# 2018 financial highlights

The Independent Order of Foresters Year ended December 31, 2018



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# Financial highlights for the year ended December 31, 2018 (All amounts are in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise stated)



Dear fellow members,

The board is pleased with the strengthening of Foresters Executive Committee during the past year, which was led by our CEO, Jim Boyle. I'm confident Jim and his team possess the drive, experience and talent to continue to improve Foresters financial performance, ensuring our ability to deliver our Purpose at a high level.

We all look forward to a busy and productive 2019.

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BOB LAMOUREUX, Chair of the Board

United States Total Annualized Weighted Sales





# Key results at a glance

Canada Total Annualized Weighted Sales



**LICAT Ratio** 

152.4%

United Kingdom Total Annualized Weighted Sales

> £56.9 U.K. million

Funds under Management and Administration



Total Premiums



Certificates and Contracts In Force



# What the numbers mean

# **Annualized weighted sales**

Annualized weighted sales is a common measure used in the life insurance industry to measure new sales of products during the year. In this measure, for example, sales of policies with ongoing premium payments receive a higher weighting than sales of products with a single premium payment and fees earned on funds under management and administration.

# **Total premiums**

This amount is the total gross life insurance and annuity premiums paid or owing to Foresters Financial during the year from certificate and contract holders.

# Surplus

Surplus is the value of our assets minus our financial obligations to members and others. A strong surplus position first and foremost gives Foresters Financial the ability to withstand economic and business volatility, and it allows us to invest in the growth of our business through increased sales and acquisition activities. Also, a portion of earnings on surplus is used to fund member benefits and community investments in support of Foresters purpose.

# **LICAT** ratio

The Life Insurance Capital Adequacy Test ("LICAT") ratio is a capital adequacy measure for life insurance companies established by the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada ("OSFI"). It is a measure used to monitor that insurers maintain adequate capital to meet their financial obligations.

# **Total comprehensive income (loss)**

This is the sum of net income and other items not recorded in net income such as unrealized gains and losses from foreign currency translation, unrealized gains and losses on assets backing our surplus and certain changes in employee benefit plan obligations.

# Funds under management and administration

This is the total market value of the assets that we manage and administer on behalf of our members and customers.

# **Certificates and contracts in force**

This is the total number of certificates and contracts that are active or "in force" at The Independent Order of Foresters and its subsidiaries.

# Sales

# **United States Total Annualized Weighted Sales**

(USD millions)



Total U.S. annualized weighted sales were \$263.8 million, a 3.5% increase from 2017. The increase was driven by an 8.8% growth in life insurance and annuity sales over prior year.

# Canada

**Total Annualized Weighted Sales** (CAD millions)



Annualized weighted sales were \$85.7 million, a 46.0% increase over 2017. The Canada Protection Plan and Managing General Agent Brokerage sales channels continued to have strong sales levels with a growth of 9.9% and 9.2% respectively over prior year.

# **United Kingdom Total Annualized Weighted Sales**

(U.K. £ millions)



Total annualized weighted sales of £56.9 million, £44.6 million via the sales force channel and £12.3 million via direct-to-customer channel, decreased 0.4% over 2017. The slight decrease was primarily due to volatile investment markets throughout the year that resulted in a decrease in investments in single lump sums.

# **Key results**

**Total Premiums** (CAD millions)



Total gross life insurance premiums were \$1.3 billion, an 11.4% increase from 2017. Premiums have steadily increased since 2014 largely due to our growing block of in-force policies and continued growth in new business sales.





Total surplus was \$2.0 billion at the end of 2018. The net loss during the year was offset by net unrealized foreign currency gains. At December 31, 2018 our LICAT ratio was 152.4%, well above the Canadian life insurer average of 139% at December 31, 2018.1

# **Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)** (CAD millions)



Total comprehensive loss of \$9.9 million for 2018 was largely due to declines in equity markets and government yields driving unrealized losses on investments of \$465.3 million, and industry updates impacting the assumptions and methodology used in determining actuarial liabilities which resulted in losses of \$38.1 million. These losses were partially offset by strong sales performance and net unrealized foreign currency translation gains.

# **Funds under Management** and Administration

(CAD billions)



Funds under management and administration were \$43.2 billion, a 4.4% decrease over 2017. The decrease was due primarily to volatile investment markets contributing to lower assets under management.

# **Certificates and Contracts In Force** (thousands)



At December 31, 2018, Foresters Financial had nearly 3.2 million certificates and contracts in force. Since 2014, the number of in-force certificates and contracts has grown by 6.2% due to strong sales of our products.

# Summary Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss)

For the year ended December 31, 2018 with comparative figures for 2017 (In millions of Canadian dollars)

	20:	18	 2017
Revenue			
Gross premiums	\$ 1,2	81	\$ 1,150
Ceded premiums	(1	12)	(95)
Net Premiums	1,10	59	 1,055
Net investment (loss) income	(13	30)	542
Fee revenue	39	96	376
Other operating income	:	13	12
Total Revenue	1,44	18	1,985
Benefits & Expenses			
Gross benefits	8:	18	761
Ceded benefits	(!	54)	(60)
Gross change in insurance contract liabilities	(1	17)	380
Ceded change in insurance contract liabilities	(	39)	(40)
Policy dividends		49	47
Commissions	4	07	371
Operating expenses	5:	18	443
Ceded commissions and operating			
expenses	(3	30)	(21)
Fraternal investment	:	19	20
Total Benefits & Expenses	1,5	71	1,901
(Loss) Income before income taxes	(1	23)	84
Income tax (expense) benefit		(6)	46
Net (Loss) Income	(1	17)	 38
Other Comprehensive Income (I cos)			
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) Items that will not be reclassified to net income			
Remeasurement gains (losses) on employee benefit plans, net of			
income taxes		11	(17)
Net unrealized gains on property		1	2
Total items that will not be reclassified to net income		12	(15)
Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to net income			
Net unrealized losses on available- for-sale assets, net of income taxes	(:	32)	(13)
Reclassification of net realized gains (losses) on available-for-sale assets, net of income taxes		1	(1)
Net unrealized foreign currency			
translation gains (losses)	12	26	(97)
Total items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to net income		95	(111)
Total Comprehensive Loss	\$ (:	10)	\$ (88)

# Summary Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2018 with comparative figures for 2017 (In millions of Canadian dollars)

	2018	2017
Assets		
Invested Assets		
Cash, cash equivalents and		
short-term securities	\$ 278	
Bonds	7,529	7,209
Equities	749	772
Derivative financial instruments	-	16
Other invested assets	141	161
Loans to certificate holders	404	359
Total Invested Assets	9,101	8,814
Reinsurance assets	399	349
Accrued investment income	73	70
Deferred acquisition costs	74	75
Prepaid commissions	82	81
Deferred tax assets	32	43
Other assets	108	107
Property and equipment	69	64
Employee benefit assets	3	3
Goodwill and intangible assets	208	245
	10,149	9,851
Net investments for accounts of segregated fund unit holders	7,635	7,833
Total Assets	\$17,784	\$ 17,684
Liabilities		
Insurance contract liabilities	\$ 7,398	\$ 7,129
Investment contract liabilities	161	162
Derivative financial instruments	35	5
Benefits payable and provision for		
unreported claims	184	176
Other liabilities	269	263
Employee benefit obligations	84	85
	8,131	7,820
Liabilities for accounts of segregated		
fund unit holders	7,635	7,833
Total Liabilities	15,766	15,563
Surplus		
- Retained earnings	1,654	1,774
Accumulated other comprehensive		
income	364	257
	2,018	2,031
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$17,784	\$ 17,684

The full consolidated financial statements are available at foresters.com under Financial strength

# **Notes to the Summary Financial Statements**

## 1. Basis of Presentation of the Summary Financial Statements

The summary consolidated statement of financial position and summary consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) have been summarized from The Independent Order of Foresters ("Foresters Financial") consolidated financial statements, which are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards to portray in summarized form Foresters Financial's financial position and results of operations. The criteria applied by management in the preparation of these summary financial statements are as follows:

- a) the information in the summary consolidated financial statements is in agreement with the related information in the audited financial statements; and
- b) summary consolidated statements of changes in equity, cash flows, significant accounting policies and other explanatory information have not been presented, as the relevant information can be obtained from the Foresters Financial's consolidated financial statements.

The summary consolidated statement of financial position and summary consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) are only a summary of the information in Foresters Financial's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018. They do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards or sufficient information to allow as full an understanding of the results and state of affairs of Foresters Financial as would be provided by the full consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018.

The full consolidated financial statements are available at foresters.com under Financial strength.

#### 2. Basis of measurement

Foresters Financial's consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the following material items in the statement of financial position:

- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, available-for-sale financial assets and derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value;
- Employee benefit assets and obligations represent the funded status of these plans which is calculated as the difference between plan assets at fair value and the present value of defined benefit obligations;
- Reinsurance assets and insurance contract liabilities are calculated using the Canadian Asset Liability Method ("CALM") which is based on accepted actuarial practices according to standards established by the Canadian Institute of Actuaries and the requirements of the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada. This method involves the projection of future events in order to determine the amount of assets that must be set aside currently to provide for all future obligations, including the provision of fraternal benefits, and involves a significant amount of judgment; and
- Land and buildings are measured at fair value.

Goodwill is initially measured as the excess of the purchase price of an acquisition of a subsidiary over the fair value of net identifiable assets acquired. After initial recognition, goodwill is carried at cost less any accumulated impairment losses, which are assessed annually. The initial cost of intangible assets acquired in a business combination is fair value at the date of acquisition. After the date of acquisition, these intangibles are carried at cost less accumulated amortization and impairment losses, which are tested when indicators are present and annually for indefinite life intangibles.

#### **3. Foreign Currency**

The Independent Order of Foresters functional and reporting currency is in Canadian dollars (CAD) which is the basis for the presentation of the consolidated financial statements. The functional currencies of the foreign subsidiaries and branch operations have been translated into Canadian dollars. All assets and liabilities are translated at the closing exchange rate at the balance sheet date, and the income and expenses are translated using the average exchange rate for the year. The accumulated gains or losses arising from translation are presented separately in the currency translation accounts, a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI").

# **Appointed Actuary's report**

To the Board of Directors of The Independent Order of Foresters

I have valued the policy liabilities and reinsurance recoverables of The Independent Order of Foresters for its consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2018 and their changes in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) for the year then ended in accordance with accepted actuarial practice in Canada including selection of appropriate assumptions and methods.

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

These summarized consolidated financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by accepted actuarial practice. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information on Foresters Financial's financial position, results of operations and cash flows, reference should be made to the related complete consolidated financial statements.

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TRUDY ENGEL, F.S.A., F.C.I.A. Fellow, Canadian Institute of Actuaries February 12, 2019 Toronto, Canada

# Report of the Independent Auditors on the Summary Financial Statements

To the Board of Directors of The Independent Order of Foresters

### Opinion

The summary consolidated financial statements of The Independent Order of Foresters (the Entity), which comprise:

- the summary consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2018
- the summary consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) for the year then ended
- and related notes

(Hereinafter referred to as the "summary financial statements") are derived from the complete audited consolidated financial statements of The Independent Order of Foresters as at and for the year ended December 31, 2018.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements, in accordance with the criteria disclosed in Note 1 in the summary financial statements.

#### **Summary Financial Statements**

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the Entity's audited consolidated financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

#### **The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon**

On our report dated February 12, 2019, we expressed an unmodified opinion on the audited consolidated financial statements.

#### **Other information**

Management is responsible for the other information. Other information comprises:

 Information, other than the summary financial statements and the auditors' report thereon, included in the 2018 financial highlights.

Our opinion on the summary financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the summary financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the summary financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We obtained the information, other than the summary financial statements and the auditors' report thereon, included in the 2018 financial highlights as at the date of this auditors' report.

If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in the auditors' report.

We have nothing to report in this regard

#### Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with the criteria disclosed in the notes to the summary financial statements.

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standards 810, Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants February 12, 2019 Toronto, Canada