy that establishes standards and guidelines on pricing methods, formulation of assumptions, profitability objectives, analysis of the sensitivity of this profitability according to various scenarios, documentation, and the accountability of the various people involved.

At this stage of a product's life cycle, the risk is primarily managed by regularly analyzing the pricing adequacy of Company products as compared to recent experience. The pricing assumptions are revised as needed or the various options offered by the reinsurance market are utilized.

Underwriting and Claims Adjudication – Given the geographic diversity of its clients, the Company is not heavily exposed to concentration risk with respect to individuals or groups. The largest portion of the Company's mortality risk is in Canada.

The Company has established guidelines pertaining to underwriting and claims adjudication risk that specify the Company's retention limits. These retention limits vary according to the type of protection and the characteristics of the insureds, and are revised regularly according to the Company's capacity to manage and absorb the financial impact associated with unfavourable experience regarding each risk. Once the retention limits have been reached, the Company turns to reinsurance to cover the excess risk.

In the normal course of business, the Company uses reinsurance agreements to limit its risk on every life insured. It has adopted a reinsurance risk management policy whereby maximum benefit amounts, which vary by line of business, are established for life and health insurance. The Company also has reinsurance agreements covering financial losses from multiple claims due to catastrophic events affecting multiple lives insured. One of these agreements applies to events that may produce losses in excess of \$50 million, up to a maximum of \$150 million, which is equivalent to a maximum claim of up to \$100 million.

Calculating Provisions for Future Policy Benefits – In any insurance company, calculating the provisions for future policy benefits is a complex process that relies on financial projection models and assumptions to determine the value of the amounts that will be paid in the future to policyholders and beneficiaries. In-house studies on evolving claims experience as well as external sources of information are used to revise the assumptions, which may lead to changes in the provisions for future policy benefits.

The Company has developed a policy that outlines the documentation and the control rules needed to ensure that the actuarial valuation standards defined by the Canadian Institute of Actuaries (or any other relevant body), as well as the Company's standards, are followed and applied consistently in all sectors and in all territories where the Company conducts business.

Every year, the appointed actuary ensures that the valuation of provisions for future policy benefits is carried out in accordance with accepted actuarial practice in Canada and that the selected assumptions and valuation methods are appropriate.

The Company's Sensitivity to Certain Insurance Risks – The table below summarizes the impact on net income attributed to common shareholders of adverse deviations from assumptions for certain insurance risks.

Decrease in Net Income Attributed to Common Shareholders Resulting from Adverse Deviations from the Assumptions

(In millions of dollars)	2017	2016
Insurance risk: adverse deviation of 5%		
Mortality rate ¹	187	173
Lapse rate ²	148	152
Unit costs ³	52	44
Morbidity rate ⁴	49	52

Favourable variances from the assumptions would have the same impact, but in the opposite direction.

For more information on insurance risk management, refer to notes 13 and 14 of the Company's audited consolidated financial statements.

¹ The adverse deviation is expressed assuming 105% of the expected mortality rates, adjusted to reflect the adjustability of certain products.

² The adverse deviation is expressed assuming 95% of the expected lapse rates for lapse-supported products and 105% of the expected lapse rates for other products, adjusted to reflect the adjustability of certain products.

³ Adjusted to reflect the adjustability of certain products.

⁴ The adverse deviation is expressed assuming 95% of the expected termination rate when the insured is or becomes disabled and 105% of the expected occurrence rate when the insured is active, adjusted to reflect the adjustability of certain products.

Market Risk

The Company is exposed to market risk, which is the risk that the fair value/future cash flows of an insurance contract/financial instrument will fluctuate due to variations in market risk factors. This category includes risk factors related to interest rates, stock markets, foreign currency and return on alternative long-term assets.

The Company has established investment policies that contain a variety of quantitative measures designed to limit the impact of these risks. The investment policies are reviewed annually and any modifications are submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. Policy management and compliance is monitored regularly and the results are reported to the Board of Directors' Investment Committee at least quarterly.

Interest Rate Risk – One of an insurer's fundamental activities is to invest client premiums for the purpose of paying future benefits. In some cases—for death benefits and annuity payments, for instance—the maturity date may be uncertain and potentially a long time in the future. Interest rate risk is the risk of loss associated with fluctuations in benchmark interest rates and/or rate spreads. It can occur if the asset cash flows cannot be reinvested at high enough interest rates compared to the interest rates on the corresponding liabilities, or if an asset needs to be liquidated in order to match the liability cash flows and a loss in market value of the liquidated asset occurs due to rising interest rates. This risk depends on asset allocation as well as external factors that have a bearing on the markets, the nature of the built-in product guarantees, and the policyholder options.

In order to mitigate this risk, the Company has developed a strict matching process that takes into account the characteristics of the financial liabilities associated with each type of annuity and insurance product. Some of the important factors considered in the matching process include the structure of projected cash flows and the degree of certainty with regard to their maturity, the type of return (fixed or variable), the existence of options or guarantees inherent in the assets and liabilities, and the availability of appropriate assets in the marketplace. Some liabilities can be immunized to a very large degree against interest rate fluctuations because they can be backed by assets offering a similar cash flow structure.

The Company's investment policy clearly defines the type of matching that is appropriate for each type of liability, as well as the constraints and guidelines to follow for choosing the assets. To illustrate the application of this policy, the liabilities are divided into three main categories, as presented below, based on the structure of the underlying financial commitments.

Net Liabilities According to Type of Matching

As at December 31				
	2017		2016	
	\$M	%	\$M	%
Immunized liabilities				
On a cash flow basis	6,116	24%	6,116	27%
Universal Life policy accounts	1,567	6%	1,510	6%
Subtotal	7,683	30%	7,626	33%
Non-immunized liabilities	17,534	70%	15,279	67%
Total	25,217	100%	22,905	100%

1) Liabilities Immunized on a Cash Flow Basis

This category represents 24% of the policy liabilities and primarily reflects the commitments with regard to annuity and other insurance contracts with a maturity of less than thirty years.

For liabilities immunized on a cash flow basis, the primary objective of the matching is to minimize the volatility of the deviations that can occur between the returns realized on the assets and those expected for the liabilities. In terms of the liabilities, the expected returns include the interest rates credited to client contracts and the fluctuation margins set out in the actuarial valuation of the policy liabilities. To appropriately monitor matching, investments are segmented by blocks based on the cash flow structure of the liabilities, and these blocks are grouped together by line of business. A careful examination of these matching blocks is carried out once a month, and a number of techniques are used to assess the quality of the matching in order to guide the selection of investments.

To measure the sensitivity to interest rate fluctuations, the Company uses metrics recognized by immunization experts, such as duration and dispersion. The investment policy sets out a maximum spread between the result of the measures applied to the assets and the corresponding result obtained for the liabilities. These results are provided to the Investment Committee on a quarterly basis.

The Company also carries out sensitivity analyses to assess the financial impact that would result from various types of fluctuations in the interest rate yield curve. These analyses are carried out using stochastic scenarios that are used to quantify the residual risks that may remain in the portfolios. Simulations based on predefined scenarios are also analyzed to measure the impact of specific fluctuations. The sensitivity analyses are also used to assess the behaviour of the future fluctuation margins projected in the actuarial valuation of the policy liabilities. The matching policy sets limits as to the sensitivity of these margins.

In addition, in order to minimize the reinvestment risk that can arise when the maturity of the assets does not match the maturity of the corresponding liabilities, the investment policy also requires that an effort be made to ensure that the asset cash flows correspond to the liability cash flows. To this end, the policy sets relative and absolute limits regarding the size of the cumulative net cash flows, both for all the matching blocks combined and for each individual block.

For this liability category, the use of a very strict immunization approach means that the impact on net income of a decrease or increase in interest rates would be negligible.

2) Immunized Liabilities Linked to Universal Life Policy Accounts

This category represents 6% of policy liabilities, and includes all liabilities linked to Universal Life policy accounts. The returns on these liabilities are determined on the basis of a market or portfolio index. For these liabilities, the matching is carried out using assets whose characteristics correspond to those of the liabilities, or to those of the benchmark index, so as to strictly reproduce the returns credited to the underlying accounts.

For accounts where the return varies based on an index, the impact on net income of a change in the stock markets applied to the assets would be negligible, since an equivalent change would be applied to the corresponding liabilities.

3 Non-Immunized Liabilities

This category corresponds to 70% of the Company's policy liabilities and primarily encompasses individual insurance products whose cash flows have a specific structure and for which a classic immunization strategy cannot be applied. Therefore, for this category, the Company advocates an investment management strategy designed to optimize the long-term returns on the assets by using the various types of leverage available to limit its exposure to reinvestment risk.

The Company uses high-quality assets, primarily made up of long-term fixed-income securities, equity securities (common and preferred shares, market indexes and investment fund units), and real estate. The asset class allocation aims to achieve an optimal return at maturity, taking into account capital requirements, expectations regarding the interest rate structure and performance of the stock markets. At the same time, the strategy takes into account the constraints imposed by the investment policy, particularly with regard to diversification of the portfolio.

The Company uses various types of leverage, including an inter-segment note program that allows cash flows to be exchanged among activity sectors and interest rate swaps to reduce the reinvestment risk.

For this liability category, a widespread decrease in interest rates could have an adverse impact on annual net income to common shareholders, primarily due to the attendant increase in policy liabilities. If interest rates were to decrease, the reinvested cash flows would generate lower investment income for the total duration of the investment. A decrease in interest rates could lead to a downward adjustment of the initial reinvestment rate (IRR) assumption or the ultimate reinvestment rate (URR) assumption used to calculate the policy liabilities.

During the period ended December 31, 2017, derivative financial instruments were used as part of the Company's strategy to optimize returns. To mitigate its risk related to interest rate fluctuations, the Company used hedge accounting through derivative instruments with a nominal value of \$689 million in 2017 (\$665 million in 2016). For more information, refer to notes 7 and 8 of the Company's consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2017.

The following tables provide a summary of the impact on net income attributed to common shareholders and on accumulated other comprehensive income of matching and interest rate risk.

Decrease in Net Income Attributed to Common Shareholders Resulting from Adverse Deviations

(In millions of dollars)	2017	2016
Interest rate risk		
25 basis point decrease in the initial reinvestment rate (IRR) ¹	44	60
10 basis point decrease in the ultimate reinvestment rate (URR)	71	62

Increase in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Resulting from Interest Rate Fluctuations

(In millions of dollars)	2017	2016
Interest rate risk		
25 basis point drop in interest rates ²	3	7

Similar increases in the IRR, URR and interest rates would have the same impact as corresponding decreases, but in the opposite direction.

To test for market sensitivity, the Company uses an interest rate variance of 25 basis points for the IRR and 10 basis points for the URR because it believes these interest rate variances to be reasonable given market conditions as at December 31, 2017.

The impact of this variance in interest rates does not take into account the protection for the IRR in the actuarial reserves.

Stock Market Risk – Stock market risk represents the risk of loss resulting from a downturn in the stock markets. The Company is exposed to this risk in various ways as part of its regular operations, through: 1) the fee income collected on the investment funds managed by the Company, which is calculated based on assets under management; 2) the discounted future revenues on Universal Life policy funds; 3) a strengthening of provisions for future policy benefits; and 4) the income on capital generated by the assets backing the Company's capital. For these items, the Company estimates that a sudden 10% drop in the markets as at December 31, 2017 would have led to a \$32 million decrease in net income and a \$42 million decrease in other comprehensive income. A 25% drop in the markets as at December 31, 2017 would have reduced net income by approximately \$84 million, and other comprehensive income by \$104 million.

If the markets were to drop more than 30% from their levels at December 31, 2017, all other things being equal, the Company would not have the leeway to absorb an additional drop in the markets without a significant impact on its provisions for future policy benefits related to individual insurance.

¹ These estimates do not take into account any compensatory measures to alleviate the impact of an interest rate decrease. The Company could reconsider the investment allocation for each asset class backing the very long-term commitments.

² Excluding any downward adjustment of the IRR or URR.

In addition to the impact on the Company's income, a stock market downturn could also have an impact on the Company's solvency ratio.

Sensitivity of the Solvency Ratio to Variances in the S&P/TSX Index

	2017	2016
Solvency ratio as at December 31	209%	225%
S&P/TSX Index as at December 31	16,209	15,288
Level of S&P/TSX index for the solvency ratio to be at 175%	8,600	7,400
Level of S&P/TSX index for the solvency ratio to be at 150%	6,700	5,600

In order to measure its market sensitivity, the Company examined the impact of a 10% market variance at the end of 2017, believing that this kind of variance was reasonable in the current market environment. However, to take into account the possibility that a market variance of more than 10% could have an impact that is not linearly proportional, the Company also measured the impact of a 25% market variance.

Segregated funds expose the Company significantly to the risk of a stock market downturn. In order to mitigate some of the risk associated with this exposure, the Company has set up a dynamic hedging program, which is described a little later in this section.

A segregated fund is a type of investment similar to a mutual fund, but which generally includes a guarantee in the event of death and a guarantee at maturity. Some products may also offer a guarantee for partial withdrawals. Because of the volatility inherent in the stock markets, the Company is exposed to the risk that the market value of the segregated funds will be lower than their guaranteed minimum value at the time the guarantee is applied and that it will then have to compensate the investor for the difference in the form of a benefit. In order to get an overview of its exposure to the risk associated with the segregated fund guarantees, the Company determines the net amount at risk, which is the amount by which the guaranteed minimum value exceeds the market value for all contracts in this situation at a given point in time. The net amount at risk does not constitute a payable benefit as such, since in reality, benefits that might have to be paid in the future will depend on various eventualities, including market performance and contract holder longevity and behaviour.

The following table provides information on the segregated fund assets under management in the Individual Wealth Management sector.

Individual Wealth Management Segregated Fund Assets Under Management

(In millions of dollars)		2017	2016
Assets under management	(a)	14,466	13,348
Guaranteed minimum value		12,367	11,597
Value of assets underlying the hedged guarantees	(b)	8,574	8,802
Value of assets underlying the minimum guarantees ¹	(c)	5,872	4,524
Proportion of assets under management covered by the hedging program	(b) ÷ ((a) – (c))	100%	100%

The dynamic hedging program involves short selling futures contracts on market indices traded on stock exchanges, as well as signing agreements for forward exchange contracts for currencies traded on stock exchanges, interest rate swaps and internal total-rate-of-return swaps for indices traded on stock exchanges. This program is used to hedge a good portion of the sensitivity of net income to the performance of the bond and equity funds and to the interest rate fluctuations arising from the segregated fund guarantees. In order for the Company's strategy to adequately cover the risks related to the hedged guarantees, a dynamic rebalancing of the hedging instruments is carried out based on changes in financial market conditions.

Hence, the variations in the economic worth of the liabilities are largely offset by variations in assets held under the hedging program. In the last eight quarters, the quarterly effectiveness of our dynamic hedging program fluctuated between 89% and 97% depending on the volatility of the financial markets. In addition, it has had a 93% effectiveness rate since it was implemented in October 2010, which is excellent.

Under the dynamic hedging program, the value of the liabilities associated with the guarantees is updated weekly to reflect differences between expected experience and actual results. In the process of calculating expected experience, the Company uses certain assumptions regarding policyholder longevity and future redemptions. The redemption assumption, however, has certain limitations. The timing and size of the withdrawals and fund transfers cannot be hedged using derivative financial instruments since these are factors decided by the contract holder, and adverse deviation from expected experience can alter the quality of the hedge.

The dynamic hedging program is not designed to completely eliminate the risks associated with the hedged guarantees. A number of factors can alter the quality of the hedge and potentially lead to a gain or loss on the income statement. The hedging program itself entails certain risks that may limit the program's effectiveness, in particular:

- The program is based on dynamic rebalancing of the derivative hedging instruments. A decrease in the liquidity of these instruments would have an adverse impact on the effectiveness of the program.
- The use of derivative hedging instruments entails a counterparty risk, which is mitigated by the presence of collateral agreements.
- There may be a favourable or unfavourable variance between the returns realized on the segregated funds and those realized on the hedge positions held to cover the guarantees associated with these funds.

In order to ensure sound management of the risk of a stock market downturn, the Company's investment policies define quantitative and qualitative limits for the use of equity securities. The target asset mix in the form of equity securities is designed to maximize the Company's returns and reduce the potential risk associated with guaranteed minimum returns under long-term commitments.

¹ Represents the value of assets for which the risk of the guarantees is limited and which the Company has decided not to include in the dynamic hedging program.

The investment policy allows the Company to use derivative financial instruments. The use of these instruments, however, must comply with the risk tolerance limits and the prudential requirements set out in the investment policy, including a minimum credit rating for the counterparty financial institution.

During the period ended December 31, 2017, derivative financial instruments were used as part of the hedging program for segregated fund guarantees and to hedge the risk associated with Universal Life policy funds.

Foreign Currency Risk – Foreign currency risk represents the risk that the Company will have to assume losses due to exchange rates on foreign currencies to which the Company is exposed. The Company has adopted a policy to avoid exposing itself to material currency risk. To this end, liabilities are generally matched with assets expressed in the same currency; otherwise, derivative financial instruments are used to reduce net currency exposure. As at December 31, 2017, the Company was not exposed to any material foreign currency risk.

Risk Associated with the Return on Alternative Long-Term Assets – This is the risk of loss arising from fluctuations in the value of private equity, real estate, infrastructure, timberland and farmland.

To mitigate this risk, the Company's investment policy authorizes prudent investments in the real estate market, private equity and infrastructure within certain clearly defined limits, both globally and by geographic region. Real estate investments are used to back long-term commitments for certain lines of business, like Individual Insurance, and help ensure sound diversification of the Company's investments.

Credit Risk

Credit risk represents the risk of loss arising from a deterioration in credit quality (downgrading) or counterparty default. This risk originates mainly from credit granted in the form of loans, private placements and corporate bonds, but also from exposure to derivative financial instruments and to reinsurers that share our policyholder commitments.

The Company uses derivative products under its investment policy, primarily swaps and futures contracts. These contracts are not used for speculation purposes but for matching assets and liabilities and managing financial risk. They are primarily used to mitigate credit risk, as well as risks associated with fluctuations in interest rates, currencies and stock markets.

The derivative products used under the hedging program for segregated fund guarantees expose the Company to credit risk due to the presence of counterparties involved in the program. As indicated earlier, the counterparty financial institutions for derivative products must meet certain well-established criteria, and collateral exchange agreements have been reached with these institutions in order to minimize and control the credit risk.

Credit risk can also occur when there is a concentration of investments in entities with similar characteristics or that operate in the same sector or the same geographic region, or when a major investment is made in one entity. More information about concentration risk is presented in note 7 of the consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2017.

The Company's investment policies aim to mitigate concentration risk by promoting the sound diversification of investments, by limiting exposure to any one issuer and by seeking a relatively high quality of issuers. They also impose limits by groups of related issuers, by activity sector and by geographic region. These limits depend on the credit quality of the issuers.

The Company also has a specific credit policy for private placements and loans that stipulates the assignment of internal credit ratings for investments that do not have a credit rating assigned by a recognized rating agency. The policy and procedures in place establish certain selection criteria and define the credit authorization limits based on the scope and degree of risk. In order to manage the credit risk associated with these investments, the Company may require collateral, particularly for real estate, residential or commercial mortgages.

Lastly, although reinsurance agreements provide for the recovery of claims arising from the liabilities ceded, the Company retains primary responsibility to its policyholders, and is therefore exposed to the credit risk associated with the amounts ceded to reinsurers. This risk category includes residual insurance risk, legal risk, counterparty risk and liquidity risk resulting from reinsurance operations. The reinsurance risk management policy describes the processes and criteria the Company uses to minimize this risk.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk represents the possibility that the Company will not be able to raise the necessary funds, at the appropriate time and under reasonable conditions, to honour its financial commitments.

This risk is managed through matching of assets with financial liabilities as well as strict cash flow management. Moreover, to maintain an appropriate level of liquidity, the Company makes sure it holds a good proportion of its assets in marketable securities.

The use of derivatives requires that securities be sent as collateral to clearing houses and derivative counterparties in order to mitigate the credit risk. Simulations are carried out to measure the liquidity needs that could arise due to interest rate and stock market turmoil in order to assess the liquidity that needs to be maintained to meet those requirements.

In addition to the requirements mentioned above, the Company needs to have additional liquidity available for possible surrenders and contract terminations. A number of scenarios are analyzed in order to plan for all eventualities.

To monitor liquidity risk, the Investment Department's managers prepare a monthly report indicating that the Company will be able to meet all of these commitments over a minimum three-month horizon based on various adverse scenarios affecting inflows and outflows of liabilities, asset liquidity, collateral needs and the capacity of the various liquidity channels. This report is sent to the Investment Committee on a quarterly basis.

Given the quality of its investment portfolio, and despite financial market volatility, the Company believes its current liquidity level to be adequate.

Operational Risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss arising from deficiencies or errors attributable to processes, people, systems or external events.

This risk is present in all the Company's activities and can be related to regulatory compliance, financial reporting, process execution, clients and distribution networks, fraud, technology and information security, human resources, external events or outsourcing and contractual relationships. The impact of one of these risks occurring can take the form of financial losses, loss of competitive position or injury to reputation.

To manage operational risk, the Company emphasizes proactive management practices by ensuring that appropriate and effective internal controls are implemented, and by utilizing competent, well-trained employees at all levels. The Company also makes it a priority to revise its policies and develop stricter standards, where necessary, in light of any new expertise it acquires in the course of its operations.

In addition, through its enterprise and operational risk management frameworks, the Company makes all managers accountable by asking them to confirm their sector's compliance with procedures, describe the processes in place for ensuring this compliance, and confirm that policies and procedures are up to date. The risks that could arise are also assessed and quantified, as well as the measures taken to manage the most material risks.

Information and Communications Technologies – Reliable, secure and sophisticated information and communications technologies (ICTs) are essential for the successful execution of the business process, and the Company places special emphasis on this aspect. In fact, it has set up a comprehensive plan for controlling the risk of ICT failure. Drawing from information technologies best practices, the Company has broken down the main risks that could adversely affect its operations into four main categories: risk associated with the non-availability of essential components (this risk is controlled by the implementation of technology solutions to ensure the availability of the components and by the development of a detailed business continuity plan); risk of loss of data integrity (this risk is mainly controlled through malware management and the use of proven data management solutions); risk of unauthorized access to information (this risk is controlled through component monitoring and the management and periodic review of access privileges and clearance); and risk of outside penetration of systems (this risk is controlled by multiple ICT security and detection measures to protect ICTs from cyber attacks). The management of these risks is reviewed at regular intervals in order to adapt to changing technologies and Company needs.

Cybersecurity – Changing business needs in the insurance and financial services industry are accelerating the use of online applications, mobile technologies and cloud computing. Along with this acceleration comes an increase in cybersecurity risk as it is difficult to develop and implement effective preventive measures to keep up with industry attacks. Cybercrime techniques are sophisticated and continually evolving, and they come from an increasing number of sources: viruses, malware, denial of service, phishing, ransomware, exfiltration, etc.

The potential consequences range from service interruptions and unauthorized access to sensitive or personal information to asset or intellectual property theft. These can lead to reputation damage, lawsuits and other repercussions.

To mitigate ICT risks, the Company has set up and regularly maintains a security risk log for tracking changes in cyberthreats, countermeasures and regulatory requirements. In addition, the Company has adopted a digital information security authority framework outlining roles and responsibilities with respect to cybersecurity. It has also approved a cybersecurity investment program that includes policies, procedures and technologies for preventing, detecting and eliminating threats against its assets and operations. These measures are complemented by information security awareness campaigns and training for all Company employees. The Company also holds a cyber risk insurance policy.

Business Continuity – The Company's crisis management structure for business continuity covers all the potential risks the Company may be exposed to, including the risk associated with the physical occupancy of the premises and disruptions in service in the event of a natural disaster, cyber attack, pandemic or other type of disaster. The Company has implemented an extensive business continuity plan and has procedures in place in its primary business offices to minimize service recovery wait times. Both the business continuity plan and the related procedures are reviewed and tested on a regular basis.

The Company has adopted a detailed communication plan designed to protect its corporate image in a crisis situation and to reassure the public about its ability to manage this kind of situation. The plan outlines the communication strategies to use in a crisis situation in order to notify the public of the causes and consequences of the crisis, the procedures in place to resolve it and the measures taken to reduce the risk of the same thing happening again. In addition, the Company continually monitors the Web for elements that could have a negative impact on the Company's reputation and produces a report on the subject once a year. It also keeps a log of complaints found on social media.

Preserving the environment is of fundamental importance to the Company. An environmental policy has been developed and programs have been set up to achieve a balance between the changing ecological and economic factors that are necessary to the Company's growth.

The competency of human resources is an essential factor in implementing business and operational risk management strategies. In this regard, the Company follows best practices and has a code of business conduct in addition to well-defined policies and procedures with respect to compensation, recruitment, training, employment equity and occupational health and safety. These policies are continually kept up to date in order to attract and retain the best candidates at every level of the Company. The Company shows its concern for its employees' quality of life by offering programs that promote a healthy lifestyle and adopting various measures designed to improve the work environment.

Regulatory Non-Compliance Risk – The Company is regulated by the provinces and territories of Canada and by the various states in the U.S. where it conducts business. It is also supervised by various regulatory bodies.

Regulatory non-compliance risk arises from the possibility that instances of non-compliance with laws, regulations, directives or guidelines issued by the applicable regulators could occur.

The Company has adopted a *Regulatory Risk Management Policy* that is used as a basis for a regulatory non-compliance risk management program. The Chief Compliance Officer is responsible for coordinating the program within the Company and ensuring that it is defined and implemented consistently in the various business lines.

The Company's sound management of regulatory non-compliance risk enables it to assess the impacts of non-compliance with the regulations and the effect this could have on the Company's operations and reputation, so it can then put strategies in place to mitigate these impacts. In this regard, the Company uses a methodology that focuses on identifying, assessing and quantifying risk and putting effective, efficient and appropriate controls in place in its day-to-day activities to mitigate and monitor regulatory non-compliance risk.

The controls help to proactively mitigate the risk of regulatory non-compliance. The Company also emphasizes regular communication to remind employees about the importance of legal and regulatory compliance issues.

The Company monitors new regulatory risks and communicates them to the appropriate business lines to ensure that any procedures required to comply with new laws or directives are put in place in a timely manner.

The Company also maintains an ongoing control evaluation program in order to issue the certification required by the regulatory authorities with respect to the financial information presented in the Company's annual and interim filings (certification under Multilateral Instrument 52-109). Under this program, the managers of each business line evaluate and test the controls in their sector, following which a designated team verifies the quality of the controls and the conclusion of the managers' evaluation. A summary report is submitted annually to the Audit Committee, which then reports the results of the evaluation to the Board of Directors. The certification of the financial information presented in the annual and interim filings is submitted quarterly in the prescribed format. This certification is available on SEDAR and on the Company's website.

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Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The Consolidated Financial Statements of **Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.**, which have been approved by the Board of Directors, were prepared by Management in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and contain certain amounts based on best judgment and estimates as their final determination is dependent upon subsequent events. It is the opinion of Management that the significant accounting policies utilized are appropriate in the circumstances and are adequate to reflect the financial position and the results of operations within reasonable limits of materiality. The financial information presented elsewhere in the annual report is consistent with the information contained in the financial statements.

In order to carry out its responsibilities with regard to the financial statements, Management maintains internal control systems that aim to provide a reasonable degree of certainty that transactions are duly authorized, that the assets are well protected, and that adequate records are kept. These internal control systems provide for communication of professional conduct rules and principles, using a professional code of ethics prepared by the Company for all organizational members. These internal control systems are reinforced by the work of a team of internal auditors, who make a periodic review of all material departments within the Company.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, which is composed solely of independent directors, ensures that Management assumes its responsibility in terms of financial statements.

The functions of the Audit Committee are to:

- › Review the financial statements and recommend them for approval by the Board of Directors;
- › Review the internal control systems and security;
- › Recommend the appointment of the independent auditors and their fee arrangements to the Board of Directors;
- › Review other accounting, financial and security matters as required.


The Audit Committee meets regularly with Management, the internal auditors and the independent auditors. The latter may, as they see fit, meet with the Audit Committee, with or without Management, to discuss matters affecting the audit and financial information.

The Appointed Actuary is appointed by the Board of Directors pursuant to *An Act respecting insurance* (Quebec), and is responsible for ensuring that assumptions and methods used in the valuation of insurance contract liabilities are in accordance with the standards of practice of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries. The Appointed Actuary is required to express an opinion regarding the appropriateness of the insurance contract liabilities net of reinsurance assets at the Statement of Financial Position date to meet all policyholder obligations of the Company. Examination of supporting data for the accuracy and completeness analysis of Company assets for their ability to support the amount of insurance contract liabilities net of reinsurance assets are important elements of the work required to form this opinion.

The independent auditor is appointed to report to the shareholders regarding the fairness of presentation of the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements. The independent auditor fulfills this responsibility by carrying out an independent audit of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards.

The Autorité des marchés financiers has the power to perform checks to ensure that the Company respects *An Act respecting insurance*, preserves the interests of the policyholders and pursues sound capitalization and good solvency.

On behalf of Management,



Yvon Charest
President and Chief Executive Officer
Quebec City, February 15, 2018



René Chabot
Executive Vice-President, CFO and Chief Actuary
Quebec City, February 15, 2018

Appointed Actuary's Report

To the policyholders and shareholders of **Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.**

I have valued the policy liabilities and reinsurance recoverables of **Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.** for its Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as at December 31, 2017 and 2016 and their changes in the Consolidated Income Statements for the years then ended in accordance with accepted actuarial practice in Canada, including selection of appropriate assumptions and methods.

In my opinion, the amount of policy liabilities net of reinsurance recoverables makes appropriate provision for all policy obligations and the Consolidated Financial Statements fairly present the results of the valuation.



René Chabot
Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries
Quebec City, February 15, 2018

Independent Auditors' Report

To the policyholders and shareholders of **Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.**

We have audited the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements of **Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.**, which comprise the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, and the Consolidated Income Statements, Consolidated Comprehensive Income Statements, Consolidated Equity Statements and Consolidated Cash Flows Statements for the years then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these Consolidated Financial Statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

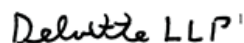
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these Consolidated Financial Statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Consolidated Financial Statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Consolidated Financial Statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Consolidated Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the Consolidated Financial Statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Consolidated Financial Statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Consolidated Financial Statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.** as at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.



February 15, 2018
Quebec City, Canada

¹ CPA auditor, CA, public accountancy permit No. A112991

Consolidated Income Statements

Years ended December 31 (in millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Revenues		
Premiums		
Gross premiums	7,829	7,107
Premiums ceded	(575)	(559)
Net premiums (Note 23)	7,254	6,548
Investment income (Note 5)		
Interest and other investment income	1,200	1,115
Change in fair value of investments	1,381	478
	2,581	1,593
Other revenues	1,441	1,206
	11,276	9,347
Policy benefits and expenses		
Gross benefits and claims on contracts	4,879	4,557
Ceded benefits and claims on contracts	(379)	(370)
Net transfer to segregated funds	1,021	744
Increase (decrease) in insurance contract liabilities (Note 14)	1,726	1,099
Increase (decrease) in investment contract liabilities (Note 14)	14	12
Decrease (increase) in reinsurance assets (Note 14)	580	122
	7,841	6,164
Commissions	1,449	1,282
General expenses (Note 20)	1,121	1,018
Premium and other taxes	118	112
Financing charges (Note 21)	64	77
	10,593	8,653
Income before income taxes	683	694
Income taxes (Note 22)	150	146
Net income	533	548
Net income attributed to participating policyholders	2	(6)
Net income attributed to shareholders	531	554
Dividends attributed to preferred shares (Note 17)	16	17
Net income attributed to common shareholders	515	537
Earnings per common share (in dollars) (Note 24)		
Basic	4.84	5.22
Diluted	4.81	5.19
Weighted average number of shares outstanding (in millions of units) (Note 24)		
Basic	106	103
Diluted	107	103
Dividends per common share (in dollars) (Note 17)	1.43	1.26

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

Consolidated Comprehensive Income Statements

Years ended December 31 (in millions of dollars)	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Net income	533	548
Other comprehensive income, net of income taxes		
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to net income:		
Available for sale financial assets		
Unrealized gains (losses) on available for sale financial assets	23	(5)
Reclassification of losses (gains) on available for sale financial assets included in net income	(1)	2
	22	(3)
Net investment hedge		
Unrealized gains (losses) on currency translation in foreign operations	(44)	(14)
Hedges of net investment in foreign operations	29	(1)
	(15)	(15)
Cash flow hedges		
Unrealized gains (losses) on cash flow hedges	1	---
Reclassification of losses (gains) on cash flow hedges included in net income	1	---
	2	---
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to net income:		
Remeasurement of post-employment benefits	(28)	12
Total other comprehensive income	(19)	(6)
Comprehensive income	514	542
Comprehensive income attributed to participating policyholders	2	(6)
Comprehensive income attributed to shareholders	512	548

Income Taxes Included in Other Comprehensive Income

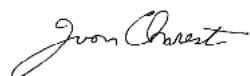
Years ended December 31 (in millions of dollars)	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Income taxes related to:		
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to net income:		
Unrealized gains (losses) on available for sale financial assets	(9)	2
Reclassification of losses (gains) on available for sale financial assets included in net income	---	---
Hedges of net investment in foreign operations	(15)	---
Unrealized gains (losses) on cash flow hedges	---	---
	(24)	2
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to net income:		
Remeasurement of post-employment benefits	11	(5)
Total income taxes included in other comprehensive income	(13)	(3)

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Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

As at December 31 (in millions of dollars)	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Assets		
Cash and short-term investments	1,141	912
Bonds	22,944	21,087
Stocks	3,467	3,083
Mortgages and other loans	3,288	3,292
Derivative financial instruments (Note 8)	395	262
Policy loans	946	946
Other invested assets	300	271
Investment properties	1,341	1,238
Total investments (Note 5)	33,822	31,091
Other assets (Note 9)	1,903	1,818
Reinsurance assets (Note 14)	482	1,122
Fixed assets (Note 10)	256	195
Deferred income tax assets (Note 22)	22	26
Intangible assets (Note 11)	827	659
Goodwill (Note 11)	477	313
General fund assets	37,789	35,224
Segregated funds net assets (Note 12)	24,117	21,826
Total assets	61,906	57,050
Liabilities		
Insurance contract liabilities (Note 14)	25,564	23,899
Investment contract liabilities (Note 14)	587	606
Derivative financial instruments (Note 8)	195	333
Other liabilities (Note 15)	5,094	4,453
Deferred income tax liabilities (Note 22)	217	173
Debentures (Note 16)	996	995
General fund liabilities	32,653	30,459
Segregated funds liabilities (Note 12)	24,117	21,826
Total liabilities	56,770	52,285
Equity		
Share capital and contributed surplus	1,915	1,893
Retained earnings and accumulated other comprehensive income	3,180	2,833
Participating policyholders' accounts	41	39
	5,136	4,765
Total liabilities and equity	61,906	57,050

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Yvon Charest
President and Chief Executive Officer



Michael Hanley
Chairman of Audit Committee

Consolidated Equity Statements

Years ended December 31 (in millions of dollars)

	Participating policyholders' accounts	Common shares (Note 17)	Preferred shares (Note 17)	Contributed surplus	Retained earnings	Accumulated other comprehensive income (Note 18)	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at December 31, 2015	45	1,311	375	21	2,374	58	4,184
Net income attributed to shareholders	---	---	---	---	554	---	554
Net income attributed to participating policyholders' accounts	(6)	---	---	---	---	---	(6)
Other comprehensive income	---	---	---	---	---	(6)	(6)
Comprehensive income for the year	(6)	---	---	---	554	(6)	542
Transfer of post-employment benefits (Note 26)	---	---	---	---	12	(12)	---
Other	---	---	---	---	(1)	---	(1)
Equity transactions							
Stock option plan (Note 25)	---	---	---	4	---	---	4
Stock options exercised	---	---	---	(6)	---	---	(6)
Common shares issued	---	188	---	---	---	---	188
Dividends on common shares	---	---	---	---	(129)	---	(129)
Dividends on preferred shares	---	---	---	---	(17)	---	(17)
Balance as at December 31, 2016	39	1,499	375	19	2,793	40	4,765
Net income attributed to shareholders	---	---	---	---	531	---	531
Net income attributed to participating policyholders' accounts	2	---	---	---	---	---	2
Other comprehensive income	---	---	---	---	---	(19)	(19)
Comprehensive income for the year	2	---	---	---	531	(19)	514
Transfer of post-employment benefits (Note 26)	---	---	---	---	(28)	28	---
Other	---	---	---	---	3	---	3
Equity transactions							
Stock option plan (Note 25)	---	---	---	5	---	---	5
Stock options exercised	---	---	---	(5)	---	---	(5)
Common shares issued	---	22	---	---	---	---	22
Dividends on common shares	---	---	---	---	(152)	---	(152)
Dividends on preferred shares	---	---	---	---	(16)	---	(16)
Balance as at December 31, 2017	41	1,521	375	19	3,131	49	5,136

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

Consolidated Cash Flows Statements

Years ended December 31 (in millions of dollars)	2017 \$	2016 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Income before income taxes	683	694
Financing charges	64	77
Income taxes paid, net of refunds	(159)	(90)
Operating activities not affecting cash:		
Increase (decrease) in insurance contract liabilities	1,778	1,105
Increase (decrease) in investment contract liabilities	(19)	(49)
Decrease (increase) in reinsurance assets	578	126
Unrealized losses (gains) on investments	(1,377)	(474)
Provisions for losses	22	17
Amortization of premiums and discounts	34	42
Other depreciation	122	111
Impairment of goodwill	---	34
Gain on revaluation of a contingent consideration	---	(40)
Other items not affecting cash	30	65
Operating activities affecting cash:		
Sales, maturities and repayments on investments	16,281	17,286
Purchases of investments	(17,657)	(19,162)
Realized losses (gains) on investments	(13)	(12)
Other items affecting cash	278	174
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	645	(96)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash	(107)	(20)
Sales (purchases) of fixed and intangible assets	(124)	(92)
Net cash from (used in) investing activities	(231)	(112)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Issuance of common shares	17	182
Issuance of debentures	---	398
Redemption of debentures	---	(250)
Dividends paid on common shares	(152)	(129)
Dividends paid on preferred shares	(16)	(17)
Interest paid on debentures	(32)	(32)
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	(183)	152
Foreign currency gains (losses) on cash	(2)	(1)
Increase (decrease) in cash and short-term investments	229	(57)
Cash and short-term investments at beginning	912	969
Cash and short-term investments at end	1,141	912
Supplementary information:		
Cash	839	769
Short-term investments	302	143
Total cash and short-term investments	1,141	912

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 (in millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)

1 › General Information

Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. is a life and health insurance company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, incorporated under the *Companies Act* (Quebec), governed by *An Act respecting insurance* and subject to the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF). Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company") offer a wide range of life and health insurance products, savings and retirement plans, mutual funds, securities, auto and home insurance, mortgages, and other financial products and services. The Company's products and services are offered on both an individual and group basis and extend throughout Canada and to the United States.

Publication of these financial statements was authorized for issue by the Company's Board of Directors on February 15, 2018.

2 › Significant Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Presentation

The Company's financial statements are established according to International Financial Reporting Standards on December 31, 2017. The International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) are published by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and are based on International Financial Reporting Standards, International Accounting Standards (IAS), and on interpretations developed by the IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRS IC).

IFRS does not currently include an insurance contract measurement standard. Therefore, as permitted by IFRS-4 "Insurance Contracts", insurance contract liabilities are measured in accordance with accepted actuarial practice in Canada using the Canadian Asset Liability Method (CALM).

The financial statements are presented in millions of Canadian dollars. The Canadian dollar is the Company's functional and reporting currency. The presentation order of the items included in the Statements of Financial Position is based on liquidity. Each line item includes both current and non-current balances, if applicable.

b) Important Estimates, Assumptions and Use of Judgment

The preparation of financial statements requires management to use judgment and make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, net income and complementary information. Management has exercised its judgment, made estimates and established the assumptions described in the notes referred to below:

Classification of contracts, measurement of insurance contract liabilities and investment contract liabilities and measurement of reinsurance assets	Note 2, section j) Reinsurance Assets Note 2, section k) Insurance and Investment Contract Liabilities Note 14 Insurance Contract Liabilities and Investment Contract Liabilities
Fair value and impairment of financial instruments and fair value of investment properties	Note 2, section d) Invested Assets and Investment Income Note 5 Invested Assets and Investment Income Note 6 Fair Value of Financial Instruments and Investment Properties Note 7 Management of Risks Associated with Financial Instruments
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets	Note 2, section g) Intangible Assets Note 2, section h) Goodwill Note 11 Intangible Assets and Goodwill
Post-employment benefits	Note 2, section s) Post-Employment Benefits Note 26 Post-Employment Benefits
Determination of control for purposes of consolidation	Note 2, section c) Basis of Consolidation and Methods Note 7 Management of Risks Associated with Financial Instruments, section b) iii) Other Information on Credit Risk – Interests in Non-Consolidated Structured Entities
Income taxes	Note 2, section m) Income Taxes Note 22 Income Taxes
Determination of reporting segments and allocation methodologies in the presentation of segmented information	Note 23 Segmented Information

Actual results could differ from management's best estimates. Estimates and assumptions are periodically reviewed according to changing circumstances and facts, and changes are recognized in the period in which the revision is made and future periods affected by this revision. The significant accounting policies, estimates and assumptions used are detailed in the following notes when it is meaningful and relevant.

c) Basis of Consolidation and Methods

Entities over which the Company exercises control are consolidated. Control is defined as being the exposure or the right to receive variable returns from the involvement with an entity and the ability to affect those returns through the power held over it. The Company holds the power when it has existing rights that give it the current ability to direct the relevant activities, that is, the activities that significantly affect the investee's returns. Management uses judgment in determining whether control exists, particularly in determining the extent to which the Company has the ability to exercise its power to generate variable returns. Entities are consolidated from the date control is obtained and deconsolidated on the date control ceases. The acquisition method is used to account for the acquisition of a subsidiary and the difference between the acquisition cost of the subsidiary and the fair value of the subsidiary's net identifiable assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. The Company uses uniform accounting methods in the Financial Statements for similar transactions and events. Intercompany balances, and revenues and expenses for intercompany transactions are eliminated on consolidation.

The Company uses the equity method to record joint ventures and entities over which it has significant influence. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policies of an entity but is not control over those policies. Significant influence is presumed to exist by holding over 20% of the voting rights. A joint venture exists when the Company has joint control of a joint arrangement and has rights to the net assets of the arrangement. Joint control is the sharing of control under a contractual agreement and exists only when the decisions about the relevant activities require the unanimous consent of the parties sharing control. The Company records its share of the entity's net assets and financial results using uniform accounting policies for similar transactions and events.

d) Invested Assets and Investment Income

Invested assets include financial assets (such as cash and short-term investments, bonds, stocks, mortgages and other loans, derivative financial instruments as well as policy loans) and investment properties.

Financial assets are classified into one of the following categories:

- › assets at fair value through profit or loss, including assets held for trading and assets designated at fair value through profit or loss;
- › assets held to maturity, carried at amortized cost;
- › assets available for sale, carried at fair value, with fair value variations recognized in *Other comprehensive income*;
- › loans and receivables, carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

Financial assets are classified according to their nature and use by the Company at the time of initial recognition. The fair value option of designating financial assets in the category assets at fair value through profit or loss is used by the Company for its assets matching the insurance contract liabilities and investment contract liabilities, except for mortgages and other loans and bonds that are not quoted on an active market. Thus, any changes in the fair value of underlying assets matched to the insurance contract liabilities and investment contract liabilities are directly reflected in the insurance contract liabilities and investment contract liabilities. Changes in fair value of assets matching these liabilities and changes in corresponding insurance contract and investment contract liabilities are directly recognized in the Income Statement in order to avoid a mismatch that would otherwise arise.

Bonds and stocks that are not matched with insurance contract liabilities and investment contract liabilities are classified as available for sale. Mortgages and other loans, as well as bonds not quoted in an active market are classified as loans and receivables. The Company does not hold any financial assets in the category held to maturity.

The Company applies the trade date accounting method, which is the date on which the Company commits to purchase or sell assets. Transaction costs related to financial assets classified at fair value through profit or loss are recorded in the Income Statement as incurred. Transaction costs related to financial assets available for sale are capitalized to the asset and, in the case of bonds, these costs are amortized using the effective interest method. Transaction costs related to loans and receivables are capitalized to the asset and amortized in the Income Statement using the effective interest method.

Invested assets are accounted for using the methods described below.

i) Cash and Short-Term Investments

Cash and short-term investments consist of cash, payments in transit and fixed income securities held for short-term commitment. Cash and payments in transit are classified as loans and receivables and accounted for at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Fixed income securities are classified as held for trading and accounted for at fair value.

ii) Bonds

Designated at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

Bonds designated at fair value through profit or loss are carried at fair value. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are immediately recognized in the Income Statement in *Change in fair value of investments* and interest income earned is accounted for in *Interest and other investment income*.

Available for Sale

Bonds classified as available for sale are carried at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses are recognized in *Other comprehensive income*, except for the portion related to foreign exchange difference which is recorded in the Income Statement. Upon realization, gains or losses are reclassified to the Income Statement in *Interest and other investment income*. Interest as well as premiums and discounts are calculated according to the effective interest method and are accounted for in *Interest and other investment income* in the Income Statement.

At each reporting date, bonds classified as available for sale are tested for impairment. The Company considers an impairment loss if it deems it unlikely that it will be able to recover all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the obligation if it represents objective evidence of impairment, such as the issuer's financial difficulty, a bankruptcy or default of payment of principal or interest. When there is impairment, the cumulative loss recorded in *Accumulated other comprehensive income* is reclassified as an impairment loss in the Income Statement under *Investment income*. Following impairment loss recognition, these bonds continue to be recorded at fair value. Subsequent decreases in fair value are recorded in the Income Statement and they are evaluated at each reporting date to determine whether there is a fair value increase. If there is a fair value increase, impairment loss recorded in the Income Statement could be reversed if the fair value increase can be objectively linked to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognized.

Loans and Receivables

Private bonds not traded in an active market are classified as loans and receivables. These bonds are carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method. The interest calculated according to this method and the realized gains or losses on disposal of these securities are accounted for in *Interest and other investment income* in the Income Statement.

At each reporting date, bonds classified as loans and receivables are tested for impairment. The Company considers an impairment loss if it deems it unlikely that it will be able to recover all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the obligation if it represents objective evidence of impairment, such as the issuer's financial difficulty, a bankruptcy or default of payment of principal or interest. When there is impairment, a provision for losses is recorded, which corresponds to the spread between the carrying value of the asset and the recoverable amount valued according to the estimated future cash flows discounted at the initial effective interest rate. This provision is immediately recorded in the Income Statement. When the effects of the cause of the impairment begin to fade and future payments are reasonably assured, the provision is reduced or reversed and the changes related to provisions for losses are recorded in the Income Statement.

iii) Stocks

Designated at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

Stocks designated at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are recognized immediately in *Change in fair value of investments* in the Income Statement. Dividends are recognized in *Interest and other investment income* in the Income Statement from the moment that the Company has the right to receive payment.

Available for Sale

Stocks classified as available for sale are carried at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses and variations of exchange rates are recognized in *Other comprehensive income*. Upon realization, gains or losses are reclassified in *Interest and other investment income* in the Income Statement. Dividends are recognized in *Interest and other investment income* in the Income Statement from the moment that the Company has the right to receive payment.

On each reporting date, stocks classified as available for sale are tested for impairment. The Company records an impairment loss if evidence of impairment exists, such as observable data about the issuer's significant financial difficulty or changes in the economic, legal or technological environment that have a negative effect on the issuer. A significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of an investment in an equity instrument below its cost is also objective evidence of impairment. For stocks with similar characteristics and behaviour to debt instruments, the Company records an impairment loss if evidence of impairment exists and considers that the amount invested will not be recovered.

When there is impairment, the cumulative losses previously accounted for in *Accumulated other comprehensive income* are reclassified as impairment losses under *Interest and other investment income* in the Income Statement. These stocks continue to be recorded at fair value. Any decline in value subsequent to impairment is recorded in the Income Statement, while increases are recorded in *Other comprehensive income*. An increase in value of an impaired security is only recorded in the Income Statement when the security is sold or derecognized.

iv) Mortgages and Other Loans

Loans and Receivables

Other loans consist of personal loans. Mortgages and other loans classified as loans and receivables are carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method, net of a provision for credit losses, if applicable. Interest and realized gains or losses on disposition of these securities are accounted for in *Interest and other investment income* in the Income Statement.

At each reporting date, the Company performs an impairment test on each loan. A group test is then performed on groups of assets with similar risks, including loans valued individually and which had no indication of impairment. On a group basis, the Company considers similar risk characteristics that take into account the type of loan, the activity sector, geographic situation, potential late payment observed and other relevant factors. On an individual basis, the Company considers an impairment loss if it deems it unlikely that it will be able to recover the full amount of principal and interest at maturity due to objective evidence of impairment, including the borrower's financial difficulty, a bankruptcy or a default of payment of principal or interest. When there is impairment, a provision for losses is recorded, which corresponds to the spread between the carrying value of the loan and the recoverable amount valued according to the estimated future cash flows, discounted at the initial effective interest rate. The estimated cash flows consider the fair value of any guarantee underlying the loans, less related costs. When the effects of the cause of the impairment begin to fade, and future payments are reasonably assured, the provision is reduced or reversed. When there is no longer a realistic probability of recovery or when the asset is derecognized after the guarantee is exercised or the asset is sold, the provision is written down and reduced by any recovery. All changes affecting the provision for losses are recorded in the Income Statement.

When an impairment loss is recognized on a loan, the future interest is recognized based on the interest rate used to discount the future cash flows in order to value the fair value loss. When contractual payments are 90 days or more in arrears in the case of mortgages and 120 days or more in the case of other loans, contractual interest is no longer recognized. Contractual interest is resumed once the contractual payments are no longer considered in arrears and are considered current.

Designated at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

Mortgages and other loans designated at fair value through profit or loss are carried at fair value. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are immediately recognized in the Income Statement in *Change in fair value of investments* and interest income earned is accounted for in *Interest and other investment income*.

Securitization of Mortgages and Other Loans

As part of the securitization of mortgages and other loans, since the Company conserves substantially all risks and rewards related to the transferred mortgages and other loans, the asset derecognition criteria are not met. The Company continues to recognize mortgages and other loans in the Statement of Financial Position and an obligation of a value equal to the amounts securitized is recorded in *Other liabilities*. Interest income on securitized loans continues to be recorded in *Interest and other investment income* in the Income Statement according to the effective interest method and interest expenses on liabilities are recorded in *Financing charges* in the Income Statement.

v) Investment Properties

Investment properties owned by the Company and which it does not primarily occupy for its own use are held to earn rental income or capital appreciation. Investment properties are recognized at the transaction price plus transaction costs upon acquisition. These properties are subsequently valued at fair value. It excludes the fair value of the linearization of rents which is recorded in *Other assets*. Changes in fair value are recognized in *Change in fair value of investments* in the Income Statement. Rental income is recognized in the Income Statement linearly according to the term of the lease, and operating expenses of properties are recorded in *General expenses*.

vi) Policy Loans

Policy loans, classified as loans and receivables, correspond to the unpaid capital balance and are fully secured by the cash surrender value on the insurance contracts on which the respective loans are made.

vii) Other Invested Assets

Other invested assets include the investment in associates and joint ventures and notes receivable. Notes receivable are classified as loans and receivables and are accounted for at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Investments in associates and joint ventures are accounted for according to the equity method as described in c) Basis of Consolidation and Methods.

viii) Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company uses derivative financial instruments to manage exposure to foreign currency, interest rates, credit risk and other market risks associated with specific assets and liabilities. Derivative financial instruments are classified as held for trading. Therefore, they are initially recorded at fair value on the acquisition date and subsequently revalued at their fair value. Derivative financial instruments with a positive fair value are recorded as assets while derivative financial instruments with a negative fair value are recorded as liabilities. Changes in fair value are recorded in *Change in fair value of investments* in the Income Statement unless the derivative financial instruments are part of a qualified hedging relationship, as described below.

Hedge Accounting

When the Company determines that hedge accounting is appropriate, a hedging relationship is designated and documented from inception. Effectiveness of the hedge is valued on inception and at the end of each financial reporting period for the duration of the hedge. Hedge accounting, which recognizes the offsetting effects of hedging instruments and hedged items the same way, can only be applied if the relationship is demonstrated to be effective. If it is established that the hedging instrument is no longer an effective hedge, if the hedging instrument is sold or if the expected transaction has ceased to be highly probable, the Company ceases to apply hedge accounting prospectively.

Fair Value Hedging

Changes in fair value of hedging instruments and changes in fair value of assets arising from the hedged risk are recorded in *Change in fair value of investments* in the Income Statement. At the same time, the gain or loss on the inefficient portion of the hedge is recorded in *Net income*.

Hedging of Cash Flows

The effective portion of changes in fair value of hedging instruments is recognized in *Other comprehensive income*. Gains or losses on the ineffective portion are immediately recorded in the Income Statement in *Change in fair value of investments*. When accumulated gains and losses in *Other comprehensive income* in respect of the hedged item have an impact on results during the period, they are reclassified to the Income Statement, whereas when they affect the Statement of Financial Position, they are reclassified to the Statement of Financial Position.

Net Investment Hedge

The Company uses currency forward contracts as hedging items of foreign exchange risk related to net investments in foreign operations. The effective portion of changes in fair value of hedging instruments is recognized in *Other comprehensive income*. Gains or losses on the ineffective portion are immediately recorded in the Income Statement as *Change in fair value of investments*. Cumulative gains and losses in *Other comprehensive income* are reclassified in the Income Statement in the period in which the net investment in foreign operations is subject to a total or partial disposition.

ix) Embedded Derivative Financial Instruments

Embedded derivative financial instruments are separate from the host contract and are accounted for at fair value if the economic characteristics and risks of the embedded derivative financial instruments are not closely linked to the economic characteristics and risks of the host contract, if the terms of the embedded derivative financial instrument are the same as an independent derivative financial instrument, and if the host instrument itself is not accounted for at fair value through profit or loss. Changes in the fair value of embedded derivative financial instruments are recorded in the Income Statement under *Change in fair value of investments*.

x) Derecognition

A financial asset (or portion of a financial asset) is derecognized when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or if the Company transfers to a third party the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of the financial asset. If the Company does not transfer or retain substantially all the risks and rewards of the financial asset and keeps control over the ceded asset, the Company accounts for the part of the asset it kept and recognizes a corresponding liability for the amount payable.

e) Other Assets

Other assets mainly include investment income due and accrued, outstanding premiums, accounts receivable, deferred sales commissions, prepaid expenses, real estate held for resale, linearization of rents, income tax receivable, funds deposited in trust and securities purchased under reverse repurchase agreements. Financial assets included in *Other assets* are classified as loans and receivables and are measured at amortized cost. Real estate held for resale (foreclosed properties) is measured at the lower of fair value less cost to sell and the carrying value of the underlying loans at foreclosure date. Deferred sales commissions arising from mutual fund sales are recorded at cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over a maximum period of five years. Unamortized deferred sales commissions are written down if the carrying value exceeds the expected future discounted cash flow. Funds deposited in trust represent amounts received from clients held in trust.

The Company purchases securities and, simultaneously, agrees to resell them in the short term, at a set price and date. These reverse repurchase agreements are recorded in the Statement of Financial Position at the consideration paid plus accrued interest. Commitments related to securities purchased under reverse repurchase agreements are recorded at amortized cost using the effective interest method and are classified as loans and receivables. Interest on reverse repurchase operations is recorded in the Income Statement as *Interest and other investment income*.

The Company is involved in a public-private type service agreement which must be accounted for in accordance with IFRIC-12 "Service Concession Arrangements". The concession service to be received increases based on the fair value of operational and maintenance services, recovery costs, administrative costs and financing costs, and decreases through payments received. The concession account receivable, included in *Accounts receivable*, is classified as a loan and receivable and is carried at amortized cost using the effective interest rate.

f) Fixed Assets

Real estate classified as own-use properties and all other items classified under fixed assets are recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation. The Company calculates depreciation using the straight-line method. The depreciation period is based on the estimated useful life. Each own-use properties component is depreciated over a period of 10 to 60 years, and other fixed assets are depreciated over periods ranging from 3 to 15 years. At the end of each year, the Company must revise the residual value and useful life of fixed assets. Any change represents a modification of an accounting estimate and must be accounted for prospectively.

g) Intangible Assets

Intangible assets are composed of assets with finite and indefinite useful life. Intangible assets are initially recorded at cost.

Intangible assets with finite useful life primarily include capitalized software applications, distribution networks and customer relationships. These assets are depreciated linearly over their estimated useful life varying between 4 years and 30 years. Useful life is reassessed each year and any depreciation expense is adjusted prospectively, if applicable. Finite life intangible assets are subject to impairment testing if there is evidence of impairment and losses in value are calculated and recorded on an individual basis for each asset.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful life primarily include fund management contracts. These assets are not subject to depreciation and are tested for impairment at least annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. An impairment loss is recognized in the Income Statement under *General expenses* when the carrying value exceeds the recoverable value. Intangible assets are considered to have indefinite useful lives when, on the basis for analysis of all relevant factors, there is no foreseeable limit to the period in which the asset is expected to generate net cash inflows for the Company.

h) Goodwill

Goodwill represents the difference between the acquisition cost and the fair value of identifiable assets, assumed liabilities and contingent liabilities of the acquired entities at the acquisition date. Following its initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill resulting from business combinations is presumed to have an indefinite life and is not amortized.

The Company allocates goodwill to a cash-generating unit (CGU), which is the smallest group of identifiable assets that generate cash flows that are largely independent of cash flows from other assets or groups of assets. Goodwill is tested for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the assets might be impaired. To determine whether there is impairment, the Company compares for each CGU the net carrying value and the recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value less costs of sale and the value in use. The value in use of a CGU is the discounted value of expected future cash flows resulting from a CGU. When the assets and liabilities of the CGU have not changed significantly, the recoverable amount substantially exceeds the carrying value of the CGU and impairment is unlikely under current circumstances, the most recent detailed calculation of the recoverable amount of the CGU carried out during a prior period is used in the impairment test for the period considered. Goodwill impairments are recorded as *General expenses* in the Income Statement and cannot be reversed subsequently.

i) Segregated Funds

Funds from group or individual annuities issued by the Company may be invested in segregated portfolios at the option of the policyholders. The underlying assets are registered in the name of the Company and the segregated funds policyholders have no direct access to the specific assets. The policyholders bear the risks and rewards of the funds' investment performance. The Company derives fee income from the management of its segregated funds. These revenues are accounted for in *Other revenues* in the Income Statement. Investment income and changes in fair value of the segregated fund assets are not presented separately in the Income Statement and are offset by a corresponding change in the segregated fund liabilities.

Segregated Funds Net Assets

Segregated funds net assets are accounted for separately from the total general fund assets in the Statement of Financial Position and investments constituting segregated funds assets are accounted for at fair value. Fair value is determined according to market prices or, if market prices are not available, according to the estimated fair values that the Company has established. The liabilities included in the segregated funds net assets are accounted for at amortized cost.

Segregated Funds Liabilities

Insurance or investment contract liabilities whose financial risk corresponds to the risk assumed by insureds are presented separately from the total general fund liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position and are accounted for at the fair value of segregated funds net assets.

Liabilities related to the segregated funds guarantees granted by the Company are included in *Insurance contract liabilities* or *Investment contract liabilities* in the Statement of Financial Position.

j) Reinsurance Assets

In the normal course of business, the Company uses reinsurance to limit its risk exposure. Reinsurance refers to the transfer of insurance risk, along with the respective premiums, to one or more reinsurers who share the risks. Reinsurance assets represent the amounts due to the Company for insurance contract and investment contract liabilities ceded. The calculation of these amounts is similar to the underlying insurance or investment contracts liabilities, in accordance with the contract provisions of reinsurance agreements. To the extent that assuming reinsurers are unable to meet their obligations, the Company remains liable to its policyholders for the portion reinsured.

Gains or losses that could occur on buying reinsurance are recognized in *Net income* immediately and are not amortized. The gross amounts of assets and liabilities related to reinsurance are presented separately in the Statement of Financial Position. The amounts due to or from reinsurers for premiums received or claims made are included in *Other assets* and *Other liabilities* in the Statement of Financial Position. Premiums for ceded reinsurance are shown under *Ceded premiums* in the Income Statement. The *Ceded benefits and claims on contracts* item in the Income Statement shows expense recoveries related to reinsurance contracts.

The reinsurance assets are tested for impairment. The Company considers impairment if it deems it unlikely that it will be able to recover all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the reinsurance agreement if it represents objective evidence of impairment, such as the third party's financial difficulty, a bankruptcy or default of payment of amounts due. This provision is immediately recorded in *General expenses* in the Income Statement.

k) Insurance and Investment Contract Liabilities

i) Classification of Contracts

The Company issues contracts that contain an insurance risk, a financial risk or both. Insurance contracts, including reinsurance acceptances, are contracts that contain a significant insurance risk. Significant insurance risk exists when the Company agrees to compensate policyholders or beneficiaries of the contract for specified uncertain future events that adversely affect the policyholder and whose amount and timing is unknown. This risk is assessed by reviewing a portfolio of contracts with similar risk features.

Investment contracts are contracts that contain a financial risk and which do not include a significant insurance risk. The financial risk represents the risk of a possible future change in one or more of the following items: specified interest rate, financial instrument price, foreign exchange rate, index of prices or rates, credit rating or credit index or other variable, provided that in the case of a non-financial variable, the variable is not specific to a party to the contract.

Service contracts are contracts that do not contain any significant insurance risk and no financial risk and for which the Company offers administrative services only. Service contracts also include the service components of investment contracts. The accounting policy relating to the fee income earned from these contracts is described in q) Other Revenues.

Management uses judgment to evaluate the classification of contracts to determine whether these arrangements should be accounted for as insurance, investment or service contracts.

Once a contract has been classified as an insurance contract, it remains an insurance contract for the remainder of its term, even if the insurance risk reduces significantly during this period, unless all rights and obligations are extinguished or expire. Investment contracts can be reclassified as insurance contracts if insurance risk subsequently becomes significant.

Insurance contracts are accounted for in accordance with IFRS-4 "Insurance Contracts", whereas investment contracts are accounted for according to IAS-39 "Financial Instruments, Recognition and Measurement", and service contracts according to IAS-18 "Revenue".

ii) Insurance Contract Liabilities

The Company's appointed actuary determines the amount of insurance contract liabilities using the Canadian Asset Liability Method (CALM), in accordance with the standards of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries (CIA), and as permitted by IFRS-4 "Insurance Contracts". Pursuant to the CALM method, insurance contract liabilities represent the amount which, added to future premiums and investment income, will be sufficient to cover estimated future benefits, policyholder dividends and experience rating refunds, taxes (other than income taxes), commissions and fees to administer in-force policies. The change in the insurance contract liabilities is included in *Increase (decrease) in insurance contract liabilities* in the Income Statement.

iii) Investment Contract Liabilities

Investment contract liabilities are the amounts that the Company owes to clients since these contracts do not have significant insurance risk. These contracts are initially carried at fair value less transaction cost directly related to the establishment of the contract and are subsequently re-measured at amortized cost. This liability is derecognized when all the obligations relating to this type of contract are performed, extinguish or expire.

l) Other Liabilities

Other liabilities are primarily made up of unearned premiums, post-employment benefits, amounts on deposit on products other than insurance contracts, accounts payable, securities sold under repurchase agreements, short-selling securities, securitization liabilities and other liabilities. Financial liabilities included in the *Other liabilities* are classified as financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for short-selling securities, which are classified as held for trading. The commitments related to short-selling securities reflect the Company's obligation to deliver securities that it sold without owning them at the time of sale. Short-selling securities are recorded at fair value in the Statement of Financial Position. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are recognized in *Change in fair value of investments* in the Income Statement. A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation related to the financial liability is settled, cancelled or expires.

The Company sells securities and, simultaneously, agrees to repurchase them in the short term, at a set price and date. These repurchase agreements are recorded in the Statement of Financial Position at the consideration received plus accrued interest. Commitments related to securities acquired under repurchase agreements are recorded at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Interest on repurchase operations is recorded in the Income Statement under *Financing charges*.

The purchased businesses in force are initially recorded at fair value. If negative, this fair value is recorded in the Statement of Financial Position in *Other liabilities* for an amount equal to the discounted value of estimated future gains or losses related to purchased businesses in force at the acquisition date. The discounted value of the future gain or loss takes into consideration the cost of capital and is estimated using actuarial assumptions that are similar to the ones used to establish the insurance contract liability purchased and a discount rate integrating a risk premium. The fair value of purchased businesses in force recorded as part of a business combination is amortized over the useful life of the portfolio contracts.

m) Income Taxes

The income tax expense includes current taxes and deferred taxes. The calculation of current income tax expense is based on taxable income for the year. Current tax assets and liabilities for the current and previous periods are measured at the amount expected to be paid to or received from tax authorities using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the Statement of Financial Position date. Deferred income taxes result from temporary differences between the assets' and liabilities' carrying value and their value for tax purposes, using those rates enacted or substantively enacted applicable to the periods the differences are expected to reverse. Deferred tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences subject to certain exceptions, carry forward for unused tax credits and unused tax losses to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which these assets can be utilized. The Company assesses all available evidence, both positive and negative, to determine the amount of deferred tax assets to be recognized.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences, subject to certain exceptions in respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures, where the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Current and deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the Company has a legally enforceable right to offset them, for the same legal entity and levied by the same taxation authority, and if the Company intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realize the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously. The current and deferred taxes are presented in the Income Statement except when they relate to items that are recognized in *Other comprehensive income* or directly in *Equity*. In this case, they are presented in the Comprehensive Income Statement and the Statement of Financial Position respectively.

To determine the impact of taxes, the Company must comply with both IFRS and actuarial standards of practice. Consequently, according to the CALM method, the determination of insurance contract liabilities must account for all cash flows associated with the insurance contract liabilities provided, including income taxes. Insurance contract liabilities are determined by considering the tax impacts related to these contracts on a discounted basis, adjusted for all related deferred tax assets and liabilities. The net result of this adjustment is to leave the discounting effect of deferred taxes related to temporary differences on tax items related to insurance contracts in the *Insurance contract liabilities*.

The Company is subject to income tax laws in Canada and the United States. Tax laws are complex and may be subject to different interpretations by the Company and by the tax authority. The provision for income taxes and deferred income taxes represents the Company's interpretation of the tax laws and estimates of current and future tax consequences of the transactions and events during the period. In addition, future events, such as changes in tax laws, tax regulations or the interpretations of such laws or regulations could have a material effect on the amounts of the tax expense, the deferred income tax and the effective tax rate during the year in which they occur.

n) Debentures

The Company has chosen to classify its debentures as financial liabilities at amortized cost. The fair value, net of related transaction costs, is used to initially recognize the debentures. Debentures are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Interest calculated according to the effective interest method and premiums paid on redemption of debentures are recognized in the Income Statement and presented as *Financing charges*.

o) Foreign Exchange Conversion

Transactions in foreign currencies are converted into the functional currency at the rate in effect when each transaction takes place. Items in the Statement of Financial Position are converted at the end-of-period exchange rate. Gains and losses on foreign currency conversions are recognized in the Income Statement.

The financial statements of certain entities of the group, whose functional currency (the currency of the principal economic environment in which the entity operates) differs from the parent company, are converted into the reporting currency. Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency are translated into Canadian dollars at the end-of-period exchange rate. Revenues and expenses are translated at the average rate. Gains and losses on foreign currency and hedge results of some of these investments are accounted for in *Other comprehensive income, net of income taxes*.

p) Premiums and Expenses

Insurance and annuity premiums, including those invested in the general fund and segregated funds, are recognized as revenue when due under contracts in force. Net premiums represent gross premiums, including assumed premiums, net of the share ceded to reinsurers for insuring a part of the risk. When premiums are recognized, provisions for future policy benefits are calculated, with the result that benefits and expenses are matched with such revenue.

General insurance premiums are recorded when written. Premiums are recognized as premiums earned over the contract period. The unrecognized portion is recorded as unearned premiums in *Other liabilities* in the Statement of Financial Position.

Benefits and claims on contracts mainly consist of amounts paid on death, annuities, redemptions and health.

Benefits and claims as well as expenses are recognized when incurred.

q) Other Revenues

Other revenues primarily represent fees earned from management of the Company's segregated fund and mutual fund assets, commissions from intermediary activities, and administrative services only (ASO) income. Other revenues are recorded on an accrual basis when services are rendered.

r) Net Transfer to Segregated Funds

Net transfer to segregated funds represents the total amount transferred from the general fund to segregated funds less the total amount transferred from the segregated funds to the general fund at the request of policyholders.

s) Post-Employment Benefits

The Company has established defined benefit plans and provides certain post-retirement benefits to eligible employees. In some cases, eligible retirees have to pay a portion of premiums for these benefits. The cost of the retirement plans is determined using the Projected Unit Credit Method and management's best estimate regarding the discount rate, salary increases, mortality and expected health care costs. Defined benefit costs are divided into three components: service cost and net interest, which are shown in the Income Statement as *General expenses*, and revaluations, which are presented in *Other comprehensive income*.

The revaluations of defined benefit net liabilities (assets) includes the actuarial gain or loss, the yield on plan assets (excluding amounts included in net interest on the defined benefit net liabilities (assets)) and the variation of the effect of the asset ceiling, if applicable, and are recognized immediately as *Other liabilities (Other assets)* in the Statement of Financial Position and in *Other comprehensive income* on the other side. The Company decided to transfer the amounts recorded in *Other comprehensive income* to *Retained earnings*. The cost of past service is recognized in *Net income* in the period in which there has been a change, reduction or liquidation of the pension plan. The net interest is calculated by multiplying the defined benefit net liabilities (assets) at the beginning of the period by the discount rate. The difference between defined benefit assets and defined benefit obligations under defined benefit plans is recognized as an asset or liability in the Statement of Financial Position. The discount rate used to determine obligations under defined benefit plans is based on the market interest rate at the valuation date for debt securities with high quality and cash flows in line with forecast benefit payments.

t) Stock-Based Compensation

Stock Option Plan

The stock option plan is accounted for as a transaction which is settled in equity. The cost of stock options granted is calculated using the fair value method. Fair value of options is estimated at the grant dates taking into account a forfeiture rate and using the graded vesting method. The cost of stock options is accounted for as a remuneration expense included in *General expenses* in the Income Statement. The corresponding amount is recorded in the Company's contributed surplus in the Statement of Financial Position. For options that are cancelled before vesting, the remuneration expense that has previously been recognized is reversed. When options are exercised, contributed surplus is reversed and the shares issued are credited to share capital. Stock-based compensation is recognized at the grant date for grants to management personnel who are eligible to retire on the grant date and over the period from the date of grant to the date of retirement eligibility for grants to management personnel who will become eligible to retire during the vesting period.

Share Purchase Plan for Employees

The Company's cash contribution is charged to the Income Statement as *General expenses* in the period the shares are purchased.

Deferred Share Units (DSU)

Measurement of deferred share units, which are settled in cash, is based on the value of the Company's shares. When a grant is made, the Company recognizes a remuneration expense in the Income Statement and a liability equivalent to the fair value of the Company's common shares in the Statement of Financial Position. This liability is revalued at the end of each reporting period and on the settlement date according to the value of the Company's shares and the change in fair value is recorded in *General expenses* in the Income Statement.

Mid-Term Incentive Plan

Measurement of the mid-term incentive plan, which is settled in cash, is based on the value of the Company's shares. At the end of each reporting period, the Company records a remuneration expense in the Income Statement and a liability in the Statement of Financial Position, equal to the average fair value of the Company's common shares for the reference period. This expense is amortized linearly according to the estimated number of shares expected to be vested at the end of the vesting period. Changes in the fair value of liabilities are recorded in *General expenses* in the Income Statement.

3 › Changes in Accounting Policies

New Accounting Policies Applied

These standards or amendments apply to financial statements beginning on or after January 1, 2017.

Standards or amendments	Description of the standard or amendment and impact on financial statements of the Company
IAS-12 "Incomes Taxes"	<p><i>Description:</i> The IASB published an amendment to IAS-12 "Incomes Taxes". The amendment "Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealized Losses" clarifies how to account for deferred tax assets related to debt instruments measured at fair value. The provisions of this amendment applied retrospectively.</p> <p><i>Impact:</i> No impact on the Company's financial statements.</p>
IAS-7 "Statement of Cash Flows"	<p><i>Description:</i> The IASB published an amendment to IAS-7 "Statement of Cash Flows". The amendment "Disclosure Initiative" clarifies that changes in liabilities arising from financing activities, including cash and non-cash changes, shall be disclosed in the Statement of Cash Flows.</p> <p><i>Impact:</i> No impact on the Company's financial statements.</p>
Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2014-2016 Cycle	<p><i>Description:</i> The IASB published the Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2014-2016 Cycle. The Annual Improvements clarify situations specific to IFRS-12 "Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities" related to the scope of the standard which applied retrospectively to financial statements.</p> <p><i>Impact:</i> No impact on the Company's financial statements.</p>

Future Changes in Accounting Policies

Standards or amendments are presented on the basis of their publication date unless a more relevant approach allows for better information.

Standards or amendments	Description of the standards or amendments
IFRS-15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers"	<p><i>Description:</i> On May 28, 2014, the IASB published the standard IFRS-15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers", which replaces the standards IAS-11 "Construction Contracts" and IAS-18 "Revenues". This new standard specifies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how to recognize revenues; and • when to recognize revenues according to a single five-step model, and the additional disclosure requirements. <p>The provisions of this new standard were expected to apply to financial statements beginning on or after January 1, 2017. On September 11, 2015, the IASB published an amendment to the standard which defers the effective date to financial statements beginning on or after January 1, 2018.</p> <p>On April 12, 2016, the IASB published an amendment to IFRS-15 in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clarify some requirements; and • provide additional transitional relief. <p>The provisions of this amendment will apply retrospectively or on a modified retrospective basis to financial statements beginning on or after January 1, 2018. Early adoption is permitted.</p> <p><i>Status:</i> The Company has completed the analysis of this standard and concluded that it will not have a significant impact on its financial statements.</p>
IFRS-9 "Financial Instruments"	<p><i>Description:</i> On July 24, 2014, the IASB published the standard IFRS-9 "Financial Instruments" which replaces the provisions of the standard IAS-39 "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement". The standard IFRS-9:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requires financial assets to be measured at amortized cost or at fair value on the basis of the entity's business model for managing assets; • changes the accounting for financial liabilities measured using the fair value option; • proposes a new accounting model related to the recognition of expected credit losses, requiring the entity to recognize expected credit losses on financial assets using current estimates of expected shortfalls in cash flows on those instruments as at the reporting date; • modifies the hedge accounting model, which aims to present in the financial statements the effect of risk management activities. <p>The provisions of this new standard will apply retrospectively or on a modified retrospective basis to financial statements beginning on or after January 1, 2018. Early adoption is permitted.</p> <p>On October 12, 2017, the IASB published an amendment to IFRS-9 "Financial Instruments". The amendment "Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation" enables entities to measure at amortized cost some prepayable financial assets with so-called negative compensation. The provisions of this amendment will apply retrospectively to financial statements beginning on or after January 1, 2019. Early adoption is permitted.</p> <p><i>Status:</i> The Company is evaluating the impact of this standard on its financial statements. Further details on the Company's application of IFRS-9 "Financial Instruments" are provided under the IFRS-4 "Insurance Contract" amendment.</p>

IFRS-4 "Insurance Contract"	<p><i>Description:</i> On September 12, 2016, the IASB published an amendment to IFRS-4 "Insurance Contract". This amendment, "Applying IFRS-9 Financial Instruments with IFRS-4 Insurance Contract", provides two options to entities applying IFRS-4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the deferral approach is an optional temporary exemption from applying IFRS-9 until January 1, 2021 for entities whose predominant activity is issuing contracts within the scope of IFRS-4; • the overlay approach permits entities to adopt IFRS-9 but adjust some of the impacts arising from designated financial assets, those being assets related to the insurance contract liabilities. <p>The provisions of this amendment will apply to financial statements beginning on or after January 1, 2018.</p> <p><i>Status:</i> The Company has analyzed this amendment and is eligible for the deferral approach. The Company has decided to use the deferral approach and will not apply IFRS-9 as at January 1, 2018.</p>
IFRS-17 "Insurance Contracts"	<p><i>Description:</i> On May 18, 2017, the IASB published the standard IFRS-17 "Insurance Contracts" which replaces the provisions of the standard IFRS-4 "Insurance Contracts". The standard IFRS-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has an objective to ensure that an entity provides relevant information that faithfully represents those contracts and gives a basis for users of financial statements to assess the effect that insurance contracts have on the financial position, income statement and cash flows statement; • establishes the principles for recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure; • defines a general model and a variable fee approach applicable to all insurance contracts and reinsurance contracts to measure the insurance contract liabilities; • defines a specific model for contracts of one year or less. <p>The provisions of this new standard will apply retrospectively to each group of insurance contracts and, if and only if impracticable, an entity shall apply the modified retrospective or fair value approach to financial statements beginning on or after January 1, 2021. Early adoption is permitted if IFRS-9 "Financial Instruments" and IFRS-15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" are previously applied.</p> <p><i>Status:</i> The Company is evaluating the impact on presentation, disclosure and measurement of the insurance contract liabilities that this standard will have on its financial statements.</p>
IFRS-10 "Consolidated Financial Statements" and IAS-28 "Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures"	<p><i>Description:</i> On September 16, 2014, the IASB published an amendment to IFRS-10 "Consolidated Financial Statements" and to IAS-28 "Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures". This amendment, "Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture", clarifies the accounting for the gain or loss resulting from loss of control or from transfer of assets following a transaction with an associate or joint venture. The provisions of this amendment will apply prospectively to financial statements beginning on or after January 1, 2016. In December 2015, the IASB published an amendment which defers the application to financial statements beginning on or after a date yet to be determined. Early adoption is permitted.</p> <p><i>Status:</i> The Company has completed the analysis of this amendment and concluded that it will not have an impact on its financial statements.</p>
IFRS-16 "Leases"	<p><i>Description:</i> On January 13, 2016, the IASB published the standard IFRS-16 "Leases", which replaces the standard IAS-17 "Leases". This new standard specifies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how to recognize, measure, present and disclose leases; • for the lessee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the requirement to recognize assets and liabilities for all leases; ○ unless the lease term is 12 months or less or the underlying asset has a low value; • for the lessor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ that the accounting remains substantially unchanged. <p>The provisions of this new standard will apply retrospectively or on a modified retrospective basis to financial statements beginning on or after January 1, 2019. Early adoption is permitted if IFRS-15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" is previously applied.</p> <p><i>Status:</i> The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this standard on its financial statements.</p>

IFRS-2 "Share-based Payment"	<p><i>Description:</i> On June 20, 2016, the IASB published an amendment to IFRS-2 "Share-based Payment". The amendment "Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions" clarifies how to account for certain types of share-based payment transactions. The amendment provides requirements on the accounting for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the effects of vesting and non-vesting conditions on the measurement of cash-settled share-based payments; • share-based payment transactions with a net settlement feature for withholding tax obligations; • the effect of a modification to the terms and conditions of a share-based payment that changes the classification of the transaction from cash-settled to equity-settled. <p>The provisions of this amendment will apply to financial statements beginning on or after January 1, 2018. Early adoption is permitted.</p> <p><i>Status:</i> The Company has completed the analysis of this amendment and concluded that it will not have an impact on its financial statements.</p>
IAS-40 "Investment Property"	<p><i>Description:</i> On December 8, 2016, the IASB published an amendment to IAS-40 "Investment Property". The amendment "Transfers of Investment Property" clarifies the requirements on transfers to, or from, investment property. The provisions of this amendment will apply retrospectively to financial statements beginning on or after January 1, 2018. Early adoption is permitted.</p> <p><i>Status:</i> The Company has completed the analysis of this amendment and concluded that it will not have an impact on its financial statements.</p>
IFRIC-22 "Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration"	<p><i>Description:</i> On December 8, 2016, the IASB published Interpretation IFRIC-22, "Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration". This interpretation provides guidance on the exchange rate to use in transactions that involve advance consideration paid or received in a foreign currency. The provisions of this interpretation will apply to financial statements beginning on or after January 1, 2018. Early adoption is permitted.</p> <p><i>Status:</i> The Company has completed the analysis of this interpretation and concluded that it will not have a significant impact on its financial statements.</p>
Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2014-2016 Cycle	<p><i>Description:</i> On December 8, 2016, the IASB published the Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2014-2016 Cycle. The Annual Improvements clarify situations specific to two standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFRS-1 "First-Time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards" related to short-term exemptions, which will apply to financial statements beginning on or after January 1, 2018; • IAS-28 "Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures" relating to the measurement at fair value which will apply retrospectively to financial statements beginning on or after January 1, 2018. <p><i>Status:</i> The Company has completed the analysis of the Annual Improvements and concluded that it will not have an impact on its financial statements.</p>
IFRIC-23 "Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments"	<p><i>Description:</i> On June 7, 2017, the IASB published Interpretation IFRIC-23, "Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments". This interpretation clarifies how to apply the recognition and measurement requirement in IAS-12 "Income Taxes" when there is uncertainty over income tax treatments. An entity shall recognize and measure its current or deferred tax asset or liability applying the requirement of IAS-12 based on taxable profit (taxable loss), tax bases, unused tax losses, unused tax credits and tax rates determined applying this interpretation. The provisions of this interpretation will apply retrospectively or on a modified retrospective basis to financial statements beginning on or after January 1, 2019. Early adoption is permitted.</p> <p><i>Status:</i> The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this interpretation on its financial statements.</p>
IAS-28 "Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures"	<p><i>Description:</i> On October 12, 2017, the IASB published an amendment to IAS-28 "Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures". The amendment "Long-term Interest in Associates and Joint Ventures" clarifies the situation where an entity applies the equity method and owns long-term interests that meet the criteria to be qualified in substance as long-term net investments. This amendment applies more specifically to shares when there are losses that must be absorbed by long-term interests. The provisions of this amendment will apply retrospectively to financial statements beginning on or after January 1, 2019. Early adoption is permitted.</p> <p><i>Status:</i> The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this amendment on its financial statements.</p>

4 › Acquisition of Businesses

Preliminary Allocation of the Acquisition Price

On August 4, 2017, the Company acquired HollisWealth, a Canadian financial network. The Company acquired 100% of the shares of HollisWealth Advisory Services Inc. and HollisWealth Insurance Agency Ltd., and all assets and liabilities of Holliswealth's securities activities. The total acquisition price amounts to \$277.

Assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date are summarized as follows:

	2017 HollisWealth \$
Assets	
Cash	173
Amounts receivable	490
Finite useful life intangible assets	114
Preliminary goodwill	157
Total assets	934
Liabilities	
Amounts payable	656
Deferred tax liability	1
Total liabilities	657
Net assets	277
Acquisition price:	
Cash	273
Account payable	4
	277

Goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes, except for assets acquisition, totalling \$82.

This acquisition contributed to the Company's revenues for the year for an amount of \$108 since the acquisition date, while the impact on net income is marginal. Integration expenses and acquisition costs of \$11 are included in *General expenses*. Had this acquisition been completed as at January 1, 2017, total revenues and net income for the year would have been \$11,426 and \$543, respectively.

The Company has 12 months following the acquisition date to complete the allocation of the acquisition price. Once the analysis is finalized, allocation of the preliminary purchase price and its distribution by sector of activity could be adjusted. The allocation of preliminary goodwill and intangible assets is presented in Note 11 *Intangible Assets and Goodwill*. As at December 31, 2017, final approval by all parties of transferred assets was not obtained to complete the allocation of the acquisition price.

Final Allocation of the Acquisition Price

During the year, the company acquired, directly or through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, insurance and mutual fund broker businesses. The total for these acquisitions amounts to \$5. The Company finalized the allocation of the acquisition price for each of these acquisitions and, following its analysis, recorded finite useful life intangible assets of \$3, depreciable over 20 year, goodwill of \$3 and deferred income tax liability of \$1.

The Company also finalized the allocation of the acquisition price of businesses acquired in the previous year, insurance broker, mutual fund broker, planning services and extended warranty businesses, totalling \$17. Following its analysis, the Company recorded finite useful life intangible assets of \$16, depreciable over periods varying between 7 and 20 years (depreciation of \$1 in 2017), goodwill of \$15 and deferred income tax liability of \$4.

5 › Invested Assets and Investment Income

a) Carrying Value and Fair Value

2017

	At fair value through profit or loss \$	Available for sale \$	Loans and receivables \$	Other \$	Total \$	Fair value \$
Cash and short-term investments	610	---	531	---	1,141	1,141
Bonds						
Governments	9,838	1,946	121	---	11,905	
Municipalities	966	151	40	---	1,157	
Corporate and other	6,477	1,520	1,885	---	9,882	
	17,281	3,617	2,046	---	22,944	23,106
Stocks						
Common stocks	1,842	18	---	---	1,860	
Preferred stocks	244	392	---	---	636	
Stock indexes	471	26	---	---	497	
Investment fund units	467	7	---	---	474	
	3,024	443	---	---	3,467	3,467
Mortgages and other loans						
Insured mortgages						
Residential	---	---	809	---	809	
Multi-residential	---	---	1,308	---	1,308	
Non-residential	---	---	7	---	7	
	---	---	2,124	---	2,124	
Conventional mortgages						
Residential	---	---	155	---	155	
Multi-residential	57	---	178	---	235	
Non-residential	7	---	197	---	204	
	64	---	530	---	594	
Other loans	---	---	570	---	570	
	64	---	3,224	---	3,288	3,355
Derivative financial instruments	395	---	---	---	395	395
Policy loans	---	---	946	---	946	946
Other invested assets	---	---	4	296	300	300
Investment properties	---	---	---	1,341	1,341	1,354
Total	21,374	4,060	6,751	1,637	33,822	34,064

	At fair value through profit or loss \$	Available for sale \$	Loans and receivables \$	Other \$	Total \$	Fair value \$
Cash and short-term investments	549	---	363	---	912	912
Bonds						
Governments	8,645	2,079	121	---	10,845	
Municipalities	770	161	---	---	931	
Corporate and other	5,869	1,572	1,870	---	9,311	
	15,284	3,812	1,991	---	21,087	21,225
Stocks						
Common stocks	1,603	8	---	---	1,611	
Preferred stocks	264	342	---	---	606	
Stock indexes	418	6	---	---	424	
Investment fund units	434	8	---	---	442	
	2,719	364	---	---	3,083	3,083
Mortgages and other loans						
Insured mortgages						
Residential	---	---	820	---	820	
Multi-residential	---	---	1,312	---	1,312	
Non-residential	---	---	8	---	8	
	---	---	2,140	---	2,140	
Conventional mortgages						
Residential	---	---	74	---	74	
Multi-residential	52	---	194	---	246	
Non-residential	3	---	313	---	316	
	55	---	581	---	636	
Other loans	---	---	516	---	516	
	55	---	3,237	---	3,292	3,410
Derivative financial instruments	262	---	---	---	262	262
Policy loans	---	---	946	---	946	946
Other invested assets	---	---	5	266	271	271
Investment properties	---	---	---	1,238	1,238	1,248
Total	18,869	4,176	6,542	1,504	31,091	31,357

The *At fair value through profit or loss* category includes securities held for trading, mainly derivative financial instruments and short-term investments as well as securities designated at fair value through profit or loss. Other invested assets are made up of notes receivable, investments in associates and investments in joint ventures accounted for using the equity method.

Fair value of investment properties is \$1,354 (\$1,248 in 2016) and is composed of investment properties of \$1,341 (\$1,238 in 2016) and of linearization of rents of \$13 (\$10 in 2016). The linearization of rents is the total rental income under the lease, distributed evenly over the lease term, using an average rate which considers free rents and other advantages granted to tenants. Amounts related to the linearization of rents are presented in Note 9 *Other Assets*. Rental income is presented in the investment income table in section c) of this note and operating expenses for investment properties are shown in Note 20 *General Expenses*.

b) Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures

The Company holds interests ranging from 25% to 30%. The financial information for these entities as a whole is as follows:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Carrying value of the investment	296	265
Share of net income and net comprehensive income	34	25

c) Investment Income

	2017				
	At fair value through profit or loss \$	Available for sale \$	Loans and receivables \$	Other \$	Total \$
Cash and short-term investments					
Interest	---	---	15	---	15
Change in fair value	4	---	---	---	4
Bonds					
Interest	440	96	99	---	635
Change in fair value	931	---	---	---	931
Realized gains (losses)	---	2	6	---	8
Variation in provisions for losses	---	---	(2)	---	(2)
Stocks					
Dividends	112	15	---	---	127
Change in fair value	169	---	---	---	169
Realized gains (losses)	---	(1)	---	---	(1)
Mortgages and other loans					
Interest	2	---	156	---	158
Change in fair value	(4)	---	---	---	(4)
Realized gains (losses)	---	---	6	---	6
Variation in provisions for losses	---	---	(20)	---	(20)
Derivative financial instruments					
Interest	32	---	---	---	32
Change in fair value	323	---	---	---	323
Policy loans					
Interest	---	---	54	---	54
Other invested assets	(3)	---	9	31	37
Investment properties					
Rental income	---	---	---	149	149
Change in fair value	---	---	---	(40)	(40)
Total	2,006	112	323	140	2,581
Interest	442	96	324	---	862
Dividends	112	15	---	---	127
Derivative financial instruments	32	---	---	---	32
Rental income	---	---	---	149	149
Realized gains (losses)	---	1	12	---	13
Variation in provisions for losses	---	---	(22)	---	(22)
Other	(1)	---	9	31	39
Interest and other investment income	585	112	323	180	1,200
Cash and short-term investments	4	---	---	---	4
Bonds	931	---	---	---	931
Stocks	169	---	---	---	169
Mortgages and other loans	(4)	---	---	---	(4)
Derivative financial instruments	323	---	---	---	323
Investment properties	---	---	---	(40)	(40)
Other	(2)	---	---	---	(2)
Change in fair value of investments	1,421	---	---	(40)	1,381
Total	2,006	112	323	140	2,581

	2016				
	At fair value through profit or loss \$	Available for sale \$	Loans and receivables \$	Other \$	Total \$
Cash and short-term investments					
Interest	---	---	10	---	10
Change in fair value	4	---	---	---	4
Bonds					
Interest	396	83	99	---	578
Change in fair value	196	---	---	---	196
Realized gains (losses)	---	4	9	---	13
Stocks					
Dividends	109	14	---	---	123
Change in fair value	202	---	---	---	202
Realized gains (losses)	---	(6)	---	---	(6)
Mortgages and other loans					
Interest	2	---	151	---	153
Change in fair value	(1)	---	---	---	(1)
Realized gains (losses)	---	---	5	---	5
Variation in provisions for losses	---	---	(17)	---	(17)
Derivative financial instruments					
Interest	30	---	---	---	30
Change in fair value	91	---	---	---	91
Policy loans					
Interest	---	---	51	---	51
Other invested assets	9	---	8	23	40
Investment properties					
Rental income	---	---	---	144	144
Change in fair value	---	---	---	(23)	(23)
Total	1,038	95	316	144	1,593
Interest	398	83	311	---	792
Dividends	109	14	---	---	123
Derivative financial instruments	30	---	---	---	30
Rental income	---	---	---	144	144
Realized gains (losses)	---	(2)	14	---	12
Variation in provisions for losses	---	---	(17)	---	(17)
Other	---	---	8	23	31
Interest and other investment income	537	95	316	167	1,115
Cash and short-term investments	4	---	---	---	4
Bonds	196	---	---	---	196
Stocks	202	---	---	---	202
Mortgages and other loans	(1)	---	---	---	(1)
Derivative financial instruments	91	---	---	---	91
Investment properties	---	---	---	(23)	(23)
Other	9	---	---	---	9
Change in fair value of investments	501	---	---	(23)	478
Total	1,038	95	316	144	1,593

6 › Fair Value of Financial Instruments and Investment Properties

a) Methods and Assumptions Used to Estimate Fair Values

Fair value is the consideration that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Management exercises its judgment in the determination of inputs to valuation models used to measure the fair value of financial assets and liabilities, particularly for financial instruments classified as Level 3. Fair value of various categories of financial instruments and investment properties is determined as described below.

Financial Assets

Short-Term Investments – Carrying value of these investments represents the fair value due to their short-term maturity.

Bonds – Bonds are valued based on quoted price, observed on active markets for identical or similar assets. If prices are not available on active markets, fair value is estimated using current valuation methods, including a model based on discounting expected cash flows or other similar techniques. These methods take into account current data observable on the market for financial instruments that have a similar risk profile and comparable terms. The significant data used in these models include, but is not limited to, rate curves, credit risk, issuer spread, volatility and liquidity valuation and other reference data published by the market. Management uses its best estimates when such data are not available.

Stocks – Stocks are valued based on quote price, observed on active markets. If the price is not available on the active markets, fair value is determined using equity valuation models, which analyze the fair value of the net asset, and other techniques that rely on comparisons with reference data, such as market indices. Investment fund units are evaluated at the net asset value published by the fund manager.

Mortgages and Other Loans – The fair value of mortgages and other loans is estimated by discounting the cash flows with the interest rates currently prevailing on the market for loans with substantially the same credit risk and terms.

Derivative Financial Instruments – Fair value of derivative financial instruments is determined according to the type of derivative instrument. Fair value of derivative financial instruments, such as futures contracts and options traded on the stock exchanges, is determined in accordance with quoted prices on active markets. Derivative financial instruments that are traded over the counter are valued using valuation models such as actualized cash flow analysis and other valuation models used on the market. These valuations are based on observable data on the market, including interest rates, foreign exchange rates, financial indices, rate differentials, credit risk and volatility.

Among derivative financial instruments, certain other derivative contracts are subject to trading restrictions. In such situations, an illiquidity premium based on data that are not observable in the market is used to ascertain the fair value of these derivative financial instruments. While these data are not observable, they are based on assumptions deemed appropriate given the circumstances. Once the restricted trading period ends, the instruments are valued using standard valuation models based on data observable in the market, as described previously. The Company's use of non-observable data is limited to the trading restrictions period, and their effect on the fair value of derivative financial instruments does not represent a significant amount.

Policy Loans – Policy loans are carried at amortized cost. They are guaranteed and may be reimbursed at any time. Their fair value approximates their carrying value due to their short-term nature.

Other Investments – The fair value of other investments is approximately the same as the carrying value due to the nature of these elements.

Other Assets – The fair value of the other financial assets is approximately the same as the carrying value due to their short-term nature.

Investment Properties

The fair value of investment properties is determined by various recognized methods and standards of assessment in the real estate sector. One of these methods is based on expected capitalization rates and models which discount the expected future cash flows at prevailing interest rates on the market based on the characteristics, location and market of each property. The expected future cash flows include contractual and projected cash flows and projected operating expenses. They reflect the interest, rental and occupancy rates established based on market studies, rental income expected from leases in effect and estimates of future cash inflows, including revenues projected from leases in force, and estimates of future cash inflows made according to the current market circumstances. Future lease rates are estimated based on the location, type and current quality of the building, and market data and projections as of the date of the appraisal. Fair values are usually compared to market information, including recent transactions for similar assets to verify their reasonableness. High and best use is one of the possible evaluation methods. High and best use is determined by taking into account possible physical, legally permissible, financially feasible use, and in terms of market, even if the Company plans a different use. Assessments are carried out by external independent appraisers or by qualified Company personnel. Each building is assessed by an external appraiser at least once every three years. During the year, 81.2% of the investment properties portfolio was assessed by independent appraisers (86.2% in 2016).

Financial Liabilities

Other Liabilities – The fair value of other liabilities, except securitization liabilities and short-selling securities, is approximately the same as the carrying value due to their short-term nature.

The fair value of securitization liabilities is estimated by discounting cash flows with the interest rates currently prevailing in the market for new debt with substantially the same terms. This fair value is disclosed in Note 7 *Management of Risks Associated with Financial Instruments* in section b) iii).

Short-selling securities, classified as held for trading, are measured using the observed market prices in active markets for identical or similar financial instruments. If quoted prices in active markets are not available, fair value is estimated using standard methods of assessment, such as a model based on discounted future cash flows or similar techniques. These methods take into account the current observable market data for financial instruments with a similar risk profile and comparable terms. Important data used in these models include, but are not limited to, yield curves, credit risk, issuer spreads, volatility and liquidity valuation and other reference data published by the markets.

Debentures – The fair value of debentures classified as financial liabilities at amortized cost is estimated using a valuation model that takes into account instruments on the market that have substantially the same conditions. This fair value can fluctuate due to interest rates and credit risks associated with these instruments. Fair value of debentures is presented in Note 16 *Debentures*.

Derivative Financial Instruments – The fair value of derivative financial instruments recorded as financial liabilities is presented in Note 8 *Derivative Financial Instruments* and is equal to the carrying amounts reported in the negative fair value column. The fair value is determined according to the method and assumptions previously described in the Financial Assets section.

b) Hierarchy of the Fair Value

Disclosures regarding financial instruments and investment properties must be presented as a hierarchy that categorizes the inputs to valuation models used to measure the fair value of financial assets and liabilities. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to readily available unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and lowest priority to unobserved inputs. The three levels of the hierarchy are described below:

- Level 1 – Valuation based on quoted prices in active markets (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities. Stocks traded on the market, among other things, are classified in Level 1.
- Level 2 – Valuation model based on inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable on the market for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Most bonds, short-term investments and certain derivative financial instruments are classified in Level 2.
- Level 3 – Valuation model based on valuation techniques that use largely unobservable market parameters and that reflect management's best estimates. Most private placements are classified in Level 3.

If a financial instrument classified as Level 1 subsequently ceases to be actively traded, it is reclassified into Level 2. If the measurement of its fair value requires the use of significant unobservable inputs, it is directly reclassified into Level 3.

Assets

	2017			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recurring fair value assessments				
Cash and short-term investments				
Held for trading	---	610	---	610
Bonds				
Designated at fair value through profit or loss				
Governments	355	9,483	---	9,838
Municipalities	---	966	---	966
Corporate and other	---	6,332	145	6,477
	355	16,781	145	17,281
Available for sale				
Governments	96	1,850	---	1,946
Municipalities	---	151	---	151
Corporate and other	---	1,505	15	1,520
	96	3,506	15	3,617
	451	20,287	160	20,898
Stocks				
Designated at fair value through profit or loss	2,122	---	902	3,024
Available for sale	34	391	18	443
	2,156	391	920	3,467
Mortgages and other loans				
Designated at fair value through profit or loss	---	64	---	64
Derivative financial instruments				
Held for trading	---	393	2	395
Investment properties	---	---	1,341	1,341
General fund investments accounted at fair value	2,607	21,745	2,423	26,775
Segregated fund financial instruments	18,027	5,956	22	24,005
Total financial assets at fair value	20,634	27,701	2,445	50,780

	2016			
	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
Recurring fair value assessments				
Cash and short-term investments				
Held for trading	1	548	---	549
Bonds				
Designated at fair value through profit or loss				
Governments	310	8,335	---	8,645
Municipalities	---	770	---	770
Corporate and other	---	5,719	150	5,869
	310	14,824	150	15,284
Available for sale				
Governments	380	1,699	---	2,079
Municipalities	---	161	---	161
Corporate and other	---	1,530	42	1,572
	380	3,390	42	3,812
	690	18,214	192	19,096
Stocks				
Designated at fair value through profit or loss	1,988	---	731	2,719
Available for sale	14	342	8	364
	2,002	342	739	3,083
Mortgages and other loans				
Designated at fair value through profit or loss	---	55	---	55
Derivative financial instruments				
Held for trading	---	262	---	262
Investment properties				
	---	---	1,238	1,238
General fund investments accounted at fair value	2,693	19,421	2,169	24,283
Segregated fund financial instruments	16,758	4,871	12	21,641
Total financial assets at fair value	19,451	24,292	2,181	45,924

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

There were no transfers from Level 2 to Level 3 during the year ended December 31, 2017 (\$32 in 2016). During the year ended December 31, 2016, these transfers were related to bonds designated at fair value through profit or loss and available for sale. The fair value of these bonds was previously valued at market prices obtained through brokers who assessed the fair value of these financial instruments. The fair value of these bonds is now determined using internal valuation models that required the use of assumptions, including one main assumption that was not observable in the market.

Transfers from Level 3 to Level 2 during the year ended December 31, 2017 have a value of \$1 (none for the year ended December 31, 2016). These transfers are related to bonds designated at fair value through profit or loss. The fair value of these bonds was previously determined using internal valuation models that required the use of assumptions, including one main assumption that was not observable in the market. The fair value of these bonds is now valued at market prices obtained through brokers who assess the fair value of these financial instruments.

The Company presents the transfers between hierarchy levels at the quarter-end fair value for the quarter during which the transfer occurred.

The Company uses unobservable inputs in the valuation of bonds and stocks classified into Level 3. Regarding bonds, unobservable inputs mainly correspond to credit and liquidity risk premiums ranging from 0.47% to 4.69% as at December 31, 2017 (1.32% to 9.06% as at December 31, 2016). Stocks classified into Level 3 are mainly valued from information available in the financial statements of companies using models based on discounting expected cash flows as well as the use of multiples.

The main unobservable inputs used in the valuation of the investment properties as at December 31, 2017 are the discount rate, which is between 5.00% and 9.00% (between 5.00% and 9.00% in 2016) and the terminal capitalization rate, which is between 3.50% and 7.75% (between 3.50% and 7.75% in 2016). The discount rate is based on market activity by type of building as well as the location and reflects the expected rate of return to be realized on investments over the next 10 years. The terminal capitalization rate is based on market activity by type of building as well as location and reflects the expected rate of return on the investment over the remaining life after the 10-year period. If all other factors remain constant, a decrease (increase) in the discount rate and terminal capitalization rate will lead to an increase (decrease) in fair value of investment properties.

Due to the unobservable nature of the main data used to measure bonds, stocks and investment properties classified in Level 3, the Company does not assess whether the application of other assumptions would have an impact on fair value. Also, the investment properties as well as bonds and stocks classified as designated at fair value through profit or loss support the Company's insurance contract liabilities. Consequently, changes in fair value of these assets are offset by changes in the corresponding insurance contract liabilities under the Canadian Asset Liability Method (CALM). Even if the Company uses reasonable possible alternative assumptions affecting fair value, this would not have a significant impact on the Financial Statements.

The following table presents assets recognized at fair value evaluated according to Level 3 parameters:

2017								
	Balance as at December 31, 2016 \$	Realized and unrealized gains (losses) included in net income \$	Realized and unrealized gains (losses) included in other comprehensive income \$	Purchases \$	Sales and settlements \$	Transfers in (out of) Level 3 \$	Balance as at December 31, 2017 \$	Total unrealized gains (losses) included in net income on investments still held \$
Bonds								
Designated at fair value through profit or loss	150	---	---	---	(4)	(1)	145	---
Available for sale	42	---	(1)	---	(26)	---	15	---
Stocks								
Designated at fair value through profit or loss	731	44	---	209	(82)	---	902	43
Available for sale	8	---	1	9	---	---	18	---
Derivative financial instruments								
Held for trading	---	2	---	---	---	---	2	2
Investment properties	1,238	(40)	---	201	(58)	---	1,341	(40)
General fund investments accounted at fair value	2,169	6	---	419	(170)	(1)	2,423	5
Segregated fund financial instruments	12	---	---	16	(6)	---	22	---
Total	2,181	6	---	435	(176)	(1)	2,445	5

2016								
	Balance as at December 31, 2015 \$	Realized and unrealized gains (losses) included in net income \$	Realized and unrealized gains (losses) included in other comprehensive income \$	Purchases \$	Sales and settlements \$	Transfers in (out of) Level 3 \$	Balance as at December 31, 2016 \$	Total unrealized gains (losses) included in net income on investments still held \$
Bonds								
Designated at fair value through profit or loss	155	(6)	---	1	(2)	2	150	(4)
Available for sale	16	---	(4)	5	(5)	30	42	---
Stocks								
Designated at fair value through profit or loss	529	6	---	293	(97)	---	731	7
Available for sale	7	---	1	---	---	---	8	---
Investment properties	1,216	(23)	---	66	(21)	---	1,238	(23)
General fund investments accounted at fair value	1,923	(23)	(3)	365	(125)	32	2,169	(20)
Segregated fund financial instruments	5	(1)	---	24	(16)	---	12	(1)
Total	1,928	(24)	(3)	389	(141)	32	2,181	(21)

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the *Sales and settlements* for investment properties include transfers of \$42 (none in 2016) to fixed assets.

Realized and unrealized gains (losses) included in net income and Total unrealized gains (losses) included in net income on financial instruments still held are presented in the *Investment income* in the Income Statement, except the value of segregated fund assets, which are not presented in the Income Statement, but are included in the change in segregated funds net assets in Note 12 *Segregated Funds Net Assets*. Realized and unrealized gains (losses) included in other comprehensive income are presented in Note 18 *Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income* in *Unrealized gains (losses)*.

Fair Value Disclosed in the Notes

The Company classifies certain financial instruments as loans and receivables. These financial instruments are measured at amortized cost and fair value is disclosed in the notes. The following table shows the hierarchy level of such fair values.

	2017			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Classified as loans and receivables				
Bonds				
Governments	---	9	125	134
Municipalities	---	49	---	49
Corporate and other	---	268	1,757	2,025
	---	326	1,882	2,208
Mortgages and other loans	---	3,291	---	3,291
Total of assets classified as loans and receivables	---	3,617	1,882	5,499

	2016			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Classified as loans and receivables				
Bonds				
Governments	---	10	121	131
Corporate and other	---	293	1,705	1,998
	---	303	1,826	2,129
Mortgages and other loans	---	3,355	---	3,355
Total of assets classified as loans and receivables	---	3,658	1,826	5,484

Financial Liabilities

The following table presents financial liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis and those whose fair value is disclosed in a note, by hierarchy level:

	2017			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recurring fair value assessments				
Other liabilities				
Held for trading	59	119	---	178
Derivative financial instruments				
Held for trading	2	151	42	195
Total of liabilities classified as held for trading	61	270	42	373
Classified at amortized cost				
Other liabilities				
Securitization liabilities	---	1,147	---	1,147
Debentures	---	1,004	---	1,004
Total of liabilities classified at amortized cost	---	2,151	---	2,151

	2016			
	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
Recurring fair value assessments				
Other liabilities				
Held for trading	443	136	---	579
Derivative financial instruments				
Held for trading	1	296	36	333
Total of liabilities classified as held for trading	444	432	36	912
Classified at amortized cost				
Other liabilities				
Securitization liabilities	---	1,031	---	1,031
Debentures	---	1,008	---	1,008
Total of liabilities classified at amortized cost	---	2,039	---	2,039

The following table presents liabilities recognized at fair value evaluated according to Level 3 parameters:

2017								
	Balance as at December 31, 2016 \$	Realized and unrealized gains (losses) included in net income \$	Realized and unrealized gains (losses) included in other comprehensive income \$	Purchases \$	Sales and settlements \$	Transfers in (out of) Level 3 \$	Balance as at December 31, 2017 \$	Total unrealized gains (losses) included in net income on financial liabilities \$
Derivative financial instruments	36	3	---	8	(5)	---	42	---

2016								
	Balance as at December 31, 2015 \$	Realized and unrealized gains (losses) included in net income \$	Realized and unrealized gains (losses) included in other comprehensive income \$	Purchases \$	Sales and settlements \$	Transfers in (out of) Level 3 \$	Balance as at December 31, 2016 \$	Total unrealized gains (losses) included in net income on financial liabilities \$
Derivative financial instruments	32	---	---	9	(5)	---	36	---

7 › Management of Risks Associated with Financial Instruments

Effective risk management rests on identifying, understanding and communicating all risks the Company is exposed to in the course of its operations. Risk management is comprised of a series of objectives, policies and procedures that are approved by the Board of Directors and enforced by managers. The main risk management policies and procedures are subject to annual reviews. More information regarding the principles, responsibilities and key measures and management practices of the Company's risk management is provided in the shaded portion of the Risk Management section of the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 39 to 47. The shaded information in these pages is considered an integral part of these financial statements. Market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk are the most significant risks that the Company must manage for financial instruments.

a) Market Risk

Market risk represents the risk of fluctuation in the fair value of a financial instrument, which could lead to a loss due to changes in market factors, such as interest rates, stock prices and exchange rates.

Interest Rate Risk

One of an insurer's fundamental activities is to invest client premiums for the payment of future benefits, whose maturity date may be a long-time in the future, such as death benefits and annuity payments. To properly manage the risks of interest rate fluctuations and fund availability, the Company maintains a system to match its assets to its insurance contract liabilities and long-term debts, matches its liabilities until they expire and uses derivative financial instruments as complementary management tools. Consequently, assets are chosen on the basis of amount, cash flow and return in order to correspond to the characteristics of the matched liabilities. The accounting policies for derivative financial instruments used for matching correspond to those used for the underlying items. Therefore, any change in the fair value of assets held for matching purposes will have little impact on the financial position of the Company and on its ability to honour its obligations. One of the strategies used in matching is immunization. This strategy consists in using fixed income securities to immunize a liability against interest rate variations. In the measurement of its insurance contract liabilities, as described in Note 14 *Insurance Contract Liabilities and Investment Contract Liabilities*, the Company takes into account the level of matching achieved between assets and liabilities.

Risk of a Market Downturn

The risk of a market downturn represents the risk of losses caused by stock market fluctuations or caused by private equity value fluctuations. The Company is exposed to this risk in various ways as part of its regular operations, through: 1) the fee income collected on the investment funds managed by the Company, which is calculated based on assets under management; 2) the discounted future revenues on Universal Life policy funds; and 3) the income on capital generated by the assets backing the Company's capital.

In its risk management strategy, the Company has implemented a dynamic hedging program for all minimum withdrawal guarantees offered by the Individual Wealth Management sector. The value of the assets underlying the hedged guarantees represents \$8,574 as at December 31, 2017 (\$8,802 in 2016). More detailed information on the hedging program is provided in the shaded portion of the Risk Management section of the Management's Discussion and Analysis on page 44.

Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk represents the risk that the Company assumes for losses due to exchange rates related to foreign currencies to which the Company is exposed. The Company has adopted a policy to avoid exposure to currency risk whereby liabilities are generally matched with assets of the same currency; otherwise, derivative financial instruments are used. To protect itself against foreign currency risk, the Company also uses hedge accounting to limit the impact of changes in equity, primarily with respect to a net investment in a foreign operation that has a different functional currency from the Company's functional currency. Disclosure of hedge accounting is presented in Note 8 *Derivative Financial Instruments*.

Impairment of Financial Assets Classified as Available for Sale

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company did not reclassify any unrealized losses of stocks classified as available for sale from *Other comprehensive income* to *Investment income* in the Income Statement.

Since the assets designated at fair value through profit or loss are matched, variations of fair value, other than those related to credit risk, are directly reflected in the *Increase (decrease) in insurance contract liabilities*, which prevents a disparity of the treatment in the net income. Only variations in the fair value related to credit events regarding cash flows would have an impact on the Company's net income.

The unrealized gains and losses on financial assets classified as available for sale and included in the *Accumulated other comprehensive income* are the following:

	2017			2016		
	Fair value \$	Unrealized losses \$	Unrealized gains \$	Fair value \$	Unrealized losses \$	Unrealized gains \$
Bonds						
Governments	1,946	(14)	41	2,079	(11)	34
Municipalities	151	(1)	1	161	---	1
Corporate and other	1,520	(9)	14	1,572	(6)	17
	3,617	(24)	56	3,812	(17)	52
Stocks	443	(9)	20	364	(34)	11
Total	4,060	(33)	76	4,176	(51)	63

Unrealized losses on financial assets classified as available for sale according to the period for which the assets had an unrealized loss are the following:

	2017				Total	
	Less than 12 months		12 months or over		Fair value	Unrealized losses
	Fair value \$	Unrealized losses \$	Fair value \$	Unrealized losses \$	\$	\$
Bonds						
Governments	1,019	(13)	26	(1)	1,045	(14)
Municipalities	43	(1)	7	---	50	(1)
Corporate and other	740	(8)	36	(1)	776	(9)
	1,802	(22)	69	(2)	1,871	(24)
Stocks	62	(1)	144	(8)	206	(9)
Total	1,864	(23)	213	(10)	2,077	(33)

	2016					
	Less than 12 months		12 months or over		Total	
	Fair value \$	Unrealized losses \$	Fair value \$	Unrealized losses \$	Fair value \$	Unrealized losses \$
Bonds						
Governments	1,039	(11)	---	---	1,039	(11)
Municipalities	21	---	---	---	21	---
Corporate and other	486	(6)	7	---	493	(6)
	1,546	(17)	7	---	1,553	(17)
Stocks	8	---	194	(34)	202	(34)
Total	1,554	(17)	201	(34)	1,755	(51)

b) Credit Risk

Credit risk corresponds to the possibility that the Company will sustain a financial loss if a counterparty or a debtor does not meet its commitments. This is a material risk for the Company, and it originates mainly from credit granted in the form of mortgages and other loans as well as private placements, exposure to different investment portfolios, derivative financial instruments and reinsurance activities. The maximum credit risk associated with financial instruments corresponds to the carrying value of financial instruments presented in the Statement of Financial Position, except for the investments in associates and joint ventures.

Credit risk can also occur when there is a concentration of investments in entities with similar characteristics or that operate in the same sector or the same geographic region, or when a major investment is made in one entity. This constitutes concentration risk.

The Company's credit risk management policies include the assignment of risk ratings, management of impaired loans, as well as a level of authorization according to the rating and the amount of the financial instrument. The Company establishes investment policies that are regularly reviewed, updated and approved by the Board of Directors. Consequently, the Company manages credit risk in accordance with these investment policies. These policies define the credit risk limits according to the characteristics of the counterparties. The Company requires prudent diversification of its credit portfolios, the use of follow-up mechanisms that rely on pricing procedures and granting of credit and a regular follow-up of its risk measurement after the initial granting of credit. The Company also requires a review and independent audit of its credit risk management program and reports the results of the follow-up, review and audit program to the Board of Directors. The credit risk related to derivative financial instruments is presented in Note 8 *Derivative Financial Instruments*.

b) i) Credit Quality Indicators

Bonds by Investment Grade

	2017 Carrying amount \$	2016 Carrying amount \$
AAA	1,112	1,070
AA	7,846	6,188
A	10,010	10,092
BBB	3,749	3,576
BB and lower	227	161
Total	22,944	21,087

The Company prepares an assessment of the quality of the investment if the evaluation is not available from a credit rating agency. Bonds that have been internally evaluated represent an amount of \$2,105 (\$2,229 as at December 31, 2016).

Mortgages and Other Loans

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Insured mortgages	2,124	2,140
Conventional mortgages	594	636
Other loans	570	516
Total	3,288	3,292

The credit quality of mortgages and other loans is assessed internally by the regular review of the portfolio.

Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company's credit risk exposure is limited to the risk that a counterparty does not honour the terms of a derivative financial instrument. The Company applies the same criteria in selecting counterparties as it does for investing in bonds. As at December 31, 2017, all counterparties to derivative financial instrument contracts have a credit rating of AA- or higher (A+ or higher as at December 31, 2016).

Reinsurance Assets

The Company assesses the financial soundness of reinsurers before signing any reinsurance agreements and monitors their situation on a regular basis. It can eliminate certain risks by using letters of credit and by requiring cash deposits in trust accounts. Reinsurance agreements without security held from reinsurers are with several well-established, highly rated reinsurers. The Company's reinsurance assets are with reinsurers who have a minimum credit rating of A- in a proportion of 97% (98% in 2016).

b) ii) Past Due or Impaired Financial Assets

To manage risk, the Company evaluates, among other things, the ability of the issuer to ensure current and future contractual payments of principal and interest. The Company follows up monthly to ensure that cash flows stipulated in the contract are recovered in a timely manner and takes the necessary action to address the outstanding amounts. In addition, the Company identifies the issuers that may have an unstable financial situation and classifies each of the issuer's assets under one of the following quality lists:

Watch list: The collection of current and future contractual payments of principal and interest is reasonably assured, but changes in the facts and circumstances specific to the issuer require monitoring. No impairment loss is recognized in respect of assets of these issuers.

List of securities on the monitor list: The collection of current and future contractual payments of principal and interest is reasonably assured, but changes in the facts and circumstances specific to the issuer require increased monitoring. An asset is moved from the watch list to the list of securities on the monitor list when changes in facts and circumstances of the issuer increase the likelihood that a security suffers as a loss-generating event in the near future. No impairment loss is accounted for in respect of assets of these issuers.

List of impaired assets: The collection of current and future contractual payments of principal and interest is no longer assured. For investments classified as available for sale or carried at amortized cost, an impairment loss is recognized in *Net income*.

The Company maintains provisions for potential credit losses, including losses of principal and interest on bonds, mortgages and other loans, and real estate held for resale. Provisions for credit losses consist of specific provisions for loans and debt securities considered to be impaired, as well as amounts for financial assets which have similar credit risks that are subject to a collective impairment test.

The carrying value of loans and debt securities considered by the Company to be impaired is reduced by specific provisions to the value estimated to be realizable. A loan is considered to be impaired if, as a result of a deterioration in credit quality, there is no longer reasonable assurance of timely collection of the full amount of principal and interest. Any loan on which contractual payments are in arrears for 90 days or more in the case of mortgages and 120 days or more in the case of other loans or in foreclosure is assumed to be impaired. Any impaired loan which is not insured and fully guaranteed is considered as an impaired investment. When an asset is classified as impaired, allowances for losses are established to adjust the carrying value of the asset to its net recoverable amount. To determine this amount, several factors are taken into account, including market conditions, evaluations obtained from third parties and/or the discounted value of expected cash flows. A provision for losses on reinsurance assets is established when a reinsurance counterparty is no longer able to meet its contractual commitments to the Company. In addition, a provision, included as a component of insurance contract liabilities, is made for other potential future losses on loans and debt securities matching these liabilities, in compliance with actuarial standards.

Past Due Bonds, Mortgages and Other Loans

Bonds, mortgages and other loans are considered in arrears when the counterparty has not made a payment at a contractual date.

	2017			
	Bonds classified as loans and receivables \$	Mortgages \$	Other loans \$	Total \$
Gross values				
Not past due and not impaired	2,031	2,641	554	5,226
Past due and not impaired				
30 – 89 days in arrears	---	3	17	20
90 – 119 days in arrears	---	3	3	6
120 days or more in arrears	---	---	1	1
Impaired	21	9	1	31
Total of gross values	2,052	2,656	576	5,284
Specific provisions for losses	6	2	---	8
	2,046	2,654	576	5,276
Collective provisions	---	---	6	6
Total of net values	2,046	2,654	570	5,270

	2016			
	Bonds classified as loans and receivables \$	Mortgages \$	Other loans \$	Total \$
Gross values				
Not past due and not impaired	1,974	2,712	503	5,189
Past due and not impaired				
30 – 89 days in arrears	---	4	13	17
90 – 119 days in arrears	---	---	2	2
120 days or more in arrears	---	---	1	1
Impaired	21	7	1	29
Total of gross values	1,995	2,723	520	5,238
Specific provisions for losses	4	2	---	6
	1,991	2,721	520	5,232
Collective provisions	---	---	4	4
Total of net values	1,991	2,721	516	5,228

Foreclosed Properties

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company took possession of properties held as collateral on mortgages for less than \$1 (\$1 as at December 31, 2016). Foreclosed properties that the Company still held at year-end are presented as *Real estate held for resale* in Note 9 *Other Assets*.

Specific Provisions for Losses

	2017			
	Bonds classified as loans and receivables \$	Mortgages \$	Other loans \$	Total \$
Balance at beginning	4	2	---	6
Variation in specific provisions for losses	2	---	---	2
Balance at end	6	2	---	8

	2016			
	Bonds classified as loans and receivables \$	Mortgages \$	Other loans \$	Total \$
Balance at beginning and at end	4	2	---	6

b) iii) Other Information on Credit Risk

Investment properties

Minimum payments receivable from rental of investment properties in future years are as follows:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Due in 1 year or less	60	51
Due after 1 year to 5 years	200	161
Due after 5 years	449	435
Total	709	647

These payments are received under operating leases and are therefore not recorded in the Statement of Financial Position.

Securitization of Mortgages and Other Loans

During the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, as part of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) program, the Company transferred insured mortgages to an unrelated counterparty. As part of this transfer, the Company conserved substantially all risks and rewards related to the transferred mortgages. The Company is exposed to credit risk in the event of a late payment by the borrower. In this situation, the unrelated counterparty has no obligation to compensate the Company. Additionally, in the event of prepayment, any difference between the return generated by the reinvestment versus the Company's obligations to the counterparty would be assumed by the Company. Consequently, the Company continues to recognize the full carrying value of mortgages. As at December 31, 2017, the carrying value of ceded mortgages is \$1,097 (\$949 in 2016) and the value of the corresponding liability is \$1,136 (\$993 in 2016). Their fair values are \$1,090 and \$1,137 respectively (\$956 and \$1,008 respectively in 2016).

Also, the Company transferred other loans to an unrelated counterparty. As part of this transfer, the Company conserved substantially all risks and rewards related to the transferred loans. The Company is exposed to credit risk in the event of a late payment by the borrower. Consequently, the Company continues to recognize the full carrying value of the other loans. As at December 31, 2017, the carrying value of ceded other loans is \$12 (\$26 in 2016) and the value of the corresponding liability is \$10 (\$23 in 2016). Their fair values are \$12 and \$10 respectively (\$26 and \$23 respectively in 2016).

Securities Lending

The Company engages in securities lending to generate additional income. Certain securities from its portfolio are loaned to other institutions for short periods. Collateral, which represents between 102% and 105% (between 102% and 105% in 2016) of the fair value of the loaned securities according to their nature, is deposited by the borrower with a lending agent, usually a securities custodian, and retained by the lending agent until the underlying security has been returned to the Company. The fair value of the loaned securities is monitored on a daily basis with additional collateral obtained or refunded as the market values fluctuate. It is Company practice to obtain a guarantee from the lending agent against counterparty default, including collateral deficiency. As at December 31, 2017, the Company had loaned securities, which are included in invested assets, with a carrying value of approximately \$4,679 (\$2,375 in 2016).

Securities Borrowing

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company began borrowing securities. Borrowed securities are not recognized in the Statement of Financial Position given that the Company does not possess the benefits and risks associated with them. As part of these transactions, the Company provides guarantees in the form of securities. Guarantees in the form of securities remain recorded according to their nature as investment assets in the Statement of Financial Position given that the risks and rewards are retained. Interest income on securities given as guarantees is recorded as *Investment income*. Borrowing costs are recorded as *Financing charges*. As at December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company had no borrowed securities.

Right of Offset, Collateral Held and Transferred

The Company negotiates financial instruments in accordance with the Credit Support Annex, which forms part of the International Swaps and Derivative Association's (ISDA) Master Agreement and in accordance with the Supplemental Terms or Conditions Annex, which forms part of the Global Master Repurchase Agreement (GMRA). These agreements require guarantees by the counterparty or by the Company. The amount of assets to pledge is based on changes in fair value of financial instruments. The fair value is monitored daily. The assets pledged as collateral consist of, but are not limited to cash, Treasury bills and Government of Canada bonds. The Company may receive assets as collateral from the counterparty. According to the conditions set forth in the Credit Support Annex, the Company may be authorized to sell or re-pledge the assets it receives. In addition, under the ISDA and the GMRA, the Company has the right to offset in the event of default, insolvency, bankruptcy or other early termination. The following table presents the impact of conditional compensation on the financial situation and that of other similar agreements, namely the GMRA and the Credit Support Appendices (CSA).

As at December 31, 2017				
	Net amount of financial instruments presented in the Statements of Financial Position	Related amount not set off in the Statements of Financial Position		Net amount
	\$	Financial instruments	Financial collateral received/pledged	\$
Financial assets				
Derivative financial instruments (Note 8)	395	151	285	(41)
Financial liabilities				
Derivative financial instruments (Note 8)	195	151	---	44
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	460	---	460	---
Total financial liabilities	655	151	460	44

As at December 31, 2016				
	Net amount of financial instruments presented in the Statements of Financial Position	Related amount not set off in the Statements of Financial Position		Net amount
		Financial instruments	Financial collateral received/pledged	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets				
Derivative financial instruments (Note 8)	262	210	43	9
Securities purchased under reverse repurchase agreements	387	54	333	---
Total financial assets	649	264	376	9
Financial liabilities				
Derivative financial instruments (Note 8)	333	210	86	37
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	417	54	363	---
Total financial liabilities	750	264	449	37

Financial collateral received/pledged shown in the table above excludes initial margin on over-the-counter derivatives and forward currency contracts traded on the stock exchange, overcollateralization as well as overcollateralized derivative financial instruments. The total value of collateral received was \$285 (\$43 as at December 31, 2016) on derivative financial instruments and \$387 as at December 31, 2016 on securities purchased under reverse repurchase agreements. The Company's pledge was \$174 as at December 31, 2016 on derivative financial instrument liabilities and \$454 (\$426 as at December 31, 2016) on securities sold under repurchase agreements.

Interests in Non-Consolidated Structured Entities

The Company has determined that its investments in asset-backed securities and its investments in investment fund units represent interests held in non-consolidated structured entities.

Asset-backed securities and mortgage securities are managed by entities that combine similar assets and sell them to investors who receive all or a portion of the cash flows generated. These entities are managed by managers who are not related to the Company.

The goal of the investment fund units in which the Company invests is to generate capital growth. These investment fund units are either managed by external managers or by internal managers through Company subsidiaries. The managers apply various investment strategies to meet their respective objectives. The Company also invests in fund units through its segregated funds.

The table below presents the non-consolidated structured entities according to their type in the Statement of Financial Position.

	2017		2016	
	Carrying amount \$	Maximum risk \$	Carrying amount \$	Maximum risk \$
Government bonds				
Mortgage-backed securities (MBS)	40	40	---	---
Corporate and other bonds				
Commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS)	---	---	1	1
	40	40	1	1
Stocks				
Investment fund units managed internally	227	227	218	218
Investment fund units managed externally	247	247	224	224
	474	474	442	442
Total	514	514	443	443

The maximum risk represents the risk of total loss that the Company could suffer on investments in non-consolidated structured entities, which equals the carrying amount of these investments in the above table.

The Company develops and sponsors mutual funds to implement investment strategies on behalf of investors, and earns management fees for providing these services. The Company does not control these mutual funds. The Company's interest in mutual funds is limited to the capital invested, if any, and fees earned. The Company's mutual fund assets under management as at December 31, 2017 were \$11,723 (\$10,937 as at December 31, 2016).

b) iv) Concentration Risk

Concentration risk arises when there is a concentration of investments in entities with similar characteristics, or when a substantial investment is made with a single entity. The following tables provide information about the Company's investment concentration risk.

Bonds by sector of activity

	2017			
	At fair value through profit or loss \$	Available for sale \$	Loans and receivables \$	Total \$
Bonds (corporate and other)				
Financial services	1,112	915	406	2,433
Utilities	2,279	81	745	3,105
Consumer cyclical and non-cyclical	1,177	153	295	1,625
Energy	909	171	268	1,348
Industry	543	20	137	700
Communications	351	137	---	488
Other	106	43	34	183
Total	6,477	1,520	1,885	9,882

	2016			
	At fair value through profit or loss \$	Available for sale \$	Loans and receivables \$	Total \$
Bonds (corporate and other)				
Financial services	1,070	1,020	403	2,493
Utilities	1,976	81	713	2,770
Consumer cyclical and non-cyclical	935	145	295	1,375
Energy	968	144	253	1,365
Industry	519	30	192	741
Communications	325	126	1	452
Other	76	26	13	115
Total	5,869	1,572	1,870	9,311

Mortgages and other loans by region and type

	2017					
	Atlantic provinces \$	Quebec \$	Ontario \$	Western provinces \$	Outside Canada \$	Total \$
Insured mortgages						
Residential	---	789	16	4	---	809
Multi-residential	29	643	190	446	---	1,308
Non-residential	---	---	2	5	---	7
	29	1,432	208	455	---	2,124
Conventional mortgages						
Residential	---	90	54	11	---	155
Multi-residential	---	45	25	21	144	235
Non-residential	22	49	32	75	26	204
	22	184	111	107	170	594
Other loans	45	203	180	142	---	570
Total	96	1,819	499	704	170	3,288

	2016					
	Atlantic provinces \$	Quebec \$	Ontario \$	Western provinces \$	Outside Canada \$	Total \$
Insured mortgages						
Residential	1	788	25	6	---	820
Multi-residential	28	656	209	419	---	1,312
Non-residential	---	---	2	6	---	8
	29	1,444	236	431	---	2,140
Conventional mortgages						
Residential	---	70	1	2	1	74
Multi-residential	---	38	29	28	151	246
Non-residential	48	106	36	101	25	316
	48	214	66	131	177	636
Other loans	31	209	162	114	---	516
Total	108	1,867	464	676	177	3,292

Investment properties by type

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Residential and multi-residential	22	22
Office	1,101	997
Retail	184	190
Industrial	28	23
Land and other	6	6
Total	1,341	1,238

c) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk arises, among other things, from the uncertainty of the future interest rates at which maturing investments will be reinvested. The following table provides information on the maturity dates of the Company's investments subject to interest rate risk. Policy loans do not have a maturity date.

	2017		2016	
	Bonds \$	Mortgages and other loans \$	Bonds \$	Mortgages and other loans \$
Due in 1 year or less	489	281	472	334
Due after 1 year to 5 years	2,210	1,879	2,270	1,706
Due after 5 years to 10 years	2,609	737	2,717	776
Due after 10 years	17,636	391	15,628	476
Total	22,944	3,288	21,087	3,292

The effective yield is between 0.00% and 12.64% (0.00% and 12.22% in 2016) for bonds, between 1.57% and 35.99% (1.57% and 33.99% in 2016) for mortgages and other loans and between 1.25% and 10.00% (1.25% and 10.00% in 2016) for policy loans.

d) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk represents the possibility that the Company will not be able to raise the necessary funds, at the appropriate time and under reasonable conditions, to honour its financial commitments.

The following tables present the maturities of financial liabilities:

	2017				
	Due in 1 year or less \$	Due in over 1 year to 3 years \$	Due in over 3 years to 5 years \$	Due in over 5 years \$	Total \$
Benefits payable	138	---	---	---	138
Other policy liabilities	42	6	2	---	50
Amounts on deposit related to products other than insurance contracts	1,357	54	31	---	1,442
Short-selling securities	178	---	---	---	178
Investment contract liabilities	194	87	60	246	587
Derivative financial instruments	22	13	34	126	195
Other financial liabilities	891	35	13	9	948
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	460	---	---	---	460
Securitization liabilities	162	306	509	169	1,146
Debentures	---	---	---	996	996
Total	3,444	501	649	1,546	6,140

	2016				
	Due in 1 year or less \$	Due in over 1 year to 3 years \$	Due in over 3 years to 5 years \$	Due in over 5 years \$	Total \$
Benefits payable	99	---	---	---	99
Other policy liabilities	33	4	1	---	38
Amounts on deposit related to products other than insurance contracts	629	113	54	---	796
Short-selling securities	579	---	---	---	579
Investment contract liabilities	200	92	54	260	606
Derivative financial instruments	60	52	64	157	333
Other financial liabilities	771	30	8	4	813
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	417	---	---	---	417
Securitization liabilities	164	262	449	141	1,016
Debentures	---	---	---	995	995
Total	2,952	553	630	1,557	5,692

Annual interest payments are as follows:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Securitization liabilities	21	18	16	13	10
Debentures	32	32	32	32	32

Information concerning off-Statement of Financial Position commitments is presented in Note 28 *Guarantees, Commitments and Contingencies*.

8 › Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company is an end user of derivative financial instruments in the normal course of managing exposure to fluctuations in interest rates, currency exchange rates and fair values of invested assets. Derivative financial instruments are financial contracts whose value is derived from underlying interest rates, exchange rates, other financial instruments or indexes.

Swaps are over-the-counter (OTC) contractual agreements between the Company and a third party to exchange a series of cash flows based on rates applied to a notional amount. Interest rate swaps are contractual agreements in which two counterparties exchange a fixed or a floating interest rate payment based on the notional amount for a specified period, according to a frequency and denominated in the same currency. Currency rate swaps are transactions in which two counterparties exchange cash flows of the same nature and denominated in two different currencies. Total return swaps are contracts which transfer the variations in value of a reference asset, including any returns such as interest earned on these assets, in exchange for a reference return specified in the contract.

Forwards, which are OTC contractual agreements negotiated between counterparties, and futures contracts, which are traded on an organized market, are contractual obligations to buy or to sell a financial instrument at a predetermined future time at a given price.

Options are contractual agreements whereby the holder has the right, but not the obligation, to buy or to sell a financial asset at a predetermined price during a given time period or at a fixed date.

The notional amount represents the amount to which a rate or price is applied to determine the cash flows to be exchanged periodically and does not represent credit exposure. Maximum credit risk is the estimated cost of replacing derivative financial instruments which have a positive value, should the counterparty default. The maximum credit risk of derivative financial instruments is \$392 (\$261 in 2016). The Company's exposure at the end of each reporting period is limited to the risk that a counterparty does not honour the terms of a derivative financial instrument.

	2017					
	Notional amount				Fair value	
	Less than 1 year \$	1 to 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Total \$	Positive \$	Negative \$
Equity contracts						
Swap contracts	309	20	68	397	6	(5)
Futures contracts	243	---	---	243	---	(2)
Options	76	---	---	76	---	---
Currency contracts						
Forward contracts	2,377	116	---	2,493	54	(6)
Swap contracts	---	670	1,433	2,103	76	(66)
Interest rate contracts						
Swap contracts	669	2,805	3,073	6,547	198	(74)
Forward contracts	12	900	---	912	58	---
Other derivative contracts	1	4	361	366	3	(42)
Total	3,687	4,515	4,935	13,137	395	(195)

	2016					
	Notional amount				Fair value	
	Less than 1 year \$	1 to 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Total \$	Positive \$	Negative \$
Equity contracts						
Swap contracts	294	10	55	359	15	(1)
Futures contracts	290	---	---	290	---	(1)
Options	211	---	---	211	1	(2)
Currency contracts						
Forward contracts	2,379	67	---	2,446	23	(48)
Swap contracts	29	585	1,209	1,823	29	(114)
Interest rate contracts						
Swap contracts	508	2,732	3,100	6,340	189	(127)
Forward contracts	520	---	---	520	4	(4)
Other derivative contracts	1	1	347	349	1	(36)
Total	4,232	3,395	4,711	12,338	262	(333)

	2017		
	Notional amount		Fair value
	\$	Positive \$	Negative \$
Derivative financial instruments not designated as hedge accounting	11,740	359	(186)
Net investment hedge	655	16	---
Fair value hedges			
Interest risk	677	20	(7)
Currency risk	3	---	---
Cash flow hedges			
Interest risk	12	---	---
Currency risk	50	---	(2)
Total of derivative financial instruments	13,137	395	(195)

	2016		
	Notional amount		Fair value
	\$	Positive \$	Negative \$
Derivative financial instruments not designated as hedge accounting	11,067	258	(322)
Net investment hedge	606	---	(10)
Fair value hedges			
Interest risk	645	4	(1)
Cash flow hedges			
Interest risk	20	---	---
Total of derivative financial instruments	12,338	262	(333)

Embedded Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company owns perpetual preferred shares with call options which give the issuer the right to redeem the shares at a predetermined price. Accounting standards require that the value of the call options be measured separately from the preferred shares. The value of the call options for embedded derivative financial instruments is determined using a valuation which relies predominantly on the volatility, quoted price on markets and characteristics of the underlying preferred shares. Embedded derivative financial instruments are presented as other derivative contracts.

Net Investment Hedge

Forward contracts, designated as hedges of net investments in foreign operations with a functional currency other than the functional currency of the Company, have maturities of less than one year (less than one year in 2016). The effective portion of changes in fair value is recorded in *Other comprehensive income*, as is the foreign currency translation of the net investment in a foreign operation. For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company has recognized no ineffectiveness.

Fair Value Hedges

During the year, the Company replaced bond forward contracts used to reduce its exposure to interest rate risk with interest rate swap contracts. The interest rate swap contracts, designated as interest rate risk hedging related to financial assets classified as available for sale, have maturities ranging of 4 years to 10 years (bond forward contracts, with maturities of less than one year as at December 31, 2016). Changes in fair value due to the interest rate of the hedged item are recorded in *Investment income* in the Income Statement against variations in fair value of the derivative financial instruments considered as hedging items. Variations in fair value related to the credit risk of hedged items continue to be reported in *Other comprehensive income*.

During the year, the Company implemented a fair value hedge to manage its exposure to changes in currency rate risk on equity. The Company uses forward contracts with maturities of less than 4 years. For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company has recognized no ineffectiveness.

The Company used a hedging relationship in order to reduce its exposure to interest rate risk on financial liabilities classified as financial liabilities at amortized cost. The Company uses interest rate swap contracts with maturities ranging from less than one year to 10 years (less than one year to 9 years as at December 31, 2016).

The effective portion of the hedging relationship of fair value is recorded in *Net income*. For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company recognized a gain of \$7 on the hedging instruments (gain of \$7 as at December 31, 2016) and a loss of \$10 on the hedged items (loss of \$11 as at December 31, 2016). For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company has recognized an ineffectiveness of \$3 (\$4 in 2016).

Cash Flow Hedges

The Company used a cash flow hedging relationship in order to manage its exposure to variations of interest risks in forecasted transactions. The Company uses forward contracts on obligations that have maturities of less than 1 year (less than 1 year in 2016). For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company has recognized no ineffectiveness.

During the year, the Company hedged its exposure to change of currency of its forecasted transactions. The Company uses forward contracts that have maturities of less than one year. For the period ended December 31, 2017 the Company has recognized no ineffectiveness.

9 Other Assets

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Investment income due and accrued	180	207
Outstanding premiums	66	56
Due from reinsurers	82	69
Due from agents	74	57
Accounts receivable	1,042	739
Deferred sales commissions	77	77
Prepaid expenses	34	23
Real estate held for resale	12	11
Linearization of rents	13	10
Income tax receivable	55	34
Funds deposited in trust	265	146
Securities purchased under reverse repurchase agreements	---	387
Miscellaneous	3	2
Total	1,903	1,818

The amount of *Other assets* that the Company expects to receive within the next 12 months is \$1,499 (\$1,549 as at December 31, 2016).

10 Fixed Assets

	Own-use Property			Total
	Land \$	Real estate \$	Other \$	\$
Cost				
Balance as at December 31, 2015	46	132	150	328
Acquisitions	1	16	19	36
Acquisitions through business combinations	---	2	5	7
Disposals/Write-offs	---	---	(4)	(4)
Effect of changes in exchange rates	---	---	---	---
Balance as at December 31, 2016	47	150	170	367
Acquisitions	---	26	28	54
Disposals/Write-offs	(3)	(10)	(7)	(20)
Transfer of an investment property	18	24	---	42
Transfer to properties held for resale	---	(2)	---	(2)
Effect of changes in exchange rates	---	(1)	---	(1)
Balance as at December 31, 2017	62	187	191	440
Accumulated depreciation				
Balance as at December 31, 2015	---	50	100	150
Depreciation for the year	---	6	15	21
Depreciation on disposals/write-offs	---	---	(4)	(4)
Depreciation acquired through business combinations	---	1	4	5
Balance as at December 31, 2016	---	57	115	172
Depreciation for the year	---	7	18	25
Depreciation on disposals/write-offs	---	(6)	(6)	(12)
Depreciation transferred to properties held for resale	---	(1)	---	(1)
Balance as at December 31, 2017	---	57	127	184
Net carrying value as at December 31, 2017	62	130	64	256
Net carrying value as at December 31, 2016	47	93	55	195

The net carrying value of fixed assets held under a finance lease was \$2 as at December 31, 2017 (\$2 as at December 31, 2016). Own-use property includes real estates under construction for an unamortized amount of \$23 as at December 31, 2017 (\$14 as at December 31, 2016).

11 › Intangible Assets and Goodwill

	Intangible assets			Total
	Finite useful life		Indefinite useful life	
	Software applications	Other		
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cost				
Balance as at December 31, 2015	215	188	370	773
Acquisitions	42	13	---	55
Acquisitions through business combinations	---	13	---	13
Disposals/Write-offs	(1)	---	---	(1)
Reclassification after allocation of the purchase price	---	1	---	1
Effect of changes in exchange rates	---	(1)	---	(1)
Balance as at December 31, 2016	256	214	370	840
Acquisitions	83	9	---	92
Acquisitions through business combinations	---	118	---	118
Disposals/Write-offs	(3)	(1)	---	(4)
Reclassification after allocation of the purchase price	3	2	---	5
Effect of changes in exchange rates	---	(1)	---	(1)
Balance as at December 31, 2017	339	341	370	1,050
Accumulated depreciation				
Balance as at December 31, 2015	102	48	---	150
Depreciation for the year	16	16	---	32
Depreciation on disposals/Write-offs	(1)	---	---	(1)
Balance as at December 31, 2016	117	64	---	181
Depreciation for the year	22	21	---	43
Depreciation on disposals/Write-offs	(1)	(1)	---	(2)
Reclassification after allocation of the purchase price	1	---	---	1
Balance as at December 31, 2017	139	84	---	223
Net carrying value as at December 31, 2017	200	257	370	827
Net carrying value as at December 31, 2016	139	150	370	659

Indefinite useful life intangible assets include mainly funds management contracts. Finite useful life intangible assets presented in *Other* primarily represent the discounted value of future profits from distribution networks and from customer relationships.

	Preliminary goodwill	Goodwill	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at December 31, 2015	62	272	334
Acquisition of businesses	12	2	14
Transfer from preliminary goodwill to goodwill	(62)	62	---
Transfer from preliminary goodwill to intangible assets	(1)	---	(1)
Impairment	---	(34)	(34)
Balance as at December 31, 2016	11	302	313
Acquisition of businesses	157	3	160
Reclassification after the allocation of the purchase price	(11)	15	4
Balance as at December 31, 2017	157	320	477

No impairment was recognized in 2017 on goodwill or indefinite useful life intangible assets. During 2016, the financial results of iA Auto Finance (formerly CTL Corp.) were lower than anticipated at the time of acquisition. Consequently, future financial projections have been revised downwards. Substantially all of the contingent consideration was reversed as the achievement of the payment conditions had become unlikely. Consequently, a gain of \$40 resulting from this revaluation was recorded in the Income Statement in General expenses. In addition, management believed that there was an indication that the cash generating unit (CGU) may be impaired. Thus, an impairment test was performed with respect to iA Auto Finance activities included in the CGU of the Group Insurance sector. This led the Company to record an impairment of goodwill of \$34. This amount was recognized in the Income Statement in *General expenses*.

	2017		2016	
	Indefinite useful life intangible assets	Goodwill	Indefinite useful life intangible assets	Goodwill
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash generating unit				
Individual Wealth Management	332	308	332	158
Individual Insurance	6	56	6	46
Group Insurance	1	81	1	77
General Insurance	2	11	2	11
U.S. Business	3	1	3	1
Other activities	26	20	26	20
Total	370	477	370	313

Goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful life are tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances occur that may cause the recoverable amount of a cash generating unit (CGU) to decrease to below its carrying value. The recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value less costs of sale and the value in use. Fair value less costs of sale is assessed by using a valuation multiples methodology. Under this methodology, fair value is assessed with reference to multiples or ratios of comparable businesses and precedent business acquisitions transactions. The value in use is based on the best estimates of future earnings and the level and cost of capital estimated on contract duration. The value attributed to new business is based on the business plans, on reasonable assumptions about growth and the levels of profitability of this new business. The discount rates reflect the nature and environment of the CGU.

When estimating the recoverable amount of the CGU, the Company uses judgment and various assumptions and estimates which could result in material adjustments to the recoverable amount. Any significant change in a key assumption, such as the discount rate, growth rates, the value of new sales and any significant change in projected cash flows could result in significant changes in the recoverable amounts. As at December 31, 2017, management has determined that no reasonably possible change in the assumptions used would lead to a recoverable amount of a CGU less than its carrying amount.

Individual Wealth Management, General Insurance and Other Activities

The recoverable amount of CGUs in the *Individual Wealth Management*, was determined according to calculations of the value in use or, since 2017, according to the fair value less cost of sale when the management judges that this method is more relevant and reliable. The recoverable amount of CGUs in the *General Insurance* and *Other activities* sectors was determined according to calculations of the value in use.

The calculations of the recoverable amount of CGUs call upon cash flow projections before tax based on financial budgets approved by management and which cover a five-year period. Cash flows that go beyond this period are extrapolated using estimated growth rates. The calculation of the fair value less costs of sale is based on price-to-assets-under-management or price-to-assets-under-administration measures. The fair value measurement are categorized in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

The Company uses several key assumptions in determining the recoverable amount. The assumed discount rate for determining the value of the CGUs is between 11% and 15% before tax (between 11% and 14% before tax in 2016). The assumptions used in the calculation are set for the medium-term growth rate between 2% and 7% (between 1% and 8% in 2016) and the long-term growth rate between 1% and 4% (between 1% and 4% in 2016).

Management determined the gross margin forecast according to past returns and its expectations in terms of market development. The growth rates used are in line with forecasts published in industry reports. The long-term growth rates used are projected industry growth rates. The discount rate is the interest rate used to establish the present value of future cash flows, and the rates used are before tax, which take into account specific risks in relation to relevant activity sectors.

Individual Insurance and Group Insurance

The recoverable amount of CGUs in the *Individual Insurance* and *Group Insurance* sectors was determined according to calculations of the value in use. These calculations call upon discounted cash flow projections and represent estimated actuarial amounts which take into account the present value of net shareholder assets, future profitability of in-force business and profitability of new business where insurance companies are concerned. Cash flow projections before tax based on financial budgets approved by management, and which cover a five-year period are used for other kinds of businesses. Cash flows that go beyond this period are extrapolated using estimated growth rates.

The assumed discount rate for determining the value of the CGUs is between 12% and 14% before tax (between 12% and 16% before tax in 2016).

The key assumptions of the valuation take into account the discount rate, expected business growth, expected return of the financial markets, mortality and improved mortality, lapses and fees.

12 Segregated Funds Net Assets

Policyholders can select from a variety of segregated funds. Although the underlying assets are registered in the name of the Company and the segregated funds policyholder has no direct access to the specific assets, the contractual arrangements are such that the segregated fund policyholder bears the risk and rewards of the funds' investment performance. However, the Company offers guarantees on some contracts and is exposed to equity market risk and interest rate risk as a result of these guarantees. The Company's exposure to loss from segregated fund products is limited to the value of these guarantees and the related liabilities are recorded in *Insurance contract liabilities*.

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Assets		
Cash, short-term and other investments	934	989
Bonds	5,324	4,460
Stocks	17,809	16,340
Derivative financial instruments	25	23
Other assets	234	189
	24,326	22,001
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	209	175
Derivative financial instruments	---	---
	209	175
Net assets	24,117	21,826

The following table presents the change in segregated funds net assets:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Balance at beginning	21,826	19,777
Add:		
Amounts received from policyholders	3,550	3,302
Interest and dividends	818	736
Net realized gains	416	461
Net increase (decrease) in fair value	514	560
	27,124	24,836
Less:		
Amounts withdrawn by policyholders	2,565	2,606
Operating expenses	442	404
	3,007	3,010
Balance at end	24,117	21,826

	2017	2016
	%	%
Type of funds		
Money market	1	1
Fixed income	20	21
Balanced	38	38
Equity	41	40
Total	100	100

Money market funds consist of investments that have a term of maturity of less than one year. Fixed income funds primarily consist of investments in fixed income securities and, for some funds, a small proportion in high-yield bonds. The balanced funds consist of fixed income securities and a larger equity investment component. The equity funds, which range from low volatility equity funds to aggressive equity funds, invest in a varying mix of Canadian, U.S. and global equities.

13 › Management of Insurance Risk

Insurance risk is the risk of loss resulting from higher actual benefit amounts than those expected at the time of product design and pricing. It may arise at different stages in a product's life, either during product design and pricing, during underwriting or claims settlement, or when establishing provisions for future policy benefits.

When designing and pricing products, insurance risk may result from inappropriate pricing resulting in insufficient returns as compared to the Company's profitability objectives. This risk may be due to a poor estimate of the future experience of several factors, such as mortality, morbidity, lapse experience, expenses and taxes. Insurance risk may also arise when the selection of the risks to be insured or the settlement of claims is inconsistent with the design and pricing of the product. When calculating provisions for future policy benefits, a financial loss could arise in the event of inadequate use of experience results to establish assumptions.

The Company has in place controls and processes at each of these steps to ensure that these risks are adequately managed.

Product Design and Pricing

For certain types of contracts, insurance risk may be shared with or transferred to the policyholder through a dividends and experience refunds policy, or through the fact that the Company can adjust the premiums or future benefits if experience turns out to be different than expected. For other types of contracts, the Company assumes the entire risk, thus the need to carry out a proper valuation of the commitments in this regard.

The Company has adopted a product design and pricing policy that establishes standards and guidelines on pricing methods, formulation of assumptions, profitability objectives, analysis of the sensitivity of this profitability according to various scenarios, documentation, and the accountability of the various people involved.

At this stage in the life of a product, risk is primarily managed through a regular analysis of the pricing adequacy of Company products as compared to recent experience. The pricing assumptions are revised as needed or the various options offered by the reinsurance market are utilized.

Underwriting and Claims Adjudication

Given the geographic diversity of its clients, the Company is not heavily exposed to concentration risk with respect to individuals or groups. The largest portion of the Company's mortality risk is in Canada.

The Company has established guidelines pertaining to underwriting and claims adjudication risk that specify the Company's retention limits. These retention limits vary according to the type of protection and the characteristics of the insureds, and are revised regularly according to the Company's capacity to manage and absorb the financial impact associated with unfavourable experience regarding each risk. Once the retention limits have been reached, the Company turns to reinsurance to cover the excess risk.

Calculation of Provisions for Future Policy Benefits

In any insurance company, calculating the provisions for future policy benefits is a complex process that relies on financial projection models and assumptions to determine the value of the amounts that will be paid in the future to policyholders and beneficiaries. Internal reviews of changes in technical results and external sources of information are monitored for the purpose of revising the assumptions, which may result in revisions of provisions for future policy benefits.

The Company has developed a policy that outlines the documentation and the control rules needed to ensure that the actuarial valuation standards defined by the CIA (or another relevant organization), as well as the Company's standards, are followed and applied consistently in all sectors and in all territories where the Company conducts business.

Every year, the appointed actuary ensures that the valuation of provisions for future policy benefits is carried out in accordance with accepted actuarial practice in Canada and that the selected assumptions and valuation methods are appropriate.

Reinsurance

In the normal course of business, the Company uses reinsurance agreements to limit its risk on every life insured. The Company adopted a reinsurance risk management policy whereby maximum benefit amounts, which vary by line of business, are established for life and health insurance.

Although reinsurance agreements provide for the recovery of claims arising from the liabilities ceded, the Company retains primary responsibility to its policyholders, and is therefore exposed to the credit associated with the amounts ceded to reinsurers in the event that the reinsurers are unable to meet their obligations.

The Company also has reinsurance agreements covering financial losses from multiple claims due to catastrophic events affecting multiple lives insured.

14 › Insurance Contract Liabilities and Investment Contract Liabilities

A) Insurance Contract Liabilities

Insurance contract liabilities are determined according to the Canadian Asset Liability Method (CALM) described in Note 2 *Significant Accounting Policies*, section k) ii) *Insurance Contract Liabilities*. Insurance contract liabilities are determined using generally accepted actuarial practices according to standards established by the CIA. An explicit projection of the cash flows using the most probable assumptions for each cash flow component and each significant contingency is used to calculate the provisions for future policy benefits.

a) Composition

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Provisions for future policy benefits	24,964	23,346
Other insurance contract liabilities		
Benefits payable and provisions for unreported claims	262	221
Policyholders' amounts on deposit	304	299
Provisions for dividends to policyholders and experience rating refunds	34	33
	600	553
Total	25,564	23,899

	Individual		2017 Group			
	Insurance	Wealth	Insurance	Savings and	Other	Total
	\$	Management	\$	Retirement	\$	\$
		\$		\$		
Insurance contract liabilities (gross)						
Canada	17,708	1,350	1,492	3,440	(10)	23,980
United States	1,226	266	133	2	(45)	1,582
Other countries	2	---	---	---	---	2
Total	18,936	1,616	1,625	3,442	(55)	25,564
Reinsurance assets						
Canada	(779)	---	156	153	(11)	(481)
United States	535	216	116	2	(41)	828
Total	(244)	216	272	155	(52)	347
Net insurance contract liabilities	19,180	1,400	1,353	3,287	(3)	25,217

	Individual		2016 Group			
	Insurance	Wealth	Insurance	Savings and	Other	Total
	\$	Management	\$	Retirement	\$	\$
		\$		\$		
Insurance contract liabilities (gross)						
Canada	16,019	1,378	1,425	3,396	(9)	22,209
United States	1,245	322	131	1	(12)	1,687
Other countries	3	---	---	---	---	3
Total	17,267	1,700	1,556	3,397	(21)	23,899
Reinsurance assets						
Canada	(258)	---	147	159	(9)	39
United States	564	281	117	1	(8)	955
Total	306	281	264	160	(17)	994
Net insurance contract liabilities	16,961	1,419	1,292	3,237	(4)	22,905

b) Changes in Insurance Contract Liabilities and Reinsurance Assets

	2017			
	Provisions for future policy benefits	Other insurance contract liabilities	Insurance contract liabilities	Reinsurance assets
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at beginning	23,346	553	23,899	994
Increase (decrease) of insurance contract liabilities and reinsurance assets				
Normal changes – provisions for future policy benefits				
On in-force	2,274	---	2,274	66
On new policies	53	---	53	(34)
Changes in methods and assumptions	(601)	---	(601)	(618)
	1,726	---	1,726	(586)
Other	---	57	57	3
Changes in methods and assumptions	---	(5)	(5)	(2)
Effect of change in exchange rates	(108)	(5)	(113)	(62)
Balance at end	24,964	600	25,564	347

	2016			
	Provisions for future policy benefits	Other insurance contract liabilities	Insurance contract liabilities	Reinsurance assets
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at beginning	22,299	549	22,848	1,157
Increase (decrease) of insurance contract liabilities and reinsurance assets				
Normal changes – provisions for future policy benefits				
On in-force	1,253	---	1,253	(29)
On new policies	(4)	---	(4)	18
Changes in methods and assumptions	(150)	---	(150)	(124)
	1,099	---	1,099	(135)
Other	---	1	1	4
Changes in methods and assumptions	---	5	5	---
Effect of change in exchange rates	(52)	(2)	(54)	(32)
Balance at end	23,346	553	23,899	994

The variation of insurance contract liabilities and reinsurance assets include the amounts related to participating contracts.

Profits and Losses on New Reinsurance Treaties

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company has not concluded any new reinsurance agreement for which it would have recorded a profit or loss in the Income Statement.

c) Risk Management and Assumptions for Valuation of Insurance Contract Liabilities

Best estimate assumptions represent current and objective estimates of the expected outcomes. Their selection takes into consideration current circumstances, historical data from the Company, the industry or the sector, the relationship between the historical and anticipated future results as well as other relevant factors. The use of actuarial assumptions in the valuation of insurance contract liabilities requires significant judgment. The margins for adverse deviations assumptions and methods used to establish the most significant assumptions are described below:

Mortality and Morbidity

Mortality represents the occurrence of death in a given population. The mortality assumptions are based on recent technical results of the Company. The Company also uses the technical results of the industry if those of the Company are not sufficiently representative. For Individual Insurance, the Company's mortality experience has exhibited a gradually declining trend. The calculation of insurance contract liabilities for this operating segment takes into account an improvement in future mortality rates. For Individual Wealth Management and Group Savings and Retirement, annuity mortality improvement has been projected to occur throughout the future. For the Group Insurance segment, the expected future mortality experience is incorporated into the calculation of insurance contract liabilities for this block, but no future mortality improvement is assumed.

Morbidity represents the occurrence of accident or illness among insured risks. The morbidity assumptions are based on recent technical results of the Company. The Company also uses the technical results of the industry if those of the Company are not sufficiently representative.

To manage mortality and morbidity risk, the Company uses detailed and uniform underwriting procedures that assess the insurability of the candidate and control exposure to large claims. The Company conducts monthly monitoring of technical results relating to claims and fixes retention limits that vary across markets and regions. Once the retention limits have been reached, the Company turns to reinsurance to cover the excess risk.

As at December 31, 2017, the Company estimates that a 5% permanent deterioration in mortality rates would result in a \$187 reduction in net income attributed to common shareholders due to the strengthening of the insurance contract liabilities (\$173 as at December 31, 2016). An improvement of the same percentage in mortality rates would have a similar impact, but in the opposite direction.

As at December 31, 2017, the Company estimates that a 5% deterioration in morbidity rates would result in a \$49 reduction in net income attributed to common shareholders (\$52 as at December 31, 2016). The 5% deterioration is expressed assuming 95% of the termination rate of disability when the insured is or becomes disabled and 105% of the expected occurrence rate when the insured is not disabled. An improvement of the same percentage in morbidity rates would have a similar impact, but in the opposite direction.

Investment Return and Interest Rate Risk

The Company segments assets to sustain liabilities by sector and by geographic market and establishes appropriate investment strategies for each liability.

CALM is the method prescribed by the standards of the CIA to ensure the adequacy of assets backing the insurance contract liabilities. By closely matching the asset cash flows with those of the corresponding liabilities, the Company reduces its sensitivity to future variations. These cash flows related to the assets and liabilities are projected based on a number of scenarios, some of which are prescribed by the CIA. The disinvestment or reinvestment occurs according to the specifications of each scenario and the insurance contract liabilities are determined based on the range of possible outcomes. Changes in fair value of assets matching these liabilities and changes in insurance contract liabilities are directly recognized in the Income Statement in order to avoid a mismatch that would otherwise arise. A description of CALM is found in Note 2 *Significant Accounting Policies*, section k) ii) *Insurance Contract Liabilities*.

Interest rate risk is the risk of loss due to future changing interest rates. The investment returns are projected from the current investment portfolios as well as the planned reinvestment strategies. The uncertainty related to interest rate fluctuation is that economic losses or gains can occur following the disinvestment or reinvestment of future cash flows. The Company manages interest rate risk through an asset and liability matching policy which is updated periodically. The primary objective of this policy is to minimize the volatility of profit margins caused by fluctuations between the realized returns and those credited to existing contracts. To monitor matching, investments are segmented by matching blocks established based on the cash flow structure of the liabilities, with blocks of business being grouped together by line of business. For non-immunized liabilities, primarily individual insurance products that have very long-term commitments, the Company favours an investment strategy that tends to achieve a balance between optimizing after-tax return and capital protection since it is impossible to apply a complete immunization strategy due to a lack of availability of fixed income securities for such maturities. However, the Company has taken several initiatives to improve the short-term flows of non-immunized liabilities.

As at December 31, 2017, the Company estimates that a 0.1% decrease in the initial reinvestment rate would lead to an increase in the insurance contract liabilities of approximately \$18 after taxes (\$24 after taxes as at December 31, 2016). A 0.1% decrease in the ultimate reinvestment rate would lead to an increase in the insurance contract liabilities of about \$71 after taxes (\$62 after taxes as at December 31, 2016). The Company estimates that a 0.1% increase in the initial reinvestment rate and in the ultimate reinvestment rate would have a similar impact to a decrease, but in the opposite direction.

Also, the Company estimates that if the markets suddenly decreased by 10% as at December 31, 2017, net income attributed to common shareholders would be about \$32 lower than expected for its regular operations (\$28 as at December 31, 2016). The Company estimates that a 10% increase at the beginning of the period, followed by market growth in line with expectations, would have a similar impact but in the opposite direction.

Expenses

Maintenance expenses include costs of servicing and maintaining in-force policies and associated overhead expenses. Policy maintenance expenses were calculated using the Company's internal expense allocation studies. No productivity gains are projected. Unit expense factors are projected to increase in the future assuming an inflation rate, established coherently with the interest rate assumption.

The risk related to expenses is the risk that the costs of future expenses are greater than the estimated costs in the measurement of liabilities or used in the design and pricing of products. A rigorous budget process is implemented annually. The budget is monitored on an ongoing basis throughout the year to assess the differences between budgeted costs and actual costs. To manage the risk, the Company prices its products to cover expected costs.

As at December 31, 2017, the Company estimates that a 5% increase in unit costs would result in a \$52 reduction in net income attributed to common shareholders (\$44 as at December 31, 2016). A decrease of the same percentage would have a similar impact, but in the opposite direction.

Lapse

Cancellation of contracts includes lapses and surrenders. Lapse means that the policyholder has stopped paying premiums. Surrender means that the policyholder voluntarily cancelled the contract. Expected lapse rate assumptions are generally based on the Company's recent lapse experience. Estimates of future lapse rates are adjusted to take into account industry experience where the Company's experience is limited. Long-term lapse rate assumptions take into account the usually lower lapse rates with respect to lapse-supported products compared to the rates of other products.

The Company reduces its exposure to lapse and surrender risk as much as possible through the way it develops its products. The contracts are built with modalities having a positive impact on the lapse rate. These modalities may result in charges for surrenders, limitations on the amounts surrendered or limitations regarding the moment when surrenders may be made. Finally, the Company has established a monthly method to follow-up on lapses and surrenders.

As at December 31, 2017, the Company estimates that a 5% deterioration in lapse rates would result in a \$148 reduction in net income attributed to common shareholders (\$152 as at December 31, 2016). These rates were evaluated respecting the adjustability of certain products. An improvement of the same percentage would have a similar impact, but in the opposite direction.

Premium Payment Patterns

For Universal Life contracts, assumptions must be established with respect to premium payment patterns. The Company has studied the payment pattern experience of Universal Life contracts. When this experience is not sufficiently representative, it is adjusted to take into consideration the industry experience. The premium payment patterns can vary depending on the payment frequency, the level of the target premium compared to the minimum premium, the type of policy insurance costs (level or annually increasing costs), the type of product and the year of issue.

Currency Risk

Currency risk results from a difference between the currency of liabilities and the currency of the assets they are backing. Generally speaking, the Company's strategy to manage exposure to currency risk consists of matching assets to the corresponding liabilities according to the currency. The Company implements a hedging strategy when the liabilities are matched to assets of a different currency.

Guarantees on Segregated Funds

A segregated fund is a type of investment similar to a mutual fund, but which generally includes a guarantee in the event of death and a guarantee at maturity. Because of the volatility inherent in the stock markets, the Company is exposed to the risk that the market value of the segregated funds will be lower than their guaranteed minimum value at the time the guarantee is applied and that it will then have to compensate the investor for the difference in the form of a benefit. The Company has set up a dynamic hedging program. In this program, a large part of the variations in the economic value of liabilities are offset by variations in assets held. The hedging program is not designed to completely eliminate the risks associated with the hedged guarantees. A number of factors can alter the quality of the hedge and potentially lead to a gain or loss in the Income Statement.

A liability related to the segregated fund guarantees granted by the Company is maintained in the general fund. The amount of the liability is at least as great as the amount determined using the methodology defined by the CIA.

Margins for Adverse Deviations

Assumptions that rely on best estimates are used to calculate the insurance contract liabilities. According to CIA standards, the appointed actuary must adjust these assumptions to include margins for adverse deviations and to take into account the uncertainty related to the establishment of these best estimates and a potential deterioration of the expected experience. These margins increase insurance contract liabilities and provide reasonable assurance that the amount of assets backing the insurance contract liabilities is sufficient to cover the impact of adverse experience.

The range of margins for adverse deviations is set out in standards issued by the CIA. The factors considered in the selection of appropriate ranges include the degree of uncertainty with respect to the expected experience and the relative volatility of potential losses over the remaining term of the policies. Provisions for adverse deviations that are not required to offset future adverse experience will be released back as an increase in *Net income*.

d) Impact of Changes in Assumptions and Methodologies on Net Insurance Contract Liabilities

A review of the assumptions and methods is performed annually to reflect changing experience and to reduce the uncertainty risk related to the insurance contract liabilities and the assets backing the liabilities.

The following table presents the impact of changes in assumptions and methodologies as well as their explanation:

	2017	2016	
	\$	\$	
Mortality and morbidity	(378)	(43)	Explained by the annual study update the new CIA mortality improvement table and refinements of mortality and morbidity assumptions.
Policyholder behaviour	675	50	Mainly explained by the review of the ultimate lapse rates of permanent products.
Investment returns	(229)	(22)	Mainly explained by the annual update of the investment return assumptions, gains due to transactions improving asset-liability matching, and modelling refinements.
Expenses, models and other	(54)	(17)	Mainly explained by the annual update of the expense assumptions compensated by various modelling improvements.
Impact on net non-participating insurance contract liabilities	14	(32)	
Impact on net participating insurance contract liabilities	---	11	
Impact on net insurance contract liabilities	14	(21)	

B) Investment Contract Liabilities

a) Composition

Non-participating deficit reimbursement agreement group insurance contracts are classified as investment contracts. Under deficit reimbursement agreements, the policyholder reimburses any deficit to the Company at the end of the contract.

The fair value of these investment contracts is determined using the parameters of the agreement concluded between the Company and the policyholder for this type of contract. Investment contract liabilities represent the balance that is due to the policyholder. Transactions involving deposits, withdrawals and earned interest correspond to the variation in investment contract liabilities.

	Individual	2017 Group	
	Insurance \$	Insurance \$	Savings and Retirement \$
			Total \$
Investment Contract Liabilities (gross)			
Canada	---	587	---
Reinsurance assets			
Canada	---	73	---
Net investment contract liabilities	---	514	---

	Individual	2016 Group	
	Insurance \$	Insurance \$	Savings and Retirement \$
			Total \$
Investment Contract Liabilities (gross)			
Canada	---	582	1
Other countries	23	---	---
Total	23	582	1
Reinsurance assets			
Canada	---	73	---
Net investment contract liabilities	23	509	1

b) Variations in Net Investment Contract Liabilities

	2017	2016	
	Investment contract liabilities \$	Reinsurance assets \$	Investment contract liabilities \$
			Reinsurance assets \$
Balance at beginning	606	73	655
Deposits	152	23	118
Withdrawals	(179)	(24)	(177)
Increase (decrease) in investment contract liabilities and reinsurance assets	14	---	12
Other	(6)	1	(2)
Balance at end	587	73	606

C) Assets Backing Liabilities and Equity

The carrying value of total assets backing insurance contract liabilities, investment contract liabilities, other liabilities and equity are as follows:

	Individual		Group						
	Insurance \$	Wealth Management \$	Insurance \$	Savings and Retirement \$	Other \$	Insurance contract liabilities total \$	Investment contract liabilities \$	Other liabilities and equity \$	Total \$
Cash and short-term investments	(25)	37	47	(29)	---	30	19	1,092	1,141
Bonds	13,328	1,196	1,159	2,751	(3)	18,431	421	4,092	22,944
Mortgages and other loans	214	135	126	527	---	1,002	71	2,215	3,288
Stocks	2,802	5	17	37	---	2,861	7	599	3,467
Policy loans	928	15	2	---	---	945	---	1	946
Other invested assets	290	---	1	---	---	291	---	9	300
Derivative financial instruments ¹	201	12	1	1	---	215	(4)	(11)	200
Investment properties	1,335	---	---	---	---	1,335	---	6	1,341
Reinsurance assets	(244)	216	272	155	(52)	347	73	62	482
Other	107	---	---	---	---	107	---	3,378	3,485
Total	18,936	1,616	1,625	3,442	(55)	25,564	587	11,443	37,594

	2016							
	Individual		Group					Total
	Insurance \$	Wealth Management \$	Insurance \$	Savings and Retirement \$	Other \$	Insurance contract liabilities total \$	Investment contract liabilities \$	Other liabilities and equity \$
Cash and short-term investments	163	87	18	(33)	---	235	8	669
Bonds	11,672	1,045	1,109	2,614	(4)	16,436	455	4,196
Mortgages and other loans	256	187	157	622	---	1,222	64	2,006
Stocks	2,468	6	5	35	---	2,514	10	559
Policy loans	932	11	2	---	---	945	---	1
Other invested assets	260	---	1	---	---	261	---	10
Derivative financial instruments ¹	(117)	83	---	(1)	---	(35)	(4)	(32)
Investment properties	1,232	---	---	---	---	1,232	---	6
Reinsurance assets	306	281	264	160	(17)	994	73	55
Other	95	---	---	---	---	95	---	2,916
Total	17,267	1,700	1,556	3,397	(21)	23,899	606	10,386

¹ In its matching process, the Company considers the net value of derivative financial instruments, therefore, both assets and liabilities. Derivative financial instruments liabilities of an amount of \$97 (\$222 in 2016) for Individual Insurance, \$43 (\$57 in 2016) for Individual Wealth Management, \$2 (\$4 in 2016) for Group Insurance and \$1 (\$1 in 2016) for Group Savings and Retirement were considered in the matching process.

The fair value of assets backing net insurance contract liabilities as at December 31, 2017 was estimated at \$25,410 (\$23,100 as at December 31, 2016). Insurance contract liabilities are measured at fair value as per the CALM method, except for liabilities backed by assets which are measured at amortized cost, such as mortgages, and bonds classified as loans and receivables.

The fair value of assets backing net investment contract liabilities as at December 31, 2017 represents approximately \$519 (\$539 as at December 31, 2016).

15 Other Liabilities

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Unearned premiums	616	564
Other insurance contract liabilities	64	54
Post-employment benefits	195	146
Income taxes payable	22	44
Amounts on deposit on products other than insurance contracts	1,442	796
Accounts payable	844	722
Due to reinsurers	104	91
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	460	417
Short-selling securities	178	579
Securitization liabilities	1,146	1,016
Fair value of purchased business in force	13	14
Miscellaneous	10	10
Total	5,094	4,453

16 Debentures

	2017		2016	
	Carrying value \$	Fair value \$	Carrying value \$	Fair value \$
Subordinated debentures bearing interest at 2.64%	249	247	249	248
Subordinated debentures bearing interest at 2.80%	249	250	248	252
Subordinated debentures bearing interest at 3.30%	398	405	398	403
Subordinated debentures bearing interest at 5.63%	100	102	100	105
Total	996	1,004	995	1,008

Subordinated debentures represent direct unsecured obligations of the Company that are subordinate to the Company's policyholders and other creditors.

Subordinated Debentures Bearing Interest at 2.64%

Subordinated debentures maturing February 23, 2027, bearing interest of 2.64%, payable semi-annually from August 23, 2015 to February 23, 2022, and a variable interest rate equal to the three-month Canadian Dollar Offered Rate (CDOR) plus 1.08%, payable quarterly commencing May 23, 2022 until February 23, 2027. These subordinated debentures are redeemable by the Company starting February 23, 2022, in whole or in part, subject to approval by the AMF. The carrying value of the debentures includes transaction costs and issue discount for a total of \$1.

Subordinated Debentures Bearing Interest at 2.80%

Subordinated debentures maturing May 16, 2024, bearing interest of 2.80%, payable semi-annually from May 16, 2014 to May 16, 2019, and a variable interest rate equal to the three-month CDOR plus 0.79%, payable quarterly commencing August 16, 2019 until May 16, 2024. These subordinated debentures are redeemable by the Company starting May 16, 2019, in whole or in part, subject to approval by the AMF. The carrying value of the debentures includes transaction costs and issue discount for a total of \$1.

Subordinated Debentures Bearing Interest at 3.30%

Subordinated debentures maturing September 15, 2028, bearing interest of 3.30%, payable semi-annually from September 15, 2017 to September 15, 2023, and a variable interest rate equal to the three-month CDOR plus 2.14%, payable quarterly commencing September 15, 2023 until September 15, 2028. These subordinated debentures are redeemable by the Company starting September 15, 2023, in whole or in part, subject to approval by the AMF. The carrying value of the debentures includes transaction costs and issue discount for a total of \$2.

Subordinated Debentures Bearing Interest at 5.63%

Subordinated debentures maturing on August 1, 2023. The principal debentures of \$88 bear interest at 5.63% payable semi-annually until August 1, 2018. The secondary debentures of \$12 bear interest at 5.63% payable semi-annually until 2018. Thereafter, the interest on the principal and secondary debentures will be the 90-day Bankers' Acceptance rate plus 1%, adjusted on the last day of each quarter and payable semi-annually. These subordinated debentures are redeemable by the Company starting August 1, 2018, in whole, but not in part, at par, with the prior approval of the AMF.

17 › Share Capital

The authorized share capital consists of the following:

Common Shares

Unlimited common shares without par value, with one voting right.

Preferred Shares

Unlimited preferred shares of Class A, without par value, without voting rights that can be issued in series, and 10,000,000 preferred shares with a par value of 25 dollars each, without voting rights, which can be issued in series.

3,000,000 Series 1 preferred shares, with a non-cumulative preferential dividend of 1% until 2004 and redeemable at the issuing value at the option of the Company under certain conditions, including approval by the AMF, convertible at the option of the holder into common shares at 95% of the market value of these shares. This conversion option may itself lead to a conversion of the Series 1 preferred shares into Series 2 preferred shares at the option of the Company.

3,000,000 Series 2 preferred shares, issuable for the sole purpose of conversion of Series 1 preferred shares, with a non-cumulative preferential dividend of 1% until 2004 and redeemable at the option of the Company at the issuing value, multiplied by 1.0526 under certain conditions, including the necessity to proceed with the issue of Series 3 preferred shares.

3,000,000 Series 3 preferred shares, redeemable after 5 years at their issue value at the option of the Company, subject to prior approval by the AMF, or convertible into common shares at their market value.

An unlimited number of Class A – Series A preferred shares, without par value, without voting rights, with a non-cumulative semi-annual dividend in cash of 0.5625 dollars per share, redeemable at the option of the Company after December 31, 2008, subject to approval by the AMF, for 25 dollars per share.

An unlimited number of Class A – Series B preferred shares, without par value, without voting rights, with a fixed non-cumulative quarterly dividend in cash of 0.2875 dollars per share, redeemable in whole or in part at the option of the Company commencing on March 31, 2011, subject to approval by the AMF, for an amount between 26 dollars and 25 dollars per share according to the year and convertible at the option of the shareholders, subject to approval by the AMF, into new Class A preferred shares.

An unlimited number of Class A – Series C preferred shares, without par value, without voting rights, with a non-cumulative quarterly dividend and adjusted every 5 years with an initial annual rate in cash of 1.55 dollars per share, redeemable in whole or in part at the option of the Company commencing December 31, 2013 and thereafter on December 31 every 5 years, subject to approval by the AMF, for 25 dollars per share, and convertible at the option of the shareholders into Class A – Series D preferred shares commencing on December 31, 2013 and thereafter on December 31 every 5 years.

An unlimited number of Class A – Series D preferred shares, without par value, without voting rights, with a non-cumulative variable rate quarterly dividend, redeemable in whole or in part at the option of the Company on December 31, 2018 and thereafter on December 31 every 5 years for a cash value of 25 dollars or redeemable in whole or in part at the option of the Company at any other date other than at Series D conversion dates after December 31, 2013, for an amount of 25.50 dollars, subject to approval by the AMF, and convertible at the option of the shareholders into Class A – Series C preferred shares commencing on December 31, 2018 and thereafter on December 31 every 5 years.

An unlimited number of Class A – Series E preferred shares, without par value, without voting rights, with a fixed non-cumulative quarterly dividend in cash with an annual rate of 1.50 dollars per share, redeemable in whole or in part at the option of the Company commencing on December 31, 2014, subject to approval by the AMF, for an amount between 26 dollars and 25 dollars per share according to the year.

An unlimited number of Class A – Series F preferred shares, without par value, without voting rights, with a fixed non-cumulative quarterly dividend in cash with an annual rate of 1.475 dollars per share, redeemable in whole or in part at the option of the Company commencing on March 31, 2015, subject to approval by the AMF, for an amount between 26 dollars and 25 dollars per share according to the year.

An unlimited number of Class A – Series G preferred shares, without par value, without voting rights, with a non-cumulative quarterly dividend in cash with an initial annual rate equal to 1,0750 dollars per share, redeemable in whole or in part at the option of the Company on June 30, 2017 and on June 30 every 5 years thereafter for a cash value of 25 dollars, subject to approval by the AMF, and convertible at the option of the shareholders into Class A – Series H preferred shares commencing on June 30, 2017 and thereafter on June 30 every 5 years. On June 30, 2017, the Company has modified the non-cumulative quarterly dividend to an annual rate equal to 0.94425 dollar in cash per share.

An unlimited number of Class A – Series H preferred shares, without par value, without voting rights, with a non-cumulative variable rate quarterly dividend, redeemable in whole or in part at the option of the Company on June 30, 2022, and on June 30 every 5 years thereafter for a cash value of 25 dollars or redeemable in whole or in part at the option of the Company at any other date other than at Series H conversion dates after June 30, 2017, for an amount of 25.50 dollars, subject to approval by the AMF and convertible at the option of the shareholders into Class A – Series G preferred shares commencing on June 30, 2022 and thereafter on June 30 every 5 years.

An unlimited number of Class A – Series YY preferred shares, without par value, without voting rights, with a non-cumulative semi-annual dividend in cash of 0.450 dollars per share, redeemable at the option of the Company for 25 dollars per share or convertible into common shares after December 31, 2008, subject to approval by the AMF. Also, the shares are convertible at the option of the shareholders into common shares at each conversion date, on the last day of June and December of each year commencing on June 30, 2014.

An unlimited number of Class A – Series ZZ preferred shares, without par value, without voting rights, with a non-cumulative semi-annual dividend in cash of 0.5625 dollars per share, redeemable at the option of the Company for 25 dollars per share or convertible into common shares after December 31, 2008, subject to approval by the AMF. Also, the shares are convertible at the option of the shareholders into common shares at each conversion date, the last day of June and December of each year commencing on June 30, 2014.

The capital issued by the Company is the following:

	2017		2016	
	Number of shares (in thousands)	Amount \$	Number of shares (in thousands)	Amount \$
Common shares				
Balance at beginning	106,205	1,499	102,435	1,311
Shares issued on exercise of stock options	551	22	1,020	40
Shares issued	---	---	2,750	148
Balance at end	106,756	1,521	106,205	1,499
Preferred shares, Class A				
Balance at beginning and at end	15,000	375	15,000	375
Total of share capital		1,896		1,874

Common Shares

Issues

On December 14, 2016, the Company completed the closing of a common share issue. Under this offering, a total of 2,500,000 common shares were issued for a net cash amount of \$135. On December 22, 2016, an additional 250,000 common shares were issued for a net cash amount of \$13.

Dividends

	2017		2016	
	Total \$	Per share (in dollars)	Total \$	Per share (in dollars)
Common shares	152	1.43	129	1.26
Preferred shares				
Class A – Series B	6	1.15	6	1.15
Class A – Series G	10	1.01	11	1.08
	16		17	
Total	168		146	

Preferred Shares – Redemption Right, Dividend Rate and Conversion Privilege

As at June 30, 2017, the Class A – Series G preferred shares were redeemable in whole or in part at the option of the Company and will be on June 30 every 5 years thereafter. At this date, the Company decided not to redeem these preferred shares. Effective June 30, 2017, the annual dividend rate for these shares changed from \$1.0750 in cash per share to \$0.94425. In addition, these shares were convertible at the option of the shareholders to Class A – Series H preferred shares on June 30, 2017 and will be every 5 years thereafter. The shareholders chose not to convert these shares.

Dividends Declared and Not Recognized on Common Shares

A dividend of 0.38 dollars per share was approved by the Board of Directors on February 15, 2018. This dividend was not recorded as a liability in these financial statements. This dividend will be paid on March 15, 2018 to the shareholders of record as of March 2, 2018, date on which it will be recognized in the equity.

Dividend Reinvestment and Share Purchase Plan

The Company offers a Dividend Reinvestment and Share Purchase Plan to its common shareholders. Dividends on common shares are deducted from equity in the period in which they were authorized. The common shares issued under the plan are purchased on the secondary market.

18 › Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

	Bonds \$	Stocks \$	Currency translation \$	Hedging \$	Total \$
Balance as at December 31, 2015	43	(27)	107	(65)	58
Unrealized gains (losses)	(14)	7	---	---	(7)
Income taxes on unrealized gains (losses)	4	(2)	---	---	2
Other	---	---	(14)	(1)	(15)
	(10)	5	(14)	(1)	(20)
Realized losses (gains)	(4)	6	---	---	2
Income taxes on realized losses (gains)	1	(1)	---	---	---
	(3)	5	---	---	2
Balance as at December 31, 2016	30	(17)	93	(66)	40
Unrealized gains (losses)	---	32	---	---	32
Income taxes on unrealized gains (losses)	---	(9)	---	---	(9)
Other	---	---	(44)	46	2
Income taxes on other	---	---	---	(15)	(15)
	---	23	(44)	31	10
Realized losses (gains)	(2)	1	---	---	(1)
Balance as at December 31, 2017	28	7	49	(35)	49

19 › Capital Management

As part of its capital management, the Company pursues sound capitalization and good solvency objectives to ensure capital protection, to respect the requirements established by the organization that regulates its operations, the AMF, to favour its development and growth, to enhance shareholder returns and to maintain favourable credit ratings.

To reach its objectives, the Company has an enterprise risk management framework that aims to describe the relationship between the Company's appetite, risk tolerance and capital requirements. This framework includes a capital management policy which describes the key processes related to capital management, including the process for determining the target operating level of the solvency ratio. The framework also comprises reporting on the Company's risk profile and a dynamic capital adequacy testing (DCAT) report. These reports enable the identification of risks and contain proposals for possible risk management actions. DCAT consists in quantifying the financial impact of adverse scenarios related among other things to stress on the stock market, interest rates and credit. These documents are revised annually and filed with the Board of Directors.

Considering the various items that can influence the Company's capital, including the contribution of net income and the features of assets underlying the capital, the Company adjusts its management strategy to enable it to optimize the structure and cost of its capital according to needs and regulatory requirements. For example, the Company may issue or redeem participating shares or subordinated debt securities.

Regulatory Requirements and Solvency Ratio

The Company's capital adequacy requirements (capital adequacy) are regulated according to the guideline established by the AMF.

According to this guideline, regulatory capital contains two categories:

Tier 1 capital, which contains more permanent equity items and which is primarily composed of equity attributable to common shareholders and preferred shares. Goodwill and other intangible assets are deducted from the capital of this category.

Tier 2 capital, which is primarily composed of subordinated debentures.

The available capital represents the total Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital, less other deductions prescribed by the AMF.

Required capital is determined according to four risk categories, namely asset default risk, insurance risk, changes in interest rate environment risk and segregated fund risk. Capital requirements of each category of risk are determined using factor-based or other methods that are applied to specific assets and liabilities on and off the Statement of Financial Position.

The capital adequacy ratio (solvency ratio) is calculated by dividing available capital by required capital.

According to the AMF guideline, the Company must set a target level of available capital that exceeds the minimum requirements. The guideline also stipulates that most of the capital must be Tier 1, which absorbs the losses related to current operations.

The Company manages its capital on a consolidated basis. In the management of its capital and given its financial flexibility, the Company has set a target range of 175% to 200% for its solvency ratio. The Company also makes sure that most of its capital is Tier 1. As at December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company maintained ratios that satisfy the regulatory requirements and are above the target level it has set for itself. The subsidiaries of the Company also meet regulatory requirements for capitalization and solvency.

Regulatory Capital

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Available capital		
Total Tier 1 capital (net)	3,755	4,054
Total Tier 2 capital (net)	1,154	1,003
Total	4,909	5,057
Required capital	2,353	2,251
Solvency ratio	209%	225%

20 ▸ General Expenses

General Expenses by Nature

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Salaries, benefits and stock-based compensation	534	502
Professional fees	162	138
Depreciation of fixed assets (Note 10)	18	15
Depreciation of own-use properties (Note 10)	7	6
Depreciation of intangible assets (Note 11)	43	32
Revaluation of a contingent consideration	---	(40)
Impairment of goodwill	---	34
Real estate operating expenses	85	89
Other administrative expenses	272	242
Total	1,121	1,018

General expenses include investment fees for an amount of \$81 (\$73 in 2016). These investment fees exclude real estate operating expenses.

21 › Financing Charges

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Interest on debentures	33	36
Interest on securitization liabilities	22	20
Other	9	21
Total	64	77

22 › Income Taxes

a) Income Tax Expense for the Year

Income tax	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Current income taxes		
Current year	114	109
Adjustments of previous years	4	12
	118	121
Deferred income taxes		
Creation and reversal of temporary differences	37	34
Adjustments of previous years	(4)	(8)
Variation in tax rates	(1)	(1)
	32	25
Total	150	146

Income tax recognized directly in equity

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Recognized in other comprehensive income		
Current income tax expense (recovery)	(3)	(1)
Deferred income tax expenses (recovery)	16	4
Total	13	3

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Recognized in share capital and retained earnings		
Deferred income tax expenses (recovery)	---	(2)

b) Reconciliation of Income Tax Expense

The effective income tax rate is lower than the Canadian statutory tax rate due to the following items:

	2017		2016	
	\$	%	\$	%
Income before income taxes	683		694	
Income tax expense at Canadian statutory tax rate	183	27	186	27
Increase (decrease) in income taxes due to:				
Differences in tax rates on income not subject to tax in Canada	3	---	2	---
Tax-exempt investment income	(33)	(5)	(41)	(6)
Non-taxable portion of the change in fair value of investment properties	(1)	---	(2)	---
Recovery of unrecognized tax losses from previous periods	(1)	---	(2)	---
Adjustments of previous years	---	---	6	1
Variation in tax rates	(1)	---	(2)	(1)
Other	---	---	(1)	---
Income tax expense (recovery) and effective income tax rate	150	22	146	21

c) Deferred Income Taxes

i) Recognized deferred income tax assets and liabilities

	Deferred income tax assets		Deferred income tax liabilities	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Insurance contract liabilities ¹	(24)	(44)	(44)	(94)
Real estate	1	1	112	124
Bonds	(8)	3	5	29
Intangible assets	---	---	139	138
Stocks	---	---	3	11
Post-employment benefits	5	4	(12)	(40)
Losses available for carryforward	16	19	(1)	---
Other	32	43	15	5
	22	26	217	173
Net deferred income tax liability			195	147

¹Consists of insurance contract liabilities and investment contract liabilities, less reinsurance assets and policy loans.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities for the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority and if the Company intends either to settle on a net basis or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

ii) Changes in net deferred tax assets (liabilities) for the year are as follows:

	Insurance contract liabilities	Real estate	Bonds	Stocks	Intangible assets	Post-employment benefits	Losses available for carry-forward	Other	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at December 31, 2015	169	(127)	(107)	(9)	(135)	45	13	32	(119)
Recognized in net income	(119)	4	81	(2)	---	4	4	3	(25)
Recognized in other comprehensive income	(1)	---	---	---	---	(5)	---	2	(4)
Acquisition of businesses	---	---	---	---	(1)	---	2	---	1
Effect of changes in exchange rates	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	(1)	---
Recognized as goodwill	---	---	---	---	(2)	---	---	---	(2)
Recognized in equity other than accumulated other comprehensive income	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
Balance as at December 31, 2016	50	(123)	(26)	(11)	(138)	44	19	38	(147)
Recognized in net income	(18)	12	13	8	2	(38)	(3)	(8)	(32)
Recognized in other comprehensive income	(14)	---	---	---	---	11	---	(13)	(16)
Acquisition of businesses	---	---	---	---	(3)	---	1	2	---
Effect of changes in exchange rates	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	(2)	---
Balance as at December 31, 2017	20	(111)	(13)	(3)	(139)	17	17	17	(195)

Non-capital carryforward tax losses for which a deferred tax asset has not been recognized amount to \$5 (\$12 in 2016). These losses will expire between the years 2024 and 2037.

The Company recognizes a deferred tax liability on all temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, branches, associates and joint ventures unless the Company is able to control the timing of the reversal of these differences and it is probable that these differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future. As at December 31, 2017, temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, branches, associates and joint ventures for which a deferred tax liability has not been recognized amount to \$347 (\$247 in 2016).

23 Segmented Information

The Company operates and manages its activities according to four main reportable operating segments, which reflect its organizational structure for decision making. Management uses judgment in the aggregation of business units into the Company's operating segments. Its products and services are offered to retail customers, businesses and groups. The Company primarily operates in Canada. Its operations outside Canada are not significant. The main products and services offered by each segment are the following:

Individual Insurance – Life, health, disability, and mortgage insurance products.

Individual Wealth Management – Individual products and services for savings plans, retirement funds and segregated funds, in addition to securities brokerage, trust operations and mutual funds.

Group Insurance – Life, health, accidental death and dismemberment, dental care and short and long-term disability insurance products for employee plans; creditor insurance, replacement insurance, replacement warranties, extended warranties and other ancillary products for dealer services; and specialized products for special markets solutions.

Group Savings and Retirement – Group products and services for savings plans, retirement funds and segregated funds.

Other – Auto and home insurance products, services supporting the activities that have no link with key segments such as asset management and financing, Company capital and some adjustments related to consolidation.

For general expenses not directly attributable to a business segment, the Company uses assumptions, judgments and methodologies for allocating them. The allocation of other activities is performed according to a formula based on equity and is uniformly applied to each operating segment.

The other assets and other liabilities, except mainly for derivative financial instruments, are classified in their entirety in the *Other* column since they are used for the operational support of the Company's activities.

Segmented Income Statements

	Individual		2017 Group			
	Insurance	Wealth	Insurance	Savings and	Other	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues						
Net premiums	1,787	2,210	1,512	1,464	281	7,254
Investment income	2,161	(23)	103	199	141	2,581
Other revenues	137	1,219	69	85	(69)	1,441
	4,085	3,406	1,684	1,748	353	11,276
Operating expenses						
Gross benefits and claims on contracts	890	1,658	1,055	1,113	163	4,879
Ceded benefits and claims on contracts	(280)	(29)	(76)	(28)	34	(379)
Net transfer to segregated funds	---	535	---	486	---	1,021
Increase (decrease) in insurance contract liabilities	1,731	(64)	51	44	(36)	1,726
Increase (decrease) in investment contract liabilities	---	---	14	---	---	14
Decrease (increase) in reinsurance assets	512	48	(20)	5	35	580
Commissions, general and other expenses	939	1,046	581	88	34	2,688
Financing charges	12	---	13	---	39	64
	3,804	3,194	1,618	1,708	269	10,593
Income before income taxes and allocation of other activities	281	212	66	40	84	683
Allocation of other activities	81	(8)	9	2	(84)	---
Income before income taxes	362	204	75	42	---	683
Income taxes	69	51	19	11	---	150
Net income	293	153	56	31	---	533
Net income attributed to participating policyholders	2	---	---	---	---	2
Net income attributed to shareholders	291	153	56	31	---	531

	Individual		2016 Group		Other \$	Total \$
	Insurance \$	Wealth Management \$	Insurance \$	Savings and Retirement \$		
Revenues						
Net premiums	1,686	1,860	1,357	1,394	251	6,548
Investment income	1,231	(6)	84	154	130	1,593
Other revenues	148	1,017	51	76	(86)	1,206
	3,065	2,871	1,492	1,624	295	9,347
Operating expenses						
Gross benefits and claims on contracts	815	1,442	982	1,181	137	4,557
Ceded benefits and claims on contracts	(261)	(34)	(77)	(27)	29	(370)
Net transfer to segregated funds	---	369	---	375	---	744
Increase (decrease) in insurance contract liabilities	1,072	58	4	(10)	(25)	1,099
Increase (decrease) in investment contract liabilities	1	---	11	---	---	12
Decrease (increase) in reinsurance assets	100	11	(6)	(7)	24	122
Commissions, general and other expenses	962	847	499	84	20	2,412
Financing charges	18	---	14	---	45	77
	2,707	2,693	1,427	1,596	230	8,653
Income before income taxes and allocation of other activities	358	178	65	28	65	694
Allocation of other activities	70	(8)	2	1	(65)	---
Income before income taxes	428	170	67	29	---	694
Income taxes	77	50	12	7	---	146
Net income	351	120	55	22	---	548
Net income attributed to participating policyholders	(6)	---	---	---	---	(6)
Net income attributed to shareholders	357	120	55	22	---	554

Segmented Premiums

	Individual		2017 Group		Other \$	Total \$
	Insurance \$	Wealth Management \$	Insurance \$	Savings and Retirement \$		
Gross premiums						
Invested in general fund	2,250	339	1,689	170	178	4,626
Invested in segregated funds	---	1,883	---	1,320	---	3,203
Total	2,250	2,222	1,689	1,490	178	7,829
Premiums ceded						
Invested in general fund	(463)	(12)	(177)	(26)	103	(575)
Net premiums	1,787	2,210	1,512	1,464	281	7,254

	Individual		2016 Group		Other \$	Total \$
	Insurance \$	Wealth Management \$	Insurance \$	Savings and Retirement \$		
Gross premiums						
Invested in general fund	2,116	316	1,545	130	150	4,257
Invested in segregated funds	---	1,560	---	1,290	---	2,850
Total	2,116	1,876	1,545	1,420	150	7,107
Premiums ceded						
Invested in general fund	(430)	(16)	(188)	(26)	101	(559)
Net premiums	1,686	1,860	1,357	1,394	251	6,548

Segmented Assets and Liabilities

	Individual		2017 Group			Total \$
	Insurance \$	Wealth Management \$	Insurance \$	Savings and Retirement \$	Other \$	
Assets						
Invested assets	19,549	1,683	1,739	3,292	7,559	33,822
Segregated fund assets	---	14,466	---	9,651	---	24,117
Reinsurance assets	(244)	216	345	155	10	482
Other	113	792	13	---	2,567	3,485
Total assets	19,418	17,157	2,097	13,098	10,136	61,906
Liabilities						
Insurance contract liabilities and investment contract liabilities	18,936	1,616	2,212	3,442	(55)	26,151
Segregated fund liabilities	---	14,466	---	9,651	---	24,117
Other	99	43	4	1	6,355	6,502
Total liabilities	19,035	16,125	2,216	13,094	6,300	56,770

	Individual		2016 Group			
	Insurance \$	Wealth Management \$	Insurance \$	Savings and Retirement \$	Other \$	Total \$
Assets						
Invested assets	17,350	1,960	1,692	3,250	6,839	31,091
Segregated fund assets	---	13,348	---	8,478	---	21,826
Reinsurance assets	306	281	337	160	38	1,122
Other	101	324	13	---	2,573	3,011
Total assets	17,757	15,913	2,042	11,888	9,450	57,050
Liabilities						
Insurance contract liabilities and investment contract liabilities	17,290	1,700	2,138	3,398	(21)	24,505
Segregated fund liabilities	---	13,348	---	8,478	---	21,826
Other	224	57	4	1	5,668	5,954
Total liabilities	17,514	15,105	2,142	11,877	5,647	52,285

24 › Earnings Per Common Share

Basic Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing the net income attributed to common shareholders by the weighted average number of outstanding common shares during the year.

	2017	2016
Net income attributed to common shareholders	515	537
Weighted average number of outstanding shares (in millions of units)	106	103
Basic earnings per share (in dollars)	4.84	5.22

Diluted Earnings Per Share

Diluted earnings per share are calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of outstanding common shares to take into account the conversion of all potentially dilutive common shares.

The dilutive effect of stock options considers the number of shares presumed issued without consideration, calculated as the difference between the number of shares deemed to have been issued (by assuming the outstanding stock option grants are exercised) and the number of shares that would have been issued at the average market price for the year (the number of shares that would have been issued using the issuance proceeds, using the average market price of the Company's common shares for the year). In 2017, an average of 56,837 antidilutive stock options were excluded from the calculation (2,696 options in 2016).

	2017	2016
Net income attributed to common shareholders	515	537
Weighted average number of outstanding shares (in millions of units)	106	103
Add: dilutive effect of stock options granted and outstanding (in millions of units)	1	---
Weighted average number of outstanding shares on a diluted basis (in millions of units)	107	103
Diluted earnings per share (in dollars)	4.81	5.19

There was no transaction on common shares that could affect these calculations after the closing date and before the date of authorization for issue of these financial statements.

25 Stock-Based Compensation

Stock Option Plan

The Company grants a certain number of common stock options to the senior management and determines the exercise price of the options, the expiry date and the date on which the options can be exercised. Once they are exercised, these options involve the issuance of new shares of the Company.

The exercise price of each option is equal to the weighted average price of the shares traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange during the five days of trading preceding the option grant date. The options are generally valid for 10 years. They can be exercised at a maximum rate of 25% per year for the first four anniversaries of the grant. In certain cases, the Human Resources and Compensation Committee can modify the number of options purchased following an event, moving up the expiration date of the option.

The Board can grant options for a total of 11,350,000 common shares and cannot grant more than 1.4% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company per person eligible for the plan.

The following table presents the activities of the plan:

	2017		2016	
	Number of stock options (in thousands)	Weighted average exercise price (in dollars)	Number of stock options (in thousands)	Weighted average exercise price (in dollars)
Balance at beginning	2,798	36.75	3,346	35.05
Options granted	491	55.85	491	40.91
Options exercised	(551)	33.45	(1,020)	33.09
Options cancelled	(3)	39.96	(19)	40.77
Balance at end	2,735	40.85	2,798	36.75
Exercisable at end	1,520	35.89	1,606	33.88

The stock options outstanding as at December 31, 2017 by exercise price are as follows:

Exercise price (in dollars)	Number of options (in thousands)	Weighted average exercise price (in dollars)	Average remaining life (in years)
18.63 – 23.44	65	19.23	1.09
23.45 – 28.72	213	26.03	4.12
28.73 – 32.08	159	32.08	2.12
32.09 – 43.51	1,807	40.06	6.29
43.52 – 55.85	491	55.85	9.12
Total	2,735	40.85	6.26

Fair value of options is estimated at the grant dates using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The weighted average fair value of the options granted in 2017 is 12.33 dollars (7.85 dollars in 2016). The pricing model assumes the following information:

	2017	2016
Risk-free interest rate	1.18 %	0.79%
Expected volatility	29.00 %	28.84%
Expected life	5.5 years	6.1 years
Expected dividends	2.48 %	2.94%
Exercise price (in dollars)	55.85	40.91

The stock-based compensation expense during the year is \$5 (\$4 in 2016), and an equivalent amount was accounted for in *Contributed surplus* in the Equity Statements.

The Black-Scholes option pricing model estimates the fair value of traded options that have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. Option pricing models also use assumptions that are highly subjective, including expected volatility of the underlying stocks. The expected volatility is based on historical volatility of the common shares as well as comparable market data analysis. Changes in assumptions can materially affect estimates of fair values.

Share Purchase Plan for Employees

The Company adopted an employee share purchase plan in which employees can contribute up to 5% of their salary to a maximum of 3,000 dollars per year. The Company matches 50% of the employee's contribution amount up to a maximum of 1,000 dollars per year. The share purchase plan for employees does not involve the issuance of new shares. The shares purchased by employees are already outstanding shares of the Company and they are purchased on the market. The shares purchased by the employees under the share purchase plan must be kept by the employees for a minimum period of two years. During the year, the remuneration expense for this plan is \$2 (\$2 in 2016).

Deferred Share Units (DSU)

This plan is offered to the Company's directors and senior management. Under this plan, each member may choose to receive all or a percentage of their annual directors' remuneration or management incentive bonus in the form of DSUs. The election to participate must be made on an annual basis and rights issued are vested immediately. Each DSU is equivalent to one common share and earns dividend equivalents in the form of additional DSUs at the same rate as the dividends on common shares. The value at the time of the settlement will be based on the fair market value of the common shares. To manage the risk of cash flow variation of its common share quoted price fluctuation, the Company uses derivative financial instruments. The amount of outstanding deferred share units is 329,335 (371,677 in 2016). The remuneration expense for the plan, excluding adjustments arising from derivative financial instruments which are accounted for in *Interest and other investment income*, is \$2 (\$4 in 2016) and the liability is \$20 (\$20 in 2016).

Mid-Term Incentive Plan

This plan was created for the Company's senior management. Under this plan, each member may receive performance share units (PSU), a compensation based on the Company's performance over three years. Performance is measured based on the Company's total net income attributed to common shareholders. Since 2016, the Company modified the performance measure and added the common share price in the calculation. Each PSU is equivalent to one common share and earns dividend equivalents in the form of additional PSUs at the same rate as the dividends on common shares. The value at the time of settlement will be based on the fair market value of common shares for the last 20 working days of the period, increased by a vesting factor based on the Company's net income attributed to common shareholders return on equity over the three-year period. Settlement is made in cash. As at December 31, 2017, 92,004 (93,282 in 2016) performance share units are outstanding. The compensation expense recognized in respect of this plan is \$3 (\$2 in 2016) and the liabilities are \$4 (\$4 in 2016).

Stock-Based Compensation Expense

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Expense arising from equity-settled stock-based payment transactions	5	4
Expense arising from cash-settled stock-based payment transactions	7	8
Total of stock-based compensation expense	12	12

These expenses are recorded in the Income Statement as *General expenses*.

26 Post-Employment Benefits

The Company maintains a number of funded and unfunded defined benefit plans which provide pension benefits and defined contribution plans.

Defined Benefit Plans

The Company provides defined benefit plans to eligible employees. The defined benefit plans are end-of-career plans based on the average of the best five years of salary. No indexation clause is included in the plan. The defined benefit plans are administered separately from the Company by retirement funds that are legally distinct entities. The retirement committees of the retirement plans are made up of members from the Company, members of retirement plans and non-members of retirement plans. The laws and regulations that the retirement plans are subject to require that the retirement committees act in the interests of the retirement funds and stakeholders, such as active, inactive and retired members. The retirement committees are responsible for the investment policy for retirement plan assets.

The plans are exposed to investment risks, such as credit risk, market risk, concentration risk and interest rate risk, and actuarial risks, such as risk related to mortality, rate of compensation increase and discount rate. The Company measures by extrapolation its accrued benefit obligation for the current year from the December 31, 2016 actuarial valuation. The most recent actuarial valuation of the pension plans for funding purposes was completed on December 31, 2016. The next required valuation will be performed as at December 31, 2017 and will be available later in 2018.

Other Post-Retirement Benefits

The Company provides other post-retirement benefits. These include additional health care benefits, life insurance and dental benefits. The Company also provides post-employment benefits such as salary continuation for short-term disabilities.

Variation in the discounted value of the assets and liabilities in respect of the defined benefits of plans during the period is as follows:

	2017		2016	
	Pension plans	Other plans	Pension plans	Other plans
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Accrued benefit plan obligation				
Balance at beginning	1,053	42	963	41
Current service cost	35	2	34	2
Interest cost	42	2	43	2
Employee contributions	20	---	18	---
Actuarial losses (gains) following remeasurement				
Actuarial losses (gains) on demographic assumption changes	(8)	(1)	(17)	(11)
Actuarial losses (gains) on financial assumption changes	86	1	53	4
Actuarial losses (gains) arising from members' experience	6	(2)	(10)	4
Benefits paid	(35)	(2)	(31)	---
Balance at end	1,199	42	1,053	42

	2017		2016	
	Pension plans	Other plans	Pension plans	Other plans
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Defined benefit plan assets				
Fair value at beginning	949	---	852	---
Interest income	38	---	38	---
Actuarial gains (losses) following remeasurement				
Return on assets (excluding the amount included in the net interest)	43	---	40	---
Administrative expense	(1)	---	(1)	---
Employee contributions	20	---	18	---
Employer contributions	32	---	33	---
Benefits paid	(35)	---	(31)	---
Fair value at end	1,046	---	949	---

Amounts Recognized in the Statement of Financial Position

	2017		2016	
	Pension plans	Other plans	Pension plans	Other plans
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Obligation in respect of capitalized defined benefit plans ¹	1,085	---	949	---
Obligation in respect of non-capitalized defined benefit plans	114	42	104	42
Accrued benefit plan obligation	1,199	42	1,053	42
Fair value of plan assets ¹	1,046	---	949	---
Net liabilities (assets) resulting from the obligation in respect of defined benefits	153	42	104	42

¹ As at December 31, 2017, there is a pension plan deficit of \$39 (none in 2016).

The amounts presented in Note 15 *Other Liabilities* are:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Pension plans	153	104
Other plans	42	42
Post-employment benefits	195	146

Amounts Recognized in Net Income and Other Comprehensive Income

	2017		2016	
	Pension plans	Other plans	Pension plans	Other plans
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Service cost				
Current service cost	35	2	34	2
Net interest	4	2	5	2
Administrative expense	1	---	1	---
Components of the cost of defined benefits recognized in the net income	40	4	40	4
Remeasurement of net liabilities (assets) as defined benefits				
Rate of return on assets (excluding amounts included in the net interest above)	(43)	---	(40)	---
Actuarial losses (gains) on demographic assumption changes	(8)	(1)	(17)	(11)
Actuarial losses (gains) on financial assumption changes	86	1	53	4
Actuarial losses (gains) arising from members' experience	6	(2)	(10)	4
Losses (gains) of components of the cost of defined benefits recognized in the accumulated other comprehensive income	41	(2)	(14)	(3)
Total of defined benefit cost components	81	2	26	1

Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to net income:

	2017		2016	
	Pension plans	Other plans	Pension plans	Other plans
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Losses (gains) of components of the cost of defined benefits recognized in the other comprehensive income				
Remeasurement of post-employment benefits	41	(2)	(14)	(3)
Income taxes on remeasurement of post-employment benefits	(11)	---	4	1
Total of other comprehensive income	30	(2)	(10)	(2)

Plan members make contributions to their retirement plan varying from 0% to 9% (0% to 9% in 2016). The Company makes the necessary residual contributions to plans. The Company finances plans in such a way as to constitute defined benefits according to the plan provisions. The value of these benefits is established using an actuarial valuation method. The weighted average duration of the obligation in respect of defined benefits at the end of the period is 19.5 years (21.3 years in 2016) for pension plans and 12.9 years (11.7 years in 2016) for the other plans. The Company estimates that it will have to contribute an amount of \$33 to its defined benefit plans in 2018.

The plan assets are divided as follows:

	2017	2016
	%	%
Asset classes		
Fund units		
Diversified Fund	98	98
Canadian Equity Fund	1	1
Global Equity Fund	1	1
Total	100	100

The retirement committee adopted, under the recommendation of the investment committee, an investment policy that takes into account the characteristics specific to the plan, the laws and regulations that the plan is subject to, and the investment orientations favoured by the retirement committee. The investment policy defines the target allocation of assets used as a benchmark portfolio. The primary goal of the investment policy is to ensure protection of the plan's capital while taking into account a maximization of the return. The investment policy aims to protect the plan's commitments. The plan is exposed to various investment risks, namely the risks that the investments suffer losses or do not produce the expected return. The investment policy contains several quantitative and qualitative measures that aim to limit the impact of these risks. All fund units have prices listed on active markets and are classified as Level 1.

The effective return of plan assets is 8% (9% in 2016). The plan assets are managed by a subsidiary of the Company. The pension plan assets did not include any common shares of the Company in 2017 and 2016.

Significant Assumptions

Significant judgment and assumptions are used by management in determining the expense and benefits obligations for the Company's defined benefit pension plans and other post-employment benefits. The significant actuarial assumptions used are detailed as follows:

	2017		2016	
	Pension plans	Other plans	Pension plans	Other plans
Accrued benefit plan obligation				
Discount rate	3.6%	3.6%	4.0%	4.0%
Rate of compensation increase	3.3%	---	3.3%	---
Rate of mortality (table)	CPM-2014Publ	CPM-2014Publ	CPM-2014Publ	CPM-2014Publ
Benefit plan expenses				
Discount rate	4.1%	4.1%	4.4%	4.4%
Rate of compensation increase	3.3%	---	3.5%	---

	2017		
	Drug	Dental	Other
Assumed health care cost trend rates			
Initial health care cost trend rates	6.92%	4.50%	4.75%
Cost trend rate declines to	4.75%	4.50%	4.75%
Number of years required to stabilize the rate	10	---	---

	2016		
	Drug	Dental	Other
Assumed health care cost trend rates			
Initial health care cost trend rates	6.92%	4.50%	4.75%
Cost trend rate declines to	4.75%	4.50%	4.75%
Number of years required to stabilize the rate	10	---	---

Sensitivity Analysis

Retirement Plan

The significant assumptions used to determine the accrued benefit plan obligation are the discount rate, the rate of compensation increase and the mortality rate. Each sensitivity analysis below is done with a variation of only one assumption with other assumptions unchanged.

Sensitivity of Key Assumptions of Benefit Plan Obligation

	2017		2016	
	Pension plans		Pension plans	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Discount rate assumption				
Impact of an absolute change of 1.0%	(197)	271	(166)	225
Rate of compensation increase				
Impact of an absolute change of 1.0%	70	(60)	65	(55)
Rate of mortality				
Impact of a relative change of 10.0%	(17)	19	(16)	17

	2017	2016
Sample life expectancies based on mortality assumptions (in years)		
Male		
Age 65 in fiscal year	22.9	22.8
Age 65 in fiscal year + 30 years	24.3	24.3
Female		
Age 65 in fiscal year	24.7	24.7
Age 65 in fiscal year + 30 years	26.1	26.0

Other Post-Retirement Benefits

Assumed health care cost trend rates have a significant effect on the amounts reported for the health care plans. A one percentage-point change in assumed health care cost trend rates would have the following effects:

	2017		2016	
	Increase \$	Decrease \$	Increase \$	Decrease \$
Accrued benefit obligation	6	(4)	3	(3)

The impact of the one percentage-point fluctuation in the assumed health care cost trend on the total of service and interest cost is less than \$1 for 2017 (less than \$1 in 2016).

The Company could expect interrelations between the assumptions, especially between the discount rate and expected growth of salaries since they are both influenced by the expected inflation rate. The above analysis excludes these interrelations between assumptions.

Defined Contribution Plan

A defined contribution plan, providing pension benefits, is maintained by the Company. These amounts are not included in the cost recognized for the defined benefit plans above. The total cost recognized for the Company's defined contribution plan is \$2 (\$1 in 2016). The liability related to this plan is presented in Note 15 *Other Liabilities* included in *Accounts payable* for an amount of \$2 (\$2 in 2016).

27 > Related Party Transactions

The Company eliminates transactions carried out with its subsidiaries and carried out between the various members of its group of companies on consolidation. The Company provides investment management services to its pension plans. These services are offered by the Company in the normal course of business and are subject to normal market conditions. The Company concludes transactions with associates. These transactions are concluded in the normal course of business and are subject to normal market conditions.

Key Management Personnel

The Company's key management personnel are members of senior management, who have the power and responsibility to plan, manage and control the Company's operations. Senior executives are likely to purchase insurance, wealth management and other products and services offered by the Company as part of its regular operations. The terms and conditions of these operations are essentially the same as those granted to clients or employees.

The compensation of directors and key management personnel for the year was as follows:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Salaries and other short-term benefits	7	7
Post-retirement benefits	1	1
Stock-based compensation	4	3
Total	12	11

28 > Guarantees, Commitments and Contingencies

In the normal course of its operations, the Company frequently concludes several types of contracts or agreements which, in certain cases, can be considered as guarantees, commitments or contingencies.

Contractual and Lease Commitments

The Company currently has contracts covering various products and services, such as outsourced computer services, which, due to their nature, are difficult to cancel. The Company is also part of operating leases, including offices and equipment. The minimum amounts of commitment for the next few years are as follows:

	2018 \$	2019 \$	2020 \$	2021 \$	2022 and following \$
Products and services	58	46	39	35	125
Operating leases	23	20	17	13	26
Total	81	66	56	48	151

Commitments

The Company is committed to a third party for one of its subsidiaries. This commitment represents a maximum amount of \$9 (\$48 in 2016). The Company is also committed to third parties to ensure the funds offered by one of its subsidiaries.

Investment Commitments

In the normal course of business, various outstanding contractual commitments related to offers for commercial and residential loans, private placements and real estate are not reflected in the financial statements and may not be fulfilled. There were \$681 (\$624 in 2016) of outstanding investment commitments as at December 31, 2017, of which the estimated disbursements will be \$36 (\$50 in 2016) in 30 days, \$270 (\$277 in 2016) in 31 to 365 days and \$375 (\$297 in 2016) in more than one year.

Letters of Credit

In the normal course of operations, banks issue letters of credit on behalf of the Company. The balance of these letters is \$2 (\$2 in 2016).

Indemnifications

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into several types of agreements that could include indemnities in favour of third parties. Under certain unusual circumstances, the Company could be called upon to pay specific indemnifications. These indemnifications could vary based upon the nature and terms of the agreements. The primary indemnifications would concern the Company's directors, among others, in case of an event not covered by the liability insurance on the directors. The amount of these indemnifications cannot be determined. The Company has not had to pay out significant indemnities in the past and considers the likelihood of such payment being made to be low.

Lines of Credit

As at December 31, 2017, the Company had operating lines of credit totalling \$56 (\$57 as at December 31, 2016). As at December 31, 2017 and 2016, no lines of credit were used. The purpose of these lines of credit is to facilitate financing of the Company's operations and meet its temporary working capital requirements.

Legal and Regulatory Proceedings

The Company is regularly involved in legal actions, both as defendant and as a plaintiff. In addition, government and regulatory bodies in Canada and in the United States, from time to time, make inquiries and require the production of information or conduct examinations or investigations concerning the Company's compliance with insurance, securities and other laws. Management uses judgment to evaluate the possible outcomes and does not believe that the conclusion of any current legal or regulatory matters, either individually or in the aggregate, will have a material adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operations.

29 Subsidiaries

The following is a list of directly and indirectly held major operating subsidiaries.

As at December 31, 2017	Ownership (%)	Address	Description
The Excellence Life Insurance Company	100	Montreal, Canada	Life and health insurance company that specializes in distribution of life and health insurance products
Michel Rhéaume et associés Ltée	100	Montreal, Canada	Life insurance broker
IA American Life Insurance Company ¹	100	Waco, Texas, United States	Life and health insurance company that offers life insurance and annuity products in the United States
IA Clarington Investments Inc. ¹	100	Toronto, Canada	Fund management firm that markets investment products, including mutual funds and segregated funds
Investia Financial Services Inc.	100	Quebec City, Canada	Mutual fund broker
Hollis Insurance Inc. (formerly National Financial Insurance Agency Inc.)	100	Quebec City, Canada	Insurance broker
FundEX Investments Inc.	100	Vaughan, Canada	Mutual fund broker
Industrial Alliance Securities Inc. ¹	100	Montreal, Canada	Securities broker
Industrial Alliance Trust Inc.	100	Quebec City, Canada	Trust services
Industrial Alliance Investment Management Inc.	100	Quebec City, Canada	Investment advisor that oversees the management of the Company's general fund, segregated fund and mutual fund portfolios
Industrial Alliance Auto and Home Insurance Inc.	100	Quebec City, Canada	Property and casualty insurance company
Prysm General Insurance Inc.	100	Quebec City, Canada	Property and casualty insurance company
Forstrong Global Asset Management Inc.	100	Kelowna, Canada	International wealth management and mutual fund portfolio management (exchange-traded funds)
T.E. Financial Consultants Ltd. ¹	100	Toronto, Canada	Financial planning services
iA Investment Counsel Inc.	100	Toronto, Canada	Asset portfolio management
Industrial Alliance Pacific General Insurance Corporation	100	Quebec City, Canada	Property and casualty insurance, and other ancillary products company
SAL Marketing Inc.	100	Vancouver, Canada	Extended warranty and other ancillary products company
National Warranties MRWV Limited	100	Laval, Canada	Extended warranty and other ancillary products company
iA Auto Finance Inc. ¹ (formerly CTL Corp.)	100	Oakville, Canada	Auto finance company

¹ These subsidiaries hold directly or indirectly other subsidiaries with essentially a 100% ownership.

30 › Subsequent Events

Acquisition of Business

On January 23, 2018, the Company acquired, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Dealers Assurance Company and Southwest Reinsure, Inc. (collectively named "DAC"), for a purchase price of \$135 US. DAC manufactures and distributes vehicle service contracts, or extended warranties, through a cross-country network of new and used car dealers in the US.

Organizational Structure

On February 5, 2018, the company announced a plan to create a holding company, commonly known as "holding company", which would consolidate all of the group's activities. A holding company can be established through various avenues. The Company is submitting a private member's bill to the National Assembly of Quebec in the current or a future session proposing changes to the Act respecting Industrial-Alliance Life Insurance Company adopted on November 26, 1999. More details about the new structure, including the requirement for shareholder and other approvals, will be announced in the coming months.

31 › Comparative Figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to comply with the current presentation. The reclassifications had no impact on the net income of the Company.

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125 times thanks!

In celebration of its 125th anniversary, iA Financial Group organized a series of activities from coast to coast in 2017.

Things kicked off in January and February, when a squad was sent to give out \$125,000 in surprise cash rewards of \$125 each in the streets of Quebec City, Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto. The squad spent one week in each city, spontaneously rewarding people caught doing random acts of kindness.

On Friday, May 5, more than 2,000 iA Financial Group employees took to streets, schools and charitable organizations across Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia to lend a hand, offer a little respite or collect donations to mark the 125th day of the Company's 125th year.

The highpoint of the year came in the fall with the Canada-wide philanthropic contest offering \$125,000 to help a charitable organization realize a project to grow and expand its impact. In the end, because of the popularity of the contest and the quality of the projects submitted, iA Financial Group decided to triple down and offer grand prizes to not one but three charities.

iA Financial Group's clients are backed by the history and stability of a company that has been trusted for 125 years. It was important for the Company to celebrate this milestone by connecting with its clients and communities and thanking them for their role in its success!

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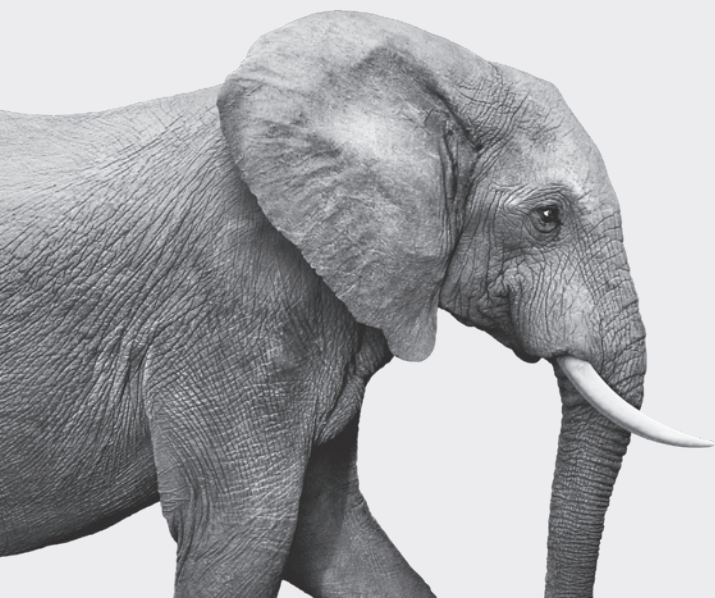
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