

### The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc.

#### Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2013 Results

**February 6, 2014** 

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These uncertainties include the uncertain U.S. and global economic environment, the possibility of adverse catastrophe experience (including terrorism) and severe weather, the uncertainties in estimating catastrophe and non-catastrophe weather-related losses, the uncertainties in estimating property and casualty losses, accident year picks, and incurred, but not reported loss and LAE reserves, the ability to increase or maintain certain property and casualty insurance rates in excess of loss trends, the impact of new product introductions, adverse loss and LAE development for prior years, changes in frequency and loss trends, the ability to improve renewal rates and increase new property and casualty policy counts, adverse selection in underwriting activities, investment impairments, the impact of competition (including rate pressure), adverse and evolving state, federal and, with respect to Chaucer, international, legislation or regulation, adverse regulatory or litigation actions, financial ratings actions, and those risks inherent in Chaucer's business.

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# Fourth Quarter and Full Year Highlights

The fourth quarter of 2013 was a strong conclusion to a successful year. We achieved record full-year net income of \$5.59 per share, and the highest pre-tax earnings, excluding catastrophe losses, since becoming a public company in 1995.

- Combined ratio of 96.5% in the fourth quarter and 96.7% for the full year, including 2.4 and 3.1 points of catastrophe losses, respectively.
- On an ex-catastrophe basis<sup>(1)</sup>, the full-year 2013 combined ratio of 93.6% represents a 2-point improvement over 2012
- Net premiums written of \$1.05 billion in the fourth quarter, up 1.7%; Net premiums written of \$4.55 billion in 2013, up 4.2%
- Strong price increases in both Commercial and Personal Lines continued in the fourth quarter
- Net investment income of \$68.1 million in the fourth quarter and \$269.0 million for the full-year 2013
- Year-to-date, repurchased 1.6 million common shares for \$78 million, at an average price of \$48.26 per share
- Book value per share was \$59.43, up 1.4% from December 31, 2012, and up 1.7% from September 30, 2013, as earnings growth was partially offset by lower overall interest rates
- On December 6, the Board of Directors increased the quarterly common dividend by 12% to \$0.37 per share



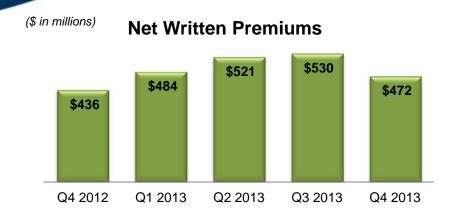
## **Underwriting Performance**

|   | Tł | Three Months Ended December 31 |       |              | Twelve Months Ended<br>December 31 |        |    |         |
|---|----|--------------------------------|-------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------|----|---------|
|   | 2  | 013                            | 201   | 2            | 2                                  | 2013   |    | 2012    |
| Current accident year, ex-cat                       |    | 59.8%                          | (     | 62.5%        |                                    | 60.6%  |    | 61.9%   |
| Catastrophe losses                                  |    | 2.4%                           |       | 18.8%        |                                    | 3.1%   |    | 8.7%    |
| Prior year (favorable) reserve development          |    | (1.7)%                         |       | 0.7)%        |                                    | (1.7)% |    | (0.4)%  |
| Loss and LAE ratio                                  |    | 60.5%                          | ;     | 80.6%        |                                    | 62.0%  |    | 70.2%   |
| Expense ratio                                       |    | 36.0%                          | ;     | 35.1%        |                                    | 34.7%  |    | 34.2%   |
| Combined ratio                                      |    | 96.5%                          | 1     | <u>15.7%</u> | _                                  | 96.7%  | _  | 104.4%  |
| Combined ratio, ex-cat <sup>(1)</sup>               |    | 94.1%                          | !     | 96.9%        |                                    | 93.6%  |    | 95.7%   |
| Accident year combined ratio, ex-cat <sup>(1)</sup> |    | 95.8%                          | ,     | 97.6%        |                                    | 95.3%  |    | 96.1%   |
| Underwriting income (loss)                          | \$ | 36.7                           | \$ (1 | 74.2)        | \$                                 | 130.9  | \$ | (201.5) |
| Catastrophe losses                                  | •  | 27.9                           | •     | 03.3         |                                    | 140.0  |    | 369.9   |

<sup>(1)</sup> Non-GAAP measure. See page 2. These measures are used throughout this presentation.



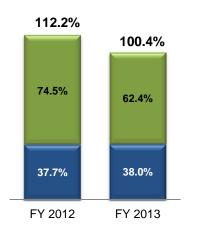
## **Commercial Lines Highlights**



#### **Financial Highlights**

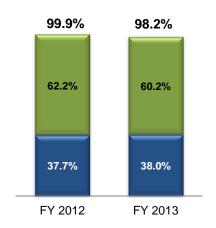
- Net premiums written grew 8.1% and 5.5% compared to the prioryear quarter and full-year 2012, respectively:
  - Continued renewal pricing gains of 9% in Core Commercial in Q4 2013, partially offset by exposure and profitability management actions
- Accident year loss ratio, excluding catastrophes, improved by 4.3
  points and 2.0 points compared to the prior-year quarter and fullyear 2012, respectively, driven by rate and profitability initiatives

#### **Combined Ratio**



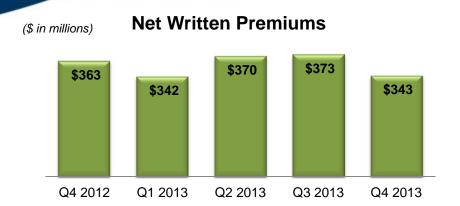
#### **Accident Year Combined Ratio, Ex-Cat**







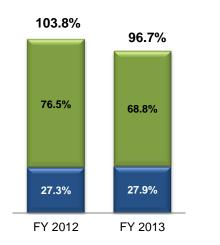
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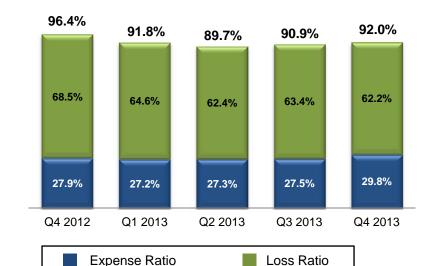
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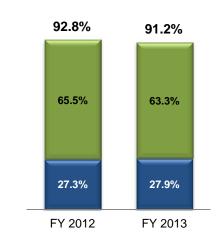
- Net premiums written decreased 5.6% and 3.2% points compared to the prior-year quarter and full-year 2012, respectively, driven by:
  - Ongoing exposure and mix management actions
  - Partially offset by strong pricing increases throughout the year
  - Reported retention of 74.4% in Q4, reflecting planned PIF reductions. Adjusted voluntary retention is stable at 80%
- Accident year loss ratio, excluding catastrophes, improved 6.3 points and 2.2 points compared to the prior-year quarter and full-year 2012, respectively

#### **Combined Ratio**



#### **Accident Year Combined Ratio, Ex-Cat**







## **Chaucer Highlights**

(\$ in millions)

#### **Net Written Premiums**



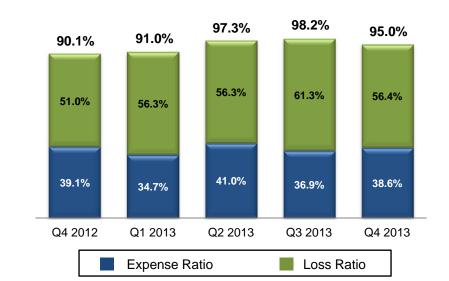
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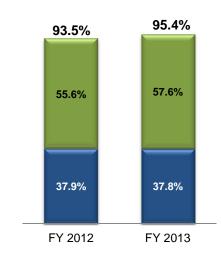
- Net premiums written grew 1.2% and 12.8% compared to the prioryear quarter and full-year 2012, respectively. The increase in the quarter was driven by:
  - Termination of quota share reinsurance agreement and increased syndicate participation
  - Partially offset by a reduction in estimated energy premiums due to lower activity in the sector, as well as lower writings in other lines
- Accident year loss ratio, excluding catastrophes, of 56.4% and 57.6% for the quarter and full year, respectively

#### **Combined Ratio**



#### **Accident Year Combined Ratio, Ex-Cat**

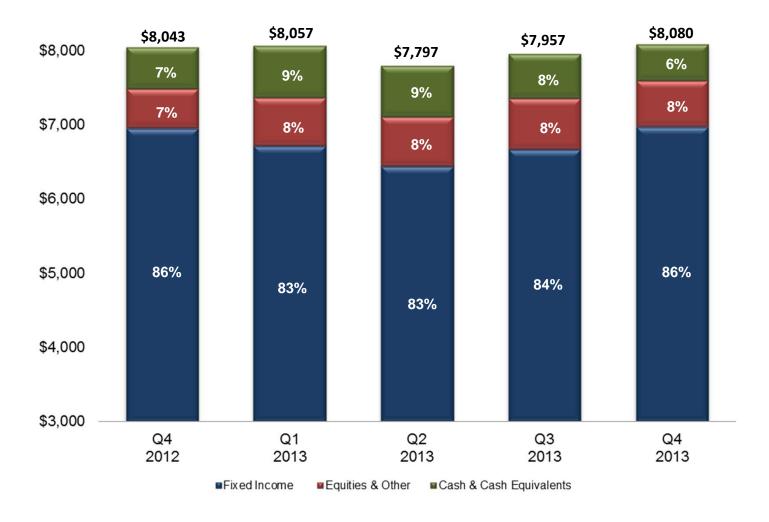






### **Cash and Invested Assets**

(\$ in millions)



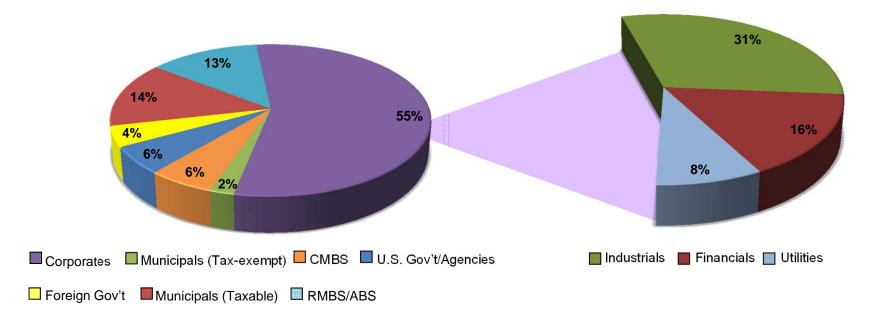


### **Fixed Income Sector Breakdown**

**December 31, 2013** 

#### Fixed Income \$7.0 Billion

#### **Corporates \$3.8 Billion**



#### **Fixed Income Characteristics:**

- 94% of fixed income securities are investment grade
- Weighted average quality A+
- Duration: 4.1 years

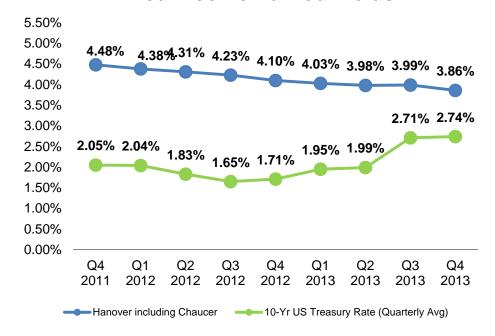
#### **Corporate Holding Characteristics:**

- 90% Investment Grade
- Weighted average quality BBB+
- Duration 3.9 years



### **Net Investment Income**

#### **Fixed Income Earned Yields**



#### **Highlights**

- Portfolio delivers strong earned yields
- Net investment income of \$68.1 million for the fourth quarter and \$269.0 million for the full year, down 2.9% from the prior year quarter and 2.7% from the prior year, primarily due to lower new money yields, offset by investment of operating cash flows
- Continue to employ certain portfolio management strategies intended to augment our yield without meaningfully increasing overall investment risk

#### **Net Investment Income**





### **Balance Sheet Strength**

(\$ in millions, except per share data)

| December 31, |   |  |
|--------------|---|--|
| 2012         | 2013  |  |
| \$58.59      | \$59.43   |  |
| \$2,596      | \$2,594   |  |
| \$849        | \$904   |  |
| \$3,445      | \$3,498   |  |
| 24.7%        | 25.8%   |  |
| \$164        | \$123   |  |
|              | \$58.59<br>\$2,596<br>\$849<br>\$3,445<br>24.7% |  |

Strong balance sheet and holding company liquidity



# Questions