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Foundation for Success

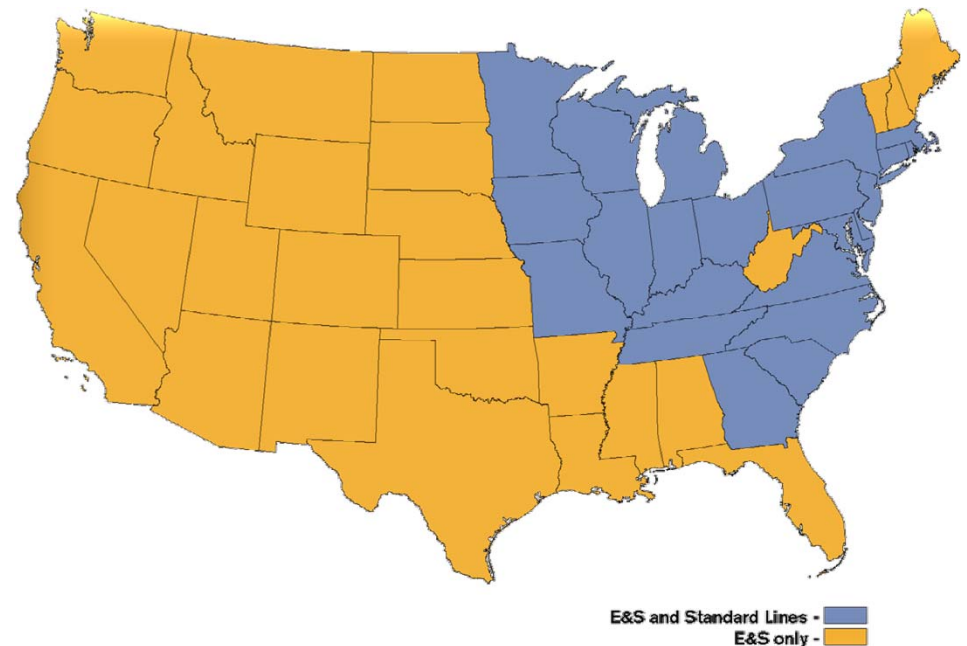
Dale Thatcher

EVP, Chief Financial Officer



Who We Are

- \$1.7B 2012 NPW
- Super-regional carrier
- Standard lines distributed through independent agents
- Excess & Surplus (E&S) lines distributed through wholesale agents
- 76% standard commercial lines
- History of financial strength



Business Diversification

Standard Commercial Lines

- 22 state footprint
- 1,100 independent agency relationships
- Average account size of \$9,000

Personal Lines

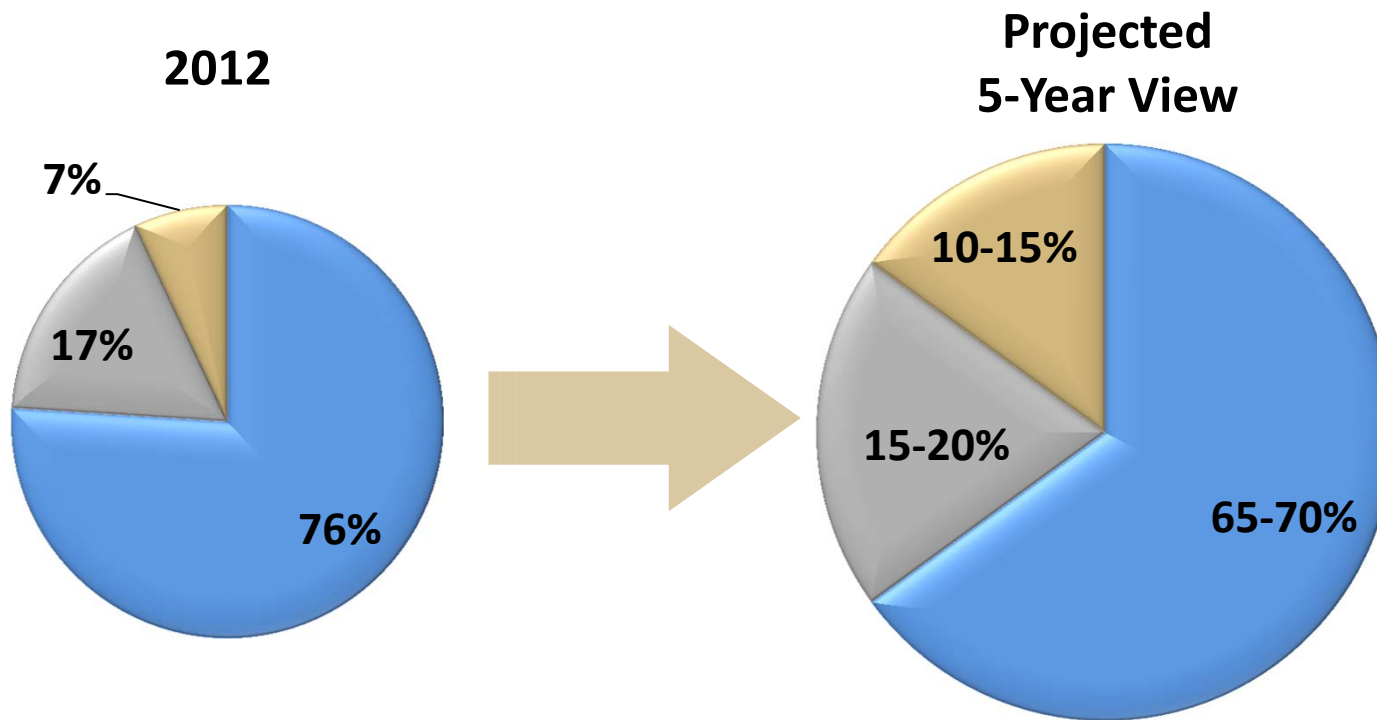
- 13 state footprint
- 620 independent agents
- Agents want joint C/L & P/L markets
- Flood 2012 net income of \$19M

E&S Contract Binding Authority

- Right time to enter business
- Wholesale agents have controlled binding authority and no claims authority
- Within E&S, lower hazard and dollar limits
- Average policy size of \$2,600

Diversification Leads to Profit Opportunities

Net Premiums Written %



Standard Commercial

Personal

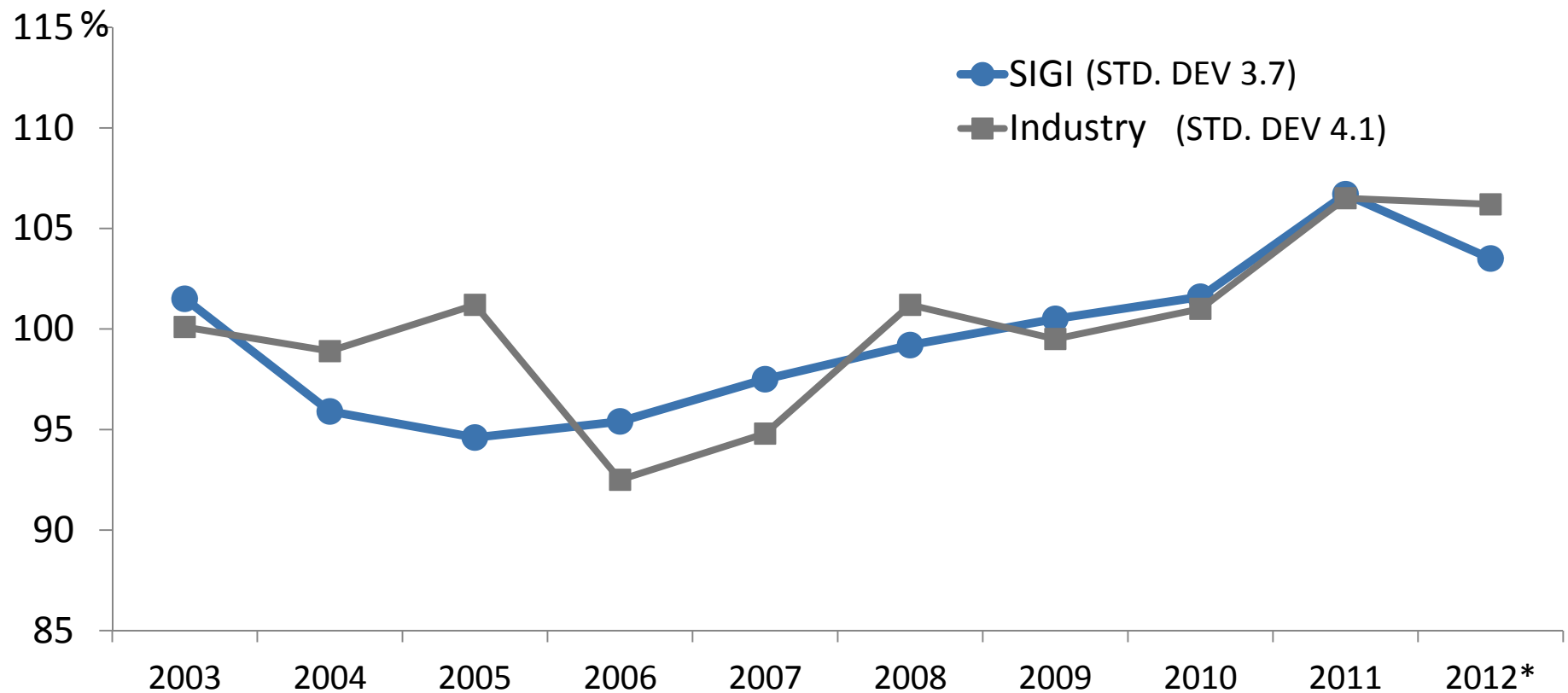
Excess & Surplus

Financial Strength is our Foundation for Success

- Access to capital markets
 - February 8, 2013 issued \$185 million 5.875% senior notes due 2043
 - Use of proceeds:
 - Call \$100 million 7.5% junior subordinated notes due 2066
 - Balance to fund growth
- Underwriting stability
- Disciplined reserving
- Conservative investments
- Benefits of leverage

Underwriting Stability

Statutory Combined Ratio – SIGI vs. Industry



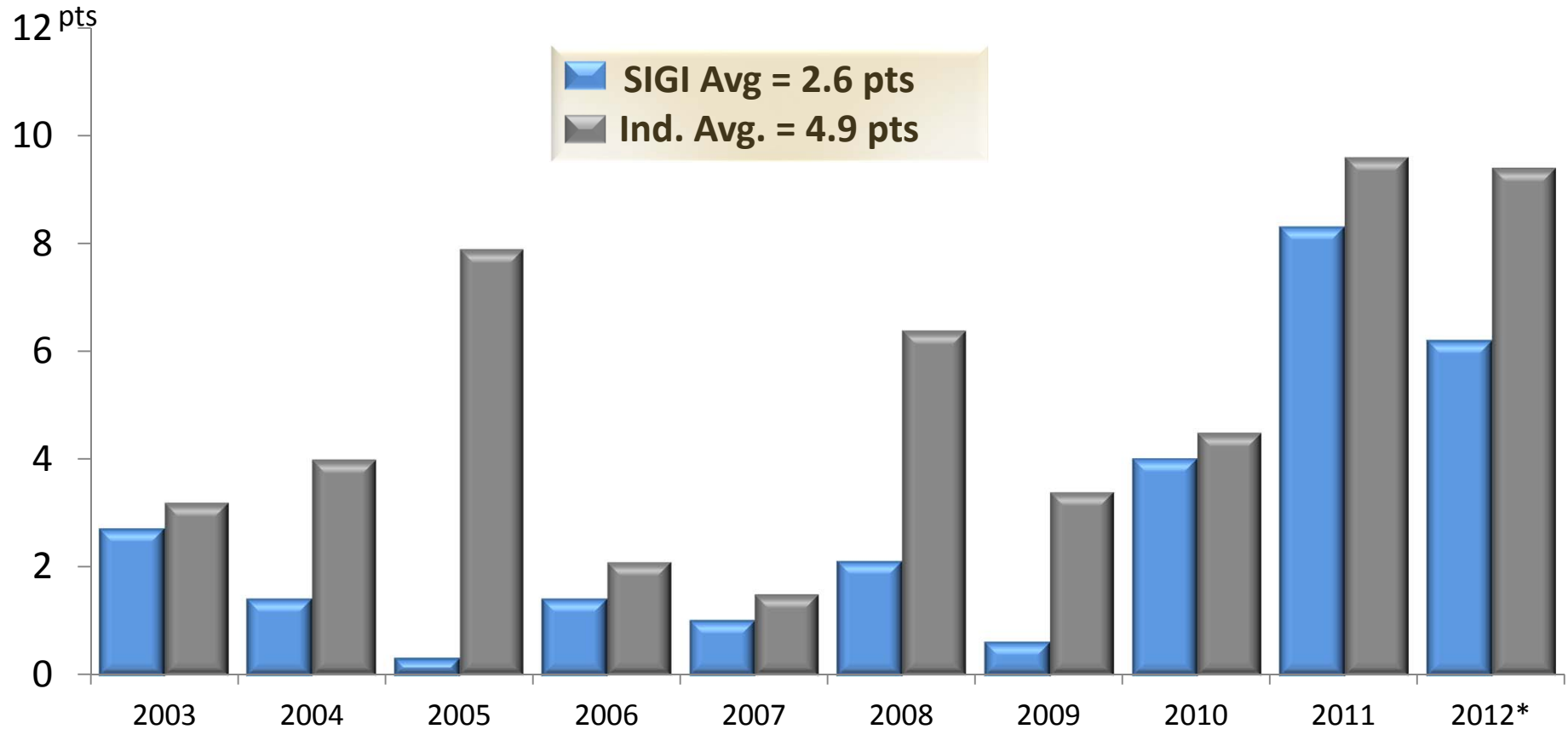
**2012 AM Best Industry Estimate*

Source: A.M. Best and Insurance Information Institute

Note: Industry excluding Mortgage and Financial Guaranty Segments since 2007



Impact of CATs on Combined Ratio



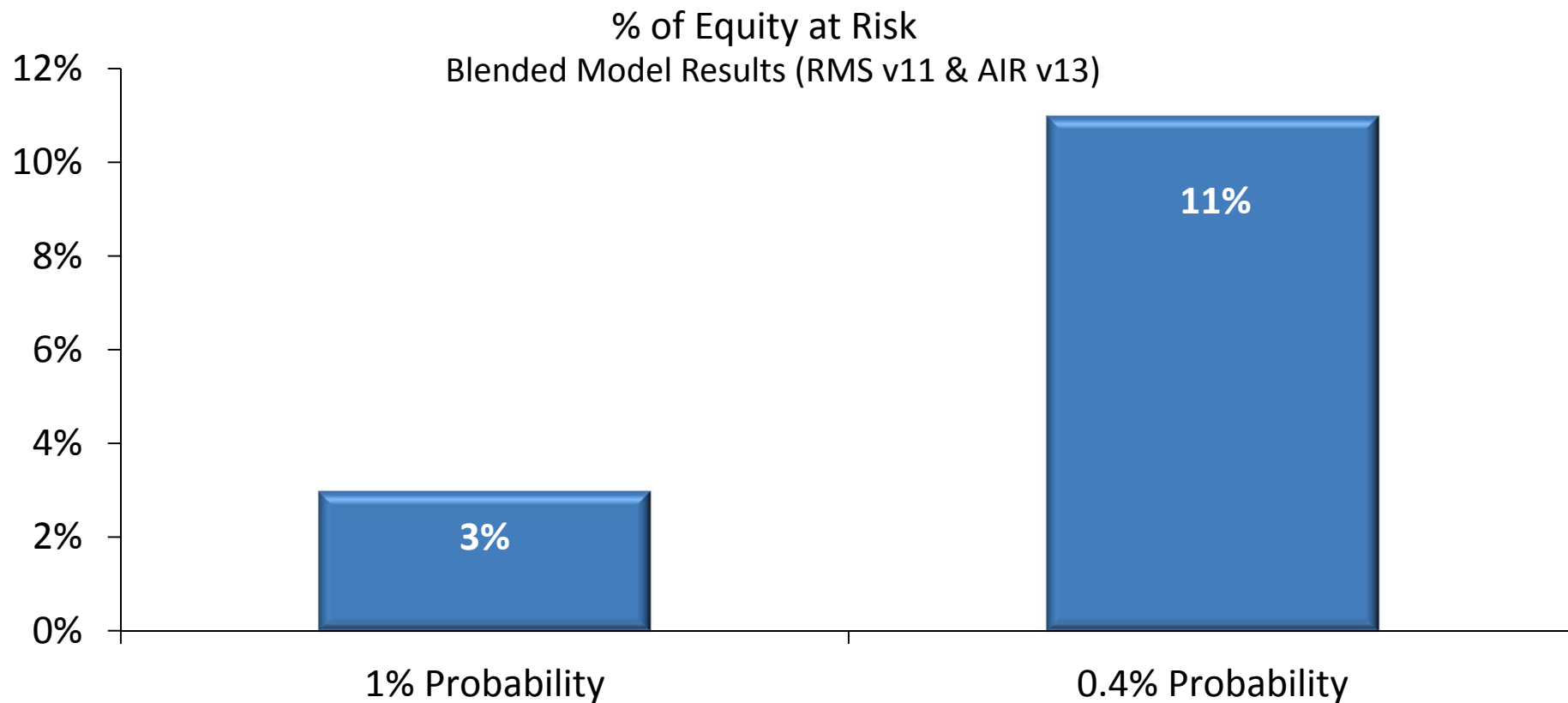
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Managing Increased Catastrophes

- Hurricane Sandy
 - \$136 million pre-tax gross CAT loss
 - \$47 million pre-tax net CAT loss
 - \$9 million reinsurance reinstatement premium
 - \$16 million flood claims handling fees
 - \$40 million pre-tax net loss (\$0.46 per diluted share after-tax)
 - Added 9.8 points to the 4th quarter combined ratio and 2.5 points to the year

Conservative Reinsurance Program

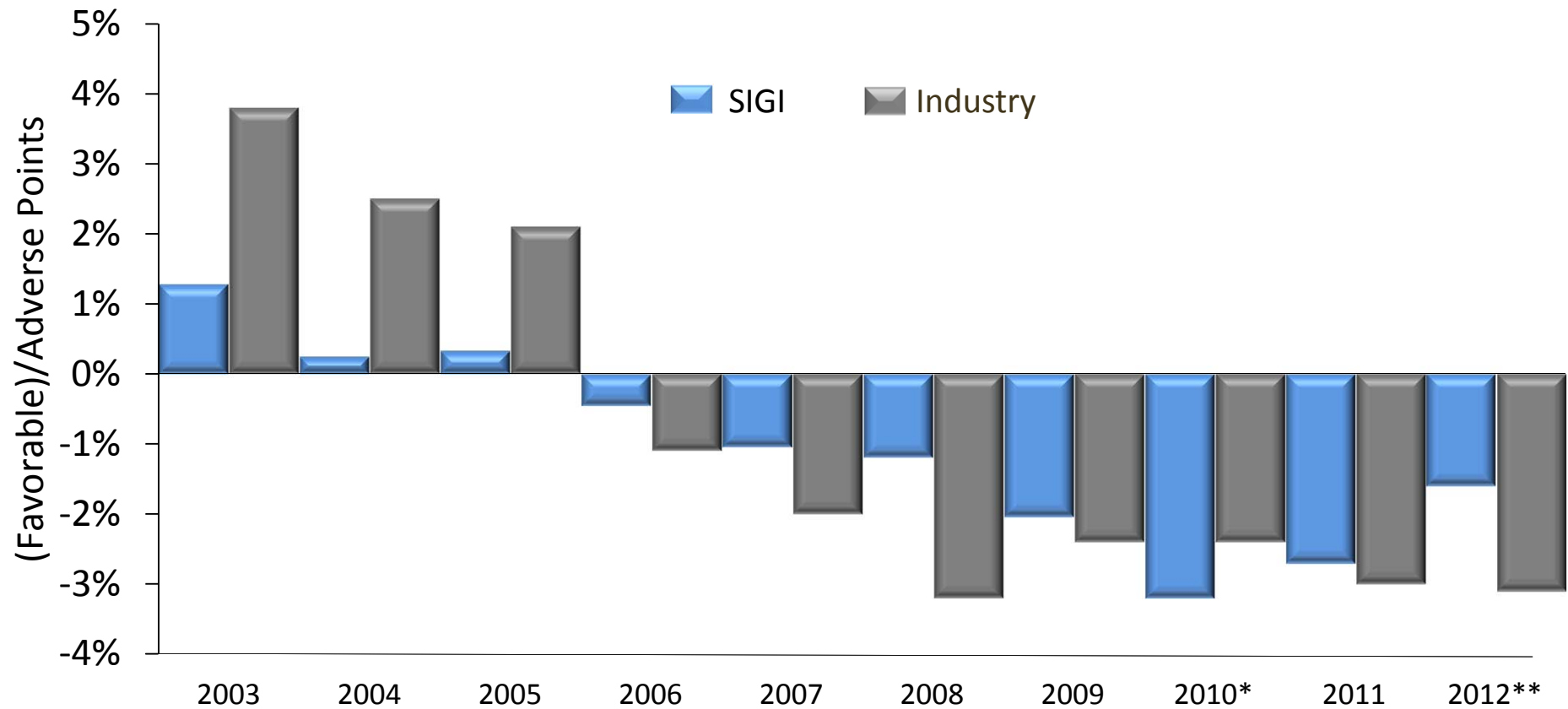


CAT Cover: \$585M in excess of \$40M

*Percentages are after tax and include applicable reinstatement premium.
Data as of 7/12; Equity data as of December 31, 2012.*



Calendar Year Development



*2010 Industry development includes \$4B charge from AIG

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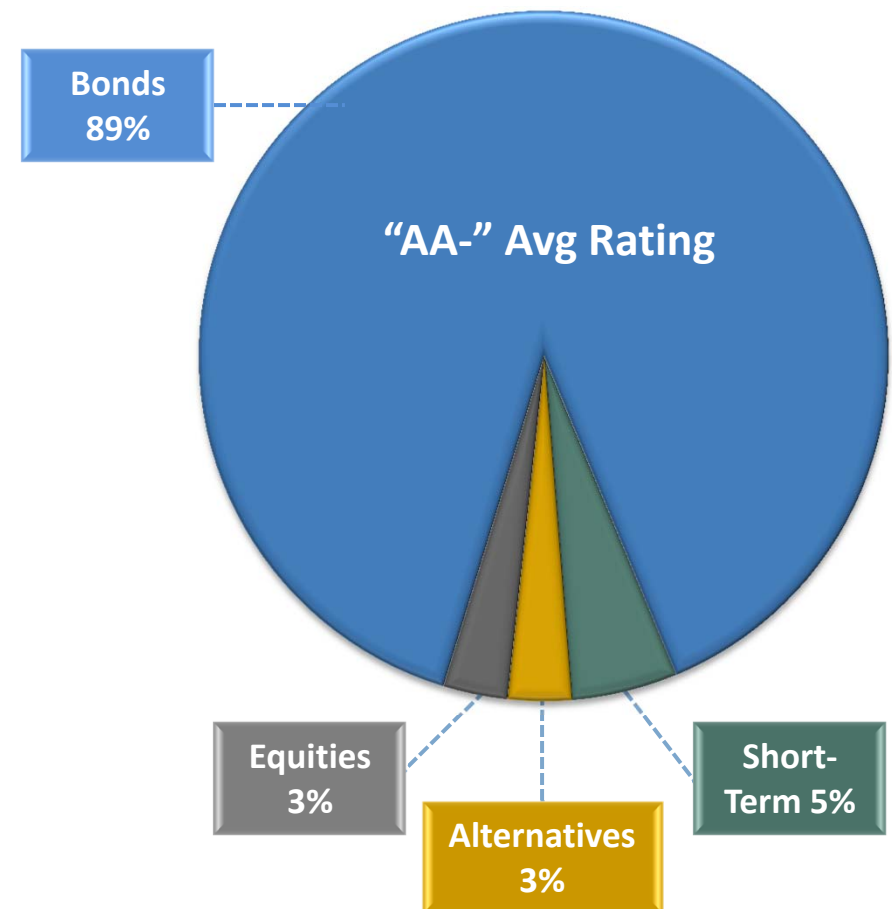
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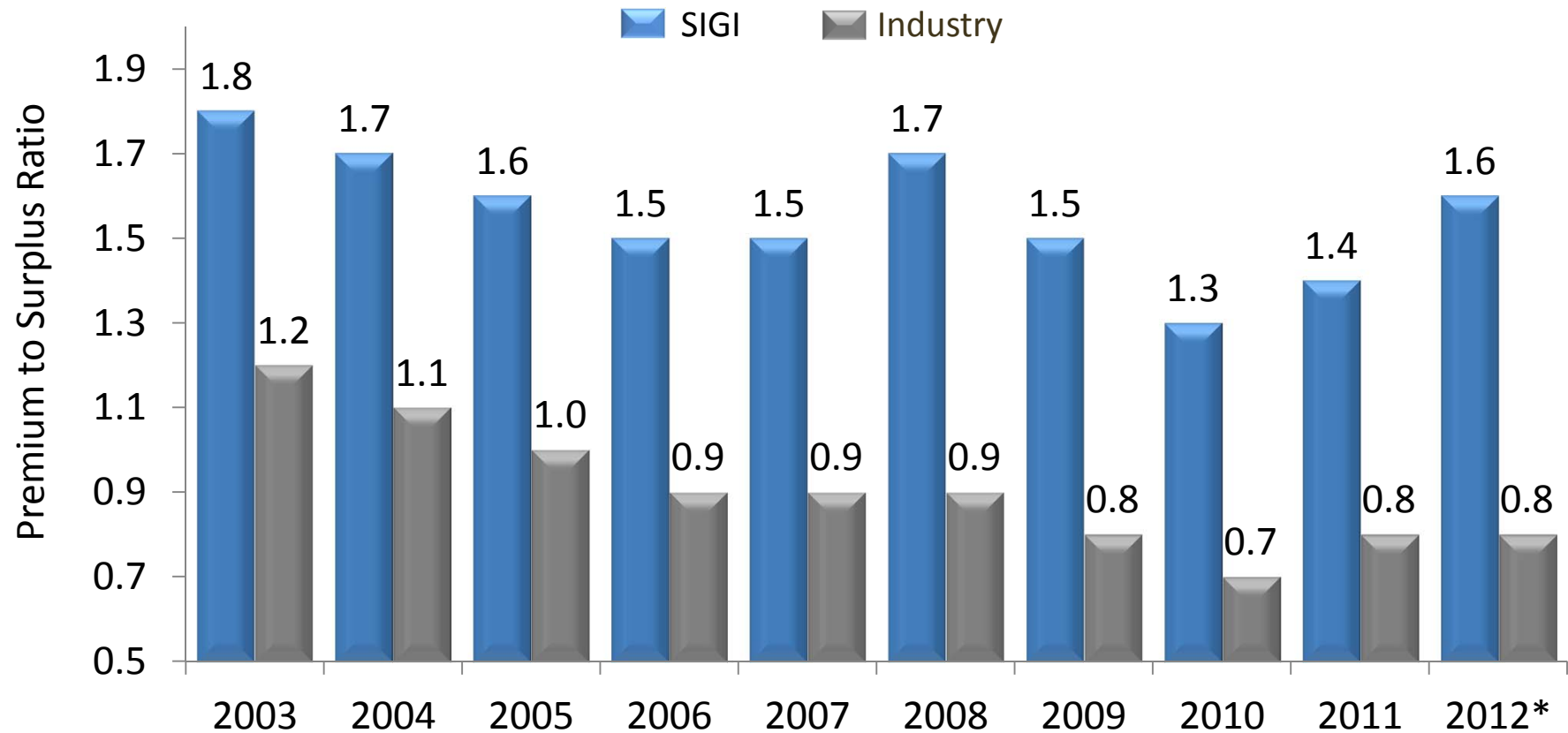
Conservative Investment Portfolio

- Well diversified, laddered portfolio
- Only 1.7% of bond portfolio rated “BB” & below
- 3.6 year average duration, excluding short-term
- Investment leverage of $3.97 \times 2.4\% \text{ yield} = \sim 9.5\% \text{ ROE}$

**\$4.3B Invested Assets
December 31, 2012**



Selective's Use of Underwriting Leverage



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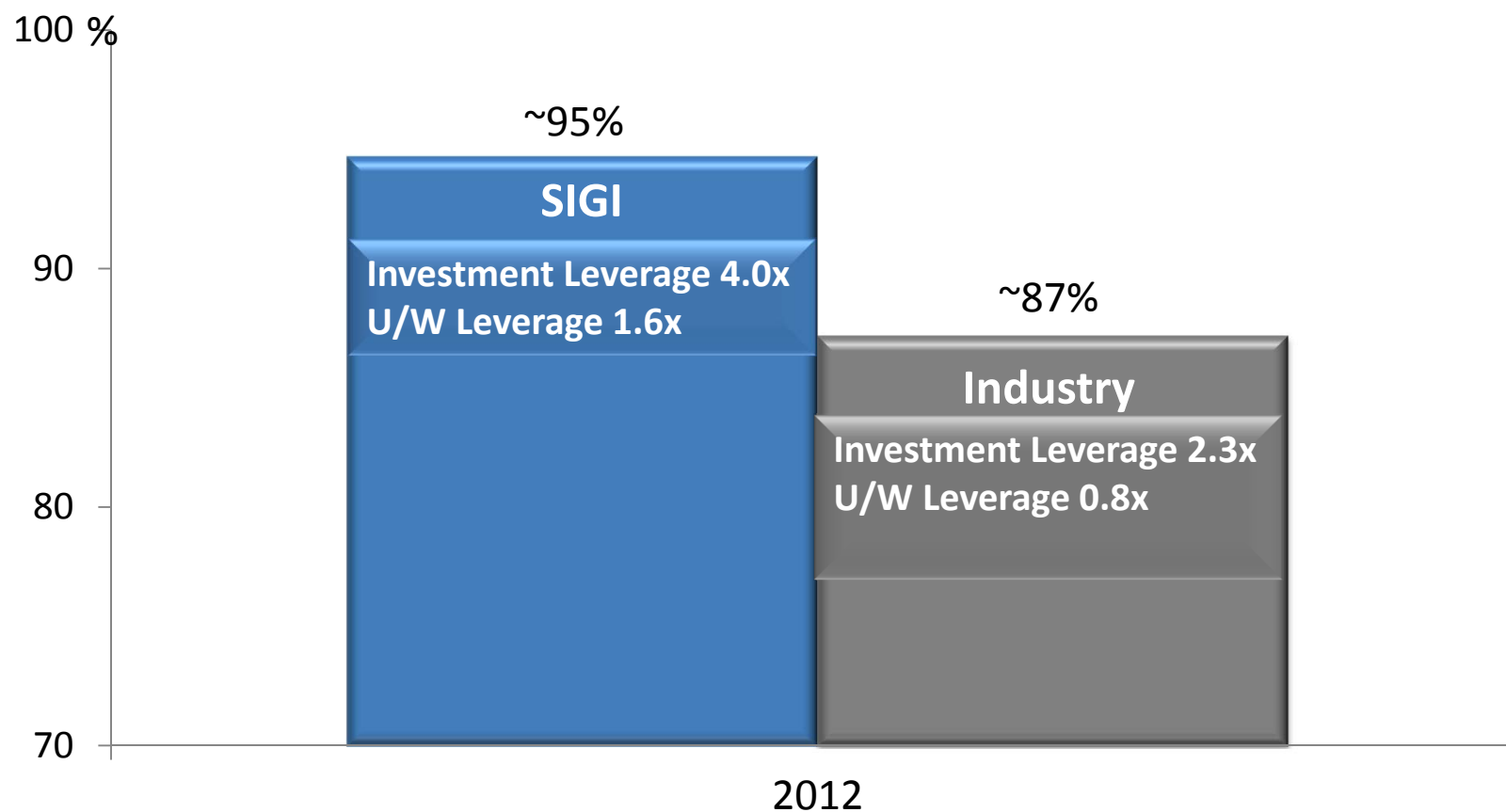
Sources: ISO, AM Best and Insurance Information Institute

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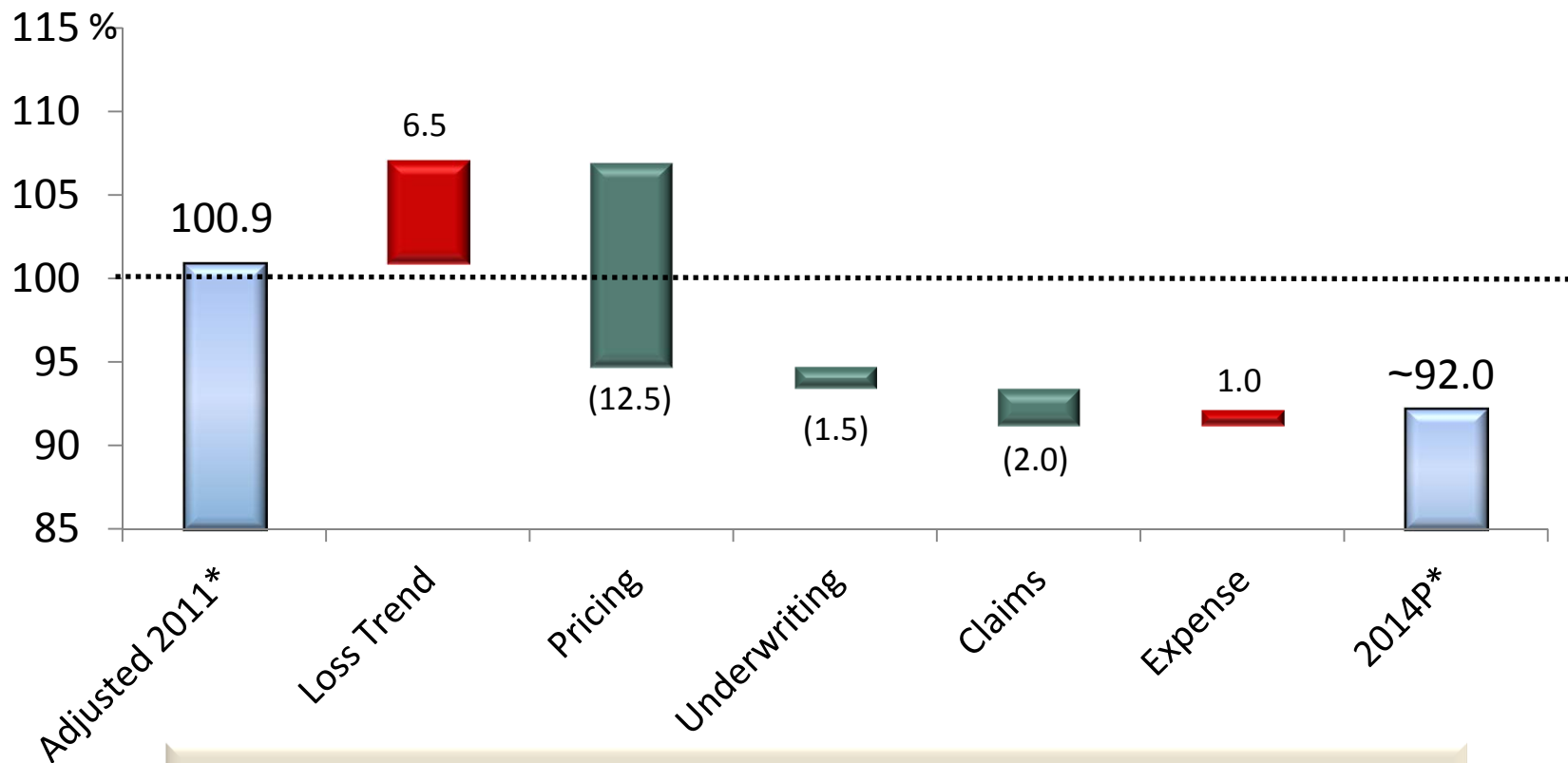
Impact of Leverage

Combined Ratio Required for 12% ROE



Industry Source: AM Best

Combined Ratio Improvement Plan



Company expectation for 3 points of CAT losses in 2013 & 2014

*Excluding CATS and reserve development

Strategic Overview

Greg Murphy

Chairman, President & CEO



What Makes Us Unique

- 
- Empowered decision makers
 - Superior agency relationships
 - Sophisticated tools
 - Focus on customer experience
 - Excellent risk management

Culture of Continuous Improvement

Relationships with the Highest Caliber Agents

- Franchise value
- Greater share of wallet
- Strong feedback loop



2012

- \$1.4M NPW per agency
- 8.3/10 on agency survey

A Regional with National Capabilities

Capabilities of a National

- Sophisticated pricing
- Fraud and recovery models
- Advanced data and technology

Nimbleness of a Regional

- Relationships
- Local decision making

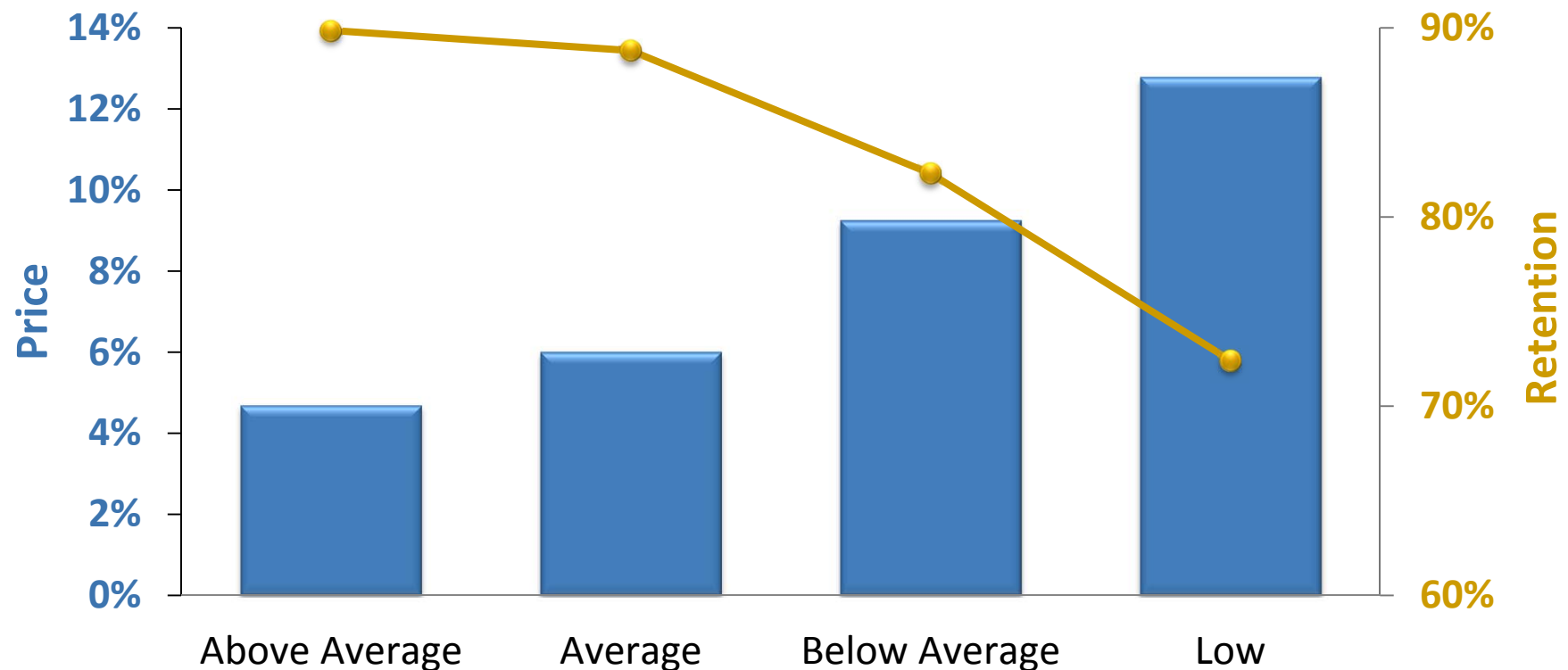
**Selective:
A Unique
Super-Regional**

Pricing Sophistication – Dynamic Portfolio Manager

- ~20 factors driven through DPM generate individual policy guidance and portfolio level impact
 - Line of business and segment strategy
 - CAT modeling
 - Predictive modeling
 - Agency profitability
 - Risk characteristics
 - “What-if” profitability analysis of an underwriter’s book

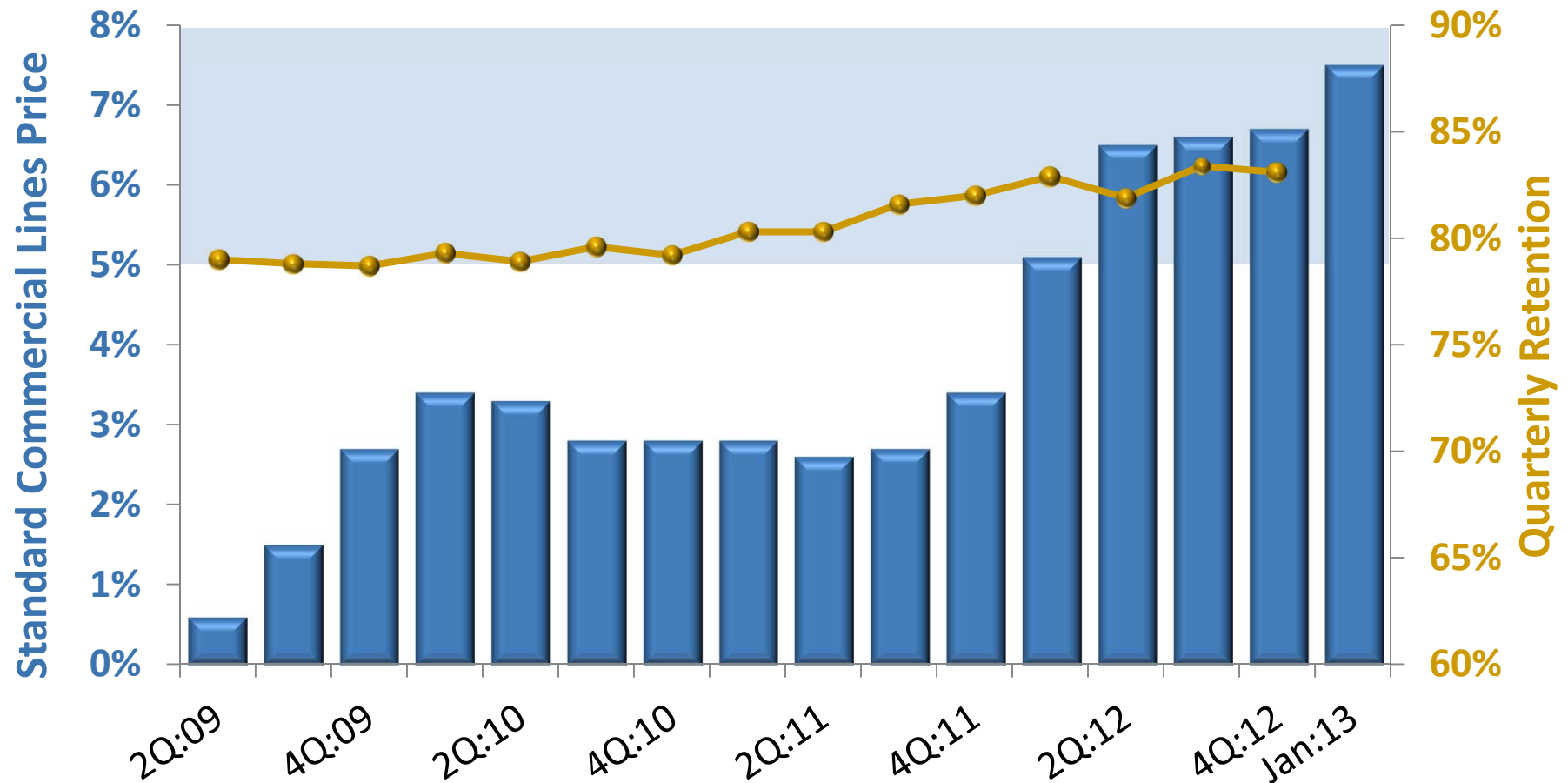
Pricing Sophistication – Dynamic Portfolio Manager

2012 Pricing by Retention Group – Standard Commercial Lines



2012 Price = 6.2%

Relationships Drive Pricing Through the Cycle



Anticipate commercial lines pricing between 7.5% and 8% for 2013

Personal Lines Sophistication

Homeowners

- Increasing rate
- By-peril rating
- Encourage whole account customers



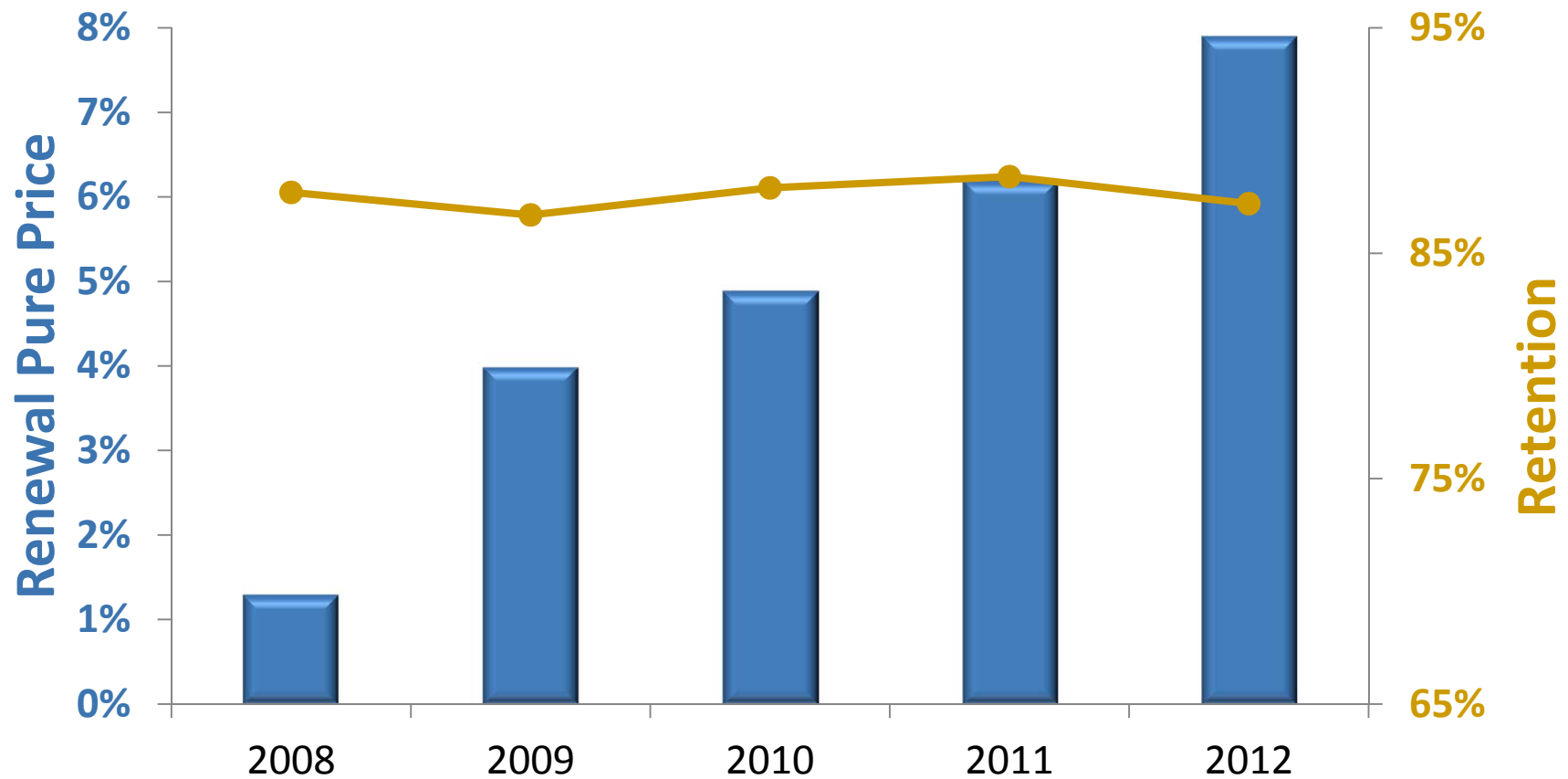
Auto

- Increasing rate
- Continued mix improvements
- Underwriting restrictions
- Claims initiatives
- Age of book



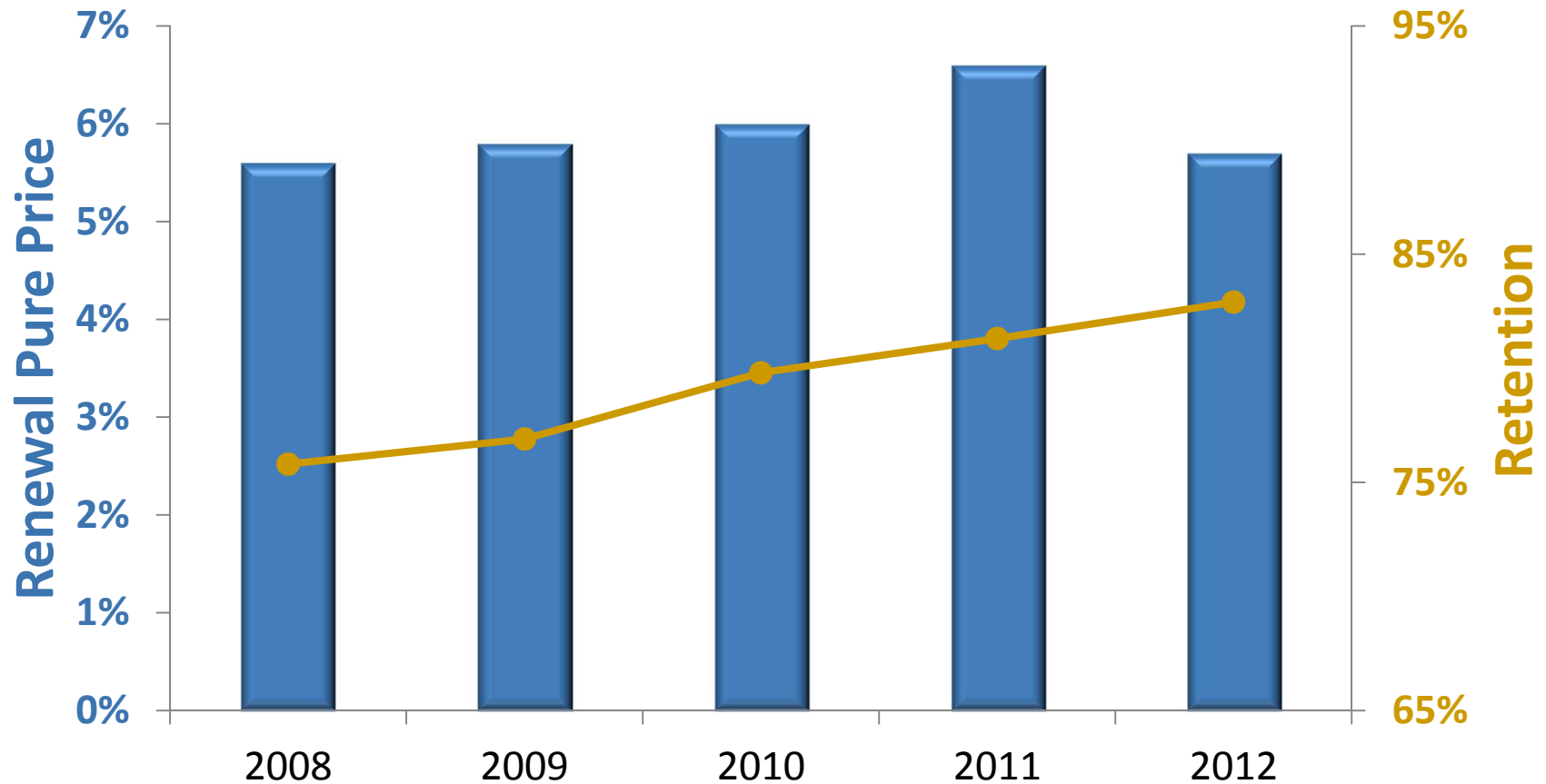
Anticipate personal lines pricing of approximately 7% in 2013

Homeowners Pricing



Targeting upper-80's combined ratio in normal CAT year
Anticipate pricing of approximately 8.5% in 2013

Personal Auto Pricing



Anticipate pricing of approximately 5.5% in 2013

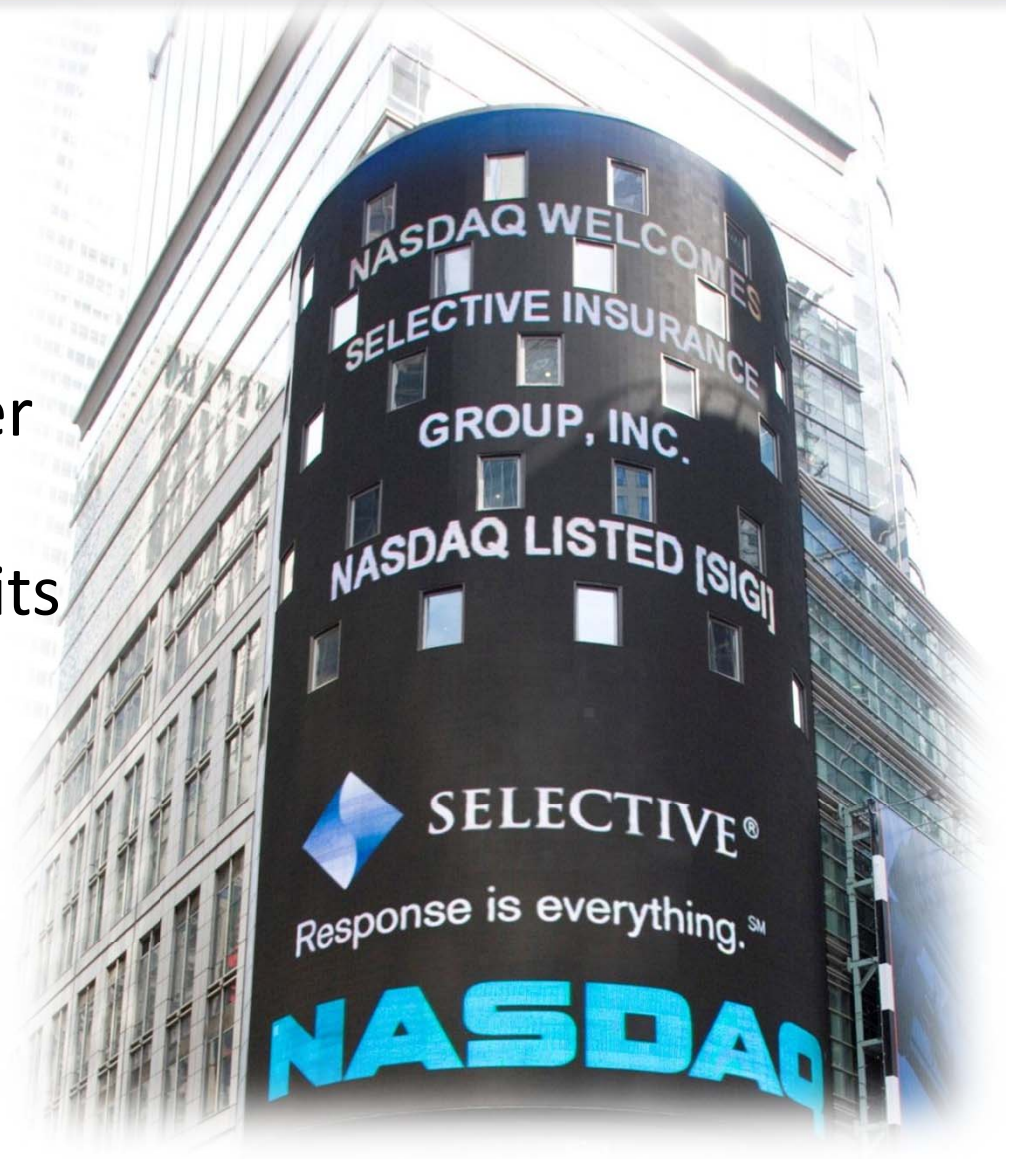
Achieving Better Outcomes in Claims

**Projected
3 Point
Loss &
Expense
Savings**

- Medical cost containment
- Complex claims
- Fraud detection model
- Recovery model
- Litigation management
- Comprehensive data management tools

Why Invest in Selective?

- Proven ability to manage the market cycle
- Growth at the right time
 - Grew faster and longer in last hard market
- Strong balance sheet limits downside
- Attractive valuation with ~2.3% dividend yield



2013 Guidance*

- Statutory combined ratio of 96%, excluding catastrophes and any prior year development either favorable or unfavorable
- A 3 point estimate for catastrophe losses
- After-tax investment income of approximately \$90-95 million
- Weighted average shares of approximately 56 million at year end 2013

Additional Information

Financial Highlights 2008 – 2012

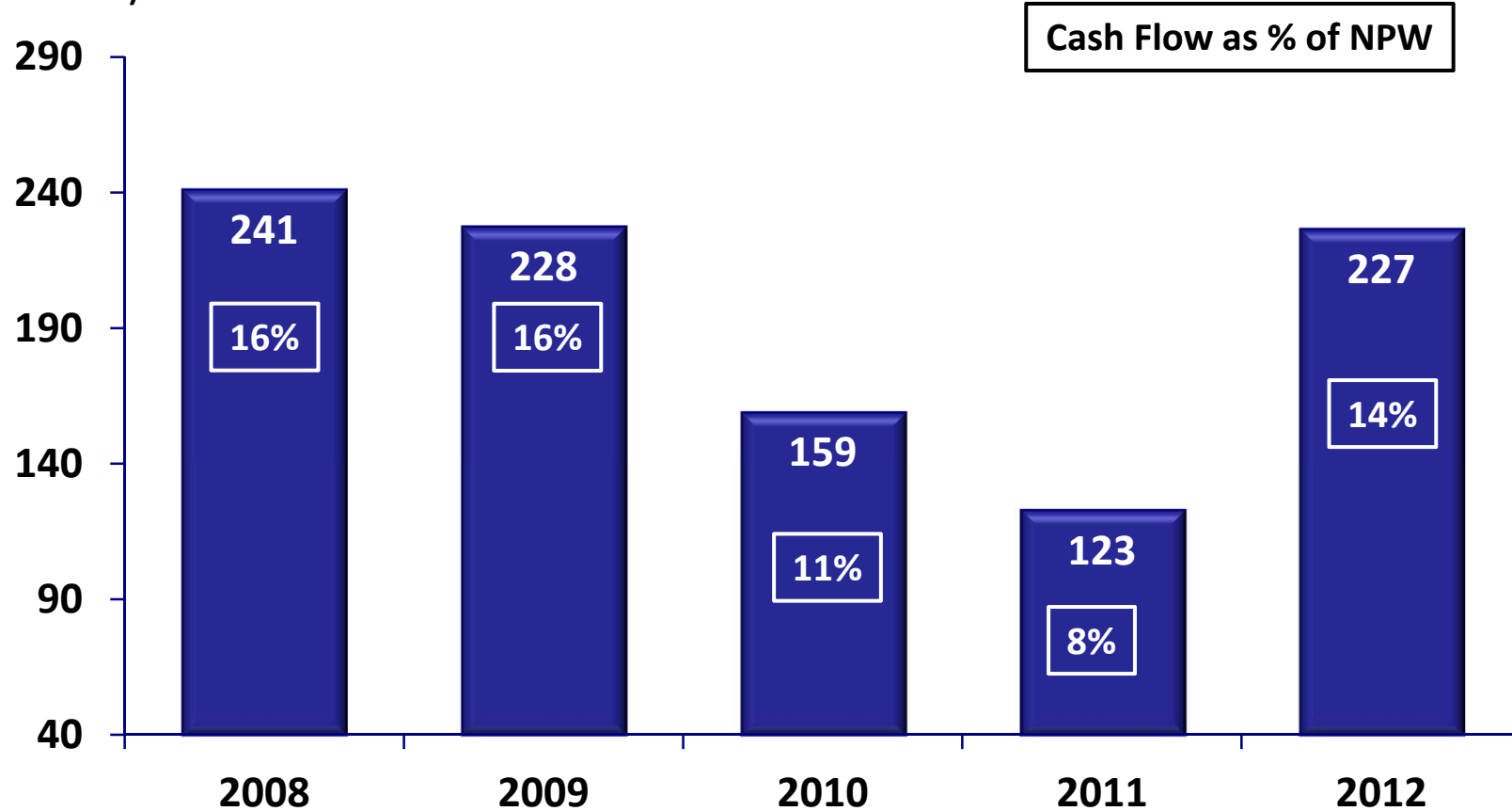
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Statutory NPW Growth	(4.5)%	(4.7)%	(2.3)%	6.8%	12.2%
Operating EPS*	\$1.43	\$1.39	\$1.38	\$0.38	\$0.58
Net Income per Share*	\$0.82	\$0.68	\$1.23	\$0.40	\$0.68
Dividend per Share	\$0.52	\$0.52	\$0.52	\$0.52	\$0.52
Book Value per Share*	\$15.81	\$17.80	\$18.97	\$19.45	\$19.77
Return on Equity*	4.7%	4.1%	6.8%	2.1%	3.5%
Operating Return on Equity*	8.2%	8.3%	7.7%	2.0%	3.0%
Statutory Combined Ratio - Total	99.2%	100.5%	101.6%	106.7%	103.5%
- Standard Commercial Lines	98.5%	99.8%	100.8%	103.9%	103.0%
- Standard Personal Lines	103.7%	104.4%	106.4%	117.3%	100.7%
- Excess and Surplus Lines	NA	NA	NA	131.3%	118.8%
GAAP Combined Ratio – Total*	100.0%	99.9%	101.4%	107.2%	104.0%
- Standard Commercial Lines*	99.2%	98.8%	100.0%	104.3%	103.3%
- Standard Personal Lines*	105.1%	105.6%	108.3%	117.8%	101.3%
- Excess and Surplus Lines*	NA	NA	NA	270.2%	124.7%

**Historical values have been restated to reflect impact of deferred policy acquisition cost accounting change*

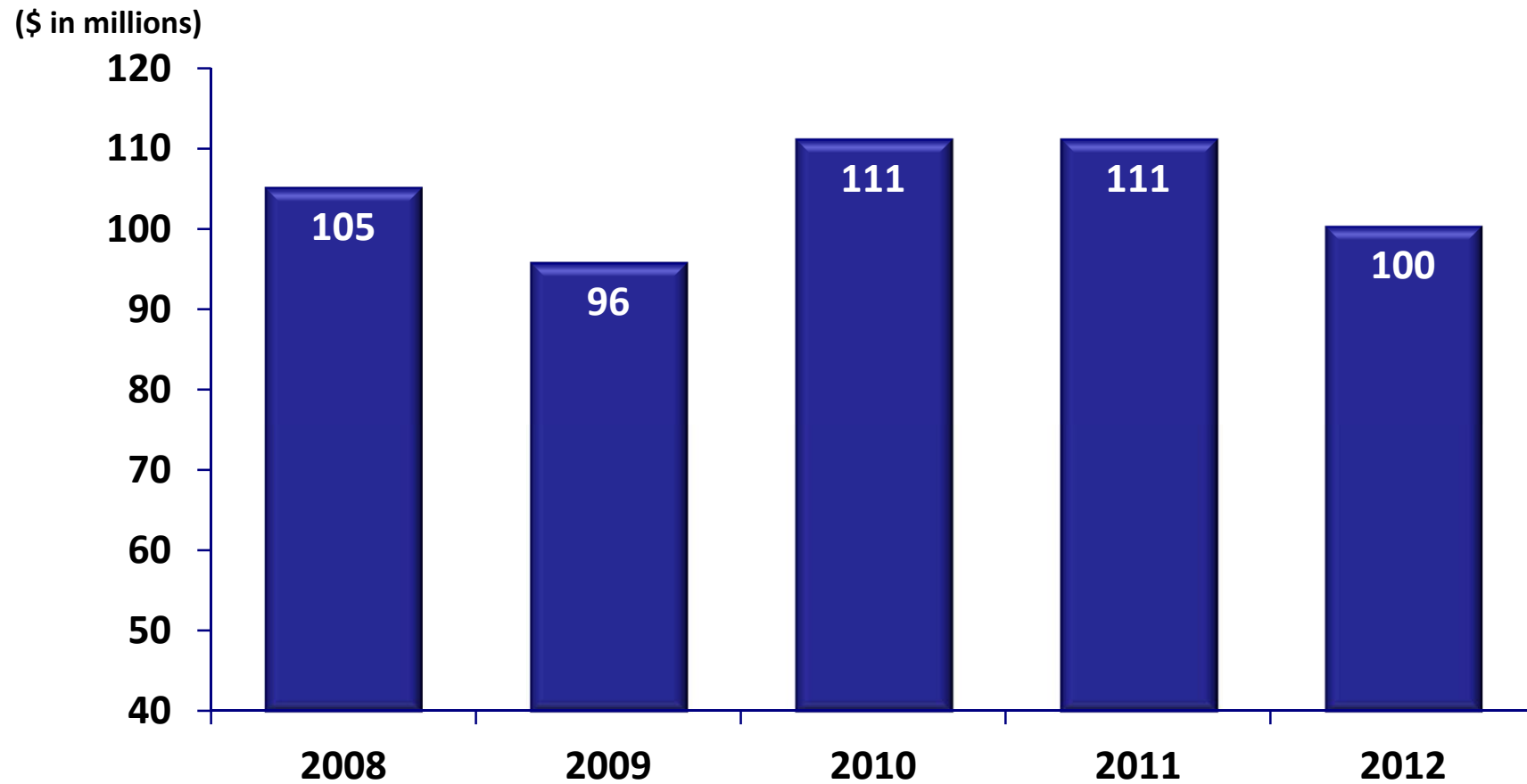


Net Operating Cash Flow

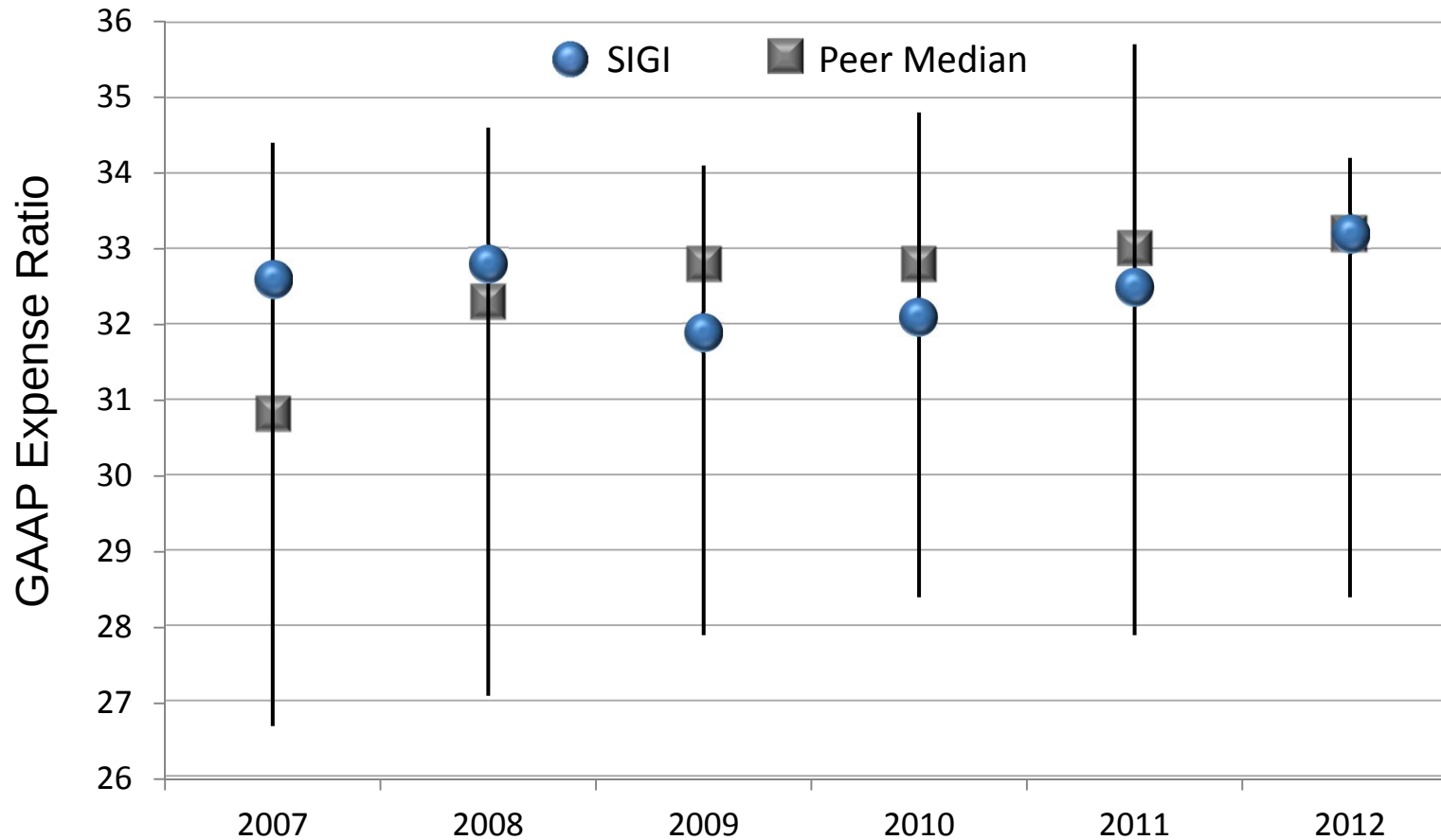
(\$ in millions)



Investment Income – After-tax

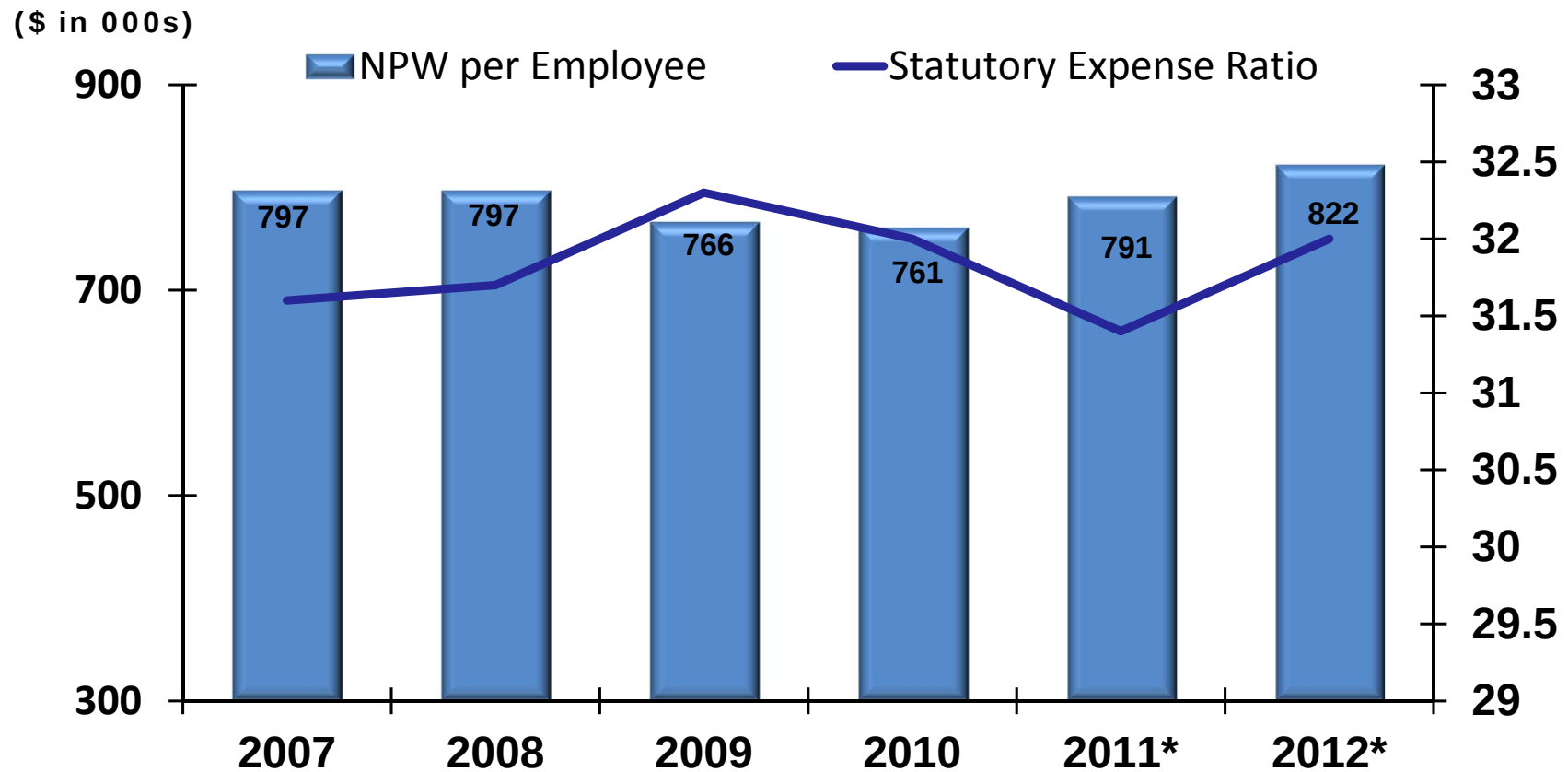


Focused Expense Management



Source: SNL Financial; includes Policyholder Dividends
Peers include CINF, CNA, HIG, STFC, THG, TRV, UFCS, and WRB

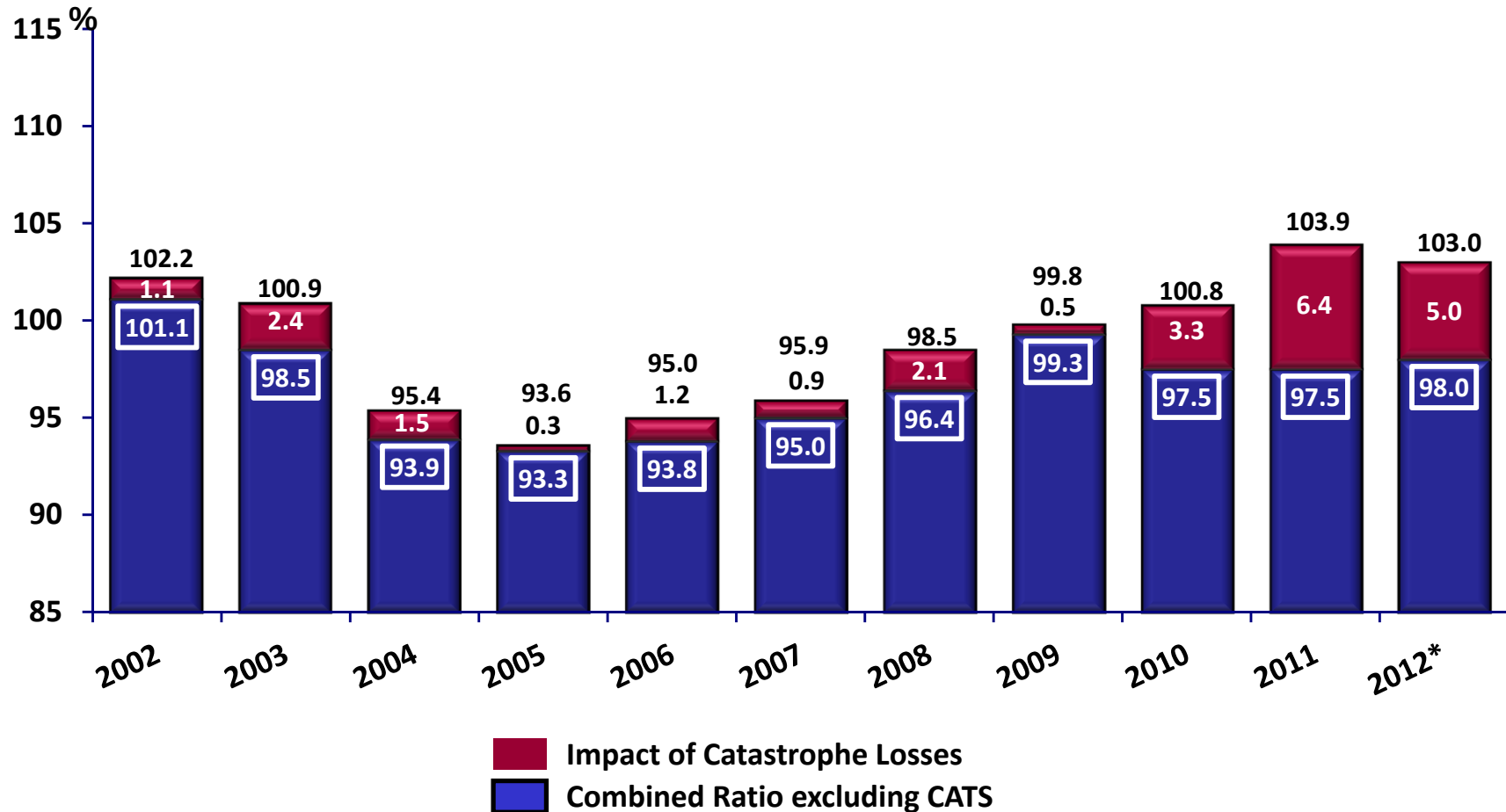
Insurance Operations Productivity



**Excludes Excess & Surplus Lines*

Standard Commercial Lines Profitability

Statutory Combined Ratios

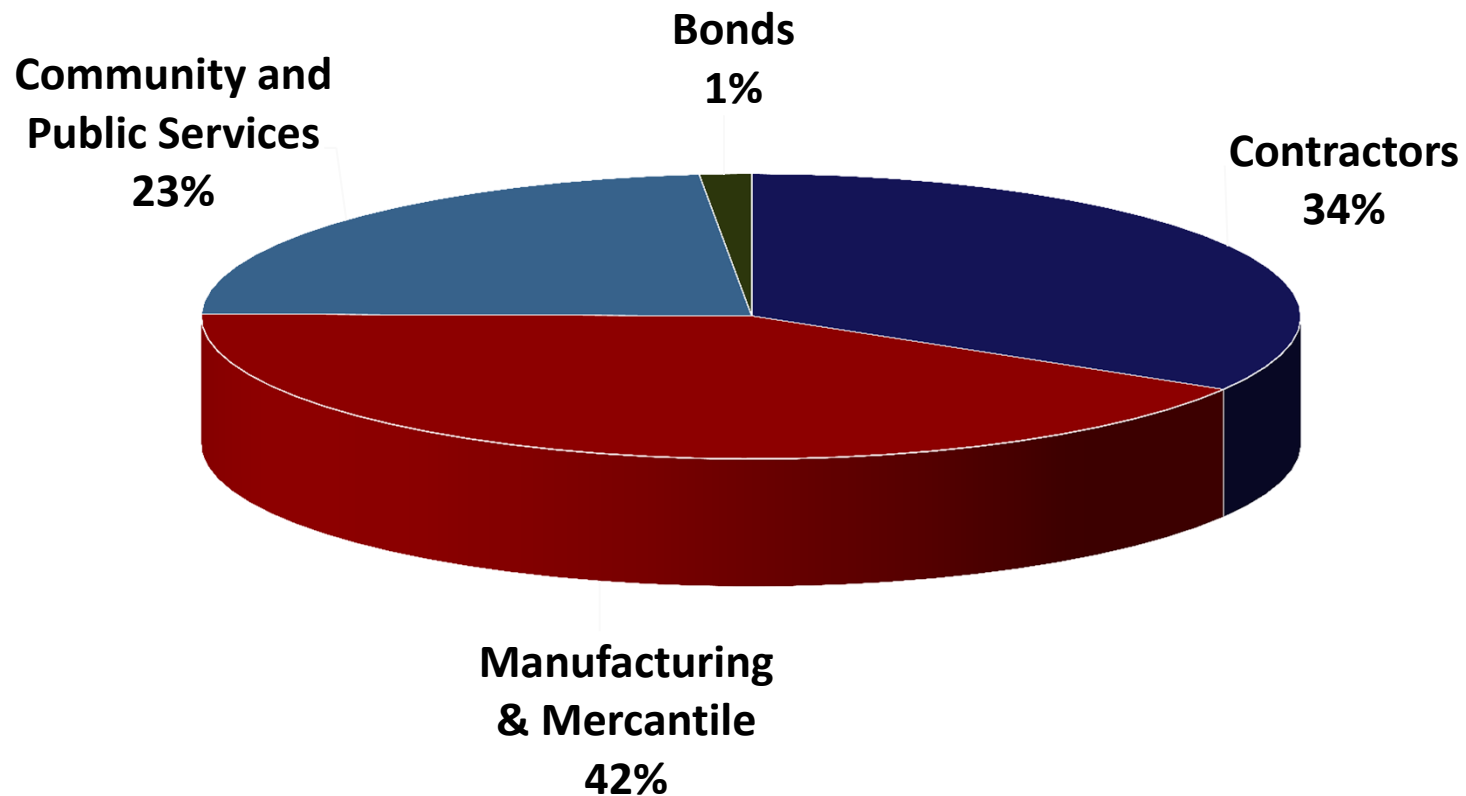


**Includes impact of reinstatement premium on catastrophe reinsurance program as a result of Hurricane Sandy*

Premium by Strategic Business Unit

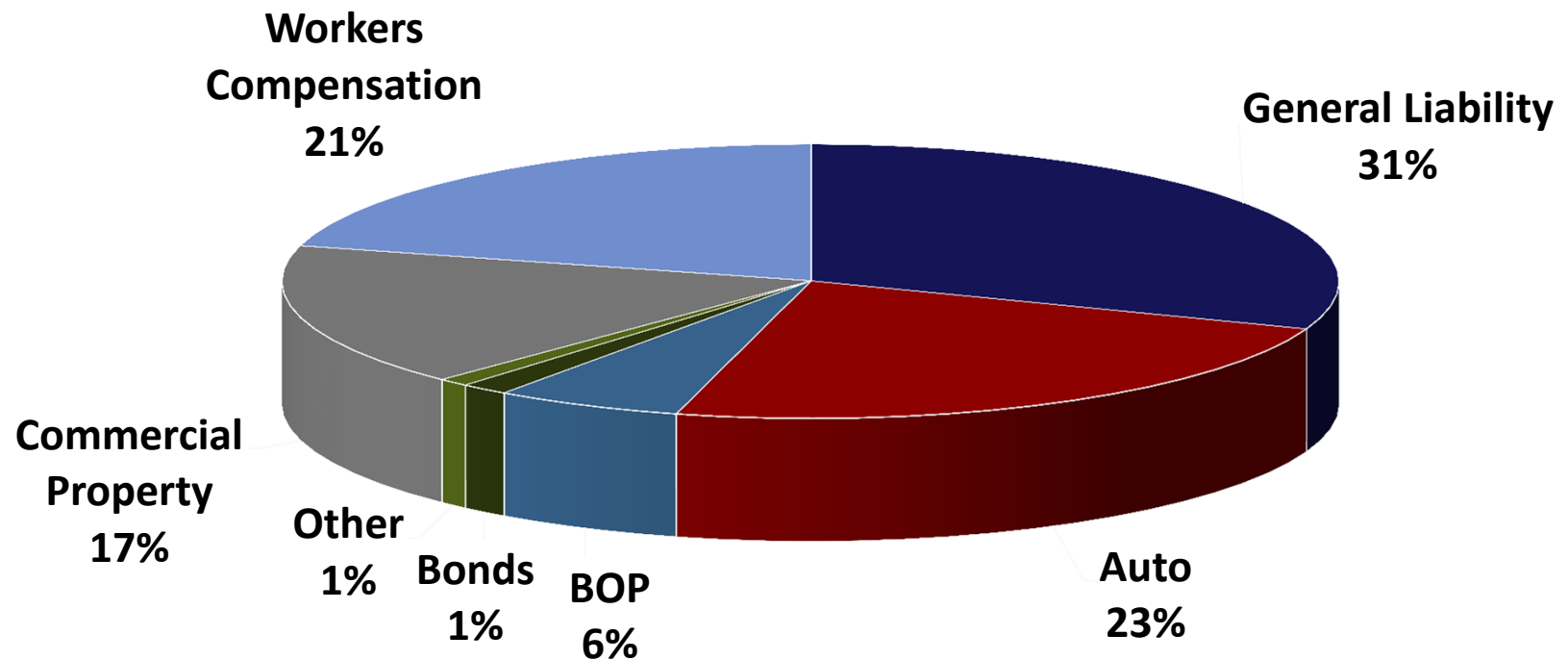
2012 Standard Commercial Lines

Direct Premium Written

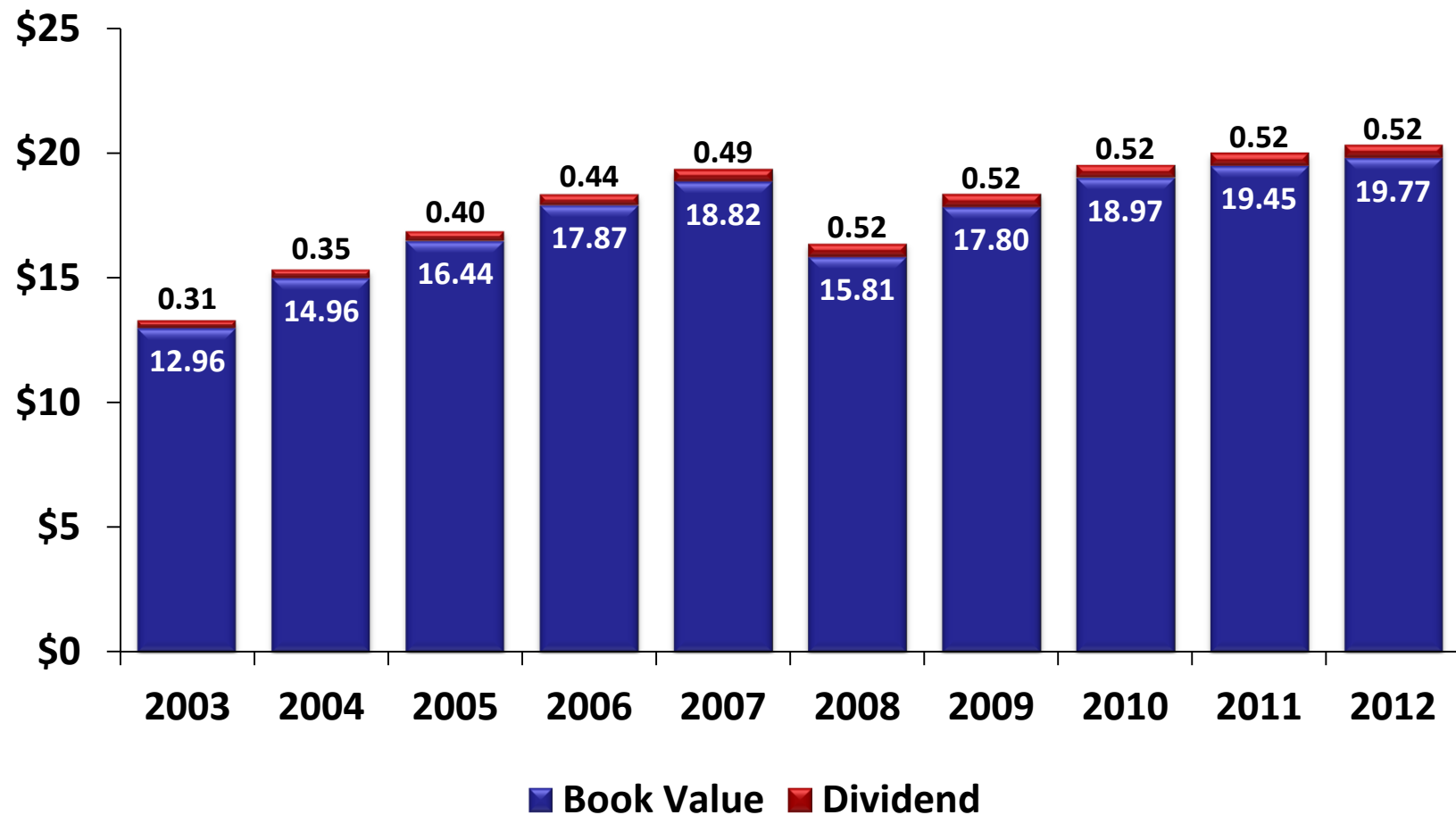


Premium by Line of Business

2012 Standard Commercial Lines Net Premium Written



Long-Term Shareholder Value Creation



Note: Book value restated for change in deferred policy acquisition costs (2002-2006 Estimated)