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#### **FINANCIAL STRENGTH**

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# **Forward Looking Statement**

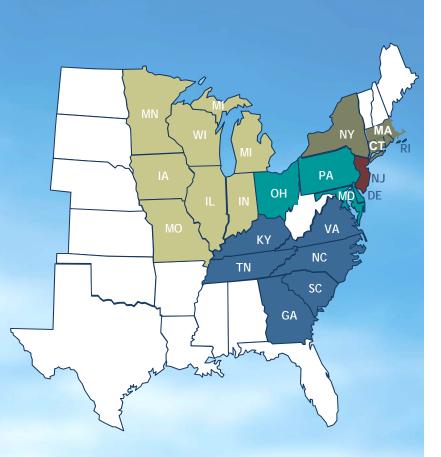
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Financial	Pricing	Commercial	Personal	Prepared for	selective*
Strength	Success	Lines	Lines	Tomorrow	

## Who We Are

- 22-state super-regional
- 2010: \$1.4B NPW
  - 82% commercial lines
  - 18% personal lines
- High tech, high touch business model
- Partner of choice 980 independent agents
- Focus on enterprise risk management
- Rated A+ by A.M. Best for 49 years



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# **Focus on Enterprise Risk Management**

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- Historically strong capital position
- Business model generates more earnings stability

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- Sophisticated underwriting and granular pricing
- Strong reserving practices
- Conservative reinsurance

Pricing

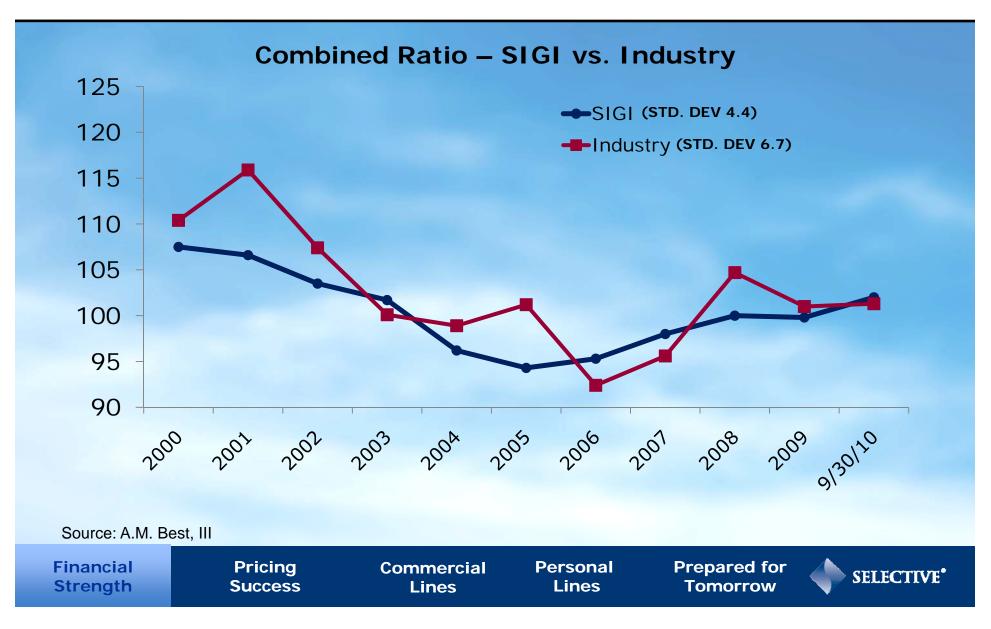
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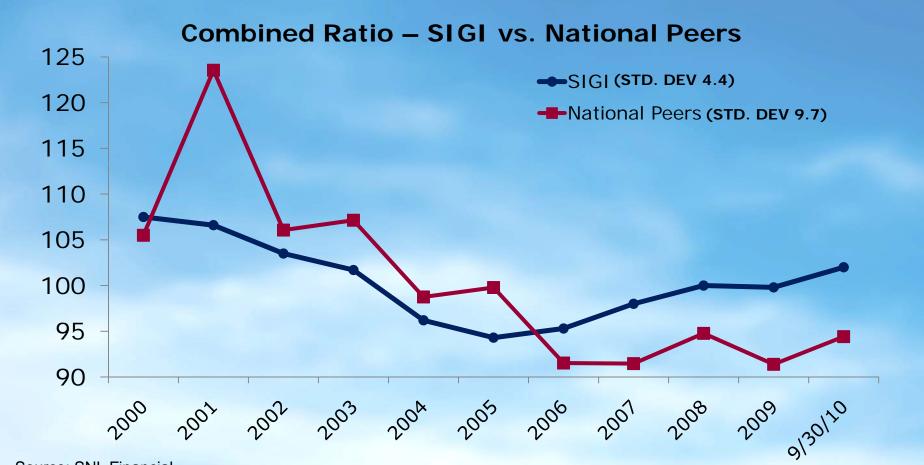
Strength

• Deep investment management talent

## **More Earnings Stability**



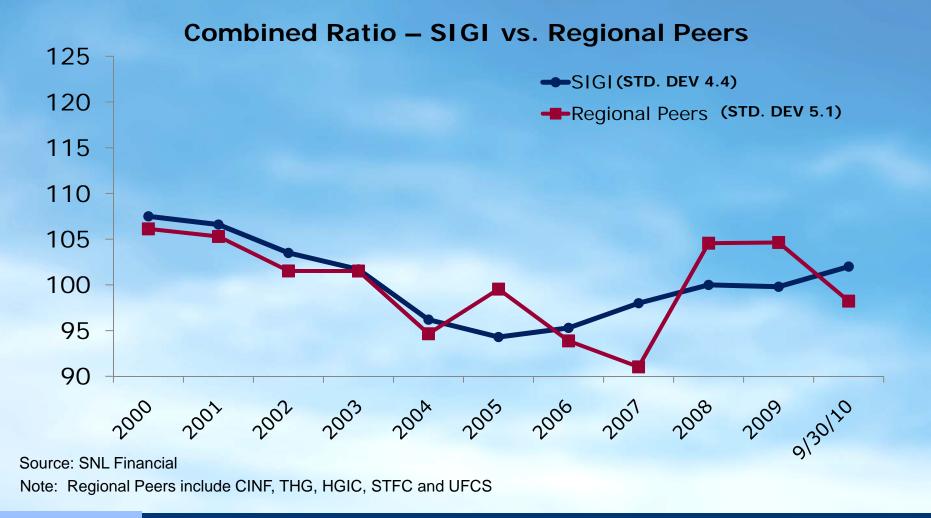
# **More Earnings Stability**



Source: SNL Financial Note: National Peers include CNA, CB, HIG, TRV and WRB

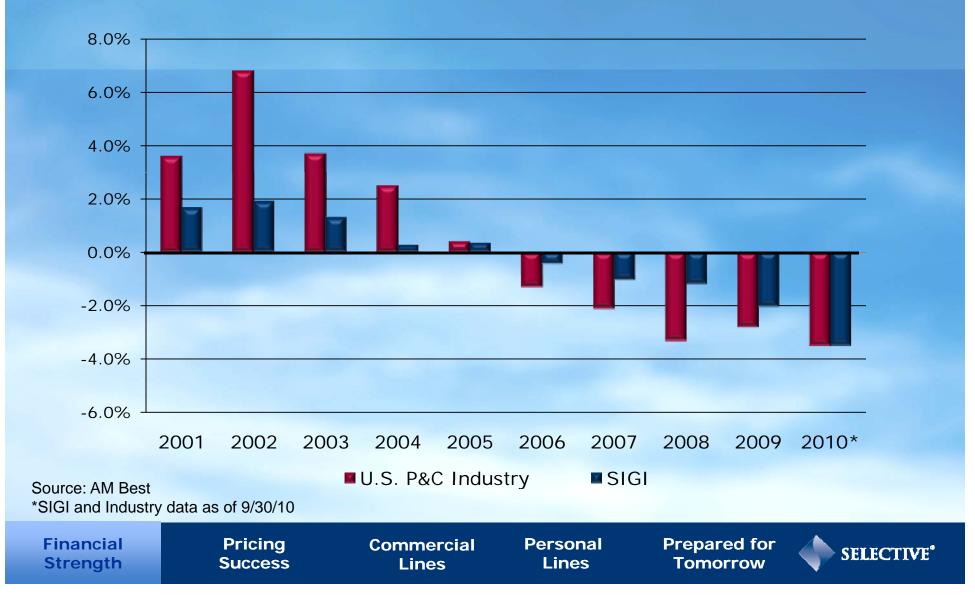
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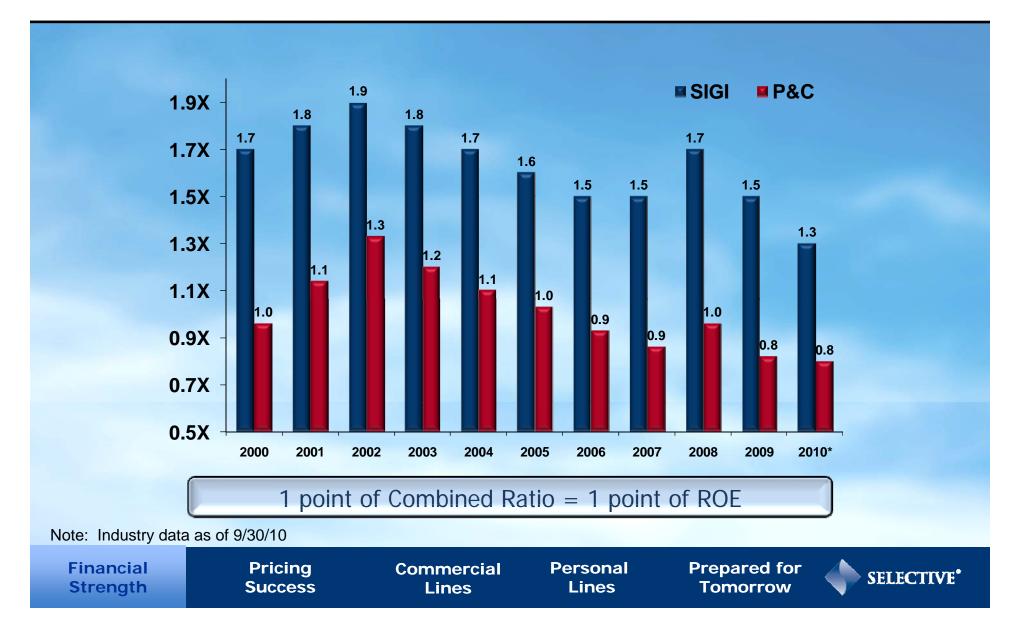


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# Adverse/ (Favorable) Points of Calendar Year Development



## **Premium-to-Surplus**



# **High Quality Investment Portfolio**

- Outsourcing provides access to broader market expertise
- Reallocation of risk for better risk adjusted returns
- Average "AA" bond quality
- Approximately 3.5 year average duration, including short-term & cash
- Equities and alternative investments 5% of invested assets



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# **Diversified Municipal Portfolio**



AA rated •

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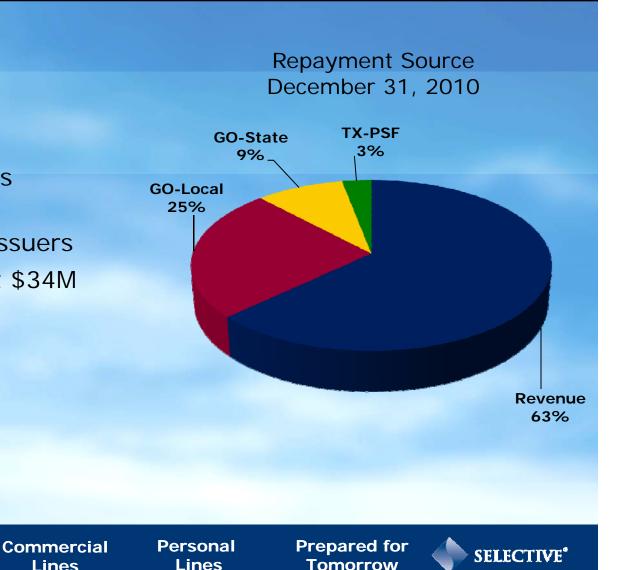
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- 33% of portfolio matures within 3 years
- Diversified among 293 issuers •
- NY, CA, NJ, IL represent \$34M or 2.3% of portfolio

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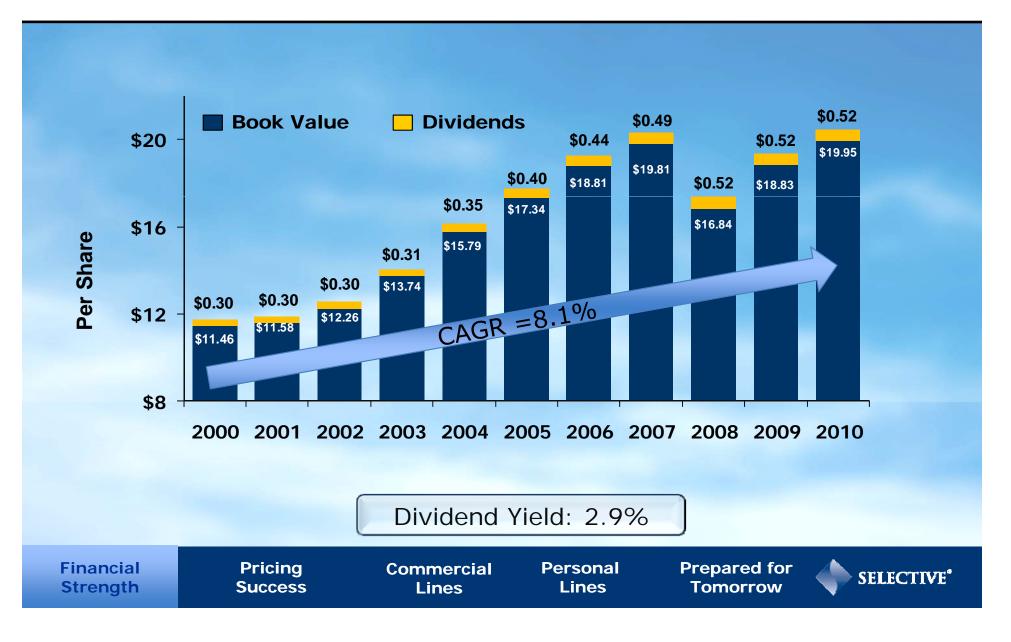
## **Interest Rate Impact**

- Laddered maturity schedule
- Differential between roll off rates and new money rates
  - 2011: (1.4)%
  - 2012: (0.9)%
- Impact to net investment income
  - 2011: (\$2.3M)
  - 2012: (\$6.3M)



# 30 bps of Yield = 1 point of ROE Financial Strength Pricing Success Commercial Lines Personal Lines Prepared for Tomorrow SELECTIVE\*

## **Long-Term Shareholder Value Creation**



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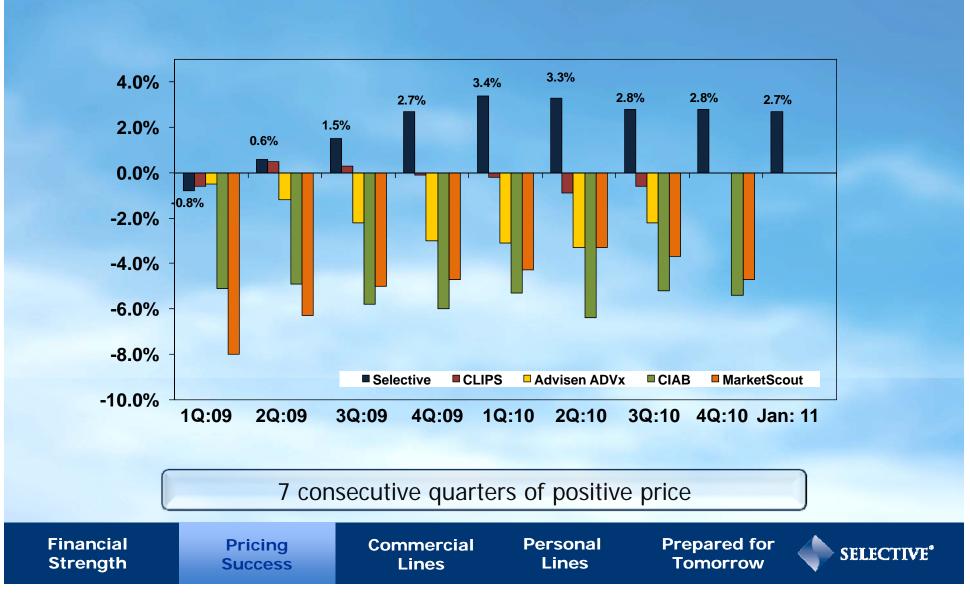


#### **PREPARED FOR TOMORROW**

GREG MURPHY CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO

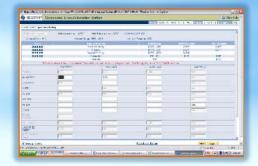


# Selective's Commercial Lines Pricing Success



# Why Are We Successful?

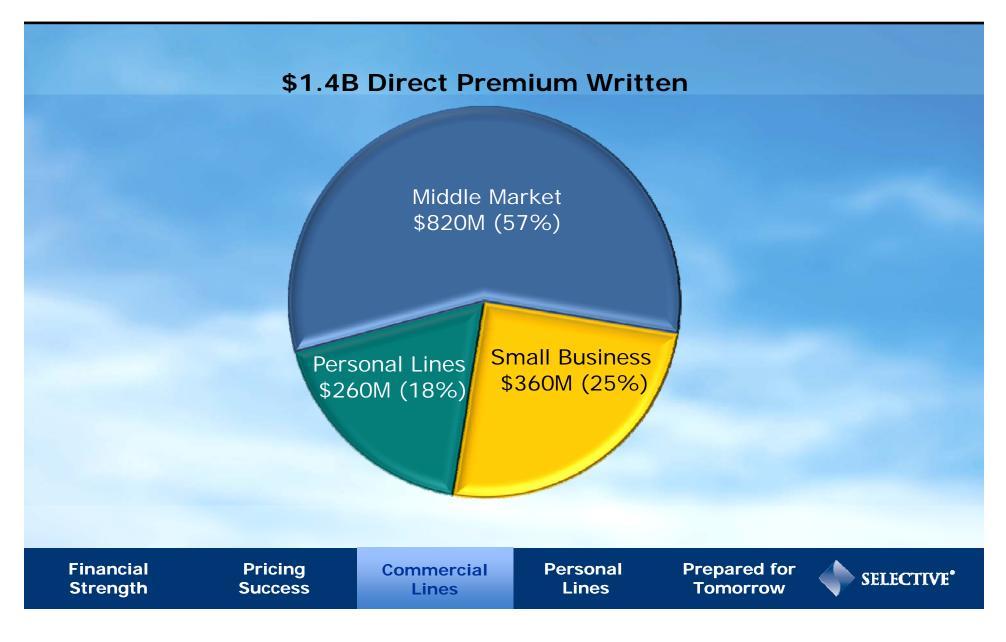
- Agency relationships
- Field model
- Sophisticated underwriting tools and granular pricing
  - Aggregate quality score by account
  - Targeted pricing
  - Agency profitability
  - Segment performance
  - Hazard grade
  - System calculated pure price change
- The courage to walk away



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## **Mix of Business**



# Middle Market



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# **Field Model**

- Local knowledge of insureds
- Full claims/underwriting authority

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- Supported by sophisticated underwriting tools
- Safety management services lowers frequency and increases retention

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**Commercial** 

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# **Agency Focus**

- 980 Agents
  - 2,000 Storefronts
- Number 1, 2 or 3 in 60% of agencies appointed for 5 or more years
- Ease of doing business
- Online agency marketing
   portal



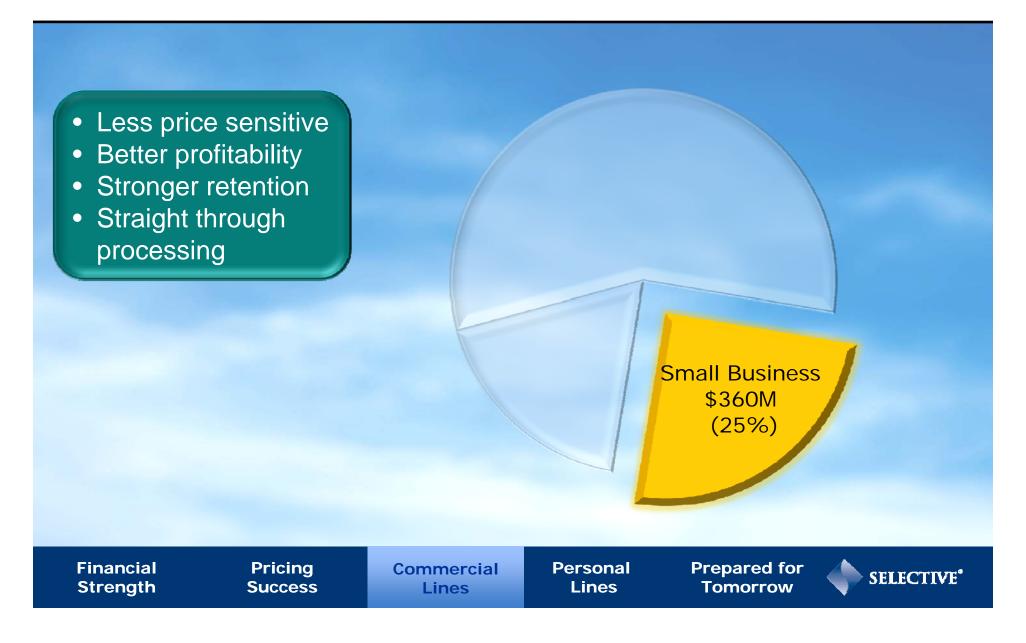
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# Middle Market Product Expansion

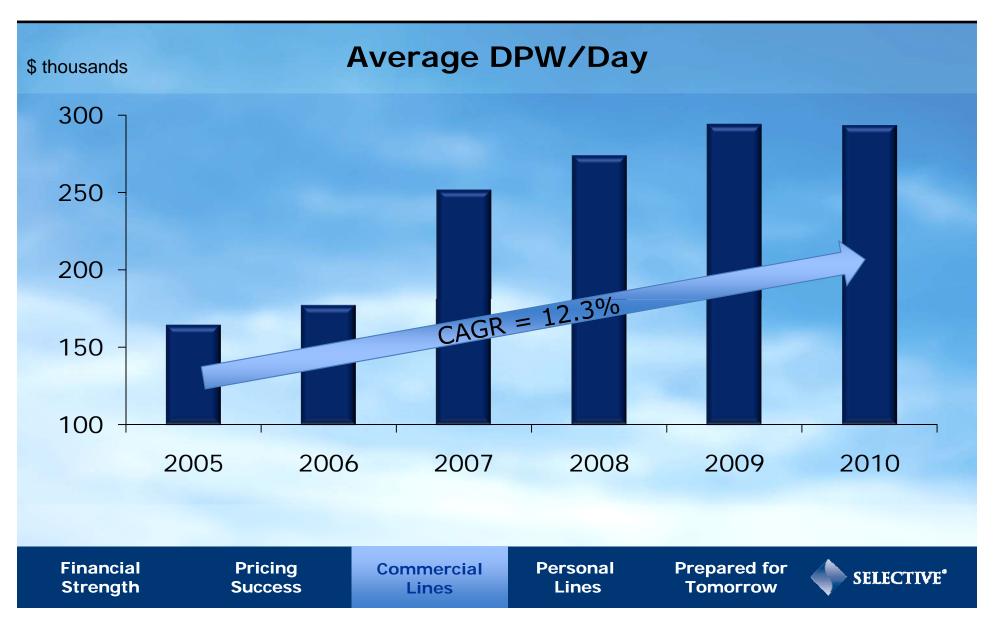
- Added 20 new and enhanced products in 2009
- Introduced another 11 in 2010
- New products
  - Aging Services, Identity Theft, Cyber Security, Technology
- Enhanced products
  - Resort Endorsement, Contractors GL, Property Coverage for Municipalities



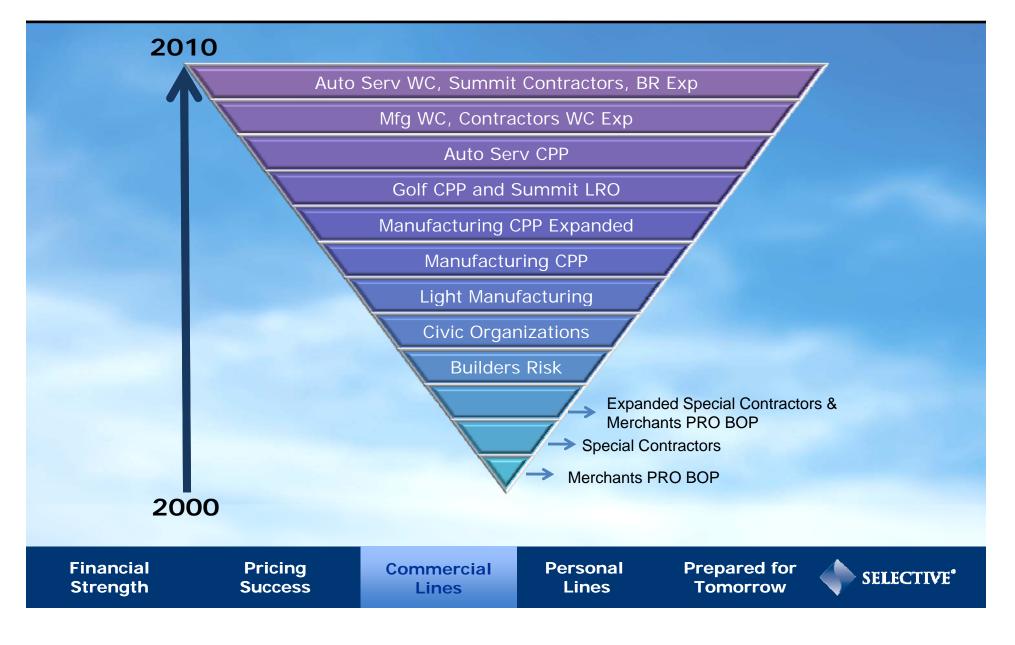
## **Small Business**



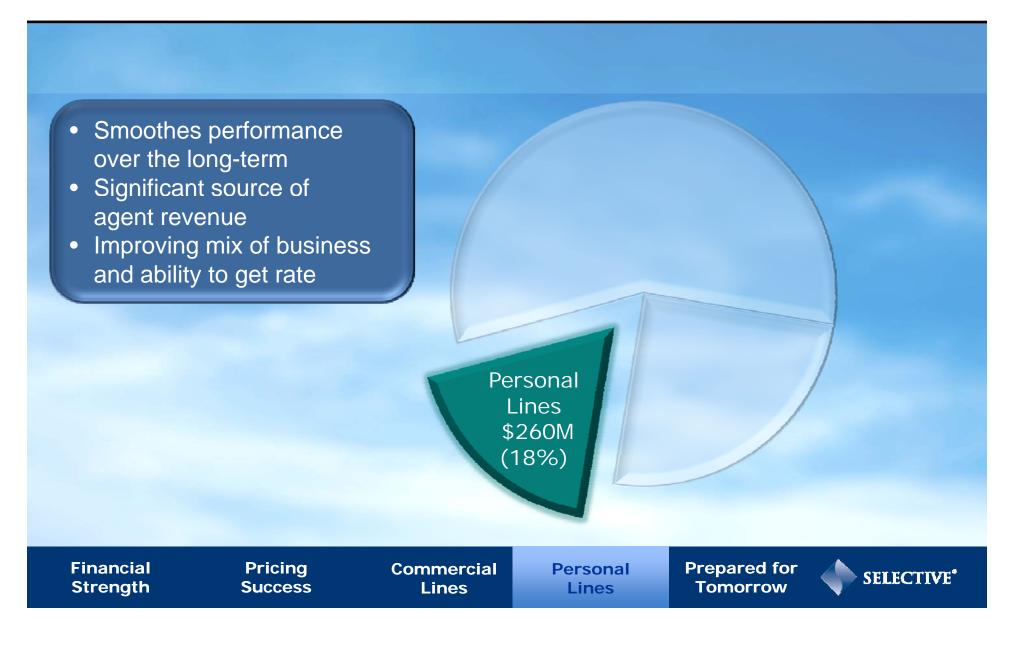
# **Small Business Growth**



## **Small Business Product Expansion**



## **Personal Lines**



## **Personal Lines Rate Success**

In-force Rate and Premium					
(\$ in millions)	Blended In-force Rate	Potential Premium Based on In-force Book	New Business DPW		
2007	2.4%	\$ 5	\$39		
2008	7.1%	\$15	\$43		
2009	3.1%	\$ 7	\$55		
2010	6.3%	\$15	\$62		
2011E	5.8%	\$15			

Personal Lines profitable in 2011

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# **Driving Down Cost of Goods Sold**

- Litigation management
- Vendor optimization
- More integrated outcomes in resolution of claims
- Claims strengthens Selective brand

3 point reduction in loss costs over 3 years

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# **Customer Focus to Improve Retention**

- Continue to build relationships with end customers
- 24/7 online access for customer service needs
- Improving customer experience through high frequency touch points
- Online interactive safety training resources
- Safety management strengthens Selective brand

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Response is everything.

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# 2011 Guidance

- Statutory and GAAP combined ratio of 101-102%
- 2 points of catastrophe losses
- 55 million weighted average shares outstanding

Expect to continue to drive positive personal and commercial rate in 2011

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