



CNA Financial Corporation Fourth Quarter 2021 Results

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Fourth Quarter Overview

- Net income of \$266 million or \$0.98 per share; core income of \$265 million or \$0.97 per share, includes a non-economic charge related to asbestos and environmental pollution of \$48 million after-tax
- P&C segments produced core income of \$353 million, consistent with the prior year quarter. Higher catastrophe losses were more than offset by favorable current accident year underwriting results.
- The P&C combined ratio was 92.9%, the lowest in five years, compared with 93.4% in the prior year quarter, including 2.0 points of catastrophe loss impact compared with 0.8 points in the prior year quarter.
- The underlying combined ratio was 91.2% compared with 92.6% in the prior year quarter. The underlying loss ratio was 60.1% compared with 60.4% in the prior year quarter and the expense ratio was 30.8% compared with 32.0% in the prior year quarter.
- Net catastrophe losses were \$40 million pretax versus \$14 million in the prior year quarter.
- P&C segments, excluding third party captives, generated gross written premium growth of 16% driven by rate and new business growth of 28%. Net written premium growth was 11% in the quarter.
- P&C written rate of +8% and earned rate of +10% for the quarter.

Full Year Overview

- Net income of \$1,202 million or \$4.41 per share; record core income of \$1,106 million or \$4.06 per share.
- The P&C combined ratio was 96.2%, the lowest in five years, compared with 100.1% in the prior year, including 5.1 points of catastrophe loss impact compared with 7.7 points in the prior year.
- The underlying combined ratio was a record low 91.4% compared with 93.1% in the prior year. The underlying loss ratio was 60.0% compared with 60.2% in the prior year and the expense ratio was 31.1% compared with 32.6% in the prior year.
- Net catastrophe losses were \$397 million pretax versus \$550 million in the prior year.
- P&C segments, excluding third party captives, generated gross written premium growth of 10% driven by rate and new business growth of 19%. Net written premium growth was 5% in the year.
- P&C written rate of +9% and earned rate of +11% for the year.
- Net investment income of \$2,159 million pretax compared with \$1,935 million in the prior year.

Shareholders' Equity

- Book value per share (BVPS) of \$47.20; ex. AOCI of \$46.02.
 - 10% increase from year-end 2020, adjusting for \$2.27 dividends per share, ex. AOCI.
- Increased quarterly dividend 5% to \$0.40 per share; special dividend of \$2.00 per share.

Financial Performance

Record core income of \$1,106M for the full year; core income of \$265M for the quarter

(In millions, except ratios and per share data)

	Fourth Quarter			Year to Date		
	2021	2020	Change	2021	2020	Change
Revenues	\$3,054	\$2,931	4 %	\$11,908	\$10,808	10 %
Core income	265	335	(21)%	1,106	735	50 %
Net income	266	387	(31)%	1,202	690	74 %
Diluted earnings per common share:						
Core income	\$0.97	\$1.23	(21)%	\$4.06	\$2.70	50 %
Net income	0.98	1.42	(31)%	4.41	2.53	74 %
Core ROE	8.5 %	11.4 %	(2.9) pts	9.1 %	6.1 %	3.0 pts

Property & Casualty Operations

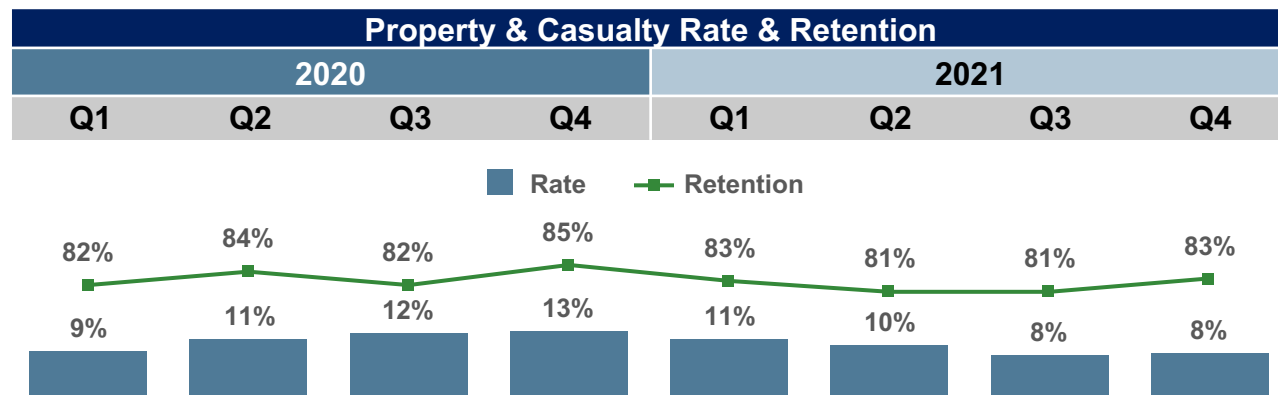
Outstanding growth and profitability for the quarter and full year

(In millions, except ratios)

	Fourth Quarter		Year to Date	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
GWP ex. 3 rd party captives	\$2,513	\$2,169	\$9,303	\$8,422
<i>GWP change (% year over year)</i>	16 %		10 %	
Net written premium	\$2,166	\$1,952	\$7,921	\$7,566
<i>NWP change (% year over year)</i>	11 %		5 %	
Underwriting gain (loss)	\$142	\$126	\$290	(\$3)
Loss ratio excl. catastrophes and development	60.1 %	60.4 %	60.0 %	60.2 %
Impact of catastrophes	2.0 %	0.8 %	5.1 %	7.7 %
Impact of development-related items	(0.3)%	— %	(0.3)%	(0.7)%
Loss ratio	61.8 %	61.2 %	64.8 %	67.2 %
Expense ratio	30.8 %	32.0 %	31.1 %	32.6 %
Combined ratio	92.9 %	93.4 %	96.2 %	100.1 %
Combined ratio excl. catastrophes and development	91.2 %	92.6 %	91.4 %	93.1 %

Property & Casualty Production Metrics

Continued strong rate increases; higher new business and retention



GWP ex. 3rd party captives (\$M)	\$2,107	\$2,132	\$2,014	\$2,169	\$2,270	\$2,296	\$2,224	\$2,513
New Business (\$M)	\$340	\$356	\$327	\$372	\$394	\$393	\$405	\$478

Specialty								
Rate	10%	12%	13%	13%	10%	12%	10%	11%
Retention	83%	86%	87%	87%	86%	85%	80%	83%
Commercial								
Rate	8%	10%	11%	10%	10%	8%	6%	5%
Retention	86%	84%	82%	84%	83%	80%	82%	84%
International								
Rate	9%	15%	17%	18%	14%	14%	13%	13%
Retention	70%	74%	69%	81%	75%	77%	79%	82%

Specialty

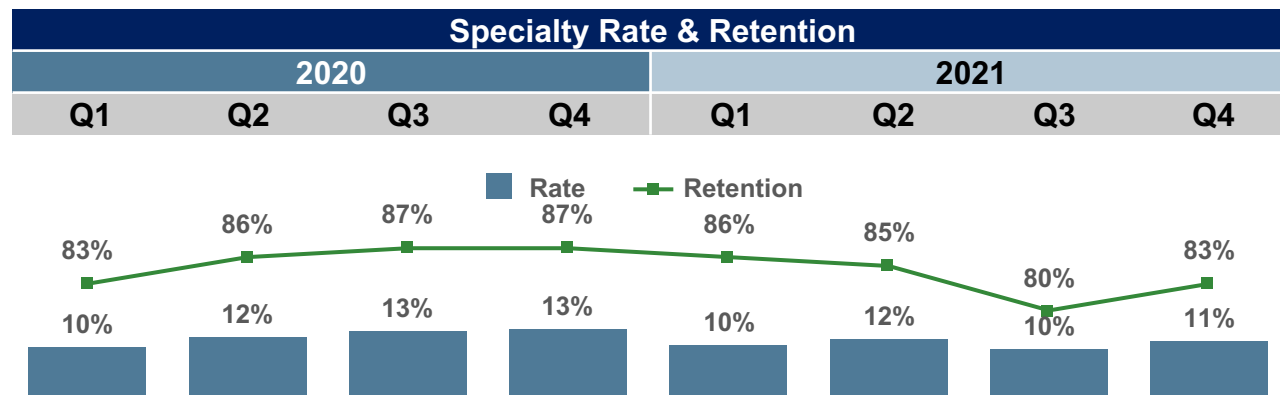
Six consecutive quarters of double-digit GWP growth and consistent excellent profitability

(In millions, except ratios)

	Fourth Quarter		Year to Date	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
GWP ex. 3 rd party captives	\$1,016	\$883	\$3,672	\$3,296
<i>GWP change (% year over year)</i>	15 %		11 %	
Net written premium	\$875	\$809	\$3,225	\$3,040
<i>NWP change (% year over year)</i>	8 %		6 %	
Underwriting gain	\$81	\$81	\$347	\$187
Loss ratio excl. catastrophes and development	59.1 %	60.0 %	59.1 %	59.9 %
Impact of catastrophes	0.4 %	0.7 %	0.4 %	4.3 %
Impact of development-related items	(0.6)%	(1.9)%	(1.4)%	(2.1)%
Loss ratio	58.9 %	58.8 %	58.1 %	62.1 %
Expense ratio	30.9 %	30.4 %	30.5 %	31.3 %
Combined ratio	89.9 %	89.4 %	88.7 %	93.5 %
Combined ratio excl. catastrophes and development	90.1 %	90.6 %	89.7 %	91.3 %

Specialty Production Metrics

Higher rate increases, retention and new business



GWP ex. 3rd party captives (\$M)	\$741	\$811	\$861	\$883	\$816	\$897	\$943	\$1,016
New Business (\$M)	\$74	\$96	\$105	\$114	\$103	\$121	\$147	\$180

FI & Mgmt Liability								
Rate	12%	16%	18%	21%	16%	17%	17%	20%
Retention	89%	88%	88%	86%	89%	88%	87%	85%
Affinity Professional E&O								
Rate	1%	—%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%
Retention	93%	93%	94%	94%	93%	93%	92%	92%
Medical Malpractice								
Rate	20%	19%	21%	19%	18%	14%	8%	8%
Retention	69%	77%	80%	80%	76%	72%	61%	66%
Surety								
Net Written Premiums	\$141	\$133	\$130	\$121	\$136	\$133	\$129	\$126
Warranty & Alt. Risks								
Revenues	\$337	\$348	\$356	\$371	\$381	\$407	\$406	\$430

Commercial

Strong growth in the quarter; continued underlying combined ratio improvement driven by expense ratio

(In millions, except ratios)

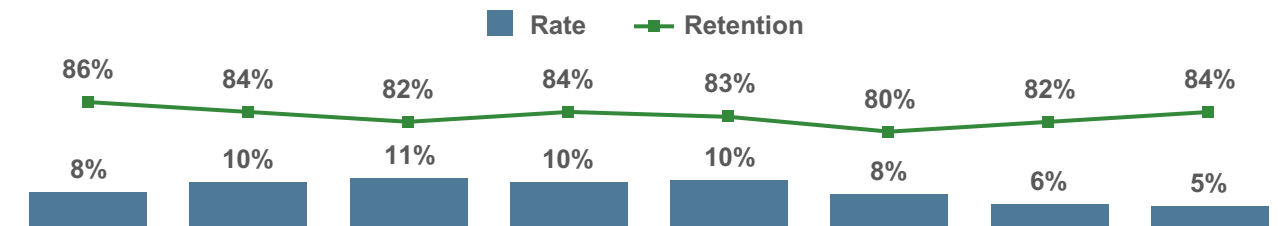
	Fourth Quarter		Year to Date	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
GWP ex. 3 rd party captives	\$1,158	\$975	\$4,334	\$3,993
<i>GWP change (% year over year)</i>	19 %		9 %	
Net written premium	\$973	\$862	\$3,595	\$3,565
<i>NWP change (% year over year)</i>	13 %		1 % ¹	
Underwriting gain (loss)	\$47	\$37	(\$112)	(\$168)
Loss ratio excl. catastrophes and development	61.4 %	60.7 %	61.0 %	60.4 %
Impact of catastrophes	2.9 %	0.5 %	10.0 %	10.7 %
Impact of development-related items	(0.2)%	1.7 %	0.5 %	0.5 %
Loss ratio	64.1 %	62.9 %	71.5 %	71.6 %
Expense ratio	30.4 %	32.7 %	31.1 %	33.0 %
Combined ratio	94.9 %	95.8 %	103.1 %	105.1 %
Combined ratio excl. catastrophes and development	92.2 %	93.6 %	92.6 %	93.9 %

¹ Excluding the impact of the June 1, 2021 one-time catch-up related to a new property quota share reinsurance treaty, net written premiums grew 4% as compared to the prior year to date.

Commercial Production Metrics

Increased retention and new business growth

Commercial Rate & Retention							
2020				2021			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4



GWP ex. 3rd party captives (\$M)	\$1,059	\$1,044	\$915	\$975	\$1,111	\$1,060	\$1,005	\$1,158
New Business (\$M)	\$198	\$198	\$168	\$197	\$211	\$201	\$204	\$228

Middle Market								
Rate	5%	7%	8%	8%	8%	5%	4%	4%
Retention	86%	82%	80%	82%	82%	77%	83%	85%
Construction								
Rate	7%	8%	10%	10%	10%	10%	7%	6%
Retention	87%	88%	84%	90%	84%	87%	83%	85%
National Accounts								
Rate	26%	30%	31%	28%	24%	16%	12%	10%
Retention	80%	81%	79%	79%	81%	73%	80%	83%
Small Business								
Rate	—%	(1)%	—%	—%	1%	1%	1%	3%
Retention	85%	88%	86%	84%	84%	84%	84%	83%
Marine / Other								
Net Written Premium	\$55	\$65	\$59	\$60	\$63	\$66	\$62	\$72

International

Excellent profitability in the quarter and full year, with strong growth

(In millions, except ratios)

	Fourth Quarter		Year to Date	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Gross written premium	\$339	\$311	\$1,297	\$1,133
<i>GWP change (% year over year)</i>	9 %		14 %	
Net written premium	\$318	\$281	\$1,101	\$961
<i>NWP change (% year over year)</i>	13 %		15 %	
Underwriting gain (loss)	\$14	\$8	\$55	(\$22)
Loss ratio excl. catastrophes and development	58.5 %	60.1 %	59.0 %	60.1 %
Impact of catastrophes	4.1 %	2.1 %	2.6 %	7.1 %
Impact of development-related items	(0.2)%	(0.3)%	0.1 %	(0.3)%
Loss ratio	62.4 %	61.9 %	61.7 %	66.9 %
Expense ratio	32.4 %	35.0 %	33.1 %	35.5 %
Combined ratio	94.8 %	96.9 %	94.8 %	102.4 %
Combined ratio excl. catastrophes and development	90.9 %	95.1 %	92.1 %	95.6 %

Life & Group

Strong limited partnership returns drove earnings; favorable morbidity also contributed to full year results

(In millions)

	Fourth Quarter		Year to Date	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Net earned premiums	\$122	\$124	\$491	\$504
Net investment income	242	229	966	851
Other revenues	1	—	—	—
Total operating revenues	\$365	\$353	\$1,457	\$1,355
Total claims, benefits and expenses	371	334	1,352	1,402
Income tax benefit	12	7	21	56
Core income	\$6	\$26	\$126	\$9

Financial Strength

Conservative capital and debt profile support business objectives

(In millions, except per share data)

	Dec 31, 2021	Dec 31, 2020
Debt	\$2,779	\$2,776
Stockholders' Equity	12,809	12,707
Total capital	\$15,588	\$15,483
 BVPS ex AOCI	 \$46.02	 \$43.86
 Dividends per share (YTD)	 \$2.27	 \$3.48
 Debt-to-capital	 17.8%	 17.9%
 Holding company cash	 \$686	 \$522
Total investments	\$50,328	\$50,293
Statutory surplus	\$11,321	\$10,708

Capital

- Capital remains above target levels required for all current ratings
- Adjusting for dividends, book value per share ex AOCI increased 10%

Leverage

- Debt maturity schedule is termed out to effectively manage refinancing
- Next debt maturity in 2023

Liquidity Profile

Ample liquidity at both holding and operating company levels to meet obligations

Holding Co. Liquidity & Obligations

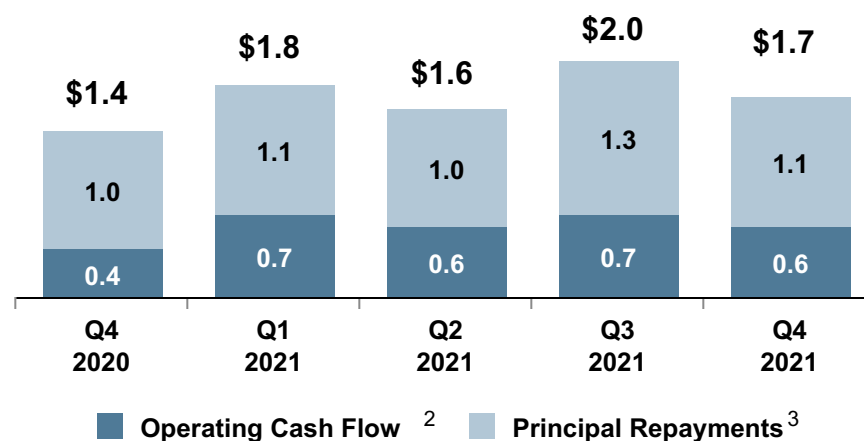
\$M

As of Dec 31, 2021

2021 Operating company dividend capacity	\$1,070
Less: Last twelve months dividends	(880)
Current operating company dividend capacity	190
Holding company cash	686
Availability under credit facility	250
Net corporate sources	\$1,126
Interest expense on outstanding debt	\$109
Common quarterly dividends (\$0.40/share)	434
Estimated annual pretax corporate obligations	\$543

Operating Company Liquidity¹

\$b



¹ Excludes availability under Federal Home Loan Bank Facility

² Q1 2021 excludes a \$640M payment resulting from the Loss Portfolio Transfer (LPT) of a legacy portfolio of excess workers' compensation policies

³ Principal repayments from investments include maturities, repayments from structured securities, calls and bank debt pay-downs

Investment Portfolio

Diversified and liquid investment portfolio

December 31, 2021	Carrying Value		Net Unrealized G/(L)
Asset Class (\$M)	\$	%	\$
Investment Grade Corp	22,181	44 %	2,620
Municipals	11,943	24 %	1,585
CMBS and ABS	4,629	9 %	88
Agency RMBS	2,468	5 %	44
Short Term	1,990	4 %	—
Below Investment Grade Corp	1,958	4 %	79
Limited Partnerships / Other	1,950	4 %	—
Mortgage Loans	973	2 %	—
Preferred Equity	802	2 %	—
Foreign Government	583	1 %	13
Non Agency RMBS	488	1 %	19
Common Equity	233	— %	—
US Government	130	— %	(2)
Total Invested Assets	50,328	100 %	4,446
Q4 Change in Net Unrealized G/(L)			(313)

Highlights

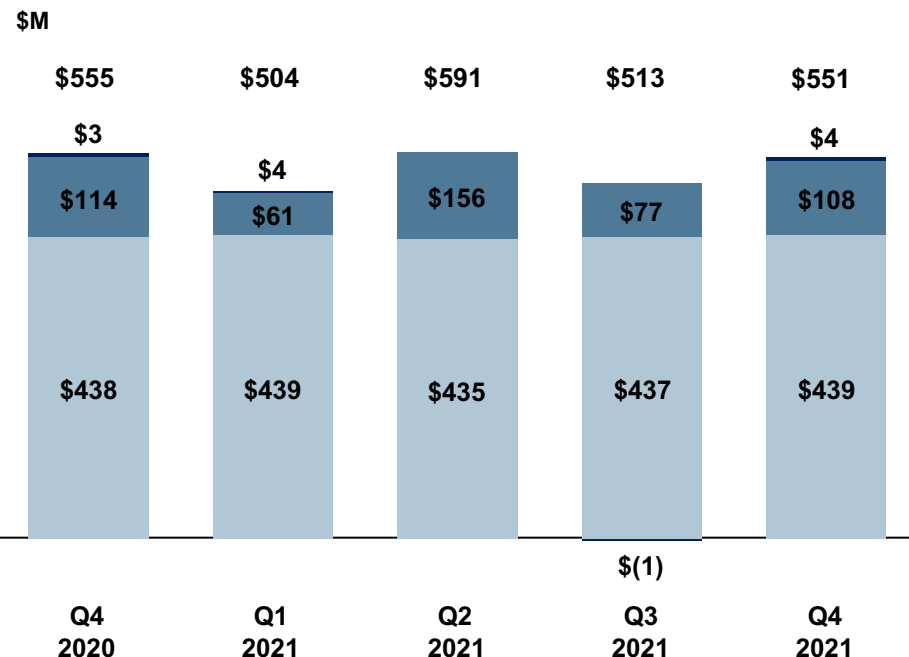
- High-quality portfolio with an average credit rating of “A”
- Liquidity supports underlying liability characteristics

Effective Portfolio Duration	
Life & Group	9.2 yrs
P&C and Corporate	4.9 yrs
Total	6.6 yrs

Fixed Maturities by Rating	% of Portfolio
AAA	15%
AA	17%
A	21%
BBB	42%
Investment Grade	95%
Below Investment Grade	5%
Total Fixed Maturities	100%

Pretax Net Investment Income

Continued strong limited partnership returns and consistent fixed income earnings

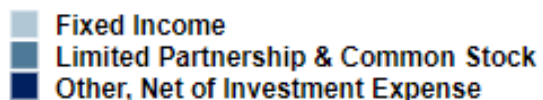


Effective income yield for fixed income securities, pretax:

4.4%	4.4%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
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Limited partnership and common stock return, pretax:

6.5%	3.4%	8.3%	3.8%	5.1%
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Highlights

- Limited partnership and common stock returns significantly driven by lagged private equity results from the third quarter
- As a result of portfolio re-balancing, 68% of limited partnerships now report on a 1-3 month lag and 32% on a real-time basis
- Fixed income portfolio continues to provide consistent earnings; strong operating cash flows offset headwinds from lower rate environment