

# ACA Financial Guaranty Corporation

Statutory Financial Statements and  
Supplementary Information  
December 31, 2021 and 2020

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## Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors of ACA Financial Guaranty Corporation

### Opinions

We have audited the statutory financial statements of ACA Financial Guaranty Corporation (the "Company"), which comprise the statutory statements of admitted assets, liabilities, and capital and surplus as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related statutory statements of operations and changes in capital and surplus and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the statutory financial statements.

#### *Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting*

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the admitted assets, liabilities, and surplus of as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the results of its operations for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Maryland Insurance Administration as described in Note 1.

#### *Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, or the changes in net position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended.

### Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Company and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Maryland Insurance Administration, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the statutory basis of accounting described in Note 5 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Maryland Insurance Administration, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.



### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

### **Report on Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The Summary Investment Schedule, Investment Risks Interrogatories, and Reinsurance Interrogatories is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Mazars USA LLP*

May 10, 2022

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**Statutory Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities and Capital and Surplus**  
**December 31, 2021 and 2020**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>Admitted Assets:</b>		
Bonds — at NAIC carrying value	\$ 141,200	\$ 141,611
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	11,065	19,187
Other invested assets	2,405	-
Receivables for securities	<u>12,388</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total cash and investments	 167,058	 160,798
Accrued investment income	518	672
Current federal income tax recoverable	390	390
Other assets	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>
 Total admitted assets	 <u>\$ 167,970</u>	 <u>\$ 161,870</u>
 <b>Liabilities and Capital and Surplus:</b>		
Liabilities:		
Loss and loss adjustment expenses	\$ 23,168	\$ 1
Unearned premiums	5,709	15,774
Contingency reserve	19,567	25,626
Payable to subsidiaries	80	80
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	<u>2,252</u>	<u>12,888</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>50,776</u>	 <u>54,369</u>
 Capital and Surplus:		
Common stock — 1,000,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding at December 31, 2021 and 2020; par value of \$15 per share	15,000	15,000
Gross paid-in and contributed surplus	363,974	363,974
Unassigned deficit	<u>(261,780)</u>	<u>(271,473)</u>
 Total capital and surplus	 <u>117,194</u>	 <u>107,501</u>
 Total liabilities and capital and surplus	 <u>\$ 167,970</u>	 <u>\$ 161,870</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statutory financial statements.

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**Statutory Statements of Operations and Changes in Capital and Surplus**  
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	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Underwriting income:		
Premiums earned	\$ 10,065	\$ 6,291
Underwriting expenses:		
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	(744)	4,517
Underwriting expenses incurred	<u>6,028</u>	<u>6,113</u>
Total underwriting expenses	<u>5,284</u>	<u>10,630</u>
Underwriting income (loss)	4,781	(4,339)
Net investment income	5,789	5,737
Net realized capital gains	<u>3,555</u>	<u>184</u>
Income before federal income taxes	14,125	1,582
Federal income taxes benefit	<u>-</u>	<u>(195)</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 14,125</u>	<u>\$ 1,777</u>
Capital and surplus as regards policyholders — beginning of year	\$ 107,501	\$ 78,717
Net income	14,125	1,777
Change in net unrealized capital losses	(478)	(241)
Change in contingency reserve	6,059	38,300
Payments to Surplus Note Holders	(11,000)	(11,000)
Change in deferred income tax	(1,607)	(8,799)
Change in non-admitted assets	<u>2,594</u>	<u>8,747</u>
Capital and surplus as regards policyholders — end of year	<u>\$ 117,194</u>	<u>\$ 107,501</u>

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**Statutory Statements of Cash Flows**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Cash from operations:		
Premiums collected net of reinsurance	\$ -	\$ -
Net investment income	4,341	5,374
Other income	-	-
Losses and loss related payments	12,669	(48,187)
Commissions, expenses paid and aggregate write-ins for deductions	(8,207)	(7,044)
Federal income taxes (paid) recovered, net	-	-
	<u>8,803</u>	<u>(49,857)</u>
Net cash from operations		
Cash from investments:		
Proceeds from investments sold or matured	67,450	71,722
Cost of investments acquired	(48,629)	(45,918)
Net gains or (losses) on cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	(358)	-
Other invested assets	(2,295)	-
Miscellaneous proceeds (applications)	(12,388)	-
	<u>3,780</u>	<u>25,804</u>
Net cash from investments		
Cash from financing and miscellaneous sources:		
Surplus notes	(21,697)	-
Other cash provided (applied), net	991	(893)
	<u>(20,706)</u>	<u>(893)</u>
Net cash from financing and miscellaneous sources		
Net change in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	(8,123)	(24,946)
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments — beginning of year	<u>19,187</u>	<u>44,133</u>
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments — end of year	<u>\$ 11,064</u>	<u>\$ 19,187</u>
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information for non-cash transactions:		
Loss recovered	\$ 13,481	\$ -
Cost of bonds acquired	(13,481)	-

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## Notes to Statutory Financial Statements

### Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### **Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying financial statements of the Company are presented in accordance with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' ("NAIC") Accounting Practices and Procedures Manual Statement of Statutory Accounting Principles ("NAIC SAP") which has been adopted as a component of prescribed or permitted practices by the Maryland Insurance Administration ("MIA") effective January 1, 2001 ("MIA SAP"). The differences between NAIC SAP and MIA SAP are not applicable to the Company. These practices differ in certain material respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"), as described in Note 5. Set forth below is a description of the NAIC SAP accounting policies which are significant to the preparation of the accompanying financial statements. The Company's financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars (USD) and all values are rounded to the nearest USD thousands except where stated otherwise. Percentages are rounded up to the nearest first decimal.

##### **Estimates and Assumptions**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with NAIC SAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The most significant estimates include those used in determining reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses, contingent liabilities, and the valuation of bonds.

##### **Cash, Cash Equivalents and Short-Term Investments**

Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments include cash on hand, demand deposits with banks, money market mutual funds and investments purchased with a maturity of one year or less. Short-term investments are carried at amortized cost, which approximates market value.

The Company maintains cash balances at several banks, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") up to \$250 thousand. On occasion during the normal course of business, balances are maintained above the FDIC insurance limit. The Company maintains cash equivalents in money market accounts that are insured by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC") up to \$500 thousand. Balances for these accounts are maintained in excess of the SIPC insurance limit.

##### **Investments**

Investments are valued in accordance with the valuation procedures of the NAIC. Investment grade bonds are generally carried at amortized cost and the amortization of premium or accretion of discount is determined using the constant yield method. Non-investment grade bonds, as determined by the Securities Valuation Office ("SVO") division of the NAIC or management, are carried at the lower of amortized cost or fair value.

Bonds and loan-backed securities assigned a NAIC Designation of 1 or 2 are valued at amortized cost, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount which is calculated using the constant yield method. Bonds and loan-backed securities assigned a NAIC rating of 3 or lower are valued at the lower of amortized cost, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount which is calculated using the constant yield method, or fair value. The prospective method is used to adjust amortization or accretion of loan-backed securities.

Realized capital gains and losses on dispositions of investments are determined on the basis of specific identification and are included in net income. Declines in fair values, which are determined to be other than temporary ("OTTI"), are recorded as realized capital losses.



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The Company continuously monitors securities that have an estimated fair value that is below amortized cost in order to determine if there is any evidence that the decline in estimated fair value is other-than-temporary. For securities expected to be sold, an OTTI charge is recognized if the Company does not expect the fair value of a security to recover its cost or amortized cost basis prior to the expected date of sale. Factors considered in evaluating whether a decline in value is other-than-temporary include: 1) whether the decline is attributable to credit related or interest rate related factors, 2) whether the decline is substantial; 3) the amount of time that the fair value has been continuously less than cost; 4) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer; and 5) the Company's ability and intent to retain the investment for a period of time sufficient to allow for an anticipated recovery in value.

For loan-backed bonds and structured securities, anticipated prepayments at the date of purchase are considered when determining the amortization of discount or premium. The cash flows of loan-backed and structured securities are reviewed to ensure that any movement in the expected prepayment assumptions of a security are reflected in the adjusted book value of the asset. If management determines that its best estimate of expected future cash flows discounted at the security's effective yield prior to the impairment are less than its amortized cost, then an OTTI charge is recognized equal to the difference between the amortized cost and the Company's best estimate of expected future cash flows discounted at the security's effective yield prior to the impairment. An external service is used to determine the average prepayment speed adjustments. Significant changes in estimated cash flow from the original purchase assumptions are generally accounted for using the retrospective method. The prospective method is used for interest only securities or securities where the yield becomes negative, if any.

The Company receives dividends from its subsidiary, ACA Service L.L.C. related to its prior CDO asset management business. These dividends are recorded as net investment income (see Note 6).

Investment in the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries are accounted for under the statutory equity method of accounting. Investment in Subsidiaries, Controlled and Affiliates have no substantial value and are carried at zero as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

### Premium Revenue Recognition

Typically, financial guaranty premiums are received either upfront or in installments. Such premiums are recognized as written when due. Installment premiums written are earned ratably over the installment period, generally one year or less, which is consistent with the expiration of the underlying risk or amortization of the underlying insured principal. Upfront premiums written are earned based on the proportion of principal and interest scheduled to be paid on the underlying insured obligation during the period, as compared to the total amount of principal and interest to be paid over the contractual life of the insured debt obligation. When a full loss on a guaranteed obligation is reflected in the financial statements and no further variability exists as to the measurement of the loss, the remaining unearned premiums are recognized as earned since the Company is no longer exposed to insurance risk. Unearned premiums, net of prepaid reinsurance premiums, represent the unearned portion of upfront and installment premiums written.

In addition, when an insured issue is retired early, is called by the issuer or is, in substance, paid in advance through a refunding accomplished by placing U.S. Government securities in escrow (hereafter referred to collectively as "Refundings"), the remaining unearned premium revenue relating to such insured issue is earned at that time since there is no longer risk to the Company. For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company recorded earned premiums of \$9.0 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, related to Refundings.

### Other Income Revenue Recognition

The Company may collect fees in connection with the granting of waivers and consents in connection with insured tax-exempt transactions. These fees are recognized by the Company as other income when the cash is received. In addition, the Company recognizes gain contingencies as other income when settled.

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### Loss and LAE Reserves

The Company records a loss with respect to an insurance guaranty upon a payment default by the issuer of the insured obligation (a payment default is generally considered the incident which gives rise to a claim under the Company's insurance policies and triggers loss recognition relating to the incident). The Company may also establish a reserve component for incurred but not reported claims ("IBNR"). The loss recorded by the Company represents its best estimate of the present value of its ultimate claim payments under the policy, net of its best estimate of the present value of any recoveries from salvage or subrogation rights under the policy. The Company's liability for losses reported on the accompanying statements of admitted assets, liabilities and surplus (and also known as "loss reserves" "reserves for unpaid losses", "case reserves", or "case basis reserves") represents the present value of the Company's estimated ultimate losses that remain unpaid at the balance sheet date with respect to policies meeting the aforementioned criteria for loss recognition. Loss adjustment expenses ("LAE") are recorded by the Company in regard to insurance guaranties when costs are incurred or expected to be incurred to remediate probable losses under its policies. Accordingly, LAE may be recorded on policies for which claims have been paid or losses have been recognized, as well as on policies where no claim payments have been made or losses have been recorded but may be incurred in the future. LAE represents the estimated ultimate cost of remediating losses or potential losses under policies. The Company does not discount LAE.

Losses on the Company's insurance guaranties and related case reserves and IBNR are determined using cash flow models to estimate the net present value of the anticipated shortfall between (i) scheduled payments on the insured obligation and (ii) anticipated cash flow from the obligor or the collateral supporting the obligation and other anticipated recoveries or cash flows. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the discount rate used by the Company to present value its loss reserves was 3.3% and 3.38%, respectively. A number of quantitative and qualitative factors are considered when determining whether the Company will incur a loss and the amount of any case reserve. These factors may include the creditworthiness of the underlying issuer of the insured obligation, whether the obligation is secured or unsecured, the projected cash flow or market value of any assets that collateralize or secure the insured obligation, and the historical and projected recoveries from such assets. Other factors that may affect the actual ultimate loss include the state of the economy, market conditions for municipal bond issuance, changes in interest rates, rates of inflation and the salvage values of specific collateral. Such factors and management's assessment thereof will be subject to the specific facts and circumstances associated with the specific insured transaction being considered for loss recognition. Loss reserves are discounted at a rate equal to the weighted average rate of return on admitted assets at the end of the year. Recognition of losses and related case reserves requires the use and exercise of significant judgment by management, including estimates regarding the amount and timing of a loss on an insured obligation. Actual experience may differ from estimates and such difference may be material, due to the fact that the ultimate dispositions of claims are subject to the outcome of events that have not yet occurred. Examples of these events include changes in the level of interest rates, credit deterioration of guaranteed obligations, changes in the value of specific assets supporting guaranteed obligations, changes in the expected timing of claims payments and recoveries, and the amounts of expected claims payments and recoveries. Any estimate of future costs is subject to the inherent limitation on the Company's ability to predict the aggregate course of future events. It should therefore be expected that the actual emergence of losses and LAE will vary, perhaps materially, from any estimate.

The Company purchases its own insured bonds in the marketplace for the purposes of loss remediation. These purchases are recorded as loss payments when made. A corresponding reduction of modeled losses is also recorded in the financial statements for those credits with a reserve or to the off-balance sheet amount disclosed in Note 4.

See Note 4 for further information regarding the Company's accounting policy for loss recognition on its in-force insurance guaranties, as well as in regard to losses expected to be incurred by the Company on its credit quality classification 4 insurance guaranties which have not yet been recorded in the accompanying statements of admitted assets, liabilities and capital and surplus because a payment default by the issuer of the insured obligation has not yet occurred. In addition, see Note 7 for a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of the reserve for losses and loss adjustment expenses as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

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### Surplus Notes

As discussed in Note 3, as part of the Restructuring Transaction, the Company made a cash payment and issued non-interest bearing surplus notes with a principal amount of \$1 billion to settle counterparty claims. Due to the unique nature of the transaction, and in consultation with the MIA, the Company recorded the issuance of surplus notes with a fully offsetting contra account. This accounting treatment has resulted in a net balance of \$0 reported as surplus notes. Payment of principal, or any other distributions, on the surplus notes may not be recognized until approved by the MIA. Upon the MIA's approval, unassigned funds (surplus) and the contra account will be adjusted to reflect the amount approved. Upon payment, the principal amount of the surplus notes would be reduced by the amount of such payment. For the first time, on June 17, 2019, the MIA approved a one-time payment of \$5.6 million relating to the July 2018 request. On November 25, 2020, the MIA approved a payment of \$11.0 million relating to ACA's July 2019 and July 2020 requests. ACA recorded an accrued liability at December 31, 2020 for this payment which was made on January 11, 2021. On September 22, 2021, the MIA approved another payment of \$11.0 million relating to ACA's July 2021 request.

### Contingency Reserve

A statutorily mandated contingency reserve is established net of reinsurance by an appropriation of unassigned surplus and is reflected in "Contingency Reserve" in the statements of admitted assets, liabilities and capital and surplus. This reserve is calculated as the greater of a prescribed percentage applied to original insured principal or 50% of premiums written, net of ceded reinsurance. The prescribed percentage varies by the type of business. Once the reserve is calculated, as described above, it is incrementally recognized in the financial statements over a prescribed time period based on type of business. Under Statutory Statement of Accounting Principles ("SSAP") 60, contributions to the contingency reserve may be discontinued if the total contingency reserve already recorded exceeds a calculated amount based upon unpaid principal guaranteed and prescribed percentages by bond category. The Company's established contingency reserve is in excess of this calculated amount. The Company has discontinued its contributions in the fourth quarter of 2014. Reductions in the contingency reserve may be recognized under certain stipulated conditions, subject to the approval of the MIA. In May 2015, the Company requested the MIA's approval to release contingency reserves equal to the amount in excess of the calculated maximum amount at December 31, 2014. The MIA denied the request in November 2015. In July 2018, the Company requested the MIA's approval to release contingency reserves equal to the amount in excess of the high-end of the off-balance sheet reserve range. In October 2018, the Company revised its request to reflect an updated off-balance sheet reserve range. In June 2019, the Company received the MIA's approval to release \$32.0 million of its contingency reserve. In July 2019, the Company made another request to release additional contingency reserves that was revised in January 2020. In November 2020, the Company received the MIA's approval to release \$38.3 million of its contingency reserve. In December 2021, the Company received the MIA's approval of its October 2021 request for a contingency reserve release of \$6.1 million.

### Income Taxes

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are provided for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the carrying amount and tax basis of assets and liabilities. The change in the deferred tax assets and liabilities are charged or credited to surplus. Deferred tax assets that exceed statutory limits are designated as a non-admitted asset and charged directly to surplus. Deferred taxes are also subject to a valuation allowance.

## 2. Business and Organization

ACA Financial Guaranty Corporation (the "Company", "ACA FG", or "ACA") is organized and domiciled in the State of Maryland and is a licensed, authorized and accredited insurance company in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam. The Company is authorized to provide financial guaranty insurance on tax-exempt and other debt obligations, as well as on certain obligations related to asset-backed and corporate financings. As further discussed in Note 3, since December 2007, the Company has not issued any new financial guaranty insurance policies and is currently operating as a run-off insurance company.

Financial guaranty insurance provides an unconditional and irrevocable guaranty to the holder of a valid debt obligation to full and timely payment of the guaranteed principal and interest thereon when due. Financial guaranty insurance adds another potential source of repayment of principal and interest for an

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investor, namely the credit quality of the financial guarantor. Generally, in the event of any default on an insured debt obligation, payments made pursuant to the applicable insurance policy may not be accelerated by the holder of the insured debt obligation without the approval of the insurer. While the holder of such an insured debt obligation continues to receive guaranteed payments of principal and interest on schedule, as if no default had occurred, and each subsequent purchaser of the obligation generally receives the benefit of such guaranty, the insurer normally retains the option to pay the debt obligation in full at any time. Also, the insurer generally has recourse against the issuer of the defaulted obligation and/or any related collateral for amounts paid under the terms of the insurance policy as well as pursuant to general rights of subrogation. The issuer of an insured debt obligation generally pays the premium for financial guaranty insurance, either in full at the inception of the policy, as is the case in most public finance transactions, or in periodic installments funded by the cash flow generated by related pledged collateral, as is the case in most structured finance and international transactions. Typically, premium rates paid by an issuer are stated as a percentage of the total principal (in the case of structured finance and international transactions) or principal and interest (in the case of public finance transactions) of the insured obligation. Premiums are almost always non-refundable and are invested upon receipt.

The Company's common stock is owned 100% by Manifold Capital, LLC (ACACH), a Delaware limited liability company, legal successor to Manifold Capital Corp. (formerly ACA Capital Holdings, Inc.), a Delaware corporation. As of April 7, 2016, ACACH is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Broadside Financial Ltd., a British Virgin Island limited company that is also ACACH's sole member. Effective at the closing of the Restructuring Transaction discussed in Note 3, ACACH and its wholly-owned subsidiaries disclaimed control over the Company and voting control of the Company became vested in the surplus notes issued in connection with the restructuring. This disclaimer of control was approved by the MIA.

The Company, through its subsidiaries ACA Service L.L.C. and ACA Management, L.L.C., was historically engaged in the business of providing asset management services within targeted sectors of the fixed income capital markets. ACA FG's affiliates participated in this market by structuring, managing and investing in collateralized debt obligations ("CDO") in collaboration with investment banks which market the corresponding CDO securities to investors worldwide. The Company and its affiliates are no longer engaged in the CDO asset management business, except for a limited number of pre-existing arrangements, and have not originated any CDOs since the third quarter of 2007. The Company's indirect wholly owned subsidiary, ACA Management, L.L.C., continues to receive fees related to these contracts from third parties to whom they assigned rights and obligations to manage these contracts and on a periodic basis pays dividends to ACA Service L.L.C., its direct parent and direct wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. ACA Service L.L.C., in turn, passes on these funds to the Company, also in the form of a dividend.

### 3. Restructuring Transaction

As a result of adverse developments in the credit markets generally and the mortgage market specifically that began in the second half of 2007 and continued to deepen in 2008 and thereafter, the Company experienced material adverse effects on its business, results of operations, and financial condition, which resulted in significant downgrades of the Company's financial strength ratings by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("S&P") and, ultimately, a restructuring of the Company to avoid a regulatory proceeding (the "Restructuring Transaction"). The Restructuring Transaction, which was consummated on August 8, 2008, was comprised of three main components. The first component of the Restructuring Transaction consisted of a Global Settlement Agreement whereby insured credit swap counterparties' claims were settled in consideration for a cash payment of approximately \$209 million and surplus notes with a face value of approximately \$950 million. In the aggregate, \$1 billion face amount of surplus notes were issued in connection with the Restructuring Transaction. Of such amount, the aforementioned insured credit swap counterparties received \$950 million and the balance of \$50 million was issued to ACACH. While certain of the surplus notes issued to the insured credit swap counterparties were issued to be non-voting at the request of certain such counterparties, the surplus notes issued to the counterparties, in the aggregate, represent a 100% voting interest in the Company. The surplus notes issued to ACACH are all non-voting.

The second component of the Restructuring Transaction provided for the settlement of a \$100 million medium term note guaranteed by the Company. This obligation was settled with the noteholders in exchange for a cash payment by the Company of approximately \$48 million and the transfer by the Company to the noteholders of investments in CDO equity with an estimated value of \$2.5 million. Of the

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total cash settlement, approximately \$32 million was paid out of a cash collateral account supporting the issued note while the remaining amount of approximately \$16 million was funded by cash from the Company and its other subsidiaries.

The third component of the Restructuring Transaction centered on the Intercompany Agreement which treated ACACH and its non-ACA FG subsidiaries as one sub-group and ACA FG and its subsidiary as a separate sub-group. By its terms, the Intercompany Agreement provided for the cancellation of a previously issued intercompany surplus note as well as intercompany balances between the Company's sub-group and the ACACH sub-group. It also provided for a global release of liability among the two sub-groups. In general, the release discharges the entities from any and all actions, cause of action, suits, debts, liens, contracts, rights and other legal obligations against each other, except those provided for in the Intercompany Agreement.

Subsequent to the closing of the Restructuring Transaction, the Company is required to and has operated under an order issued by the MIA, Case No.: MIA: 2008-08-011 dated August 7, 2008 (the "Order"). The Order provides, among other things, that the Company operate as a run-off company. In connection with the Order, following the Restructuring Transaction, the Company wound down all subsidiaries no longer necessary for the conduct of its ongoing business, including 73 special purpose entities created for the insured credit swap and CDO asset management businesses.

#### 4. Description of Significant Risks and Uncertainties and the Company's On-Going Strategic Plan

##### *Description of Significant Risks and Uncertainties*

As further discussed in Note 1, ACA FG recognizes losses and establishes related loss reserves on bond obligations it has insured upon the initial payment default by the issuer of such bond obligations (under the Company's accounting policy, the initial payment default is generally considered the incident which gives rise to a claim and triggers loss recognition relating to the incident) or when an IBNR reserve component is established. The loss recognized by ACA FG upon a payment default or an IBNR component represents the Company's best estimate of its ultimate loss over the life of the policy, discounted to reflect the time value of money. However, ACA FG may also have policies in-force upon which it believes that it is probable that payment defaults will occur in the future. Such expected future losses (hereafter referred to as "Off-Balance Sheet Losses") are not recorded by the Company in the accompanying Statements of Admitted Assets, Liabilities and Capital and Surplus at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 because a payment default has not yet occurred. Due to the establishment of an IBNR reserve component to loss reserves in 2019, there are no Off-Balance Sheet Losses at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

- The Company is exposed to economic and political risks associated with its insurance guaranties (see Note 10). The extent and duration of any future deterioration in economic or political factors is unknown, as is the effect, if any, on potential claim payments and the ultimate amount of losses the Company may incur on obligations it has guaranteed. As discussed in Note 19, the Company classifies its insured in-force portfolio in one of four credit quality categories. As noted therein, as of December 31, 2021, the Company had insured obligations with outstanding principal totaling \$61.7 million classified in category 4, which means that it either has paid claims on such exposures or expects to pay claims on such exposures in the future. In addition, as of such date, the Company had insured obligations with outstanding principal totaling \$12.8 million classified in category 3, which means those credits have materially violated financial and operational covenants and require remedial action to avoid further performance deterioration. As discussed in Note 10, the risk of loss under the Company's guaranties extends to the full amount of unpaid principal and interest on all debt obligations it has guaranteed. No assurance can be provided that further deterioration in ACA FG's insured guaranties will not occur resulting in a further migration of insured exposure to categories 3 and/or 4 or that ACA FG will not incur losses that may be materially in excess of what it currently estimates. Notwithstanding the de-recognition of contingency reserves that may be approved by the Maryland Insurance Administration in the future, no assurance can be given that the recognition of such losses in the future will not cause the Company to fail to comply with its regulatory required minimum policyholders' surplus requirement of \$750 thousand. However, the Company believes that its surplus will be in excess of Maryland's required minimum surplus over the twelve months succeeding the date of the accompanying Statement of Admitted Assets, Liabilities and Capital and Surplus

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and, that it has sufficient liquidity resources to satisfy its financial obligations as they come due for the foreseeable future.

- Losses incurred and reserves for losses are reported by the Company net of estimated recoveries from salvage and subrogation. Estimated salvage and subrogation are a material component of the Company's incurred losses and reserves for losses (both on-balance sheet and off-balance sheet). Pursuant to the Company's policies of insurance, should the Company pay a claim under a policy, subrogation rights enable the Company to pursue the obligor for recovery of all claims paid or losses incurred. In other cases, the Company may be assigned the rights to certain salvage as reimbursement for any claims paid or losses incurred. An important characteristic to recognize with respect to estimated salvage and subrogation recoveries is that such estimates are subject to both timing and credit risk. In many instances, the timing of such recoveries is expected to occur significantly later than the associated claim payments the Company is trying to recover. In addition, in regard to subrogation, credit risk exists with respect to the obligor's ability to ultimately honor the insurer's claim for recoveries, and in respect of salvage, risk exists as to whether such salvage will ultimately be sufficient to recover all of the insurer's claims for recoveries. No assurance can be provided that estimated salvage and subrogation recoveries will be fully collected and any uncollected amount may be material to the Company's financial position and results of operations.

Establishment of case basis reserves for unpaid losses, loss adjustment expenses and IBNR on the Company's insured guaranties requires the use and exercise of significant judgment by management, including estimates regarding the severity of loss and the amount and timing of claim payments and recoveries on a guaranteed obligation. Case basis and IBNR reserves reflect management's best estimate of the present value of the Company's remaining unpaid ultimate loss and not the worst possible outcome. Actual experience may, and likely will, differ from those estimates and such difference may be material due to the fact that the ultimate dispositions of claims are subject to the outcome of events that have not yet occurred and, in certain cases, will occur over many years in the future. Examples of these events include changes in the level of interest rates, credit deterioration of guaranteed obligations, changes in the value of specific assets supporting guaranteed obligations, willingness of the obligor or sponsor to honor its commitments, changes in the expected timing of claims payments and recoveries, and changes in the amounts of expected claims payments and recoveries. Both qualitative and quantitative factors are used in making such estimates. Each quarter, in connection with the preparation of its financial statements, the Company reevaluates all such estimates. Changes in these estimates may be material and may result in material changes in the Company's policyholders' surplus. Any estimate of future costs is subject to the inherent limitation on management's ability to predict the aggregate course of future events. It should, therefore, be expected that the actual emergence of losses and claims will vary, perhaps materially, from any estimate.

- The Company is involved in a number of legal proceedings, both as plaintiff and defendant, as well as regulatory inquiries and investigations. Management cannot predict the outcomes of these proceedings and other contingencies with certainty. In addition, it is not possible to predict whether additional suits will be filed or whether additional inquiries or investigations will be commenced. The outcome of some of these proceedings and other contingencies could require the Company to take or refrain from taking actions which could have a material adverse effect on its business, financial position or cash flows or could require the Company to pay (or fail to receive) substantial amounts of money. Additionally, prosecuting and defending these lawsuits and proceedings has caused the Company to incur significant expenses. See Note 16.

- ACA FG has experienced and likely will continue to experience substantial tax losses in the conduct of its business.

Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code ("Section 382") contains rules that limit the ability of a corporation that experiences an "ownership change" to utilize its net operating loss carryforwards ("NOLs") and certain built-in losses recognized in periods following the ownership change. An ownership change is generally any change in ownership of more than 50 percentage points of a corporation's stock over a rolling 3-year period. Accordingly, the aggregate ownership change ("Aggregate Ownership Change") at any particular date represents the summation of the amount of ownership change resulting from all transactions in a corporation's stock occurring during the three year period ended on such date. These rules generally operate by focusing on ownership changes among shareholders owning directly or indirectly 5% or more of

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the stock of a corporation or any change in ownership arising from a new issuance of stock by the corporation. For purposes of the aforementioned test, ACA FG's surplus notes are considered stock and ACA FG's surplus note holders are considered shareholders.

Under Section 382, the transfer of ACA FG's surplus notes can cause an ownership change that would limit ACA FG's ability to utilize its NOLs and recognize certain built-in losses. Depending on the resulting limitation, a significant portion of ACA FG's NOLs could be deferred or could expire before ACA FG would be able to use them to offset positive taxable income in current or future tax periods.

ACA FG experienced an ownership change for purposes of Section 382 in 2014. As a consequence of the ownership change, ACA FG's ability to use its NOLs will be limited to approximately \$5.3 million on an annual basis.

Since the ownership change mentioned above, the Company has generated significant net operating losses in 2021, 2019, 2016, 2015 and 2014. Another ownership change may further limit the initial NOL limitation and could impact the ability to fully utilize NOLs generated in 2021, 2019, 2016, 2015 and 2014.

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- Management is actively seeking to (i) remediate deteriorated insured exposures to minimize claim payments, maximize recoveries and mitigate ultimate losses, (ii) increase the Company's capital, surplus, liquidity and claims paying resources, (iii) realize maximum value from various legal proceedings described in Note 16 and from any other rights and remedies the Company may have, and (iv) take other actions to enhance its financial position (hereafter collectively referred to as "Strategic Actions"). In regard to the Strategic Actions, the Company is actively pursuing or exploring a number of options available to it to enhance the Company's policyholders' surplus or liquidity position or address other challenges that the Company faces. The Company has taken steps to reduce operating expenses and expects to take further steps in the future as the insured portfolio and remediation activities decrease. In addition to the Strategic Actions mentioned above, management annually seeks approval from the MIA to make a payment on its surplus notes. No assurances can be given that the Company will be successful in completing any of the aforementioned actions. Furthermore, certain of the Strategic Actions contemplated by the Company may be outside the ordinary course of the Company's operations or its control and may require consents or approvals of parties outside of the Company, including the MIA.
- As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and related governmental actions to curtail social and economic activity, uncertainties have arisen which may negatively affect the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company. The Company has observed material financial impacts to a number of our insured obligations, particularly in hospitality and toll road sectors. The duration of these uncertainties and the ultimate financial effects, including impacts on additional sectors, credits and investment securities cannot fully be determined at this time.

## **5. Summary of Significant Differences Between NAIC SAP and GAAP**

The accompanying statutory-basis financial statements have been prepared in conformity with NAIC SAP, which differs in some respects from GAAP. The following is a description of the differences between the Company's significant NAIC SAP accounting policies and pertinent GAAP.

- Under NAIC SAP, upfront premiums are earned in proportion to current scheduled principal and interest payments due pursuant to the debt service schedule in the bond indenture to the total principal and interest payments scheduled to be paid over the life of the debt obligation. Additionally, under NAIC SAP, installment premiums are earned on a straight-line basis over each installment period (which periods are generally one year or less). Under GAAP, premium revenue is recognized over the period of the contract in proportion to the amount of insurance protection provided. Upfront and installment premium revenue is earned by applying a constant rate to the insured principal amount outstanding in a given period to recognize a proportionate share of the premium received or expected to be received on a financial guaranty insurance contract. Additionally, under GAAP, installment premiums receivable are recorded at the present value of the premiums due or expected to be collected over the period of the insurance contract using a discount rate which reflects the risk-free rate at the inception of the contract, whereas under NAIC SAP no receivable is recorded unless the amounts are due pursuant to the insurance contract;

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- Under NAIC SAP, acquisition costs are charged to operations as incurred rather than GAAP's requirement to defer and amortize the costs as the related premiums are earned;
- Under NAIC SAP, a mandatory contingency reserve is computed and recorded on the basis of statutory requirements, whereas under GAAP such reserves are not permitted;
- Under NAIC SAP, losses on financial guaranty insurance policies are recognized upon a payment default by the issuer of the insured obligation or establishment of IBNR whereas, under GAAP, losses on financial guaranty insurance policies are recognized when the weighted average probability of net cash outflows to be paid under the insurance contract exceed unearned premium reserves. In addition, under NAIC SAP, reserves for losses are discounted at a rate equal to the average rate of return on admitted assets, whereas under GAAP loss reserves are discounted using a risk-free rate as of the measurement date and are reported net of the liability at such date for unearned premium revenue;
- Under NAIC SAP, certain assets which are determined to be non-admissible under NAIC SAP (such as furniture and equipment, leasehold improvements, deferred income taxes in excess of certain limitations, prepaid expenses and any other assets deemed non-admittable) are excluded from the statements of admitted assets, liabilities and surplus and charged directly to unassigned surplus whereas, under GAAP, these amounts are reflected as assets;
- Investments in bonds are generally carried at amortized cost under NAIC SAP. Accordingly, unrealized changes in fair value are not reflected in the statutory-based statements of income and changes in capital and surplus or the statutory statements of admitted assets, liabilities and surplus. Bonds not qualified to be carried at amortized cost under NAIC SAP are carried at the lower of amortized cost or fair value as required by the NAIC with the differences between these values recorded directly to unassigned surplus net of an adjustment for deferred federal income taxes. Under GAAP, investments in bonds are classified at the time of purchase as "held to maturity" and reported at amortized cost, or "trading" and reported at fair value with unrealized gains and losses included in earnings, or "available for sale" and reported at fair value with unrealized gains and losses reported in a separate component of shareholders' equity net of an adjustment for deferred federal income taxes;
- Under NAIC SAP, investment in the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries are accounted for under the statutory equity method of accounting, whereas under GAAP such subsidiaries are consolidated into the financial statements of the Company;
- Under NAIC SAP, reserves for unpaid losses and unearned premiums are presented net of reinsurance, whereas under GAAP such amounts are presented gross of reinsurance and corresponding assets for reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses and prepaid reinsurance premiums are recorded;
- Under NAIC SAP, surplus notes are treated as equity and reported as part of capital and surplus, whereas under GAAP surplus notes may be recorded either as liabilities or equity depending upon whether the characteristics, or economic substance, of such securities are deemed to be more like debt or equity, respectively.

Although the net effect of the adjustments required to convert the accompanying statutory-basis financial statements to be in accordance with GAAP is not reasonably determinable, it is presumed that such adjustments would have a material effect on net income and surplus as regards policyholders for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

### 6. Investments

Bonds, with a NAIC carrying value of \$5.0 million and \$4.9 million were on deposit with various state regulatory authorities at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, as required by insurance regulations. These bonds represent 2.97% and 3.00% of Net Admitted Assets and 2.92% and 2.77% of Gross Assets at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.



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The NAIC carrying value, amortized cost and estimated fair value of bonds as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 were as follows:

Investment Categories	2021				
	NAIC Carrying Value	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
U.S. — Treasury securities	\$ 4,894	\$ 4,894	\$ 28	\$ (73)	\$ 4,849
Federal-agency securities	31	31	5	-	36
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	47,322	47,716	558	(526)	47,748
Corporate securities	24,270	24,269	952	(43)	25,178
Asset-backed securities	13,879	13,879	89	(39)	13,929
Mortgaged-backed securities	50,804	50,807	1,064	(858)	51,013
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 141,200</b>	<b>\$ 141,596</b>	<b>\$ 2,696</b>	<b>\$ (1,539)</b>	<b>\$ 142,753</b>

  

Investment Categories	2020				
	NAIC Carrying Value	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
U.S. — Treasury securities	\$ 4,748	\$ 4,748	\$ 118	\$ -	\$ 4,866
Federal-agency securities	35	35	7	-	42
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	32,487	32,657	2,170	(167)	34,660
Corporate securities	34,343	34,449	1,860	(297)	36,012
Asset-backed securities	7,364	7,364	56	-	7,420
Mortgaged-backed securities	62,634	62,634	2,205	(5)	64,834
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 141,611</b>	<b>\$ 141,887</b>	<b>\$ 6,416</b>	<b>\$ (469)</b>	<b>\$ 147,834</b>

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The NAIC carrying value and estimated fair value of bonds at December 31, 2021, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Actual maturities could differ from contractual maturities because borrowers have the right to call or prepay certain obligations which may or may not include call or prepayment penalties.

	NAIC Carrying Value	Estimated Fair Value
Due in one year or less	\$ 10,196	\$ 10,536
Due after one year through five years	16,424	16,875
Due after five years through ten years	32,853	33,198
Due after ten years	17,044	17,202
Subtotal	76,517	77,811
Asset-backed securities	13,879	13,929
Mortgaged-backed securities	50,804	51,013
Total	\$ 141,200	\$ 142,753

Proceeds from sales of bonds during 2021 and 2020 were \$32.2 million and \$49.0 million, respectively. Gross gains of \$3.8 million and \$0.9 million and gross losses of \$0.1 million and \$0.7 million were realized on those sales in 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Net investment income consisted of the following for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020:

	2021	2020
Income from fixed-maturity securities	\$ 6,085	\$ 6,030
Dividends from affiliate	32	25
Investment expenses	(328)	(318)
Net investment income	\$ 5,789	\$ 5,737

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The following table summarizes, for all securities in an unrealized loss position at December 31, 2021 and 2020, the aggregate fair value and gross unrealized loss by length of time the amounts have continuously been in an unrealized loss position:

	2021		2020	
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Loss
Less than 12 months:				
U.S. — Treasury securities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Federal-agency securities	-	-	-	-
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	-	-	-	-
Corporate securities	-	-	-	-
Asset-backed securities	-	-	-	-
Mortgaged-backed securities	-	-	-	-
Total less than 12 months	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	2021		2020	
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Loss
Greater than 12 months:				
U.S. — Treasury securities	\$ 3,937	\$ (73)	\$ -	\$ -
Federal-agency securities	-	-	-	-
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	37,724	(526)	10,862	(167)
Corporate securities	5,118	(43)	5,667	(297)
Asset-backed securities	8,410	(39)	-	-
Mortgaged-backed securities	23,680	(858)	612	(5)
Total greater than 12 months	78,869	(1,539)	17,141	(469)
Total	\$ 78,869	\$ (1,539)	\$ 17,141	\$ (469)

For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company recognized total OTTI on its bonds in the amount of \$162 thousand and \$43 thousand, respectively. OTTI recognized for loan-backed securities for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 amounted to \$162 thousand and \$43 thousand, respectively.

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OTTI on loan-backed securities was recognized due to the inability to retain the investment in the security for a period of time sufficient to recover the amortized cost basis. The following table shows the OTTI adjustment, by CUSIP, in 2021:

(1) CUSIP	(2) Book/Adjusted Carrying Value Amortized Cost Before OTTI	(3) Present Value of Projected Cash Flows	(4) Recognized OTTI in Loss	(5) Amortized Cost After OTTI	(6) Fair Value at time of OTTI
50179MAH4	\$ 162	\$ -	\$ 162	\$ -	\$ 73
Total			<u>\$ 162</u>		

### 7. Loss and Loss Adjustment Expenses

The following table is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of the reserve for losses and loss adjustment expenses as of December 31, 2021 and 2020:

	2021	2020
Balance — January 1	\$ 1	\$ 44,562
Less reinsurance recoverable	-	-
Net balance — January 1	1	44,562
Incurred related to:		
Current year	(66)	(167)
Prior years	(678)	4,684
Total incurred	(744)	4,517
Less paid related to:		
Current year	1,062	18
Prior years	(24,973)	49,060
Total paid	(23,911)	49,078
Net balance — December 31	23,168	1
Plus reinsurance recoverables	-	-
Balance — December 31	<u>\$ 23,168</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company's incurred loss and loss adjustment expenses of \$(0.7) million consisted of \$(1.5) million of losses and \$0.8 million of loss adjustment expenses.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company recorded a net provision for losses incurred of \$(1.5) million, which consisted of \$2.6 million of net favorable loss development on accident years prior to 2021 ("prior accident year claims"), and \$1.1 million of discount accretion. Losses paid in 2021 included the acceleration and/or resolution of a number of credits, most significant of which was Independence Place Fort Benning (received beginning of the year salvage value), Santa Rosa Bay Bridge Authority (currently held in the investment portfolio), Clark Atlanta (fully resolved during the year), and Lombard (currently held in the investment portfolio).

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In 2021, the Company made a claim payment of \$680.8 thousand on a CQC4 credit that experienced a payment default for the first time. The Company anticipated full recovery of loss payments over time due to its legal rights and strength of the credit and recognized a recoverable in the same amount as the loss payment, resulting in no losses for the 2021 accident year. As of December 31, 2021, the Company recorded a net liability for unpaid losses of \$22.0 million, which related to seven insured transactions, with a remaining aggregate in-force par outstanding of \$39.7 million. The Company recorded LAE incurred of \$0.8 million in 2021 and unpaid LAE of \$1.2 million as of December 31, 2021.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company's incurred loss and loss adjustment expenses of \$4.5 million consisted of \$3.3 million of losses and \$1.2 million of loss adjustment expenses.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company incurred losses of \$3.3 million, which consisted of \$3.0 million of net unfavorable development on reserves established in years prior to 2020 ("prior accident year claims") and \$0.3 million of discount accretion. Losses paid in 2020 included \$41.5 million related to ACA accelerations for loss remediation on two credits. In one case, the Company received collateral bonds, which are held in the investment portfolio, and the other case the underlying collateral was sold in February 2021.

The Company did not incur any 2020 accident year losses in 2020. As of December 31, 2020, the Company recorded a net salvage recoverable of \$2.6 million, which related to nineteen insured transactions, with a remaining aggregate in-force par outstanding of \$150.3 million. The net salvage recoverable position was primarily the result of the above mentioned remediations. The Company recorded LAE incurred of \$1.2 million in 2020 and unpaid LAE of \$2.6 million as of December 31, 2020.

As discussed in Note 4, the Company's estimate of its ultimate Off-Balance Sheet Losses at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 was zero.

### 8. Reinsurance

The Company assumed a portion of its business with other non-affiliated insurance and reinsurance companies and adjusted its estimated or potential liabilities for unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses and unearned premiums accordingly.

As of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, amounts reinsured were as follows:

	2021	2020
Income and expenses:		
Earned premiums assumed	\$ 126	\$ 329
Assets and liabilities:		
Unearned-premium reserve assumed	\$ 609	\$ 736
Outstanding exposure assumed:		
Principal outstanding assumed	\$ 129,403	\$ 152,752

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### 9. Income Taxes

The actual tax expense on income from operations differs from tax expense calculated at the U.S. statutory tax rate. A reconciliation of the Company's income tax expense together with the significant book to tax adjustments for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 is set forth below:

	2021	2020
Income before income taxes	\$ 14,125	\$ 1,582
Expected tax benefit at 21%	\$ 2,966	\$ 332
Dividends from subsidiaries	-	1
Tax exempt interest — net of proration	(45)	(211)
Change in statutory valuation allowance	(2,225)	428
Change in Contingency Reserve	1,272	8,043
Effect of Sequestration on AMT Credit Refund	-	-
Prior year tax adjustment and other	(361)	11
Total statutory income tax	\$ 1,607	\$ 8,604
Federal income tax benefit	\$ -	\$ (195)
Change in deferred income tax	1,607	8,799
Total statutory income tax	\$ 1,607	\$ 8,604

At December 31, 2021, the Company had net operating loss carryforwards expiring through the year 2041 of \$222.2 million and no AMT credit carryforwards.

In November 2015, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") concluded its examination of income tax returns for ACA through the 2008 tax year. No material adjustments arose as a result of the audit in relation to the financial position or results of operations of the Company for the tax years that were examined. As of December 31, 2021, no material adjustments are expected for tax years for which the statute of limitations remains open.

The Company's net operating and capital loss carryforwards are limited in its aggregate under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code. This limitation is reflected in the statutory valuation allowance determination. The cumulative remaining balance of net operating loss carryforwards subject to the Section 382 limitation at December 31, 2021 is approximately \$150.9 million.

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The components of the net deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are as follows:

	2021	2020
Gross deferred tax assets	\$ 51,761	\$ 55,258
Gross deferred tax liabilities	<u>(1,741)</u>	<u>(1,406)</u>
Net deferred tax asset	50,020	53,852
Statutory valuation allowance adjustment	(47,652)	(49,877)
Non-admitted deferred tax asset	<u>(2,368)</u>	<u>(3,975)</u>
Net admitted deferred tax asset	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Decrease in non-admitted deferred tax assets	<u>\$ (1,607)</u>	<u>\$ (8,799)</u>

Pursuant to paragraphs 11.a.–11.c. of SSAP 101, the admission calculation components at December 31, 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

	2021	2020	Change
Ordinary:			
(a) Admitted pursuant to 11.a.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(b) Admitted pursuant to 11.b. (lesser of 11.b.i. or 11.b.ii.)	-	-	-
(c) 11.b.i.	-	-	-
(d) 11.b.ii.	N/A	N/A	-
(e) Admitted pursuant to 11.c.	<u>1,741</u>	<u>1,406</u>	<u>335</u>
(f) Total ordinary admitted under 11.a. - 11.c.	<u>1,741</u>	<u>1,406</u>	<u>335</u>
(g) Ordinary deferred tax liabilities	<u>(1,741)</u>	<u>(1,406)</u>	<u>(335)</u>
Net ordinary admitted deferred tax assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Capital:			
(a) Admitted pursuant to 11.a.	-	-	-
(b) Admitted pursuant to 11.b. (lesser of 11.b.i. or 11.b.ii.)	-	-	-
(c) 11.b.i.	-	-	-
(d) 11.b.ii.	N/A	N/A	-
(e) Admitted pursuant to 11.c.	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
(f) Total capital admitted under 11.a. - 11.c.	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
(g) Capital deferred tax liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net capital admitted deferred tax assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net admitted deferred tax assets	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	2021	2020	Change
Deferred tax assets:			
Ordinary:			
Net operating loss carryforward	\$ 46,662	\$ 36,901	\$ 9,761
Contingency reserve	4,109	5,381	(1,272)
Unearned premium reserve	120	331	(211)
Tax credit carryforward	-	-	-
Salvage and Subrogation	(10)	11,463	(11,473)
Other (separately disclose items >5%)	269	-	269
Gross ordinary deferred tax assets	51,150	54,076	(2,926)
Statutory valuation adjustment - ordinary	(47,041)	(48,695)	1,654
Non-admitted ordinary deferred tax assets	(2,368)	(3,975)	1,607
Gross ordinary admitted deferred tax assets	1,741	1,406	335
Capital:			
Net capital loss carryforward	451	966	(515)
Investments	159	215	(56)
Gross capital deferred tax assets	610	1,181	(571)
Statutory valuation adjustment - capital	(610)	(1,181)	571
Non-admitted capital deferred tax assets	-	-	-
Gross capital admitted deferred tax assets	-	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities:			
Ordinary:			
Investments	(1,671)	(1,037)	(634)
Fixed assets	-	-	-
Deferred Comp-Bonus	-	(282)	282
Loss reserve discount	(70)	(87)	17
Other (separately disclose items >5%)	-	-	-
Gross ordinary deferred tax liabilities	(1,741)	(1,406)	(335)
Net admitted deferred tax assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -



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The change in net deferred income taxes is comprised of the following (exclusive of non-admitted assets):

	2021	2020
Total deferred tax assets, net of valuation allowance — January 1	\$ 5,381	\$ 13,619
Total deferred tax liabilities — January 1	(1,406)	(845)
Net deferred tax asset — January 1	3,975	12,774
Net deferred tax asset — December 31	2,368	3,975
Change in net deferred asset	(1,607)	(8,799)
Tax effect of unrealized losses	-	-
Change in net deferred income tax	\$ (1,607)	\$ (8,799)

There were no reserves for tax contingencies as required under SSAP 5 as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

### 10. Outstanding Exposure Under In-Force Financial Guaranty Insurance Contracts

While the Company establishes reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses on obligations in accordance with its accounting policies (see Note 1), the risk of loss under the Company's guaranties extends to the full amount of unpaid principal and interest on all debt obligations it has guaranteed (see description of financial guaranty insurance in Note 2). Net par outstanding in the tables below reflect only the outstanding principal balance for capital appreciation bond obligations that the Company has insured. The Company reports its remaining obligation, including any accreted values, as an interest obligation.

The table below reflects certain information regarding the in-force par exposure guaranteed by the Company at December 31, 2021 and 2020 (dollars in millions):

	2021		2020	
	Net Par Outstanding	% of Net Par Outstanding	Net Par Outstanding	% of Net Par Outstanding
Tax-exempt:				
Healthcare	\$ 12	4.5 %	\$ 13	2.7 %
Tax backed	49	18.4	55	11.5
Education	22	8.3	120	25.2
Long-term care	2	0.8	3	0.6
General obligations	131	49.2	166	34.8
Utilities	28	10.5	29	6.1
Transportation	13	4.9	32	6.7
Housing	-		6	1.3
Not for Profit	7	2.6	25	5.2
Other	2	0.8	28	5.9
Total public finance obligations	266	100.0	477	100.0
Taxable obligations — other	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 266	100.0 %	\$ 477	100.0 %

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The following table sets forth, by state, those states in which the Company has the largest net par outstanding of insured tax-exempt obligations (dollars in millions):

	2021		2020	
	Net Par Outstanding	% of Net Par Outstanding	Net Par Outstanding	% of Net Par Outstanding
New York	\$ 140	52.6 %	\$ 182	38.2 %
Florida	28	10.5	62	13.0
Arkansas	27	10.2	28	5.9
Ohio	10	3.8	11	2.3
Missouri	12	4.5	13	2.7
Other states	49	18.4	181	37.9
Total tax-exempt obligations	<u>\$ 266</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>\$ 477</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>

The outstanding principal amount of obligations insured by the Company as of December 31, 2021, net of amounts ceded, and the terms to maturity of such insured obligations were as follows (dollars in millions):

### Terms to Maturity

0 to 5 years	\$ 197
5 to 10 years	53
10 to 15 years	16
15 to 20 years	-
20 and above	-
Total	<u>\$ 266</u>

Actual maturities could differ from final maturities because borrowers have the right to refund or prepay certain obligations. Debt service on insured obligations for 2022 is approximately \$65.3 million.

## 11. Related Party Transactions

The payable to subsidiaries at December 31, 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

	2021	2020
Payable to Tactical Risk Management, LLC	<u>\$ 80</u>	<u>\$ 80</u>
Payable to subsidiaries	<u>\$ 80</u>	<u>\$ 80</u>

Dividends received from affiliate in the amount of \$32 thousand and \$25 thousand for 2021 and 2020, respectively (see Note 1 and Note 6).

## 12. Retirement Benefit Plans

The Company sponsors a defined contribution plan, which covers all full-time employees as of their start date. Eligible participants may contribute a percentage of their salary, subject to IRS limitations. The Company's contributions are based on a fixed percentage of employees' contributions subject to IRS limitations. The Company's expense for the plan years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 was \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

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### 13. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Pursuant to SSAP No. 100, Fair Value Measurements, the fair value of an asset is the amount at which that asset could be bought or sold in a current transaction between willing parties, that is, other than in a forced or liquidation sale. The fair value of a liability is the amount at which that liability could be incurred or settled in a current transaction between willing parties, that is, other than in a forced or liquidation sale.

Fair values are based on quoted market prices when available. When market prices are not available, fair value is generally estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, incorporating current market inputs for similar financial instruments with comparable terms and credit quality (matrix pricing). In instances where there is little or no market activity for the same or similar instruments, the Company estimates fair value using methods, models and assumptions that management believes market participants would use to determine a current transaction price. These valuation techniques involve some level of management estimation and judgment which becomes significant when valuing increasingly complex instruments. Where appropriate, adjustments are included to reflect the risk inherent in a particular methodology, model or input used.

The hierarchy defined by SSAP No. 100 gives the highest ranking to fair values determined using unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest ranking to fair values determined using methodologies and models with unobservable inputs (Level 3). An asset's or a liability's classification is based on the lowest level input that is significant to its measurement. For example, a Level 3 fair value measurement may include inputs that are both observable (Levels 1 and 2) and unobservable (Level 3). The levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

*Level 1* — Values are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities in active markets accessible at the measurement date.

*Level 2* — Inputs include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices from those willing to trade in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by market data for the term of the instrument. Such inputs include market interest rates and volatilities, spreads and yield curves.

*Level 3* — Certain inputs are unobservable (supported by little or no market activity) and significant to the fair value measurement. Unobservable inputs reflect the Company's best estimate of what hypothetical market participants would use to determine a transaction price for the asset or liability at the reporting date.

With the exception of certain investments in bonds and loan-backed securities that are reported at the lower of cost or fair value, or such securities on which an OTTI has been recognized as of the balance sheet date, the Company has no assets or liabilities reported in the accompanying statement of admitted assets, liabilities and capital and surplus at December 31, 2021, that are measured at fair value. The aforementioned securities which are reported at fair value in the accompanying financial statements represent securities that are reported at fair value on a non-recurring basis.

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The tables below present the investments carried by the Company at fair value at December 31, 2021 and 2020:

December 31, 2021	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
a. Assets at fair value on a nonrecurring basis:				
Cash equivalents and short-term	\$ -	\$ 2,198	\$ -	\$ 2,198
Bonds	-	19,858	-	19,858
Total assets at fair value	\$ -	\$ 22,056	\$ -	\$ 22,056
b. Total liabilities at fair value				
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
December 31, 2020				
December 31, 2020	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
a. Assets at fair value on a nonrecurring basis:				
Cash equivalents and short-term	\$ -	\$ 852	\$ -	\$ 852
Bonds	-	11,299	-	11,299
Total assets at fair value	\$ -	\$ 12,151	\$ -	\$ 12,151
b. Total liabilities at fair value				
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

The Company had no transfers of securities between levels during 2021 or 2020.

When available, the estimated fair value for bonds, including loan-backed and structured securities, and short-term investments are based on quoted prices in active markets that are readily and regularly obtainable. Generally, these investments are classified in Level 2.

When quoted prices in active markets are not available, the determination of estimated fair value is based on market standard valuation methodologies, giving priority to observable inputs. The significant inputs to the market standard valuation methodologies for certain types of securities with reasonable levels of price transparency are inputs that are observable in the market or can be derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data. Generally, these investments are classified in Level 2.

When observable inputs are not available, the market standard valuation methodologies for determining the estimated fair value of certain types of securities that trade infrequently, and therefore have little or no price transparency, rely on inputs that are significant to the estimated fair value that are not observable in the market or cannot be derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data. These unobservable inputs can be based in large part on management's judgment or estimation, and cannot be supported by reference to market activity. Even though these inputs are unobservable, management believes they are consistent with what other market participants would use when pricing such securities and are considered appropriate given the circumstances. Generally, these investments are classified in Level 3.

The estimated fair value for cash approximates carrying value and is classified as Level 1 given the nature of cash.

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The tables below present the aggregate estimated fair value and admitted value of the Company's total investment portfolio and cash and short-term investments at December 31, 2021 and 2020 along with how much of the aggregate estimated fair value represents Level 1, 2, and 3 estimates under the fair value hierarchy prescribed under SSAP No. 100:

	2021				
	Aggregate Fair Value	Admitted Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:					
Bonds	\$ 142,752	\$ 141,200	\$ -	\$ 142,752	\$ -
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	11,064	11,064	8,866	2,198	-
Other invested assets	2,406	2,406	-	-	2,406
Receivable for securities	12,388	12,388	2,400	9,988	-
Total	<u>\$ 168,610</u>	<u>\$ 167,058</u>	<u>\$ 11,266</u>	<u>\$ 154,938</u>	<u>\$ 2,406</u>

	2020				
	Aggregate Fair Value	Admitted Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:					
Bonds	\$ 147,834	\$ 141,611	\$ -	\$ 147,834	\$ -
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	19,187	19,187	18,335	852	-
Total	<u>\$ 167,021</u>	<u>\$ 160,798</u>	<u>\$ 18,335</u>	<u>\$ 148,686</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

### 14. Restricted Balances

As mentioned in Note 6, Investments, the Company has assets on deposit with various regulatory authorities. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company holds no cash collateral relating to an insured transaction. In addition, as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company had approximately \$28 thousand on deposit with its landlord as collateral under its office lease obligations (see Note 17), which was non-admitted.

### 15. Regulatory Matters

As of December 31, 2021, the Company's policyholders' surplus, as determined in accordance with statutory-basis accounting practices, was \$117.2 million. Such amount was in excess of the minimum capital and surplus level required by the MIA.

In addition to the MIA, the insurance departments of certain other states have various requirements relating to the maintenance of certain minimum statutory-basis capital and reserves, single risk limits and limits on non-investment grade obligations. The Company does not meet certain of these requirements. As a runoff company, the Company reviews its compliance with each of the state's various requirements, and to the extent that it is not compliant, the Company has not received any material adverse action from any state in the time since restructuring. The Company believes that the other states have declined to take action because remedies availability, such as the ability to write new business, are already addressed in the Order and by ongoing regulatory oversight of the MIA.

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As disclosed in Note 3, Restructuring Transaction, the Company is currently operating under the Order issued by the MIA. Pursuant to this Order, the Company is restricted from paying dividends or making payments to the surplus note holders without the prior approval of the Commissioner of the MIA. In addition, under Maryland insurance law, the Company may pay a dividend without the prior approval of the Commissioner of the MIA from earned surplus, as defined, subject to the maintenance of a minimum-capital requirement, and the dividend, which, together with all dividends declared or distributed by it during the preceding twelve months, may not exceed the lesser of 10% of policyholders' surplus shown on its last annual statement, or net investment income, as defined, for such twelve-month period. In addition, pursuant to the Restructuring Transaction discussed in Note 3, the surplus notes restrict the Company from paying dividends without the prior approval of the surplus note holders. The Company has negative earned surplus and therefore, is not able to pay dividends in 2021 other than extraordinary dividends as allowed by the MIA. On June 17, 2019, the MIA approved a one-time payment to the surplus note holders of \$5.6 million relating to the July 2018 request. On November 25, 2020, the MIA approved a payment of \$11.0 million relating to ACA's July 2019 and July 2020 requests. ACA recorded an accrued liability at December 31, 2020 for this payment which was made on January 11, 2021. On September 22, 2021, the MIA approved another payment of \$11.0 million relating to ACA's July 2021 request. ACA recorded an accrued liability at September 30, 2021 for this payment which was made on October 21, 2021. No dividends to surplus note holders were made during 2021.

The portion of unassigned surplus reduced by each item below at December 31, 2021 and 2020 is as follows:

	2021	2020
a. Unrealized losses, net of deferred tax benefit of \$0 for 2021 and 2020	\$ (774)	\$ (296)
b. Non-admitted asset values	\$ (2,858)	\$ (5,452)

### 16. Contingencies

The Company (specifically, ACA Management, LLC) is one of many defendants in an action pending in New Mexico First Judicial District Court, in Santa Fe, filed in 2008 by Frank Foy on behalf of the State of New Mexico. The complaint alleges that Vanderbilt Capital Advisors (and certain affiliates) engaged in an unlawful "pay to play" scheme with various New Mexico state officials, causing two New Mexico state agencies to purchase certain worthless CDO investments, including some with which the Company was allegedly connected. The complaint seeks compensatory damages in excess of \$90 million, plus interest and civil penalties which the plaintiffs assert raise the claim to several hundred million dollars under certain New Mexico statutes, including the Fraud Against Taxpayers Act ("FATA"). Further, the complaint seeks to impose joint and several liability on all defendants. In April 2010, the then-presiding judge ruled that the retroactive nature of FATA was unconstitutional. The ruling was affirmed by the New Mexico Court of Appeals. However, on June 25, 2015, the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico reversed and held that FATA is constitutional. The New Mexico Supreme Court also consolidated multiple related cases and reassigned the consolidated proceeding to a new district judge. On June 6, 2017, the district court granted both the New Mexico Attorney General's motion to dismiss and Vanderbilt's motion to confirm its settlement with the New Mexico Attorney General. The order was entered September 8, 2017. On October 8, 2017, Frank Foy appealed the dismissal. The State of New Mexico twice unsuccessfully tried to dismiss the appeal. On June 9, 2020, the New Mexico Court of Appeals affirmed the rulings of the district court approving the settlement negotiated by the New Mexico Attorney General and dismissing Foy's claims in their entirety. On June 24, 2020 Foy moved for rehearing and on June 30, 2020 the New Mexico Court of Appeals denied the motion. On July 30, 2020 Foy sought further review by petitioning the New Mexico Supreme Court for writs of certiorari. On August 13, 2020, the New Mexico Supreme Court denied the writ of certiorari. Foy has the right to file a motion for rehearing. Foy asked for an extension from October 26th to November 24th to file a motion for rehearing. The Court denied the motion. On October 26, 2020, Foy filed a motion for rehearing. That motion is still pending. In February 2021, Foy filed motion to recoup attorney's fees from the settlement, which the state has argued is inappropriate. In addition, certain of the settling defendants filed suit to dismiss the case on the basis of the death of Frank Foy in April 2021. There have

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also been additional procedural maneuvers by Foy, the State and certain of the key defendants. None of these maneuvers has direct relevance to the Company. To the extent activity directly involving the Company resumes in the case, the Company intends to continue to defend itself vigorously.

Various lawsuits against the Company have arisen in the course of the Company's business. Contingent liabilities arising from such litigation and other matters are not considered material in relation to the financial position or the results of operations of the Company.

We have from time to time filed for damages, reserved rights and/or delivered notices of potential claims both to private parties and governmental entities, agencies and instrumentalities. We continually seek opportunities to obtain restitution and compensation for losses and related expenses incurred on previously issued financial guaranty insurance policies and on investment losses. The outcome of any such efforts remains uncertain at this time.

### 17. Leases

The Company has a lease for office space at 555 Theodore Fremd Avenue in Rye, NY with a commencement date of September 1, 2016 and a termination date of November 30, 2021. In April 2021, the Company signed a lease extension for smaller office space within the same building until November 30, 2023.

At December 31, 2021, expected future minimum lease payments under its lease at 555 Theodore Fremd Avenue are as follows:

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>December 31,</u>	<u>Operating</u> <u>Leases</u>
2022	\$ 105
2023	98
2024	-
2025	-
2026	-
Beyond 5 years	-
Total	<u>\$ 203</u>

The Company's rental expense for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 was \$115 thousand and \$146 thousand, respectively.

### 18. Surplus Notes

Interests in the surplus notes issued in connection with the Restructuring Transaction (see Note 3) are either in the form of voting interests or non-voting interests. Surplus notes issued to the former insured swap counterparties represent voting and non-voting interests (at each counterparty's individual discretion) while notes issued to ACAH represent non-voting interests. By their terms the surplus notes are subordinate to the claims of policyholders, claimant and beneficiary claims, and to all other classes of creditors other than surplus note holders. However, claims under the surplus notes are superior to claims of preferred and common shareholders of the Company. Payments under the surplus notes of either principal or interest can only be paid out of the surplus of the Company after the Company provides for all reserves and other liabilities and only with the prior written approval of the MIA. The surplus note holders can request that the Company seek such approval.

Among others, holders of the surplus notes with voting interests have rights regarding the appointment of directors and amendments to the surplus notes. Each holder with greater than 10% initial voting rights has disclaimed control over the Company. This disclaimer has been approved by the MIA.

Pursuant to the surplus notes, the Company provides certain covenants which generally limit the activities of the Company and its subsidiaries to operating as a run-off business.

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### 19. Financial Guaranty Insurance

As discussed in Note 1, the Company does not record premiums receivable on installment premium paying contracts unless such amounts are due, nor is any corresponding unearned premium recorded until such amounts are due.

The future expected earned premium revenue on upfront premium paying contracts as of December 31, 2021, assuming no Refundings, are as follows:

1st Quarter 2022	\$ 142
2nd Quarter 2022	117
3rd Quarter 2022	310
4th Quarter 2022	<u>194</u>
Year 2022	763
Year 2023	692
Year 2024	654
Year 2025	675
Year 2026	669
2027 through 2031	1,756
2032 through 2036	<u>500</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,709</u>

Significant components of the change in the claim liability for the period are as follows:

#### Components

Reserves for losses and LAE at December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 1</u>
Change in reserves:	
Prior accident years	24,295
Current accident year	<u>(1,128)</u>
Subtotal change in reserves	<u>23,167</u>
Reserves for losses and LAE at December 31, 2021	<u>\$ 23,168</u>

The Company's credit quality classifications are as follows:

#### *Category 1: Fully Performing*

Credits are fully performing. Covenants have been met, financial reporting is timely and complete, and there have been no significant negative deviations from expected performance.

#### *Category 2: Watch*

Credits are performing below expected levels. Some covenants have been violated, projected budget and/or cash flow has not been achieved, operating performance or financial position is weakened. Although operating results are below underwriting expectations, current and projected revenues are adequate to service debt.



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### *Category 3: Deteriorating*

Credits show significant performance declines. Covenant violations are recurring and material; cashflow is significantly below projections, operating results are materially impaired. Corrective action is required to arrest credit deterioration and avert a longer-term risk of payment default.

### *Category 4: Paid or Expected Claim*

Credits show material decline in creditworthiness and ability to pay. Operating results are increasingly negative, unreimbursed draws on debt service reserves have been made; payment defaults have occurred or are expected, and loss reserves have been established or are expected to be established in the financial statements.

Risk management activities are performed by ACA FG's portfolio management department. Portfolio analysts monitor all insured transactions in the portfolio to determine whether their financial performance is consistent with underwriting expectations and to identify any deterioration in the obligor's ability or willingness to pay insured debt service. Portfolio management staff are also responsible for recommending and undertaking remedial actions to prevent or mitigate losses.

All transactions in the insured portfolio are assigned one of four internal credit quality classifications that reflect the current and expected performance of the obligor. Ratings are reviewed and updated on a regular basis as analysts obtain more current financial and market information from the obligor, the trustee, or from public sources such as rating agencies and fixed income analysts. The frequency with which individual obligors are reviewed is based on ACA FG's judgment of potential performance volatility and varies according to credit classification, sector, geography, size of exposure, and exogenous events.

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The risk of loss under the Company's guaranties extends to the full amount of unpaid principal and interest on all debt obligations it has guaranteed. Net par outstanding in the table below reflects only the outstanding principal balance for capital appreciation bond obligations that the Company has insured. The Company reports its remaining obligation, including any accreted values, as an interest obligation. Insured financial obligations as of December 31, 2021 are as follows:

	Credit Quality Categories				Total
	1	2	3	4	
Number of policies	13	9	2	8	32
Remaining weighted-average contract period (in years)	3	5	5	6	
Insured contractual payments outstanding:					
Principal	\$ 167,325	\$ 24,044	\$ 12,823	\$ 61,675	\$ 265,867
Interest	52,474	43,390	3,120	22,332	121,316
Total	\$ 219,799	\$ 67,434	\$ 15,943	\$ 84,007	\$ 387,183
Gross claim and LAE liability	\$ 6	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 30,474	\$ 30,500
Less:					
Gross potential recoveries	-	-	-	3,045	3,045
Discount — net	-	-	-	4,287	4,287
Net claim and LAE liability	\$ 6	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 23,142	\$ 23,168
Unearned premium revenue	\$ 1,914	\$ 1,318	\$ 216	\$ 2,261	\$ 5,709
Reinsurance recoverables	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

The Company purchases ACA insured bonds periodically in the marketplace when available and the price meets internal prescribed limits for category 4 rated credits. For accounting purposes, the Company reflects the purchase as a loss payment and carries the bond at a zero value. Unless the bond is cancelled with the trustee, the par value remains outstanding. At December 31, 2021, the par value outstanding of category 4 bonds purchased and not cancelled is \$4.3 million.

### 20. Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated all subsequent events through May 10, 2022, the date the statutory-basis financial statements were available to be issued. There were no events that required adjustment to the statutory-basis financial statements.

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**Summary Investment Schedule**  
**December 31, 2021**  
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Investment Categories	Gross Investment Holdings		Admitted Asset As Reported in the Annual Statement	
	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 4,894	2.9%	\$ 4,894	2.9%
U.S. government agency and corporate obligations (excluding mortgage-backed securities) — issued by U.S. government sponsored agencies	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Securities issued by states, territories and possessions and political subdivisions in the U.S.:				
States, territories and possessions general obligations	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Political subdivisions of states, territories and possessions and political subdivisions general obligations	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Revenue and assessment obligations	49,728	29.8%	49,728	29.8%
Industrial development and similar obligations	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Mortgage-backed securities (includes residential and commercial MBS) pass-through securities:				
Issued or guaranteed by GNMA	494	0.3%	494	0.3%
Issued or guaranteed by FNMA and FHLMC	28,648	17.2%	28,648	17.2%
All other	13,993	8.4%	13,993	8.4%
CMOs and REMICs:				
Issued or guaranteed by GNMA, FNMA, FHLMC or VA	2,487	1.5%	2,487	1.5%
Issued by non-U.S. government issuers and collateralized by mortgage-backed securities issued or guaranteed by GNMA, FNMA, FHLMC or VA	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
All other	5,213	3.1%	5,213	3.1%
Other debt and other fixed income securities (excluding short-term):				
Unaffiliated domestic securities (includes credit tenant loans rated by the SVO)	34,473	20.6%	34,473	20.6%
Unaffiliated foreign securities	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Receivable for securities	3,675	2.2%	3,675	2.2%
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	12,388	7.4%	12,388	7.4%
	11,065	6.6%	11,065	6.6%
<b>Total cash and invested assets</b>	<b>\$ 167,058</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 167,058</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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### Investment Risk Interrogatories December 31, 2021 (dollars in thousands)

Provided below are management's responses to the Investment Risk Interrogatories and Summary Investment Schedule required by NAIC SAP. Questions/Categories not applicable to the Company have not been included below.

The Company's total admitted assets as of December 31, 2021 are: \$ 167,970

The Company's ten largest exposures to a single issuer based upon statement value listed by investment category are as follows:

Description of Exposure	Issuer	Amount	Percentage of Total Admitted Assets
Municipal	Santa Rosa Bay Florida Bridge Authority	\$ 26,840	16.0%
CMO, MBS	Federal National Mortgage Association	15,604	9.3%
CMO, MBS	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	15,531	9.2%
Municipal	Public Finance Authority, Wisconsin	10,739	6.4%
Municipal	Westchester County New York Industrial Developn	8,076	4.8%
MBS	Morgan Stanley Bank Of America Merrill Lynch Tru	4,256	2.5%
Bonds	Energy Transfer Operating, L.P.	3,198	1.9%
MBS	Morgan Stanley Bank of America Merrill Lynch Tru	3,181	1.9%
MBS	COMM 2015-CCRE23 Mortgage Trust	3,008	1.8%
ABS	Citibank Credit Card Issuance Trust	3,000	1.8%

The Company's amounts and percentages of total admitted assets held in bonds by NAIC rating categories are as follows:

NAIC Rating Category	Amount	Percentage of Total Admitted Assets
NAIC-1	\$ 70,023	41.7%
NAIC-2	23,219	13.8%
NAIC-3	635	0.4%
NAIC-4	-	0.0%
NAIC-5	1,142	0.7%
NAIC-6	48,379	28.8%

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**Investment Risk Interrogatories (Cont'd)**  
**December 31, 2021**  
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	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Admitted Assets</u>
Total admitted assets held in foreign investments	\$ 3,675	2.2%

Aggregate foreign investment exposure categorized by NAIC sovereign rating:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Admitted Assets</u>
Countries rated NAIC-1	\$ 3,675	2.2%

The Company's largest foreign investment exposures by country, by the country's NAIC sovereign rating:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Admitted Assets</u>
Countries rated NAIC-1:		
Australia	\$ 3,675	2.2%

The Company's ten largest non-sovereign (i.e. non-governmental) foreign issues are as follows:

<u>Issuer Description</u>	<u>NAIC Rating</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Admitted Assets</u>
Westpac Banking Corporation	2FE	\$ 1,875	1.1%
Australia and New Zealand B&	2FE	1,800	1.1%

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## Reinsurance Interrogatories December 31, 2021

- 7.1 Has the reporting entity reinsured any risk with any other entity under a quota share reinsurance contract that includes a provision that would limit the reinsurer's losses below the stated quota share percentage (e.g., a deductible, a loss ratio corridor, a loss cap, an aggregate limit or any similar provisions)?  
Yes  No
- 9.1 Has the reporting entity ceded any risk under any reinsurance contract (or under multiple contracts with the same reinsurer or its affiliates) for which during the period covered by the statement: (i) it recorded a positive or negative underwriting result greater than 5% of prior yearend surplus as regards policyholders or it reported calendar year written premium ceded or year-end loss and loss expense reserves ceded greater than 5% of prior year-end surplus as regards policyholders; (ii) it accounted for that contract as reinsurance and not as a deposit; and (iii) the contract(s) contain one or more of the following features or other features that would have similar results:
- (a) A contract term longer than two years and the contract is noncancellable by the reporting entity during the contract term;
  - (b) A limited or conditional cancellation provision under which cancellation triggers an obligation by the reporting entity, or an affiliate of the reporting entity, to enter into a new reinsurance contract with the reinsurer, or an affiliate of the reinsurer;
  - (c) Aggregate stop loss reinsurance coverage;
  - (d) A unilateral right by either party (or both parties) to commute the reinsurance contract, whether conditional or not, except for such provisions which are only triggered by a decline in the credit status of the other party;
  - (e) A provision permitting reporting of losses, or payment of losses, less frequently than on a quarterly basis (unless there is no activity during the period); or
  - (f) Payment schedule, accumulating retentions from multiple years or any features inherently designed to delay timing of the reimbursement to the ceding entity. Yes  No
- 9.2 Has the reporting entity during the period covered by the statement ceded any risk under any reinsurance contract (or under multiple contracts with the same reinsurer or its affiliates), for which, during the period covered by the statement, it recorded a positive or negative underwriting result greater than 5% of prior year-end surplus as regards policyholders or it reported calendar year written premium ceded or year-end loss and loss expense reserves ceded greater than 5% of prior year-end surplus as regards policyholders; excluding cessions to approved pooling agreements or to captive insurance companies that are directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with (i) one or more unaffiliated policyholders of the reporting entity, or (ii) an association of which one or more unaffiliated policyholders of the reporting entity is a member, where:
- (a) The written premium ceded to the reinsurer by the reporting entity or its affiliates represents fifty percent (50%) or more of the entire direct and assumed premium written by the reinsurer based on its most recently available financial statement; or
  - (b) Twenty five percent (25%) or more of the written premium ceded to the reinsurer has been retroceded back to the reporting entity or its affiliates in a separate reinsurance contract.  
Yes  No
- 9.4 Except for transactions meeting the requirements of paragraph 31 of SSAP No. 62R—Property and Casualty Reinsurance, disclose if the reporting entity ceded any risk under any reinsurance contract (or multiple contracts with the same reinsurer or its affiliates) during the period covered by the financial statement, and either:

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**(dollars in thousands)**

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- (a) Accounted for that contract as reinsurance (either prospective or retroactive) under statutory accounting principles ("SAP") and as a deposit under generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"); or
- (b) Accounted for that contract as reinsurance under GAAP and as a deposit under SAP?  
Yes [ ]                      No [X]

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