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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2016

OR

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

For the Transition Period from to

Commission File Number 001-16707

Prudential Financial, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

New Jersey 22-3703799

(State or Other Jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
Incorporation or Organization) Identification Number)

751 Broad Street

Newark, New Jersey 07102

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(Address and Telephone Number of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

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

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

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

As of April 30, 2016, 442 million shares of the registrant's Common Stock (par value \$0.01) were outstanding.

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Forward-Looking Statements

Certain of the statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including but not limited to those in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as "expects," "believes," "anticipates," "includes," "plans," "assumes," "estimates," "projects," "intends," "should," "will," "shall" or variations of these words are generally part of forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are made based on management's current expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effects upon Prudential Financial, Inc. and its subsidiaries. There can be no assurance that future developments affecting Prudential Financial, Inc. and its subsidiaries will be those anticipated by management. These forward-looking statements are not a guarantee of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties, and there are certain important factors that could cause actual results to differ, possibly materially, from expectations or estimates reflected in such forward-looking statements, including, among others: (1) general economic, market and political conditions, including the performance and fluctuations of fixed income, equity, real estate and other financial markets; (2) the availability and cost of additional debt or equity capital or external financing for our operations; (3) interest rate fluctuations or prolonged periods of low interest rates; (4) the degree to which we choose not to hedge risks, or the potential ineffectiveness or insufficiency of hedging or risk management strategies we do implement; (5) any inability to access our credit facility; (6) reestimates of our reserves for future policy benefits and claims; (7) differences between actual experience regarding mortality, morbidity, persistency, utilization, interest rates or market returns and the assumptions we use in pricing our products, establishing liabilities and reserves or for other purposes; (8) changes in our assumptions related to deferred policy acquisition costs, value of business acquired or goodwill; (9) changes in assumptions for our pension and other post-retirement benefit plans; (10) changes in our financial strength or credit ratings; (11) statutory reserve requirements associated with term and universal life insurance policies under Regulation XXX and Guideline AXXX; (12) investment losses, defaults and counterparty non-performance; (13) competition in our product lines and for personnel; (14) difficulties in marketing and distributing products through current or future distribution channels; (15) changes in tax law; (16) economic, political, currency and other risks relating to our international operations; (17) fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and foreign securities markets; (18) regulatory or legislative changes, including the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the U.S. Department of Labor's fiduciary rules; (19) inability to protect our intellectual property rights or claims of infringement of the intellectual property rights of others; (20) adverse determinations in litigation or regulatory matters, and our exposure to contingent liabilities, including related to the remediation of certain securities lending activities administered by the Company; (21) domestic or international military actions, natural or man-made disasters including terrorist activities or pandemic disease, or other events resulting in catastrophic loss of life; (22) ineffectiveness of risk management policies and procedures in identifying, monitoring and managing risks; (23) possible difficulties in executing, integrating and realizing projected results of acquisitions, divestitures and restructurings; (24) interruption in telecommunication, information technology or other operational systems or failure to maintain the security, confidentiality or privacy of sensitive data on such systems; (25) changes in statutory or U.S. GAAP accounting principles, practices or policies; and (26) Prudential Financial, Inc.'s primary reliance, as a holding company, on dividends or distributions from its subsidiaries to meet debt payment obligations and the ability of the subsidiaries to pay such dividends or distributions in light of our ratings objectives and/or applicable regulatory restrictions. Prudential Financial, Inc. does not intend, and is under no obligation, to update any particular forward-looking statement included in this document. See "Risk Factors" included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 for discussion of certain risks relating to our businesses and investment in our securities.

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Throughout this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, “Prudential Financial” and the “Registrant” refer to Prudential Financial, Inc., the ultimate holding company for all of our companies. “Prudential Insurance” refers to The Prudential Insurance Company of America. “Prudential,” the “Company,” “we” and “our” refer to our consolidated operations.

PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Financial Statements

PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC.

Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 (in millions, except share amounts)

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
ASSETS		
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale, at fair value (amortized cost: 2016-\$278,000; 2015-\$265,416)(1)	\$ 314,529	\$ 290,323
Fixed maturities, held-to-maturity, at amortized cost (fair value: 2016-\$2,841; 2015-\$2,624)(1)	2,411	2,308
Trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities, at fair value(1)	21,447	20,522
Other trading account assets, at fair value(1)	8,052	14,458
Equity securities, available-for-sale, at fair value (cost: 2016-\$7,026; 2015-\$6,847)	9,400	9,274
Commercial mortgage and other loans (includes \$286 and \$274 measured at fair value under the fair value option at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively)(1)	50,798	50,559
Policy loans	11,805	11,657
Other long-term investments (includes \$1,292 and \$1,322 measured at fair value under the fair value option at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively)(1)	10,281	9,986
Short-term investments	3,697	8,105
Total investments	432,420	417,192
Cash and cash equivalents(1)	22,492	17,612
Accrued investment income(1)	3,180	3,110
Deferred policy acquisition costs	15,998	16,718
Value of business acquired	2,582	2,828
Other assets(1)(2)	14,822	14,225
Separate account assets	281,501	285,570
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 772,995	\$ 757,255
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Future policy benefits	\$ 234,728	\$ 224,384
Policyholders' account balances(1)	139,745	136,784
Policyholders' dividends	6,373	5,578
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	8,357	7,882
Cash collateral for loaned securities	4,052	3,496
Income taxes	12,128	8,714
Short-term debt	969	1,216
Long-term debt(2)	19,608	19,594
Other liabilities(1)	13,323	13,517
Notes issued by consolidated variable interest entities (includes \$2,946 and \$8,597 measured at fair value under the fair value option at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively)(1)	2,946	8,597
Separate account liabilities	281,501	285,570
Total liabilities	723,730	715,332
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (See Note 15)		

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EQUITY

Preferred Stock (\$.01 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; none issued)	0	0
Common Stock (\$.01 par value; 1,500,000,000 shares authorized; 660,111,339 shares issued at both March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015)	6	6
Additional paid-in capital	24,420	24,482
Common Stock held in treasury, at cost (216,964,935 and 213,009,970 shares at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively)	(14,093)	(13,814)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	19,066	12,285
Retained earnings	19,843	18,931
Total Prudential Financial, Inc. equity	49,242	41,890
Noncontrolling interests	23	33
Total equity	49,265	41,923
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$772,995	\$ 757,255

(1) See Note 5 for details of balances associated with variable interest entities.

(2) Prior period amounts are presented on a basis consistent with the current period presentation, reflecting the adoption of ASU 2015-03. See Note 2 for additional information.

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PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC.

Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Operations

Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 (in millions, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015	
REVENUES		
Premiums	\$6,297	\$6,647
Policy charges and fee income	1,599	1,608
Net investment income	3,670	3,769
Asset management and service fees	905	952
Other income (loss)	(23)	215
Realized investment gains (losses), net:		
Other-than-temporary impairments on fixed maturity securities	(158)	(14)
Other-than-temporary impairments on fixed maturity securities transferred to Other comprehensive income	32	6
Other realized investment gains (losses), net	2,007	2,369
Total realized investment gains (losses), net	1,881	2,361
Total revenues	14,329	15,552
BENEFITS AND EXPENSES		
Policyholders' benefits	7,031	7,239
Interest credited to policyholders' account balances	1,286	1,233
Dividends to policyholders	266	781
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs	1,202	789
General and administrative expenses	2,812	2,762
Total benefits and expenses	12,597	12,804
INCOME (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAXES AND EQUITY IN EARNINGS OF OPERATING JOINT VENTURES	1,732	2,748
Total income tax expense (benefit)	368	699
INCOME (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE EQUITY IN EARNINGS OF OPERATING JOINT VENTURES	1,364	2,049
Equity in earnings of operating joint ventures, net of taxes	5	(3)
INCOME (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	1,369	2,046
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes	0	0
NET INCOME (LOSS)	1,369	2,046
Less: Income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	33	10
NET INCOME (LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC.	\$1,336	\$2,036
EARNINGS PER SHARE		
Basic earnings per share-Common Stock:		
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to Prudential Financial, Inc.	\$2.97	\$4.44
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes	0.00	0.00
Net income (loss) attributable to Prudential Financial, Inc.	\$2.97	\$4.44
Diluted earnings per share-Common Stock:		
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to Prudential Financial, Inc.	\$2.93	\$4.37
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes	0.00	0.00
Net income (loss) attributable to Prudential Financial, Inc.	\$2.93	\$4.37
Dividends declared per share of Common Stock	\$0.70	\$0.58

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PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC.

Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
 Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 (in millions)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$1,369	\$2,046
Other comprehensive income (loss), before tax:		
Foreign currency translation adjustments for the period	737	(67)
Net unrealized investment gains (losses)	9,413	2,490
Defined benefit pension and postretirement unrecognized periodic benefit (cost)	34	52
Total	10,184	2,475
Less: Income tax expense (benefit) related to other comprehensive income (loss)	3,399	811
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of taxes	6,785	1,664
Comprehensive income (loss)	8,154	3,710
Less: Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	37	(28)
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Prudential Financial, Inc.	\$8,117	\$3,738

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PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC.

Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Equity

Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 (in millions)

Prudential Financial, Inc. Equity									
	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Common Stock Held In Treasury	Class B Stock Held in Treasury	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Prudential Financial, Inc. Equity	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$6	\$24,482	\$18,931	\$(13,814)	\$0	\$12,285	\$41,890	\$33	\$41,923
Cumulative effect of adoption of accounting changes			11				11	(30)	(19)
Common Stock acquired				(375)			(375)		(375)
Class B Stock repurchase adjustment			(119)				(119)		(119)
Contributions from noncontrolling interests								2	2
Distributions to noncontrolling interests								(19)	(19)
Stock-based compensation programs	(62)			96			34		34
Dividends declared on Common Stock			(316)				(316)		(316)
Comprehensive income:									
Net income (loss)			1,336				1,336	33	1,369
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax						6,781	6,781	4	6,785
Total comprehensive income (loss)							8,117	37	8,154
Balance, March 31, 2016	\$6	\$24,420	\$19,843	\$(14,093)	\$0	\$19,066	\$49,242	\$23	\$49,265

Prudential Financial, Inc. Equity									
	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Common Stock Held In Treasury	Class B Stock Held in Treasury	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Prudential Financial, Inc. Equity	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$6	\$24,565	\$14,888	\$(13,088)	\$(651)	\$16,050	\$41,770	\$579	\$42,349
Common Stock acquired				(250)			(250)		(250)
Class B Stock cancelled	(167)		(484)		651		0		0
Contributions from noncontrolling interests								11	11
Distributions to noncontrolling interests								(32)	(32)
	(52)			105			53		53

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Stock-based compensation programs									
Dividends declared on Common Stock	(267)					(267)		(267)	
Comprehensive income:									
Net income (loss)	2,036					2,036	10	2,046	
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax					1,702	1,702	(38)	1,664	
Total comprehensive income (loss)						3,738	(28)	3,710	
Balance, March 31, 2015	\$6	\$24,346	\$16,173	\$(13,233)	\$0	\$ 17,752	\$ 45,044	\$ 530	\$45,574

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PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC.

Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 (in millions)

	2016	2015
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income (loss)	\$1,369	\$2,046
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Realized investment (gains) losses, net	(1,881)	(2,361)
Policy charges and fee income	(629)	(576)
Interest credited to policyholders' account balances	1,286	1,233
Depreciation and amortization	167	170
(Gains) losses on trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities, net	(216)	(85)
Change in:		
Deferred policy acquisition costs	517	142
Future policy benefits and other insurance liabilities	1,741	1,549
Other trading account assets	96	(11)
Income taxes	122	644
Derivatives, net	4,540	3,261
Other, net	(818)	(484)
Cash flows from (used in) operating activities	6,294	5,528
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from the sale/maturity/prepayment of:		
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale	9,420	12,313
Fixed maturities, held-to-maturity	50	59
Trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities and other trading account assets	5,558	2,925
Equity securities, available-for-sale	1,014	988
Commercial mortgage and other loans	1,378	968
Policy loans	572	549
Other long-term investments	108	198
Short-term investments	19,710	20,093
Payments for the purchase/origination of:		
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale	(15,415)	(10,357)
Trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities and other trading account assets	(6,080)	(4,024)
Equity securities, available-for-sale	(900)	(974)
Commercial mortgage and other loans	(1,429)	(2,096)
Policy loans	(451)	(439)
Other long-term investments	(518)	(331)
Short-term investments	(15,401)	(17,763)
Acquisition of business, net of cash acquired	(532)	0
Derivatives, net	107	(366)
Other, net	61	(95)
Cash flows from (used in) investing activities	(2,748)	1,648
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Policyholders' account deposits	6,150	5,063
Policyholders' account withdrawals	(4,686)	(5,359)
Net change in securities sold under agreements to repurchase and cash collateral for loaned securities	1,031	(1,445)
Cash dividends paid on Common Stock	(318)	(268)
Net change in financing arrangements (maturities 90 days or less)	22	135

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Common Stock acquired	(357	) (252	)
Class B stock acquired	(119	) (651	)
Common Stock reissued for exercise of stock options	23	41	
Proceeds from the issuance of debt (maturities longer than 90 days)	53	1,152	
Repayments of debt (maturities longer than 90 days)	(340	) (1,293	)
Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements	2	12	
Other, net	(282	) (221	)
Cash flows from (used in) financing activities	1,179	(3,086	)
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash balances	155	111	
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	4,880	4,201	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	17,612	14,918	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$22,492	\$19,119	
NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS DURING THE PERIOD(1)			
Treasury Stock shares issued for stock-based compensation programs	\$107	\$106	
Significant Pension Risk Transfer transactions:			
Assets acquired, excluding cash and cash equivalents acquired	\$0	\$640	
Liabilities assumed	0	635	
Net cash paid	\$0	\$(5	)

1) See Note 2 for the impact of the adoption of “ASU 2015-02, Consolidation” on the Consolidated Financial Statements.

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PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC.

Notes to Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements

1. BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Prudential Financial, Inc. (“Prudential Financial”) and its subsidiaries (collectively, “Prudential” or the “Company” or “PFI”) provide a wide range of insurance, investment management, and other financial products and services to both individual and institutional customers throughout the United States and in many other countries. Principal products and services provided include life insurance, annuities, retirement-related services, mutual funds and investment management.

From December 18, 2001, the date of demutualization, through December 31, 2014, the Company organized its principal operations into the Financial Services Businesses and the Closed Block Business, and had two classes of common stock outstanding. The Common Stock, which is publicly traded (NYSE:PRU), reflected the performance of the Financial Services Businesses, while the Class B Stock, which was issued through a private placement and did not trade on any exchange, reflected the performance of the Closed Block Business.

On January 2, 2015, Prudential Financial repurchased and canceled all of the shares of the Class B Stock (the “Class B Repurchase”). As a result, the Company no longer organizes its principal operations into the Financial Services Businesses and the Closed Block Business. The Company’s principal operations are comprised of four divisions: the U.S. Retirement Solutions and Investment Management division, the U.S. Individual Life and Group Insurance division, the International Insurance division and the Closed Block division. The Company’s Corporate and Other operations include corporate items and initiatives that are not allocated to business segments and businesses that have been or will be divested, excluding the Closed Block division.

The Closed Block division includes certain in force participating insurance and annuity products and corresponding assets that are used for the payment of benefits and policyholders’ dividends on these products (the “Closed Block”), as well as certain related assets and liabilities. See Note 6 for further information on the Closed Block. In connection with demutualization, the Company ceased offering these participating products. The Closed Block division is accounted for as a divested business that is reported separately from the divested businesses that are included in the Company’s Corporate and Other operations.

Basis of Presentation

As a result of the Class B Repurchase and resulting elimination of the separation of the Financial Services Businesses and the Closed Block Business, these Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements refer to the divisions and segments of the Company that formerly comprised the Financial Services Businesses as “PFI excluding Closed Block division” and refer to the operations that were formerly included in the Closed Block Business as the “Closed Block division,” except as otherwise noted. Closed Block Business results were associated with the Company’s Class B Stock for periods prior to January 1, 2015.

The Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of Prudential Financial, entities over which the Company exercises control, including majority-owned subsidiaries and minority-owned entities such as limited partnerships in which the Company is the general partner, and variable interest entities (“VIEs”) in which the Company is considered the primary beneficiary. See Note 5 for more information on the Company’s consolidated variable interest entities. The Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) on a basis consistent with reporting interim financial information in accordance with instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). Intercompany balances and transactions have been

eliminated.

In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for a fair statement of the financial position and results of operations have been made. All such adjustments are of a normal, recurring nature. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

The Company's Gibraltar Life Insurance Company, Ltd. ("Gibraltar Life") consolidated operations use a November 30 fiscal year end for purposes of inclusion in the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements. The unaudited interim consolidated balance sheet data as of March 31, 2016, include the assets and liabilities of Gibraltar Life as of February 29, 2016. The unaudited interim consolidated income statement data include Gibraltar Life's results of operations for the three months ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015, respectively.

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Use of Estimates

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

The most significant estimates include those used in determining deferred policy acquisition costs (“DAC”) and related amortization; value of business acquired (“VOBA”) and its amortization; amortization of deferred sales inducements (“DSI”); measurement of goodwill and any related impairment; valuation of investments including derivatives and the recognition of other-than-temporary impairments (“OTTI”); future policy benefits including guarantees; pension and other postretirement benefits; provision for income taxes and valuation of deferred tax assets; and accruals for contingent liabilities, including estimates for losses in connection with unresolved legal matters.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts in prior periods have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PRONOUNCEMENTS

This section supplements, and should be read in conjunction with, Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Adoption of New Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued guidance (Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2015-07, Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent)) to remove the requirement to categorize within the fair value hierarchy all investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient. The new guidance became effective for annual periods and interim periods within those annual periods that began after December 15, 2015, and was applied retrospectively. Adoption of the guidance did not have a significant effect on the Company’s financial statement disclosures. See Note 13.

In April 2015, the FASB issued updated guidance (ASU 2015-03, Interest—Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs) that simplifies the presentation of debt issuance costs. The pronouncement requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability. The Company adopted the guidance effective January 1, 2016. Prior period financial information presented in these financial statements has been adjusted to reflect the retrospective adoption of the amended guidance. “Other assets” and “Long-term debt” as previously reported on the Company’s consolidated statements of financial position as of December 31, 2015 were both reduced by \$133 million as a result of this retrospective adoption.

In February 2015, the FASB issued updated guidance (ASU 2015-02, Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendments to Consolidation Analysis) that modifies the rules regarding consolidation. The pronouncement eliminates specialized guidance for limited partnerships and similar legal entities, and removes the indefinite deferral for certain investment funds. The new guidance is effective for annual periods and interim periods within those annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015, with early adoption permitted. The Company adopted the updated guidance effective

January 1, 2016 and applied the modified retrospective method of adoption, primarily resulting in the deconsolidation of certain of its previously consolidated collateralized loan obligations (“CLOs”), as its fee arrangements are no longer deemed variable interests in these entities. The Company continues to consolidate CLOs where it retains other economic interests which absorb more than an insignificant amount of the CLOs expected variability. The Company also deconsolidated certain investment structures where it is no longer deemed to be the primary beneficiary as the Company, through its equity ownership, no longer has the obligation to absorb losses of the VIE that could be significant to the VIE or the right to receive benefits from the VIE that could potentially be significant to the VIE. The impact to the Company’s consolidated statements of financial position upon adoption of the updated guidance is a reduction of \$5.5 billion of “Total assets” (including \$5.1 billion of “Total investments”) and \$5.5 billion of “Total liabilities” (including \$5.1 billion of “Notes issued by consolidated variable interest entities”), with a \$30 million decrease in “Noncontrolling interests” and a \$7 million increase to “Total Prudential Financial, Inc. equity.”

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In August 2014, the FASB issued updated guidance (ASU 2014-14, Receivables—Troubled Debt Restructurings by Creditors (Subtopic 310-40): Classification of Certain Government-Guaranteed Mortgage Loans upon Foreclosure) requiring that mortgage loans be derecognized and that a separate other receivable be recognized upon foreclosure if certain conditions are met. Upon foreclosure, the separate other receivable should be measured based on the amount of the loan balance (principal and interest) expected to be recovered from the guarantor. The new guidance became effective for annual periods and interim periods within those annual periods that began after December 15, 2014, and was applied prospectively. Adoption of the guidance did not have a significant effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or financial statement disclosures.

In August 2014, the FASB issued updated guidance (ASU 2014-13, Consolidation (Topic 810): Measuring the Financial Assets and the Financial Liabilities of a Consolidated Collateralized Financing Entity) for measuring the financial assets and the financial liabilities of a consolidated collateralized financing entity. Under the guidance, an entity within scope is permitted to measure both the financial assets and financial liabilities of a consolidated collateralized financing entity based on either the fair value of the financial assets or the financial liabilities, whichever is more observable. If adopted, the guidance eliminates the measurement difference that exists when both are measured at fair value. The Company adopted the updated guidance effective January 1, 2016, and applied the modified retrospective method of adoption. The impact to the Company's consolidated statements of financial position upon adoption of the updated guidance was a \$4 million reduction in "Total liabilities" and a \$4 million increase to "Total Prudential Financial, Inc. equity."

In June 2014, the FASB issued updated guidance (ASU 2014-11, Transfers and Servicing (Topic 860): Repurchase-to-Maturity Transactions, Repurchase Financings, and Disclosures) that requires repurchase-to-maturity transactions to be accounted for as secured borrowings and eliminates existing guidance for repurchase financings. The guidance also requires new disclosures for certain transactions accounted for as secured borrowings and for transfers accounted for as sales when the transferor also retains substantially all of the exposure to the economic return on the transferred financial assets. Accounting changes and new disclosures for transfers accounted for as sales under the new guidance were effective for the first interim or annual period beginning after December 15, 2014, and did not have a significant effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or financial statement disclosures. Disclosures for certain transactions accounted for as secured borrowings were effective for interim periods beginning after March 15, 2015, and are included in Note 4.

In April 2014, the FASB issued updated guidance (ASU 2014-08, Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant, and Equipment (Topic 360): Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity) that changes the criteria for reporting discontinued operations and introduces new disclosures. The new guidance became effective for new disposals and new classifications of disposal groups as held for sale that occur within annual periods that began on or after December 15, 2014, and interim periods within those annual periods. Adoption of the guidance did not have a significant effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or financial statement disclosures.

In January 2014, the FASB issued updated guidance (ASU 2014-04, Receivables—Troubled Debt Restructuring by Creditors (Subtopic 310-40): Reclassification of Residential Real Estate Collateralized Consumer Mortgage Loans upon Foreclosure) for troubled debt restructurings clarifying when an in-substance repossession or foreclosure occurs, and when a creditor is considered to have received physical possession of residential real estate property collateralizing a consumer mortgage loan. The new guidance became effective for annual periods and interim periods within those annual periods that began after December 15, 2014, and was applied prospectively. Adoption of the guidance did not have a significant effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or financial statement disclosures.

In January 2014, the FASB issued updated guidance (ASU 2014-01, Investments—Equity Method and Joint Ventures (Topic 323): Accounting for Investments in Qualified Affordable Housing Projects) regarding investments in flow-through limited liability entities that manage or invest in affordable housing projects that qualify for the low-income housing tax credit. Under the guidance, an entity is permitted to make an accounting policy election to amortize the initial cost of its investment in proportion to the tax credits and other tax benefits received and recognize the net investment performance in the statement of operations as a component of income tax expense (benefit) if certain conditions are met. The new guidance became effective for annual periods and interim reporting periods within those annual periods that began after December 15, 2014. The Company did not elect the proportional amortization method under this guidance.

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Future Adoption of New Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the FASB issued updated guidance (ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)) on accounting for revenue recognition. The guidance is based on the core principle that revenue is recognized to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods and services. The guidance also requires additional disclosures about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from customer contracts, including significant judgments and changes in judgments and assets recognized from cost incurred to obtain or fulfill a contract. Revenue recognition for insurance contracts is explicitly scoped out of the guidance. In August 2015, the FASB issued an update to defer the original effective date of this guidance. As a result of the deferral, the new guidance is effective for annual periods and interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2017, and must be applied using one of two retrospective application methods. Early adoption is permitted only for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim reporting periods within that reporting period. The Company is currently assessing the impact of the guidance on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations and financial statement disclosures.

In May 2015, the FASB issued final guidance (ASU 2015-09, Financial Services—Insurance (Topic 944): Disclosures about Short-Duration Contracts) that aims to enhance disclosures about insurance contracts classified as short-duration. The new disclosure requirements focus on providing users of financial statements with more transparent information about an insurance entity's initial claim estimates and subsequent adjustments to those estimates, methodologies and judgments in estimating claims, and timing, frequency and severity of claims as they relate to short-duration insurance contracts. The new guidance is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015, and interim periods within annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and is to be applied retrospectively. The Company is currently assessing the impact of the guidance on the Company's financial statement disclosures but has concluded that this guidance will not impact the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In January 2016, the FASB issued updated guidance (ASU 2016-01, Financial Instruments—Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities) on the recognition and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities. The guidance revises an entity's accounting related to the classification and measurement of certain equity investments and the presentation of certain fair value changes for financial liabilities measured at fair value. The guidance also amends certain disclosure requirements associated with the fair value of financial instruments. The new guidance is effective for annual periods and interim reporting periods within those annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is not permitted except for the provisions related to the presentation of certain fair value changes for financial liabilities measured at fair value. The Company is currently assessing the impact of the guidance on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations and financial statement disclosures.

In February 2016, the FASB issued guidance (ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842)) that ensures assets and liabilities from all outstanding lease contracts are recognized on balance sheet (with limited exception). The guidance substantially changes a Lessee's accounting for leases and requires the recording on balance sheet of a "right-of-use" asset and liability to make lease payments for most leases. A Lessee will continue to recognize expense in its income statement in a manner similar to the requirements under the current lease accounting guidance. For Lessors, the guidance modifies classification criteria and accounting for sales-type and direct financing leases and requires a Lessor to derecognize the carrying value of the leased asset that is considered to have been transferred to a Lessee and record a lease receivable and residual asset ("receivable and residual" approach). The guidance also eliminates the real estate specific provisions of the current guidance (i.e., sale-leaseback). The amendments are effective for financial

statements issued for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and for interim periods within those annual periods, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact of the guidance on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations and financial statement disclosures.

In March 2016, the FASB issued guidance (ASU 2016-07, Investments—Equity Method and Joint Ventures (Topic 323): Simplifying the Transition to the Equity Method of Accounting) to simplify the transition to equity method when an investment qualifies for use of the equity method as a result of an increase in the level of ownership or degree of influence. The amendments require that the equity method investor add the cost of acquiring the additional interest in the investee to the current basis of the investor's previously held interest and adopt the equity method of accounting as of the date the investment becomes qualified for equity method accounting. The amendments are effective for financial statements issued for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and for interim periods within those annual periods. The Company is currently assessing the impact of the guidance on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations and financial statement disclosures.

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In March 2016, the FASB issued guidance (ASU 2016-09, Compensation—Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payments Accounting) to simplify and improve employee share-based payment accounting. The areas updated include income tax consequences, a policy election related to forfeitures, classification of awards as either equity or liability, and classification of operating and financing activity on the statement of cash flows. The amendments are effective for financial statements issued for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and for interim periods within those annual periods, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact of the guidance on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations and financial statement disclosures.

3. ACQUISITIONS

This section supplements, and should be read in conjunction with, the complete descriptions provided in Note 3 to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Acquisition of Deutsche Bank's India Asset Management Business

In March 2016, the Company and its asset management joint venture partner in India completed the previously announced acquisition of Deutsche Bank's India asset management business through the joint venture. This acquisition, which will expand the Company's investment management expertise, distribution platform and product portfolio in India, did not have a material impact on the Company's financial results.

Acquisition of Administradora de Fondos de Pensiones Habitat S.A.

In March 2016, the Company completed the purchase of an indirect 40% ownership interest in Administradora de Fondos de Pensiones Habitat S.A. ("AFP Habitat"), a leading provider of retirement services in Chile, from Inversiones La Construcción S.A. ("ILC"), the investment subsidiary of the Chilean Construction Chamber. The Company paid 899.90 Chilean pesos per share, for a total purchase price of approximately \$532 million based on exchange rates at the share acquisition date. The Company and ILC now equally own an indirect controlling stake in AFP Habitat through a joint holding company. The Company's investment will be accounted for under the equity method and is recorded within "Other assets." This acquisition will enable the Company to participate in the growing Chilean pension market.

4. INVESTMENTS

Fixed Maturities and Equity Securities

The following tables provide information relating to fixed maturities and equity securities (excluding investments classified as trading) as of the dates indicated:

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	March 31, 2016				OTTI in AOCI(4)
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	
	(in millions)				
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale					
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government authorities and agencies	\$17,364	\$ 4,681	\$ 1	\$22,044	\$ 0
Obligations of U.S. states and their political subdivisions	8,262	1,022	8	9,276	0
Foreign government bonds	77,878	18,662	64	96,476	0
U.S. corporate public securities	74,007	7,661	1,063	80,605	(12)
U.S. corporate private securities(1)	28,604	2,318	310	30,612	(17)
Foreign corporate public securities	26,566	3,162	379	29,349	(4)
Foreign corporate private securities	19,570	797	719	19,648	0
Asset-backed securities(2)	10,577	164	196	10,545	(444)
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	10,550	461	7	11,004	(1)
Residential mortgage-backed securities(3)	4,622	350	2	4,970	(3)
Total fixed maturities, available-for-sale(1)	\$278,000	\$ 39,278	\$ 2,749	\$314,529	\$ (481)
Equity securities, available-for-sale	\$7,026	\$ 2,490	\$ 116	\$9,400	

	March 31, 2016			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
	(in millions)			
Fixed maturities, held-to-maturity				
Foreign government bonds	\$ 872	\$ 297	\$ 0	\$ 1,169
Foreign corporate public securities	663	67	2	728
Foreign corporate private securities(5)	84	4	0	88
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	22	0	0	22
Residential mortgage-backed securities(3)	770	64	0	834
Total fixed maturities, held-to-maturity(5)	\$ 2,411	\$ 432	\$ 2	\$ 2,841

(1) Excludes notes with amortized cost of \$1,050 million (fair value, \$1,050 million) which have been offset with the associated payables under a netting agreement.

(2) Includes credit-tranched securities collateralized by sub-prime mortgages, auto loans, credit cards, education loans and other asset types.

(3) Includes publicly-traded agency pass-through securities and collateralized mortgage obligations.

Represents the amount of other-than-temporary impairment (“OTTI”) losses in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (“AOCI”), which were not included in earnings. Amount excludes \$680 million of net unrealized gains on impaired available-for-sale securities and less than \$1 million of net unrealized gains on impaired held-to-maturity securities relating to changes in the value of such securities subsequent to the impairment measurement date.

(5) Excludes notes with amortized cost of \$3,990 million (fair value, \$3,990 million) which have been offset with the associated payables under a netting agreement.

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	December 31, 2015				
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	OTTI in AOCI(4)
	(in millions)				
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale					
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government authorities and agencies	\$ 14,992	\$ 3,544	\$ 19	\$ 18,517	\$ 0
Obligations of U.S. states and their political subdivisions	8,089	747	41	8,795	0
Foreign government bonds	71,849	12,011	147	83,713	1
U.S. corporate public securities	70,979	6,344	1,955	75,368	(3)
U.S. corporate private securities(1)	28,525	2,278	359	30,444	0
Foreign corporate public securities	26,354	2,821	621	28,554	0
Foreign corporate private securities	19,393	739	994	19,138	0
Asset-backed securities(2)	10,121	226	121	10,226	(452)
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	10,337	195	70	10,462	(1)
Residential mortgage-backed securities(3)	4,777	335	6	5,106	(4)
Total fixed maturities, available-for-sale(1)	\$ 265,416	\$ 29,240	\$ 4,333	\$ 290,323	\$ (459)
Equity securities, available-for-sale	\$ 6,847	\$ 2,570	\$ 143	\$ 9,274	

	December 31, 2015			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
	(in millions)			
Fixed maturities, held-to-maturity				
Foreign government bonds	\$ 816	\$ 196	\$ 0	\$ 1,012
Foreign corporate public securities	625	62	0	687
Foreign corporate private securities(5)	78	4	0	82
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	33	1	0	34
Residential mortgage-backed securities(3)	756	53	0	809
Total fixed maturities, held-to-maturity(5)	\$ 2,308	\$ 316	\$ 0	\$ 2,624

(1) Excludes notes with amortized cost of \$1,050 million (fair value, \$1,039 million) which have been offset with the associated payables under a netting agreement.

(2) Includes credit-tranched securities collateralized by sub-prime mortgages, auto loans, credit cards, education loans and other asset types.

(3) Includes publicly-traded agency pass-through securities and collateralized mortgage obligations.

Represents the amount of OTTI losses in AOCI, which were not included in earnings. Amount excludes \$693 million of net unrealized gains on impaired available-for-sale securities and less than \$1 million of net unrealized gains on impaired held-to-maturity securities relating to changes in the value of such securities subsequent to the impairment measurement date.

(5) Excludes notes with amortized cost of \$3,850 million (fair value, \$4,081 million) which have been offset with the associated payables under a netting agreement.

The amortized cost and fair value of fixed maturities by contractual maturities at March 31, 2016, are as follows:

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	Available-for-Sale		Held-to-Maturity	
	Amortized	Fair	Amortized	Fair
	Cost	Value	Cost	Value
	(in millions)			
Due in one year or less	\$14,423	\$15,147	\$7	\$7
Due after one year through five years	49,178	53,605	71	75
Due after five years through ten years	56,420	62,024	673	738
Due after ten years(1)	132,230	157,234	868	1,165
Asset-backed securities	10,577	10,545	0	0
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	10,550	11,004	22	22
Residential mortgage-backed securities	4,622	4,970	770	834
Total	\$278,000	\$314,529	\$2,411	\$2,841

Excludes available-for-sale notes with amortized cost of \$1,050 million (fair value, \$1,050 million) and (1) held-to-maturity notes with amortized cost of \$3,990 million (fair value, \$3,990 million), which have been offset with the associated payables under a netting agreement.

Actual maturities may differ from contractual maturities because issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations. Asset-backed, commercial mortgage-backed and residential mortgage-backed securities are shown separately in the table above, as they are not due at a single maturity date.

The following table depicts the sources of fixed maturity and equity security proceeds and related investment gains (losses), as well as losses on impairments of both fixed maturities and equity securities:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015	
	(in millions)	
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale		
Proceeds from sales	\$5,122	\$7,418
Proceeds from maturities/repayments	4,037	5,095
Gross investment gains from sales, prepayments and maturities	295	532
Gross investment losses from sales and maturities	(242)	(56)
Fixed maturities, held-to-maturity		
Gross investment gains from prepayments	\$0	\$0
Proceeds from maturities/repayments	50	60
Equity securities, available-for-sale		
Proceeds from sales	\$941	\$989
Gross investment gains from sales	110	153
Gross investment losses from sales	(71)	(26)
Fixed maturity and equity security impairments		
Net writedowns for OTTI losses on fixed maturities recognized in earnings(1)	\$(126)	\$(8)
Writedowns for impairments on equity securities	(11)	(6)

(1) Excludes the portion of OTTI recorded in “Other comprehensive income (loss),” representing any difference between the fair value of the impaired debt security and the net present value of its projected future cash flows at the time of

impairment.

As discussed in Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, a portion of certain OTTI losses on fixed maturity securities is recognized in "Other comprehensive income (loss)" ("OCI"). For these securities, the net amount recognized in earnings ("credit loss impairments") represents the difference between the amortized cost of the security and the net present value of its projected future cash flows discounted at the effective interest rate implicit in the debt security prior to impairment. Any remaining difference between the fair value and amortized cost is recognized in OCI. The following table sets forth the amount of pre-tax credit loss impairments on fixed maturity securities held by the Company as of the dates indicated, for which a portion of the OTTI loss was recognized in OCI, and the corresponding changes in such amounts:

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Balance, beginning of period	\$532	\$781
Credit loss impairments previously recognized on securities which matured, paid down, prepaid or were sold during the period	(10)	(13)
Credit loss impairments previously recognized on securities impaired to fair value during the period ⁽¹⁾	(2)	(1)
Credit loss impairments recognized in the current period on securities not previously impaired	20	2
Additional credit loss impairments recognized in the current period on securities previously impaired	0	0
Increases due to the passage of time on previously recorded credit losses	5	7
Accretion of credit loss impairments previously recognized due to an increase in cash flows expected to be collected	(2)	(3)
Balance, end of period	\$543	\$773

⁽¹⁾ Represents circumstances where the Company determined in the current period that it intends to sell the security or it is more likely than not that it will be required to sell the security before recovery of the security's amortized cost.

Trading Account Assets Supporting Insurance Liabilities

The following table sets forth the composition of "Trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities" as of the dates indicated:

	March 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
	(in millions)			
Short-term investments and cash equivalents	\$888	\$888	\$765	\$765
Fixed maturities:				
Corporate securities	13,142	13,450	12,797	12,851
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	1,865	1,922	1,860	1,862
Residential mortgage-backed securities ⁽¹⁾	1,356	1,393	1,411	1,428
Asset-backed securities ⁽²⁾	1,378	1,377	1,295	1,299
Foreign government bonds	738	773	680	694
U.S. government authorities and agencies and obligations of U.S. states	390	435	326	369
Total fixed maturities	18,869	19,350	18,369	18,503
Equity securities	1,093	1,209	1,030	1,254
Total trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities	\$20,850	\$21,447	\$20,164	\$20,522

⁽¹⁾ Includes publicly-traded agency pass-through securities and collateralized mortgage obligations.

⁽²⁾ Includes credit-tranched securities collateralized by sub-prime mortgages, auto loans, credit cards, education loans and other asset types.

The net change in unrealized gains (losses) from trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities still held at period end, recorded within “Other income,” was \$239 million and \$10 million during the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

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Other Trading Account Assets

The following table sets forth the composition of the “Other trading account assets” as of the dates indicated:

	March 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
	(in millions)			
Short-term investments and cash equivalents	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26
Fixed maturities	5,250	4,923	11,132	10,764
Equity securities	967	1,045	1,006	1,098
Other	5	5	12	15
Subtotal	\$6,248	5,999	\$12,176	11,903
Derivative instruments		2,053		2,555
Total other trading account assets		\$8,052		\$14,458

The net change in unrealized gains (losses) from other trading account assets, excluding derivative instruments, still held at period end, recorded within “Other income,” was \$24 million and \$(52) million during the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Concentrations of Financial Instruments

The Company monitors its concentrations of financial instruments and mitigates credit risk by maintaining a diversified investment portfolio which limits exposure to any one issuer.

As of both March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company’s exposure to concentrations of credit risk of single issuers greater than 10% of the Company’s stockholders’ equity included securities of the U.S. government and certain U.S. government agencies and certain securities guaranteed by the U.S. government, as well as the securities disclosed below.

	March 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
	(in millions)			
Investments in Japanese government and government agency securities:				
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale	\$59,184	\$73,099	\$53,851	\$61,911
Fixed maturities, held-to-maturity	850	1,141	796	988
Trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities	541	573	492	502
Other trading account assets	33	34	33	33
Short-term investments	0	0	0	0
Cash equivalents	0	0	0	0
Total	\$60,608	\$74,847	\$55,172	\$63,434

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	March 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
	(in millions)			
Investments in South Korean government and government agency securities:				
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale	\$7,490	\$9,960	\$7,191	\$9,233
Fixed maturities, held-to-maturity	0	0	0	0
Trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities	44	45	44	44
Other trading account assets	7	7	0	0
Short-term investments	0	0	0	0
Cash equivalents	0	0	0	0
Total	\$7,541	\$10,012	\$7,235	\$9,277

Commercial Mortgage and Other Loans

The Company's commercial mortgage and other loans are comprised as follows, as of the dates indicated:

	March 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
	(in millions)		(in millions)	
Commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans by property type:				
Office	\$11,517	23.4 %	\$11,226	22.9 %
Retail	8,493	17.2	8,917	18.2
Apartments/Multi-Family	12,493	25.4	12,034	24.5
Industrial	7,703	15.6	7,775	15.9
Hospitality	2,396	4.9	2,513	5.1
Other	3,811	7.7	3,722	7.6
Total commercial mortgage loans	46,413	94.2	46,187	94.2
Agricultural property loans	2,842	5.8	2,859	5.8
Total commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans by property type	49,255	100.0 %	49,046	100.0 %
Valuation allowance	(89)		(99)	
Total net commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans by property type	49,166		48,947	
Other loans:				
Uncollateralized loans	1,022		1,012	
Residential property loans	307		301	
Other collateralized loans	312		312	
Total other loans	1,641		1,625	
Valuation allowance	(9)		(13)	
Total net other loans	1,632		1,612	
Total commercial mortgage and other loans(1)	\$50,798		\$50,559	

(1) Includes loans held at fair value.

The commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans are geographically dispersed throughout the United States (with the largest concentrations in California (27%), New York (9%) and Texas (9%)) and include loans secured by properties in Europe (4%) and Asia (1%) at March 31, 2016.

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Activity in the allowance for credit losses for all commercial mortgage and other loans, as of the dates indicated, is as follows:

	March 31, 2016					Total
	Commercial Mortgage Loans	Agricultural Property Loans	Residential Property Loans	Other Collateralized Loans	Uncollateralized Loans	
	(in millions)					
Allowance for credit losses, beginning of year	\$97	\$ 2	\$ 3	\$ 0	\$ 10	\$112
Addition to (release of) allowance for losses	(10)	0	0	0	(5)	(15)
Charge-offs, net of recoveries	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change in foreign exchange	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total ending balance	\$87	\$ 2	\$ 3	\$ 0	\$ 6	\$98

	December 31, 2015					Total
	Commercial Mortgage Loans	Agricultural Property Loans	Residential Property Loans	Other Collateralized Loans	Uncollateralized Loans	
	(in millions)					
Allowance for credit losses, beginning of year	\$104	\$ 1	\$ 5	\$ 0	\$ 9	\$119
Addition to (release of) allowance for losses	(7)	1	(2)	0	1	(7)
Charge-offs, net of recoveries	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change in foreign exchange	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total ending balance	\$97	\$ 2	\$ 3	\$ 0	\$ 10	\$112

The following tables set forth the allowance for credit losses and the recorded investment in commercial mortgage and other loans as of the dates indicated:

	March 31, 2016					Total
	Commercial Mortgage Loans	Agricultural Property Loans	Residential Property Loans	Other Collateralized Loans	Uncollateralized Loans	
	(in millions)					
Allowance for Credit Losses:						
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$1
Collectively evaluated for impairment	86	2	3	0	6	97
Loans acquired with deteriorated credit quality	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total ending balance	\$87	\$ 2	\$ 3	\$ 0	\$ 6	\$98
Recorded Investment(1):						
Gross of reserves: individually evaluated for impairment	\$100	\$ 26	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2	\$128
Gross of reserves: collectively evaluated for impairment	46,313	2,816	307	312	1,020	50,768
Gross of reserves: loans acquired with deteriorated credit quality	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total ending balance, gross of reserves	\$46,413	\$ 2,842	\$ 307	\$ 312	\$ 1,022	\$50,896

(1) Recorded investment reflects the carrying value gross of related allowance.

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	December 31, 2015					
	Commercial Mortgage Loans	Agricultural Property Loans	Residential Property Loans	Other Collateralized Loans	Uncollateralized Loans	Total
	(in millions)					
Allowance for Credit Losses:						
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$1
Collectively evaluated for impairment	96	2	3	0	10	111
Loans acquired with deteriorated credit quality	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total ending balance	\$97	\$ 2	\$ 3	\$ 0	\$ 10	\$112
Recorded Investment(1):						
Gross of reserves: individually evaluated for impairment	\$111	\$ 8	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2	\$121
Gross of reserves: collectively evaluated for impairment	46,076	2,851	301	312	1,010	50,550
Gross of reserves: loans acquired with deteriorated credit quality	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total ending balance, gross of reserves	\$46,187	\$ 2,859	\$ 301	\$ 312	\$ 1,012	\$50,671

(1) Recorded investment reflects the carrying value gross of related allowance.

Impaired loans include those loans for which it is probable that all amounts due will not be collected according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Impaired commercial mortgage and other loans identified in management's specific review of probable loan losses and the related allowance for losses, as of the dates indicated, are as follows:

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	March 31, 2016				
	Recorded Investment	Unpaid Principal Balance	Related (1) Allowance	Average Recorded Investment Before Allowance(2)	Interest Income Recognized(3)
	(in millions)				
With no related allowance recorded:					
Commercial mortgage loans	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Agricultural property loans	0	0	0	1	0
Residential property loans	0	0	0	0	0
Other collateralized loans	0	0	0	0	0
Uncollateralized loans	0	2	0	0	0
Total with no related allowance	\$0	\$ 2	\$ 0	\$ 1	\$ 0
With an allowance recorded:					
Commercial mortgage loans	\$4	\$ 4	\$ 1	\$ 5	\$ 0
Agricultural property loans	0	0	0	0	0
Residential property loans	0	0	0	0	0
Other collateralized loans	0	0	0	0	0
Uncollateralized loans	0	0	0	0	0
Total with related allowance	\$4	\$ 4	\$ 1	\$ 5	\$ 0
Total:					
Commercial mortgage loans	\$4	\$ 4	\$ 1	\$ 5	\$ 0
Agricultural property loans	0	0	0	1	0
Residential property loans	0	0	0	0	0
Other collateralized loans	0	0	0	0	0
Uncollateralized loans	0	2	0	0	0
Total	\$4	\$ 6	\$ 1	\$ 6	\$ 0

(1) Recorded investment reflects the carrying value gross of related allowance.

(2) Average recorded investment represents the average of the beginning-of-period and end-of-period balances.

(3) The interest income recognized is for the year-to-date income regardless of when the impairments occurred.

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	December 31, 2015			Average	Interest
	Recorded Investment	Unpaid Principal Balance	Related Allowance(1)	Recorded Investment Before Allowance(2)	Income Recognized(3)
	(in millions)				
With no related allowance recorded:					
Commercial mortgage loans	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Agricultural property loans	0	0	0	2	0
Residential property loans	0	0	0	0	0
Other collateralized loans	0	0	0	0	0
Uncollateralized loans	0	1	0	0	0
Total with no related allowance	\$0	\$ 1	\$ 0	\$ 2	\$ 0
With an allowance recorded:					
Commercial mortgage loans	\$1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 52	\$ 3
Agricultural property loans	0	0	0	0	0
Residential property loans	0	0	0	0	0
Other collateralized loans	0	0	0	0	0
Uncollateralized loans	0	0	0	0	0
Total with related allowance	\$1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 52	\$ 3
Total:					
Commercial mortgage loans	\$1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 52	\$ 3
Agricultural property loans	0	0	0	2	0
Residential property loans	0	0	0	0	0
Other collateralized loans	0	0	0	0	0
Uncollateralized loans	0	1	0	0	0
Total	\$1	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ 54	\$ 3

(1) Recorded investment reflects the carrying value gross of related allowance.

(2) Average recorded investment represents the average of the beginning-of-period and all subsequent quarterly end-of-period balances.

(3) The interest income recognized is for the year-to-date income regardless of when the impairments occurred.

The net carrying value of commercial and other loans held for sale by the Company as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, was \$286 million and \$274 million, respectively. For all of these loans, the Company pre-arranges that it will sell the loan to an investor. As of both March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, all of the Company's commercial and other loans held for sale were collateralized, with collateral primarily consisting of apartment complexes.

The following tables set forth certain key credit quality indicators as of March 31, 2016, based upon the recorded investment gross of allowance for credit losses.

Commercial mortgage loans

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Debt Service Coverage Ratio—March 31,
2016

Greater than 1.2X	1.0X to <1.2X	Less than 1.0X	Total
(in millions)			

Loan-to-Value Ratio

0%-59.99%	\$25,875	\$ 458	\$ 212	\$26,545
60%-69.99%	12,355	559	290	13,204
70%-79.99%	6,007	289	59	6,355
Greater than 80%	128	155	26	309
Total commercial mortgage loans	\$44,365	\$ 1,461	\$ 587	\$46,413

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Agricultural property loans

	Debt Service Coverage Ratio—March 31, 2016			
	Greater than 1.2X	1.0X to <1.2X	Less than 1.0X	Total
	(in millions)			
Loan-to-Value Ratio				
0%-59.99%	\$2,540	\$ 116	\$ 3	\$2,659
60%-69.99%	183	0	0	183
70%-79.99%	0	0	0	0
Greater than 80%	0	0	0	0
Total agricultural property loans	\$2,723	\$ 116	\$ 3	\$2,842

Total commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans

	Debt Service Coverage Ratio—March 31, 2016			
	Greater than 1.2X	1.0X to <1.2X	Less than 1.0X	Total
	(in millions)			
Loan-to-Value Ratio				
0%-59.99%	\$28,415	\$ 574	\$ 215	\$29,204
60%-69.99%	12,538	559	290	13,387
70%-79.99%	6,007	289	59	6,355
Greater than 80%	128	155	26	309
Total commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans	\$47,088	\$ 1,577	\$ 590	\$49,255

The following tables set forth certain key credit quality indicators as of December 31, 2015, based upon the recorded investment gross of allowance for credit losses.

Commercial mortgage loans

	Debt Service Coverage Ratio—December 31, 2015			
	Greater than 1.2X	1.0X to <1.2X	Less than 1.0X	Total
	(in millions)			
Loan-to-Value Ratio				
0%-59.99%	\$25,978	\$ 515	\$ 207	\$26,700
60%-69.99%	12,191	395	234	12,820
70%-79.99%	5,668	500	97	6,265
Greater than 80%	119	151	132	402
Total commercial mortgage loans	\$43,956	\$ 1,561	\$ 670	\$46,187

Agricultural property loans

Debt Service Coverage
Ratio—December 31, 2015
Greater than 1.2X 1.0X to <1.2X Less than 1.0X Total
(in millions)

Loan-to-Value Ratio

0%-59.99%	\$2,587	\$ 84	\$ 3	\$2,674
60%-69.99%	185	0	0	185
70%-79.99%	0	0	0	0
Greater than 80%	0	0	0	0
Total agricultural property loans	\$2,772	\$ 84	\$ 3	\$2,859

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Total commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans

	Debt Service Coverage Ratio—December 31, 2015			
	Greater than 1.2X	1.0X to <1.2X	Less than 1.0X	Total
	(in millions)			
Loan-to-Value Ratio				
0%-59.99%	\$28,565	\$ 599	\$ 210	\$29,374
60%-69.99%	12,376	395	234	13,005
70%-79.99%	5,668	500	97	6,265
Greater than 80%	119	151	132	402
Total commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans	\$46,728	\$ 1,645	\$ 673	\$49,046

The following tables provide an aging of past due commercial mortgage and other loans as of the dates indicated, based upon the recorded investment gross of allowance for credit losses, as well as the amount of commercial mortgage loans on nonaccrual status as of the dates indicated.

March 31, 2016

	Current	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	Greater Than 90 Days - Accruing	Greater Than 90 Days - Not Accruing	Total Past Due	Total Commercial Mortgage and Other Loans	Non Accrual Status
	(in millions)							
Commercial mortgage loans	\$46,409	\$ 4	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4	\$ 46,413	\$ 48
Agricultural property loans	2,839	0	0	0	3	3	2,842	3
Residential property loans	293	7	1	0	6	14	307	6
Other collateralized loans	312	0	0	0	0	0	312	0
Uncollateralized loans	1,022	0	0	0	0	0	1,022	0
Total	\$50,875	\$ 11	\$ 1	\$ 0	\$ 9	\$ 21	\$ 50,896	\$ 57

December 31, 2015

	Current	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	Greater Than 90 Days - Accruing	Greater Than 90 Days - Not Accruing	Total Past Due	Total Commercial Mortgage and Other Loans	Non Accrual Status
	(in millions)							
Commercial mortgage loans	\$46,187	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 46,187	\$ 53
Agricultural property loans	2,856	2	0	0	1	3	2,859	1
Residential property loans	288	7	0	0	6	13	301	6
Other collateralized loans	312	0	0	0	0	0	312	0
Uncollateralized loans	1,012	0	0	0	0	0	1,012	0
Total	\$50,655	\$ 9	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 7	\$ 16	\$ 50,671	\$ 60

See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, for further discussion regarding nonaccrual status loans.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, there were no commercial mortgage and other loans acquired, other than those through direct origination. For the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, there were no commercial mortgage and other loans sold, other than those classified as held for sale.

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The Company's commercial mortgage and other loans may occasionally be involved in a troubled debt restructuring. As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company had no significant commitments to borrowers that have been involved in a troubled debt restructuring. During three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, there were no new troubled debt restructurings related to commercial mortgage and other loans, and no payment defaults on commercial mortgage and other loans that were modified as a troubled debt restructuring within the twelve months preceding. For additional information relating to the accounting for troubled debt restructurings, see Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, there were \$0 and \$22 million, respectively, of private debt commitments to borrowers that have been involved in a troubled debt restructuring.

As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company did not have any foreclosed residential real estate property.

Net Investment Income

Net investment income for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, was from the following sources:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale ⁽¹⁾	\$2,623	\$2,582
Fixed maturities, held-to-maturity ⁽¹⁾	51	48
Equity securities, available-for-sale	79	96
Trading account assets	254	287
Commercial mortgage and other loans	555	545
Policy loans	154	154
Short-term investments and cash equivalents	33	13
Other long-term investments	99	244
Gross investment income	3,848	3,969
Less: investment expenses	(178)	(200)
Net investment income	\$3,670	\$3,769

⁽¹⁾ Includes income on credit-linked notes which are reported on the same financial statement line item as related surplus notes, as conditions are met for right to offset.

Realized Investment Gains (Losses), Net

Realized investment gains (losses), net, for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, were from the following sources:

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Fixed maturities	\$(73)	\$468
Equity securities	28	121
Commercial mortgage and other loans	27	11
Investment real estate	0	25
Joint ventures and limited partnerships	(41)	(5)
Derivatives(1)	1,944	1,738
Other	(4)	3
Realized investment gains (losses), net	\$1,881	\$2,361

(1) Includes the offset of hedged items in qualifying effective hedge relationships prior to maturity or termination.

Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments by Asset Class

The table below presents net unrealized gains (losses) on investments by asset class as of the dates indicated:

	March 31, December 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Fixed maturity securities on which an OTTI loss has been recognized	\$199	\$ 234
Fixed maturity securities, available-for-sale—all other	36,330	24,673
Equity securities, available-for-sale	2,374	2,427
Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges(1)	896	1,165
Other investments(2)	(16)	(25)
Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	\$39,783	\$ 28,474

(1) See Note 14 for more information on cash flow hedges.

As of March 31, 2016, there were \$0 million of net unrealized losses on held-to-maturity securities that were previously transferred from available-for-sale. Includes net unrealized gains on certain joint ventures that are strategic in nature and are included in “Other assets” and losses on notes associated with payables under a netting agreement.

Duration of Gross Unrealized Loss Positions for Fixed Maturities and Equity Securities

The following table shows the fair value and gross unrealized losses aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual fixed maturity securities and equity securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position, as of the dates indicated:

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	March 31, 2016		Twelve months or more		Total	
	Less than twelve months	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses
	(in millions)					
Fixed maturities(1)						
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government authorities and agencies	\$81	\$ 1	\$7	\$ 0	\$88	\$ 1
Obligations of U.S. states and their political subdivisions	98	0	193	8	291	8
Foreign government bonds	527	12	463	52	990	64
U.S. corporate public securities	7,263	376	8,525	687	15,788	1,063
U.S. corporate private securities	4,880	227	998	83	5,878	310
Foreign corporate public securities	2,545	125	2,077	256	4,622	381
Foreign corporate private securities	4,358	251	4,411	468	8,769	719
Asset-backed securities	4,587	90	3,082	106	7,669	196
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	698	3	485	4	1,183	7
Residential mortgage-backed securities	65	0	155	2	220	2
Total	\$25,102	\$ 1,085	\$20,396	\$ 1,666	\$45,498	\$ 2,751
Equity securities, available-for-sale	\$1,462	\$ 115	\$6	\$ 1	\$1,468	\$ 116

(1) Includes \$50 million of fair value and \$2 million of gross unrealized losses at March 31, 2016, on securities classified as held-to-maturity, a portion of which is not reflected in AOCI.

	December 31, 2015		Twelve months or more		Total	
	Less than twelve months	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses
	(in millions)					
Fixed maturities(1)						
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government authorities and agencies	\$3,068	\$ 19	\$0	\$ 0	\$3,068	\$ 19
Obligations of U.S. states and their political subdivisions	1,391	40	7	1	1,398	41
Foreign government bonds	1,925	82	411	65	2,336	147
U.S. corporate public securities	24,642	1,396	3,455	559	28,097	1,955
U.S. corporate private securities	6,996	266	802	93	7,798	359
Foreign corporate public securities	5,985	288	1,584	333	7,569	621
Foreign corporate private securities	6,199	340	3,917	654	10,116	994
Asset-backed securities	4,342	33	3,138	88	7,480	121
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	3,888	63	473	7	4,361	70
Residential mortgage-backed securities	558	4	119	2	677	6
Total	\$58,994	\$ 2,531	\$13,906	\$ 1,802	\$72,900	\$ 4,333

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Equity securities, available-for-sale	\$1,862	\$ 142	\$11	\$ 1	\$1,873	\$ 143
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(1) Includes \$0 million of fair value and \$0 million of gross unrealized losses at December 31, 2015, on securities classified as held-to-maturity, which is not reflected in AOCI.

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The gross unrealized losses on fixed maturity securities at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, were composed of \$2,039 million and \$3,750 million, respectively, related to high or highest quality securities based on the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (“NAIC”) or equivalent rating and \$712 million and \$583 million, respectively, related to other than high or highest quality securities based on NAIC or equivalent rating. At March 31, 2016, the \$1,666 million of gross unrealized losses of twelve months or more were concentrated in the energy, consumer non-cyclical and utility sectors of the Company’s corporate securities. At December 31, 2015, the \$1,802 million of gross unrealized losses of twelve months or more were concentrated in the energy, consumer non-cyclical and basic industry sectors of the Company’s corporate securities. In accordance with its policy described in Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company concluded that an adjustment to earnings for OTTI for these securities was not warranted at March 31, 2016 or December 31, 2015. These conclusions are based on a detailed analysis of the underlying credit and cash flows on each security. The gross unrealized losses are primarily attributable to a decrease in interest rates, general credit spread tightening and foreign currency exchange rate movements. At March 31, 2016, the Company does not intend to sell these securities, and it is not more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell these securities before the anticipated recovery of the remaining amortized cost basis.

At March 31, 2016, \$26 million of the gross unrealized losses on equity securities represented declines in value of greater than 20%, \$25 million of which had been in that position for less than six months. At December 31, 2015, \$19 million of the gross unrealized losses on equity securities represented declines in value of greater than 20%, all of which had been in that position for less than six months. In accordance with its policy described in Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company concluded that an adjustment for OTTI for these equity securities was not warranted at March 31, 2016 or December 31, 2015.

Repurchase Agreements and Securities Lending

In the normal course of business, the Company sells securities under agreements to repurchase and enters into securities lending transactions. The following table sets forth the composition of repurchase agreements as of the dates indicated.

	March 31, 2016 Remaining Contractual Maturities of the Agreements				
	Overnight & Continuous	Up to 30 Days	30 to 90 Days	Greater than 90 Days	Total
	(in millions)				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government authorities and agencies	\$1,705	\$5,364	\$361	\$0	\$7,430
Obligations of U.S. states and their political subdivisions	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign government bonds	0	0	0	0	0
U.S. corporate public securities	12	0	0	0	12
U.S. corporate private securities	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign corporate public securities	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign corporate private securities	0	0	0	0	0
Asset-backed securities	0	0	0	0	0

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Commercial mortgage-backed securities	0	0	0	0	0
Residential mortgage-backed securities	89	826	0	0	915
Equity securities	0	0	0	0	0
Total repurchase agreements	\$1,806	\$6,190	\$361	\$ 0	\$8,357

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	December 31, 2015				
	Remaining Contractual Maturities of the Agreements				
	Overnight & Continuous	Up to 30 Days	30 to 90 Days	Greater than 90 Days	Total
	(in millions)				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government authorities and agencies	\$1,991	\$4,513	\$253	\$ 0	\$6,757
Obligations of U.S. states and their political subdivisions	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign government bonds	0	0	0	0	0
U.S. corporate public securities	11	0	0	0	11
U.S. corporate private securities	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign corporate public securities	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign corporate private securities	0	0	0	0	0
Asset-backed securities	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	0	0	0	0	0
Residential mortgage-backed securities	169	945	0	0	1,114
Equity securities	0	0	0	0	0
Total repurchase agreements	\$2,171	\$5,458	\$253	\$ 0	\$7,882

The following table sets forth the composition of securities lending transactions as of the dates indicated.

	March 31, 2016				
	Remaining Contractual Maturities of the Agreements				
	Overnight & Continuous	Up to 30 Days	30 to 90 Days	Greater than 90 Days	Total
	(in millions)				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government authorities and agencies	\$32	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$32
Obligations of U.S. states and their political subdivisions	10	0	0	0	10
Foreign government bonds	199	0	0	0	199
U.S. corporate public securities	2,038	75	0	0	2,113
U.S. corporate private securities	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign corporate public securities	634	71	0	0	705
Foreign corporate private securities	0	0	0	0	0
Asset-backed securities	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	0	0	0	0	0
Residential mortgage-backed securities	0	91	0	0	91
Equity securities	902	0	0	0	902
Total securities lending transactions	\$3,815	\$237	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$4,052

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	December 31, 2015				
	Remaining Contractual Maturity of the Agreements				
	Overnight & Continuous	Up to 30 Days	30 to 90 Days	Greater than 90 Days	Total
	(in millions)				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government authorities and agencies	\$94	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$94
Obligations of U.S. states and their political subdivisions	4	0	0	0	4
Foreign government bonds	0	0	0	0	0
U.S. corporate public securities	1,401	86	0	0	1,487
U.S. corporate private securities	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign corporate public securities	579	50	0	0	629
Foreign corporate private securities	0	0	0	0	0
Asset-backed securities	241	0	0	0	241
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	8	0	0	0	8
Residential mortgage-backed securities	0	97	0	0	97
Equity securities	936	0	0	0	936
Total securities lending transactions	\$3,263	\$233	\$0	\$0	\$3,496

5. VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITIES

In the normal course of its activities, the Company enters into relationships with various special-purpose entities and other entities that are deemed to be variable interest entities (“VIEs”). A VIE is an entity that either (1) has equity investors that lack certain essential characteristics of a controlling financial interest (including the ability to control activities of the entity, the obligation to absorb the entity’s expected losses and the right to receive the entity’s expected residual returns) or (2) lacks sufficient equity to finance its own activities without financial support provided by other entities, which in turn would be expected to absorb at least some of the expected losses of the VIE.

The Company is the primary beneficiary if the Company has (1) the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact the economic performance of the entity and (2) the obligation to absorb losses of the entity that could be potentially significant to the VIE or the right to receive benefits from the entity that could be potentially significant. If the Company determines that it is the VIE’s primary beneficiary, it consolidates the VIE.

Consolidated Variable Interest Entities

The Company is the investment manager of certain asset-backed investment vehicles commonly referred to as collateralized loan obligations (“CLOs”) and certain other vehicles for which the Company earns fee income for investment management services, including certain investment structures in which the Company’s asset management business invests with other co-investors in investment funds referred to as feeder funds. The Company may sell or syndicate investments through these vehicles, principally as part of the strategic investing activity of the Company’s asset management businesses. Additionally, the Company may invest in securities issued by these vehicles. CLOs raise capital by issuing debt securities, and use the proceeds to purchase investments, typically interest-bearing financial instruments. The Company has analyzed these relationships and determined that for certain CLOs and other investment structures it is the primary beneficiary and consolidates these entities. This analysis includes a review of

(1) the Company's rights and responsibilities as investment manager and (2) variable interests (if any) held by the Company. The assets of these VIEs are restricted and must be used first to settle liabilities of the VIE. The Company is not required to provide, and has not provided, material financial or other support to any of these VIEs. Effective January 1, 2016, the Company adopted new guidance that resulted in the deconsolidation of certain of its previously consolidated CLOs. See Note 2 for additional information.

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Additionally, the Company is the primary beneficiary of certain VIEs in which the Company has invested, as part of its investment activities, but for which it is not the investment manager. These include structured investments issued by a VIE that manages yen-denominated investments coupled with cross-currency coupon swap agreements thereby creating synthetic dual currency investments. The Company's involvement in the structuring of these investments combined with its economic interest indicates that the Company is the primary beneficiary. The Company has not provided material financial support or other support that was not contractually required to these VIEs.

The table below reflects the carrying amount and balance sheet caption in which the assets and liabilities of consolidated VIEs are reported. The liabilities primarily comprise obligations under debt instruments issued by the VIEs that are non-recourse to the Company. The creditors of these VIEs do not have recourse to the Company in excess of the assets contained within the VIEs.

	Consolidated VIEs for Which the Company is the Investment Manager			
	March 31, 2016(1)	December 31, 2015	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(in millions)			
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale	\$41	\$ 0	\$ 279	\$ 179
Fixed maturities, held-to-maturity	84	0	813	760
Trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities	0	0	10	10
Other trading account assets	3,619	9,536	0	0
Commercial mortgage and other loans	431	0	300	300
Other long-term investments	190	0	139	155
Cash and cash equivalents	142	337	1	1
Accrued investment income	23	56	3	3
Other assets	457	324	20	3
Total assets of consolidated VIEs	\$4,987	\$ 10,253	\$ 1,565	\$ 1,411
Notes issued by consolidated VIEs	\$2,946	\$ 8,597	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other liabilities	118	674	14	3
Total liabilities of consolidated VIEs	\$3,064	\$ 9,271	\$ 14	\$ 3

As a result of the adoption of the new accounting guidance ASU 2015-02 effective January 1, 2016, total assets of (1) consolidated VIEs reflects \$1,212 million related to VIEs whose beneficial interests are wholly-owned by consolidated subsidiaries.

As included in the table above, notes issued by consolidated VIEs are classified in the line item on the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position titled, "Notes issued by consolidated VIEs." Recourse is limited to the assets of the respective VIE and does not extend to the general credit of Prudential Financial. As of March 31, 2016, the maturities of these obligations were greater than five years.

Unconsolidated Variable Interest Entities

The Company has determined that it is not the primary beneficiary of certain VIEs for which it is the investment manager. These VIEs consist primarily of CLOs and investment funds for which the Company has determined that it is not the primary beneficiary as it does not have both (1) the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most

significantly impact the economic performance of the entity and (2) the obligation to absorb losses of the entity that could be potentially significant to the VIE or the right to receive benefits from the entity that could be potentially significant. The Company's maximum exposure to loss resulting from its relationship with unconsolidated VIEs for which it is the investment manager is limited to its investment in the VIEs, which was \$400 million and \$218 million at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. These investments are reflected in "Fixed maturities, available-for-sale," "Other trading account assets, at fair value" and "Other long-term investments." The fair value of assets held within these unconsolidated VIEs was \$11,452 million and \$5,262 million as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. There are no liabilities associated with these unconsolidated VIEs on the Company's Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.

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In the normal course of its activities, the Company will invest in joint ventures and limited partnerships. These ventures include hedge funds, private equity funds and real estate-related funds and may or may not be VIEs. The Company's maximum exposure to loss on these investments, both VIEs and non-VIEs, is limited to the amount of its investment. The Company has determined that it is not required to consolidate these entities because either: (1) it does not control them or (2) it does not have the obligation to absorb losses of the entities that could be potentially significant to the entities or the right to receive benefits from the entities that could be potentially significant. The Company classifies these investments as "Other long-term investments" and its maximum exposure to loss associated with these entities was \$7,626 million and \$7,532 million as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

In addition, in the normal course of its activities, the Company will invest in structured investments including VIEs for which it is not the investment manager. These structured investments typically invest in fixed income investments and are managed by third parties and include asset-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities and residential mortgage-backed securities. The Company's maximum exposure to loss on these structured investments, both VIEs and non-VIEs, is limited to the amount of its investment. See Note 4 for details regarding the carrying amounts and classification of these assets. The Company has not provided material financial or other support that was not contractually required to these structures. The Company has determined that it is not the primary beneficiary of these structures due to the fact that it does not control these entities.

6. CLOSED BLOCK

On the date of demutualization, Prudential Insurance established a Closed Block for certain individual life insurance policies and annuities issued in the U.S. by Prudential Insurance. The recorded assets and liabilities were allocated to the Closed Block at their historical carrying amounts. The Closed Block forms the principal component of the Closed Block division.

The policies included in the Closed Block are specified individual life insurance policies and individual annuity contracts that were in force on the date of demutualization and for which Prudential Insurance is currently paying or expects to pay experience-based policy dividends. Assets have been allocated to the Closed Block in an amount that has been determined to produce cash flows which, together with revenues from policies included in the Closed Block, are expected to be sufficient to support obligations and liabilities relating to these policies, including provision for payment of benefits, certain expenses and taxes and to provide for continuation of the policyholder dividend scales in effect in 2000, assuming experience underlying such scales continues. To the extent that, over time, cash flows from the assets allocated to the Closed Block and claims and other experience related to the Closed Block are, in the aggregate, more or less favorable than what was assumed when the Closed Block was established, total dividends paid to Closed Block policyholders may be greater than or less than the total dividends that would have been paid to these policyholders if the policyholder dividend scales in effect in 2000 had been continued. Any cash flows in excess of amounts assumed will be available for distribution over time to Closed Block policyholders and will not be available to stockholders. If the Closed Block has insufficient funds to make guaranteed policy benefit payments, such payments will be made from Prudential Insurance's assets outside of the Closed Block. The Closed Block will continue in effect as long as any policy in the Closed Block remains in force unless, with the consent of the New Jersey insurance regulator, it is terminated earlier.

The excess of Closed Block liabilities over Closed Block assets at the date of the demutualization (adjusted to eliminate the impact of related amounts in AOCI) represented the estimated maximum future earnings at that date from the Closed Block expected to result from operations attributed to the Closed Block after income taxes. In establishing the Closed Block, the Company developed an actuarial calculation of the timing of such maximum future earnings. If actual cumulative earnings of the Closed Block from inception through the end of any given period are

greater than the expected cumulative earnings, only the expected earnings will be recognized in income. Any excess of actual cumulative earnings over expected cumulative earnings will represent undistributed accumulated earnings attributable to policyholders, which are recorded as a policyholder dividend obligation. The policyholder dividend obligation represents amounts to be paid to Closed Block policyholders as an additional policyholder dividend unless otherwise offset by future Closed Block performance that is less favorable than originally expected. If the actual cumulative earnings of the Closed Block from its inception through the end of any given period are less than the expected cumulative earnings of the Closed Block, the Company will recognize only the actual earnings in income. However, the Company may reduce policyholder dividend scales, which would be intended to increase future actual earnings until the actual cumulative earnings equaled the expected cumulative earnings.

As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company recognized a policyholder dividend obligation of \$1,442 million and \$1,694 million, respectively, to Closed Block policyholders for the excess of actual cumulative earnings over the expected cumulative earnings. Additionally, accumulated net unrealized investment gains that have arisen subsequent to the establishment of the Closed Block have been reflected as a policyholder dividend obligation of \$3,809 million and \$2,815 million at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively, to be paid to Closed Block policyholders unless offset by future experience, with a corresponding amount reported in AOCI.

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Closed Block liabilities and assets designated to the Closed Block, as well as maximum future earnings to be recognized from Closed Block liabilities and Closed Block assets, are as follows:

	March 31, December 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Closed Block liabilities		
Future policy benefits	\$49,417	\$ 49,538
Policyholders' dividends payable	976	945
Policyholders' dividend obligation	5,252	4,509
Policyholders' account balances	5,233	5,250
Other Closed Block liabilities	4,858	4,171
Total Closed Block liabilities	65,736	64,413
Closed Block assets		
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale, at fair value	39,197	37,584
Other trading account assets, at fair value	295	288
Equity securities, available-for-sale, at fair value	2,573	2,726
Commercial mortgage and other loans	9,695	9,770
Policy loans	4,763	4,790
Other long-term investments	2,942	2,921
Short-term investments	645	1,467
Total investments	60,110	59,546
Cash and cash equivalents	1,861	1,036
Accrued investment income	525	506
Other Closed Block assets	384	458
Total Closed Block assets	62,880	61,546
Excess of reported Closed Block liabilities over Closed Block assets	2,856	2,867
Portion of above representing accumulated other comprehensive income:		
Net unrealized investment gains (losses)	3,794	2,800
Allocated to policyholder dividend obligation	(3,809)	(2,815)
Future earnings to be recognized from Closed Block assets and Closed Block liabilities	\$2,841	\$ 2,852

Information regarding the policyholder dividend obligation is as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 (in millions)
Balance, January 1	\$ 4,509
Impact from earnings allocable to policyholder dividend obligation	(252)
Change in net unrealized investment gains (losses) allocated to policyholder dividend obligation	995
Balance, March 31	\$ 5,252

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Closed Block revenues and benefits and expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, were as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Revenues		
Premiums	\$622	\$634
Net investment income	618	709
Realized investment gains (losses), net	(98)	373
Other income (loss)	(7)	3
Total Closed Block revenues	1,135	1,719
Benefits and Expenses		
Policyholders' benefits	807	821
Interest credited to policyholders' account balances	33	33
Dividends to policyholders	247	764
General and administrative expenses	103	108
Total Closed Block benefits and expenses	1,190	1,726
Closed Block revenues, net of Closed Block benefits and expenses, before income taxes and discontinued operations	(55)	(7)
Income tax expense (benefit)	(66)	(18)
Closed Block revenues, net of Closed Block benefits and expenses and income taxes, before discontinued operations	11	11
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes	0	0
Closed Block revenues, net of Closed Block benefits and expenses, income taxes and discontinued operations	\$11	\$11

7. EQUITY

The changes in the number of shares of Common Stock issued, held in treasury and outstanding, are as follows for the periods indicated:

	Common Stock		
	Issued	Held In Treasury	Outstanding
	(in millions)		
Balance, December 31, 2015	660.1	213.0	447.1
Common Stock issued	0.0	0.0	0.0
Common Stock acquired	0.0	5.4	(5.4)
Stock-based compensation programs(1)	0.0	(1.4)	1.4
Balance, March 31, 2016	660.1	217.0	443.1

(1) Represents net shares issued from treasury pursuant to the Company's stock-based compensation program.

In December 2015, Prudential Financial's Board of Directors authorized the Company to repurchase at management's discretion up to \$1.5 billion of its outstanding Common Stock from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Effective January 1, 2016, this authorization superseded the Company's \$1.0 billion share repurchase authorization that was announced in June 2015, covering the period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. As of March 31, 2016, 5.4 million shares of the Company's Common Stock were repurchased under this authorization at a total cost of \$375 million.

The timing and amount of share repurchases are determined by management based upon market conditions and other considerations, and repurchases may be effected in the open market, through derivative, accelerated repurchase and other negotiated transactions and through prearranged trading plans complying with Rule 10b5-1(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Numerous factors could affect the timing and amount of any future repurchases under the share repurchase authorization, including increased capital needs of the Company due to changes in regulatory capital requirements, opportunities for growth and acquisitions, and the effect of adverse market conditions on the segments.

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Class B Stock

On January 2, 2015, pursuant to a Share Repurchase Agreement entered into on December 1, 2014, between the Company and the holders of the Class B Stock, the Company repurchased and canceled all of the shares of the Class B Stock for an aggregate cash purchase price of \$651 million, resulting in the elimination of the Class B Stock held in treasury, a \$484 million decrease in “Retained earnings” and a \$167 million decrease in “Additional paid-in capital.”

In accordance with the terms of the Share Repurchase Agreement, the holders of the Class B Stock subsequently exercised their right to dispute the calculation of the purchase price. This dispute was resolved during the first quarter of 2016, resulting in an increase to the cash purchase price of \$119 million, bringing the total aggregate purchase price to \$770 million. The increase to the cash purchase price resulted in a corresponding decrease in “Retained earnings.”

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The balance of and changes in each component of “Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Prudential Financial, Inc.” for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, are as follows:

	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) Attributable to Prudential Financial, Inc.			
	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment	Net Unrealized Investment Gains (Losses)(1)	Pension and Postretirement Unrecognized Net Periodic Benefit (Cost)	Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
	(in millions)			
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$(1,087)	\$ 15,773	\$ (2,401)	) \$ 12,285
Change in OCI before reclassifications	727	9,389	(19)	) 10,097
Amounts reclassified from AOCI	6	24	53	83
Income tax benefit (expense)	(176)	) (3,211)	) (12)	) (3,399)
Balance, March 31, 2016	\$(530)	) \$ 21,975	\$ (2,379)	) \$ 19,066

	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) Attributable to Prudential Financial, Inc.			
	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment	Net Unrealized Investment Gains (Losses)(1)	Pension and Postretirement Unrecognized Net Periodic Benefit (Cost)	Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
	(in millions)			
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$(975)	\$ 19,251	\$ (2,226)	) \$ 16,050
Change in OCI before reclassifications	(28)	) 3,194	3	3,169
Amounts reclassified from AOCI	(1)	) (704)	) 49	(656)
Income tax benefit (expense)	22	(815)	) (18)	) (811)
Balance, March 31, 2015	\$(982)	\$ 20,926	\$ (2,192)	) \$ 17,752

(1) Includes cash flow hedges of \$896 million and \$1,165 million as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively, and \$1,005 million and \$206 million as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

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Reclassifications out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	Affected line item in Consolidated Statement of Operations
Amounts reclassified from AOCI(1)(2):		
Foreign currency translation adjustment:		
Foreign currency translation adjustments	\$(6) \$1	Realized investment gains (losses), net
Total foreign currency translation adjustment	(6) 1	
Net unrealized investment gains (losses):		
Cash flow hedges—Interest Rate	(1) (1) (3)	
Cash flow hedges—Currency/Interest rate	22 116 (3)	
Net unrealized investment gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities	(45) 589	
Total net unrealized investment gains (losses)	(24) 704 (4)	
Amortization of defined benefit pension items:		
Prior service cost	2 3 (5)	
Actuarial gain (loss)	(55) (52) (5)	
Total amortization of defined benefit pension items	(53) (49)	
Total reclassifications for the period	\$(83) \$656	

(1) All amounts are shown before tax.

(2) Positive amounts indicate gains/benefits reclassified out of AOCI. Negative amounts indicate losses/costs reclassified out of AOCI.

(3) See Note 14 for additional information on cash flow hedges.

(4) See table below for additional information on unrealized investment gains (losses), including the impact on deferred policy acquisition and other costs, future policy benefits and policyholders' dividends.

(5) See Note 10 for information on employee benefit plans.

Net Unrealized Investment Gains (Losses)

Net unrealized investment gains (losses) on securities classified as available-for-sale and certain other long-term investments and other assets are included in the Company's Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as a component of AOCI. Changes in these amounts include reclassification adjustments to exclude from "Other comprehensive income (loss)" those items that are included as part of "Net income" for a period that had been part of "Other comprehensive income (loss)" in earlier periods. The amounts for the periods indicated below, split between amounts related to fixed maturity securities on which an OTTI loss has been recognized, and all other net unrealized investment gains (losses), are as follows:

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Net Unrealized Investment Gains (Losses) on Fixed Maturity Securities on which an OTTI loss has been recognized

	Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments	DAC and VOBA	Future Policy Benefits and Policyholders' Account Balances	Policyholders' Dividends	Deferred Income Tax (Liability) Benefit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) Related To Net Unrealized Investment Gains (Losses)
	(in millions)					
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$234	\$ 6	\$ 14	\$ (31)	\$ (77)	\$ 146
Net investment gains (losses) on investments arising during the period	(25)				9	(16)
Reclassification adjustment for (gains) losses included in net income	1				0	1
Reclassification adjustment for OTTI losses excluded from net income(1)	(11)				4	(7)
Impact of net unrealized investment (gains) losses on DAC, DSI and VOBA		1			0	1
Impact of net unrealized investment (gains) losses on future policy benefits and policyholders' account balances			6		(2)	4
Impact of net unrealized investment (gains) losses on policyholders' dividends				16	(6)	10
Balance, March 31, 2016	\$199	\$ 7	\$ 20	\$ (15)	\$ (72)	\$ 139

(1) Represents "transfers in" related to the portion of OTTI losses recognized during the period that were not recognized in earnings for securities with no prior OTTI loss.

All Other Net Unrealized Investment Gains (Losses) in AOCI

	Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments	DAC and VOBA	Future Policy Benefits and Policyholders' Account Balances	Policyholders' Dividends	Deferred Income Tax (Liability) Benefit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) Related To Net Unrealized Investment Gains (Losses)
	(in millions)					
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$28,240	\$ (760)	\$ (1,082)	\$ (2,802)	\$ (7,969)	\$ 15,627
	11,310				(3,852)	7,458

Net investment gains (losses) on investments arising during the period									
Reclassification adjustment for (gains) losses included in net income	23			(8	)	15			
Reclassification adjustment for OTTI losses excluded from net income(2)	11			(4	)	7			
Impact of net unrealized investment (gains) losses on DAC, DSI and VOBA		(709	)			231	(478	)	
Impact of net unrealized investment (gains) losses on future policy benefits and policyholders' account balances			(192	)		62	(130	)	
Impact of net unrealized investment (gains) losses on policyholders' dividends				(1,018	)	355	(663	)	
Balance, March 31, 2016		\$39,584	\$(1,469)	\$ (1,274	)	\$ (3,820	)	\$(11,185)	\$ 21,836

(1) Includes cash flow hedges. See Note 14 for information on cash flow hedges.

(2) Represents "transfers out" related to the portion of OTTI losses recognized during the period that were not recognized in earnings for securities with no prior OTTI loss.

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8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

A reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted per share computations of Common Stock based on the consolidated earnings of Prudential Financial for the periods indicated, is as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016			2015		
	Income	Weighted Average Shares	Per Share Amount	Income	Weighted Average Shares	Per Share Amount
	(in millions, except per share amounts)					
Basic earnings per share						
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$1,369			\$2,046		
Less: Income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	33			10		
Less: Dividends and undistributed earnings allocated to participating unvested share-based payment awards	15			19		
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to Prudential Financial available to holders of Common Stock	\$1,321	445.3	\$ 2.97	\$2,017	454.3	\$ 4.44
Effect of dilutive securities and compensation programs						
Add: Dividends and undistributed earnings allocated to participating unvested share-based payment awards—Basic	\$15			\$19		
Less: Dividends and undistributed earnings allocated to participating unvested share-based payment awards—Diluted	14			19		
Stock options		1.4			2.3	
Deferred and long-term compensation programs		0.9			0.9	
Exchangeable Surplus Notes	4	5.6		4	5.5	
Diluted earnings per share						
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to Prudential Financial available to holders of Common Stock	\$1,326	453.2	\$ 2.93	\$2,021	463.0	\$ 4.37

Unvested share-based payment awards that contain nonforfeitable rights to dividends are participating securities and included in the computation of earnings per share pursuant to the two-class method. Under this method, earnings attributable to Prudential Financial are allocated between Common Stock and the participating awards, as if the awards were a second class of stock. During periods of income from continuing operations available to holders of Common Stock, the calculation of earnings per share excludes the income attributable to participating securities in the numerator and the dilutive impact of these securities from the denominator. In the event of loss from continuing operations available to holders of Common Stock, undistributed earnings are not allocated to participating securities and the denominator excludes the dilutive impact of these securities as they do not share in the losses of the Company. Undistributed earnings allocated to participating unvested share-based payment awards for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, as applicable, were based on 5.1 million and 4.5 million of such awards, respectively, weighted for the period they were outstanding.

Stock options and shares related to deferred and long-term compensation programs that are considered antidilutive are excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share. Stock options are considered antidilutive based on application of the treasury stock method or in the event of loss from continuing operations available to holders of Common Stock. Shares related to deferred and long-term compensation programs are considered antidilutive in the event of loss from continuing operations available to holders of Common Stock. For the periods indicated, the number

of stock options and shares related to deferred and long-term compensation programs that were considered antidilutive and were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share, weighted for the portion of the period they were outstanding, are as follows:

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	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
	Shares Exercise Price Per Share	Shares Exercise Price Per Share
	(in millions, except per share amounts, based on weighted average)	
Antidilutive stock options based on application of the treasury stock method	3.9 \$ 83.25	2.7 \$ 87.33
Antidilutive stock options due to loss from continuing operations available to holders of Common Stock	0.0	0.0
Antidilutive shares due to loss from continuing operations available to holders of Common Stock	0.0	0.0
Total antidilutive stock options and shares	3.9	2.7

In September 2009, the Company issued \$500 million of surplus notes with an interest rate of 5.36% per annum which are exchangeable at the option of the note holders for shares of Common Stock. The initial exchange rate for the surplus notes was 10.1235 shares of Common Stock per each \$1,000 principal amount of surplus notes, which represents an initial exchange price per share of Common Stock of \$98.78; however, the exchange rate is subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments. In calculating diluted earnings per share under the if-converted method, the potential shares that would be issued assuming a hypothetical exchange, weighted for the period the notes are outstanding, are added to the denominator, and interest expense, net of tax, is added to the numerator, if the overall effect is dilutive.

9. SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM DEBT

Short-term Debt

The table below presents the Company's short-term debt as of the dates indicated:

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(\$ in millions)	
Commercial paper:		
Prudential Financial	\$72	\$80
Prudential Funding, LLC	397	384
Subtotal commercial paper	469	464
Current portion of long-term debt	500	752
Total short-term debt(1)	\$969	\$1,216
Supplemental short-term debt information:		
Portion of commercial paper borrowings due overnight	\$230	\$331
Daily average commercial paper outstanding	\$883	\$1,127
Weighted average maturity of outstanding commercial paper, in days	14	10
Weighted average interest rate on outstanding short-term debt(2)	0.41 %	0.16 %

(1) Includes Prudential Financial debt of \$572 million and \$831 million at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

(2) Excludes the current portion of long-term debt.

Commercial Paper

Prudential Financial has a commercial paper program with an authorized capacity of \$3.0 billion. Prudential Financial's commercial paper borrowings have generally been used to fund the working capital needs of Prudential Financial's subsidiaries and provide short-term liquidity at Prudential Financial.

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Prudential Funding, LLC (“Prudential Funding”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Prudential Insurance, has a commercial paper program with an authorized capacity of \$7.0 billion. Prudential Funding commercial paper borrowings generally have served as an additional source of financing to meet the working capital needs of Prudential Insurance and its subsidiaries. Prudential Funding also lends to other subsidiaries of Prudential Financial up to limits agreed with the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance (“NJDOBI”). Prudential Funding maintains a support agreement with Prudential Insurance whereby Prudential Insurance has agreed to maintain Prudential Funding’s tangible net worth at a positive level. Additionally, Prudential Financial has issued a subordinated guarantee covering Prudential Funding’s \$7.0 billion commercial paper program.

Federal Home Loan Bank of New York

Prudential Insurance is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York (“FHLBNY”). Membership allows Prudential Insurance access to the FHLBNY’s financial services, including the ability to obtain collateralized loans and to issue collateralized funding agreements. Under applicable law, the funding agreements issued to the FHLBNY have priority claim status above debt holders of Prudential Insurance. FHLBNY borrowings and funding agreements are collateralized by qualifying mortgage-related assets or U.S. Treasury securities, the fair value of which must be maintained at certain specified levels relative to outstanding borrowings. FHLBNY membership requires Prudential Insurance to own member stock and borrowings require the purchase of activity-based stock in an amount equal to 4.5% of outstanding borrowings. Under FHLBNY guidelines, if any of Prudential Insurance’s financial strength ratings decline below A/A2/A Stable by S&P/Moody’s/Fitch, respectively, and the FHLBNY does not receive written assurances from the NJDOBI regarding Prudential Insurance’s solvency, new borrowings from the FHLBNY would be limited to a term of 90 days or less. Currently, there are no restrictions on the term of borrowings from the FHLBNY.

NJDOBI permits Prudential Insurance to pledge collateral to the FHLBNY in an amount of up to 5% of its prior year-end statutory net admitted assets, excluding separate account assets. Based on Prudential Insurance’s statutory net admitted assets as of December 31, 2015, the 5% limitation equates to a maximum amount of pledged assets of \$5.8 billion and an estimated maximum borrowing capacity (after taking into account required collateralization levels) of approximately \$5.0 billion. Nevertheless, FHLBNY borrowings are subject to the FHLBNY’s discretion and to the availability of qualifying assets at Prudential Insurance.

As of March 31, 2016, Prudential Insurance had pledged assets with a fair value of \$1.2 billion supporting outstanding funding agreements totaling \$1.0 billion, which are included in “Policyholders’ account balances.” The fair value of qualifying assets that were available to Prudential Insurance, but not pledged, amounted to \$6.0 billion as of March 31, 2016. Prudential Insurance had no advances outstanding under the FHLB Facility as of March 31, 2016.

Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston

Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company (“PRIAC”) is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston (“FHLBB”). Membership allows PRIAC access to collateralized advances which will be classified in “Short-term debt” or “Long-term debt,” depending on the maturity date of the obligation. PRIAC’s membership in FHLBB requires the ownership of member stock and borrowings from FHLBB require the purchase of activity-based stock in an amount between 3.0% and 4.5% of outstanding borrowings, depending on the maturity date of the obligation. As of March 31, 2016, PRIAC had no advances outstanding under the FHLBB facility.

Under Connecticut state insurance law, without the prior consent of the Connecticut Insurance Department, the amount of assets insurers may pledge to secure debt obligations is limited to the lesser of 5% of prior year statutory admitted assets or 25% of prior year statutory surplus, resulting in a maximum borrowing capacity for PRIAC under

the FHLBB facility of approximately \$244 million as of March 31, 2016.

Credit Facilities

As of March 31, 2016, the Company maintained a syndicated, unsecured committed credit facility as described below.

Borrowers	Original	Expiration	Capacity	Amount
	Term	Date		Outstanding
			(\$ in millions)	
Prudential Financial and Prudential Funding	5 years	Apr 2020	\$4,000	\$ 0

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Borrowings under this credit facility may be used for general corporate purposes, and the Company expects that it may borrow under the facility from time to time to fund its working capital needs. In addition, amounts under the credit facility may be drawn in the form of standby letters of credit that can be used to meet the Company's operating needs. The credit facility contains representations and warranties, covenants and events of default that are customary for facilities of this type, and borrowings are not contingent on the Company's credit ratings nor subject to material adverse change clauses. Borrowings under the credit facility are conditioned on the Company's maintenance of consolidated net worth of at least \$18.985 billion, which is calculated as U.S. GAAP equity, excluding AOCI, equity of noncontrolling interests and equity attributable to the Closed Block. As of March 31, 2016, the Company's consolidated net worth exceeded this required minimum amount.

Put Option Agreement for Senior Debt Issuance

In November 2013, Prudential Financial entered into a ten-year put option agreement with a Delaware trust upon the completion of the sale of \$1.5 billion of trust securities by that Delaware trust in a Rule 144A private placement. The trust invested the proceeds from the sale of the trust securities in a portfolio of principal and interest strips of U.S. Treasury securities. The put option agreement provides Prudential Financial the right to sell to the trust at any time up to \$1.5 billion of 4.419% senior notes due November 2023 and receive in exchange a corresponding amount of the principal and interest strips of the U.S. Treasury securities held by the trust. In return, the Company agreed to pay a semi-annual put premium to the trust at a rate of 1.777% per annum applied to the unexercised portion of the put option. The put option agreement with the trust provides Prudential Financial with a source of liquid assets.

The put option described above will be exercised automatically in full upon the Company's failure to make certain payments to the trust, such as paying the put option premium or reimbursing the trust for its expenses, if the Company's failure to pay is not cured within 30 days, and upon an event involving its bankruptcy. The Company is also required to exercise the put option if its consolidated stockholders' equity, calculated in accordance with GAAP but excluding AOCI, falls below \$7.0 billion, subject to adjustment in certain cases. The Company has a one-time right to unwind a prior voluntary exercise of the put option by repurchasing all of the senior notes then held by the trust in exchange for principal and interest strips of U.S. Treasury securities. Finally, any of the 4.419% senior notes that Prudential Financial issues may be redeemed prior to their maturity at par or, if greater, a make-whole price, following a voluntary exercise in full of the put option.

Long-term Debt

Surplus Notes

During the first quarter of 2016, the Company increased the principal amount of surplus notes outstanding under its captive financing facility initially established in December 2013 for the financing of non-economic reserves required under Guideline AXXX by \$140 million. As of March 31, 2016, an aggregate of \$2.2 billion of surplus notes were outstanding under this facility and no credit-linked note payments have been required.

Under the above transaction for the captive reinsurance subsidiary, because valid rights of set-off exist, interest and principal payments on the surplus notes and on the credit-linked notes are settled on a net basis, and the surplus notes are reflected in the Company's total consolidated borrowings on a net basis.

Senior Notes

Medium-Term Notes. Prudential Financial maintains a medium-term notes program under its shelf registration statement with an authorized issuance capacity of \$20.0 billion. As of March 31, 2016, the outstanding balance of the company's medium-term notes was \$10.6 billion, a decrease of \$250 million from December 31, 2015, due to maturities.

Retail Medium-Term Notes. Prudential Financial also maintains a retail medium-term notes program, including the InterNotes® program, under its shelf registration statement with an authorized issuance capacity of \$5.0 billion. As of March 31, 2016, the outstanding balance of retail notes was \$463 million.

Mortgage Debt. As of March 31, 2016, the Company's subsidiaries had mortgage debt of \$589 million that has recourse only to real estate property held for investment by those subsidiaries. This represents an increase of \$25 million from December 31, 2015, primarily due to new borrowings.

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10. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Pension and Other Postretirement Plans

The Company has funded and non-funded non-contributory defined benefit pension plans, which cover substantially all of its employees. For some employees, benefits are based on final average earnings and length of service, while benefits for other employees are based on an account balance that takes into consideration age, service and earnings during their career.

The Company provides certain health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees, their beneficiaries and covered dependents (“other postretirement benefits”). The health care plan is contributory; the life insurance plan is non-contributory. Substantially all of the Company’s U.S. employees may become eligible to receive other postretirement benefits if they retire after age 55 with at least 10 years of service or under certain circumstances after age 50 with at least 20 years of continuous service.

Net periodic (benefit) cost included in “General and administrative expenses” includes the following components:

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	Pension		Other Postretirement	
	Benefits	Benefits	Benefits	Benefits
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	(in millions)			
Components of net periodic (benefit) cost				
Service cost	\$62	\$61	\$ 5	\$ 5
Interest cost	125	117	23	21
Expected return on plan assets	(189)	(194)	(26)	(29)
Amortization of prior service cost	(1)	(2)	(1)	(1)
Amortization of actuarial (gain) loss, net	45	42	10	10
Settlements	1	1	0	0
Special termination benefits	0	2	0	0
Net periodic (benefit) cost	\$43	\$27	\$ 11	\$ 6

11. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Segments

The Company’s principal operations are comprised of four divisions, which together encompass seven segments, and its Corporate and Other operations. The U.S. Retirement Solutions and Investment Management division consists of the Individual Annuities, Retirement and Asset Management segments. The U.S. Individual Life and Group Insurance division consists of the Individual Life and Group Insurance segments. The International Insurance division consists of the International Insurance segment. The Closed Block division consists of the Closed Block segment, which includes certain in force participating insurance and annuity products and corresponding assets that are used for the payment of benefits and policyholders’ dividends on these products, as well as certain related assets and liabilities. The Closed Block segment is accounted for as a divested business that is reported separately from the divested businesses that are included in Corporate and Other operations. Our Corporate and Other operations include corporate items and initiatives that are not allocated to business segments and businesses that have been or will be divested.

Adjusted Operating Income

The Company analyzes the operating performance of each segment using “adjusted operating income.” Adjusted operating income does not equate to “Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in earnings of operating joint ventures” or “Net income (loss)” as determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP but is the measure of segment profit or loss used by the Company’s chief operating decision maker to evaluate segment performance and allocate resources, and consistent with authoritative guidance, is the measure of segment performance presented below. Adjusted operating income is calculated by adjusting each segment’s “Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in earnings of operating joint ventures” for the following items, which are described in greater detail below:

- realized investment gains (losses), net, and related charges and adjustments;
- net investment gains (losses) on trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities and changes in experience-rated contractholder liabilities due to asset value changes;

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the contribution to income (loss) of divested businesses that have been or will be sold or exited, including businesses that have been placed in wind down status, but that did not qualify for “discontinued operations” accounting treatment under U.S. GAAP; and

equity in earnings of operating joint ventures and earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests.

These items are important to an understanding of overall results of operations. Adjusted operating income is not a substitute for income determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and the Company’s definition of adjusted operating income may differ from that used by other companies. However, the Company believes that the presentation of adjusted operating income as measured for management purposes enhances the understanding of results of operations by highlighting the results from ongoing operations and the underlying profitability factors of its businesses.

Realized investment gains (losses), net, and related charges and adjustments

Realized investment gains (losses), net

Adjusted operating income excludes “Realized investment gains (losses), net,” except for certain items described below. Significant activity excluded from adjusted operating income includes impairments and credit-related gains (losses) from sales of securities, the timing of which depends largely on market credit cycles and can vary considerably across periods, and interest rate-related gains (losses) from sales of securities, which are largely subject to the Company’s discretion and influenced by market opportunities, as well as the Company’s tax and capital profile. Additionally, certain gains (losses) pertaining to derivative contracts that do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment are also excluded from adjusted operating income. Trends in the underlying profitability of the Company’s businesses can be more clearly identified without the fluctuating effects of these transactions.

The following table sets forth the significant components of “Realized investment gains (losses), net” that are included in adjusted operating income and, as a result, are reflected as adjustments to “Realized investment gains (losses), net” for purposes of calculating adjusted operating income:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Net gains (losses) from(1):		
Terminated hedges of foreign currency earnings	\$36	\$81
Current period yield adjustments	\$127	\$123
Principal source of earnings	\$10	\$24

In addition to the items in the table above, “Realized investment gains (losses), net, and related charges and (1) adjustments” also includes an adjustment to reflect “Realized investment gains (losses), net” related to divested businesses as results of “Divested businesses,” discussed below.

Terminated Hedges of Foreign Currency Earnings. The amounts shown in the table above primarily reflect the impact of an intercompany arrangement between Corporate and Other operations and the International Insurance segment, pursuant to which the non-U.S. dollar-denominated earnings in all countries for a particular year, including its interim reporting periods, are translated at fixed currency exchange rates. The fixed rates are determined in connection with a

currency hedging program designed to mitigate the risk that unfavorable rate changes will reduce the segment's U.S. dollar equivalent earnings. Pursuant to this program, the Company's Corporate and Other operations may execute forward currency contracts with third parties to sell the net exposure of projected earnings from the hedged currency in exchange for U.S. dollars at a specified exchange rate. The maturities of these contracts correspond with the future periods in which the identified non-U.S. dollar-denominated earnings are expected to be generated. These contracts do not qualify for hedge accounting under U.S. GAAP, so the resulting profits or losses are recorded in "Realized investment gains (losses), net." When the contracts are terminated in the same period that the expected earnings emerge, the resulting positive or negative cash flow effect is included in adjusted operating income.

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Current Period Yield Adjustments. The Company uses interest rate and currency swaps and other derivatives to manage interest and currency exchange rate exposures arising from mismatches between assets and liabilities, including duration mismatches. For derivative contracts that do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment, the periodic swap settlements, as well as certain other derivative related yield adjustments are recorded in “Realized investment gains (losses), net,” and are included in adjusted operating income to reflect the after-hedge yield of the underlying instruments. In certain instances, when these derivative contracts are terminated or offset before their final maturity, the resulting realized gains or losses are recognized in adjusted operating income over periods that generally approximate the expected terms of the derivatives or underlying instruments in order for adjusted operating income to reflect the after-hedge yield of the underlying instruments. Included in the amounts shown in the table above are gains on certain derivative contracts that were terminated or offset before their final maturity of \$12 million and \$21 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Additionally, as of March 31, 2016, there was a \$149 million deferred net gain related to certain derivative contracts that were terminated or offset before their final maturity, primarily in the International Insurance segment. Also included in the amounts shown in the table above are fees related to synthetic Guaranteed Investment Contracts (“GICs”) of \$39 million and \$40 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Synthetic GICs are accounted for as derivatives under U.S. GAAP and, therefore, these fees are recorded in “Realized investment gains (losses), net.” See Note 14 for additional information on synthetic GICs.

Principal Source of Earnings. The Company conducts certain activities for which realized investment gains (losses) are a principal source of earnings for its businesses and therefore included in adjusted operating income, particularly within the Company’s Asset Management segment. For example, Asset Management’s strategic investing business makes investments for sale or syndication to other investors or for placement or co-investment in the Company’s managed funds and structured products. The realized investment gains (losses) associated with the sale of these strategic investments, as well as the majority of derivative results, are a principal activity for this business and included in adjusted operating income. In addition, the realized investment gains (losses) associated with loans originated by the Company’s commercial mortgage operations, as well as related derivative results and retained mortgage servicing rights, are a principal activity for this business and included in adjusted operating income.

Other items reflected as adjustments to Realized investment gains (losses), net

The following table sets forth certain other items excluded from adjusted operating income and reflected as an adjustment to “Realized investment gains (losses), net” for purposes of calculating adjusted operating income:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Net gains (losses) from:		
Other trading account assets	\$(22)	\$(58)
Foreign currency exchange movements	\$(321)	\$25
Other activities	\$3	\$3

Other Trading Account Assets. The Company has certain investments in its general account portfolios that are classified as trading. These trading investments are carried at fair value and included in “Other trading account assets, at fair value” on the Company’s Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position. Realized and unrealized gains (losses) for these investments are recorded in “Other income.” Consistent with the exclusion of realized investment gains (losses) with respect to other investments managed on a consistent basis, the net gains or losses on

these investments are excluded from adjusted operating income.

Foreign Currency Exchange Movements. The Company has certain assets and liabilities for which, under U.S. GAAP, the changes in value, including those associated with changes in foreign currency exchange rates during the period, are recorded in "Other income." To the extent the foreign currency exposure on these assets and liabilities is economically hedged or considered part of the Company's capital funding strategies for its international subsidiaries, the change in value included in "Other income" is excluded from adjusted operating income.

Other Activities. The Company excludes certain other items from adjusted operating income that are consistent with similar adjustments described above.

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Related charges

Charges that relate to realized investment gains (losses) are also excluded from adjusted operating income, and include the following:

• The portion of the amortization of DAC, VOBA, unearned revenue reserves and DSI for certain products that is related to net realized investment gains (losses).

Policyholder dividends and interest credited to policyholders' account balances that relate to certain life policies that pass back certain realized investment gains (losses) to the policyholder, and reserves for future policy benefits for certain policies that are affected by net realized investment gains (losses).

Market value adjustments paid or received upon a contractholder's surrender of certain of the Company's annuity products as these amounts mitigate the net realized investment gains or losses incurred upon the disposition of the underlying invested assets.

Investment gains (losses) on trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities and changes in experience-rated contractholder liabilities due to asset value changes

Certain products included in the Retirement and International Insurance segments are experience-rated in that investment results associated with these products are expected to ultimately accrue to contractholders. The majority of investments supporting these experience-rated products are classified as trading and are carried at fair value, with realized and unrealized gains (losses) reported in "Other income." To a lesser extent, these experience-rated products are also supported by derivatives and commercial mortgage and other loans. The derivatives are carried at fair value, with realized and unrealized gains (losses) reported in "Realized investment gains (losses), net." The commercial mortgage and other loans are carried at unpaid principal, net of unamortized discounts and an allowance for losses, with gains (losses) on sales and changes in the valuation allowance for commercial mortgage and other loans reported in "Realized investment gains (losses), net."

Adjusted operating income excludes net investment gains (losses) on trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities, which is consistent with the exclusion of realized investment gains (losses) with respect to other investments supporting insurance liabilities managed on a consistent basis. In addition, to be consistent with the historical treatment of charges related to realized investment gains (losses) on investments, adjusted operating income also excludes the change in contractholder liabilities due to asset value changes in the pool of investments (including changes in the fair value of commercial mortgage and other loans) supporting these experience-rated contracts, which are reflected in "Interest credited to policyholders' account balances." These adjustments are in addition to the exclusion from adjusted operating income of net investment gains (losses) on the related derivatives and commercial mortgage and other loans through "Realized investment gains (losses), net, and related charges and adjustments," as discussed above. The result of this approach is that adjusted operating income for these products includes net fee revenue and interest spread the Company earns on these experience-rated contracts, and excludes changes in fair value of the pool of investments, both realized and unrealized, that are expected to ultimately accrue to the contractholders.

Divested businesses

The contribution to income (loss) of divested businesses that have been or will be sold or exited, including businesses that have been placed in wind down, but that did not qualify for "discontinued operations" accounting treatment under U.S. GAAP, are excluded from adjusted operating income as the results of divested businesses are not considered relevant to understanding the Company's ongoing operating results.

Equity in earnings of operating joint ventures and earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests

Equity in earnings of operating joint ventures, on a pre-tax basis, are included in adjusted operating income as these results are a principal source of earnings. These earnings are reflected on a U.S. GAAP basis on an after-tax basis as a separate line on the Company's Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests are excluded from adjusted operating income. Earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests represents the portion of earnings from consolidated entities that relates to the equity interests of minority investors, and are reflected on a U.S. GAAP basis as a separate line on the Company's Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Operations.

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Reconciliation of adjusted operating income and net income (loss)

The table below reconciles adjusted operating income before income taxes to income from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in earnings of operating joint ventures:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Adjusted Operating Income before income taxes by Segment:		
Individual Annuities	\$328	\$529
Retirement	219	284
Asset Management	165	205
Total U.S. Retirement Solutions and Investment Management division	712	1,018
Individual Life	120	116
Group Insurance	26	30
Total U.S. Individual Life and Group Insurance division	146	146
International Insurance	779	834
Total International Insurance division	779	834
Corporate and Other operations	(312)	(253)
Total Corporate and Other	(312)	(253)
Total adjusted operating income before income taxes	1,325	1,745
Reconciling items:		
Realized investment gains (losses), net, and related adjustments	1,418	1,662
Charges related to realized investment gains (losses), net	(1,080)	(611)
Investment gains (losses) on trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities, net	216	83
Change in experience-rated contractholder liabilities due to asset value changes	(130)	(197)
Divested businesses:		
Closed Block division	(73)	(22)
Other divested businesses	31	75
Equity in earnings of operating joint ventures and earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests	25	13
Consolidated income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in earnings of operating joint ventures	\$1,732	\$2,748

The Individual Annuities segment results reflect DAC as if the individual annuity business is a stand-alone operation. The elimination of intersegment costs capitalized in accordance with this policy is included in consolidating adjustments within Corporate and Other operations.

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Reconciliation of select financial information

The table below presents revenues and total assets for the Company's reportable segments for the periods, or as of the dates, indicated:

	Revenue		Total Assets	
	Three Months		March 31, December	
	Ended		March 31, 31,	
	March 31,		2016 2015(1)	
	2016 2015			
	(in millions)			
Individual Annuities	\$1,109	\$1,187	\$172,188	\$169,447
Retirement	1,893	2,478	168,798	171,183
Asset Management	706	733	48,655	54,491
Total U.S. Retirement Solutions and Investment Management division	3,708	4,398	389,641	395,121
Individual Life	1,366	1,351	74,469	71,856
Group Insurance	1,320	1,277	40,954	39,344
Total U.S. Individual Life and Group Insurance division	2,686	2,628	115,423	111,200
International Insurance	5,044	4,906	193,435	175,153
Total International Insurance division	5,044	4,906	193,435	175,153
Corporate and Other operations	(146)	(125)	11,012	13,654
Total Corporate and Other	(146)	(125)	11,012	13,654
Total	11,292	11,807	709,511	695,128
Reconciling items:				
Realized investment gains (losses), net, and related adjustments	1,418	1,662		
Charges related to realized investment gains (losses), net	88	54		
Investment gains (losses) on trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities, net	216	83		
Divested businesses:				
Closed Block division	1,129	1,719	63,484	62,127
Other divested businesses	194	224		
Equity in earnings of operating joint ventures and earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests	(8)	3		
Total per Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements	\$14,329	\$15,552	\$772,995	\$757,255

(1) Prior period amounts are presented on a basis consistent with the current period presentation, reflecting the adoption of ASU 2015-03.

The Asset Management segment revenues include intersegment revenues primarily consisting of asset-based management and administration fees as follows:

Three
Months
Ended
March 31,
2016 2015

(in
millions)

Asset Management segment intersegment revenues \$ 170 \$ 178

Management has determined the intersegment revenues with reference to market rates. Intersegment revenues are eliminated in consolidation in Corporate and Other.

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12. INCOME TAXES

The Company's liability for income taxes includes the liability for unrecognized tax benefits, interest and penalties which relate to tax years still subject to review by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") or other taxing authorities. Audit periods remain open for review until the statute of limitations has passed. Generally, for tax years which produce net operating losses, capital losses or tax credit carryforwards ("tax attributes"), the statute of limitations does not close, to the extent of these tax attributes, until the expiration of the statute of limitations for the tax year in which they are fully utilized. The completion of review or the expiration of the statute of limitations for a given audit period could result in an adjustment to the liability for income taxes.

The Company does not anticipate any significant changes within the next 12 months to its total unrecognized tax benefits related to tax years for which the statute of limitations has not expired.

Listed below are the tax years that remain subject to examination by major tax jurisdiction, at March 31, 2016:

Major Tax Jurisdiction	Open Tax Years
United States	2007 – 2015
Japan	Fiscal years ended March 31, 2011 – 2016
Korea	Fiscal years ended March 31, 2011 – 2013, the periods ended December 31, 2014 and 2015

The dividends received deduction ("DRD") reduces the amount of dividend income subject to U.S. tax and is a significant component of the difference between the Company's effective tax rate and the federal statutory tax rate of 35%. The DRD for the current period was estimated using information from 2015 and current year results, and was adjusted to take into account the current year's equity market performance and expected business results. The actual current year DRD can vary from the estimate based on factors such as, but not limited to, changes in the amount of dividends received that are eligible for the DRD, changes in the amount of distributions received from mutual fund investments, changes in the account balances of variable life and annuity contracts, and the Company's taxable income before the DRD.

There is a possibility that the IRS and the U.S. Treasury will address, through guidance, their issues related to the calculation of the DRD. For the last several years, the revenue proposals included in the Obama Administration's budgets included proposed changes to the method used to determine the amount of the DRD. A change in the DRD, including the possible retroactive or prospective elimination of this deduction through guidance or legislation, could increase actual tax expense and reduce the Company's consolidated net income.

For tax years 2007 through 2016, the Company is participating in the IRS's Compliance Assurance Program ("CAP"). Under CAP, the IRS assigns an examination team to review completed transactions as they occur in order to reach agreement with the Company on how they should be reported in the relevant tax return. If disagreements arise, accelerated resolutions programs are available to try to resolve the disagreements in a timely manner before the tax return is filed.

13. FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Fair Value Measurement—Fair value represents the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The authoritative fair value guidance establishes a framework for measuring fair value that includes a hierarchy used to classify the inputs used in measuring fair value. The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls is determined

based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1—Fair value is based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible to the Company for identical assets or liabilities. The Company's Level 1 assets and liabilities primarily include certain cash equivalents and short-term investments, equity securities and derivative contracts that trade on an active exchange market.

Level 2—Fair value is based on significant inputs, other than quoted prices included in Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability through corroboration with observable market data. Level 2 inputs include quoted market prices in active markets for similar assets and liabilities, quoted market prices in markets that are not active for identical or similar assets or liabilities, and other market observable inputs. The Company's Level 2 assets and liabilities include: fixed maturities (corporate public and private bonds, most government securities, certain asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities, etc.), certain equity securities (mutual funds, which do not trade in active markets because they are not publicly available), certain commercial mortgage loans, short-term investments and certain cash equivalents (primarily commercial paper), and certain over-the-counter ("OTC") derivatives.

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Level 3—Fair value is based on at least one significant unobservable input for the asset or liability. The assets and liabilities in this category may require significant judgment or estimation in determining the fair value. The Company's Level 3 assets and liabilities primarily include: certain private fixed maturities and equity securities, certain manually priced public equity securities and fixed maturities, certain highly structured OTC derivative contracts, certain commercial mortgage loans, certain consolidated real estate funds for which the Company is the general partner and embedded derivatives resulting from certain products with guaranteed benefits.

Assets and Liabilities by Hierarchy Level—The tables below present the balances of assets and liabilities reported at fair value on a recurring basis, as of the dates indicated.

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	As of March 31, 2016			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Netting(1) Total
	(in millions)			
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale:				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government authorities and agencies	\$0	\$22,044	\$0	\$ 22,044
Obligations of U.S. states and their political subdivisions	0	9,270	6	9,276
Foreign government bonds	0	96,354	122	96,476
U.S. corporate public securities	0	80,391	214	80,605
U.S. corporate private securities(7)	0	29,442	1,170	30,612
Foreign corporate public securities	0	29,252	97	29,349
Foreign corporate private securities	0	19,055	593	19,648
Asset-backed securities(8)	0	5,977	4,568	10,545
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	0	10,993	11	11,004
Residential mortgage-backed securities	0	4,777	193	4,970
Subtotal	0	307,555	6,974	314,529
Trading account assets(2):				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government authorities and agencies	0	368	0	368
Obligations of U.S. states and their political subdivisions	0	199	0	199
Foreign government bonds	7	774	36	817
Corporate securities	1	17,824	228	18,053
Asset-backed securities(8)	0	825	611	1,436
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	0	1,931	1	1,932
Residential mortgage-backed securities	0	1,464	4	1,468
Equity securities	1,463	210	581	2,254
All other(3)	92	20,484	1	(17,705) 2,872
Subtotal	1,563	44,079	1,462	(17,705) 29,399
Equity securities, available-for-sale	5,933	3,175	292	9,400
Commercial mortgage and other loans	0	286	0	286
Other long-term investments	45	120	19	(12) 172
Short-term investments	1,491	1,612	0	3,103
Cash equivalents	4,814	13,595	0	18,409
Other assets	0	9	36	45
Subtotal excluding separate account assets	13,846	370,431	8,783	(17,717) 375,343
Separate account assets(4)	38,099	215,306	2,168	255,573
Total assets	\$51,945	\$585,737	\$10,951	\$(17,717) \$630,916
Future policy benefits(5)	\$0	\$0	\$11,069	\$0 \$11,069
Other liabilities	2	8,010	2	(7,577) 437
Notes issued by consolidated VIEs	0	0	2,946	2,946
Total liabilities	\$2	\$8,010	\$14,017	\$(7,577) \$14,452

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	As of December 31, 2015				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Netting(1)	Total
	(in millions)				
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale:					
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government authorities and agencies	\$0	\$18,517	\$0	\$	\$18,517
Obligations of U.S. states and their political subdivisions	0	8,789	6		8,795
Foreign government bonds	0	83,590	123		83,713
U.S. corporate public securities	0	75,163	205		75,368
U.S. corporate private securities(7)	0	29,750	694		30,444
Foreign corporate public securities	0	28,510	44		28,554
Foreign corporate private securities	0	18,859	279		19,138
Asset-backed securities(8)	0	6,178	4,048		10,226
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	0	10,424	38		10,462
Residential mortgage-backed securities	0	4,923	183		5,106
Subtotal	0	284,703	5,620		290,323
Trading account assets(2):					
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government authorities and agencies	0	288	0		288
Obligations of U.S. states and their political subdivisions	0	189	0		189
Foreign government bonds	0	697	34		731
Corporate securities	0	23,125	203		23,328
Asset-backed securities(8)	0	749	596		1,345
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	0	1,870	3		1,873
Residential mortgage-backed securities	0	1,509	4		1,513
Equity securities	1,542	221	589		2,352
All other(3)	630	14,173	5	(11,447)	3,361
Subtotal	2,172	42,821	1,434	(11,447)	34,980
Equity securities, available-for-sale	6,011	2,997	266		9,274
Commercial mortgage and other loans	0	274	0		274
Other long-term investments(6)	13	130	49	(10)	182
Short-term investments	6,776	711	0		7,487
Cash equivalents	4,834	9,374	0		14,208
Other assets	0	9	7		16
Subtotal excluding separate account assets	19,806	341,019	7,376	(11,457)	356,744
Separate account assets(4)(6)	43,076	214,838	1,995		259,909
Total assets	\$62,882	\$555,857	\$9,371	\$(11,457)	\$616,653
Future policy benefits(5)	\$0	\$0	\$8,434	\$	\$8,434
Other liabilities	1	5,306	2	(5,276)	33
Notes issued by consolidated VIEs	0	0	8,597		8,597
Total liabilities	\$1	\$5,306	\$17,033	\$(5,276)	\$17,064

“Netting” amounts represent cash collateral of \$10,140 million and \$6,181 million as of March 31, 2016 and (1)December 31, 2015, respectively, and the impact of offsetting asset and liability positions held with the same counterparty, subject to master netting arrangements.

(2)Includes “Trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities” and “Other trading account assets.”

(3)

Level 1 represents cash equivalents and short term investments. All other amounts primarily represent derivative assets.

(4) Separate account assets represent segregated funds that are invested for certain customers. Investment risks associated with market value changes are borne by the customers, except to the extent of minimum guarantees made by the Company with respect to certain accounts. Separate account assets classified as Level 3 consist primarily of real estate and real estate investment funds. Separate account liabilities are not included in the above table as they are reported at contract value and not fair value in the Company's Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.

(5) As of March 31, 2016, the net embedded derivative liability position of \$11.1 billion includes \$0.7 billion of embedded derivatives in an asset position and \$11.8 billion of embedded derivatives in a liability position. As of December 31, 2015, the net embedded derivative liability position of \$8.4 billion includes \$0.7 billion of embedded derivatives in an asset position and \$9.1 billion of embedded derivatives in a liability position.

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- (6) Prior period amounts are presented on a basis consistent with the current period presentation, reflecting the adoption of ASU 2015-07.
- (7) Excludes notes with fair value of \$1,050 million and \$1,039 million as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively, which have been offset with the associated payables under a netting agreement.
- (8) Includes credit-tranched securities collateralized by sub-prime mortgages, auto loans, credit cards, education loans and other asset types.

The methods and assumptions the Company uses to estimate the fair value of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below.

Fixed Maturity Securities—The fair values of the Company's public fixed maturity securities are generally based on prices obtained from independent pricing services. Prices for each security are generally sourced from multiple pricing vendors, and a vendor hierarchy is maintained by asset type based on historical pricing experience and vendor expertise. The Company ultimately uses the price from the pricing service highest in the vendor hierarchy based on the respective asset type. The pricing hierarchy is updated for new financial products and recent pricing experience with various vendors. Consistent with the fair value hierarchy described above, securities with validated quotes from pricing services are generally reflected within Level 2, as they are primarily based on observable pricing for similar assets and/or other market observable inputs. Typical inputs used by these pricing services include but are not limited to, reported trades, benchmark yields, issuer spreads, bids, offers, and/or estimated cash flow, prepayment speeds and default rates. If the pricing information received from third-party pricing services is deemed not reflective of market activity or other inputs observable in the market, the Company may challenge the price through a formal process with the pricing service or classify the securities as Level 3. If the pricing service updates the price to be more consistent with the presented market observations, the security remains within Level 2.

Internally-developed valuations or indicative broker quotes are also used to determine fair value in circumstances where vendor pricing is not available, or where the Company ultimately concludes that pricing information received from the independent pricing services is not reflective of market activity. If the Company concludes the values from both pricing services and brokers are not reflective of market activity, it may override the information with an internally-developed valuation. As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, overrides on a net basis were not material. Pricing service overrides, internally-developed valuations and indicative broker quotes are generally included in Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

The Company conducts several specific price monitoring activities. Daily analyses identify price changes over predetermined thresholds defined at the financial instrument level. Various pricing integrity reports are reviewed on a daily and monthly basis to determine if pricing is reflective of market activity or if it would warrant any adjustments. Other procedures performed include, but are not limited to, reviews of third-party pricing services methodologies, reviews of pricing trends and back testing.

The fair value of private fixed maturities, which are comprised of investments in private placement securities, originated by internal private asset managers, are primarily determined using discounted cash flow models. These models primarily use observable inputs that include Treasury or similar base rates plus estimated credit spreads to value each security. The credit spreads are obtained through a survey of private market intermediaries who are active in both primary and secondary transactions, and consider, among other factors, the credit quality and industry sector of the issuer and the reduced liquidity associated with private placements. Since most private placements are valued using standard market observable inputs and inputs derived from, or corroborated by, market observable data including observed prices and spreads for similar publicly-traded or privately-traded issues, they have been reflected within Level 2. For certain private fixed maturities, the discounted cash flow model may incorporate significant

unobservable inputs, which reflect the Company's own assumptions about the inputs that market participants would use in pricing the asset. To the extent management determines that such unobservable inputs are significant to the price of a security, a Level 3 classification is made.

Trading Account Assets—Trading account assets consist primarily of fixed maturity securities, equity securities and derivatives whose fair values are determined consistent with similar instruments described above under “Fixed Maturity Securities” and below under “Equity Securities” and “Derivative Instruments.”

Equity Securities—Equity securities consist principally of investments in common and preferred stock of publicly-traded companies, perpetual preferred stock, privately-traded securities, as well as mutual fund shares. The fair values of most publicly- traded equity securities are based on quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets and are classified within Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy. Estimated fair values for most privately traded equity securities are determined using discounted cash flow, earnings multiple and other valuation models that require a substantial level of judgment around inputs and therefore are classified within Level 3. The fair values of mutual fund shares that transact regularly (but do not trade in active markets because they are not publicly available) are based on transaction prices of identical fund shares and are classified within Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. The fair values of perpetual preferred stock are based on inputs obtained from independent pricing services that are primarily based on indicative broker quotes. As a result, the fair values of perpetual preferred stock are classified as Level 3.

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Commercial Mortgage and Other Loans—The fair value of loans held and accounted for using the fair value option is determined utilizing pricing indicators from the whole loan market, where investors are committed to purchase these loans at a predetermined price, which is considered the principal exit market for these loans. The Company has evaluated the valuation inputs used for these assets, including the existence of predetermined exit prices, the terms of the loans, prevailing interest rates and credit risk, and deemed that the primary pricing inputs are Level 2 inputs in the fair value hierarchy.

Other Long-Term Investments—Other long-term investments include limited partnerships which are consolidated because the Company is either deemed to exercise control or considered the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity. These entities are considered investment companies and follow specialized industry accounting whereby their assets are carried at fair value. The investments held by these entities include various feeder fund investments in underlying master funds (whose underlying holdings generally include public fixed maturities, equity securities and mutual funds), as well as wholly-owned real estate held within other investment funds. The fair value is determined by reference to the underlying direct investments, with publicly-traded equity securities based on quoted prices in active markets reflected in Level 1, and public fixed maturities and mutual funds priced via quotes from pricing services or observable data reflected in Level 2. The fair value of investments in funds that are subject to significant liquidity restrictions are reflected in Level 3.

As discussed in Note 2, the Company adopted ASU 2015-07, effective January 1, 2016, which resulted in the exclusion of certain Other long-term investments from the fair value hierarchy. The guidance was required to be applied retrospectively, and therefore, prior period amounts have been revised to conform to the current period presentation. At March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the fair values of these investments, which include certain hedge funds, private equity funds and other funds were \$1,301 million and \$1,413 million, respectively, of which \$82 million and \$1,331 million had been previously classified in Level 2 and Level 3, respectively, at December 31, 2015.

Other Assets—Other assets reflected in Level 3 include reinsurance recoverables which are carried at fair value and relate to the reinsurance of the Company's living benefit guarantees on certain variable annuity contracts. The methods and assumptions used to estimate the fair value are consistent with those described in "Future Policy Benefits".

Derivative Instruments—Derivatives are recorded at fair value either as assets, within "Other trading account assets," or "Other long-term investments," or as liabilities, within "Other liabilities," except for embedded derivatives which are recorded with the associated host contract. The fair values of derivative contracts can be affected by changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, commodity prices, credit spreads, market volatility, expected returns, non-performance risk ("NPR"), liquidity and other factors. For derivative positions included within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, liquidity valuation adjustments are made to reflect the cost of exiting significant risk positions, and consider the bid-ask spread, maturity, complexity and other specific attributes of the underlying derivative position.

The Company's exchange-traded futures and options include Treasury futures, Eurodollar futures, commodity futures, Eurodollar options and commodity options. Exchange-traded futures and options are valued using quoted prices in active markets and are classified within Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy.

The majority of the Company's derivative positions are traded in the OTC derivative market and are classified within Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. OTC derivatives classified within Level 2 are valued using models that utilize actively quoted or observable market input values from external market data providers, third-party pricing vendors and/or recent trading activity. The Company's policy is to use mid-market pricing in determining its best estimate of fair value. The fair values of most OTC derivatives, including interest rate and cross-currency swaps, currency

forward contracts, commodity swaps, commodity forward contracts, single name credit default swaps, loan commitments held for sale and “to be announced” (“TBA”) forward contracts on highly rated mortgage-backed securities issued by U.S. government sponsored entities are determined using discounted cash flow models. The fair values of European style option contracts are determined using Black-Scholes option pricing models. These models’ key inputs include the contractual terms of the respective contract, along with significant observable inputs, including interest rates, currency rates, credit spreads, equity prices, index dividend yields, NPR, volatility and other factors.

The Company’s cleared interest rate swaps and credit derivatives linked to an index are valued using models that utilize actively quoted or observable market inputs, including Overnight Indexed Swap discount rates, obtained from external market data providers, third-party pricing vendors and/or recent trading activity. These derivatives are classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

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The vast majority of the Company's derivative agreements are with highly rated major international financial institutions. To reflect the market's perception of its own and the counterparty's NPR, the Company incorporates additional spreads over London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") into the discount rate used in determining the fair value of OTC derivative assets and liabilities that are not otherwise collateralized.

Derivatives classified as Level 3 include look-back equity options and other structured products. These derivatives are valued based upon models, such as Monte Carlo simulation models and other techniques that utilize significant unobservable inputs. Level 3 methodologies are validated through periodic comparison of the Company's fair values to external broker-dealer values.

Cash Equivalents and Short-Term Investments—Cash equivalents and short-term investments include money market instruments, commercial paper and other highly liquid debt instruments. Certain money market instruments are valued using unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible for identical assets and are primarily classified as Level 1. The remaining instruments in this category are generally fair valued based on market observable inputs and these investments have primarily been classified within Level 2.

Separate Account Assets—Separate account assets include fixed maturity securities, treasuries, equity securities and mutual funds for which values are determined consistent with similar instruments described above under "Fixed Maturity Securities," and "Equity Securities."

As discussed in Note 2, the Company adopted ASU 2015-07, effective January 1, 2016, which resulted in the exclusion of certain separate account investments from the fair value hierarchy. The guidance was required to be applied retrospectively, and therefore, prior period amounts have been revised to conform to the current period presentation. At March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the fair values of Separate Account Assets excluded from the fair value hierarchy, which include investments in real estate and other invested assets, were \$25,928 million and \$25,661 million, respectively, which had been previously classified in Level 3 at December 31, 2015.

Notes issued by Consolidated VIEs—The fair values of these notes are based on indicative broker quotes and classified within Level 3. See Note 5 and "Fair Value Option" below for additional information.

Other Liabilities—Other liabilities include certain derivative instruments, the fair values of which are determined consistent with similar derivative instruments described above under "Derivative Instruments."

Future Policy Benefits—The liability for future policy benefits is related to guarantees primarily associated with the living benefit features of certain variable annuity contracts offered by the Company's Individual Annuities segment, including guaranteed minimum accumulation benefit, guaranteed minimum withdrawal benefits and guaranteed minimum income and withdrawal benefits, accounted for as embedded derivatives. The fair values of these liabilities are calculated as the present value of future expected benefit payments to customers less the present value of future expected rider fees attributable to the embedded derivative feature. This methodology could result in either a liability or contra-liability balance, given changing capital market conditions and various actuarial assumptions. Since there is no observable active market for the transfer of these obligations, the valuations are calculated using internally-developed models with option pricing techniques. The models are based on a risk neutral valuation framework and incorporate premiums for risks inherent in valuation techniques, inputs, and the general uncertainty around the timing and amount of future cash flows. The determination of these risk premiums requires the use of management's judgment.

The significant inputs to the valuation models for these embedded derivatives include capital market assumptions, such as interest rate levels and volatility assumptions, the Company's market-perceived NPR, as well as actuarially determined assumptions, including contractholder behavior, such as lapse rates, benefit utilization rates, withdrawal rates, and mortality rates. Since many of these assumptions are unobservable and are considered to be significant inputs to the liability valuation, the liability included in future policy benefits has been reflected within Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

Capital market inputs and actual policyholders' account values are updated each quarter based on capital market conditions as of the end of the quarter, including interest rates, equity markets and volatility. In the risk neutral valuation, the initial swap curve drives the total return used to grow the policyholders' account values. The Company's discount rate assumption is based on the LIBOR swap curve adjusted for an additional spread relative to LIBOR to reflect NPR.

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Actuarial assumptions, including contractholder behavior and mortality, are reviewed at least annually, and updated based upon emerging experience, future expectations and other data, including any observable market data. These assumptions are generally updated annually unless a material change that the Company feels is indicative of a long-term trend is observed in an interim period.

Transfers between Levels 1 and 2—Transfers between levels are made to reflect changes in observability of inputs and market activity. Transfers into or out of any level are generally reported as the value as of the beginning of the quarter in which the transfers occur for any such assets still held at the end of the quarter. Periodically there are transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 for assets held in the Company's Separate Account. The fair value of foreign common stock held in the Company's Separate Account may reflect differences in market levels between the close of foreign trading markets and the close of U.S. trading markets for the respective day. Dependent on the existence of such a timing difference, the assets may move between Level 1 and Level 2. During the three months ended March 31, 2016, \$254 million were transferred from Level 1 to Level 2 and \$18 million were transferred from Level 2 to Level 1. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, \$50 million were transferred from Level 1 to Level 2 and \$17 million were transferred from Level 2 to Level 1.

Level 3 Assets and Liabilities by Price Source—The table below presents the balances of Level 3 assets and liabilities measured at fair value with their corresponding pricing sources.

	As of March 31, 2016		
	Internal(1)	External(2)	Total
	(in millions)		
Obligations of U.S. states and their political subdivisions	\$6	\$ 0	\$6
Foreign government bonds	0	158	158
Corporate securities(3)	1,901	401	2,302
Asset-backed securities(4)	156	5,023	5,179
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	4	8	12
Residential mortgage-backed securities	37	160	197
Equity securities	105	768	873
Other long-term investments	9	10	19
Other assets	37	0	37
Subtotal excluding separate account assets	2,255	6,528	8,783
Separate account assets	1,186	982	2,168
Total assets	\$3,441	\$ 7,510	\$10,951
Future policy benefits	\$11,069	\$ 0	\$11,069
Other liabilities	2	0	2
Notes issued by consolidated VIEs	0	2,946	2,946
Total liabilities	\$11,071	\$ 2,946	\$14,017

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	As of December 31, 2015		
	Internal(1)	External(2)	Total
	(in millions)		
Obligations of U.S. states and their political subdivisions	\$6	\$ 0	\$6
Foreign government bonds	0	157	157
Corporate securities(3)	1,085	340	1,425
Asset-backed securities(4)	149	4,495	4,644
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	5	36	41
Residential mortgage-backed securities	37	150	187
Equity securities	63	792	855
Other long-term investments(5)	39	10	49
Other assets	12	0	12
Subtotal excluding separate account assets	1,396	5,980	7,376
Separate account assets(5)	1,024	971	1,995
Total assets	\$2,420	\$ 6,951	\$9,371
Future policy benefits	\$8,434	\$ 0	\$8,434
Other liabilities	2	0	2
Notes issued by consolidated VIEs	0	8,597	8,597
Total liabilities	\$8,436	\$ 8,597	\$17,033

- Represents valuations reflecting both internally-derived and market inputs as well as third-party pricing information or quotes. See below for additional information related to internally-developed valuation for significant items in the above table.
- (2) Represents unadjusted prices from independent pricing services and independent indicative broker quotes where pricing inputs are not readily available.
- (3) Includes assets classified as fixed maturities available-for-sale, trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities and other trading account assets.
- (4) Includes credit-tranched securities collateralized by sub-prime mortgages, auto loans, credit cards, education loans and other asset types.
- (5) Prior period amounts are presented on a basis consistent with the current period presentation, reflecting the adoption of ASU 2015-07.

Quantitative Information Regarding Internally-Priced Level 3 Assets and Liabilities—The tables below present quantitative information on significant internally-priced Level 3 assets and liabilities (see narrative below for quantitative information for separate account assets).

As of March 31, 2016							
	Fair Value	Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Inputs	Minimum	Maximum	Weighted Average	Impact of Increase in Input on Fair Value(1)
	(in millions)						
Assets:							
Corporate securities(9)	\$ 1,901	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate	0.84%	- 21.69%	9.14%	Decrease
		Market comparables	EBITDA multiples(2)	1.4X	- 5.0X	3.9X	Increase

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		Liquidation	Liquidation value	15.91%	-29.13%	17.74%	Increase
Liabilities:							
Future policy							
benefits(3)	\$ 11,069	Discounted cash flow	Lapse rate(4)	0%	-14%		Decrease
			NPR spread(5)	0.44%	-2.07%		Decrease
			Utilization rate(6)	56%	-96%		Increase
			Withdrawal rate(7)	74%	-100%		Increase
			Mortality rate(8)	0%	-14%		Decrease
			Equity volatility curve	16%	-28%		Increase

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As of December 31, 2015

	Fair Value	Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Inputs	Minimum	Maximum	Weighted Average	Impact of Increase in Input on Fair Value(1)
	(in millions)						
Assets:							
Corporate securities(9)	\$1,085	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate	0.93%	-25%	7.66%	Decrease
		Market comparables	EBITDA multiples(2)	1.4X	-5.0X	3.7X	Increase
		Liquidation	Liquidation value	15.79%	-29.33%	17.77%	Increase
Liabilities:							
Future policy benefits(3)	\$8,434	Discounted cash flow	Lapse rate(4)	0%	-14%		Decrease
			NPR spread(5)	0.06%	-1.76%		Decrease
			Utilization rate(6)	56%	-96%		Increase
			Withdrawal rate(7)	74%	-100%		Increase
			Mortality rate(8)	0%	-14%		Decrease
			Equity volatility curve	17%	-28%		Increase

(1) Conversely, the impact of a decrease in input would have the opposite impact for the fair value as that presented in the table.

Represents multiples of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (“EBITDA”), and are amounts

(2) used when the reporting entity has determined that market participants would use such multiples when pricing the investments.

Future policy benefits primarily represent general account liabilities for the living benefit features of the Company’s variable annuity contracts which are accounted for as embedded derivatives. Since the valuation methodology for (3) these liabilities uses a range of inputs that vary at the contract level over the cash flow projection period, presenting a range, rather than weighted average, is a more meaningful representation of the unobservable inputs used in the valuation.

Lapse rates are adjusted at the contract level based on the in-the-moneyness of the living benefit and reflect other (4) factors, such as the applicability of any surrender charges. Lapse rates are reduced when contracts are more in-the-money. Lapse rates are also generally assumed to be lower for the period where surrender charges apply.

To reflect NPR, the Company incorporates an additional spread over LIBOR into the discount rate used in the valuation of individual living benefit contracts in a liability position and generally not to those in a contra-liability (5) position. The NPR spread reflects the financial strength ratings of the Company, as these are insurance liabilities and senior to debt. The additional spread over LIBOR is determined by utilizing the credit spreads associated with issuing funding agreements, adjusted for any illiquidity risk premium.

The utilization rate assumption estimates the percentage of contracts that will utilize the benefit during the contract duration, and begin lifetime withdrawals at various time intervals from contract inception. The remaining contractholders are assumed to either begin lifetime withdrawals immediately or never utilize the benefit.

(6) Utilization assumptions may vary by product type, tax status and age. The impact of changes in these assumptions is highly dependent on the product type, the age of the contractholder at the time of the sale and the timing of the first lifetime income withdrawal. Range reflects the utilization rate for the vast majority of business with living benefits.

(7)

The withdrawal rate assumption estimates the magnitude of annual contractholder withdrawals relative to the maximum allowable amount under the contract. These assumptions may vary based on the product type, contractholder age, tax status and withdrawal timing. The fair value of the liability will generally increase the closer the withdrawal rate is to 100%.

Range reflects the mortality rate for the vast majority of business with living benefits, with policyholders ranging from 35 to 90 years old. While the majority of living benefits have a minimum age requirement, certain benefits do not have an age restriction. This results in contractholders for certain benefits with mortality rates approaching 0%.

(8) Based on historical experience, the Company applies a set of age and duration specific mortality rate adjustments compared to standard industry tables. A mortality improvement assumption is also incorporated into the overall mortality table.

(9) Includes assets classified as fixed maturities available-for-sale, trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities and other trading account assets.

Interrelationships Between Unobservable Inputs—In addition to the sensitivities of fair value measurements to changes in each unobservable input in isolation, as reflected in the table above, interrelationships between these inputs may also exist, such that a change in one unobservable input may give rise to a change in another or multiple inputs. Examples of such interrelationships for significant internally-priced Level 3 assets and liabilities are as follows:

Corporate Securities—The rate used to discount future cash flows reflects current risk-free rates plus credit and liquidity spread requirements that market participants would use to value an asset. The discount rate may be influenced by many factors, including market cycles, expectations of default, collateral, term and asset complexity. Each of these factors can influence discount rates, either in isolation, or in response to other factors.

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Future Policy Benefits—The Company expects efficient benefit utilization and withdrawal rates to generally be correlated with lapse rates. However, behavior is generally highly dependent on the facts and circumstances surrounding the individual contractholder, such as their liquidity needs or tax situation, which could drive lapse behavior independent of other contractholder behavior assumptions. To the extent more efficient contractholder behavior results in greater in-the-moneyness at the contract level, lapse rates may decline for those contracts. Similarly, to the extent that increases in equity volatility are correlated with overall declines in the capital markets, lapse rates may decline as contracts become more in-the-money.

Separate Account Assets—In addition to the significant internally-priced Level 3 assets and liabilities presented and described above, the Company also has internally-priced separate account assets reported within Level 3. Changes in the fair value of separate account assets are borne by customers and thus are offset by changes in separate account liabilities on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Financial Position. As a result, changes in value associated with these investments do not impact the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations. Quantitative information about significant internally-priced Level 3 separate account assets is as follows:

Commercial Mortgage Loans—Separate account assets include \$972 million and \$960 million of commercial mortgage loans as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively, that are classified as Level 3 and reported at fair value. Commercial mortgage loans are primarily valued internally using discounted cash flow techniques, as described further under “—Fair Value of Financial Instruments.” The primary unobservable input used is the spread to discount cash flows, which ranged from 1.43% to 3.58% (1.64% weighted average) as of March 31, 2016, and 1.49% to 4.81% (1.79% weighted average) as of December 31, 2015. In isolation, an increase (decrease) in the value of this input would result in a lower (higher) fair value measurement.

Valuation Process for Fair Value Measurements Categorized within Level 3—The Company has established an internal control infrastructure over the valuation of financial instruments that requires ongoing oversight by its various business groups. These management control functions are segregated from the trading and investing functions. For invested assets, the Company has established oversight teams, often in the form of pricing committees within each asset management group. The teams, which typically include representation from investment, accounting, operations, legal and other disciplines are responsible for overseeing and monitoring the pricing of the Company's investments and performing periodic due diligence reviews of independent pricing services. An actuarial valuation team oversees the valuation of living benefit features of the Company's variable annuity contracts.

The Company has also established policies and guidelines that require the establishment of valuation methodologies and consistent application of such methodologies. These policies and guidelines govern the use of inputs and price source hierarchies and provide controls around the valuation processes. These controls include appropriate review and analysis of investment prices against market activity or indicators of reasonableness, analysis of portfolio returns to corresponding benchmark returns, back-testing, review of bid/ask spreads to assess activity, approval of price source changes, price overrides, methodology changes and classification of fair value hierarchy levels. For living benefit features of the Company's variable annuity products, the actuarial valuation unit periodically tests contract input data and actuarial assumptions are reviewed at least annually, and updated based upon emerging experience, future expectations and other data, including any observable market data. The valuation policies and guidelines are reviewed and updated as appropriate.

Within the trading and investing functions, the Company has established policies and procedures that relate to the approval of all new transaction types, transaction pricing sources and fair value hierarchy coding within the financial reporting system. For variable annuity product changes or new launches of living benefit features, the actuarial valuation unit validates input logic and new product features and agrees new input data directly to source documents.

Changes in Level 3 assets and liabilities—The following tables provide summaries of the changes in fair values of Level 3 assets and liabilities as of the dates indicated, as well as the portion of gains or losses included in income attributable to unrealized gains or losses related to those assets and liabilities still held at the end of their respective periods.

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	Fixed Maturities		Available-For-Sale			
	U.S.	Foreign	U.S. Corporate Government Securities	U.S. Corporate Private Securities	Foreign Corporate Public Securities	Foreign Corporate Private Securities
	(in millions)					
Fair Value, beginning of period	\$6	\$ 123	\$ 205	\$ 694	\$ 44	\$ 279
Total gains (losses) (realized/unrealized):						
Included in earnings:						
Realized investment gains (losses), net	0	0	0	(83	) 0	(1)
Included in other comprehensive income (loss)	0	1	2	(40	) 1	(107)
Net investment income	0	0	0	2	0	0
Purchases	0	0	1	9	24	27
Sales	0	0	0	0	0	(4)
Issuances	0	0	0	0	0	0
Settlements	0	0	0	(27	) 0	(43)
Foreign currency translation	0	(2)	4	1	5	3
Other(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers into Level 3(2)	0	0	2	614	23	439
Transfers out of Level 3(2)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fair Value, end of period	\$6	\$ 122	\$ 214	\$ 1,170	\$ 97	\$ 593
Unrealized gains (losses) for assets still held(3):						
Included in earnings:						
Realized investment gains (losses), net	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (83	) \$ 0	\$ 0

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016		
	Fixed Maturities		
	Available-For-Sale		
	Asset- Backed(7)	Commercial Mortgage- Backed	Residential Mortgage- Backed
	(in millions)		
Fair Value, beginning of period	\$4,048	\$ 38	\$ 183
Total gains (losses) (realized/unrealized):			
Included in earnings:			
Realized investment gains (losses), net	1	0	0
Included in other comprehensive income (loss)	(44	) 0	3
Net investment income	4	0	0
Purchases	176	8	0
Sales	0	(34	) 0
Issuances	0	0	0
Settlements	(33	) (1	) (9
Foreign currency translation	34	0	16
Other(1)	89	0	0
Transfers into Level 3(2)	850	0	0
Transfers out of Level 3(2)	(557	) 0	0
Fair Value, end of period	\$4,568	\$ 11	\$ 193
Unrealized gains (losses) for assets still held(3):			
Included in earnings:			
Realized investment gains (losses), net	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other income	\$(1	) \$ 0	\$ 0

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Three Months Ended March 31, 2016							
Trading Account Assets							
	Foreign Government	Corporate	Asset- Backed(7)	Commercial Mortgage- Backed	Residential Mortgage- Backed	Equity	All Other Activity
	(in millions)						
Fair Value, beginning of period	\$34	\$ 203	\$ 596	\$ 3	\$ 4	\$589	\$ 5
Total gains (losses) (realized/unrealized):							
Included in earnings:							
Realized investment gains (losses), net	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	0	(10)	(5)	0	0	2	0
Net investment income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purchases	2	3	18	0	0	1	0
Sales	0	0	(1)	0	0	(11)	0
Issuances	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Settlements	0	(15)	(1)	0	0	(75)	0
Foreign currency translation	0	0	0	0	0	29	0
Other(1)	0	(15)	17	(2)	0	18	(4)
Transfers into Level 3(2)	0	87	115	0	0	28	0
Transfers out of Level 3(2)	0	(25)	(128)	0	0	0	0
Fair Value, end of period	\$36	\$ 228	\$ 611	\$ 1	\$ 4	\$581	\$ 1
Unrealized gains (losses) for assets still held(3):							
Included in earnings:							
Realized investment gains (losses), net	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$0	\$ 0
Other income	\$0	\$ (10)	\$ (4)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$2	\$ 0

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016		
	Equity Securities Available- For-Sale	Other Long-term Investments	Other Assets
	(in millions)		
Fair Value, beginning of period	\$266	\$ 49	\$ 7
Total gains (losses) (realized/unrealized):			
Included in earnings:			
Realized investment gains (losses), net	1	0	25
Other income	0	0	0
Included in other comprehensive income (loss)	5	0	0
Net investment income	0	0	0
Purchases	24	0	4
Sales	(13)	0	0
Issuances	0	0	0
Settlements	(13)	0	0
Foreign currency translation	15	0	0
Other(1)	0	(30)	0
Transfers into Level 3(2)	7	0	0
Transfers out of Level 3(2)	0	0	0
Fair Value, end of period	\$292	\$ 19	\$ 36
Unrealized gains (losses) for assets still held(3):			
Included in earnings:			
Realized investment gains (losses), net	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 25
Other income	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 0

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Separate Future Account Policy Assets(4)Benefits	Other Liabilities	Notes Issued by Consolidated VIEs
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(in millions)

Fair Value, beginning of period	\$1,995	\$ (8,434)	\$ (2)	\$ (8,597)
Total gains (losses) (realized/unrealized):				
Included in earnings:				
Realized investment gains (losses), net	1	(2,380)	0	101
Other Income	0	0	0	(19)
Interest credited to policyholders' account balances	(12)	0	0	0
Net investment income	6	0	0	0
Purchases	162	0	0	0
Sales	(60)	0	0	0
Issuances	0	(254)	0	0
Settlements	(33)	0	0	0
Foreign currency translation	0	(1)	0	0
Other(1)	0	0	0	5,569
Transfers into Level 3(2)	197	0	0	0
Transfers out of Level 3(2)	(88)	0	0	0
Fair Value, end of period	\$2,168	\$ (11,069)	\$ (2)	\$ (2,946)
Unrealized gains (losses) for assets/liabilities still held(3):				
Included in earnings:				
Realized investment gains (losses), net	\$0	\$ (2,425)	\$ 0	\$ 101
Other income	\$0	\$0	\$ 0	\$ (19)
Interest credited to policyholders' account balances	\$ (12)	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 0

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015					
	Fixed Maturities	Available-For-Sale(5)				
	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	U.S.	Foreign	Foreign
	State & Government Securities	Corporate Public Securities	Corporate Private Securities	Corporate Public Securities	Corporate Private Securities	Corporate Private Securities
(in millions)						
Fair Value, beginning of period	\$6 \$ 2		\$ 357	\$ 523	\$ 252	\$ 171
Total gains (losses) (realized/unrealized):						
Included in earnings:						
Realized investment gains (losses), net	0 0		0	(3)	0	2
Included in other comprehensive income (loss)	0 0		1	(3)	0	(6)
Net investment income(6)	0 0		0	2	0	1
Purchases	0 0		164	30	12	13
Sales	0 0		(150)	0	(43)	0
Issuances	0 0		0	0	0	0
Settlements(6)	0 0		(8)	(11)	0	(25)
Foreign currency translation	0 (4)		0	0	(2)	0
Other(1)	0 0		0	(3)	0	0
Transfers into Level 3(2)	0 138		6	10	0	0
Transfers out of Level 3(2)	0 0		(5)	(31)	(4)	0
Fair Value, end of period	\$6 \$ 136		\$ 365	\$ 514	\$ 215	\$ 156
Unrealized gains (losses) for assets still held(3):						
Included in earnings:						
Realized investment gains (losses), net	\$0 \$ 0		\$ 0	\$ (3)	\$ 0	\$ 0

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015		
	Fixed Maturities		
	Available-For-Sale		
	Asset- Backed(7)	Commercial Mortgage- Backed	Residential Mortgage- Backed
	(in millions)		
Fair Value, beginning of period	\$4,059	\$ 43	\$ 253
Total gains (losses) (realized/unrealized):			
Included in earnings:			
Realized investment gains (losses), net	6	0	0
Included in other comprehensive income (loss)	2	0	0
Net investment income	3	0	0
Purchases	325	32	0
Sales	(104)	0	0
Issuances	0	0	0
Settlements	(39)	(2)	(9)
Foreign currency translation	(3)	0	(2)
Other(1)	3	0	0
Transfers into Level 3(2)	510	2	0
Transfers out of Level 3(2)	(400)	0	0
Fair Value, end of period	\$4,362	\$ 75	\$ 242
Unrealized gains (losses) for assets still held(3):			
Included in earnings:			
Realized investment gains (losses), net	\$4	\$ 0	\$ 0

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015						
	Trading Account Assets						
	Foreign Government	Corporate	Asset- Backed(7)	Commercial Mortgage- Backed	Residential Mortgage- Backed	Equity	All Other Activity
	(in millions)						
Fair Value, beginning of period	\$21	\$ 124	\$ 393	\$ 5	\$ 7	\$663	\$ 7
Total gains (losses) (realized/unrealized):							
Included in earnings:							
Realized investment gains (losses), net	0	0	0	0	0	(3)	0
Other income	0	(5)	2	0	0	(3)	1
Purchases	1	20	4	1	0	7	0
Sales	0	0	0	(2)	0	(4)	0
Issuances	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Settlements	0	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(15)	0
Foreign currency translation	0	0	0	0	0	(4)	0
Other(1)	0	0	0	0	0	(7)	0
Transfers into Level 3(2)	0	7	46	0	0	0	0
Transfers out of Level 3(2)	0	0	(68)	0	0	0	0
Fair Value, end of period	\$22	\$ 144	\$ 376	\$ 3	\$ 6	\$634	\$ 8
Unrealized gains (losses) for assets still held(3):							
Included in earnings:							
Realized investment gains (losses), net	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$(3)	\$ 0
Other income	\$0	\$(5)	\$ 2	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$11	\$ 1

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015(5)		
	Equity Securities Available- For-Sale	Other Long-term Investments	Other Assets
	(in millions)		
Fair Value, beginning of period	\$275	\$ 13	\$ 2
Total gains (losses) (realized/unrealized):			
Included in earnings:			
Realized investment gains (losses), net	4	(2)	0
Other income	0	0	0
Included in other comprehensive income (loss)	3	0	0
Net investment income	0	0	0
Purchases	4	3	0
Sales	(22)	0	0
Issuances	0	0	0
Settlements	0	0	0
Foreign currency translation	(1)	0	0
Other(1)	0	0	0
Transfers into Level 3(2)	0	0	0
Transfers out of Level 3(2)	0	(1)	0
Fair Value, end of period	\$263	\$ 13	\$ 2
Unrealized gains (losses) for assets/liabilities still held(3):			
Included in earnings:			
Realized investment gains (losses), net	\$(1)	\$ (2)	\$ 0
Other income	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 0

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015(5)			
	Separate Future Account Policy Assets(4)	Benefits	Other Liabilities	Notes Issued by Consolidated VIEs
	(in millions)			
Fair Value, beginning of period	\$1,738	\$ (8,182)	\$ (5)	\$ (6,033)
Total gains (losses) (realized/unrealized):				
Included in earnings:				
Realized investment gains (losses), net	0	(1,052)	1	15
Other Income	0	0	0	154
Interest credited to policyholders' account balances	11	0	0	0
Net investment income	6	0	0	0
Purchases	338	0	0	0
Sales	(8)	0	0	0
Issuances	0	(239)	0	(946)
Settlements	(43)	0	2	0
Foreign currency translation	(1)	0	0	0
Other(1)	0	0	0	0
Transfers into Level 3(2)	0	0	0	0
Transfers out of Level 3(2)	(22)	0	0	0
Fair Value, end of period	\$2,019	\$ (9,473)	\$ (2)	\$ (6,810)
Unrealized gains (losses) for assets/liabilities still held(3):				
Included in earnings:				
Realized investment gains (losses), net	\$0	\$ (1,114)	\$ 1	\$ 15
Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 154
Interest credited to policyholders' account balances	\$9	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 0

Other for the three months ended March 31, 2016, primarily represents deconsolidations of certain previously (1) consolidated collateralized loan obligations. Other for the three months ended March 31, 2015, primarily represents reclassifications of certain assets between reporting categories.

(2) Transfers into or out of Level 3 are generally reported as the value as of the beginning of the quarter in which the transfers occur for any such assets still held at the end of the quarter.

(3) Unrealized gains or losses related to assets still held at the end of the period do not include amortization or accretion of premiums and discounts.

Separate account assets represent segregated funds that are invested for certain customers. Investment risks associated with market value changes are borne by the customers, except to the extent of minimum guarantees (4) made by the Company with respect to certain accounts. Separate account liabilities are not included in the above table as they are reported at contract value and not fair value in the Company's Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.

(5) Prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to current period presentation, including the adoption of ASU 2015-07.

(6) Amounts as of March 31, 2015, have been revised to correct the previously reported amounts.

(7) Includes credit-tranched securities collateralized by sub-prime mortgages, auto loans, credit cards, education loans and other asset types.

Transfers—Transfers into Level 3 are generally the result of unobservable inputs utilized within valuation methodologies and the use of indicative broker quotes for assets that were previously valued using observable inputs. Transfers out of Level 3 are generally due to the use of observable inputs in valuation methodologies as well as the availability of pricing service information for certain assets that the Company is able to validate.

Derivative Fair Value Information

The following tables present the balance of derivative assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, as of the date indicated, by primary underlying. These tables include NPR and exclude embedded derivatives and associated reinsurance recoverables. The derivative assets and liabilities shown below are included in “Trading account assets-All Other Activity,” “Other long-term investments” or “Other liabilities” in the tables presented above, under the headings “Assets and Liabilities by Hierarchy Level” and “Changes in Level 3 Assets and Liabilities.”

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As of March 31, 2016					
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Netting(1)	Total
(in millions)					
Derivative assets:					
Interest Rate	\$39	\$16,634	\$ 7	\$	\$16,680
Currency	0	678	0		678
Credit	0	2	0		2
Currency/Interest Rate	0	2,360	0		2,360
Equity	3	201	2		206
Commodity	0	0	0		0
Netting(1)				(17,717)	(17,717)
Total derivative assets	\$42	\$19,875	\$ 9	\$(17,717)	\$2,209
Derivative liabilities:					
Interest Rate	\$4	\$6,511	\$ 2	\$	\$6,517
Currency	0	213	0		213
Credit	0	87	0		87
Currency/Interest Rate	0	379	0		379
Equity	0	824	0		824
Commodity	0	0	0		0
Netting(1)				(7,577)	(7,577)
Total derivative liabilities	\$4	\$8,014	\$ 2	\$(7,577)	\$443

As of December 31, 2015					
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Netting(1)	Total
(in millions)					
Derivative assets:					
Interest Rate	\$11	\$10,561	\$ 7	\$	\$10,579
Currency	0	318	0		318
Credit	0	3	0		3
Currency/Interest Rate	0	2,995	0		2,995
Equity	4	254	32		290
Commodity	0	0	0		0
Netting(1)				(11,457)	(11,457)
Total derivative assets	\$15	\$14,131	\$ 39	\$(11,457)	\$2,728
Derivative liabilities:					
Interest Rate	\$3	\$4,573	\$ 2	\$	\$4,578
Currency	0	114	0		114
Credit	0	53	0		53
Currency/Interest Rate	0	244	0		244
Equity	0	327	0		327
Commodity	0	0	0		0
Netting(1)				(5,276)	(5,276)
Total derivative liabilities	\$3	\$5,311	\$ 2	\$(5,276)	\$40

(1) "Netting" amounts represent cash collateral and the impact of offsetting asset and liability positions held with the same counterparty.

Changes in Level 3 derivative assets and liabilities—The following tables provide a summary of the changes in fair value of Level 3 derivative assets and liabilities for the three months ended March 31, 2016, as well as the portion of gains or losses included in income for the three months ended March 31, 2016, attributable to unrealized gains or losses related to those assets and liabilities still held at March 31, 2016.

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016	
	Derivative Assets- Equity	Derivative Assets- Interest Rate
	(in millions)	
Fair Value, beginning of period	\$ 32	\$ 5
Total gains (losses) (realized/unrealized):		
Included in earnings:		
Realized investment gains (losses), net	0	0
Other income	0	0
Purchases	0	0
Sales	0	0
Issuances	0	0
Settlements	0	0
Other(1)	(30)	0
Transfers into Level 3(2)	0	0
Transfers out of Level 3(2)	0	0
Fair Value, end of period	\$ 2	\$ 5
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period relating to those Level 3 assets that were still held at the end of the period:		
Included in earnings:		
Realized investment gains (losses), net	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other income	\$ 0	\$ 0

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015	
	Derivative Assets- Equity	Derivative Assets- Interest Rate
	(in millions)	
Fair Value, beginning of period	\$ 6	\$ 3
Total gains (losses) (realized/unrealized):		
Included in earnings:		
Realized investment gains (losses), net	(2)	1
Other income	0	0
Purchases	2	0
Sales	0	0
Issuances	0	0
Settlements	0	0
Other	0	0
Transfers into Level 3(2)	0	0
Transfers out of Level 3(2)	(1)	0
Fair Value, end of period	\$ 5	\$ 4
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period relating to those Level 3 assets that were still held at the end of the period:		
Included in earnings:		
Realized investment gains (losses), net	\$ (2)	\$ 1
Other income	\$ 0	\$ 0

(1) Primarily related to private warrants reclassified from derivatives to trading securities.

(2) Transfers into or out of Level 3 are generally reported as the value as of the beginning of the quarter in which the transfer occurs.

Nonrecurring Fair Value Measurements—The following table represents information for assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. The estimated fair values were classified as Level 3 in the valuation hierarchy.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Commercial mortgage loans(1):		
Carrying value	\$0	\$18
Gains (Losses)	\$0	\$0
Mortgage servicing rights(2):		
Carrying value	\$88	\$88
Gains (Losses)	\$1	\$(3)
Cost method investments(3):		
Carrying value	\$108	\$54

Gains (Losses) \$(30) \$(24)

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- (1) The reserve adjustments were based on discounted cash flows utilizing market rates or the fair value of the underlying real estate collateral.
Mortgage servicing rights are revalued based on internal models which utilize inputs. The fair value for mortgage servicing rights is determined using a discounted cash flow model incorporating assumptions for servicing revenues, adjusted for expected prepayments, delinquency rates, escrow deposit income and estimated loan servicing expenses.
 - (2)
 - (3) For cost method impairments, the methodologies utilized were primarily discounted cash flow and, where appropriate, valuations provided by the general partners taking into consideration investment-related expenses.

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Fair Value Option

The fair value option provides the Company an option to elect fair value as an alternative measurement for selected financial assets and financial liabilities not otherwise reported at fair value. Such elections have been made by the Company to help mitigate volatility in earnings that results from different measurement attributes. Electing the fair value option also allows the Company to achieve consistent accounting for certain assets and liabilities.

The following table presents information regarding changes in fair values recorded in earnings for commercial mortgage and other loans, other long-term investments and notes issued by consolidated VIEs, where the fair value option has been elected.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Assets:		
Commercial mortgage and other loans:		
Changes in instrument-specific credit risk	\$0	\$0
Other changes in fair value	0	0
Other long-term investments:		
Changes in fair value	(51)	32
Liabilities:		
Notes issued by consolidated VIEs:		
Changes in fair value	\$(81)	\$(168)

Changes in fair value are reflected in “Realized investment gains (losses), net” for commercial mortgage and other loans and “Other income” for other long-term investments and notes issued by consolidated VIEs. Changes in fair value due to instrument-specific credit risk are estimated based on changes in credit spreads and quality ratings for the period reported.

Interest income on commercial mortgage and other loans is included in net investment income. The Company recorded \$2 million and \$3 million of interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, on fair value option loans. Interest income on these loans is recorded based on the effective interest rates as determined at the closing of the loan.

The fair values and aggregate contractual principal amounts of commercial mortgage and other loans, for which the fair value option has been elected, were \$286 million and \$283 million, respectively, as of March 31, 2016, and \$274 million and \$270 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2015. As of March 31, 2016, there were no loans in non-accrual status and none of the loans are more than 90 days past due and still accruing.

The fair value of other long-term investments was \$1,292 million as of March 31, 2016 and \$1,322 million as of December 31, 2015.

The fair values and aggregate contractual principal amounts of limited recourse notes issued by consolidated VIEs, for which the fair value option has been elected at issuance, were \$2,946 million and \$3,292 million, respectively, as of March 31, 2016, and \$8,597 million and \$9,186 million, respectively as of December 31, 2015. Interest expense

recorded for these liabilities was \$38 million and \$68 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The table below presents the carrying amount and fair value by fair value hierarchy level of certain financial instruments that are not reported at fair value. The financial instruments presented below are reported at carrying value on the Company's Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position; however, in some cases, as described below, the carrying amount equals or approximates fair value.

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	March 31, 2016(1)				Carrying
	Fair Value				Amount(2)
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Total
	(in millions)				
Assets:					
Fixed maturities, held-to-maturity(3)	\$0	\$1,698	\$1,143	\$2,841	\$2,411
Commercial mortgage and other loans	0	501	52,458	52,959	50,512
Policy loans	0	0	11,805	11,805	11,805
Short-term investments	0	593	1	594	594
Cash and cash equivalents	3,755	328	0	4,083	4,083
Accrued investment income	0	3,180	0	3,180	3,180
Other assets	58	2,602	643	3,303	3,303
Total assets	\$3,813	\$8,902	\$66,050	\$78,765	\$75,888
Liabilities:					
Policyholders' account balances—investment contracts	\$0	\$40,455	\$56,554	\$97,009	\$96,233
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0	8,357	0	8,357	8,357
Cash collateral for loaned securities	0	4,052	0	4,052	4,052
Short-term debt	0	970	0	970	969
Long-term debt(4)	1,346	16,537	3,408	21,291	19,608
Other liabilities	0	4,975	684	5,659	5,659
Separate account liabilities—investment contracts	0	64,720	32,567	97,287	97,287
Total liabilities	\$1,346	\$140,066	\$93,213	\$234,625	\$232,165

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	December 31, 2015(1)				Carrying Amount(2)
	Fair Value				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Total
	(in millions)				
Assets:					
Fixed maturities, held-to-maturity(3)	\$0	\$1,543	\$1,081	\$2,624	\$2,308
Commercial mortgage and other loans	0	533	51,046	51,579	50,285
Policy loans	0	0	11,657	11,657	11,657
Short-term investments	0	617	1	618	618
Cash and cash equivalents	2,832	572	0	3,404	3,404
Accrued investment income	0	3,110	0	3,110	3,110
Other assets	136	2,334	652	3,122	3,122
Total assets	\$2,968	\$8,709	\$64,437	\$76,114	\$74,504
Liabilities:					
Policyholders' account balances—investment contracts(4)	\$0	\$39,314	\$54,957	\$94,271	\$93,937
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0	7,882	0	7,882	7,882
Cash collateral for loaned securities	0	3,496	0	3,496	3,496
Short-term debt	0	1,221	0	1,221	1,216
Long-term debt(4)(5)	1,328	16,540	3,433	21,301	19,594
Other liabilities	0	5,344	695	6,039	6,039
Separate account liabilities—investment contracts	0	69,978	32,267	102,245	102,245
Total liabilities	\$1,328	\$143,775	\$91,352	\$236,455	\$234,409

As discussed in Note 2, the Company adopted ASU 2015-07, effective January 1, 2016, which resulted in the exclusion of certain other long-term investments from the fair value hierarchy. The guidance was required to be applied retrospectively, and therefore, prior period amounts have been revised to conform to the current period presentation. At March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the fair values of these cost method investments were \$1,751 million and \$1,653 million, respectively, which had been previously classified in level 3 at December 31, 2015. The carrying value of these investments were \$1,548 million and \$1,563 million as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

Carrying values presented herein differ from those in the Company's Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position because certain items within the respective financial statement captions are not considered financial instruments or out of scope under authoritative guidance relating to disclosures of the fair value of financial instruments. Financial statement captions excluded from the above table are not considered financial instruments.

Excludes notes with fair value and carrying amount of \$3,990 million as of March 31, 2016, and \$4,081 million and \$3,850 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2015, which have been offset with the associated payables under a netting agreement.

Includes notes with fair value and carrying amount of \$5,040 million as of March 31, 2016, and \$5,120 million and \$4,889 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2015, which have been offset with the associated payables under a netting agreement.

Prior period amounts are presented on a basis consistent with the current period presentation, reflecting the adoption of ASU 2015-03.

The fair values presented above have been determined by using available market information and by applying market valuation methodologies, as described in more detail below.

Fixed Maturities, Held-to-Maturity

The fair values of public fixed maturity securities are generally based on prices from third-party pricing services, which are reviewed for reasonableness; however, for certain public fixed maturity securities and investments in private placement fixed maturity securities, this information is either not available or not reliable. For these public fixed maturity securities, the fair value is based on indicative broker quotes, if available, or determined using a discounted cash flow model or other internally-developed models. For private fixed maturities, fair value is determined using a discounted cash flow model. In determining the fair value of certain fixed maturity securities, the discounted cash flow model may also use unobservable inputs, which reflect the Company's own assumptions about the inputs market participants would use in pricing the security.

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Commercial Mortgage and Other Loans

The fair value of most commercial mortgage loans is based upon the present value of the expected future cash flows discounted at the appropriate U.S. Treasury rate or foreign government bond rate (for non-U.S. dollar-denominated loans) plus an appropriate credit spread for similar quality loans. The quality ratings for these loans, a primary determinant of the credit spreads and a significant component of the pricing process, are based on an internally-developed methodology.

Certain commercial mortgage loans are valued incorporating other factors, including the terms of the loans, the principal exit strategies for the loans, prevailing interest rates and credit risk. Other loan valuations are primarily based upon the present value of the expected future cash flows discounted at the appropriate local government bond rate and local market swap rates or credit default swap spreads, plus an appropriate credit spread and liquidity premium. The credit spread and liquidity premium are a significant component of the pricing inputs, and are based upon an internally-developed methodology, which takes into account, among other factors, the credit quality of the loans, the property type of the collateral, the weighted average coupon and the weighted average life of the loans.

Policy Loans

The Company's valuation technique for policy loans is to discount cash flows at the current policy loan coupon rate. Policy loans are fully collateralized by the cash surrender value of underlying insurance policies. As a result, the carrying value of the policy loans approximates the fair value.

Short-Term Investments, Cash and Cash Equivalents, Accrued Investment Income and Other Assets

The Company believes that due to the short-term nature of certain assets, the carrying value approximates fair value. These assets include: certain short-term investments which are not securities, are recorded at amortized cost and include quality loans; cash and cash equivalent instruments; accrued investment income; and other assets that meet the definition of financial instruments, including receivables, such as reinsurance recoverables, unsettled trades, accounts receivable and restricted cash.

Policyholders' Account Balances—Investment Contracts

Only the portion of policyholders' account balances related to products that are investment contracts (those without significant mortality or morbidity risk) are reflected in the table above. For fixed deferred annuities, single premium endowments, payout annuities and other similar contracts without life contingencies, fair values are generally derived using discounted projected cash flows based on interest rates that are representative of the Company's financial strength ratings, and hence reflect the Company's own NPR. For guaranteed investment contracts, funding agreements, structured settlements without life contingencies and other similar products, fair values are generally derived using discounted projected cash flows based on interest rates being offered for similar contracts with maturities consistent with those of the contracts being valued. For those balances that can be withdrawn by the customer at any time without prior notice or penalty, the fair value is the amount estimated to be payable to the customer as of the reporting date, which is generally the carrying value. For defined contribution and defined benefit contracts and certain other products, the fair value is the market value of the assets supporting the liabilities.

Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase

The Company receives collateral for selling securities under agreements to repurchase, or pledges collateral under agreements to resell. Repurchase and resale agreements are also generally short-term in nature and, therefore, the carrying amounts of these instruments approximate fair value.

Cash Collateral for Loaned Securities

Cash collateral for loaned securities represents the collateral received or paid in connection with loaning or borrowing securities, similar to the securities sold under agreement to repurchase above. For these transactions, the carrying value of the related asset or liability approximates fair value, as they equal the amount of cash collateral received or paid.

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Debt

The fair value of short-term and long-term debt, as well as notes issued by consolidated VIEs, is generally determined by either prices obtained from independent pricing services, which are validated by the Company, or discounted cash flow models. With the exception of the notes issued by consolidated VIEs for which recourse is limited to the assets of the respective VIE and does not extend to the general credit of the Company, the fair values of these instruments consider the Company's own NPR. Discounted cash flow models predominately use market observable inputs such as the borrowing rates currently available to the Company for debt and financial instruments with similar terms and remaining maturities. For commercial paper issuances and other debt with a maturity of less than 90 days, the carrying value approximates fair value.

Other Liabilities

Other liabilities are primarily payables, such as reinsurance payables, unsettled trades, drafts and accrued expense payables. Due to the short-term until settlement of most of these liabilities, the Company believes that carrying value approximates fair value.

Separate Account Liabilities—Investment Contracts

Only the portion of separate account liabilities related to products that are investment contracts are reflected in the table above. Separate account liabilities are recorded at the amount credited to the contractholder, which reflects the change in fair value of the corresponding separate account assets including contractholder deposits less withdrawals and fees; therefore, carrying value approximates fair value.

14. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

Types of Derivative Instruments and Derivative Strategies

Interest Rate Contracts

Interest rate swaps, options and futures are used by the Company to reduce risks from changes in interest rates, manage interest rate exposures arising from mismatches between assets and liabilities (including duration mismatches) and to hedge against changes in the value of assets it owns or anticipates acquiring or selling.

Swaps may be attributed to specific assets or liabilities or may be used on a portfolio basis. Under interest rate swaps, the Company agrees with counterparties to exchange, at specified intervals, the difference between fixed-rate and floating-rate interest amounts calculated by reference to an agreed upon notional principal amount.

The Company also uses swaptions, interest rate caps and interest rate floors to manage interest rate risk. A swaption is an option to enter into a swap with a forward starting effective date. The Company pays a premium for purchased swaptions and receives a premium for written swaptions. In an interest rate cap, the buyer receives payments at the end of each period in which the interest rate exceeds the agreed strike price. Similarly, in an interest rate floor, the buyer receives payments at the end of each period in which the interest rate is below the agreed strike price. Swaptions and interest rate caps and floors are included in interest rate options.

In exchange-traded interest rate futures transactions, the Company purchases or sells a specified number of contracts, the values of which are determined by the values of underlying referenced investments, and posts variation margin on

a daily basis in an amount equal to the difference in the daily market values of those contracts. The Company enters into exchange-traded futures with regulated futures commission's merchants who are members of a trading exchange.

Equity Contracts

Equity index options are contracts which will settle in cash based on differentials in the underlying indices at the time of exercise and the strike price. The Company uses combinations of purchases and sales of equity index options to hedge the effects of adverse changes in equity indices within a predetermined range.

Total return swaps are contracts whereby the Company agrees with counterparties to exchange, at specified intervals, the difference between the return on an asset (or market index) and LIBOR plus an associated funding spread based on a notional amount. The Company generally uses total return swaps to hedge the effect of adverse changes in equity indices.

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Foreign Exchange Contracts

Currency derivatives, including currency futures, options, forwards and swaps, are used by the Company to reduce risks from changes in currency exchange rates with respect to investments denominated in foreign currencies that the Company either holds or intends to acquire or sell, and to hedge the currency risk associated with net investments in foreign operations and anticipated earnings of its foreign operations.

Under currency forwards, the Company agrees with counterparties to deliver a specified amount of an identified currency at a specified future date. Typically, the price is agreed upon at the time of the contract and payment for such a contract is made at the specified future date. As noted above, the Company uses currency forwards to mitigate the impact of changes in currency exchange rates on U.S. dollar equivalent earnings generated by certain of its non-U.S. businesses, primarily its international insurance and investment operations. The Company executes forward sales of the hedged currency in exchange for U.S. dollars at a specified exchange rate. The maturities of these forwards correspond with the future periods in which the non-U.S. dollar-denominated earnings are expected to be generated. These earnings hedges do not qualify for hedge accounting.

Under currency swaps, the Company agrees with counterparties to exchange, at specified intervals, the difference between one currency and another at an exchange rate and calculated by reference to an agreed principal amount. Generally, the principal amount of each currency is exchanged at the beginning and termination of the currency swap by each party.

Credit Contracts

The Company writes credit default swaps for which it receives a premium to insure credit risk. These are used by the Company to enhance the return on the Company's investment portfolio by creating credit exposure similar to an investment in public fixed maturity cash instruments. With these derivatives the Company sells credit protection on a single name reference, or certain index reference, and in return receives a quarterly premium. This premium or credit spread generally corresponds to the difference between the yield on the referenced names (or an index's referenced names) public fixed maturity cash instruments and swap rates, at the time the agreement is executed. If there is an event of default by the referenced name or one of the referenced names in the index, as defined by the agreement, then the Company is obligated to pay the referenced amount of the contract to the counterparty and receive in return the referenced defaulted security or similar security or (in the case of a credit default index) pay the referenced amount less the auction recovery rate. See credit derivatives written section for further discussion of guarantees. In addition to selling credit protection, the Company has purchased credit protection using credit derivatives in order to hedge specific credit exposures in the Company's investment portfolio.

Other Contracts

TBAs. The Company uses TBA forward contracts to gain exposure to the investment risk and return of mortgage-backed securities. TBA transactions can help the Company enhance the return on its investment portfolio, and can provide a more liquid and cost effective method of achieving these goals than purchasing or selling individual mortgage-backed pools. Typically, the price is agreed upon at the time of the contract and payment for such a contract is made at a specified future date. Additionally, pursuant to the Company's mortgage dollar roll program, TBAs or mortgage-backed securities are transferred to counterparties with a corresponding agreement to repurchase them at a future date. These transactions do not qualify as secured borrowings and are accounted for as derivatives.

Loan Commitments. In its mortgage operations, the Company enters into commitments to fund commercial mortgage loans at specified interest rates and other applicable terms within specified periods of time. These commitments are legally binding agreements to extend credit to a counterparty. Loan commitments for loans that will be held for sale are recognized as derivatives and recorded at fair value. The determination of the fair value of loan commitments accounted for as derivatives considers various factors including, among others, terms of the related loan, the intended exit strategy for the loans based upon either securitization valuation models or investor purchase commitments, prevailing interest rates, origination income or expense, and the value of service rights. Loan commitments that relate to the origination of mortgage loans that will be held for investment are not accounted for as derivatives and accordingly are not recognized in the Company's financial statements. See Note 15 for additional information.

Embedded Derivatives. The Company sells variable annuity products, which may include guaranteed benefit features that are accounted for as embedded derivatives. These embedded derivatives are marked to market through "Realized investment gains (losses), net" based on the change in value of the underlying contractual guarantees, which are determined using valuation models. The Company maintains a portfolio of derivative instruments that is intended to offset certain risks related to the above products' features. The derivatives may include, but are not limited to equity options, total return swaps, interest rate swaptions, caps, floors and other instruments.

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Synthetic Guarantees. The Company sells synthetic GICs, through both full service and investment-only sales channels, to investment vehicles primarily used by qualified defined contribution pension plans. The synthetic GICs are issued in respect of assets that are owned by the trustees of such plans, who invest the assets according to the contract terms agreed to with the Company. The contracts establish participant balances and credit interest thereon. The participant balances are supported by the underlying assets. In connection with certain participant-initiated withdrawals, the contract guarantees that after all underlying assets are liquidated, any remaining participant balances will be paid by the Company. Under U.S. GAAP, these contracts are accounted for as derivatives and recorded at fair value.

The table below provides a summary of the gross notional amount and fair value of derivatives contracts by the primary underlying, excluding embedded derivatives and associated reinsurance recoverables. Many derivative instruments contain multiple underlyings. The fair value amounts below represent the gross fair value of derivative contracts prior to taking into account the netting effects of master netting agreements, cash collateral held with the same counterparty and NPR. This netting impact results in total derivative assets of \$2,209 million and \$2,728 million as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively, and total derivative liabilities of \$443 million and \$40 million as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively, reflected in the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.

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Primary Underlying/Instrument Type	March 31, 2016			December 31, 2015		
	Notional(1)	Gross Fair Value Assets	Liabilities	Notional(1)	Gross Fair Value Assets	Liabilities
(in millions)						
Derivatives Designated as Hedge Accounting Instruments:						
Interest Rate						
Interest Rate Swaps	\$1,398	\$20	\$(168)	\$1,431	\$20	\$(148)
Foreign Currency						
Foreign Currency Forwards	348	13	(3)	323	7	(1)
Currency/Interest Rate						
Foreign Currency Swaps	12,788	1,297	(75)	12,739	1,592	(5)
Total Qualifying Hedges	\$14,534	\$1,330	\$(246)	\$14,493	\$1,619	\$(154)
Derivatives Not Qualifying as Hedge Accounting Instruments:						
Interest Rate						
Interest Rate Swaps	\$173,815	\$15,990	\$(6,230)	\$173,091	\$10,161	\$(4,232)
Interest Rate Futures	32,370	39	(4)	28,209	11	(3)
Interest Rate Options	22,766	625	(117)	40,056	387	(196)
Interest Rate Forwards	78	0	0	86	0	0
Foreign Currency						
Foreign Currency Forwards	17,257	664	(209)	17,400	311	(113)
Foreign Currency Options	93	1	0	93	0	0
Currency/Interest Rate						
Foreign Currency Swaps	11,598	1,062	(303)	11,607	1,404	(238)
Credit						
Credit Default Swaps	1,815	2	(87)	1,839	3	(53)
Equity						
Equity Futures	1,787	3	0	249	2	0
Equity Options	55,503	144	(102)	48,958	159	(118)
Total Return Swaps	18,843	59	(722)	18,804	128	(209)
Commodity						
Commodity Futures	79	0	0	80	0	0
Synthetic GICs	73,978	7	0	72,585	7	0
Total Non-Qualifying Derivatives(2)	\$409,982	\$18,596	\$(7,774)	\$413,057	\$12,573	\$(5,162)
Total Derivatives(3)	\$424,516	\$19,926	\$(8,020)	\$427,550	\$14,192	\$(5,316)

(1) Notional amounts are presented on a gross basis and include derivatives used to offset existing positions.

Based on notional amounts, most of the Company's derivatives do not qualify for hedge accounting as follows:

(2) derivatives that economically hedge embedded derivatives do not qualify for hedge accounting because changes in the fair value of the embedded derivatives are already recorded in net income, derivatives that are utilized as macro hedges of the Company's exposure to various risks typically do not qualify for hedge accounting because they do not meet the criteria required under portfolio hedge accounting rules, and synthetic GICs, which are product standalone derivatives, do not qualify as hedging instruments under hedge accounting rules.

Excludes embedded derivatives and associated reinsurance recoverables which contain multiple underlyings. The fair value of these embedded derivatives was a net liability of \$11,020 million and \$8,408 million as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively, primarily included in "Future policy benefits."

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Offsetting Assets and Liabilities

The following table presents recognized derivative instruments (excluding embedded derivatives and associated reinsurance recoverables), and repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements that are offset in the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position, and/or are subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement or similar agreement, irrespective of whether they are offset in the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.

	March 31, 2016				
	Gross Amounts of Recognized Financial Instrument (in millions)	Gross Amounts Offset in the Statement of Financial Position	Net Amounts Presented in the Statement of Financial Position	Financial Instruments/ Collateral(1)	Net Amount
Offsetting of Financial Assets:					
Derivatives(1)	\$19,813	\$ (17,717)	\$ 2,096	\$ (1,001)	\$ 1,095
Securities purchased under agreement to resell	909	0	909	(909)	0
Total assets	\$20,722	\$ (17,717)	\$ 3,005	\$ (1,910)	\$ 1,095
Offsetting of Financial Liabilities:					
Derivatives(1)	\$8,005	\$ (7,577)	\$ 428	\$ (180)	\$ 248
Securities sold under agreement to repurchase	8,357	0	8,357	(8,357)	0
Total liabilities	\$16,362	\$ (7,577)	\$ 8,785	\$ (8,537)	\$ 248
	December 31, 2015				
	Gross Amounts of Recognized Financial Instrument (in millions)	Gross Amounts Offset in the Statement of Financial Position	Net Amounts Presented in the Statement of Financial Position	Financial Instruments/ Collateral(1)	Net Amount
Offsetting of Financial Assets:					
Derivatives(1)	\$14,028	\$ (11,457)	\$ 2,571	\$ (1,296)	\$ 1,275
Securities purchased under agreement to resell	776	0	776	(776)	0
Total assets	\$14,804	\$ (11,457)	\$ 3,347	\$ (2,072)	\$ 1,275
Offsetting of Financial Liabilities:					
Derivatives(1)	\$5,310	\$ (5,276)	\$ 34	\$ (14)	\$ 20
Securities sold under agreement to repurchase	7,882	0	7,882	(7,882)	0
Total liabilities	\$13,192	\$ (5,276)	\$ 7,916	\$ (7,896)	\$ 20

(1) Amounts exclude the excess of collateral received/pledged from/to the counterparty.

For information regarding the rights of offset associated with the derivative assets and liabilities in the table above, see “—Counterparty Credit Risk” below. For securities purchased under agreements to resell and securities sold under

agreements to repurchase, the Company monitors the value of the securities and maintains collateral, as appropriate, to protect against credit exposure. Where the Company has entered into repurchase and resale agreements with the same counterparty, in the event of default, the Company would generally be permitted to exercise rights of offset. For additional information on the Company's accounting policy for securities repurchase and resale agreements, see Note 2 to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

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Cash Flow, Fair Value and Net Investment Hedges

The primary derivative instruments used by the Company in its fair value, cash flow and net investment hedge accounting relationships are interest rate swaps, currency swaps and currency forwards. These instruments are only designated for hedge accounting in instances where the appropriate criteria are met. The Company does not use futures, options, credit, equity or embedded derivatives in any of its fair value, cash flow or net investment hedge accounting relationships.

The following table provides the financial statement classification and impact of derivatives used in qualifying and non-qualifying hedge relationships, excluding the offset of the hedged item in an effective hedge relationship.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016					
	Realized Investment Gains (Losses)	Net Investment Income	Other Income	Interest Expense	Interest Credited To Policyholders Account Balances	AOI(1)
	(in millions)					
Derivatives Designated as Hedge Accounting						
Instruments:						
Fair value hedges						
Interest Rate	\$(14)	\$ (9)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Currency	11	0	0	0	0	0
Total fair value hedges	(3)	(9)	0	0	0	0
Cash flow hedges						
Interest Rate	0	0	0	(1)	0	(8)
Currency/Interest Rate	0	28	(9)	0	0	(261)
Total cash flow hedges	0	28	(9)	(1)	0	(269)
Net investment hedges						
Currency	0	0	0	0	0	(8)
Currency/Interest Rate	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total net investment hedges	0	0	0	0	0	(8)
Derivatives Not Qualifying as Hedge Accounting						
Instruments:						
Interest Rate	4,490	0	0	0	0	0
Currency	499	0	(1)	0	0	0
Currency/Interest Rate	(489)	0	(1)	0	0	0
Credit	(16)	0	0	0	0	0
Equity	(227)	0	0	0	0	0
Commodity	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embedded Derivatives	(2,319)	0	0	0	0	0
Total non-qualifying hedges	1,938	0	(2)	0	0	0
Total	\$1,935	\$ 19	\$ (11)	\$ (1)	\$ 0	\$ (277)

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015					
	Realized Investment Gains (Losses)	Net Investment Income	Other Income	Interest Expense	Interest Credited to Policyholders Account Balances	AOCI(1)
	(in millions)					
Derivatives Designated as Hedge Accounting						
Instruments:						
Fair value hedges						
Interest Rate	\$(5)	\$ (12)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Currency	19	0	0	0	0	0
Total fair value hedges	14	(12)	0	0	0	0
Cash flow hedges						
Interest Rate	0	0	0	(1)	0	(4)
Currency/Interest Rate	0	11	103	0	0	803
Total cash flow hedges	0	11	103	(1)	0	799
Net investment hedges						
Currency	(4)	0	0	0	0	10
Currency/Interest Rate	0	0	0	0	0	7
Total net investment hedges	(4)	0	0	0	0	17
Derivatives Not Qualifying as Hedge Accounting						
Instruments:						
Interest Rate	2,712	0	0	0	0	0
Currency	111	0	0	0	0	0
Currency/Interest Rate	433	0	4	0	0	0
Credit	(7)	0	0	0	0	0
Equity	(480)	0	0	0	0	0
Commodity	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embedded Derivatives	(1,036)	0	0	0	0	0
Total non-qualifying hedges	1,733	0	4	0	0	0
Total	\$1,743	\$ (1)	\$ 107	\$ (1)	\$ 0	\$ 816

(1) Amounts deferred in AOCI.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, the ineffective portion of derivatives accounted for using hedge accounting was not material to the Company's results of operations. Also, there were no material amounts reclassified into earnings relating to instances in which the Company discontinued cash flow hedge accounting because the forecasted transaction did not occur by the anticipated date or within the additional time period permitted by the authoritative guidance for the accounting for derivatives and hedging. In addition, there were no instances in which the Company discontinued fair value hedge accounting due to a hedged firm commitment no longer qualifying as a fair value hedge.

Presented below is a rollforward of current period cash flow hedges in AOCI before taxes:

	(in millions)
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 1,165

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Net deferred gains (losses) on cash flow hedges from January 1 to March 31, 2016	(248	)
Amount reclassified into current period earnings	(21	)
Balance, March 31, 2016	\$ 896	

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Using March 31, 2016 values, it is estimated that a pre-tax gain of approximately \$105 million will be reclassified from AOCI to earnings during the subsequent twelve months ending March 31, 2017, offset by amounts pertaining to the hedged items. As of March 31, 2016, the Company does not have any qualifying cash flow hedges of forecasted transactions other than those related to the variability of the payment or receipt of interest or foreign currency amounts on existing financial instruments. The maximum length of time for which these variable cash flows are hedged is 29 years. Income amounts deferred in AOCI as a result of cash flow hedges are included in “Net unrealized investment gains (losses)” in the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

For effective net investment hedges, the amounts, before applicable taxes, recorded in the cumulative translation adjustment account within AOCI were \$533 million and \$541 million as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

Credit Derivatives

Credit derivatives, where the Company has written credit protection on a single name reference, had outstanding notional amounts of \$107 million and \$106 million as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. These credit derivatives are reported at fair value as a liability of \$1 million and \$3 million as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. As of March 31, 2016, these credit derivatives’ notionals had the following NAIC ratings: \$36 million in NAIC 1, \$60 million in NAIC 2, \$6 million in NAIC 3, \$2 million in NAIC 5 and \$3 million in NAIC 6. The Company has also written credit protection on certain index references with notional amounts of \$800 million and \$701 million, reported at fair value as a liability of \$39 million and \$24 million as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. As of March 31, 2016, these credit derivatives’ notionals had a NAIC rating of NAIC 1. NAIC designations are based on the lowest rated single name reference included in the index.

The Company’s maximum amount at risk under these credit derivatives equals the aforementioned notional amounts and assumes the value of the underlying referenced securities become worthless. These single name credit derivatives have maturities of less than 5 years, while the credit protection on the index references have maturities of less than 43 years. This excludes a credit derivative related to surplus notes issued by a subsidiary of Prudential Insurance.

The Company also entered into a credit derivative that will require the Company to make certain payments in the event of deterioration in the value of the surplus notes issued by a subsidiary of Prudential Insurance. The notional amount of this credit derivative was \$500 million and was reported at fair value as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 as a liability of \$36 million and \$15 million, respectively. No collateral was pledged in either period.

In addition to writing credit protection, the Company has purchased credit protection using credit derivatives in order to hedge specific credit exposures in the Company’s investment portfolio. As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company had \$407 million and \$532 million of outstanding notional amounts reported at fair value as a liability of \$9 million and \$8 million, respectively.

Counterparty Credit Risk

The Company is exposed to credit-related losses in the event of non-performance by counterparties to financial derivative transactions. The Company manages credit risk by entering into derivative transactions with highly rated major international financial institutions and other creditworthy counterparties, and by obtaining collateral, such as cash and securities, when appropriate. Additionally, limits are set on single party credit exposures which are subject to periodic management review.

The credit exposure of the Company's OTC derivative transactions is represented by the contracts with a positive fair value at the reporting date. To reduce credit exposures, the Company seeks to: enter into OTC derivative transactions pursuant to master agreements that provide for a netting of payments and receipts with a single counterparty, and enter into agreements that allow the use of credit support annexes, which are bilateral rating-sensitive agreements that require collateral postings at established threshold levels. Cleared derivatives are transactions between the Company and a counterparty where the transactions are cleared through a clearinghouse, such that each derivative counterparty is only exposed to the default of the clearinghouse. These cleared transactions require initial and daily variation margin collateral postings and include certain interest rate swaps and credit default swaps entered into on or after June 10, 2013, related to guidelines under Dodd-Frank. The Company also enters into exchange-traded futures and certain options transactions through regulated exchanges and these transactions are settled on a daily basis, thereby reducing credit risk exposure in the event of non-performance by counterparties to such financial instruments.

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Under fair value measurements, the Company incorporates the market's perception of its own and the counterparty's NPR in determining the fair value of the portion of its OTC derivative assets and liabilities that are uncollateralized. Credit spreads are applied to the derivative fair values on a net basis by counterparty. To reflect the Company's own credit spread, a proxy based on relevant debt spreads is applied to OTC derivative net liability positions. Similarly, the Company's counterparty's credit spread is applied to OTC derivative net asset positions.

Certain of the Company's derivative agreements with some of its counterparties contain credit-rating related triggers. If the Company's credit rating were to fall below a certain level, the counterparties to the derivative instruments could request termination at the then fair value of the derivative or demand immediate full collateralization on derivative instruments in net liability positions. As of March 31, 2016, there were no net liability derivative positions with counterparties with credit-risk-related contingent features. As such, the Company has not posted any collateral related to these positions and the Company would not be required to post any additional collateral to the counterparties if the credit-risk-related contingent features underlying these agreements had been triggered as of March 31, 2016.

15. COMMITMENTS AND GUARANTEES, CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND LITIGATION AND REGULATORY MATTERS

Commitments and Guarantees

Commercial Mortgage Loan Commitments

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(in millions)	
Total outstanding mortgage loan commitments	\$2,662	\$ 2,272
Portion of commitment where prearrangement to sell to investor exists	\$652	\$ 721

In connection with the Company's commercial mortgage operations, it originates commercial mortgage loans. Commitments for loans that will be held for sale are recognized as derivatives and recorded at fair value. In certain of these transactions, the Company pre-arranges that it will sell the loan to an investor, including to government sponsored entities as discussed below, after the Company funds the loan.

Commitments to Purchase Investments (excluding Commercial Mortgage Loans)

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(in millions)	
Expected to be funded from the general account and other operations outside the separate accounts(1)	\$3,701	\$ 3,787
Expected to be funded from separate accounts	\$136	\$ 92

Includes a remaining commitment of \$152 million at both March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, related to the (1) Company's agreement to co-invest with the Fosun Group ("Fosun") in a private equity fund, managed by Fosun, for the Chinese marketplace.

The Company has other commitments to purchase or fund investments, some of which are contingent upon events or circumstances not under the Company's control, including those at the discretion of the Company's counterparties. The

Company anticipates a portion of these commitments will ultimately be funded from its separate accounts.

Indemnification of Securities Lending Transactions

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(in millions)	
Indemnification provided to mutual fund, trust fund, and insurance company separate account clients for securities lending	\$20,285	\$ 15,084
Fair value of related collateral associated with above indemnifications	\$20,758	\$ 15,508
Accrued liability associated with guarantee	\$0	\$ 0

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In the normal course of business, the Company may facilitate securities lending transactions on behalf of mutual funds, trust funds, and insurance company separate account clients (collectively, “the accounts”) for which the Company is the investment advisor and/or the asset manager. In certain of these arrangements, the Company has provided an indemnification to the accounts to hold them harmless against losses caused by counterparty (i.e., borrower) defaults associated with the securities lending activity facilitated by the Company. Collateral is provided by the counterparty to the accounts at the inception of the loan equal to or greater than 102% of the fair value of the loaned securities and the collateral is maintained daily at 102% or greater of the fair value of the loaned securities. The Company is only at risk if the counterparty to the securities lending transaction defaults and the value of the collateral held is less than the value of the securities loaned to such counterparty. The Company believes the possibility of any payments under these indemnities is remote.

Credit Derivatives Written

As discussed further in Note 14, the Company writes credit derivatives under which the Company is obligated to pay the counterparty the referenced amount of the contract and receive in return the defaulted security or similar security.

Guarantees of Asset Values

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(in millions)	
Guaranteed value of third parties’ assets	\$73,978	\$ 72,585
Fair value of collateral supporting these assets	\$75,669	\$ 73,634
Asset associated with guarantee, carried at fair value	\$7	\$ 7

Certain contracts underwritten by the Retirement segment include guarantees related to financial assets owned by the guaranteed party. These contracts are accounted for as derivatives and carried at fair value. The collateral supporting these guarantees is not reflected on the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.

Guarantees of Credit Enhancements

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(in millions)	
Guarantees of credit enhancements of debt instruments associated with commercial real estate assets	\$ 8	\$ 24
Fair value of collateral that secure the guarantee	\$ 8	\$ 25
Accrued liability associated with guarantee	\$ 0	\$ 0

The Company arranges for credit enhancements of certain debt instruments that provide financing primarily for affordable multi-family real estate assets, including certain tax-exempt bond financings. The credit enhancements provide assurances to the debt holders as to the timely payment of amounts due under the debt instruments. The remaining contractual maturities for these guarantees are up to fifteen years. The Company’s obligations to reimburse required credit enhancement payments are secured by mortgages on the related real estate. The Company receives certain ongoing fees for providing these enhancement arrangements and anticipates the extinguishment of its obligation under these enhancements prior to maturity through the aggregation and transfer of its positions to a substitute enhancement provider.

Indemnification of Serviced Mortgage Loans

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(in millions)	
Maximum exposure under indemnification agreements for mortgage loans serviced by the Company	\$1,209	\$ 1,200
First-loss exposure portion of above	\$373	\$ 371
Accrued liability associated with guarantees	\$12	\$ 14

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As part of the commercial mortgage activities of the Company's Asset Management segment, the Company provides commercial mortgage origination, underwriting and servicing for certain government sponsored entities, such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The Company has agreed to indemnify the government sponsored entities for a portion of the credit risk associated with certain of the mortgages it services through a delegated authority arrangement. Under these arrangements, the Company originates multi-family mortgages for sale to the government sponsored entities based on underwriting standards they specify, and makes payments to them for a specified percentage share of losses they incur on certain loans serviced by the Company. The Company's percentage share of losses incurred generally varies from 2% to 20% of the loan balance, and is typically based on a first-loss exposure for a stated percentage of the loan balance, plus a shared exposure with the government sponsored entity for any losses in excess of the stated first-loss percentage, subject to a contractually specified maximum percentage. The Company services \$10,064 million of mortgages subject to these loss-sharing arrangements as of March 31, 2016, all of which are collateralized by first priority liens on the underlying multi-family residential properties. As of March 31, 2016, these mortgages had a weighted-average debt service coverage ratio of 1.84 times and a weighted-average loan-to-value ratio of 61%. The Company had no losses related to indemnifications that were settled for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Other Guarantees

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(in millions)	
Other guarantees where amount can be determined	\$329	\$324
Accrued liability for other guarantees and indemnifications	\$4	\$4

The Company is also subject to other financial guarantees and indemnity arrangements. The Company has provided indemnities and guarantees related to acquisitions, dispositions, investments and other transactions that are triggered by, among other things, breaches of representations, warranties or covenants provided by the Company. These obligations are typically subject to various time limitations, defined by the contract or by operation of law, such as statutes of limitation. In some cases, the maximum potential obligation is subject to contractual limitations, while in other cases such limitations are not specified or applicable. Included above are \$321 million and \$317 million as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively, of yield maintenance guarantees related to certain investments the Company sold. The Company does not expect to make any payments on these guarantees and is not carrying any liabilities associated with these guarantees.

Since certain of these obligations are not subject to limitations, it is not possible to determine the maximum potential amount due under these guarantees. The accrued liabilities identified above do not include retained liabilities associated with sold businesses.

Contingent Liabilities

On an ongoing basis, the Company's internal supervisory and control functions review the quality of sales, marketing and other customer interface procedures and practices and may recommend modifications or enhancements. From time to time, this review process results in the discovery of product administration, servicing or other errors, including errors relating to the timing or amount of payments or contract values due to customers. In certain cases, if appropriate, the Company may offer customers remediation and may incur charges, including the cost of such remediation, administrative costs and regulatory fines.

The Company is subject to the laws and regulations of states and other jurisdictions concerning the identification, reporting and escheatment of unclaimed or abandoned funds, and is subject to audit and examination for compliance with these requirements. For additional discussion of these matters, see “—Litigation and Regulatory Matters” below.

It is possible that the results of operations or the cash flow of the Company in a particular quarterly or annual period could be materially affected as a result of payments in connection with the matters discussed above or other matters depending, in part, upon the results of operations or cash flow for such period. Management believes, however, that ultimate payments in connection with these matters, after consideration of applicable reserves and rights to indemnification, should not have a material adverse effect on the Company’s financial position.

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Litigation and Regulatory Matters

The Company is subject to legal and regulatory actions in the ordinary course of its businesses. Pending legal and regulatory actions include proceedings relating to aspects of the Company's businesses and operations that are specific to it and proceedings that are typical of the businesses in which it operates, including in both cases businesses that have been either divested or placed in wind-down status. Some of these proceedings have been brought on behalf of various alleged classes of complainants. In certain of these matters, the plaintiffs are seeking large and/or indeterminate amounts, including punitive or exemplary damages. The outcome of litigation or a regulatory matter, and the amount or range of potential loss at any particular time, is often inherently uncertain. The Company establishes accruals for litigation and regulatory matters when it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated. For litigation and regulatory matters where a loss may be reasonably possible, but not probable, or is probable but not reasonably estimable, no accrual is established but the matter, if material, is disclosed, including matters discussed below. The Company estimates that as of March 31, 2016, the aggregate range of reasonably possible losses in excess of accruals established for those litigation and regulatory matters for which such an estimate currently can be made is less than \$250 million. Any estimate is not an indication of expected loss, if any, or the Company's maximum possible loss exposure on such matters. The Company reviews relevant information with respect to its litigation and regulatory matters on a quarterly and annual basis and updates its accruals, disclosures and estimates of reasonably possible loss based on such reviews.

The following discussion of litigations and regulatory matters provides an update of those matters discussed in Note 23 to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, and should be read in conjunction with the complete descriptions provided in the Form 10-K.

Rosen, v. PRIAC, et al.

In April 2016, Plaintiff filed an amended complaint: (i) removing Prudential Investment Management Services, LLC, as a defendant; (ii) withdrawing all claims concerning Stable Value Accounts; and (iii) adding as defendants the employer/sponsor of Plaintiff's retirement plan (Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.), and the investment advisor for Plaintiff's retirement plan (Capfinancial Partners, LLC d/b/a Captrust Financial Advisors).

Muir v. PRIAC, et al.

In February 2016, a putative class action complaint entitled Randall C. Muir, on behalf of the Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan and All Other Similarly Situated Plans v. PRIAC, Prudential Bank & Trust, FSB, and Prudential Investment Management Services, LLC, was filed in the United States District Court, District of Connecticut. The complaint: (1) seeks certification of a class of all Employee Retirement Income Security Act covered employee pension benefit plans with which Prudential has maintained a contractual relationship based on a group annuity contract or group funding agreement; and (2) alleges that the defendants breached their fiduciary obligations by accepting revenue sharing payments from investment vehicles in its separate accounts and/or by accepting excessive compensation by crediting rates on stable value accounts that are less than PRIAC's internal rate of return. In April 2016, Plaintiff filed an unopposed motion to consolidate this lawsuit with the Rosen lawsuit.

Financial Disclosures Concerning Death Benefits and Unclaimed Property

City of Sterling Heights General Employees' Retirement System v. Prudential Financial, Inc., et. al.—In April 2016, the parties entered into a proposed agreement to resolve the class action claims asserted in the amended complaint. Thereafter, plaintiffs filed a motion for an order preliminarily approving the settlement in accordance with the parties'

April 2016 Stipulation of Settlement.

Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities Trustee

PICA et al. v. Bank of New York Mellon (“BONYM”)—In March 2016, the Court issued a decision involving BONYM’s motion to dismiss: (i) denying the motion to dismiss the Pooling and Servicing Agreement (“PSA”) trust claims for lack of jurisdiction; (ii) denying the motion regarding claims for violations of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 and breach of contract; and (iii) granting the motion regarding claims for negligence and breach of fiduciary duty.

PICA et al. v. Citibank N.A.—In February 2016, Citibank filed a motion to dismiss the state court complaint.

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PICA et al. v. Deutsche Bank, et al.—In February 2016, the Company, together with other institutional investor plaintiffs, filed an amended complaint in federal court. In March 2016, the Company, together with other institutional investors, filed a complaint in California State Superior Court, captioned BlackRock Balanced Capital Portfolio (FI), et al. v. Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, asserting claims relating to the PSA trusts.

PICA et al. v. U.S. Bank National Association—In February 2016, the federal district court issued a decision involving U.S. Bank's motion to dismiss: (1) upholding the breach of contract and Trust Indenture Act claims; and (2) dismissing the breach of fiduciary duty and extra-contractual claims.

PICA et al. v. Wells Fargo Bank, et al.—In February 2016, the Company, together with other institutional investor plaintiffs, filed an amended complaint in federal court. In March 2016, the Company, together with other institutional investors, filed a complaint in California State Superior Court, captioned BlackRock Balanced Capital Portfolio (FI), et al. v. Wells Fargo Bank, Nat'l Ass'n., asserting claims relating to the PSA trusts.

Summary

The Company's litigation and regulatory matters are subject to many uncertainties, and given their complexity and scope, their outcome cannot be predicted. It is possible that the Company's results of operations or cash flow in a particular quarterly or annual period could be materially affected by an ultimate unfavorable resolution of pending litigation and regulatory matters depending, in part, upon the results of operations or cash flow for such period. In light of the unpredictability of the Company's litigation and regulatory matters, it is also possible that in certain cases an ultimate unfavorable resolution of one or more pending litigation or regulatory matters could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position. Management believes, however, that, based on information currently known to it, the ultimate outcome of all pending litigation and regulatory matters, after consideration of applicable reserves and rights to indemnification, is not likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations (“MD&A”) addresses the consolidated financial condition of Prudential Financial, Inc. (“Prudential Financial”) as of March 31, 2016, compared with December 31, 2015, and its consolidated results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015. You should read the following analysis of our consolidated financial condition and results of operations in conjunction with the MD&A, the “Risk Factors” section, and the audited Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, as well as the statements under “Forward-Looking Statements” and the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Overview

Our principal operations are comprised of four divisions, which together encompass seven segments, and our Corporate and Other operations. The U.S. Retirement Solutions and Investment Management division consists of our Individual Annuities, Retirement and Asset Management segments. The U.S. Individual Life and Group Insurance division consists of our Individual Life and Group Insurance segments. The International Insurance division consists of our International Insurance segment. The Closed Block division consists of our Closed Block segment, which includes certain in force participating insurance and annuity products and corresponding assets that are used for the payment of benefits and policyholders’ dividends on these products (the “Closed Block”), as well as certain related assets and liabilities. The Closed Block segment is accounted for as a divested business that is reported separately from the divested businesses that are included in Corporate and Other operations. Our Corporate and Other operations include corporate items and initiatives that are not allocated to business segments and businesses that have been or will be divested. See Note 6 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on the Closed Block.

We attribute financing costs to each segment based on the amount of financing used by each segment, excluding financing costs associated with corporate debt which are reflected in Corporate and Other operations. The net investment income of each segment includes earnings on the amount of capital that management believes is necessary to support the risks of that segment.

Executive Summary

Prudential Financial, a financial services leader with approximately \$1.218 trillion of assets under management as of March 31, 2016, has operations in the United States, Asia, Europe and Latin America. Through our subsidiaries and affiliates, we offer a wide array of financial products and services, including life insurance, annuities, retirement-related services, mutual funds, and investment management. We offer these products and services to individual and institutional customers through one of the largest distribution networks in the financial services industry.

Regulatory Developments

In April 2016, the U.S. Department of Labor (“DOL”) issued a final regulation accompanied by new class exemptions and amendments to long-standing exemptions from the prohibited transaction provisions under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (“ERISA”) (collectively, the “Rules”), with implementation beginning in April 2017, and compliance with certain additional provisions required by January 2018. The Rules redefine who will be considered a “fiduciary” for purposes of transactions with qualified plans, plan participants and Individual Retirement Accounts (“IRAs”), and generally provide that advice to a plan participant or IRA owner will be treated as a fiduciary activity. We

are analyzing the Rules' potential impact on our operations and preparing to implement the necessary adjustments to come into alignment with the Rules' requirements. Overall, we believe the Rules will result in increased compliance costs and may create increased exposure to legal claims under certain circumstances, including class actions. We believe the Rules will primarily impact our Individual Annuities business, as well as our Prudential Advisors distribution system which we include in the results of Individual Life, and our Retirement and Asset Management businesses. Significant aspects of the Rules and their potential impact on our businesses include the following.

Prudential Advisors: We expect compliance with a new "best interest contract exemption" will be required for investment advice concerning retirement plans and IRAs including recommendations to purchase a wide range of products sold to IRAs, which constitutes a significant part of Prudential Advisors' non-life insurance new business revenues. The Rules state that proprietary products may be sold to IRA owners if certain conditions are met, subject to significant new requirements for this type of sale, which we continue to review. The Rules will impose compliance and contract requirements and would give customers a new private right of action for breach of contract that in some circumstances may result in damages and liability under ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code for excise taxes, disgorgement of profit, and other possible remedies. We expect the Rules may also lead to changes to compensation and benefit structures as well as our product offerings.

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Annuities: Sales of variable annuities will be subject to the best interest contract exemption described above, but certain fixed annuities will be subject to a separate exemption. As a result of the Rules, certain distributors may restrict the sale of annuities. In addition, we may need to alter our product design or offerings to meet the needs of distributors in complying with the Rules. We may also need to monitor or limit wholesaling and other sales support and customer service activities if we do not want to be considered a fiduciary.

Retirement: Asset allocation tools included in our product offerings, which may include illustrations based on specific investments, are not expected to fall within the definition of acting as a fiduciary for plan clients provided we make certain changes to the tools we offer. IRA offerings and asset retention and consolidation activities may need to comply with the new best interest contract exemption, referred to above. In addition, changes to the relationship with sponsors and intermediaries for plans with less than \$50 million in assets may be required if we do not want to be considered a fiduciary. Historically, the substantial majority of our earnings in the Retirement business have not come from IRA offerings, asset retention and consolidation activities, and plans with less than \$50 million in assets.

Asset Management: Distributors may have specific product and pricing needs, and may request tailoring product offerings or pricing to support their compliance with the Rules. We also may need to monitor or limit wholesaling and other sales support and customer service activities if we do not want to be considered a fiduciary.

In June 2016, the United Kingdom is expected to hold a referendum on whether it should remain in the European Union. If the referendum is approved, the timing and terms of a United Kingdom exit from the European Union would then need to be determined, and we would need to evaluate the potential impact on our operations and investments in those jurisdictions.

For additional information on the potential impacts of regulation on the Company see “Business—Regulation” and “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Impact of a Low Interest Rate Environment

U.S. Operations excluding the Closed Block Division

Interest rates in the U.S. continue to remain lower than historical levels, despite the Federal Reserve Board’s decision to raise short-term interest rates in December 2015. Our current reinvestment yields continue to be lower than the overall portfolio yield, primarily for our investments in fixed maturity securities and commercial mortgage loans and, as a result, our overall portfolio yields are expected to continue to decline.

For the general account supporting our U.S. Retirement Solutions and Investment Management division, our U.S. Individual Life and Group Insurance division and our Corporate and Other operations, we expect annual scheduled payments and prepayments to be approximately 10% of the fixed maturity security and commercial mortgage loan portfolios through 2017. The general account for these operations has approximately \$177 billion of such assets (based on net carrying value) as of March 31, 2016. As these assets mature, the current average portfolio yield for fixed maturities and commercial mortgage loans of approximately 4.5%, as of March 31, 2016, is expected to decline due to reinvesting in a lower interest rate environment. Included in the \$177 billion of fixed maturity securities and commercial mortgage loans are approximately \$86 billion that are subject to call or redemption features at the issuer’s option and have a weighted average interest rate of approximately 5%.

As of March 31, 2016, approximately 70% of these assets contain provisions for prepayment premiums. The reinvestment of scheduled payments and prepayments at rates below the current portfolio yield, including in some cases at rates below those guaranteed under our insurance contracts, will impact future operating results to the extent

we do not, or are unable to, reduce crediting rates on in force blocks of business, or effectively utilize other asset/liability management strategies described below, in order to maintain current net interest margins.

As of March 31, 2016, these operations have approximately \$174 billion of insurance liabilities and policyholder account balances. Of this amount, approximately \$53 billion represents contracts with crediting rates that may be adjusted over the life of the contract, subject to guaranteed minimums. Although we may have the ability to lower crediting rates for those contracts above guaranteed minimums, our willingness to do so may be limited by competitive pressures.

The following table sets forth the related account values by range of guaranteed minimum crediting rates and the related range of the difference, in basis points (“bps”), between rates being credited to contractholders as of March 31, 2016, and the respective guaranteed minimums.

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Account Values with Adjustable Crediting Rates Subject to Guaranteed Minimums:

	At guaranteed minimum	1-49 bps above guaranteed minimum	50-99 bps above guaranteed minimum	100-150 bps above guaranteed minimum	Greater than 150 bps above guaranteed minimum	Total
(\$ in billions)						
Range of Guaranteed Minimum Crediting Rates:						
Less than 1.00%	\$0.7	\$ 0.6	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$1.7
1.00% - 1.99%	1.5	11.0	4.1	0.9	0.1	17.6
2.00% - 2.99%	2.5	0.3	1.8	0.7	0.1	5.4
3.00% - 4.00%	26.3	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.0	27.5
Greater than 4.00%	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Total	\$31.8	\$ 12.7	\$ 6.5	\$ 1.8	\$ 0.2	\$53.0
Percentage of total	60	% 24	% 12	% 3	% 1	% 100

Also included in the table above is approximately \$1.4 billion related to contracts that impose a market value adjustment if the invested amount is not held to maturity.

These operations also have approximately \$15 billion of insurance liabilities and policyholder account balances representing participating contracts for which the investment income risk is expected to ultimately accrue to contractholders. The crediting rates for these contracts are periodically adjusted based on the yield earned on the related assets. The remaining \$106 billion of the \$174 billion of insurance liabilities and policyholder account balances in these operations represents long duration products such as group annuities, structured settlements and other insurance products that have fixed and guaranteed terms, for which underlying assets may have to be reinvested at interest rates that are lower than portfolio rates. We seek to mitigate the impact of a prolonged low interest rate environment on these contracts through asset/liability management, as discussed further below.

Assuming a hypothetical scenario where the average 10-year U.S. Treasury rate is 1.75% for the period from April 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017, and credit spreads remain unchanged from levels as of March 31, 2016, we estimate that the unfavorable impact to net interest margins included in pre-tax adjusted operating income of reinvesting in such an environment, compared to reinvesting at current average portfolio yields, would be approximately \$15 million in 2016 and \$69 million in 2017. This impact is most significant in the Retirement, Individual Life and Individual Annuities segments. This hypothetical scenario only reflects the impact related to the approximately \$53 billion of contracts shown in the table above, and does not reflect: any benefit from potential changes to the crediting rates on the corresponding contractholder liabilities where the Company has the contractual ability to do so, or other potential mitigants such as changes in investment mix that we may implement as funds are reinvested; any impact related to assets that do not directly support our liabilities; any impact from other factors, including but not limited to, new business, contractholder behavior, changes in competitive conditions, and changes in capital markets; or any impact from other factors described below.

In order to mitigate the unfavorable impact that the current interest rate environment has on our net interest margins, we employ a proactive asset/liability management program, which includes strategic asset allocation and derivative strategies within a disciplined risk management framework. These strategies seek to match the characteristics of our products, and to closely approximate the interest rate sensitivity of the assets with the estimated interest rate sensitivity of the product liabilities. Our asset/liability management program also helps manage duration gaps, currency and other risks between assets and liabilities through the use of derivatives. We adjust this dynamic process

as products change, as customer behavior changes and as changes in the market environment occur. As a result, our asset/liability management process has permitted us to manage the interest rate risk associated with our products through several market cycles. Our interest rate exposure is also mitigated by our business mix, which includes lines of business for which fee-based and insurance underwriting earnings play a more prominent role in product profitability.

Closed Block Division

Substantially all of the \$60 billion of general account assets in the Closed Block division support obligations and liabilities relating to the Closed Block policies only. See Note 6 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for further information on the Closed Block.

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International Insurance Operations

While our international insurance operations have experienced a low interest rate environment for many years, during the first quarter of 2016, the Bank of Japan adopted a negative interest rate policy. As a result, the current reinvestment yields for certain blocks of business in our largest insurance operations are generally lower than the current portfolio yield supporting these blocks of business. As of March 31, 2016, our Japanese operations have \$131 billion of insurance liabilities and policyholder account balances. Included in the \$131 billion is approximately \$22 billion related to contracts that impose a market value adjustment if the invested amount is not held to maturity, and \$8 billion of insurance liabilities and policyholder account balances with crediting rates that may be adjusted over the life of the contract, subject to guaranteed minimums. However, for these contracts, most of the current crediting rates are at or near contractual minimums. Although we have the ability to lower crediting rates in some cases for those contracts that are above guaranteed minimum crediting rates, the majority of this business has interest crediting rates that are determined by formula. The remaining \$101 billion of insurance liabilities and policyholder account balances are predominantly comprised of long-duration insurance products that have fixed and guaranteed terms, for which underlying assets may have to be reinvested at interest rates that are lower than portfolio rates. Our international insurance operations employ a proactive asset/liability management program in order to mitigate, to the extent possible, the unfavorable impact that the current interest rate environment has on our net interest margins. This asset/liability management program includes strategies similar to those described above for U.S. insurance operations excluding the Closed Block division.

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Net income attributable to Prudential Financial, Inc. for the first quarter of 2016 was \$1,336 million compared to \$2,036 million for the first quarter of 2015.

We analyze performance of our segments and Corporate and Other operations using a measure called adjusted operating income. See “—Consolidated Results of Operations—Segment Measures” for a discussion of adjusted operating income and its use as a measure of segment operating performance.

Shown below are the contributions of each segment and Corporate and Other operations to our adjusted operating income for the periods indicated and a reconciliation of adjusted operating income of our segments and Corporate and Other operations to income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in earnings of operating joint ventures.

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Adjusted operating income before income taxes:		
Individual Annuities	\$ 328	\$ 529
Retirement	219	284
Asset Management	165	205
Total U.S. Retirement Solutions and Investment Management division	712	1,018
Individual Life	120	116
Group Insurance	26	30
Total U.S. Individual Life and Group Insurance division	146	146
International Insurance	779	834
Total International Insurance division	779	834
Corporate and Other operations	(312)	(253)
Total Corporate and Other	(312)	(253)
Total adjusted operating income before income taxes	1,325	1,745
Reconciling items:		
Realized investment gains (losses), net, and related adjustments(1)	1,418	1,662
Charges related to realized investment gains (losses), net(2)	(1,080)	(611)
Investment gains (losses) on trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities, net(3)	216	83
Change in experience-rated contractholder liabilities due to asset value changes(4)	(130)	(197)
Divested businesses(5):		
Closed Block division	(73)	(22)
Other divested businesses	31	75
Equity in earnings of operating joint ventures and earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests(6)	25	13
Consolidated income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in earnings of operating joint ventures	\$ 1,732	\$ 2,748

- (1) Represents “Realized investment gains (losses), net,” and related adjustments. See “—Realized Investment Gains (Losses)” and Note 11 to our Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.
- (2) Includes charges that represent the impact of realized investment gains (losses), net, on the amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs (“DAC”) and other costs, and on changes in reserves. Also includes charges resulting from payments related to market value adjustment features of certain of our annuity products and the impact of realized investment gains (losses), net, on the amortization of unearned revenue reserves.
- (3) Represents net investment gains (losses) on trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities. See “—Experience-Rated Contractholder Liabilities, Trading Account Assets Supporting Insurance Liabilities and Other Related Investments.”
- (4) Represents changes in contractholder liabilities due to asset value changes in the pool of investments supporting these experience-rated contracts. See “—Experience-Rated Contractholder Liabilities, Trading Account Assets Supporting Insurance Liabilities and Other Related Investments.”
- (5) See “—Divested Businesses.”
- (6) Equity in earnings of operating joint ventures are included in adjusted operating income but excluded from income from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in earnings of operating joint ventures as they are reflected on an after-tax U.S. GAAP basis as a separate line in our Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Operations. Earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests are excluded from adjusted operating income but included in income from continuing operations before taxes and equity earnings of operating joint ventures as they are reflected on a U.S. GAAP basis as a separate line in our Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of

Operations. Earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests represent the portion of earnings from consolidated entities that relates to the equity interests of minority investors.

Results for the periods presented above reflect the following:

Individual Annuities. Segment results for the first quarter of 2016 decreased in comparison to the first quarter of 2015, primarily reflecting an unfavorable comparative impact from changes in the estimated profitability of the business due to market performance in relation to our assumptions. The decrease also reflected lower net asset-based fee income driven by lower average variable annuity account values.

Retirement. Segment results for the first quarter of 2016 decreased in comparison to the first quarter of 2015, reflecting lower net investment spread results primarily driven by lower returns on non-coupon investments, a lower contribution from positive case experience, higher general and administrative expenses, net of capitalization and lower fee income.

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Asset Management. Segment results for the first quarter of 2016 decreased in comparison to the first quarter of 2015, primarily reflecting lower other related revenue, net of expenses, as well as lower asset management fees, net of expenses.

Individual Life. Segment results for the first quarter of 2016 increased in comparison to the first quarter of 2015, primarily reflecting the absence of integration costs, partially offset by higher general and administrative expenses primarily driven by business growth.

Group Insurance. Segment results for the first quarter of 2016 decreased in comparison to the first quarter of 2015, reflecting a lower contribution from net investment spread results, primarily driven by lower returns on non-coupon investments, and higher expenses, partially offset by more net favorable comparative underwriting results.

International Insurance. Segment results for the first quarter of 2016 decreased in comparison to the first quarter of 2015, primarily from a net unfavorable impact from foreign currency exchange rates. Excluding this impact, segment results increased slightly as new business growth, inclusive of the initial contribution from the Company's indirect investment in AFP Habitat, was mostly offset by a lower contribution from net investment spreads and higher net expenses.

Corporate and Other operations. The results for the first quarter of 2016 in comparison to the first quarter of 2015 reflected increased losses, driven by higher levels of corporate expenses, lower net investment income, as well as lower income from our qualified pension plan.

Closed Block Division. The Closed Block division results for the first quarter of 2016 decreased in comparison to the first quarter of 2015, driven by net realized investment losses and lower net investment income, partially offset by a decrease in the policyholder dividend obligation.

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Consolidated Results of Operations

The following table summarizes net income (loss) for the periods presented.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Revenues	\$ 14,329	\$ 15,552
Benefits and expenses	12,597	12,804
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in earnings of operating joint ventures	1,732	2,748
Income tax expense (benefit)	368	699
Income (loss) from continuing operations before equity in earnings of operating joint ventures	1,364	2,049
Equity in earnings of operating joint ventures, net of taxes	5	(3)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	1,369	2,046
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes	0	0
Net income (loss)	1,369	2,046
Less: Income attributable to noncontrolling interests	33	10
Net income (loss) attributable to Prudential Financial, Inc.	\$ 1,336	\$ 2,036

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The decrease in “Income (loss) from continuing operations” for the first quarter of 2016 compared to the first quarter of 2015 reflected the following:

\$592 million unfavorable variance, on a pre-tax basis, reflecting our decision to manage a portion of our interest rate risk through our Capital Protection Framework (see “—Results of Operations by Segment—Corporate and Other—Capital Protection Framework” for additional information).

\$387 million lower net pre-tax realized gains for PFI excluding the Closed Block division and the impact of the hedging program associated with certain variable annuities discussed below, primarily reflecting net losses on fixed maturity securities related to trading activity and impairments as compared to net gains on fixed maturity securities in the first quarter of 2015 (see “—Realized Investment Gains (Losses)” for additional information); and

\$159 million unfavorable variance, on a pre-tax basis, from adjustments to DAC and other costs as well as reserves, reflecting updates to the estimated profitability of our businesses. This excludes the impact associated with the variable annuity hedging program discussed below (see “—Results of Operations by Segment—U.S. Retirement Solutions and Investment Management Division—Individual Annuities” for additional information).

Partially offsetting these decreases in “Income (loss) from continuing operations” were the following items:

\$497 million favorable variance, on a pre-tax basis, reflecting the net impact from changes in the value of our embedded derivatives and related hedge positions associated with certain variable annuities (see “—Results of Operations by Segment—U.S. Retirement Solutions and Investment Management Division—Individual Annuities—Variable Annuity Hedging Program Results” for additional information); and

\$331 million favorable impact of lower tax expense reflecting lower pre-tax income in the current quarter compared to the year ago quarter.

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Segment Measures

Adjusted Operating Income. In managing our business, we analyze our segments' operating performance using "adjusted operating income." Adjusted operating income does not equate to "Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in earnings of operating joint ventures" or "Net income (loss)" as determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"), but is the measure of segment profit or loss we use to evaluate segment performance and allocate resources, and consistent with authoritative guidance, is our measure of segment performance. The adjustments to derive adjusted operating income are important to an understanding of our overall results of operations. Adjusted operating income is not a substitute for income determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and our definition of adjusted operating income may differ from that used by other companies. However, we believe that the presentation of adjusted operating income as we measure it for management purposes enhances the understanding of our results of operations by highlighting the results from ongoing operations and the underlying profitability of our businesses.

See Note 11 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for further information on the presentation of segment results and our definition of adjusted operating income.

Annualized New Business Premiums. In managing certain of our businesses, we analyze annualized new business premiums, which do not correspond to revenues under U.S. GAAP. Annualized new business premiums measure the current sales performance of the business, while revenues primarily reflect the renewal persistency of policies written in prior years and net investment income, in addition to current sales. Annualized new business premiums include 10% of first year premiums or deposits from single pay products. No other adjustments are made for limited pay contracts.

The amount of annualized new business premiums for any given period can be significantly impacted by several factors, including but not limited to: addition of new products, discontinuation of existing products, changes in credited interest rates for certain products and other product modifications, changes in tax laws, changes in regulations or changes in the competitive environment. Sales volume may increase or decrease prior to certain of these changes becoming effective, and then fluctuate in the other direction following such changes.

Assets Under Management. In managing our Asset Management business, we analyze assets under management, which do not correspond to U.S. GAAP assets, because the principal source of revenues is fees based on assets under management. Assets under management represents the fair market value or account value of assets which we manage directly for institutional clients, retail clients, and for our general account, as well as assets invested in our products that are managed by third-party managers.

Account Values. In managing our Individual Annuities and Retirement businesses, we analyze account values, which do not correspond to U.S. GAAP assets. Net sales (redemptions) in our Individual Annuities business and net additions (withdrawals) in our Retirement business do not correspond to revenues under U.S. GAAP, but are used as a relevant measure of business activity.

Accounting Policies & Pronouncements

Application of Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the application of accounting policies that often involve a significant degree of judgment. Management, on an ongoing basis, reviews estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of financial statements. If management determines that modifications in assumptions and estimates are appropriate given current facts and circumstances, the Company's results of operations

and financial position as reported in the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements could change significantly.

Management believes the accounting policies relating to the following areas are most dependent on the application of estimates and assumptions and require management's most difficult, subjective, or complex judgments:

• DAC and other costs, including deferred sales inducements ("DSI") and value of business acquired ("VOBA");

• Goodwill;

• Valuation of investments, including derivatives, and the recognition of other-than-temporary impairments ("OTTI");

• Policyholder liabilities;

• Pension and other postretirement benefits;

• Taxes on income; and

- Reserves for contingencies, including reserves for losses in connection with unresolved legal matters.

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DAC and Other Costs

The near-term future equity rate of return assumption used in evaluating DAC and other costs for our domestic variable annuity and variable life insurance products is derived using a reversion to the mean approach, a common industry practice. Under this approach, we consider historical equity returns and adjust projected equity returns over an initial future period of five years (the “near-term”) so that equity returns converge to the long-term expected rate of return. If the near-term projected future rate of return is greater than our near-term maximum future rate of return of 15%, we use our maximum future rate of return. As of March 31, 2016, our variable annuities and variable life insurance businesses assume an 8.0% long-term equity expected rate of return and a 6.3% near-term mean reversion equity rate of return.

The weighted average rate of return assumptions consider many factors specific to each business, including asset durations, asset allocations and other factors. We generally update the near-term equity rates of return and our estimate of total gross profits each quarter to reflect the result of the reversion to the mean approach. We generally update the future interest rates used to project fixed income returns annually and in any quarter when interest rates vary significantly from these assumptions. These market performance related adjustments to our estimate of total gross profits result in cumulative adjustments to prior amortization, reflecting the application of the new required rate of amortization to all prior periods’ gross profits.

For additional information on our policies for DAC and other costs and for the remaining critical accounting estimates listed above, see our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, under “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Accounting Policies & Pronouncements—Application of Critical Accounting Estimates.”

Adoption of New Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 2 to our Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of newly adopted accounting pronouncements.

Results of Operations by Segment

U.S. Retirement Solutions and Investment Management Division

Individual Annuities

The Individual Annuities segment offers both variable and fixed annuities that may include guaranteed living or death benefits. It also offers fixed annuities that provide a guarantee of principal and interest credited at rates we determine, subject to certain contractual minimums. We derive our revenue mainly from fee income generated on variable annuity account values, as the investment return on the contractholder funds is generally attributed directly to the contractholder. We also earn investment income on fixed annuity account values and certain other management fees. Our expenses primarily consist of interest credited and other benefits to contractholders, amortization of DAC and other costs, non-deferred expenses related to the selling and servicing of the various products we offer, costs of hedging certain risks associated with these products, changes in the reserves for benefit guarantees and other general business expenses. These drivers of our business results are generally included in adjusted operating income, with exceptions related to certain guarantees, as discussed below.

The U.S. GAAP accounting and our adjusted operating income treatment for our guarantees differ depending upon the specific feature. The reserves for our guaranteed minimum death benefit (“GMDB”) and guaranteed minimum income benefit (“GMIB”) features are calculated based on our best estimate of actuarial and capital markets return assumptions.

The risks associated with these benefit features are retained and results are included in adjusted operating income. In contrast, certain of our guaranteed living benefit features are accounted for as embedded derivatives and reported at fair value. Under U.S. GAAP, the fair values of these benefit features are based on assumptions a market participant would use in valuing these embedded derivatives. We hedge or limit our exposure to certain risks associated with these features through our living benefits hedging program and product design features. Adjusted operating income, as discussed below in “—Adjusted Operating Income” and “—Revenues, Benefits and Expenses,” excludes amounts related to changes in the market value of the embedded derivatives and related hedge positions, and the related impact to amortization of DAC and other costs. The items excluded from adjusted operating income are discussed below in “—Variable Annuity Hedging Program Results.”

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Account Values

Account values are a significant driver of our operating results. Since most fees are determined by the level of separate account assets, fee income varies according to the level of account values. Additionally, our fee income generally drives other items such as our pattern of amortization of DAC and other costs. Account values are driven by net flows from new business sales, surrenders, withdrawals and benefit payments, the impact of market value changes, which can be either positive or negative, and policy charges. The annuity industry competitive landscape, which has been dynamic over the last few years, may impact our net flows, including new business sales. The following table sets forth account value information for the periods indicated.

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Twelve Months Ended March 31,
	2016	2015	2016
	(in millions)		
Total Individual Annuities(1):			
Beginning total account value	\$ 152,945	\$ 158,664	\$ 161,127
Sales	2,017	2,227	8,570
Surrenders and withdrawals	(1,779)	(2,196)	(7,998)
Net sales	238	31	572
Benefit payments	(443)	(488)	(1,865)
Net flows	(205)	(457)	(1,293)
Change in market value, interest credited and other activity	850	3,812	(3,547)
Policy charges	(857)	(892)	(3,554)
Ending total account value	\$ 152,733	\$ 161,127	\$ 152,733

(1) Includes variable and fixed annuities sold as retail investment products. Investments sold through defined contribution plan products are included with such products within the Retirement segment. Variable annuity account values were \$149.2 billion and \$157.6 billion as of March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Fixed annuity account values were \$3.5 billion as of both March 31, 2016 and 2015.

The decrease in account values as of March 31, 2016, compared to March 31, 2015, was largely driven by contract charges on contractholder accounts, unfavorable changes in the market value of contractholder funds and benefit payments. These negative impacts were partially offset by positive net sales over the last twelve months.

The increase in net sales for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to the prior year period reflects lower surrenders and withdrawals partially offset by lower gross sales. The decline in gross sales was largely driven by decreased sales of our Prudential Premier® Retirement Variable Annuity with “highest daily” benefit riders, partially offset by an increase in sales of our Prudential Defined Income Variable Annuity (“PDI”) products as a result of product enhancements.

Operating Results

The following table sets forth the Individual Annuities segment’s operating results for the periods indicated.

Three Months
Ended
March 31,

	2016	2015
	(in millions)	
Operating results:		
Revenues	\$1,109	\$1,187
Benefits and expenses	781	658
Adjusted operating income	328	529
Realized investment gains (losses), net, and related adjustments	2,359	1,409
Related charges	(926)	(453)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in earnings of operating joint ventures	\$1,761	\$1,485

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Adjusted Operating Income

Adjusted operating income decreased \$201 million. Excluding the impacts of changes in the estimated profitability of the business, discussed below, adjusted operating income decreased \$42 million. The decrease was driven by lower asset-based fee income, net of a related decrease in asset-based commissions, due to a decline in average variable annuity account values.

The impacts of changes in the estimated profitability of the business include adjustments to the amortization of DAC and other costs and to the reserves for the GMDB and GMIB features of our variable annuity products. These adjustments resulted in a net charge of \$53 million and a net benefit of \$106 million in the first quarter of 2016 and 2015, respectively. The net charge in the first quarter of 2016 primarily reflected the impact of unfavorable fund performance relative to indices, as well as the net impact of equity market performance on contractholder accounts relative to our assumptions. The net benefit in the first quarter of 2015 primarily reflected favorable equity market performance, which more than offset the impact of lower expected rates of return on fixed income investments within contractholder accounts and on future expected claims relative to our assumptions.

Revenues, Benefits and Expenses

Revenues, as shown in the table above under “—Operating Results,” decreased \$78 million, primarily driven by a decrease in policy charges and fee income, asset management and service fees and other income, due to a decline in average account values.

Benefits and expenses, as shown in the table above under “—Operating Results,” increased \$123 million. Excluding the \$159 million net increase related to the impacts of certain changes in our estimated profitability of the business discussed above, benefits and expenses decreased \$36 million. Amortization of DAC decreased \$11 million primarily driven by lower fee income, as discussed above. General and administrative expenses, net of capitalization, decreased \$10 million driven by lower asset-based commissions and lower asset management costs due to lower average account values, partially offset by higher operating expenses. Interest expense decreased \$7 million, driven by lower debt, and interest credited to policyholders’ account balances decreased \$7 million driven by lower average account values.

Variable Annuity Risks and Risk Mitigants

The primary risk exposures of our variable annuity contracts relate to actual deviations from, or changes to, the assumptions used in the original pricing of these products, including capital markets assumptions such as equity market returns, interest rates and market volatility, along with actuarial assumptions such as contractholder mortality, the timing and amount of annuitization and withdrawals, and contract lapses. For our actuarial assumptions, we have retained the majority of the risk that actual experience will differ from the assumptions used in the original pricing of these products. For our capital markets assumptions, we hedge or limit our exposure to certain risks created by capital markets fluctuations through a combination of product design features, such as an automatic rebalancing feature, also referred to as an asset transfer feature, and inclusion of certain living benefits in our hedging program. In addition, we consider external reinsurance a form of risk mitigation. Effective April 1, 2015, we entered into an agreement with Union Hamilton Reinsurance, Ltd. (“Union Hamilton”), an external counterparty, to reinsure approximately 50% of the Highest Daily Lifetime Income (“HDI”) v.3.0 business. HDI v.3.0 is the newest version of our “highest daily” living benefits guarantee that is available with our Prudential Premier® Retirement Variable Annuity. This reinsurance agreement covers most new HDI v.3.0 variable annuity business issued between April 1, 2015 and December 31, 2016 on a quota share basis, until Union Hamilton’s quota share reaches \$5 billion of new rider premiums through December 31, 2016.

Our automatic rebalancing feature occurs at the contract level, and transfers assets between certain variable investment sub-accounts selected by the annuity contractholder and, depending on the benefit feature, a fixed-rate account in the general account or a bond fund sub-account within the separate accounts. The automatic rebalancing feature associated with currently-sold highest daily benefit products uses a designated bond fund sub-account within the separate accounts. The transfers are based on a static mathematical formula used with the particular benefit which considers a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the impact of investment performance on the contractholder's total account value. The objective of the automatic rebalancing feature is to reduce our exposure to equity market risk and market volatility. Other product design features we utilize include, among others, asset allocation restrictions, minimum issuance age requirements and certain limitations on the amount of contractholder deposits, as well as a required allocation to our general account for certain of our products. We have also introduced new products that diversify our risk profile and have incorporated provisions in product design allowing frequent revisions of key pricing elements for certain products. In addition, certain fees are primarily based on the benefit guarantee amount, the contractholder account value and/or premiums, which helps preserve certain revenue streams when market fluctuations cause account values to decline.

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We use our hedging program to help manage certain risks associated with certain of our guarantees. The hedging program's objective is to help mitigate fluctuations in net income and capital from living benefit liabilities due to capital market movements, within established tolerances. Through our hedging program, we enter into derivative positions that seek to offset the net change in our hedge target, discussed further below. In addition to mitigating fluctuations of the living benefit liabilities due to capital market movements, the hedging program is also focused on a long-term goal of accumulating assets that could be used to pay claims under these benefits irrespective of market path. For additional information regarding this program, see “—Variable Annuities Hedging Program Results” below.

Through March 31, 2016, we reinsured living benefit guarantees on certain variable annuity living benefit riders and certain retirement products from our domestic statutory life insurance companies to a captive reinsurance company, Pruco Reinsurance, Ltd. (“Pruco Re”) which is the legal entity in which we executed our living benefit hedging program. Effective April 1, 2016, we recaptured the risks related to our variable annuity living benefit riders and certain retirement products that were previously reinsured to Pruco Re, and began managing all of these product risks in certain of our domestic statutory life insurance companies. For additional information regarding Pruco Re and the recapture, see “—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Capital—Captive Reinsurance Companies” and “—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Liquidity—Liquidity associated with other activities—Hedging activities associated with living benefit guarantees.”

For certain living benefits features, claims will primarily represent the funding of contractholder lifetime withdrawals after the cumulative withdrawals have first exhausted the contractholder account value. Due to the age of the in force block, limited claim payments have occurred to date, and they are not expected to increase significantly within the next five years, based upon current assumptions. The timing and amount of future claims will depend on actual returns on contractholder account value and actual contractholder behavior relative to our assumptions. The majority of our current living benefits features provide for guaranteed lifetime contractholder withdrawal payments inclusive of a “highest daily” contract value guarantee. Our PDI variable annuity complements our variable annuity products with the highest daily benefit and provides for guaranteed lifetime contractholder withdrawal payments, but restricts contractholder asset allocation to a single bond fund sub-account within the separate accounts.

The majority of our variable annuity contracts with living benefits features, and all new contracts sold with our highest daily living benefits feature, include risk mitigants in the form of an automatic rebalancing feature and/or inclusion in our hedging program. As discussed above, we also utilize external reinsurance as a form of additional risk mitigation. The guaranteed benefits of certain legacy products that were sold prior to our implementation of the automatic rebalancing feature are also included in our hedging program. Certain legacy guaranteed minimum accumulation benefit (“GMAB”) products include the automatic rebalancing feature, but are not included in the hedging program. The PDI product and contracts with the GMIB feature have neither risk mitigant. Rather than utilizing a capital markets hedging strategy, certain risks associated with PDI are managed through the limitation of contractholder asset allocations to a single bond fund sub-account.

For our GMDBs, we provide a benefit payable in the event of death. Our base GMDB is generally equal to a return of cumulative deposits adjusted for any partial withdrawals. Certain products include an optional enhanced GMDB based on the greater of a minimum return on the contract value or an enhanced value. We have retained the risk that the total amount of death benefit payable may be greater than the contractholder account value. However, a substantial portion of the account values associated with GMDBs are subject to an automatic rebalancing feature because the contractholder also selected a living benefit feature which includes an automatic rebalancing feature. All of the variable annuity account values with living benefit features also contain GMDBs. The living and death benefit features for these contracts cover the same insured life and, consequently, we have insured both the longevity and mortality risk on these contracts.

The following table sets forth the risk profile of our living benefits and GMDB features as of the periods indicated.

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	March 31, 2016		December 31, 2015		March 31, 2015	
	Account Value	% of Total	Account Value	% of Total	Account Value	% of Total
	(in millions)					
Living benefit/GMDB features(1):						
Both hedging program and automatic rebalancing(2)	\$ 105,379	71 %	\$ 106,018	71 %	\$ 113,118	72 %
Hedging program only	9,739	6 %	9,994	7 %	11,305	7 %
Automatic rebalancing only	1,320	1 %	1,393	1 %	1,679	1 %
External reinsurance(3)	1,893	1 %	1,513	1 %	0	0 %
PDI	5,590	4 %	4,664	3 %	3,292	2 %
Other Products	2,780	2 %	2,870	2 %	3,271	2 %
Total living benefit/GMDB features	\$ 126,701		\$ 126,452		\$ 132,665	
GMDB features and other(4):	22,545	15 %	22,989	15 %	24,887	16 %
Total variable annuity account value	\$ 149,246		\$ 149,441		\$ 157,552	

(1) All contracts with living benefit guarantees also contain GMDB features, covering the same insured contract.

(2) Contracts with living benefits that are included in our hedging program, and have an automatic rebalancing feature.

(3) Represents contracts subject to reinsurance transaction with external counterparty effective April 1, 2015. These contracts with living benefits also have an automatic rebalancing feature.

(4) Includes contracts that have a GMDB feature and do not have an automatic rebalancing feature.

The risk profile of our variable annuity account values as of the periods above reflect our product risk diversification strategy and the runoff of legacy products over time.

Variable Annuity Hedging Program Results

Under U.S. GAAP, the liability for certain living benefit features is accounted for as an embedded derivative and recorded at fair value, based on assumptions a market participant would use in valuing these features. The fair value is calculated as the present value of future expected benefit payments to contractholders less the present value of future rider fees attributable to the applicable living benefit features using option pricing techniques. See Note 13 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding the methodology and assumptions used in calculating the fair value under U.S. GAAP.

As noted within “—Variable Annuity Risks and Risk Mitigants” above, we maintain a hedging program to help manage certain capital market risks associated with certain of these guarantees. Our hedging program utilizes an internally-defined hedge target. We review our hedge target and hedging program on an ongoing basis, and may periodically adjust them based on our evaluation of the risks associated with the guarantees and other factors. As currently defined, our hedge target includes the following modifications to the assumptions used in the U.S. GAAP valuation:

• The impact of non-performance risk (“NPR”) is excluded to maximize protection against the entire projected claim irrespective of the possibility of our own default.

The assumptions used in the projection of customer account values for fixed income and equity funds and the discounted net living benefits (claims less fees) are adjusted to reflect returns in excess of risk-free rates equal to our expectations of credit risk premiums.

• Actuarial assumptions are adjusted to remove risk margins and reflect our best estimates.

Due to these modifications, we expect differences each period between the change in the value of the embedded derivative as defined by U.S. GAAP and the change in the value of the hedge positions used to manage the hedge target, thus potentially increasing volatility in U.S. GAAP earnings. Application of the valuation methodologies described above could result in either a liability or contra-liability balance for the fair value of the embedded derivative under U.S. GAAP and/or the value of the hedge target, given changing capital market conditions and various actuarial assumptions. The following table provides a reconciliation between the fair value of the embedded derivative as defined by U.S. GAAP and the value of our hedge target as of the periods indicated.

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	As of March 31, 2016 (in billions)	As of December 31, 2015
Embedded derivative liability as defined by U.S. GAAP	\$11.0	\$ 8.4
Less: NPR Adjustment	(12.2)	(8.9)
Embedded derivative liability as defined by U.S. GAAP, excluding NPR	23.2	17.3
Less: Amount of embedded derivative liability, excluding NPR, excluded from hedge target liability	7.0	6.4
Hedge target liability (contra-liability)	\$16.2	\$ 10.9

We seek to offset the changes in our hedge target by entering into a range of exchange-traded, cleared and over-the-counter (“OTC”) equity and interest rate derivatives to hedge certain capital market risks present in our hedge target. The instruments include, but are not limited to: equity and treasury futures; total return and interest rate swaps; and options including equity options, swaptions, and floors and caps. The following table sets forth the market and notional values of these instruments as of the periods indicated.

Instrument	As of March 31, 2016				As of December 31, 2015			
	Equity		Interest Rate		Equity		Interest Rate	
	Notional	Market Value	Notional	Market Value	Notional	Market Value	Notional	Market Value
	(in billions)							
Futures	\$1.7	\$0.0	\$4.0	\$0.0	\$0.1	\$0.0	\$0.8	\$0.0
Swaps(1)	17.9	(0.6)	86.1	9.6	17.2	(0.1)	91.7	6.2
Options	5.5	0.0	12.1	0.5	5.0	0.0	14.4	0.2
Total	\$25.1	\$(0.6)	\$102.2	\$10.1	\$22.3	\$(0.1)	\$106.9	\$6.4

Includes interest rate swaps for which offsetting positions exist in Corporate and Other operations, reflecting the (1) impact of managing interest rate risk through capital management strategies other than hedging of particular exposures. See “—Corporate and Other.”

Due to cash flow timing differences between our hedging instruments and the corresponding hedge target, as well as other factors such as updates to actuarial assumptions which are not hedged, the market value of the hedge portfolio compared to our hedge target measured as of any specific point in time may be different and is not expected to be fully offsetting. In addition to the derivatives held as part of the hedging program, we have cash and other invested assets available to cover the future claims payable under these guarantees and other liabilities. For additional information on the liquidity needs associated with our hedging program, see “—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Liquidity—Liquidity associated with other activities—Hedging activities associated with living benefit guarantees.”

The primary sources of differences between the changes in the fair value of the hedge positions and the hedge target, other than changes related to actuarial assumption updates, fall into one of three categories:

Fund Performance—In order to project future account value changes, we make certain assumptions about how each underlying fund will perform. We map contractholder funds to hedgeable indices that we believe are the best representation of the liability to be hedged in the capital markets. The difference between the modeled fund performance and actual fund performance results in basis that can be either positive or negative.

Net Market Impact—We incur rebalancing costs related to the dynamic rebalancing of the hedging instruments as markets move. Our hedging program is also subject to the impact of implied and realized market volatility on the hedge positions relative to our hedge target that can lead to positive or negative results.

Liability Basis—We make assumptions about expected changes in the hedge target related to certain items, such as contractholder behavior. The difference between the actual change in the hedge target and the expected changes we have modeled results in basis that can be either positive or negative.

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The net impact of the change in the fair value of the embedded derivative associated with our living benefit features and the change in the fair value of the related hedge positions is included in “Realized investment gains (losses), net, and related adjustments” and the related impact to the amortization of DAC and other costs is included in “Related charges,” both of which are excluded from adjusted operating income. The following table shows the net impact of changes in the embedded derivative and related hedge positions, as well as the related amortization of DAC and other costs, for the periods indicated.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (1) (in millions)	
Hedge Program Results:		
Change in value of hedge target(2)	\$(5,039)	\$(2,415)
Change in fair value of hedge positions	4,677	2,417
Net hedging impact(3)	\$(362)	\$2
Reconciliation of Hedge Program Results to U.S. GAAP Results:		
Net hedging impact (from above)	\$(362)	\$2
Change in portions of U.S. GAAP liability, before NPR, excluded from hedge target(4)	(667)	(431)
Change in the NPR adjustment	3,378	1,808
Net impact from changes in the U.S. GAAP embedded derivative and hedge positions—reported in Individual Annuities	2,349	1,379
Related benefit (charge) to amortization of DAC and other costs	(932)	(459)
Net impact from changes in the U.S. GAAP embedded derivative and hedge positions, after the impact of NPR, DAC and other costs—reported in Individual Annuities(3)	\$1,417	\$920

(1) Positive amount represents income; negative amount represents a loss.

(2) Attributed fees received for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 were approximately \$255 million and \$244 million, respectively, and were included in “Change in value of hedge target.”

(3) Excludes \$(1,135) million and \$(657) million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, representing the impact of managing interest rate risk through capital management strategies other than hedging of particular exposures. Because this decision is based on the capital considerations of the Company as a whole, the impact is reported in Corporate and Other operations. See “—Corporate and Other.”

(4) Represents the impact attributable to the difference between the value of the hedge target and the value of the embedded derivative as defined by U.S. GAAP, before adjusting for NPR, as discussed above.

The net impacts of \$1,417 million and \$920 million for the first quarter of 2016 and 2015, respectively, were primarily driven by declining interest rates in both periods which drove increases in the base embedded derivative liability before NPR, and corresponding increases in the NPR adjustment. The widening of our NPR credit spreads also contributed to the increase in the NPR adjustment for both periods. To a lesser extent, results for both periods also reflect the impacts of changes in the value of our hedge target and related hedge positions. The first quarter of 2016 reflected a net realized loss from these items, driven by unfavorable liability basis and fund underperformance relative to indices. In the first quarter of 2015, fund outperformance relative to indices and favorable liability basis essentially offset losses related to volatility movements. Each of these items had corresponding partial offsets included in the related impacts to amortization of DAC and other costs for both periods.

For information regarding the Capital Protection Framework we use to evaluate and support the risks of our hedging program, see “—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Capital.”

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Retirement

Operating Results

The following table sets forth the Retirement segment's operating results for the periods indicated.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Operating results:		
Revenues	\$1,893	\$2,478
Benefits and expenses	1,674	2,194
Adjusted operating income	219	284
Realized investment gains (losses), net, and related adjustments	(23)	409
Related charges	(1)	(1)
Investment gains (losses) on trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities, net	322	27
Change in experience-rated contractholder liabilities due to asset value changes	(236)	(141)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in earnings of operating joint ventures	\$281	\$578

Effective January 1, 2016, the financial results of our Retirement segment include the impact of an intercompany arrangement with Corporate and Other operations pursuant to which certain of the segment's non-U.S. dollar-denominated earnings from longevity reinsurance contracts are translated at fixed currency exchange rates. The fixed rates are designed to mitigate the impact of exchange rate changes on the segment's U.S. dollar-equivalent earnings. The impact of this intercompany arrangement is immaterial to the segment's operating results.

Adjusted Operating Income

Adjusted operating income decreased \$65 million, primarily driven by lower net investment spread results, a lower contribution from positive case experience, higher general and administrative expenses, net of capitalization and lower fee income. The decrease in net investment spread results primarily reflected lower income on non-coupon investments and lower reinvestment rates, partially offset by growth in full service account values and significant pension risk transfer transactions, higher invested assets and the impact of crediting rate reductions on full service general account stable value account values. The lower contribution from positive case experience reflected less favorable mortality for pension risk transfer contracts. The increase in general and administrative expenses, net of capitalization, was driven by business growth while the decrease in fee income primarily reflected lower margins on full service account values.

Revenues, Benefits and Expenses

Revenues, as shown in the table above under "—Operating Results," decreased \$585 million. Premiums decreased \$545 million, primarily driven by a pension risk transfer transaction in the prior year quarter, partially offset by ongoing premiums assumed for longevity reinsurance contracts. This decrease in premiums resulted in a corresponding decrease in policyholders' benefits, as discussed below. Net investment income decreased \$22 million, primarily reflecting lower income on non-coupon investments and lower reinvestment rates, partially offset by growth in account values primarily from significant pension risk transfer transactions and higher invested assets. Policy charges and fee income, asset management and service fees and other income decreased \$18 million, primarily driven by

lower fee income from lower margins on full service account values

Benefits and expenses, as shown in the table above under “—Operating Results,” decreased \$520 million. Policyholders’ benefits, including the change in policy reserves, decreased \$508 million, primarily related to the decrease in premiums discussed above. Interest credited to policyholders’ account balances decreased \$16 million primarily driven by the impact of crediting rate reductions on full service general account stable value account values, partially offset by growth in account values.

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Account Values

Account values are a significant driver of our operating results, and are primarily driven by net additions (withdrawals) and the impact of market changes. The income we earn on our fee-based products varies with the level of fee-based account values, since many policy fees are determined by these values. The investment income and interest we credit to policyholders on our spread-based products varies with the level of general account values. To a lesser extent, changes in account values impact our pattern of amortization of DAC and VOBA and general and administrative expenses. The following table shows the changes in the account values and net additions (withdrawals) of Retirement segment products for the periods indicated. Net additions (withdrawals) are plan sales and participant deposits or additions, as applicable, minus plan and participant withdrawals and benefits. Account values include both internally- and externally-managed client balances as the total balances drive revenue for the Retirement segment. For more information on internally-managed balances, see “—Asset Management.”

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Twelve Months Ended March 31,
	2016	2015	2016
	(in millions)		
Full Service:			
Beginning total account value	\$188,961	\$184,196	\$188,145
Deposits and sales	6,656	6,314	26,026
Withdrawals and benefits	(5,286)	(6,229)	(20,616)
Change in market value, interest credited and interest income and other activity	622	3,864	(2,602)
Ending total account value	\$190,953	\$188,145	\$190,953
Net additions (withdrawals)	\$1,370	\$85	\$5,410
Institutional Investment Products:			
Beginning total account value	\$179,964	\$179,641	\$177,120
Additions(1)	2,061	969	16,664
Withdrawals and benefits	(2,783)	(3,495)	(14,676)
Change in market value, interest credited and interest income	2,198	1,629	4,045
Other(2)	(621)	(1,624)	(2,334)
Ending total account value	\$180,819	\$177,120	\$180,819
Net additions (withdrawals)	\$(722)	\$(2,526)	\$1,988

Additions primarily include: group annuities calculated based on premiums received; longevity reinsurance (1) contracts calculated as the present value of future projected benefits; and investment-only stable value contracts calculated as the fair value of customers’ funds held in a client-owned trust.

(2) “Other” activity includes the effect of foreign exchange rate changes associated with our United Kingdom longevity reinsurance business and changes in asset balances for externally-managed accounts.

The increase in full service account values as of March 31, 2016, compared to March 31, 2015, primarily reflected the impact of net additions, partially offset by unfavorable changes in the market value of customer funds over the past twelve months. The increase in net additions for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to the prior year period was driven by lower plan lapses and net participant deposits in the current period compared to net participant withdrawals in the prior period.

The increase in institutional investment products account values as of March 31, 2016, compared to March 31, 2015, reflected net additions resulting from significant pension risk transfer transactions and a bank-owned life insurance

stable value transaction, partially offset by net withdrawals of investment-only stable value accounts over the past twelve months. Also contributing to higher account values were increases in the market value of customer funds driven by declines in fixed income yields, partially offset by an unfavorable impact from foreign currency fluctuations on longevity reinsurance account values. The decrease in net withdrawals for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to the prior year period was primarily driven by net additions in investment-only stable value accounts in the current period compared to net withdrawals in the prior period.

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Asset Management

Operating Results

The following table sets forth the Asset Management segment's operating results for the periods indicated.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Operating results:		
Revenues	\$706	\$733
Expenses	541	528
Adjusted operating income	165	205
Realized investment gains (losses), net, and related adjustments	8	6
Equity in earnings of operating joint ventures and earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests	31	5
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in earnings of operating joint ventures	\$204	\$216

Effective January 1, 2016, the financial results of our Asset Management segment include the impact of an intercompany arrangement with Corporate and Other operations pursuant to which certain of the segment's non-U.S. dollar-denominated earnings are translated at fixed currency exchange rates. The fixed rates are designed to mitigate the impact of exchange rate changes on the segment's U.S. dollar-equivalent earnings. The impact of this intercompany arrangement is immaterial to the segment's operating results.

Adjusted Operating Income

Adjusted operating income decreased \$40 million. The decrease primarily reflected lower other related revenue, net of expenses, primarily resulting from the absence of outperformance and a legacy asset-related gain in strategic investing results recognized in the first quarter of 2015 and lower market-related net performance-based incentive fees recognized in the first quarter of 2016. The decrease also reflected lower asset management fees, net of expenses, from a decline in average equity assets under management as a result of market depreciation and outflows in the current quarter, partially offset by strong third-party fixed income flows.

Revenues and Expenses

The following table sets forth the Asset Management segment's revenues, presented on a basis consistent with the table above under "—Operating Results," by type.

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016	2015 (in millions)
Revenues by type:		
Asset management fees by source:		
Institutional customers	\$242	\$228
Retail customers(1)	169	189
General account	113	113
Total asset management fees	524	530
Other related revenues by source:		
Incentive fees	45	31
Transaction fees	3	5
Strategic investing	4	16
Commercial mortgage(2)	19	20
Total other related revenues(3)	71	72
Service, distribution and other revenues(4)	111	131
Total revenues	\$706	\$733

(1) Consists of fees from: individual mutual funds and variable annuities and variable life insurance separate account assets; funds invested in proprietary mutual funds through our defined contribution plan products; and third-party sub-advisory relationships. Revenues from fixed annuities and the fixed-rate accounts of variable annuities and variable life insurance are included in the general account.

(2) Includes mortgage origination and spread lending revenues of our commercial mortgage origination and servicing business.

(3) Future revenues will be impacted by the level and diversification of our strategic investments, the commercial real estate market, and other domestic and international markets.

(4) Includes payments from Wells Fargo under an agreement dated as of July 30, 2004, implementing arrangements with respect to money market mutual funds in connection with the combination of our retail securities brokerage and clearing operations with those of Wells Fargo. The agreement extends for ten years after termination of the Wachovia Securities joint venture, which occurred on December 31, 2009. The revenue from Wells Fargo under this agreement was \$21 million and \$19 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015.

Revenues, as shown in the table above, under “—Operating Results,” decreased \$27 million. Service, distribution and other revenues decreased \$20 million reflecting lower service and business fees, as well as the reclassification of fees from net investment income to asset management fees related to the deconsolidation of certain funds as a result of the adoption of the consolidation accounting standard update. Strategic investing decreased \$12 million, primarily reflecting a gain on the sale of an investment in the prior year. Asset management fees decreased \$6 million, primarily as a result of market depreciation and equity asset outflows, partially offset by the reclassification of fees from the deconsolidation of certain funds, as discussed above. Partially offsetting these decreases was a \$14 million increase in gross performance-based incentive fees primarily related to certain fixed income funds; however, net incentive fees declined primarily due to expenses related to performance-based incentive fees, as noted below.

Expenses, as shown in the table above under “—Operating Results,” increased \$13 million, reflecting higher performance-based incentive fees to noncontrolling interests and higher professional fees including costs associated with technology initiatives.

Assets Under Management

The following table sets forth assets under management by asset class and source as of the dates indicated.

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	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015	March 31, 2015
	(in billions)		
Assets Under Management (at fair market value):			
Institutional customers:			
Equity	\$59.2	\$ 59.9	\$65.4
Fixed income	304.1	289.9	278.7
Real estate	40.3	39.3	36.8
Institutional customers(1)	403.6	389.1	380.9
Retail customers:			
Equity	116.0	121.4	129.7
Fixed income	80.5	73.7	66.4
Real estate	2.1	2.2	2.3
Retail customers(2)	198.6	197.3	198.4
General account:			
Equity	6.4	7.4	8.1
Fixed income	392.4	367.5	372.5
Real estate	2.0	1.8	1.8
General account	400.8	376.7	382.4
Total assets under management	\$1,003.0	\$ 963.1	\$961.7

(1) Consists of third-party institutional assets and group insurance contracts.

(2) Consists of: individual mutual funds and variable annuities and variable life insurance separate account assets; funds invested in proprietary mutual funds through our defined contribution plan products; and third-party sub-advisory relationships. Fixed annuities and the fixed-rate accounts of variable annuities and variable life insurance are included in the general account.

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The following table sets forth the component changes in assets under management by asset source for the periods indicated.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in billions)		Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2016
Institutional Customers:			
Beginning Assets Under Management	\$389.1	\$370.0	\$ 380.9
Net additions (withdrawals), excluding money market activity:			
Third-party	(2.6)	3.7	14.9
Affiliated	1.3	(0.7)	(2.8)
Total	(1.3)	3.0	12.1
Market appreciation (depreciation)	13.7	7.7	8.6
Other increases (decreases)(1)	2.1	0.2	2.0
Ending Assets Under Management	\$403.6	\$380.9	\$ 403.6
Retail Customers:			
Beginning Assets Under Management	\$197.3	\$186.1	\$ 198.4
Net additions (withdrawals), excluding money market activity:			
Third-party	(0.5)	4.0	(3.7)
Affiliated	1.5	2.8	7.9
Total	1.0	6.8	4.2
Market appreciation (depreciation)	(0.4)	5.8	(4.8)
Other increases (decreases)(1)	0.7	(0.3)	0.8
Ending Assets Under Management	\$198.6	\$198.4	\$ 198.6
General Account:			
Beginning Assets Under Management	\$376.7	\$377.4	\$ 382.4
Net additions (withdrawals), excluding money market activity:			
Third-party	0.0	0.0	0.0
Affiliated	0.7	(1.1)	0.7
Total	0.7	(1.1)	0.7
Market appreciation (depreciation)	15.0	5.3	8.2
Other increases (decreases)(1)	8.4	0.8	9.5
Ending Assets Under Management	\$400.8	\$382.4	\$ 400.8

Includes the effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net money market activity, impact of acquired business and transfers from/(to) the Retirement segment as a result of changes in the client contract form. The impact from (1) foreign currency fluctuations, which primarily impact the general account, resulted in gains of \$6.7 billion and losses of \$0.6 billion for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and gains of \$5.6 billion for the twelve months ended March 31, 2016.

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Strategic Investments

The following table sets forth the strategic investments of the Asset Management segment at carrying value (including the value of derivative instruments used to mitigate equity market and currency risk) by asset class and source as of the dates indicated.

	March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Co-Investments:		
Real estate	\$197	\$252
Fixed income	167	150
Seed Investments:		
Real estate	55	33
Public equity	279	280
Fixed income	212	163
Total	\$910	\$878

U.S. Individual Life and Group Insurance Division

Individual Life

Operating Results

The following table sets forth the Individual Life segment's operating results for the periods indicated.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Operating results:		
Revenues	\$1,366	\$1,351
Benefits and expenses	1,246	1,235
Adjusted operating income	120	116
Realized investment gains (losses), net, and related adjustments	312	294
Related charges	(180)	(148)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in earnings of operating joint ventures	\$252	\$262

Adjusted Operating Income

Adjusted operating income increased \$4 million. The increase primarily reflected the absence of costs associated with the integration of the Hartford Life Business, partially offset by an increase in general and administrative expenses primarily driven by business growth.

Revenues, Benefits and Expenses

Revenues, as shown in the table above under “—Operating Results,” increased \$15 million. Net investment income increased \$33 million primarily reflecting higher invested assets resulting from continued business growth, partially offset by lower income on non-coupon investments. Partially offsetting these increases was a \$22 million decrease in premiums, primarily driven by higher reinsurance premiums which were mostly offset by reserve changes in Policyholders’ benefits.

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Benefits and expenses, as shown in the table above under “—Operating Results,” increased \$11 million. Policyholders’ benefits and interest credited to account balances increased \$8 million primarily reflecting universal life business growth, partially offset by reserve changes for reinsurance premiums discussed above. Interest expense increased \$7 million due to higher reserve financing costs. General and administrative expenses, net of capitalization, increased \$5 million primarily driven by business growth, partially offset by the absence of costs associated with the Hartford Life Business. Partially offsetting these increases was a \$9 million decrease in the amortization of DAC, including the impact of changes in the estimated profitability of the business due to market performance and other experience relative to our assumptions.

Sales Results

The following table sets forth individual life insurance annualized new business premiums, as defined under “—Segment Measures” above, by distribution channel and product, for the periods indicated.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016			Three Months Ended March 31, 2015		
	Prudential Advisors	Third Party	Total	Prudential Advisors	Third Party	Total
	(in millions)					
Term Life	\$8	\$40	\$48	\$8	\$41	\$49
Guaranteed Universal Life(1)	7	44	51	7	33	40
Other Universal Life(1)	8	12	20	3	14	17
Variable Life	6	20	26	7	11	18
Total	\$29	\$116	\$145	\$25	\$99	\$124

Single pay life annualized new business premiums, which include 10% of excess (unscheduled) premiums, (1) represented approximately 13% and 9% of Guaranteed Universal Life and 5% and 9% of Other Universal Life annualized new business premiums for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Annualized new business premiums increased \$21 million, primarily driven by improved distribution execution and the continued impact of pricing actions and product enhancements in both universal and variable life.

Group Insurance

Operating Results

The following table sets forth the Group Insurance segment’s operating results and benefits and administrative operating expense ratios for the periods indicated.

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)			
Operating results:				
Revenues	\$ 1,320		\$ 1,277	
Benefits and expenses	1,294		1,247	
Adjusted operating income	26		30	
Realized investment gains (losses), net, and related adjustments	0		29	
Related charges	0		(1	)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in earnings of operating joint ventures	\$ 26		\$ 58	
Benefits ratio(1):				
Group life	89.4	%	92.8	%
Group disability	82.2	%	72.2	%
Total group insurance	88.1	%	89.4	%
Administrative operating expense ratio(2):				
Group life	10.8	%	10.6	%
Group disability	31.9	%	32.7	%

(1) Ratio of policyholder benefits to earned premiums plus policy charges and fee income.

(2) Ratio of general and administrative expenses (excluding commissions) to gross premiums plus policy charges and fee income.

Adjusted Operating Income

Adjusted operating income decreased \$4 million, primarily reflecting a lower contribution from net investment spread results, driven by lower returns on non-coupon investments, less favorable underwriting results in our group disability business and higher expenses, net of fees. These decreases were partially offset by more favorable underwriting results in our group life business. The underwriting results in our group disability business reflect the impact of lower claim resolutions on long-term contracts and higher benefits resulting from other claims-related charges, partially offset by the impact of new business. The underwriting results in our group life business reflect a favorable impact from a reserve refinement, a reduction in run-off of claims from lapsed cases and the impact of new business.

Revenues, Benefits and Expenses

Revenues, as shown in the table above under “—Operating Results,” increased \$43 million. The increase reflected \$60 million of higher premiums and policy charges and fee income primarily driven by the increase in new business in both our group life and group disability businesses, partially offset by a \$19 million decrease in other income driven by lower income on non-coupon investments.

Benefits and expenses, as shown in the table above under “—Operating Results,” increased \$47 million primarily from a \$37 million increase in policyholders’ benefits, including the change in reserves. This increase was driven by lower claim resolutions on long-term contracts in our group disability business and the impact of new business for both our group life and disability businesses.

Sales Results

The following table sets forth the Group Insurance segment's annualized new business premiums, as defined under "—Segment Measures" above, for the periods indicated.

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016	2015
	(in millions)	
Annualized new business premiums(1):		
Group life	\$232	\$131
Group disability	79	31
Total	\$311	\$162

Amounts exclude new premiums resulting from rate changes on existing policies, from additional coverage under (1) our Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance contract and from excess premiums on group universal life insurance that build cash value but do not purchase face amounts.

Total annualized new business premiums increased \$149 million primarily driven by sales to new clients for both our group life and group disability businesses in the first quarter of 2016.

International Insurance Division

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Movements and Related Hedging Strategies

As a U.S.-based company with significant business operations outside the U.S., particularly in Japan, we are subject to foreign currency exchange rate movements that could impact our U.S. dollar-equivalent shareholder return on equity. We seek to mitigate this impact through various hedging strategies, including the use of derivative contracts and by holding U.S. dollar-denominated assets in certain of our foreign subsidiaries.

The operations of our International Insurance division are subject to currency fluctuations that can materially affect our U.S. dollar-equivalent earnings from period to period, even if earnings on a local currency basis are relatively constant. We enter into forward currency derivative contracts as part of our strategy to effectively fix the currency exchange rates for a portion of our prospective non-U.S. dollar-denominated earnings streams, thereby reducing earnings volatility from foreign currency exchange rate movements. The foreign currency income hedging program is primarily associated with our insurance operations in Japan and Korea.

Separately, our Japanese insurance operations offer a variety of non-yen denominated products, primarily comprised of U.S. and Australian dollar-denominated products that are supported by investments in corresponding currencies. While these non-yen denominated assets and liabilities are economically matched, differences in the accounting for changes in the value of these assets and liabilities due to changes in foreign currency exchange rate movements have historically resulted in volatility in reported U.S. GAAP earnings. As a result of continued growth in these portfolios, we implemented a structure in Gibraltar Life in the first quarter of 2015 that disaggregated the U.S. and Australian dollar-denominated businesses into separate divisions, each with its own functional currency that aligns with the underlying products and investments.

For further information on the hedging strategies used to mitigate the risks of foreign currency exchange rate movements on earnings as well as the U.S. GAAP earnings impact from products denominated in non-local currencies, see “—Impact of foreign currency exchange rate movements on earnings.”

We utilize a yen hedging strategy that calibrates the hedge level to preserve the relative contribution of our yen-based business to the Company's overall return on equity on a leverage neutral basis. We implement this hedging strategy utilizing a variety of instruments, including foreign currency derivative contracts, as discussed above, as well as U.S. dollar-denominated assets and, to a lesser extent, "dual currency" and "synthetic dual currency" assets held locally in our Japanese insurance subsidiaries. We may also hedge using instruments held in our U.S. domiciled entities, such as U.S. dollar-denominated debt that has been swapped to yen. The total hedge level may vary based on our periodic assessment of the relative contribution of our yen-based business to the Company's overall return on equity.

The table below presents the aggregate amount of instruments that serve to hedge the impact of foreign currency exchange movements on our U.S. dollar-equivalent shareholder return on equity from our Japanese insurance subsidiaries for the periods indicated.

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	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(in billions)	
Instruments hedging foreign currency exchange rate exposure on U.S. dollar-equivalent earnings:		
Forward currency hedging program(1)	\$1.8	\$ 1.9
Instruments hedging foreign currency exchange rate exposure on U.S. dollar-equivalent equity:		
U.S. dollar-denominated assets held in yen-based entities(2):		
Available-for-sale U.S. dollar-denominated investments, at amortized cost	13.0	13.0
Other	0.1	0.1
Subtotal	13.1	13.1
Dual currency and synthetic dual currency investments(3)	0.8	0.8
Total instruments hedging foreign currency exchange rate exposure on U.S. dollar-equivalent equity	13.9	13.9
Total hedges	\$15.7	\$ 15.8

(1) Represents the notional amount of forward currency contracts outstanding.

Excludes \$31.3 billion and \$30.5 billion as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively, of U.S. dollar

(2) assets supporting U.S. dollar liabilities related to U.S. dollar-denominated products issued by our Japanese insurance operations.

Dual currency and synthetic dual currency investments are held by our yen-based entities in the form of fixed

(3) maturities and loans with a yen-denominated principal component and U.S. dollar-denominated interest income.

The amounts shown represent the present value of future U.S. dollar cash flows.

Impact of foreign currency exchange rate movements on earnings

Foreign currency income hedging program

The financial results of our International Insurance segment reflect the impact of an intercompany arrangement with Corporate and Other operations pursuant to which certain of the segment's non-U.S. dollar-denominated earnings are translated at fixed currency exchange rates. The fixed rates are determined in connection with a foreign currency income hedging program designed to mitigate the impact of exchange rate changes on the segment's U.S. dollar-equivalent earnings. Pursuant to this program, Corporate and Other operations execute forward currency contracts with third parties to sell the net exposure of projected earnings for certain currencies in exchange for U.S. dollars at specified exchange rates. The maturities of these contracts correspond with the future periods (typically on a three-year rolling basis) in which the identified non-U.S. dollar-denominated earnings are expected to be generated. In establishing the level of non-U.S. dollar-denominated earnings that will be hedged through this program, we exclude the anticipated level of U.S. dollar-denominated earnings that will be generated by dual currency and synthetic dual currency investments, as well as the anticipated level of non-yen denominated earnings that will be generated by non-yen denominated products and investments. For the three months ended March 31, 2016, approximately 34% of the segment's earnings were yen-based and, as of March 31, 2016, we have hedged 100% of expected yen-based earnings for 2016 and 84% and 40% of expected yen-based earnings for 2017 and 2018, respectively. To the extent currently unhedged, our International Insurance segment's future expected U.S. dollar-equivalent earnings will be impacted by yen exchange rate movements.

As a result of this intercompany arrangement, our International Insurance segment's results for 2016 and 2015 reflect the impact of translating yen-denominated earnings at fixed currency exchange rates of 106 and 91 yen per U.S. dollar, respectively, and Korean won-denominated earnings at fixed currency exchange rates of 1100 and 1120 Korean won per U.S. dollar, respectively. Since determination of the fixed currency exchange rates for each respective year is impacted by changes in foreign currency exchange rates over time, the segment's future earnings will ultimately

be impacted by these changes in exchange rates.

Results of Corporate and Other operations include any differences between the translation adjustments recorded by the segment at the fixed currency exchange rate versus the actual average rate during the period, and the gains or losses recorded from the forward currency contracts that settled during the period, which include the impact of any over or under hedging of actual earnings that differ from projected earnings. Results of Corporate and Other operations also include any differences between the translation adjustments recorded by the segment at the fixed currency exchange rate versus the actual average rate during the period related to currencies for which we choose not to hedge our exposure. The table below presents, for the periods indicated, the increase (decrease) to revenues and adjusted operating income for the International Insurance segment and for Corporate and Other operations, reflecting the impact of this intercompany arrangement.

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016	2015 (in millions)
International Insurance Segment:		
Impact of intercompany arrangement(1)	\$27	\$80
Corporate and Other operations:		
Impact of intercompany arrangement(1)	(27)	(80)
Settlement gains (losses) on forward currency contracts	36	83
Net benefit (detriment) to Corporate and Other operations	9	3
Net impact on consolidated revenues and adjusted operating income	\$36	\$83

Represents the difference between non-U.S. dollar-denominated earnings translated on the basis of actual weighted (1) average monthly currency exchange rates versus fixed currency exchange rates determined in connection with the foreign currency income hedging program.

The notional amount of these forward currency contracts was \$2.4 billion as of both March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, of which \$1.8 billion and \$1.9 billion, respectively, were related to our Japanese insurance operations.

U.S. GAAP earnings impact of products denominated in non-local currencies

Our international insurance operations primarily offer products denominated in local currency; however, several of our international insurance operations, most notably our Japanese operations, also offer products denominated in non-local currencies, primarily comprised of U.S. and Australian dollar-denominated products. The non-yen denominated insurance liabilities related to these products are supported by investments denominated in corresponding currencies, including a significant portion designated as available-for-sale. While the impact from foreign currency exchange rate movements on these non-yen denominated assets and liabilities is economically matched, differences in the accounting for changes in the value of these assets and liabilities due to changes in foreign currency exchange rate movements have historically resulted in volatility in U.S. GAAP earnings.

As discussed above, we have implemented a structure in Gibraltar Life that disaggregated the U.S. and Australian dollar-denominated businesses into separate divisions, each with its own functional currency that aligns with the underlying products and investments. For the U.S. and Australian dollar-denominated assets that were transferred under this structure, the net cumulative unrealized investment gains associated with foreign exchange remeasurement that were recorded in AOCI totaled \$5.1 billion as of December 31, 2015, and will be recognized in earnings within “Realized investment gains (losses), net” over time as these assets mature or are sold. Absent the sale of any of these assets prior to their stated maturity, approximately 7% of the \$5.1 billion balance will be recognized throughout the remainder of 2016 and approximately 8% will be recognized in 2017, with the remainder primarily recognized over the following ten years. As of March 31, 2016, the remaining net cumulative unrealized investment gains balance related to these assets was \$4.9 billion.

International Insurance

Operating Results

The results of our International Insurance operations are translated on the basis of weighted average monthly exchange rates, inclusive of the effects of the intercompany arrangement discussed above. To provide a better understanding of operating performance within the International Insurance segment, where indicated below, we have analyzed our results of operations excluding the effect of the year over year change in foreign currency exchange rates. Our results of operations, excluding the effect of foreign currency fluctuations, were derived by translating foreign currencies to U.S. dollars at uniform exchange rates for all periods presented, including for constant dollar information discussed below. The exchange rates used were Japanese yen at a rate of 106 yen per U.S. dollar and Korean won at a rate of 1100 won per U.S. dollar, both of which were determined in connection with the foreign currency income hedging program discussed above. In addition, for constant dollar information discussed below, activity denominated in U.S. dollars is generally reported based on the amounts as transacted in U.S. dollars. Annualized new business premiums presented on a constant exchange rate basis in the “Sales Results” section below reflect translation based on these same uniform exchange rates.

The following table sets forth the International Insurance segment’s operating results for the periods indicated.

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Operating results:		
Revenues:		
Life Planner operations	\$2,559	\$2,442
Gibraltar Life and Other operations	2,485	2,464
Total revenues	5,044	4,906
Benefits and expenses:		
Life Planner operations	2,149	2,003
Gibraltar Life and Other operations	2,116	2,069
Total benefits and expenses	4,265	4,072
Adjusted operating income:		
Life Planner operations	410	439
Gibraltar Life and Other operations	369	395
Total adjusted operating income	779	834
Realized investment gains (losses), net, and related adjustments(1)	507	440
Related charges	(5)	(23)
Investment gains (losses) on trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities, net	(106)	56
Change in experience-rated contractholder liabilities due to asset value changes	106	(56)
Equity in earnings of operating joint ventures and earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests	(8)	8
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in earnings of operating joint ventures	\$1,273	\$1,259

(1) Includes gains (losses) from changes in value of certain assets and liabilities relating to foreign currency exchange movements that are economically matched, as discussed above.

Adjusted Operating Income

Adjusted operating income from our Life Planner operations decreased \$29 million, including a net unfavorable impact of \$30 million from currency fluctuations, inclusive of the currency hedging program discussed above. Excluding the impact of currency fluctuations, adjusted operating income increased \$1 million, as growth of business in force driven by sales results and continued strong persistency in Japan was offset by less favorable mortality experience, higher expenses, including those supporting business growth, and lower net investment spreads.

Adjusted operating income from our Gibraltar Life and Other operations decreased \$26 million including an unfavorable impact of \$28 million from currency fluctuations, inclusive of the currency hedging program discussed above. Excluding the impact of currency fluctuations, adjusted operating income from our Gibraltar Life and Other operations increased \$2 million as the impacts from the growth of business in force, driven by sales results, continued strong persistency and one month's contribution from the Company's recent indirect investment in AFP Habitat in Chile, along with favorable mortality experience were offset by a lower contribution from net investment spreads, primarily from lower income on non-coupon investments.

Revenues, Benefits and Expenses

Revenues from our Life Planner operations increased \$117 million including a net unfavorable impact of \$48 million from currency fluctuations. Excluding the impact of currency fluctuations, revenues increased \$165 million. This

increase was primarily driven by higher premiums and policy charges and fee income of \$120 million related to the growth of business in force, as discussed above. Net investment income increased \$42 million primarily reflecting investment portfolio growth related to the growth of business in force, partially offset by the impact of lower reinvestment rates.

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Benefits and expenses of our Life Planner operations increased \$146 million including a net favorable impact of \$18 million from currency fluctuations. Excluding the impact of currency fluctuations, benefits and expenses increased \$164 million. Policyholder benefits, including changes in reserves, increased \$125 million primarily driven by business growth. General and administrative expenses, net of capitalization, increased \$28 million primarily due to higher costs, including those supporting business growth.

Revenues from our Gibraltar Life and Other operations increased \$21 million including a net unfavorable impact of \$30 million from currency fluctuations. Excluding the impact of currency fluctuations, revenues for Gibraltar Life increased \$51 million, driven by a \$43 million increase in premiums and policy charges and fee income due to business growth, as discussed above.

Benefits and expenses of our Gibraltar Life and Other operations increased \$47 million including a net favorable impact of \$2 million from currency fluctuations. Excluding the impact of currency fluctuations, benefits and expenses increased \$49 million driven by an increase of \$47 million in policyholder benefits, including changes in reserves, related to business growth.

Sales Results

The following table sets forth annualized new business premiums, as defined under “—Segment Measures” above, on an actual and constant exchange rate basis for the periods indicated.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016	2015 (in millions)
Annualized new business premiums:		
On an actual exchange rate basis:		
Life Planner operations	\$335	\$316
Gibraltar Life	409	357
Total	\$744	\$673
On a constant exchange rate basis:		
Life Planner operations	\$356	\$326
Gibraltar Life	425	369
Total	\$781	\$695

The amount of annualized new business premiums for any given period can be significantly impacted by several factors, including but not limited to: addition of new products, discontinuation of existing products, changes in credited interest rates for certain products and other product modifications, changes in tax laws, changes in life insurance regulations or changes in the competitive environment. Sales volume may increase or decrease prior to certain of these changes becoming effective, and then fluctuate in the other direction following such changes.

The table below presents annualized new business premiums on a constant exchange rate basis, by product and distribution channel, for the periods indicated.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2016					Three Months Ended March 31, 2015				
Life	Accident	Retirement(1)	Annuity	Total	Life	Accident	Retirement(1)	Annuity	Total
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	Health (in millions)				Health					
Life Planner	\$208	\$ 32	\$ 96	\$ 20	\$356	\$201	\$ 30	\$ 82	\$ 13	\$326
Gibraltar Life:										
Life Consultants	94	15	27	33	169	78	17	33	25	153
Banks(2)	128	0	22	49	199	111	1	3	42	157
Independent Agency	27	4	13	13	57	21	5	17	16	59
Subtotal	249	19	62	95	425	210	23	53	83	369
Total	\$457	\$ 51	\$ 158	\$ 115	\$781	\$411	\$ 53	\$ 135	\$ 96	\$695

(1) Includes retirement income, endowment and savings variable universal life.

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Single pay life annualized new business premiums, which include 10% of first year premiums, and 3-year limited pay annualized new business premiums, which include 100% of new business premiums, represented 4% and 49%, respectively, of total Japanese bank distribution channel annualized new business premiums, excluding annuity products, for the three months ended March 31, 2016, and 6% and 47%, respectively, of total Japanese bank distribution channel annualized new business premiums, excluding annuity products, for the three months ended March 31, 2015.

Annualized new business premiums, on a constant exchange rate basis, from our Life Planner operations increased \$30 million. The increase primarily reflects growth in Life Planner headcount and productivity in our Japan operation, which resulted in an increase in sales of yen-denominated term life products and U.S. dollar-denominated retirement and whole life products. Lower sales of certain life protection products in our Korean operation were partially offset by higher sales in our Brazilian operation across various product lines.

Annualized new business premiums, on a constant exchange rate basis, from our Gibraltar Life operations increased \$56 million. Bank channel sales increased \$42 million primarily driven by higher sales of U.S. dollar-denominated whole life and retirement products. Life Consultant sales increased \$16 million as higher sales of certain U.S. dollar-denominated whole life and annuity products were partially offset by lower sales of Australian dollar-denominated retirement and annuity products. Independent Agency sales declined \$2 million as lower sales of Australian dollar-denominated annuity and retirement products were partially offset by higher U.S. dollar-denominated whole life products.

Corporate and Other

As described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 under “Business—Financial Services Businesses—Corporate and Other,” Corporate and Other includes corporate operations, after allocations to our business segments, and divested businesses other than those that qualify for “discontinued operations” accounting treatment under U.S. GAAP.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Operating results:		
Capital debt interest expense	\$(174)	\$(192)
Operating debt interest expense, net of investment income	(4)	35
Pension and employee benefits	20	32
Other corporate activities(1)	(154)	(128)
Adjusted operating income	(312)	(253)
Realized investment gains (losses), net, and related adjustments	(1,745)	(925)
Related charges	32	15
Divested businesses	31	75
Equity in earnings of operating joint ventures and earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests	2	0
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in earnings of operating joint ventures	\$(1,992)	\$(1,088)

(1) Includes consolidating adjustments.

The loss from Corporate and Other operations, on an adjusted operating income basis, increased \$59 million. Operating debt interest expense, net of investment income, increased \$39 million, reflecting lower net investment income due to lower levels of invested assets, from asset transfers to other business segments, as well as higher operating debt interest expense due to the reassignment of capital debt to operating debt. Net charges from other corporate activities increased \$26 million reflecting higher legal costs and other corporate expenses. Results from pension and employee benefits decreased \$12 million, primarily reflecting lower income from our qualified pension plan driven by lower plan asset values as well as the unfavorable impact of higher interest costs on the plan obligation due to the increase in interest rates in 2015. Capital debt interest expense decreased \$18 million, primarily from the reassignment of capital debt to operating debt, as discussed above.

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Capital Protection Framework

“Realized investment gains (losses), net and related adjustments,” which are excluded from adjusted operating income, included net losses of \$1,445 million and \$852 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, primarily resulting from our utilization of capital management strategies to manage a portion of our interest rate risk, and reflect changes in interest rates with respect to the exposures outstanding during the respective periods. For more information on our Capital Protection Framework, see “—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Capital Protection Framework.”

Divested Businesses

Divested Businesses Included in Corporate and Other

Our income from continuing operations includes results from several businesses that have been or will be sold or exited, including businesses that have been placed in wind down status that do not qualify for “discontinued operations” accounting treatment under U.S. GAAP. The results of these divested businesses are reflected in our Corporate and Other operations, but are excluded from adjusted operating income. A summary of the results of the divested businesses reflected in our Corporate and Other operations is as follows for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Long-Term Care	\$33	\$56
Other	(2)	19
Total divested businesses income (loss) excluded from adjusted operating income	\$31	\$75

Long-Term Care. Results for the three months ended March 31, 2016 decreased compared to the prior year period, primarily reflecting lower non-coupon investment income, as well as unfavorable policy experience.

Other. Results for the three months ended March 31, 2016 decreased compared to the prior year period, primarily driven by a gain on the sale of a real estate limited partnership interest of our former Financial Advisory business in the prior year.

Closed Block Division

The Closed Block division includes certain in force traditional domestic participating life insurance and annuity products and assets that are used for the payment of benefits and policyholder dividends on these policies, as well as certain related assets and liabilities. We no longer offer these traditional domestic participating policies. See Note 6 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details.

Each year, the Board of Directors of Prudential Insurance determines the dividends payable on participating policies for the following year based on the experience of the Closed Block, including investment income, net realized and unrealized investment gains, mortality experience and other factors. Although Closed Block experience for dividend action decisions is based upon statutory results, at the time the Closed Block was established, we developed, as required by U.S. GAAP, an actuarial calculation of the timing of the maximum future earnings from the policies included in the Closed Block. If actual cumulative earnings in any given period are greater than the cumulative

earnings we expected, we record this excess as a policyholder dividend obligation. We will subsequently pay this excess to Closed Block policyholders as an additional dividend unless it is otherwise offset by future Closed Block performance that is less favorable than we originally expected. The policyholder dividends we charge to expense within the Closed Block division will include any change in our policyholder dividend obligation that we recognize for the excess of actual cumulative earnings in any given period over the cumulative earnings we expected in addition to the actual policyholder dividends declared by the Board of Directors of Prudential Insurance.

As of March 31, 2016, the excess of actual cumulative earnings over the expected cumulative earnings was \$1,442 million, which was recorded as a policyholder dividend obligation. Actual cumulative earnings, as required by U.S. GAAP, reflect the recognition of realized investment gains and losses in the current period, as well as changes in assets and related liabilities that support the Closed Block policies. Additionally, the accumulation of net unrealized investment gains that have arisen subsequent to the establishment of the Closed Block have been reflected as a policyholder dividend obligation of \$3,809 million at March 31, 2016, to be paid to Closed Block policyholders unless offset by future experience, with a corresponding amount reported in AOCI.

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Operating Results

The following table sets forth the Closed Block division's results for the periods indicated.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
U.S. GAAP results:		
Revenues	\$1,129	\$1,719
Benefits and expenses	1,202	1,741
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in earnings of operating joint ventures	\$(73)	\$(22)

Income (loss) from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes and Equity in Earnings of Operating Joint Ventures

Income from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in earnings of operating joint ventures decreased \$51 million. Results for the first quarter of 2016 reflected a \$471 million increase in net realized investment losses primarily due to less favorable changes in the value of derivatives used in risk management activities, lower gains from sales of fixed maturities and unfavorable equity market performance. Net investment income decreased \$97 million primarily due to lower returns on non-coupon investments and lower reinvestment rates. As a result of the above and other variances, a \$252 million reduction in the policyholder dividend obligation was recorded in the first quarter of 2016, compared to a \$275 million increase in the first quarter of 2015. As noted above, as of March 31, 2016, the excess of actual cumulative earnings over the expected cumulative earnings was \$1,442 million. If actual cumulative earnings fall below expected cumulative earnings in future periods, earnings volatility in the Closed Block division, which is primarily due to changes in investment results, may not be offset by changes in the cumulative earnings policyholder dividend obligation. For a discussion of Closed Block division realized investment gains (losses), net, see "—Realized Investment Gains and Losses."

Revenues, Benefits and Expenses

Revenues, as shown in the table above under "—Operating Results," decreased \$590 million, primarily driven by a \$471 million increase in net realized investment losses and a \$97 million decrease in net investment income, as discussed above. In addition, premiums declined \$12 million, primarily due to the runoff of policies in force.

Benefits and expenses, as shown in the table above under "—Operating Results," decreased \$539 million, primarily driven by a \$516 million decrease in dividends to policyholders, reflecting a decrease in the policyholder dividend obligation expense due to changes in cumulative earnings.

Income Taxes

Our income tax provision, on a consolidated basis, amounted to an income tax expense of \$364 million in the first quarter of 2016, compared to \$699 million in the first quarter of 2015. The decreased expense was primarily due to a decrease in "Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in earnings of operating joint ventures" in the current quarter compared to the year ago quarter.

For additional information regarding income taxes, see Note 12 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

Discontinued Operations

Included within net income are the results of businesses that are reflected as discontinued operations under U.S. GAAP. Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes, was less than \$1 million for both the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015.

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Experience-Rated Contractholder Liabilities, Trading Account Assets Supporting Insurance Liabilities and Other Related Investments

Certain products included in the Retirement and International Insurance segments are experience-rated in that investment results associated with these products are expected to ultimately accrue to contractholders. The majority of investments supporting these experience-rated products are classified as trading and are carried at fair value. These trading investments are reflected on the statements of financial position as “Trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities, at fair value” (“TAASIL”). Realized and unrealized gains (losses) for these investments are reported in “Other income.” Interest and dividend income for these investments is reported in “Net investment income.” To a lesser extent, these experience-rated products are also supported by derivatives and commercial mortgage and other loans. The derivatives that support these experience-rated products are reflected on the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as “Other long-term investments” and are carried at fair value, and the realized and unrealized gains (losses) are reported in “Realized investment gains (losses), net.” The commercial mortgage and other loans that support these experience-rated products are carried at unpaid principal, net of unamortized discounts and an allowance for losses, and are reflected on the statements of financial position as “Commercial mortgage and other loans.” Gains (losses) on sales and changes in the valuation allowance for commercial mortgage and other loans are reported in “Realized investment gains (losses), net.”

Our Retirement segment has two types of experience-rated products that are supported by TAASIL and other related investments. Fully participating products are those for which the entire return on underlying investments is passed back to the policyholders through a corresponding adjustment to the related liability. The adjustment to the liability is based on changes in the fair value of all of the related assets, including commercial mortgage and other loans, which are carried at amortized cost, less any valuation allowance. Partially participating products are those for which only a portion of the return on underlying investments is passed back to the policyholders over time through changes to the contractual crediting rates. The crediting rates are typically reset semiannually, often subject to a minimum crediting rate, and returns are required to be passed back within ten years.

In our International Insurance segment, the experience-rated products are fully participating. As a result, the entire return on the underlying investments is passed back to policyholders through a corresponding adjustment to the related liability.

Adjusted operating income excludes net investment gains (losses) on TAASIL, related derivatives and commercial mortgage and other loans. This is consistent with the exclusion of realized investment gains (losses) with respect to other investments supporting insurance liabilities managed on a consistent basis. In addition, to be consistent with the historical treatment of charges related to realized investment gains (losses) on investments, adjusted operating income also excludes the change in contractholder liabilities due to asset value changes in the pool of investments (including changes in the fair value of commercial mortgage and other loans) supporting these experience-rated contracts, which are reflected in “Interest credited to policyholders’ account balances.” The result of this approach is that adjusted operating income for these products includes net fee revenue and interest spread we earn on these experience-rated contracts, and excludes changes in fair value of the pool of investments, both realized and unrealized, that we expect will ultimately accrue to the contractholders.

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The following table sets forth the impact on results for the periods indicated of these items that are excluded from adjusted operating income:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Retirement Segment:		
Investment gains (losses) on:		
Trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities, net	\$322	\$27
Derivatives	(108)	110
Commercial mortgages and other loans	(3)	3
Change in experience-rated contractholder liabilities due to asset value changes(1)(2)	(236)	(141)
Net gains (losses)	\$(25)	\$(1)
International Insurance Segment:		
Investment gains (losses) on trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities, net	\$(106)	\$56
Change in experience-rated contractholder liabilities due to asset value changes	106	(56)
Net gains (losses)	\$0	\$0
Total:		
Investment gains (losses) on:		
Trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities, net	\$216	\$83
Derivatives	(108)	110
Commercial mortgages and other loans	(3)	3
Change in experience-rated contractholder liabilities due to asset value changes(1)(2)	(130)	(197)
Net gains (losses)	\$(25)	\$(1)

Decreases to contractholder liabilities due to asset value changes are limited by certain floors and therefore do not reflect cumulative declines in recorded asset values of less than \$1 million and \$1 million as of March 31, 2016 (1) and 2015, respectively. We have recovered and expect to recover in future periods these declines in recorded asset values through subsequent increases in recorded asset values or reductions in crediting rates on contractholder liabilities.

(2) Included in the amounts above related to the change in the liability to contractholders as a result of commercial mortgage and other loans are increases of \$39 million and \$5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. As prescribed by U.S. GAAP, changes in the fair value of commercial mortgage and other loans held for investment in our general account, other than when associated with impairments, are not recognized in income in the current period, while the impact of these changes in fair value are reflected as a change in the liability to fully participating contractholders in the current period.

The net impacts for the Retirement segment of changes in experience-rated contractholder liabilities and investment gains (losses) on trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities and other related investments reflect timing differences between the recognition of the mark-to-market adjustments and the recognition of the recovery of these adjustments in future periods through subsequent increases in asset values or reductions in crediting rates on contractholder liabilities for partially participating products. These impacts also reflect the difference between the fair value of the underlying commercial mortgage and other loans and the amortized cost, less any valuation allowance, of these loans, as described above.

Valuation of Assets and Liabilities

Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities

The authoritative guidance related to fair value measurement establishes a framework that includes a three-level hierarchy used to classify the inputs used in measuring fair value. The level in the hierarchy within which the fair value falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the measurement. The fair values of assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 include at least one significant unobservable input in the measurement. See Note 13 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for an additional description of the valuation hierarchy levels as well as for the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis by hierarchy level presented on a consolidated basis.

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The table below presents the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, as of the periods indicated, and the portion of such assets and liabilities that are classified in Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy. The table also provides details about these assets and liabilities excluding those held in the Closed Block division. We believe the amounts excluding the Closed Block division are most relevant to an understanding of our operations that are pertinent to investors in Prudential Financial because substantially all Closed Block division assets support obligations and liabilities relating to the Closed Block policies only. See Note 6 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for further information on the Closed Block.

	As of March 31, 2016				As of December 31, 2015			
	PFI excluding Closed Block Division		Closed Block Division		PFI excluding Closed Block Division		Closed Block Division	
	Total at Fair Value	Total Level 3(2)	Total at Fair Value	Total Level 3(2)	Total at Fair Value	Total Level 3(2)	Total at Fair Value	Total Level 3(2)
	(in millions)							
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale	\$275,106	\$ 5,839	\$39,423	\$ 1,135	\$252,528	\$ 4,598	\$37,795	\$ 1,022
Trading account assets:								
Fixed maturities	24,098	880	175	0	29,091	840	176	0
Equity securities	2,134	493	120	88	2,240	537	112	52
All other(3)	2,872	1	0	0	3,361	5	0	0
Subtotal	29,104	1,374	295	88	34,692	1,382	288	52
Equity securities, available-for-sale	6,827	283	2,573	9	6,547	264	2,727	2
Commercial mortgage and other loans	286	0	0	0	274	0	0	0
Other long-term investments(1)	172	19	0	0	172	39	10	10
Short-term investments	2,708	0	395	0	6,270	0	1,217	0
Cash equivalents	16,522	0	1,887	0	13,143	0	1,065	0
Other assets	45	36	0	0	16	7	0	0
Subtotal excluding separate account assets	330,770	7,551	44,573	1,232	313,642	6,290	43,102	1,086
Separate account assets(1)	255,573	2,168	0	0	259,909	1,995	0	0
Total assets	\$586,343	\$ 9,719	\$44,573	\$ 1,232	\$573,551	\$ 8,285	\$43,102	\$ 1,086
Future policy benefits	\$11,069	\$ 11,069	\$0	\$ 0	\$8,434	\$ 8,434	\$0	\$ 0
Other liabilities(3)	436	2	1	0	32	2	1	0
Notes issued by consolidated variable interest entities ("VIEs")	2,946	2,946	0	0	8,597	8,597	0	0
Total liabilities	\$14,451	\$ 14,017	\$1	\$ 0	\$17,063	\$ 17,033	\$1	\$ 0

(1) Prior period amounts are presented on a basis consistent with the current period presentation, reflecting the adoption of ASU 2015-07.

The amount of Level 3 assets taken as a percentage of total assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis for (2) PFI excluding the Closed Block division and for the Closed Block division totaled 1.7% and 2.8%, respectively, as of March 31, 2016, and 1.4% and 2.5%, respectively, as of December 31, 2015.

(3) "All other" and "Other liabilities" primarily include derivatives. The amounts classified as Level 3 exclude the impact of netting.

The determination of fair value, which for certain assets and liabilities is dependent on the application of estimates and assumptions, can have a significant impact on our results of operations and may require the application of a greater degree of judgment depending on market conditions, as the ability to value assets and liabilities can be significantly

impacted by a decrease in market activity or a lack of transactions executed in an orderly manner. The following sections provide information regarding certain assets and liabilities which are valued using Level 3 inputs and could have a significant impact on our results of operations.

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Fixed Maturity and Equity Securities

Fixed maturity securities included in Level 3 in our fair value hierarchy are generally priced based on internally-developed valuations or indicative broker quotes. For certain private fixed maturity and equity securities, the internally-developed valuation model uses significant unobservable inputs and, accordingly, such securities are included in Level 3 in our fair value hierarchy. Level 3 fixed maturity securities for PFI excluding the Closed Block division included approximately \$4.9 billion of public fixed maturities as of March 31, 2016 with values primarily based on indicative broker quotes, and approximately \$1.8 billion of private fixed maturities, with values primarily based on internally-developed models. Significant unobservable inputs used included: issue specific credit adjustments, material non-public financial information, management judgment, estimation of future earnings and cash flows, default rate assumptions, liquidity assumptions and indicative quotes from market makers. These inputs are usually considered unobservable, as not all market participants have access to this data.

The impact our determination of fair value for fixed maturity and equity securities has on our results of operations is dependent on our classification of the security as either trading, available-for-sale, or held-to-maturity. For our investments classified as trading, the impact of changes in fair value is recorded within "Other income." For our investments classified as available-for-sale, the impact of changes in fair value is recorded as an unrealized gain or loss in AOCI, a separate component of equity. Our investments classified as held-to-maturity are carried at amortized cost.

Separate Account Assets

Separate account assets included in Level 3 primarily include corporate securities and commercial mortgage loans. The valuation of corporate securities are determined as described above for fixed maturity and equity securities. See Note 13 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on the valuation of commercial mortgage loans. Separate account liabilities are reported at contract value and not at fair value.

Variable Annuity Living Benefit Features

Future policy benefits classified in Level 3 primarily include liabilities related to guarantees associated with the living benefit features of certain variable annuity contracts offered by our Individual Annuities segment, including GMAB, guaranteed minimum withdrawal benefits ("GMWB") and guaranteed minimum income and withdrawal benefits ("GMIWB"). These benefits are accounted for as embedded derivatives and carried at fair value with changes in fair value included in "Realized investment gains (losses), net." The fair values of the GMAB, GMWB and GMIWB liabilities are calculated as the present value of future expected benefit payments to customers less the present value of future rider fees attributable to the embedded derivative feature. This methodology could result in either a liability or contra-liability balance, based on capital market conditions and various policyholder behavior assumptions. Since there is no observable active market for the transfer of these obligations, the valuations are calculated using internally-developed models with option pricing techniques. These models utilize significant assumptions that are primarily unobservable, including assumptions as to lapse rates, NPR, utilization rates, withdrawal rates, mortality rates and equity market volatility. Future policy benefits classified as Level 3 for PFI excluding the Closed Block division were a net liability of \$11.1 billion as of March 31, 2016. For additional information, see "—Results of Operations by Segment—U.S. Retirement Solutions and Investment Management Division—Individual Annuities."

Notes Issued by Consolidated VIEs

As discussed in Note 5 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements, notes issued by consolidated VIEs represent non-recourse notes issued by certain asset-backed investment vehicles, primarily collateralized loan obligations, which we are required to consolidate. We have elected the fair value option for these notes, which are

valued based on broker quotes.

For additional information about the key estimates and assumptions used in our determination of fair value, see Note 13 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Realized Investment Gains and Losses

Realized investment gains and losses are generated from numerous sources, including the following significant items:

- sale of investments;
- maturities of foreign denominated investments;
- adjustments to the cost basis of investments for OTTI;
- recognition of OTTI in earnings for foreign denominated securities that are approaching maturity and are in an unrealized loss position due to foreign currency exchange rate movements;
- net changes in the allowance for losses, certain restructurings and foreclosures on commercial mortgage and other loans; and
- fair value changes on embedded derivatives and free-standing derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment.

Effective January 1, 2016, the Company classifies fixed maturity prepayment fees and call premiums in “Net investment income” rather than “Realized investment gains (losses), net.” The impact of this change was immaterial.

The level of OTTI generally reflects economic conditions and is expected to increase when economic conditions worsen and to decrease when economic conditions improve. Historically, the causes of OTTI have been specific to each individual issuer and have not directly resulted in impairments to other securities within the same industry or geographic region. We may also realize additional credit and interest rate related losses through sales of investments pursuant to our credit risk and portfolio management objectives. For additional information regarding our policies regarding OTTI for fixed maturity and equity securities, see Note 2 to the Company’s Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

We use interest rate and currency swaps and other derivatives to manage interest and currency exchange rate exposures arising from mismatches between assets and liabilities, including duration mismatches. We use derivative contracts to mitigate the risk that unfavorable changes in currency exchange rates will materially affect U.S. dollar equivalent earnings generated by certain of our non-U.S. businesses. We also use equity-based and interest rate derivatives to hedge a portion of the risks embedded in certain variable annuity products with optional living benefit guarantees. Many of these derivative contracts do not qualify for hedge accounting and, consequently, we recognize the changes in fair value of such contracts from period to period in current earnings, although we do not necessarily account for the related assets or liabilities the same way.

Accordingly, realized investment gains and losses from our derivative activities can contribute significantly to fluctuations in net income. For a further discussion of living benefit guarantees and related hedge positions in our Individual Annuities segment, see “—Results of Operations by Segment—U.S. Retirement Solutions and Investment Management Division—Individual Annuities” above.

Adjusted operating income generally excludes “Realized investment gains (losses), net,” subject to certain exceptions. These exceptions primarily include realized investment gains or losses within certain of our businesses for which such gains or losses are a principal source of earnings, gains or losses associated with terminating hedges of foreign currency earnings and current period yield adjustments, and related charges and adjustments. OTTI, interest rate related losses and credit related losses on sales (other than those related to certain of our businesses which primarily originate investments for sale or syndication to unrelated investors) are excluded from adjusted operating income.

The following table sets forth “Realized investment gains (losses), net,” by investment type as well as related charges and adjustments for the periods indicated. For additional details regarding adjusted operating income, see Note 11 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)	
Realized investment gains (losses), net:		
PFI excluding Closed Block division	\$1,979	\$1,988
Closed Block division	(98)	373
Consolidated realized investment gains (losses), net	\$1,881	\$2,361
PFI excluding Closed Block Division:		
Realized investment gains (losses), net:		
Fixed maturity securities	\$(32)	\$360
Equity securities	(5)	45
Commercial mortgage and other loans	25	9
Derivative instruments	2,027	1,545
Other	(36)	29
Total	\$1,979	\$1,988
Related adjustments	(561)	(326)
Realized investment gains (losses), net, and related adjustments	1,418	1,662
Related charges	(1,080)	(611)
Realized investment gains (losses), net, and related charges and adjustments	\$338	\$1,051
Closed Block Division:		
Realized investment gains (losses), net:		
Fixed maturity securities	\$(41)	\$108
Equity securities	33	76
Commercial mortgage and other loans	2	2
Derivative instruments	(83)	193
Other	(9)	(6)
Total	\$(98)	\$373

2016 to 2015 Three Month Comparison

PFI excluding Closed Block Division

Net realized investment gains were \$1,979 million and \$1,988 million in the first quarter of 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Net realized losses on fixed maturity securities were \$32 million in the first quarter of 2016, compared to net realized gains on fixed maturity securities of \$360 million in the first quarter of 2015, as set forth in the following table:

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)
Realized investment gains (losses), net—Fixed Maturity Securities—PFI excluding Closed Block Division	
Gross realized investment gains:	
Gross gains on sales and maturities(1)	\$253 \$408
Gross realized investment losses:	
Net OTTI recognized in earnings(2)	(77) (4)
Gross losses on sales and maturities(1)	(205) (41)
Credit related losses on sales	(3) (3)
Total gross realized investment losses	(285) (48)
Realized investment gains (losses), net—Fixed Maturity Securities	\$(32) \$360
Net gains (losses) on sales and maturities—Fixed Maturity Securities(1)	\$48 \$367

Amounts exclude OTTI and credit-related losses through sales of investments due to expected near-term credit (1) conditions of an underlying issuer. During 2016, fixed maturity prepayment gains were reclassified to “Net investment income.” Prior periods were not restated.

Excludes the portion of OTTI recorded in “Other comprehensive income (loss),” representing any difference between (2) the fair value of the impaired debt security and the net present value of its projected future cash flows at the time of impairment.

Net gains on sales and maturities of fixed maturity securities were \$48 million and \$367 million in the first quarter of 2016 and 2015, respectively primarily driven by sales and maturities of U.S. dollar-denominated securities within our International Insurance segment. The net gain in the first quarter of 2016 included net trading losses of approximately \$180 million on sales of securities within the energy sector. The net gains also included \$77 million and \$4 million of OTTI in the first quarter of 2016 and 2015, respectively. See “—Results of Operations by Segment—International Insurance Division” above. See below for additional information regarding the OTTI of fixed maturity securities.

Net realized losses on equity securities were \$5 million in the first quarter of 2016, primarily driven by OTTI of \$8 million, partially offset by net gains on sales of equity securities of \$3 million. Net realized gains on equity securities were \$45 million in the first quarter of 2015 and included net gains on sales of equity securities of \$50 million, primarily within our Retirement segment, partially offset by OTTI of \$5 million in 2015. See below for additional information regarding OTTI of equity securities.

Net realized gains on commercial mortgage and other loans were \$25 million and \$9 million in the first quarter of 2016 and 2015, respectively, primarily driven by a net decrease in the loan loss reserve of \$13 million and \$3 million, respectively. For additional information regarding our commercial mortgage and other loan loss reserves see “—General Account Investments—Commercial Mortgage and Other Loans—Commercial Mortgage and Other Loan Quality.”

Net realized losses on other investments were \$36 million in the first quarter of 2016 primarily driven by other-than-temporary impairments of \$24 million on joint ventures and limited partnerships. Net realized gains on other investments were \$29 million in the first quarter of 2015 and included a \$25 million gain related to the sale of a real estate investment and a \$18 million gain on the sale of a real estate partnership interest. These gains were partially offset by OTTI of \$19 million on joint ventures and limited partnerships.

Net realized gains on derivatives were \$2,027 million and \$1,545 million in the first quarter of 2016 and 2015, respectively. The net gains in the first quarter of 2016 primarily reflect \$1,092 million of gains on product related embedded derivatives and related hedge positions mainly associated with certain variable annuity contracts; \$795 million of gains on interest rate derivatives used to manage duration as interest rates decreased; and \$39 million of gains primarily representing the fees earned on fee-based synthetic guaranteed investment contracts ("GICs") which are accounted for as derivatives. The net derivative gains in 2015 primarily reflect \$724 million of gains on product related embedded derivatives and related hedge positions mainly associated with certain variable annuity contracts. Also contributing were \$448 million of gains on interest rate derivatives used to manage duration as interest rates decreased, \$367 million of gains on foreign currency derivatives used to hedge foreign denominated investments as the U.S. dollar strengthened against the euro and other currencies and \$40 million of gains primarily representing the fees earned on fee-based synthetic GICs.

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Related adjustments include the portions of “Realized investment gains (losses), net” that are included in adjusted operating income and the portions of “Other income” and “Net investment income” that are excluded from adjusted operating income. These adjustments are made to arrive at “Realized investment gains (losses), net, and related adjustments” which are excluded from adjusted operating income. Results for the first quarter of 2016 include net negative related adjustments of \$561 million driven by the impact of foreign currency exchange rate movements on certain non-yen denominated assets and liabilities within our Japan insurance operations, for which the majority of the foreign currency exposure is hedged and offset in “Realized investment gains (losses), net.” The net negative related adjustment also reflects settlements on interest rate and currency derivatives. Results for the first quarter of 2015 include net negative related adjustments of \$326 million driven by settlements on interest rate and currency derivatives.

Charges that relate to “Realized investment gains (losses), net” are also excluded from adjusted operating income, and may be reflected as net charges or net benefits. Results for the first quarter of 2016 include a net related charge of \$1,080 million, compared to a net related charge of \$611 million for the first quarter of 2015. Both periods’ results were driven by the impact of derivative activity on the amortization of DAC and other costs and certain policyholder reserves. For additional information, see Note 11 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

During the first quarter of 2016, we recorded OTTI of \$109 million in earnings, compared to \$28 million in the first quarter of 2015. The following tables set forth, for the periods indicated, the composition of OTTI recorded in earnings attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division by asset type, and for fixed maturity securities, by reason.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016	2015 (in millions)
OTTI recorded in earnings—PFI excluding Closed Block Division(1)		
Public fixed maturity securities	\$36	\$ 3
Private fixed maturity securities	41	1
Total fixed maturity securities	77	4
Equity securities	8	5
Other invested assets(2)	24	19
Total	\$109	\$ 28

Excludes the portion of OTTI recorded in “Other comprehensive income (loss),” representing any difference between (1) the fair value of the impaired debt security and the net present value of its projected future cash flows at the time of impairment.

(2) Includes OTTI relating to investments in joint ventures and partnerships.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016	2015 (in millions)
OTTI on fixed maturity securities recorded in earnings—PFI excluding Closed Block Division(1)		

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Due to credit events or adverse conditions of the respective issuer(2)	\$ 52	\$ 4
Due to other accounting guidelines(3)	25	0
Total	\$ 77	\$ 4

Excludes the portion of OTTI recorded in “Other comprehensive income (loss),” representing any difference between (1) the fair value of the impaired debt security and the net present value of its projected future cash flows at the time of impairment.

Represents circumstances where we believe credit events or other adverse conditions of the respective issuers have caused, or will lead to, a deficiency in the contractual cash flows related to the investment. The amount of the (2) impairment recorded in earnings is the difference between the amortized cost of the debt security and the net present value of its projected future cash flows discounted at the effective interest rate implicit in the debt security prior to impairment.

(3) Primarily represents circumstances where securities are being actively marketed for sale by the company, and securities with losses from foreign currency exchange rate movements approach maturity.

Fixed maturity security OTTI in the first quarter of 2016 were concentrated in the energy, basic industry, and technology sectors within corporate securities. Fixed maturity security OTTI in the first quarter of 2015 were concentrated in the consumer cyclical and capital goods sectors within corporate securities. In both periods, these OTTI were primarily related to securities with liquidity concerns, downgrades in credit, bankruptcy or other adverse financial conditions of the respective issuers.

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Equity security OTTI in both the first quarter of 2016 and 2015 were primarily driven by the extent and duration of declines in values.

Other invested assets OTTI in both the first quarter of 2016 and 2015 were primarily driven by the extent and duration of declines in values of investments in limited partnerships within the energy sector.

Closed Block Division

Net realized investment losses were \$98 million in the first quarter 2016 compared to net realized investment gains of \$373 million in the first quarter of 2015.

Net realized losses on fixed maturity securities were \$41 million in the first quarter of 2016 compared to net realized gains of \$108 million in the first quarter of 2015, as set forth in the following table.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)
Realized investment gains (losses), net—Fixed Maturity Securities—Closed Block Division	
Gross realized investment gains:	
Gross gains on sales and maturities(1)	\$42 \$125
Gross realized investment losses:	
Net OTTI recognized in earnings(2)	(49) (4)
Gross losses on sales and maturities(1)	(31) (13)
Credit related losses on sales	(3) 0
Total gross realized investment losses	(83) (17)
Realized investment gains (losses), net—Fixed Maturity Securities	\$(41) \$108
Net gains (losses) on sales and maturities—Fixed Maturity Securities(1)	\$11 \$112

Amounts exclude OTTI and credit related losses through sales of investments due to expected near term credit (1) conditions of an underlying issuer. During 2016, fixed maturity prepayment gains were reclassified to “Net investment income.” Prior periods were not restated.

Excludes the portion of OTTI recorded in “Other comprehensive income (loss),” representing any difference between (2) the fair value of the impaired debt security and the net present value of its projected future cash flows at the time of impairment.

Net gains on sales and maturities of fixed maturity securities were \$11 million and \$112 million in the first quarter of 2016 and 2015, respectively. Net gains in the first quarter of 2016 were partially offset by net trading losses on sales of securities within the energy sector.

Net realized gains on equity securities were \$33 million and \$76 million in the first quarter of 2016 and 2015, respectively, primarily driven by net gains on sales. See below for additional information regarding OTTI of equity securities.

Net realized losses on derivatives were \$83 million in the first quarter of 2016, compared to net realized gains of \$193 million in the first quarter of 2015. Derivative losses in the first quarter of 2016 primarily reflect \$57 million of losses on currency derivatives used to hedge foreign denominated investments as the U.S. dollar weakened against the euro

and other currencies; and \$27 million of losses on the net-short treasury futures used to manage duration as its interest rates decreased. Derivative gains in 2015 primarily reflect \$176 million of gains on currency derivatives used to hedge foreign denominated investments as the U.S. dollar strengthened against the euro and other currencies. Also contributing were \$14 million of gains on interest rate derivatives used to manage duration as interest rates decreased.

During the first quarter of 2016, we recorded OTTI of \$60 million in earnings, compared to \$11 million in the first quarter of 2015. The following tables set forth, for the periods indicated, the composition of OTTI recorded in earnings attributable to the Closed Block division by asset type, and for fixed maturity securities, by reason.

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)
OTTI recorded in earnings—Closed Block Division(1)	
Public fixed maturity securities	\$ 10 \$ 2
Private fixed maturity securities	39 2
Total fixed maturity securities	49 4
Equity securities	3 1
Other invested assets(2)	8 6
Total	\$ 60 \$ 11

Excludes the portion of OTTI recorded in “Other comprehensive income (loss),” representing any difference between (1) the fair value of the impaired debt security and the net present value of its projected future cash flows at the time of impairment.

(2) Includes OTTI relating to investments in joint ventures and partnerships.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 (in millions)
OTTI on fixed maturity securities recorded in earnings—Closed Block Division(1)	
Due to credit events or adverse conditions of the respective issuer(2)	\$ 48 \$ 4
Due to other accounting guidelines	1 0
Total	\$ 49 \$ 4

Excludes the portion of OTTI recorded in “Other comprehensive income (loss),” representing any difference between (1) the fair value of the impaired debt security and the net present value of its projected future cash flows at the time of impairment.

Represents circumstances where we believe credit events or other adverse conditions of the respective issuers have caused, or will lead to, a deficiency in the contractual cash flows related to the investment. The amount of the (2) impairment recorded in earnings is the difference between the amortized cost of the debt security and the net present value of its projected future cash flows discounted at the effective interest rate implicit in the debt security prior to impairment.

Fixed maturity security OTTI in the first quarter of 2016 were concentrated in the energy, transportation and communications sectors within corporate securities. Fixed maturity security OTTI in the first quarter of 2015 were concentrated in the capital goods and consumer cyclical sectors within corporate securities. In both periods these OTTI primarily reflect adverse financial conditions of the respective issuers.

Equity security OTTI in both the first quarter of 2016 and 2015 were primarily due to the extent and duration of declines in values.

Other invested assets OTTI in both the first quarter of 2016 and 2015 were primarily due to the extent and duration of declines in values of investments in limited partnerships primarily in the energy sector.

General Account Investments

Portfolio Composition

Our investment portfolio consists of public and private fixed maturity securities, commercial mortgage and other loans, policy loans and non-coupon investments, which include equity securities and other long-term investments such as joint ventures and limited partnerships, real estate held through direct ownership and seed money in separate accounts. The composition of our general account reflects, within the discipline provided by our risk management approach, our need for competitive results and the selection of diverse investment alternatives available primarily through our Asset Management segment. The size of our portfolio enables us to invest in asset classes that may be unavailable to the typical investor.

The following tables set forth the composition of the investments of our general account apportioned between PFI excluding the Closed Block division and the Closed Block division as of the dates indicated.

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	March 31, 2016			
	PFI Excluding	Closed Block	Total	
	Closed Block	Division		
	Division			
	(\$ in millions)			
Fixed maturities:				
Public, available-for-sale, at fair value	\$238,657	65.5 %	\$ 24,935	\$263,592
Public, held-to-maturity, at amortized cost	1,917	0.5	0	1,917
Private, available-for-sale, at fair value	36,262	9.9	14,489	50,751
Private, held-to-maturity, at amortized cost	494	0.1	0	494
Trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities, at fair value	21,447	5.9	0	21,447
Other trading account assets, at fair value	1,610	0.4	294	1,904
Equity securities, available-for-sale, at fair value	6,814	1.9	2,574	9,388
Commercial mortgage and other loans, at book value	40,775	11.2	9,695	50,470
Policy loans, at outstanding balance	7,042	1.9	4,763	11,805
Other long-term investments(1)	6,927	1.9	2,942	9,869
Short-term investments	2,833	0.8	646	3,479
Total general account investments	364,778	100.0 %	60,338	425,116
Invested assets of other entities and operations(2)	7,304		0	7,304
Total investments	\$372,082		\$ 60,338	\$432,420

	December 31, 2015			
	PFI Excluding	Closed Block	Total	
	Closed Block	Division		
	Division			
	(\$ in millions)			
Fixed maturities:				
Public, available-for-sale, at fair value	\$216,628	63.1 %	\$ 23,505	\$240,133
Public, held-to-maturity, at amortized cost	1,834	0.5	0	1,834
Private, available-for-sale, at fair value	35,767	10.4	14,290	50,057
Private, held-to-maturity, at amortized cost	474	0.1	0	474
Trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities, at fair value	20,522	6.0	0	20,522
Other trading account assets, at fair value	1,561	0.5	288	1,849
Equity securities, available-for-sale, at fair value	6,537	1.9	2,726	9,263
Commercial mortgage and other loans, at book value	40,486	11.8	9,771	50,257
Policy loans, at outstanding balance	6,867	2.0	4,790	11,657
Other long-term investments(1)	6,549	1.9	2,921	9,470
Short-term investments	6,250	1.8	1,467	7,717
Total general account investments	343,475	100.0 %	59,758	403,233
Invested assets of other entities and operations(2)	13,959		0	13,959
Total investments	\$357,434		\$ 59,758	\$417,192

Other long-term investments consist of real estate and non-real estate-related investments in joint ventures and (1) partnerships, investment real estate held through direct ownership and other miscellaneous investments. For additional information regarding these investments, see “—Other Long-Term Investments” below.

Includes invested assets of our asset management and derivative operations. Excludes assets of our asset management operations that are managed for third parties and those assets classified as “Separate account assets” on (2) our balance sheet. For additional information regarding these investments, see “—Invested Assets of Other Entities and Operations” below.

The increase in general account investments attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division in the first three months of 2016 was primarily due to a net increase in fair value driven by a decrease in interest rates in the U.S. and Japan, the translation impact of the yen strengthening against the U.S. dollar and the reinvestment of net investment income and net business inflows. The general account investments attributable to the Closed Block division increased in the first three months of 2016, primarily due to a net increase in fair value driven by a decrease in interest rates in the U.S. For information regarding the methodology used in determining the fair value of our fixed maturities, see Note 13 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

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As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, 43% and 41%, of our general account investments, other than those of the Closed Block division, related to our Japanese insurance operations.

The following table sets forth the composition related to the investments of our Japanese insurance operations' general account as of the dates indicated.

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(in millions)	
Fixed maturities:		
Public, available-for-sale, at fair value	\$ 122,702	\$ 109,257
Public, held-to-maturity, at amortized cost	1,917	1,834
Private, available-for-sale, at fair value	9,977	9,747
Private, held-to-maturity, at amortized cost	494	474
Trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities, at fair value	2,069	2,020
Other trading account assets, at fair value	585	647
Equity securities, available-for-sale, at fair value	2,699	2,660
Commercial mortgage and other loans, at book value	10,085	9,756
Policy loans, at outstanding balance	2,364	2,208
Other long-term investments(1)	2,381	1,742
Short-term investments	217	417
Total Japanese general account investments	\$ 155,490	\$ 140,762

Other long-term investments consist of real estate and non-real estate-related investments in joint ventures and (1) partnerships, investment real estate held through direct ownership, derivatives and other miscellaneous investments.

The increase in general account investments related to our Japanese insurance operations in the first three months of 2016 was primarily attributable to the translation impact of the yen strengthening against the U.S. dollar and a net increase in fair value driven by a decrease in interest rates in the U.S. and Japan.

As of March 31, 2016, our Japanese insurance operations had \$51.9 billion, at fair value, of investments denominated in U.S. dollars, including \$4.3 billion that were hedged to yen through third-party derivative contracts and \$34.0 billion that support liabilities denominated in U.S. dollars, with the remainder hedging our foreign currency exchange rate exposure on U.S. dollar-equivalent equity. As of December 31, 2015, our Japanese insurance operations had \$50.2 billion, at fair value, of investments denominated in U.S. dollars, including \$4.0 billion that were hedged to yen through third-party derivative contracts and \$32.3 billion that support liabilities denominated in U.S. dollars, with the remainder hedging our foreign currency exchange rate exposure on U.S. dollar-equivalent equity. The \$1.7 billion increase in the fair value of U.S. dollar-denominated investments from December 31, 2015, is primarily attributable to a net increase in fair value driven by the decrease in interest rates and portfolio growth as a result of net business inflows and the reinvestment of net investment income.

Our Japanese insurance operations had \$10.1 billion and \$10.0 billion, at fair value, of investments denominated in Australian dollars that support liabilities denominated in Australian dollars as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. The \$0.1 billion increase in the fair value of Australian dollar-denominated investments from December 31, 2015, is primarily attributable to portfolio growth as a result of net business inflows and the reinvestment of net investment income, partially offset by the translation impact of the Australian dollar weakening against the U.S. dollar.

For additional information regarding U.S. and Australian dollar investments held in our Japanese insurance operations and a discussion of our yen hedging strategy, see “—Results of Operations by Segment—International Insurance Division,” above.

Investment Results

The following tables set forth the income yield and investment income for each major investment category of our general account for the periods indicated. The yields are based on net investment income as reported under U.S. GAAP and as such do not include certain interest related items, such as settlements of duration management swaps which are included in realized gains (losses). Effective January 1, 2016, the Company classifies fixed maturity prepayment fees and call premiums in “Net investment income” rather than “Realized investment gains (losses), net.” The impact of this change was immaterial.

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Three Months Ended March 31, 2016							
	PFI Excluding Closed Block Division		Closed Block Division		Total		
	Yield(1)	Amount	Yield(1)	Amount	Yield(1)	Amount	
	(\$ in millions)						
Fixed maturities	3.90	% \$2,268	4.91	% \$ 423	4.03	% \$2,691	
Trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities	3.60	188	0.00	0	3.60	188	
Equity securities	5.02	64	3.45	16	4.61	80	
Commercial mortgage and other loans	4.29	433	4.94	119	4.41	552	
Policy loans	4.85	84	5.92	70	5.28	154	
Short-term investments and cash equivalents	0.59	27	1.94	6	0.65	33	
Other investments	3.13	65	2.31	18	2.90	83	
Gross investment income before investment expenses	3.77	3,129	4.73	652	3.91	3,781	
Investment expenses	(0.13)	(96)	(0.26)	(40)	(0.15)	(136)	)
Investment income after investment expenses	3.64	% 3,033	4.47	% 612	3.76	% 3,645	
Investment results of other entities and operations(2)		25		0		25	
Total investment income		\$3,058		\$ 612		\$3,670	

Three Months Ended March 31, 2015							
	PFI Excluding Closed Block Division		Closed Block Division		Total		
	Yield(1)	Amount	Yield(1)	Amount	Yield(1)	Amount	
	(\$ in millions)						
Fixed maturities	3.96	% \$2,200	4.78	% \$ 427	4.07	% \$2,627	
Trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities	3.68	187	0.00	0	3.68	187	
Equity securities	5.21	61	6.26	35	5.54	96	
Commercial mortgage and other loans	4.55	419	5.17	122	4.68	541	
Policy loans	4.88	83	5.84	71	5.28	154	
Short-term investments and cash equivalents	0.22	9	1.37	3	0.27	12	
Other investments	7.85	169	10.72	84	8.62	253	
Gross investment income before investment expenses	3.97	3,128	5.27	742	4.17	3,870	
Investment expenses	(0.13)	(93)	(0.22)	(33)	(0.15)	(126)	)
Investment income after investment expenses	3.84	% 3,035	5.05	% 709	4.02	% 3,744	
Investment results of other entities and operations(2)		25		0		25	
Total investment income		\$3,060		\$ 709		\$3,769	

- Yields are annualized, for interim periods, and are based on quarterly average carrying values except for fixed maturities, equity securities and securities lending activity. Yields for fixed maturities are based on amortized cost.
- (1) Yields for equity securities are based on cost. Yields for fixed maturities and short-term investments and cash equivalents are calculated net of liabilities and rebate expenses corresponding to securities lending activity. Yields exclude investment income on assets other than those included in invested assets.
- (2) Includes investment income of our asset management operations and derivative operations.

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See below for a discussion of the change in the yields for PFI excluding the Closed Block division. The net investment income yield attributable to the Closed Block division for the three months ended March 31, 2016, decreased compared to the three months ended March 31, 2015, primarily due to lower income on non-coupon investments.

The following table sets forth the income yield and investment income for each major investment category of our general account investments, excluding both the Closed Block division and the Japanese insurance operations' portion of the general account which is presented separately below, for the periods indicated. The yields are based on net investment income as reported under U.S. GAAP and as such do not include certain interest related items, such as settlements of duration management swaps which are included in realized gains (losses).

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016		Three Months Ended March 31, 2015	
	Yield(1)	Amount	Yield(1)	Amount
	(\$ in millions)			
Fixed maturities	4.55 %	\$1,453	4.61 %	\$1,411
Trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities	3.71	175	3.80	175
Equity securities	5.64	50	5.93	47
Commercial mortgage and other loans	4.26	325	4.59	327
Policy loans	5.33	62	5.37	62
Short-term investments and cash equivalents	0.58	25	0.22	8
Other investments	3.51	49	7.40	114
Gross investment income before investment expenses	4.12	2,139	4.33	2,144
Investment expenses	(0.13)	(57)	(0.13)	(53)
Investment income after investment expenses	3.99 %	2,082	4.20 %	2,091
Investment results of other entities and operations(2)		25		25
Total investment income		\$2,107		\$2,116

- Yields are annualized, for interim periods, and are based on quarterly average carrying values except for fixed maturities, equity securities and securities lending activity. Yields for fixed maturities are based on amortized cost.
- (1) Yields for equity securities are based on cost. Yields for fixed maturities and short-term investments and cash equivalents are calculated net of liabilities and rebate expenses corresponding to securities lending activity. Yields exclude investment income on assets other than those included in invested assets.
- (2) Includes investment income of our asset management operations and derivative operations.

The decrease in net investment income yield attributable to our general account investments, excluding both the Closed Block division and the Japanese operations' portfolio, for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to the three months ended March 31, 2015, was primarily the result of lower income from non-coupon investments and lower fixed income reinvestment rates.

The following table sets forth the income yield and investment income for each major investment category of our Japanese insurance operations' general account for the periods indicated. The yields are based on net investment income as reported under U.S. GAAP and as such do not include certain interest related items, such as settlements of duration management swaps which are included in realized gains (losses).

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016		Three Months Ended March 31, 2015	
	Yield(1)	Amount (\$ in millions)	Yield(1)	Amount
Fixed maturities	3.10 %	\$ 815	3.16 %	\$ 789
Trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities	2.57	13	2.52	12
Equity securities	3.59	14	3.65	14
Commercial mortgage and other loans	4.38	108	4.43	92
Policy loans	3.86	22	3.82	21
Short-term investments and cash equivalents	0.90	2	0.29	1
Other investments	2.32	16	8.96	55
Gross investment income before investment expenses	3.18	990	3.35	984
Investment expenses	(0.12)	(39)	(0.14)	(40)
Total investment income	3.06 %	\$ 951	3.21 %	\$ 944

Yields are annualized, for interim periods, and are based on quarterly average carrying values except for fixed maturities, equity securities and securities lending activity. Yields for fixed maturities are based on amortized cost. (1) Yields for equity securities are based on cost. Yields for fixed maturities and short-term investments and cash equivalents are calculated net of liabilities and rebate expenses corresponding to securities lending activity. Yields exclude investment income on assets other than those included in invested assets.

The decrease in net investment income yield on the Japanese insurance portfolio for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to the three months ended March 31, 2015, was primarily attributable to the result of lower income from non-coupon investments and lower fixed income reinvestment rates.

Both the U.S. dollar-denominated and Australian dollar-denominated fixed maturities that are not hedged to yen through third-party derivative contracts provide a yield that is substantially higher than the yield on comparable yen-denominated fixed maturities. The average amortized cost of U.S. dollar-denominated fixed maturities that are not hedged to yen through third-party derivative contracts was approximately \$34.8 billion and \$35.2 billion, for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The majority of U.S. dollar-denominated fixed maturities support liabilities that are denominated in U.S. dollars. The average amortized cost of Australian dollar-denominated fixed maturities that are not hedged to yen through third-party derivative contracts was approximately \$9.1 billion and \$9.2 billion, for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The Australian dollar-denominated fixed maturities support liabilities that are denominated in Australian dollars.

For additional information regarding U.S. and Australian dollar investments held in our Japanese insurance operations see, “—Results of Operations by Segment—International Insurance Division.”

General Account Investments of PFI excluding Closed Block Division

In the following sections, we provide details about our investment portfolio, excluding investments held in the Closed Block division. We believe the details of the composition of our investment portfolio excluding the Closed Block division are most relevant to an understanding of our operations that are pertinent to investors in Prudential Financial because substantially all Closed Block division assets support obligations and liabilities relating to the Closed Block policies only. See Note 6 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for further information on the Closed Block.

Fixed Maturity Securities

Fixed Maturity Securities and Unrealized Gains (Losses) by Industry Category

The following table sets forth the composition of the portion of our fixed maturity securities portfolio by industry category attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division as of the dates indicated and the associated gross unrealized gains (losses).

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Industry(1)	March 31, 2016				December 31, 2015			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains(2)	Gross Unrealized Losses(2)	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains(2)	Gross Unrealized Losses(2)	Fair Value
(in millions)								
Corporate securities:								
Finance	\$22,310	\$ 1,509	\$ 162	\$23,657	\$21,505	\$ 1,385	\$ 224	\$22,666
Consumer non-cyclical	21,795	2,448	172	24,071	20,732	2,073	408	22,397
Utility	18,177	1,851	187	19,841	17,369	1,423	393	18,399
Capital goods	11,201	1,121	148	12,174	10,503	978	241	11,240
Consumer cyclical	9,953	929	79	10,803	9,223	846	146	9,923
Foreign agencies	5,165	1,155	49	6,271	5,222	1,086	67	6,241
Energy	9,710	549	775	9,484	10,793	674	855	10,612
Communications	6,308	782	116	6,974	6,294	690	200	6,784
Basic industry	5,794	410	169	6,035	5,658	404	321	5,741
Transportation	6,740	718	67	7,391	6,536	605	105	7,036
Technology	3,474	279	48	3,705	3,459	278	72	3,665
Industrial other	3,602	300	33	3,869	3,547	245	73	3,719
Total corporate securities	124,229	12,051	2,005	134,275	120,841	10,687	3,105	128,423
Foreign government(3)	78,374	18,907	57	97,224	72,265	12,167	131	84,301
Residential mortgage-backed	4,780	378	1	5,157	4,861	353	6	5,208
Asset-backed(4)	7,320	142	127	7,335	6,873	195	69	6,999
Commercial mortgage-backed	7,442	353	4	7,791	7,300	160	37	7,423
U.S. Government	13,466	3,762	1	17,227	11,479	2,900	11	14,368
State & Municipal(5)	7,834	925	8	8,751	7,661	675	39	8,297
Total(6)	\$243,445	\$ 36,518	\$ 2,203	\$277,760	\$231,280	\$ 27,137	\$ 3,398	\$255,019

(1) Investment data has been classified based on standard industry categorizations for domestic public holdings and similar classifications by industry for all other holdings.

Includes \$432 million of gross unrealized gains and \$2 million of gross unrealized losses as of March 31, 2016, (2)compared to \$316 million of gross unrealized gains and \$0 million of gross unrealized losses as of December 31, 2015, on securities classified as held-to-maturity.

As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, based on amortized cost, 77% and 76% represent Japanese (3)government bonds held by our Japanese insurance operations, respectively, with no other individual country representing more than 10% of the balance.

(4)Includes securities collateralized by sub-prime mortgages. See “—Asset-Backed Securities” below.

(5)Includes securities related to the Build America Bonds program.

Excluded from the table above are securities held outside the general account in other entities and operations. For additional information regarding investments held outside the general account, see “—Invested Assets of Other

(6)Entities and Operations” below. Also excluded from the table above are fixed maturity securities classified as trading. See “—Trading Account Assets Supporting Insurance Liabilities” and “—Other Trading Account Assets” for additional information.

The increase in net unrealized gains from December 31, 2015 to March 31, 2016, was primarily due to a decrease in interest rates in both the U.S. and Japan.

As of March 31, 2016, PFI excluding the Closed Block division had direct and indirect energy and related exposure with a market value of approximately \$12.3 billion, which is down from December 31, 2015 as a result of sales and

maturities. Net unrealized losses were approximately \$0.2 billion, which is reflected in AOCI, and is unchanged from December 31, 2015. Of the total exposure, \$9.5 billion represented energy sector investments in public and private corporate fixed maturity securities and was concentrated primarily in the independent energy (30%), midstream (29%), integrated energy (21%) and oil field services (14%) sub-sectors based on the Barclays sector composite classifications. In addition, \$1.0 billion represented fixed maturity energy related investments primarily in the foreign agencies and transportation sectors. As of March 31, 2016, the credit quality of the energy sector and energy related fixed maturity securities was 83% investment grade, which is down from December 31, 2015. The remaining energy exposure of \$1.8 billion was comprised of trading assets, equity securities and private equity investments. Energy investment realized losses from sales were approximately \$180 million and from OTTI were approximately \$90 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to \$51 million of total realized losses for the three months ended March 31, 2015. Our energy investments could experience future valuation declines or impairment losses if energy prices remain at current or lower levels for an extended period of time.

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Asset-Backed Securities

The following tables set forth the amortized cost and fair value of our asset-backed securities attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division, by credit quality, as of the dates indicated.

Asset-Backed Securities at Amortized Cost

	March 31, 2016						
	Lowest Rating Agency Rating					Total	Total
	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB and below	Amortized Cost	December 31, 2015
	(in millions)						
Collateralized by sub-prime mortgages(1)	\$0	\$1	\$61	\$89	\$942	\$ 1,093	\$ 1,141
Collateralized loan obligations	4,482	115	0	0	0	4,597	4,280
Collateralized by education loans(2)	18	372	0	0	0	390	392
Collateralized by credit cards	189	0	3	0	0	192	201
Collateralized by auto loans	738	0	0	0	0	738	518
Other asset-backed securities(3)	26	94	65	13	112	310	341
Total asset-backed securities(4)	\$5,453	\$582	\$129	\$102	\$1,054	\$ 7,320	\$ 6,873

- While there is no market standard definition for securities collateralized by sub-prime mortgages, we define
- (1) sub-prime mortgages as residential mortgages that are originated to weaker-quality obligors as indicated by weaker credit scores, as well as mortgages with higher loan-to-value ratios or limited documentation.
- (2) All of the \$390 million of education loans included above carry a Department of Education guaranty as of March 31, 2016.
- (3) Includes asset-backed securities collateralized by bond obligations, aircraft, equipment leases, franchises and timeshares.
- (4) Excluded from the table above are asset-backed securities held outside the general account in other entities and operations. Also excluded from the table above are asset-backed securities classified as trading.

Asset-Backed Securities at Fair Value

	March 31, 2016						
	Lowest Rating Agency Rating					Total	Total
	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB and below	Fair Value	December 31, 2015
	(in millions)						
Collateralized by sub-prime mortgages(1)	\$0	\$1	\$59	\$88	\$966	\$1,114	\$ 1,189
Collateralized loan obligations	4,443	115	0	0	0	4,558	4,317
Collateralized by education loans(2)	18	356	0	0	0	374	395
Collateralized by credit cards	196	0	3	0	0	199	206
Collateralized by auto loans	739	0	0	0	0	739	516
Other asset-backed securities(3)	38	94	73	13	133	351	376
Total asset-backed securities(4)	\$5,434	\$566	\$135	\$101	\$1,099	\$7,335	\$ 6,999

(1)

While there is no market standard definition for securities collateralized by sub-prime mortgages, we define sub-prime mortgages as residential mortgages that are originated to weaker-quality obligors as indicated by weaker credit scores, as well as mortgages with higher loan-to-value ratios or limited documentation.

- (2) All of the \$374 million of education loans included above carry a Department of Education guaranty as of March 31, 2016.
- (3) Includes asset-backed securities collateralized by bond obligations, aircraft, equipment leases, franchises and timeshares.
- (4) Excluded from the table above are asset-backed securities held outside the general account in other entities and operations. Also excluded from the table above are asset-backed securities classified as trading.

The tables above provide ratings as assigned by nationally recognized rating agencies as of March 31, 2016, including Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch. In making our investment decisions, rather than relying solely on the rating agencies' evaluations, we assign internal ratings to our asset-backed securities based upon our dedicated asset-backed securities unit's independent evaluation of the underlying collateral and securitization structure, including any guarantees from monoline bond insurers.

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Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities

The following tables set forth the amortized cost of our residential mortgage-backed securities attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division as of the dates indicated.

	March 31, 2016			December 31, 2015		
	Amortized Cost	% of Total		Amortized Cost	% of Total	
	(\$ in millions)					
By security type:						
Agency pass-through securities(1)	\$4,282	89.6 %		\$4,382	90.1 %	
Collateralized mortgage obligations	498	10.4		479	9.9	
Total residential mortgage-backed securities	\$4,780	100.0 %		\$4,861	100.0 %	
Portion rated AA or higher(2)	\$4,710	98.5 %		\$4,791	98.6 %	

As of March 31, 2016, of these securities, \$3.107 billion are supported by U.S. government, and \$1.175 billion are (1)supported by foreign governments. As of December 31, 2015, of these securities, \$3.267 billion were supported by the U.S. government and \$1.115 billion were supported by foreign governments.

(2)Based on lowest external rating agency rating.

Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities

The following tables set forth the amortized cost and fair value of our commercial mortgage-backed securities attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division as of the dates indicated, by credit quality and by year of issuance (vintage).

Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities at Amortized Cost

	March 31, 2016					Total
	Lowest Rating Agency Rating(1)					December
	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB and below	31, 2015
	(in millions)					
Vintage						
2016	\$261	\$203	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$464
2015	530	122	0	0	0	652
2014	2,471	1	0	0	0	2,472
2013	2,478	99	0	9	0	2,586
2012—2009	206	257	0	0	0	463
2008—2007	58	38	14	3	0	113
2006 & Prior	634	46	12	0	0	692
Total commercial mortgage-backed securities(2)(3)(4)	\$6,638	\$766	\$26	\$12	\$0	\$7,442

(1) The table above provides ratings as assigned by nationally recognized rating agencies as of March 31, 2016, including Standard & Poor's, Moody's, Fitch and Realpoint.

Excluded from the table above are commercial mortgage-backed securities held outside the general account in (2)other entities and operations. Also excluded from the table above are commercial mortgage-backed securities classified as trading.

(3)

Included in the table above, as of March 31, 2016, are downgraded super senior securities with amortized cost of \$56 million in AA and \$23 million in A.

- (4) Included in the table above, as of March 31, 2016, are agency commercial mortgage-backed securities with amortized cost of \$501 million, all rated AA.

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Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities at Fair Value

Vintage	March 31, 2016					Total Fair Value	Total December 31, 2015
	Lowest AAA	Rating AA	Agency A	Rating(1) BBB	BB and below		
	(in millions)						
2016	\$266	\$206	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$472	\$0
2015	545	126	0	0	0	671	601
2014	2,607	1	0	0	0	2,608	2,471
2013	2,630	105	0	9	0	2,744	2,621
2012—2009	206	274	0	0	0	480	480
2008—2007	58	41	14	3	0	116	115
2006 & Prior	641	47	12	0	0	700	1,135
Total commercial mortgage-backed securities(2)(3)	\$6,953	\$800	\$26	\$12	\$0	\$7,791	\$7,423

(1) The table above provides ratings as assigned by nationally recognized rating agencies as of March 31, 2016, including Standard & Poor's, Moody's, Fitch and Realpoint.

Excluded from the table above are commercial mortgage-backed securities held outside the general account in other entities and operations. Also excluded from the table above are commercial mortgage-backed securities classified as trading.

(3) Included in the table above, as of March 31, 2016, are agency commercial mortgage-backed securities with fair value of \$531 million, all rated AA.

Fixed Maturity Securities Credit Quality

The Securities Valuation Office ("SVO") of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC"), evaluates the investments of insurers for statutory reporting purposes and assigns fixed maturity securities to one of six categories called "NAIC Designations." In general, NAIC Designations of "1" highest quality, or "2" high quality, include fixed maturities considered investment grade, which include securities rated Baa3 or higher by Moody's or BBB- or higher by Standard & Poor's. NAIC Designations of "3" through "6" generally include fixed maturities referred to as below investment grade, which include securities rated Ba1 or lower by Moody's and BB+ or lower by Standard & Poor's. The NAIC Designations for commercial mortgage-backed securities and non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities, including our asset-backed securities collateralized by sub-prime mortgages, are based on security level expected losses as modeled by an independent third-party (engaged by the NAIC) and the statutory carrying value of the security, including any purchase discounts or impairment charges previously recognized.

As a result of time lags between the funding of investments, the finalization of legal documents, and the completion of the SVO filing process, the fixed maturity portfolio generally includes securities that have not yet been designated by the SVO as of each balance sheet date. Pending receipt of SVO designations, the categorization of these securities by NAIC Designation is based on the expected ratings indicated by internal analysis.

Investments of our international insurance companies are not subject to NAIC guidelines. Investments of our Japanese insurance operations are regulated locally by the Financial Services Agency ("FSA"), an agency of the Japanese government. The FSA has its own investment quality criteria and risk control standards. Our Japanese insurance companies comply with the FSA's credit quality review and risk monitoring guidelines. The credit quality ratings of the investments of our Japanese insurance companies are based on ratings assigned by nationally recognized credit rating agencies, including Moody's, Standard & Poor's, or rating equivalents based on ratings assigned by Japanese credit ratings agencies.

The following table sets forth our fixed maturity portfolio by NAIC Designation or equivalent ratings attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division as of the dates indicated.

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NAIC Designation(1)(2)	March 31, 2016				December 31, 2015			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains(3)	Gross Unrealized Losses(3)	Fair Value (4)	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains(3)	Gross Unrealized Losses(3)	Fair Value (4)
	(in millions)							
1	\$187,052	\$32,020	\$676	\$218,396	\$177,350	\$22,783	\$1,445	\$198,688
2	44,931	3,944	951	47,924	43,731	3,698	1,545	45,884
Subtotal High or Highest Quality Securities(5)	231,983	35,964	1,627	266,320	221,081	26,481	2,990	244,572
3	8,132	365	407	8,090	7,085	408	292	7,201
4	2,388	93	125	2,356	2,332	150	100	2,382
5	448	66	18	496	415	78	12	481
6	494	30	26	498	367	20	4	383
Subtotal Other Securities(6)(7)	11,462	554	576	11,440	10,199	656	408	10,447
Total Fixed Maturities	\$243,445	\$36,518	\$2,203	\$277,760	\$231,280	\$27,137	\$3,398	\$255,019

(1) Reflects equivalent ratings for investments of the international insurance operations.

Includes, as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, 924 securities with amortized cost of \$4,683 million (fair value, \$4,817 million) and 938 securities with amortized cost of \$4,253 million (fair value, \$4,325 million), respectively, that have been categorized based on expected NAIC Designations pending receipt of SVO ratings.

Includes \$432 million of gross unrealized gains and \$2 million of gross unrealized losses as of March 31, 2016, compared to \$316 million of gross unrealized gains and \$0 million of gross unrealized losses as of December 31, 2015, on securities classified as held-to-maturity.

As of March 31, 2016, includes gross unrealized losses of \$315 million on public fixed maturities and \$261 million on private fixed maturities considered to be other than high or highest quality and, as of December 31, 2015, includes gross unrealized losses of \$212 million on public fixed maturities and \$196 million on private fixed maturities considered to be other than high or highest quality.

On amortized cost basis, as of March 31, 2016, includes \$201,446 million of public fixed maturities and \$30,537 million of private fixed maturities and, as of December 31, 2015, includes \$190,638 million of public fixed maturities and \$30,443 million of private fixed maturities.

On an amortized cost basis, as of March 31, 2016, includes \$6,824 million of public fixed maturities and \$4,638 million of private fixed maturities and, as of December 31, 2015, includes \$5,836 million of public fixed maturities and \$4,363 million of private fixed maturities.

On an amortized cost basis, as of March 31, 2016, securities considered below investment grade based on lowest of external rating agency ratings, total \$13,000 million, or 5% of the total fixed maturities, and include securities considered high or highest quality by the NAIC based on the rules described above.

Credit Derivative Exposure to Public Fixed Maturities

In addition to the credit exposure from public fixed maturities noted above, we sell credit derivatives to enhance the return on our investment portfolio by creating credit exposure similar to an investment in public fixed maturity cash instruments.

In a credit derivative, we may sell credit protection on an identified name or a broad based index, and in return receive a quarterly premium. The majority of the underlying reference names in single name and index credit derivatives where we have sold credit protection, as well as all the counterparties to these agreements, are investment grade credit quality and our credit derivatives have a remaining term to maturity of forty-three years or less. The premium or credit spread generally corresponds to the difference between the yield on the reference name's (or index's) underlying

reference names) public fixed maturity cash instruments and swap rates at the time the agreement is executed. Credit derivative contracts are recorded at fair value with changes in fair value, including the premiums received, recorded in “Realized investment gains (losses), net.”

As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, PFI excluding the Closed Block division had \$907 million and \$807 million of notional amounts of exposure, where we have sold credit protection through credit derivatives, reported at fair value as a liability of \$40 million and \$27 million, respectively. “Realized investment gains (losses), net” from credit derivatives we sold were a gain of \$2 million and \$1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. This excludes a credit derivative related to surplus notes issued by a subsidiary of Prudential Insurance. See Note 14 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding this derivative.

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In addition to selling credit protection, we have purchased credit protection using credit derivatives in order to hedge specific credit exposures in our investment portfolio. As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, PFI excluding the Closed Block division had \$284 million and \$409 million of notional amounts reported at fair value as a liability of \$5 million and \$4 million, respectively. “Realized investment gains (losses), net” from credit derivatives we purchased were a loss of \$1 million and \$3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. See Note 14 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding credit derivatives and an overall description of our derivative activities.

OTTI of Fixed Maturity Securities

We maintain separate monitoring processes for public and private fixed maturities and create watch lists to highlight securities that require special scrutiny and management. Our public fixed maturity asset managers formally review all public fixed maturity holdings on a quarterly basis and more frequently when necessary to identify potential credit deterioration whether due to ratings downgrades, unexpected price variances, and/or company or industry specific concerns.

For private placements, our credit and portfolio management processes help ensure prudent controls over valuation and management. We have separate pricing and authorization processes to establish “checks and balances” for new investments. We apply consistent standards of credit analysis and due diligence for all transactions, whether they originate through our own in-house origination staff or through agents. Our regional offices closely monitor the portfolios in their regions. We set all valuation standards centrally, and we assess the fair value of all investments quarterly. Our private fixed maturity asset managers formally review all private fixed maturity holdings on a quarterly basis and more frequently when necessary to identify potential credit deterioration whether due to ratings downgrades, unexpected price variances, and/or company or industry specific concerns. For additional information regarding our policies regarding OTTI for fixed maturity securities, see Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

OTTI of general account fixed maturity securities attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division that were recognized in earnings were \$77 million and \$4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Trading Account Assets Supporting Insurance Liabilities

The following table sets forth the composition of the TAASIL portfolio attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division as of the dates indicated.

	March 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
	(in millions)			
Short-term investments and cash equivalents	\$888	\$888	\$765	\$765
Fixed maturities:				
Corporate securities	13,142	13,450	12,797	12,851
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	1,865	1,922	1,860	1,862
Residential mortgage-backed securities	1,356	1,393	1,411	1,428
Asset-backed securities	1,378	1,377	1,295	1,299
Foreign government bonds	738	773	680	694
U.S. government authorities and agencies and obligations of U.S. states	390	435	326	369
Total fixed maturities	18,869	19,350	18,369	18,503

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Equity securities	1,093	1,209	1,030	1,254
Total trading account assets supporting insurance liabilities	\$20,850	\$21,447	\$20,164	\$20,522

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As a percentage of amortized cost, 78% and 77% of the portfolio was publicly traded as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. As of both March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, 91% of the fixed maturity portfolio was considered high or highest quality based on NAIC or equivalent rating. As of March 31, 2016, \$1.327 billion of the residential mortgage-backed securities were publicly traded agency pass-through securities, which are supported by U.S. and foreign government securities, of which more than 99% have credit ratings of A or higher. Collateralized mortgage obligations, including approximately \$21 million secured by “ALT-A” mortgages, represented the remaining \$29 million of residential mortgage-backed securities, of which 44% have credit ratings of A or better and 56% are BBB and below. For a discussion of this portfolio and changes in the fair value, see “—Experience-Rated Contractholder Liabilities, Trading Account Assets Supporting Insurance Liabilities and Other Related Investments,” above.

Other Trading Account Assets

Other trading account assets consist primarily of certain financial instruments that contain an embedded derivative where we elected to classify the entire instrument as a trading account asset rather than bifurcate. These instruments are carried at fair value, with realized and unrealized gains (losses) reported in “Other income,” and excluded from adjusted operating income. Interest and dividend income from these investments is reported in “Net investment income,” and is included in adjusted operating income.

The following table sets forth the composition of our other trading account assets attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division as of the dates indicated.

	March 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
	(in millions)			
Short-term investments and cash equivalents	\$2	\$2	\$1	\$1
Fixed maturities	1,117	1,044	1,016	964
Equity securities ⁽¹⁾	503	564	537	596
Total other trading account assets	\$1,622	\$1,610	\$1,554	\$1,561

(1) Included in equity securities are perpetual preferred stock securities that have characteristics of both debt and equity securities.

Commercial Mortgage and Other Loans**Investment Mix**

As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, we held approximately 11% and 12% of our general account investments attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division in commercial mortgage and other loans, respectively. These percentages are net of \$83 million and \$95 million allowance for losses as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

The following table sets forth the composition of our commercial mortgage and other loans portfolio, before the allowance for losses, attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division as of the dates indicated.

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(in millions)	

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Commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans	\$39,264	\$ 39,002
Uncollateralized loans	975	966
Residential property loans	307	301
Other collateralized loans	312	312
Total commercial mortgage and other loans(1)	\$40,858	\$ 40,581

Excluded from the table above are commercial mortgage and other loans held outside the general account in other (1) entities and operations. For additional information regarding commercial mortgage and other loans held outside the general account, see “—Invested Assets of Other Entities and Operations” below.

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We originate commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans using a dedicated investment staff through our various regional offices in the U.S. and international offices primarily in London and Tokyo. All loans are underwritten consistently to our standards using a proprietary quality rating system that has been developed from our experience in real estate and mortgage lending.

Uncollateralized loans primarily represent corporate loans which do not meet the definition of a security under authoritative accounting guidance.

Residential property loans primarily include Japanese recourse loans. Upon default of these recourse loans we can make a claim against the personal assets of the property owner, in addition to the mortgaged property. These loans are also backed by third-party guarantors.

Other collateralized loans include collateralized structured loans and consumer loans.

Composition of Commercial Mortgage and Agricultural Property Loans

Our commercial mortgage and agricultural property loan portfolio strategy emphasizes diversification by property type and geographic location. The following tables set forth the breakdown of the gross carrying values of our general account investments in commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division by geographic region and property type as of the dates indicated.

	March 31, 2016			December 31, 2015		
	Gross Carrying Value	% of Total		Gross Carrying Value	% of Total	
	(\$ in millions)					
Commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans by region:						
U.S. Regions:						
Pacific	\$12,656	32.2	%	\$12,285	31.5	%
South Atlantic	7,837	20.0		7,764	19.9	
Middle Atlantic	5,378	13.7		5,271	13.5	
East North Central	2,606	6.6		2,704	6.9	
West South Central	3,911	10.0		3,945	10.1	
Mountain	1,494	3.8		1,697	4.4	
New England	1,753	4.5		1,752	4.5	
West North Central	624	1.6		608	1.6	
East South Central	537	1.4		533	1.4	
Subtotal-U.S.	36,796	93.8		36,559	93.8	
Europe	1,582	4.0		1,608	4.1	
Asia	443	1.1		406	1.0	
Other	443	1.1		429	1.1	
Total commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans	\$39,264	100.0	%	\$39,002	100.0	%

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	March 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
	Gross Carrying Value	% of Total	Gross Carrying Value	% of Total
	(\$ in millions)			
Commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans by property type:				
Industrial	\$6,456	16.5 %	\$6,510	16.7 %
Retail	6,504	16.6	6,813	17.5
Office	8,690	22.1	8,498	21.8
Apartments/Multi-Family	10,492	26.7	10,079	25.8
Other	3,218	8.2	3,133	8.0
Agricultural properties	2,129	5.4	2,130	5.5
Hospitality	1,775	4.5	1,839	4.7
Total commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans	\$39,264	100.0 %	\$39,002	100.0 %

Loan-to-value and debt service coverage ratios are measures commonly used to assess the quality of commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans. The loan-to-value ratio compares the amount of the loan to the fair value of the underlying property collateralizing the loan and is commonly expressed as a percentage. Loan-to-value ratios greater than 100% indicate that the loan amount is greater than the collateral value. A smaller loan-to-value ratio indicates a greater excess of collateral value over the loan amount. The debt service coverage ratio compares a property's net operating income to its debt service payments. Debt service coverage ratios less than 1.0 times indicate that property operations do not generate enough income to cover the loan's current debt payments. A larger debt service coverage ratio indicates a greater excess of net operating income over the debt service payments.

As of March 31, 2016, our general account investments in commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division had a weighted average debt service coverage ratio of 2.43 times and a weighted average loan-to-value ratio of 56%. As of March 31, 2016, approximately 95% of commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans were fixed rate loans. For those general account commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans that were originated in 2016, the weighted average debt service coverage ratio was 2.37 times and the weighted average loan-to-value ratio was 66%.

The values utilized in calculating these loan-to-value ratios are developed as part of our periodic review of the commercial mortgage and agricultural property loan portfolio, which includes an internal evaluation of the underlying collateral value. Our periodic review also includes a quality re-rating process, whereby we update the internal quality rating originally assigned at underwriting based on the proprietary quality rating system mentioned above. As discussed below, the internal quality rating is a key input in determining our allowance for loan losses.

For loans with collateral under construction, renovation or lease-up, a stabilized value and projected net operating income are used in the calculation of the loan-to-value and debt service coverage ratios. Our commercial mortgage and agricultural property loan portfolio included approximately \$1.4 billion of such loans as of both March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015. All else being equal, these loans are inherently more risky than those collateralized by properties that have already stabilized. As of March 31, 2016, there are no loan-specific reserves related to these loans. In addition, these unstabilized loans are included in the calculation of our portfolio reserve as discussed below. For information regarding similar loans we hold as part of our commercial mortgage and agricultural property operations, see "—Invested Assets of Other Entities and Operations" below.

The following tables set forth the gross carrying value of our general account investments in commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division as of the dates indicated by

loan-to-value and debt service coverage ratios.

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Commercial Mortgage and Agricultural Property Loans by Loan-to-Value and Debt Service Coverage Ratios

Loan-to-Value Ratio	March 31, 2016			Total Commercial Mortgage and Agricultural Property Loans
	Greater than 1.2x	1.0x to < 1.2x	Less than 1.0x	
	(in millions)			
0%-59.99%	\$21,659	\$442	\$131	\$ 22,232
60%-69.99%	10,496	483	267	11,246
70%-79.99%	5,235	239	59	5,533
Greater than 80%	111	116	26	253
Total commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans	\$37,501	\$1,280	\$483	\$ 39,264

The following table sets forth the breakdown of our commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division by year of origination as of March 31, 2016.

Year of Origination	Gross Carrying Value	% of Total
	(\$ in millions)	
2016	\$1,109	2.8 %
2015	8,138	20.7
2014	7,394	18.9
2013	7,998	20.4
2012	4,092	10.4
2011	3,880	9.9
2010	2,324	5.9
2009 & prior	4,329	11.0
Total commercial mortgage and agricultural property loans	\$39,264	100.0%

Commercial Mortgage and Other Loan Quality

Ongoing review of the portfolio is performed and loans are placed on watch list status based on a predefined set of criteria, where they are assigned to one of the following categories. We classify loans as closely monitored when we determine there is a collateral deficiency or other credit events that may lead to a potential loss of principal or interest. Loans not in good standing are those loans where we have concluded that there is a high probability of loss of principal, such as when the loan is in the process of foreclosure or the borrower is in bankruptcy. Our workout and special servicing professionals manage the loans on the watch list. As described below, in determining our allowance for losses we evaluate each loan on the watch list to determine if it is probable that amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement will not be collected.

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We establish an allowance for losses to provide for the risk of credit losses inherent in the lending process. The allowance includes loan specific reserves for loans that are determined to be impaired as a result of our loan review process, and a portfolio reserve for probable incurred but not specifically identified losses for loans which are not on the watch list. We define an impaired loan as a loan for which we estimate it is probable that amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement will not be collected. The loan specific portion of the loss allowance is based on our assessment as to ultimate collectability of loan principal and interest. Valuation allowances for an impaired loan are recorded based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate or based on the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. The portfolio reserve for incurred but not specifically identified losses considers the current credit composition of the portfolio based on the internal quality ratings mentioned above. The portfolio reserves are determined using past loan experience, including historical credit migration, loss probability, and loss severity factors by property type. These factors are reviewed and updated as appropriate. The valuation allowance for commercial mortgage and other loans can increase or decrease from period to period based on these factors.

Our general account investments in commercial mortgage and other loans attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division, based upon the recorded investment gross of allowance for credit losses, were \$40,858 million and \$40,581 million as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. As a percentage of recorded investment gross of allowance, more than 99% of these assets were current as of both March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015. The following table sets forth the change in valuation allowances for our commercial mortgage and other loan portfolio as of the dates indicated.

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(in millions)	
Allowance, beginning of year	\$95	\$ 99
Addition to (release of) allowance for losses	(13)	(4)
Charge-offs, net of recoveries	0	0
Change in foreign exchange	1	0
Allowance, end of period	\$83	\$ 95
Loan specific reserve	\$0	\$ 0
Portfolio reserve	\$83	\$ 95

The decrease in the allowance for losses, for the three months ended March 31, 2016, was primarily driven by improved credit quality of the portfolio.

Equity Securities

Investment Mix

The equity securities attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division consist principally of investments in common and preferred stock of publicly-traded companies, as well as mutual fund shares. The following table sets forth the composition of our equity securities portfolio and the associated gross unrealized gains (losses) as of the dates indicated.

March 31, 2016				December 31, 2015			
Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
(in millions)							

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Non-redeemable preferred stocks	\$8	\$ 1	\$ 0	\$9	\$21	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$21
Mutual fund common stocks(1)	3,059	382	59	3,382	2,918	333	76	3,175
Other common stocks	2,183	1,273	33	3,423	2,033	1,339	31	3,341
Total equity securities(2)	\$5,250	\$ 1,656	\$ 92	\$6,814	\$4,972	\$ 1,673	\$ 108	\$6,537

(1) Includes mutual fund shares representing our interest in the underlying assets of certain investments supporting corporate-owned life insurance. These mutual funds invest primarily in high yield bonds.

(2) Amounts presented exclude investments in private equity and hedge funds and other investments which are reported in "Other long-term investments."

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OTTI of Equity Securities

For those equity securities classified as available-for-sale, we record unrealized gains (losses) to the extent cost is different from estimated fair value. All securities with unrealized losses are subject to our review to identify OTTI in value. For additional information regarding our policies regarding OTTI for equity securities, see Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

OTTI of equity securities attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division were \$8 million and \$5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. For a further discussion of OTTI, see "—Realized Investment Gains (Losses)" above.

Other Long-Term Investments

The following table sets forth the composition of "Other long-term investments," which primarily consists of investments in joint ventures and limited partnerships, other than operating joint ventures, as well as wholly-owned investment real estate and other investments attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division, as of the dates indicated.

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(in millions)	
Joint ventures and limited partnerships:		
Non-real estate-related(1)	\$4,148	\$ 4,087
Real estate-related	362	285
Real estate held through direct ownership	1,661	1,456
Other(2)	756	721
Total other long-term investments	\$6,927	\$ 6,549

(1) Primarily includes investments in private equity and hedge funds.

Primarily includes derivatives and member and activity stock held in the Federal Home Loan Banks of New York (2) and Boston. For additional information regarding our holdings in the Federal Home Loan Banks of New York and Boston, see Note 9 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

OTTI of Other Long-Term Investments

For joint ventures and limited partnerships, the carrying value of these investments is written down, or impaired to fair value when a decline in value is considered to be other-than-temporary.

OTTI on joint ventures and limited partnerships attributable to PFI excluding the Closed Block division were \$24 million and \$19 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. For a further discussion of OTTI, see "—Realized Investment Gains (Losses)" above.

For additional information regarding our policies regarding OTTI for joint ventures and limited partnerships, other than operating joint ventures, as well as wholly-owned investment real estate and other investments, see Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Invested Assets of Other Entities and Operations

“Invested Assets of Other Entities and Operations” presented below includes investments held outside the general account and primarily represents investments associated with our asset management operations and derivative operations. Our derivative operations act on behalf of affiliates primarily to manage interest rate, foreign currency, credit and equity exposures. Assets within our asset management operations that are managed for third parties and those assets classified as “Separate account assets” on our balance sheet are not included below.

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	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(in millions)	
Fixed Maturities:		
Public, available-for-sale, at fair value	\$182	\$ 94
Private, available-for-sale, at fair value	4	39
Other trading account assets, at fair value	6,148	12,609
Equity securities, available-for-sale, at fair value	12	11
Commercial mortgage and other loans, at book value(1)	328	302
Other long-term investments	412	516
Short-term investments	218	388
Total investments	\$7,304	\$ 13,959

(1) Book value is generally based on unpaid principal balance net of any allowance for losses, the lower of cost or fair value, or fair value, depending on the loan.

Other Trading Account Assets

Other trading account assets are primarily related to assets associated with consolidated variable interest entities for which the Company is the investment manager, as well as our derivative operations used to manage interest rate, foreign currency, credit and equity exposures. The assets of the consolidated variable interest entities are generally offset by liabilities for which the fair value option has been elected. For further information on these consolidated variable interest entities, see Note 5 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

Commercial Mortgage and Other Loans

Our asset management operations include our commercial mortgage operations, which provide mortgage origination, asset management and servicing for our general account, institutional clients, and government sponsored entities such as Fannie Mae, the Federal Housing Administration and Freddie Mac.

The mortgage loans of our commercial mortgage operations are included in “Commercial mortgage and other loans,” with related derivatives and other hedging instruments primarily included in “Other trading account assets” and “Other long-term investments.”

Other Long-Term Investments

Other long-term investments primarily include strategic investments made as part of our asset management operations. We make these strategic investments in real estate, as well as fixed income, public equity and real estate securities, including controlling interests. Certain of these investments are made primarily for purposes of co-investment in our managed funds and structured products. Other strategic investments are made with the intention to sell or syndicate to investors, including our general account, or for placement in funds and structured products that we offer and manage (seed investments). As part of our asset management operations, we also make loans to our managed funds that are secured by equity commitments from investors or assets of the funds. Other long-term investments also include certain assets in consolidated investment funds where the Company is deemed to exercise control over the funds.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

This section supplements, and should be read in conjunction with, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources” included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Overview

Liquidity refers to the ability to generate sufficient cash resources to meet the payment obligations of the Company. Capital refers to the long-term financial resources available to support the operations of our businesses, fund business growth, and provide a cushion to withstand adverse circumstances. Our ability to generate and maintain sufficient liquidity and capital depends on the profitability of our businesses, general economic conditions and our access to the capital markets and the alternate sources of liquidity and capital described herein.

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Effective and prudent liquidity and capital management is a priority across the organization. Management monitors the liquidity of Prudential Financial and its subsidiaries on a daily basis and projects borrowing and capital needs over a multi-year time horizon through our periodic planning process. We believe that cash flows from the sources of funds available to us are sufficient to satisfy the current liquidity requirements of Prudential Financial and its subsidiaries, including under reasonably foreseeable stress scenarios. We have a capital management framework in place that governs the allocation of capital and approval of capital uses. We also employ a Capital Protection Framework to ensure the availability of capital resources to maintain adequate capitalization on a consolidated basis and competitive risk-based capital (“RBC”) ratios and solvency margins for our insurance subsidiaries under various stress scenarios.

Prudential Financial is a non-bank financial company (a “Designated Financial Company”) under Dodd-Frank. As a Designated Financial Company, Prudential Financial is subject to supervision and examination by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and to stricter prudential regulatory standards, which include or will include requirements and limitations (many of which are the subject of ongoing rule-making) relating to capital, leverage, liquidity, stress-testing, overall risk management, resolution and recovery plans, credit exposure reporting, early remediation, management interlocks and credit concentration. They may also include additional standards regarding enhanced public disclosure, short-term debt limits and other related subjects. In addition, the FSB has identified the Company as a G-SII. For information on these actions and their potential impact on us, see “Business—Regulation” and “Risk Factors” included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

During the three months ended March 31, 2016, we took the following significant actions that impacted our liquidity and capital position:

• We obtained additional financing for Guideline AXXX reserves by increasing the amount outstanding under a captive financing facility by \$140 million; and

• We repurchased \$375 million of shares of our Common Stock and declared aggregate Common Stock dividends of \$316 million.

Capital

The primary components of the Company’s capitalization consist of equity and outstanding capital debt, including junior subordinated debt. As shown in the table below, as of March 31, 2016, the Company had \$41.8 billion in capital, all of which was available to support the aggregate capital requirements of its divisions and its Corporate and Other operations. Based on our assessment of these businesses and operations, we believe this level of capital is consistent with our ratings targets.

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015(1)
	(in millions)	
Equity(2)	\$30,176	\$ 29,605
Junior subordinated debt (i.e., hybrid securities)	5,813	5,811
Other capital debt	5,820	6,069
Total capital	\$41,809	\$ 41,485

(1) Prior period has been revised to conform to current period presentation due to the adoption ASU 2015-03 regarding debt issuance costs. For more information, see Note 2 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

(2) Amounts attributable to Prudential Financial, excluding AOCI.

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The decrease in other capital debt from December 31, 2015, primarily reflects a senior debt maturity, which was previously utilized to meet capital requirements of our businesses.

We manage Prudential Insurance, Prudential of Japan, Gibraltar Life, and our other domestic and international insurance subsidiaries to regulatory capital levels consistent with our “AA” ratings targets. We utilize the RBC ratio as a primary measure of the capital adequacy of our domestic insurance subsidiaries and the solvency margin ratio as a primary measure of the capital adequacy of our international insurance subsidiaries.

The table below presents the RBC ratios of our most significant domestic insurance subsidiaries as of December 31, 2015, the most recent statutory fiscal year-end and RBC reporting date for these subsidiaries.

	Ratio(1)	
Prudential Insurance(2)	484	%
Prudential Annuities Life Assurance Corporation (“PALAC”)	550	%

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(1) The RBC ratio calculations are intended to assist insurance regulators in measuring an insurer's solvency and ability to pay future claims. The reporting of RBC measures is not intended for the purpose of ranking any insurance company or for use in connection with any marketing, advertising or promotional activities, but is available to the public.

(2) Includes Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company ("PRIAC"), Pruco Life Insurance Company ("Pruco Life"), Pruco Life Insurance Company of New Jersey ("PLNJ"), a subsidiary of Pruco Life, and Prudential Legacy Insurance Company of New Jersey ("PLIC").

The table below presents the solvency margin ratios of our most significant international insurance subsidiaries as of December 31, 2015, the most recent date for which this information is available.

	Ratio
Prudential of Japan	877 %
Gibraltar Life consolidated(1)	929 %

(1) Includes Prudential Gibraltar Financial Life Insurance Co., Ltd. ("PGFL"), a subsidiary of Gibraltar Life.

All of our domestic and international insurance subsidiaries have capital levels that substantially exceed the minimum level required by applicable insurance regulations.

We evaluate the regulatory capital of our domestic and international insurance operations under reasonably foreseeable stress scenarios and believe we have adequate resources to maintain our capital levels comfortably above regulatory requirements under these scenarios. For further information on the calculation of RBC and solvency margin ratios, as well as regulatory minimums, see Note 15 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Capital Protection Framework

We employ a "Capital Protection Framework" (the "Framework") to ensure that sufficient capital resources are available to maintain adequate capitalization on a consolidated basis and competitive RBC ratios and solvency margins for our insurance subsidiaries under various stress scenarios. The Framework incorporates the potential impacts from market related stresses, including equity markets, real estate, interest rates, credit losses, and foreign currency exchange rates. In evaluating these potential impacts, we assess risk holistically at the enterprise level, recognizing that our business mix may produce results that partially offset on a net basis. The Framework addresses the potential capital consequences, under stress scenarios, of certain of these net risks and the strategies we use to mitigate them, including the following:

- Equity market exposure affecting the statutory capital of the Company as a whole, which we manage through our equity hedge program and on-balance sheet and contingent sources of capital;

- Our decision to manage a portion of our interest rate risk internally, on a net basis, at an enterprise level. In implementing this strategy, we execute intercompany derivative transactions between our Corporate and Other operations and certain business segments. We limit our exposure to the resulting net interest rate risk at the enterprise level through options embedded in our hedging strategy that may be exercised if interest rates decline below certain thresholds. During the first quarter of 2016, we replaced a portion of these intercompany derivatives with external derivatives and expect to manage this interest rate risk within the business segments in the future. The results of this strategy are described under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Corporate and Other"; and

Activities of our business segments, including those for which specific risk mitigation strategies have been implemented, such as our living benefits hedging program that covers certain risks associated with our variable annuity products.

We periodically recalibrate our hedging strategies in response to changing market conditions. The Framework accommodates periodic volatility within ranges that we deem acceptable, while also providing for additional potential sources of capital, including on-balance sheet capital, derivatives, and contingent sources of capital. Although we continue to enhance our approach, we believe we currently have access to sufficient resources to maintain adequate capitalization and competitive RBC ratios and solvency margins under a range of potential stress scenarios.

Captive Reinsurance Companies

See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Capital—Captive Reinsurance Companies” included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, for a discussion of our use of captive reinsurance companies.

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Effective April 1, 2016, we recaptured the risks related to our variable annuity living benefit riders and retirement products that were previously reinsured to Pruco Re and began managing all of these product risks in certain of our domestic life insurance entities. This transaction allows us to manage the capital and liquidity risks of these products more efficiently by aggregating the risks and the assets supporting the risks in the same entities. We expect this to reduce the capital volatility associated with our Individual Annuities business.

Shareholder Distributions

Share Repurchase Program and Shareholder Dividends

In December 2015, our Board of Directors (“the Board”) authorized the Company to repurchase at management’s discretion up to \$1.5 billion of its outstanding Common Stock during the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Effective January 1, 2016, this authorization superseded the Company’s previous \$1.0 billion share repurchase authorization that was announced in June 2015, covering the period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The timing and amount of share repurchases will be determined by management based on market conditions and other considerations, including any increased capital needs of our businesses due to, among other things, changes in regulatory capital requirements and opportunities for growth and acquisitions. Repurchases may be effected in the open market, through derivative, accelerated repurchase and other negotiated transactions and through plans designed to comply with Rule 10b5-1(c) under the Exchange Act. The following table sets forth information about declarations of Common Stock dividends, as well as repurchases of shares of Prudential Financial’s Common Stock, for the three months ended March 31, 2016.

	Dividend Amount	Shares Repurchased	
Three months ended:	Per Share	Aggregate Shares	Total Cost
	(in millions, except per share data)		
March 31, 2016	\$0.70	\$ 316 5.4	\$ 375

As a Designated Financial Company under Dodd-Frank, Prudential Financial expects to be subject to stricter requirements and limitations regarding capital, leverage and liquidity. Our compliance with these and other requirements under Dodd-Frank could limit our ability to pay Common Stock dividends and repurchase shares in the future.

Liquidity

The principles of our liquidity management framework are described in an enterprise-wide Liquidity Policy that is reviewed and approved by the Board. Liquidity management and stress testing are performed on a legal entity basis as the ability to transfer funds between subsidiaries is limited due in part to regulatory restrictions. Liquidity needs are determined through daily and quarterly cash flow forecasting at the holding company and within our operating subsidiaries. A minimum cash balance of at least \$1.3 billion is targeted to ensure that adequate liquidity is available at Prudential Financial to cover fixed expenses in the event that we experience reduced cash flows from our operating subsidiaries at a time when access to capital markets is also not available. This targeted minimum balance is reviewed and approved annually by the Board.

We seek to mitigate the risk of having limited or no access to financing due to stressed market conditions by generally pre-funding capital debt in advance of maturity. We mitigate the refinancing risk associated with our debt that is used to fund operating needs by matching the term of debt with the assets financed. To ensure adequate liquidity in stress scenarios, stress testing is performed for our major operating subsidiaries. We seek to further mitigate liquidity risk by

maintaining our access to alternative sources of liquidity, as discussed below.

Liquidity of Prudential Financial

The principal sources of funds available to Prudential Financial, the parent holding company, are dividends and returns of capital from subsidiaries, repayments of operating loans from subsidiaries and cash and short-term investments. These sources of funds may be supplemented by Prudential Financial's access to the capital markets as well as the "—Alternative Sources of Liquidity" described below.

The primary uses of funds at Prudential Financial include servicing debt, paying operating expenses, making capital contributions and loans to subsidiaries, paying declared shareholder dividends and repurchasing outstanding shares of Common Stock executed under authority from the Board.

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As of March 31, 2016, Prudential Financial had highly liquid assets consisting of cash, short-term investments and U.S. Treasury fixed maturities with a carrying value totaling \$14,310 million, an increase of \$3,206 million from December 31, 2015. We maintain an intercompany liquidity account that is designed to optimize the use of cash by facilitating the lending and borrowing of funds between Prudential Financial and its subsidiaries on a daily basis. Excluding net borrowings from this intercompany liquidity account, Prudential Financial had highly liquid assets of \$4,142 million as of March 31, 2016, a decrease of \$920 million from December 31, 2015.

The following table sets forth Prudential Financial's principal sources and uses of highly liquid assets, excluding net borrowings from our intercompany liquidity account, for the period indicated.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 (in millions)
Sources:	
Dividends and/or returns of capital from subsidiaries(1)	\$ 671
Proceeds from stock-based compensation and exercise of stock options	63
Total sources	734
Uses:	
Share repurchases(2)	357
Common stock dividends(3)	318
Maturities of long-term senior debt, excluding retail medium term notes	250
Net payments under intercompany loan agreements(4)	240
Capital contributions to subsidiaries(5)	218
Interest paid on external debt	112
Other, net	159
Total uses	1,654
Net increase (decrease) in highly liquid assets	\$ (920)

(1) Includes dividends and/or returns of capital of \$515 million from asset management subsidiaries, \$143 million from international insurance subsidiaries and \$13 million from Prudential Annuities Holding Company.

(2) Excludes \$18 million related to trades that settled in April 2016.

(3) Includes cash payments made on dividends declared in prior periods.

(4) Includes net receipts from subsidiaries of \$264 million from the issuance of notes to international insurance subsidiaries, offset by net borrowings of \$350 million by Prudential Universal Reinsurance Company and \$154 million by asset management subsidiaries.

(5) Includes capital contributions of \$178 million to international insurance subsidiaries (\$159 million of which was related to our indirect investment in AFP Habitat), \$35 million to Pruco Re and \$5 million to other subsidiaries.

Restrictions on Dividends and Returns of Capital from Subsidiaries

Our insurance companies are subject to limitations on the payment of dividends and other transfers of funds to Prudential Financial and other affiliates under applicable insurance law and regulation. In the United States, dividends above thresholds calculated under applicable insurance laws are considered "extraordinary" and require the approval of the relevant state insurance regulator. Also, more generally, the payment of dividends by any of our subsidiaries is subject to declaration by their Board of Directors and can be affected by market conditions and other factors. See Note

15 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, for details on specific dividend restrictions.

Domestic insurance subsidiaries. Prudential Insurance is permitted to pay ordinary dividends based on calculations specified under New Jersey insurance law, subject to prior notification to the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance (“NJDOBI”). Any distributions above this amount in any twelve month period are considered to be “extraordinary” dividends, and the approval of NJDOBI is required prior to payment. The laws regulating dividends of the states where our other domestic insurance companies are domiciled are similar, but not identical, to New Jersey’s.

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International insurance subsidiaries. Capital redeployment from our international insurance subsidiaries is subject to local regulatory requirements in the international jurisdictions in which they operate. Our most significant international insurance subsidiaries, Prudential of Japan and Gibraltar Life, are permitted to pay common stock dividends based on calculations specified by Japanese insurance law, subject to prior notification to the Financial Services Agency (“FSA”). Dividends in excess of these amounts and other forms of capital distribution require the prior approval of the FSA. In addition to paying common stock dividends, International Insurance operations may return capital to Prudential Financial through other means, such as the repayment of subordinated debt or preferred stock obligations held by Prudential Financial or other affiliates. During the first three months of 2016, Prudential of Korea paid a dividend of 35.0 billion, or approximately \$30 million, to its parent, Prudential International Insurance Holding Ltd., which was ultimately sent to Prudential Financial.

Other subsidiaries. The ability of our asset management subsidiaries and the majority of our other operating subsidiaries to pay dividends is largely unrestricted from a regulatory standpoint.

Liquidity of Insurance Subsidiaries

We manage the liquidity of our insurance operations to ensure stable, reliable and cost-effective sources of cash flows to meet all of our obligations. Liquidity within each of our insurance subsidiaries is provided by a variety of sources, including portfolios of liquid assets. The investment portfolios of our subsidiaries are integral to the overall liquidity of our insurance operations. We segment our investment portfolios and employ an asset/liability management approach specific to the requirements of each of our product lines. This enhances the discipline applied in managing the liquidity, as well as the interest rate and credit risk profiles, of each portfolio in a manner consistent with the unique characteristics of the product liabilities.

Liquidity is measured against internally-developed benchmarks that take into account the characteristics of both the asset portfolio and the liabilities that they support. We consider attributes of the various categories of liquid assets (for example, type of asset and credit quality) in calculating internal liquidity measures to evaluate our insurance operations’ liquidity under various stress scenarios, including company-specific and market-wide events. We continue to believe that cash generated by ongoing operations and the liquidity profile of our assets provide sufficient liquidity under reasonably foreseeable stress scenarios for each of our insurance subsidiaries.

The principal sources of liquidity for our insurance subsidiaries are premiums, investment and fee income, and investment maturities and sales associated with our insurance and annuity operations, as well as internal and external borrowings. The principal uses of that liquidity include benefits, claims and dividends paid to policyholders, and payments to policyholders and contractholders in connection with surrenders, withdrawals and net policy loan activity. Other uses of liquidity include commissions, general and administrative expenses, purchases of investments, the payment of dividends to the parent holding company, hedging activity and payments in connection with financing activities.

The following table sets forth the fair value of certain of our domestic insurance operations’ portfolio of liquid assets, including cash and short-term investments, fixed maturity investments other than those designated as held-to-maturity, classified by NAIC or equivalent rating, and public equity securities, as of the dates indicated.

	March 31, 2016					December 31, 2015
	Prudential Insurance	PLIC	PRIAC	Other(1)	Total	
	(in billions)					
Cash and short-term investments	\$4.3	\$2.5	\$1.0	\$0.8	\$8.6	\$10.3
Fixed maturity investments:						

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High or highest quality	93.3	33.8	18.6	9.4	155.1	147.5
Other than high or highest quality	6.3	3.8	1.9	0.7	12.7	12.3
Subtotal	99.6	37.6	20.5	10.1	167.8	159.8
Public equity securities	0.2	2.7	0.0	0.1	3.0	3.2
Total	\$104.1	\$42.8	\$21.5	\$11.0	\$179.4	\$173.3

(1) Includes PALAC and Pruco Life.

The following table sets forth the fair value of our international insurance operations' portfolio of liquid assets, including cash and short-term investments, fixed maturity investments other than those designated as held-to-maturity, classified by NAIC or equivalent rating, and public equity securities, as of the dates indicated.

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	March 31, 2016				December 31, 2015
	Prudential of Japan (in billions)	Gibraltar Life(1)	All Other(2)	Total	
Cash and short-term investments	\$0.7	\$ 2.0	\$ 1.3	\$4.0	\$ 3.5
Fixed maturity investments:					
High or highest quality(3)	34.5	86.6	16.5	137.6	123.8
Other than high or highest quality	0.6	2.4	0.8	3.8	3.3
Subtotal	35.1	89.0	17.3	141.4	127.1
Public equity securities	1.7	2.3	0.6	4.6	4.6
Total	\$37.5	\$ 93.3	\$ 19.2	\$150.0	\$ 135.2

(1) Includes PGFL.

(2) Represents our international insurance operations, excluding Japan.

Of the \$137.6 billion of fixed maturity investments that are not designated as held-to-maturity and considered high (3) or highest quality as of March 31, 2016, \$99.7 billion, or 72%, were invested in government or government agency bonds.

Liquidity associated with other activities

Hedging activities associated with living benefit guarantees

Through March 31, 2016, we reinsured living benefit guarantees on certain variable annuity and retirement products from certain of our domestic statutory life insurance entities to Pruco Re, which is the legal entity in which we executed our living benefit hedging program. Effective April 1, 2016, we recaptured these guarantees and began managing all of these product risks and any related liquidity needs in certain of our domestic statutory life insurance entities. As part of the living benefit hedging program, we enter into a range of exchange-traded, cleared and other OTC equity and interest rate derivatives to hedge certain living benefit features accounted for as embedded derivatives against changes in certain capital market conditions such as interest rates and equity index levels. For a full discussion of our living benefits hedging program, see “—Results of Operations by Segment—U.S. Retirement Solutions and Investment Management Division—Individual Annuities.” The living benefit hedging program requires access to liquidity to meet its payment obligations, such as payments for periodic settlements, purchases, maturities and terminations. These liquidity needs can vary materially due to, among other items, changes in interest rates, equity markets, mortality and policyholder behavior. Through March 31, 2016, we funded these liquidity needs within Pruco Re through a combination of Pruco Re’s available resources and loans from Prudential Financial and other affiliates.

The living benefits hedging activity may also result in collateral postings on derivatives to or from counterparties. The net collateral position depends on changes in interest rates and equity markets related to the amount of the exposures hedged. Depending on market conditions, the collateral posting requirements can result in material liquidity needs. Also, certain derivatives entered into on or after June 10, 2013, are subject to mandatory clearing requirements under Dodd-Frank and, as a result, typically have additional collateral requirements. As of March 31, 2016, the living benefit hedging derivatives were in a net receive position of \$7.4 billion compared to a net receive position of \$4.8 billion as of December 31, 2015. The change in collateral position was primarily driven by a decrease in interest rates.

Foreign exchange hedging activities

We employ various hedging strategies to manage potential exposure to foreign currency exchange rate movements, particularly those associated with the yen. Our overall yen hedging strategy calibrates the hedge level to preserve the

relative contribution of our yen-based business to the Company's overall return on equity on a leverage neutral basis. The hedging strategy includes two primary components:

Income Hedges—We hedge a portion of our prospective yen-based earnings streams by entering into external forward currency derivative contracts that effectively fix the currency exchange rates for that portion of earnings, thereby reducing volatility from foreign currency exchange rate movements. As of March 31, 2016, we have hedged 100%, 84% and 40% of expected international-based earnings for 2016, 2017 and 2018, respectively.

Equity Hedges—We hold both internal and external hedges primarily to hedge our U.S. dollar-equivalent equity. These hedges also mitigate volatility in the solvency margins of yen-based subsidiaries resulting from changes in the market value of their U.S. dollar-denominated investments hedging our U.S. dollar-equivalent equity attributable to changes in the yen-U.S. dollar exchange rate.

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For additional information on our hedging strategy, see “—Results of Operations by Segment—International Insurance Division.”

Cash settlements from these hedging activities result in cash flows between subsidiaries of Prudential Financial and either yen-based subsidiaries or external parties. The cash flows are dependent on changes in foreign currency exchange rates and the notional amount of the exposures hedged. For example, a significant yen depreciation over an extended period of time could result in net cash inflows, while a significant yen appreciation could result in net cash outflows. The following tables set forth information about net cash settlements and the net asset or liability resulting from these hedging activities.

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
Cash Settlements:	2016	2015
	(in millions)	
Income Hedges (External)(1)	\$36	\$83
Equity Hedges:		
Internal	90	238
External	72	(63)
Total Equity Hedges	162	175
Total Cash Settlements	\$198	\$258

	As of MarchDecember 31, 31,	
Assets/Liabilities:	2016	2015
	(in millions)	
Income Hedges (External)(2)	\$1	\$162
Equity Hedges:		
Internal	174	964
External	584	699
Total Equity Hedges(3)	758	1,663
Total Assets/Liabilities	\$759	\$1,825

(1) Includes Korean won related cash settlements of \$5 million and \$(2) million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

(2) Includes a Korean won related asset of \$12 million and \$29 million as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

As of March 31, 2016, approximately 48%, 1% and 51% of the net asset is scheduled to settle in the remainder of (3) 2016, 2017 and thereafter, respectively. The net market value of the assets/liabilities will vary with changing market conditions to the extent there are no corresponding offsetting positions.

Asset Management operations

The principal sources of liquidity for our fee-based asset management businesses include asset management fees and commercial mortgage origination and servicing fees. The principal uses of liquidity include general and administrative expenses and distributions of dividends and returns of capital to Prudential Financial. The primary liquidity risks for our fee-based asset management businesses relate to their profitability, which is impacted by market conditions and our investment management performance. We believe the cash flows from our fee-based asset management businesses

are adequate to satisfy the current liquidity requirements of these operations, as well as requirements that could arise under reasonably foreseeable stress scenarios, which are monitored through the use of internal measures.

The principal sources of liquidity for our strategic investments held in our asset management businesses are cash flows from investments, the ability to liquidate investments, and available borrowing lines from internal sources, including Prudential Financial and Prudential Funding, LLC (“Prudential Funding”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Prudential Insurance. The primary liquidity risks include the inability to sell assets in a timely manner, declines in the value of assets and credit defaults. There have been no material changes to the liquidity position of our asset management operations since December 31, 2015.

Alternative Sources of Liquidity

In addition to asset-based financing as discussed below, Prudential Financial and certain subsidiaries have access to other sources of liquidity, including membership in the Federal Home Loan Banks, commercial paper programs, a committed credit facility and a put option agreement. See Note 9 to our Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for details on these programs.

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Asset-based Financing

We conduct asset-based or secured financing within our insurance and other subsidiaries, including transactions such as securities lending, repurchase agreements and mortgage dollar rolls, to earn spread income, to borrow funds, or to facilitate trading activity. These programs are primarily driven by portfolio holdings of securities that are lendable based on counterparty demand for these securities in the marketplace. The collateral received in connection with these programs is primarily used to purchase securities in the short-term spread portfolios of our insurance entities. Investments held in the short-term spread portfolios include cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, mortgage loans and fixed maturities, including mortgage- and asset-backed securities, with a weighted average life at time of purchase by the short-term portfolios of four years or less. Floating rate assets comprise the majority of our short-term spread portfolio. These short-term portfolios are subject to specific investment policy statements, which among other things, do not allow for significant asset/liability interest rate duration mismatch.

The following table sets forth our liabilities under asset-based or secured financing programs as of the dates indicated.

	March 31, 2016			December 31, 2015		
	PFI			PFI		
	Excluding Closed			Excluding Closed		
	Closed Block			Closed Block		
	Consolidated			Consolidated		
	Block Division			Block Division		
	Division			Division		
	(\$ in millions)					
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	\$5,483	\$ 2,874	\$ 8,357	\$5,421	\$ 2,461	\$ 7,882
Cash collateral for loaned securities	2,355	1,697	4,052	2,095	1,401	3,496
Securities sold but not yet purchased	2	0	2	2	0	2
Total(1)	\$7,840	\$ 4,571	\$ 12,411	\$7,518	\$ 3,862	\$ 11,380
Portion of above securities that may be returned to the Company overnight requiring immediate return of the cash collateral(2)	\$2,999	\$ 2,622	\$ 5,621	\$5,574	\$ 2,117	\$ 7,691
Weighted average maturity, in days(3)	7	25		8	17	

(1) The daily weighted average outstanding balance for the three months ended March 31, 2016, was \$8,009 million for PFI excluding the Closed Block division, and \$4,628 million for the Closed Block division.

(2) Amount for PFI excluding the Closed Block division as of December 31, 2015, includes \$2,256 million of securities that had a term greater than one day due to the timing of the January 1, 2016, holiday.

(3) Excludes securities that may be returned to the Company overnight.

As of March 31, 2016, our domestic insurance entities had assets eligible for the asset-based or secured financing programs of \$107.1 billion, of which \$12.4 billion were on loan. Taking into account market conditions and outstanding loan balances as of March 31, 2016, we believe approximately \$14.6 billion of the remaining eligible assets are readily lendable, including approximately \$11.2 billion relating to PFI excluding the Closed Block division, of which \$1.8 billion relates to certain separate accounts and may only be used for financing activities related to those accounts, and the remaining \$3.4 billion relating to the Closed Block division.

Financing Activities

As of March 31, 2016, total short-term and long-term debt of the Company on a consolidated basis was \$20.6 billion, a decrease of \$233 million from December 31, 2015. The following table sets forth total consolidated borrowings of the Company as of the dates indicated. We may, from time to time, seek to redeem or repurchase our outstanding debt

securities through open market purchases, individually negotiated transactions or otherwise. Any such repurchases will depend on prevailing market conditions, our liquidity position and other factors.

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Borrowings:	March 31, 2016			December 31, 2015(1)		
	Prudential Financial (in millions)	Subsidiaries	Consolidated	Prudential Financial	Subsidiaries	Consolidated
General obligation short-term debt:						
Commercial paper	\$72	\$ 397	\$ 469	\$80	\$ 384	\$ 464
Current portion of long-term debt and other	500	0	500	751	1	752
Subtotal	572	397	969	831	385	1,216
General obligation long-term debt:						
Senior debt	10,540	1,327	11,867	10,543	1,323	11,866
Junior subordinated debt	5,813	0	5,813	5,811	0	5,811
Surplus notes	0	1,338	1,338	0	1,352	1,352
Subtotal	16,353	2,665	19,018	16,354	2,675	19,029
Total general obligations	16,925	3,062	19,987	17,185	3,060	20,245
Limited recourse borrowing(2)(3):						
Long-term debt	0	590	590	0	565	565
Total limited recourse borrowings	0	590	590	0	565	565
Total borrowings	\$16,925	\$ 3,652	\$ 20,577	\$17,185	\$ 3,625	\$ 20,810

(1) Prior period has been revised to conform to current period presentation due to the adoption ASU 2015-03 regarding debt issuance costs. For more information, see Note 2 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

(2) Amounts are net of assets under set-off arrangements of \$5,040 million and \$4,889 million as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

(3) Limited and non-recourse borrowing primarily represents mortgage debt of our subsidiaries that has recourse only to real estate investment property.

As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, we were in compliance with all debt covenants related to the borrowings in the table above. For further information on our short- and long-term debt obligations, see Note 9 to our Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements contained herein and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources” included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Prudential Financial’s borrowings decreased \$260 million from December 31, 2015, primarily driven by the maturity of \$250 million of medium-term notes. Borrowings of our subsidiaries increased \$27 million from December 31, 2015.

Term and Universal Life Reserve Financing

We use captive reinsurance subsidiaries to finance the portion of the statutory reserves required to be held by our domestic life insurance companies under Regulation XXX and Guideline AXXX that we consider to be non-economic. The financing arrangements involve the reinsurance of term and universal life business to our captive reinsurers and the issuance of surplus notes by those captives that are treated as capital for statutory purposes. These surplus notes are subordinated to policyholder obligations, and the payment of principal on the surplus notes may only be made with prior insurance regulatory approval.

To date, we have entered into agreements with external counterparties providing for the issuance of up to an aggregate of \$8,850 million of surplus notes by our captive reinsurers in return for the receipt of credit-linked notes (“Credit-Linked Note Structures”). Under the agreements, the captive receives in exchange for the surplus notes one or more credit-linked notes issued by a special-purpose affiliate of the Company with an aggregate principal amount

equal to the surplus notes outstanding. The captive holds the credit-linked notes as assets supporting Regulation XXX or Guideline AXXX non-economic reserves, as applicable. As of March 31, 2016, an aggregate of \$6,640 million of surplus notes was outstanding under our Credit-Linked Note Structures, reflecting an increase of \$140 million since December 31, 2015. For more information on our Credit-Linked Note Structures, see “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Financing Activities” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

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The following table summarizes our Credit-Linked Note Structures, which are reported on a net basis, as of March 31, 2016.

Credit-Linked Note Structures:	Surplus Notes		Outstanding as of March 31, 2016	Facility Size
	Original Issue Dates	Maturity Dates		
	(\$ in millions)			
XXX	2011-2014	2021-2024	\$1,750 (1)	\$2,000
AXXX	2013	2033	2,240	3,500
XXX	2014	2034	1,600 (1)(2)	1,600
XXX	2014	2024	1,050	1,750
Total Credit-Linked Note Structures			\$6,640	\$8,850

(1) Prudential Financial has agreed to reimburse any amounts paid under the credit-linked notes issued in these structures.

(2) The \$1.6 billion surplus note represents an intercompany transaction that eliminates upon consolidation.

As of March 31, 2016, we also had outstanding an aggregate of \$3.4 billion of debt issued for the purpose of financing Regulation XXX and Guideline AXXX non-economic reserves, of which approximately \$1.5 billion relates to Regulation XXX reserves and approximately \$1.9 billion relates to Guideline AXXX reserves, all of which was issued directly by or guaranteed by Prudential Financial. Under certain of the financing arrangements pursuant to which this debt was issued, Prudential Financial has agreed to make capital contributions to the applicable captive reinsurance subsidiary to reimburse it for investment losses or to maintain its capital above prescribed minimum levels. In addition, as of March 31, 2016, for purposes of financing Guideline AXXX reserves, our captives had outstanding approximately \$4.0 billion of surplus notes that were issued to affiliates.

In December 2014, the NAIC adopted a new actuarial guideline, known as “AG 48”, that requires us to hold cash and rated securities in greater amounts than we previously held to support economic reserves for certain of our term and universal life policies. The additional asset requirement for 2015 of approximately \$400 million was funded during the first quarter of 2016 with a combination of existing assets and newly purchased assets sourced from affiliated financing. While we continue to work with regulators and industry participants on potential long-term solutions, we believe we have sufficient internal resources to finance the additional asset requirement through 2016.

Ratings

See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Ratings” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, for a discussion of our financial strength and credit ratings and their impact on our business. There have been no significant changes or actions in our ratings or rating outlooks since January 1, 2016, through the date of this filing.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

Guarantees and Other Contingencies

In the course of our business, we provide certain guarantees and indemnities to third parties pursuant to which we may be contingently required to make payments in the future. See “Commitments and Guarantees” within Note 15 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

Other Contingent Commitments

We also have other commitments, some of which are contingent upon events or circumstances not under our control, including those at the discretion of our counterparties. See “Commitments and Guarantees” within Note 15 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding these commitments. For further discussion of certain of these commitments that relate to our separate accounts, also see “—Liquidity—Liquidity associated with other activities—Asset Management operations.”

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Other Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

In November 2013, we entered into a put option agreement with a Delaware trust that gives Prudential Financial the right, at any time over a ten-year period, to issue up to \$1.5 billion of senior notes to the trust in return for principal and interest strips of U.S. Treasury securities that are held by the trust. See Note 9 to our Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for more information on this put option agreement. In 2014, Prudential Financial entered into financing transactions, pursuant to which it issued \$500 million of limited recourse notes and, in return, obtained \$500 million of asset-backed notes from a Delaware master trust and ultimately contributed the asset-backed notes to its subsidiary, PRIAC. As of March 31, 2016, no principal payments have been received or are currently due on the asset-backed notes and, as a result, there was no payment obligation under the limited recourse notes. Accordingly, none of the notes are reflected in the Company's Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements as of that date.

Other than as described above, we do not have retained or contingent interests in assets transferred to unconsolidated entities, or variable interests in unconsolidated entities or other similar transactions, arrangements or relationships that serve as credit, liquidity or market risk support, that we believe are reasonably likely to have a material effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or our access to or requirements for capital resources. In addition, other than the agreements referred to above, we do not have relationships with any unconsolidated entities that are contractually limited to narrow activities that facilitate our transfer of or access to associated assets.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Market risk is the risk of fluctuations in the value of financial instruments as a result of absolute or relative changes in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, equity prices or commodity prices. To varying degrees, our products and services, and the investment activities supporting them, generate exposure to market risk. The market risk incurred, and our strategies for managing this risk, vary by product. There have been no material changes in our economic exposure to market risk from December 31, 2015, a description of which may be found in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2015, Item 7A, "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk," filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. See Item 1A, "Risk Factors" included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, for a discussion of how difficult conditions in the financial markets and the economy generally may materially adversely affect our business and results of our operations.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

In order to ensure that the information we must disclose in our filings with the SEC is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported on a timely basis, the Company's management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, have reviewed and evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e), as of March 31, 2016. Based on such evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of March 31, 2016, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective. No change in our internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f), occurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2016, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II—OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

See Note 15 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements under “—Litigation and Regulatory Matters” for a description of material pending litigation and regulatory matters affecting us, and certain risks to our businesses presented by such matters, which is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the risks described under “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015. These risks could materially affect our business, results of operations or financial condition, cause the trading price of our Common Stock to decline materially or cause our actual results to differ materially from those expected or those expressed in any forward looking statements made by or on behalf of the Company. These risks are not exclusive, and additional risks to which we are subject include, but are not limited to, the factors mentioned under “Forward-Looking Statements” above and the risks of our businesses described elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

(c) The following table provides information about purchases by the Company during the three months ended March 31, 2016, of its Common Stock:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased(1)	Average Price Paid of (per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part		Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet be Purchased under the Program(2)
			Publicly Announced Program(2)		
January 1, 2016 through January 31, 2016	1,744,686	\$ 71.69	1,743,682		
February 1, 2016 through February 29, 2016	2,460,519	\$ 64.29	1,925,316		
March 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016	1,738,146	\$ 72.02	1,735,685		
Total	5,943,351	\$ 68.72	5,404,683		\$1,125,000,000

(1) Includes shares of Common Stock withheld from participants for income tax withholding purposes whose shares of restricted stock units vested during the period. Such restricted stock units were originally issued to participants pursuant to the Prudential Financial, Inc. Omnibus Incentive Plan that was adopted by the Company’s Board of Directors in March 2003 (as subsequently amended and restated).

(2) In December 2015, Prudential Financial’s Board of Directors authorized the Company to repurchase at management’s discretion up to \$1.5 billion of its outstanding Common Stock from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Effective January 1, 2016, this authorization superseded the Company’s \$1.0 billion share repurchase authorization that was announced in June 2015, covering the period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

See accompanying Exhibit Index.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Prudential Financial, Inc.

By: /S/ ROBERT M. FALZON

Robert M. Falzon

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Authorized signatory and principal financial officer)

Date: May 6, 2016

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Annual Incentive Payment Criteria for Executive Officers (Effective for awards in 2016 in respect of 2015 and 10.1 for subsequent years). Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's February 9, 2016 Current Report on Form 8-K.

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Prudential Financial, Inc. will furnish upon request a copy of any exhibit listed above upon the payment of a reasonable fee covering the expense of furnishing the copy. Requests should be directed to:

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