

# Brighthouse Financial, Inc.

First Quarter 2021 Earnings Call Presentation



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For the reasons described above, we caution you against relying on any forward-looking statements, which should also be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements included and the risks, uncertainties and other factors identified in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020, particularly in the sections entitled “Risk Factors” and “Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk,” as well as in our other subsequent filings with the SEC. Further, any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as otherwise may be required by law.

## Non-GAAP financial information

This presentation also contains measures that are not calculated based on accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, also known as “GAAP.” Additional information regarding our use of non-GAAP financial information is included in the Appendix to these slides.

# Executive summary

## Financial results and drivers<sup>(1)</sup>

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- Estimated combined risk-based capital (RBC) ratio<sup>(2)</sup> between 500% and 520%; holding company liquid assets of \$1.6 billion
- Statutory combined total adjusted capital (TAC)<sup>(2)</sup> \$9.4 billion
- 1Q 2021 normalized statutory earnings<sup>(2)</sup> of \$0.1 billion
- Net investment income ~\$225 million above quarterly run-rate expectation primarily driven by 12.8% alternative investment yield in 1Q 2021<sup>(3)</sup>
- Underwriting margin ~\$90 million lower than quarterly run-rate expectation; includes ~\$45 million pre-tax net claims related to COVID-19 in 1Q 2021
- Corporate expenses ~\$10 million below quarterly run-rate expectation

## Common stock repurchases

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- The company repurchased \$68 million of common stock in 1Q 2021; additional \$55 million repurchased, on a trade date basis, through May 7, 2021

# Net income (loss) available to shareholders; adjusted earnings; adjusted earnings, less notable items

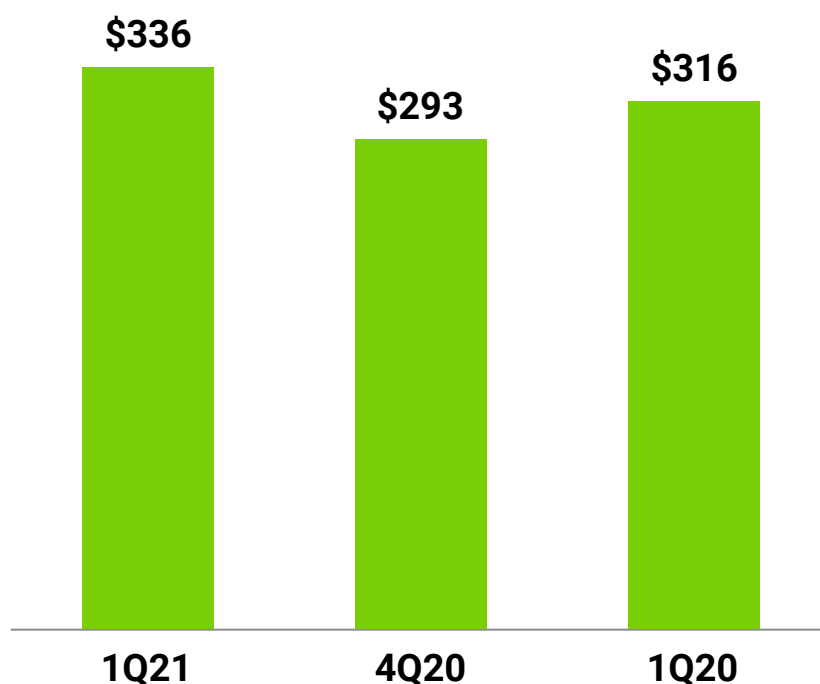
(\$ in millions, except per share)	For the Three Months Ended					
	March 31, 2021		December 31, 2020		March 31, 2020	
	Total	Per share <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	Per share <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	Per share <sup>(1)</sup>
Net income (loss) available to shareholders	\$ (610)	\$ (6.96)	\$ (1,045)	\$ (11.69)	\$ 4,950	\$ 47.11
Adjusted earnings <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 385	\$ 4.36	\$ 189	\$ 2.10	\$ 211	\$ 2.01
<b>Notable items <sup>(3)</sup></b> (\$ in millions, except per share)						
Actuarial items and other adjustments	\$ 29	\$ 0.33	\$ 17	\$ 0.19	\$ 48	\$ 0.46
Establishment costs	\$ 14	\$ 0.16	\$ 32	\$ 0.35	\$ 14	\$ 0.13
Debt repayment costs	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 34	\$ 0.38	\$ —	\$ —
<b>Adjusted earnings, less notable items <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 428</b>	<b>\$ 4.86</b>	<b>\$ 272</b>	<b>\$ 3.03</b>	<b>\$ 273</b>	<b>\$ 2.60</b>

**Brighthouse** (1) Per share calculations are on a diluted basis and may not recalculate or foot due to rounding. For loss periods, dilutive shares were not included in the calculation as inclusion of such shares would have an anti-dilutive effect; (2) See the Appendix for non-GAAP financial information, definitions, and reconciliations; (3) Notable items reflect the negative (positive) after-tax impact to adjusted earnings of certain unanticipated items and events, as well as certain items and events that were anticipated, such as establishment costs. The presentation of notable items is intended to help investors better understand our results and to evaluate and forecast those results.

# Annuities

## Adjusted earnings, less notable items<sup>(1)</sup>

(\$ in millions)



## Highlights

- 8% increase in sales versus 1Q 2020
- On a quarter-over-quarter basis, results reflect:
  - Higher net investment income, higher fees and lower reserves
  - Partially offset by higher deferred acquisition costs ("DAC") amortization and higher expenses
- Sequential results reflect:
  - Higher net investment income and higher fees
  - Partially offset by higher reserves

## Key metrics

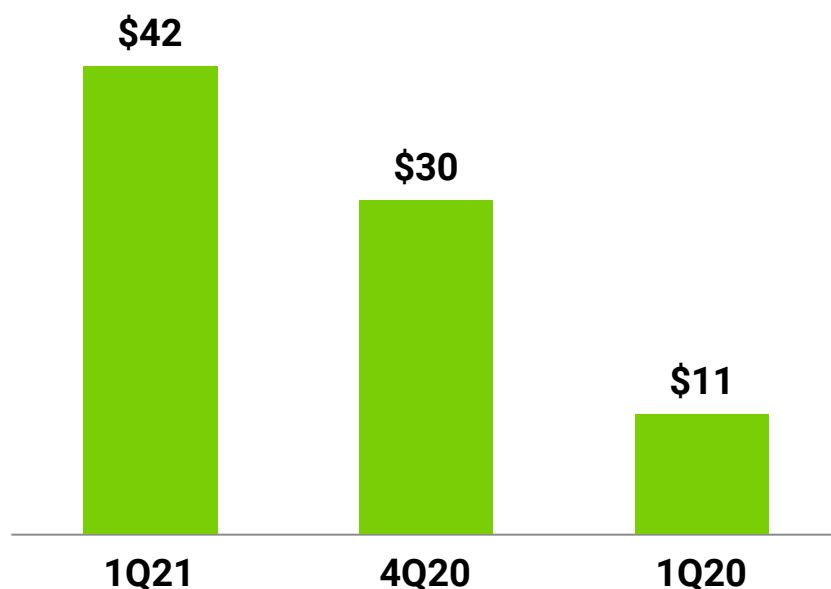
(\$ in millions)	For the Three Months Ended		
	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	March 31, 2020
Sales	\$2,132	\$2,951	\$1,969
Net flows	\$(824)	\$72	\$(919)
Account value	\$140,931	\$139,585	\$114,004
VA Separate account returns	2.93%	11.48%	(14.31)%

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# Life insurance

## Adjusted earnings, less notable items<sup>(1)</sup>

(\$ in millions)



## Highlights

- 44% increase in sales versus 1Q 2020
- On a quarter-over-quarter basis, results reflect:
  - Higher net investment income
  - Partially offset by a lower underwriting margin
- On a sequential basis, results reflect:
  - Higher net investment income

## Key metrics

(\$ in millions)	For the Three Months Ended		
	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	March 31, 2020
Sales	\$23	\$15	\$16
Account value	\$9,043	\$8,904	\$7,169
Life in-force, net of reinsurance <sup>(2)</sup>	\$341,631	\$343,534	\$352,071

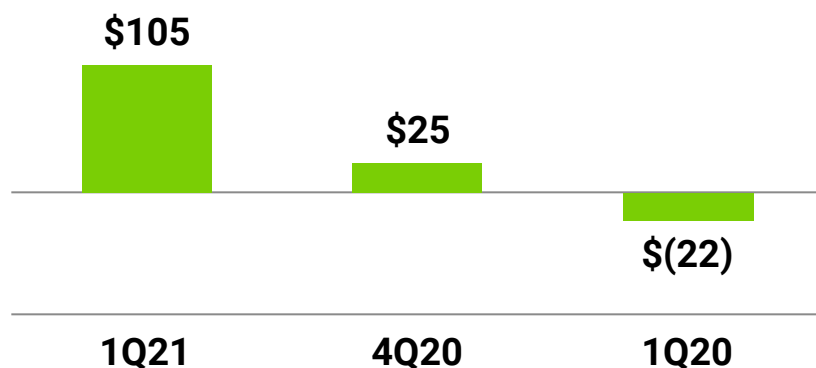
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# Run-off segment and Corporate & Other

## Run-off

### Adjusted earnings, less notable items<sup>(1)</sup>

(\$ in millions)



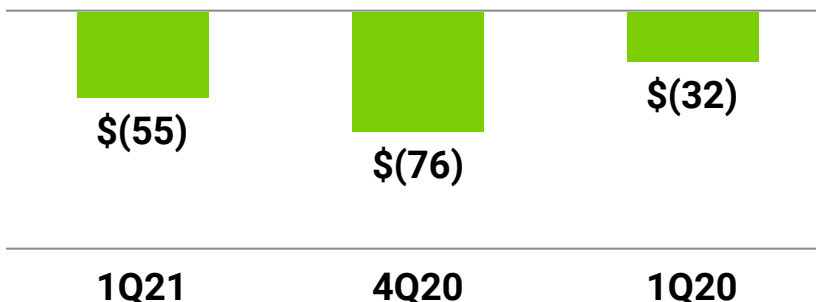
### Highlights

- On a quarter-over-quarter basis, results reflect:
  - Higher net investment income
- On a sequential basis, results reflect:
  - Higher net investment income and a higher underwriting margin

## Corporate & Other

### Adjusted earnings, less notable items<sup>(1)</sup>

(\$ in millions)



### Highlights

- On a quarter-over-quarter basis, results reflect:
  - Higher total preferred stock dividends
- On a sequential basis, results reflect:
  - Higher tax benefit and lower expenses
  - Partially offset by higher total preferred stock dividends

# Robust capital and liquidity position

## Capital position as of March 31, 2021

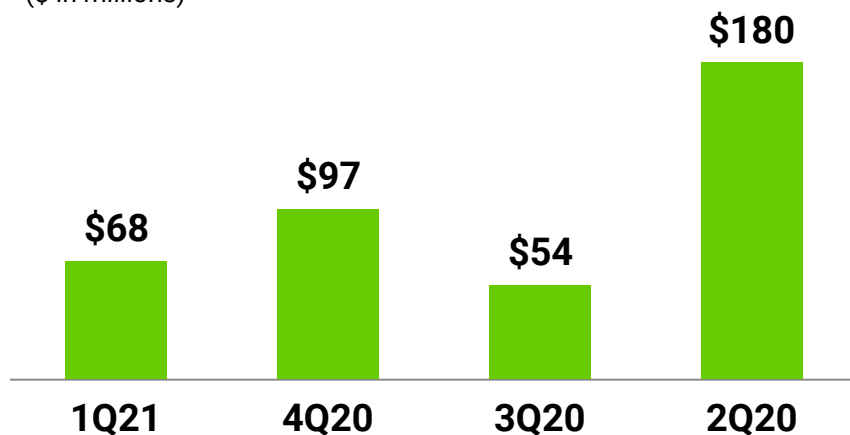
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- TAC<sup>(1)</sup> increased to \$9.4 billion
- Estimated combined RBC ratio<sup>(1)</sup> between 500% and 520%

## Common stock repurchases

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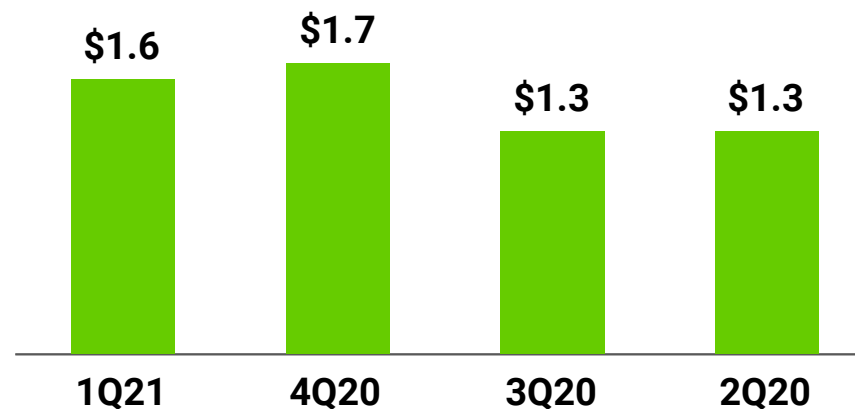
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## Holding company liquid assets

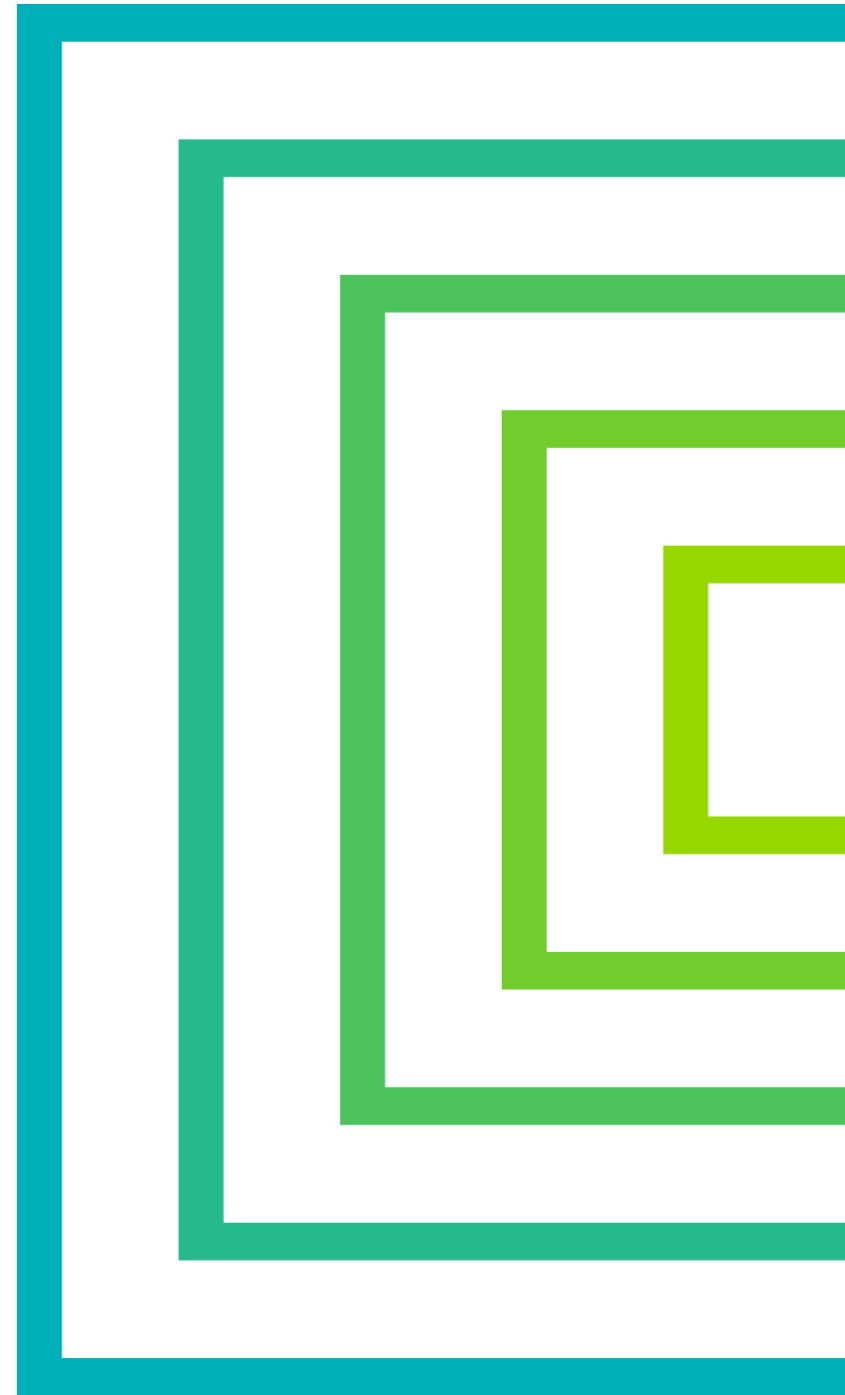
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(\$ in billions)





# Appendix



# Non-GAAP and Other Financial Disclosures

Our definitions of the non-GAAP and other financial measures may differ from those used by other companies.

## **Non-GAAP Financial Disclosures**

We present certain measures of our performance that are not calculated in accordance with GAAP. We believe that these non-GAAP financial measures highlight our results of operations and the underlying profitability drivers of our business, as well as enhance the understanding of our performance by the investor community.

The following non-GAAP financial measures, previously referred to as operating measures, should not be viewed as substitutes for the most directly comparable financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP:

<u>Non-GAAP financial measures:</u>	<u>Most directly comparable GAAP financial measures:</u>
(i) adjusted earnings	(i) net income (loss) available to shareholders (1)
(ii) adjusted earnings, less notable items	(ii) net income (loss) available to shareholders (1)
(iii) adjusted revenues	(iii) revenues
(iv) adjusted expenses	(iv) expenses
(v) adjusted earnings per common share	(v) earnings per common share, diluted (1)
(vi) adjusted earnings per common share, less notable items	(vi) earnings per common share, diluted (1)
(vii) adjusted return on common equity	(vii) return on common equity (2)
(viii) adjusted return on common equity, less notable items	(viii) return on common equity (2)
(ix) adjusted net investment income	(ix) net investment income

(1) Brighthouse uses net income (loss) available to shareholders to refer to net income (loss) available to Brighthouse Financial, Inc.'s common shareholders, and earnings per common share, diluted to refer to net income (loss) available to shareholders per common share.

(2) Brighthouse uses return on common equity to refer to return on Brighthouse Financial, Inc.'s common stockholders' equity.

Reconciliations to the most directly comparable historical GAAP measures are included for those measures which are presented herein. Reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures are not accessible on a forward-looking basis because we believe it is not possible without unreasonable efforts to provide other than a range of net investment gains and losses and net derivative gains and losses, which can fluctuate significantly within or outside the range and from period to period and may have a material impact on net income (loss) available to shareholders.

## **Adjusted Earnings, Adjusted Revenues and Adjusted Expenses**

Adjusted earnings, which may be positive or negative, is used by management to evaluate performance, allocate resources and facilitate comparisons to industry results. This financial measure focuses on our primary businesses principally by excluding the impact of market volatility, which could distort trends.

# Non-GAAP and Other Financial Disclosures (Cont.)

Adjusted earnings reflects adjusted revenues less adjusted expenses, both net of income tax, and excludes net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests and preferred stock dividends. Provided below are the adjustments to GAAP revenues and GAAP expenses used to calculate adjusted revenues and adjusted expenses, respectively.

The following are significant items excluded from total revenues, net of income tax, in calculating the adjusted revenues component of adjusted earnings:

- Net investment gains (losses);
- Net derivative gains (losses) ("NDGL"), except earned income and amortization of premium on derivatives that are hedges of investments or that are used to replicate certain investments, but do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment ("Investment Hedge Adjustments"); and
- Certain variable annuity GMIB fees ("GMIB Fees").

The following are significant items excluded from total expenses, net of income tax, in calculating the adjusted expenses component of adjusted earnings:

- Amounts associated with benefits related to GMIBs ("GMIB Costs");
- Amounts associated with periodic crediting rate adjustments based on the total return of a contractually referenced pool of assets and market value adjustments associated with surrenders or terminations of contracts ("Market Value Adjustments"); and
- Amortization of deferred acquisition costs ("DAC") and value of business acquired ("VOBA") related to (i) net investment gains (losses), (ii) net derivative gains (losses), (iii) GMIB Fees and GMIB Costs and (iv) Market Value Adjustments.

The tax impact of the adjustments mentioned is calculated net of the statutory tax rate, which could differ from our effective tax rate.

Consistent with GAAP guidance for segment reporting, adjusted earnings is also our GAAP measure of segment performance.

## Adjusted Earnings per Common Share and Adjusted Return on Common Equity

Adjusted earnings per common share and adjusted return on common equity are measures used by management to evaluate the execution of our business strategy and align such strategy with our shareholders' interests.

Adjusted earnings per common share is defined as adjusted earnings for the period divided by the weighted average number of fully diluted shares of common stock outstanding for the period. The weighted average common shares outstanding used to calculate adjusted earnings per share will differ from such shares used to calculate diluted net income (loss) available to shareholders per common share when the inclusion of dilutive shares has an anti-dilutive effect for one calculation but not for the other.

Adjusted return on common equity is defined as total annual adjusted earnings on a four quarter trailing basis, divided by the simple average of the most recent five quarters of total Brighthouse Financial, Inc.'s common stockholders' equity, excluding AOCI.

# Non-GAAP and Other Financial Disclosures (Cont.)

## **Adjusted Net Investment Income**

We present adjusted net investment income to measure our performance for management purposes, and we believe it enhances the understanding of our investment portfolio results. Adjusted net investment income represents net investment income, including investment hedge adjustments.

## **Other Financial Disclosures**

### **Corporate Expenses**

Corporate expenses includes functional department expenses, public company expenses, certain investment expenses, retirement funding and incentive compensation; and excludes establishment costs.

### **Notable items**

Certain of the non-GAAP measures described above may be presented further adjusted to exclude notable items. Notable items reflect the impact on our results of certain unanticipated items and events, as well as certain items and events that were anticipated, such as establishment costs. The presentation of notable items and non-GAAP measures, less notable items is intended to help investors better understand our results and to evaluate and forecast those results.

### **Book Value per Common Share and Book Value per Common Share, excluding AOCI**

Brighthouse uses the term “book value” to refer to “Brighthouse Financial, Inc.’s common stockholders’ equity, including AOCI.” Book value per common share is defined as ending Brighthouse Financial, Inc.’s common stockholders’ equity, including AOCI, divided by ending common shares outstanding. Book value per common share, excluding AOCI, is defined as ending Brighthouse Financial, Inc.’s common stockholders’ equity, excluding AOCI, divided by ending common shares outstanding.

### **CTE95**

CTE95 is defined as the amount of assets required to satisfy contract holder obligations across market environments in the average of the worst five percent of a set of capital market scenarios over the life of the contracts.

### **CTE98**

CTE98 is defined as the amount of assets required to satisfy contract holder obligations across market environments in the average of the worst two percent of a set of capital market scenarios over the life of the contracts.

### **Holding Company Liquid Assets**

Holding company liquid assets include liquid assets in Brighthouse Financial, Inc., Brighthouse Holdings, LLC, and Brighthouse Services, LLC. Liquid assets include cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments and publicly traded securities excluding assets that are pledged or otherwise committed. Assets pledged or otherwise committed include amounts received in connection with derivatives and collateral financing arrangements.

# Non-GAAP and Other Financial Disclosures (Cont.)

## Other Financial Disclosures (cont.)

### **Total Adjusted Capital**

Total adjusted capital primarily consists of statutory capital and surplus, as well as the statutory asset valuation reserve. When referred to as “combined,” represents that of our insurance subsidiaries as a whole.

### **Sales**

Life insurance sales consist of 100 percent of annualized new premium for term life, first-year paid premium for whole life, universal life, and variable universal life, and total paid premium for indexed universal life. We exclude company-sponsored internal exchanges, corporate-owned life insurance, bank-owned life insurance, and private placement variable universal life.

Annuity sales consist of 100 percent of direct statutory premiums, except for fixed index annuity sales distributed through MassMutual that consist of 90 percent of gross sales. Annuity sales exclude certain internal exchanges. These sales statistics do not correspond to revenues under GAAP, but are used as relevant measures of business activity.

### **Net Investment Income Yield**

Similar to adjusted net investment income, we present net investment income yields as a performance measure we believe enhances the understanding of our investment portfolio results. Net investment income yields are calculated on adjusted net investment income as a percent of average quarterly asset carrying values. Asset carrying values exclude unrealized gains (losses), collateral received in connection with our securities lending program, freestanding derivative assets and collateral received from derivative counterparties. Investment fee and expense yields are calculated as investment fees and expenses as a percent of average quarterly asset estimated fair values. Asset estimated fair values exclude collateral received in connection with our securities lending program, freestanding derivative assets and collateral received from derivative counterparties.

### **Normalized Statutory Earnings (Loss)**

Normalized statutory earnings (loss) is used by management to measure our insurance companies’ ability to pay future distributions and is reflective of whether our hedging program functions as intended. Normalized statutory earnings (loss) is calculated as statutory pre-tax net gain from operations adjusted for the favorable or unfavorable impacts of (i) net realized capital gains (losses), (ii) the change in total asset requirement at CTE95, net of the change in our variable annuity reserves, and (iii) unrealized gains (losses) associated with our variable annuities risk management strategy. Normalized statutory earnings (loss) may be further adjusted for certain unanticipated items that impacted our results in order to help management and investors better understand, evaluate and forecast those results.

### **Risk-Based Capital Ratio**

The risk-based capital ratio is a method of measuring an insurance company’s capital, taking into consideration its relative size and risk profile, in order to ensure compliance with minimum regulatory capital requirements set by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. When referred to as “combined,” represents that of our insurance subsidiaries as a whole. The reporting of our combined risk-based capital ratio is not intended for the purpose of ranking any insurance company or for use in connection with any marketing, advertising or promotional activities.

# Adjusted earnings by segment and Corporate & Other, less notable items

(\$ in millions, post-tax)	For the Three Months Ended		
	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	March 31, 2020
Annuities	\$336	\$293	\$316
Life	\$42	\$13	\$11
Run-off	\$76	\$25	\$(70)
Corporate & Other	\$(69)	\$(142)	\$(46)
<b>Adjusted earnings<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$385</b>	<b>\$189</b>	<b>\$211</b>
<b>Notable items by segment and Corporate &amp; Other<sup>(1)</sup></b>			
Annuities	\$—	\$—	\$—
Life	\$—	\$17	\$—
Run-off	\$29	\$—	\$48
Corporate & Other	\$14	\$66	\$14
<b>Notable items<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$43</b>	<b>\$83</b>	<b>\$62</b>
<b>Adjusted earnings, less notable items by segment and Corporate &amp; Other<sup>(1)</sup></b>			
Annuities	\$336	\$293	\$316
Life	\$42	\$30	\$11
Run-off	\$105	\$25	\$(22)
Corporate & Other	\$(55)	\$(76)	\$(32)
<b>Adjusted earnings, less notable items<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$428</b>	<b>\$272</b>	<b>\$273</b>

# Reconciliation of net income (loss) available to shareholders to adjusted earnings, less notable items and net income (loss) available to shareholders per common share to adjusted earnings, less notable items per common share

(\$ in millions, except per share)	For the Three Months Ended		
	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	March 31, 2020
<b>Net income (loss) available to shareholders</b>	<b>\$(610)</b>	<b>\$(1,045)</b>	<b>\$4,950</b>
Less: Net investment gains (losses)	14	326	(19)
Less: Net derivative gains (losses), excluding investment hedge adjustments	(1,509)	(2,415)	6,898
Less: GMIB Fees and GMIB Costs	122	236	(166)
Less: Amortization of DAC and VOBA	84	280	(671)
Less: Market value adjustments and other	31	11	(43)
Less: Provision for income tax (expense) benefit on reconciling adjustments	263	328	(1,260)
<b>Adjusted earnings<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>385</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>211</b>
Less: Notable items	(43)	(83)	(62)
<b>Adjusted earnings, less notable items<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$428</b>	<b>\$272</b>	<b>\$273</b>
<b>Net income (loss) available to shareholders per common share<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$(6.96)</b>	<b>\$(11.69)</b>	<b>\$47.11</b>
Less: Net investment gains (losses)	0.16	3.65	(0.18)
Less: Net derivative gains (losses), excluding investment hedge adjustments	(17.23)	(27.03)	65.64
Less: GMIB Fees and GMIB Costs	1.39	2.64	(1.58)
Less: Amortization of DAC and VOBA	0.96	3.13	(6.38)
Less: Market value adjustments and other	0.35	0.12	(0.41)
Less: Provision for income tax (expense) benefit on reconciling adjustments	3.00	3.67	(11.99)
Less: Impact of inclusion of dilutive shares	0.03	0.02	—
<b>Adjusted earnings per common share<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$4.36</b>	<b>\$2.10</b>	<b>\$2.01</b>
Less: Notable items	(0.49)	(0.92)	(0.59)
<b>Adjusted earnings, less notable items per common share<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$4.86</b>	<b>\$3.03</b>	<b>\$2.60</b>