# **FGL Holdings**

**Investor Day** 

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# Today's Agenda

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Chris Littlefield Business Model

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Raj Krishnan

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**Game-changing Partnership** 

Dennis Vigneau Financials:

**Optimizing Profitability and Capital** 

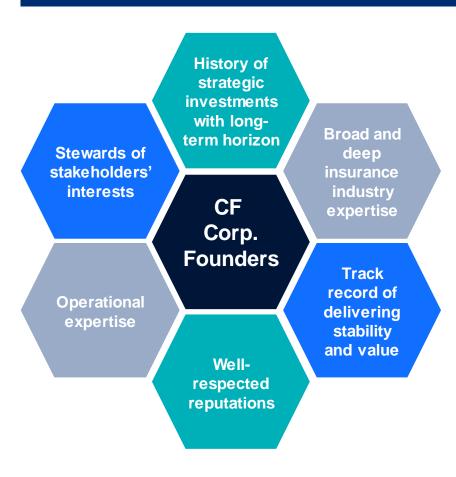
Chris Littlefield Looking Forward

Q&A

# **Transaction Overview**

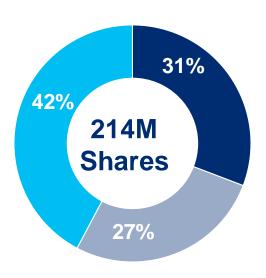
# Overview—Building FGL Holdings (NYSE: FG)

### **CF Corporation**



- ▶ Raised \$1.2B within one of the largest U.S.-listed special purpose acquisition companies (SPAC)
- Primary objective: to acquire and build a high quality, enduring operating business with permanent capital
- ➤ Significant co-founders' investment aligns with shareholders' interests
- Capital raised from a broad base of blue-chip, long-term investors
- Resulted in FGL Holdings

# Strength of the Founders' Partnership



- Public Shareholders
- Anchor Investors
- Sponsors

- Sponsors (Chinh Chu, Bill Foley, Blackstone and FNF) and anchor investors have interests aligned with public investors
- ► Blue chip, longer horizon sponsors view this transaction as transformational to build value
- ▶ CF Corp Founders are now cochairman of FGL Holdings

# Founders Bring World Class Sponsorship

#### **Chinh Chu**

- Previously a Senior Managing
   Director at Blackstone and member
   of Blackstone's Executive Committee
  - Was longest tenured partner aside from Stephen Schwarzman
- Served on Boards of Kronos, NCR, SunGard, London Financial Futures Exchange, BankUnited, Stearns Mortgage, Celanese, Nalco, Catalent, Nycomed, Stiefel, Allied Barton, and Graham

### **Bill Foley**

- Over \$60B of public market value creation
- ➤ 3 separate multi-billion dollar public market platforms, with hundreds of acquisitions across all platforms
- Chairman of the Board of Fidelity National Financial (FNF)
- Vice Chairman of the Board of Fidelity National Information Services
- Chairman and CEO of Cannae Holdings, Inc.

# **FGL Holdings—Board of Directors**

#### ► Chinh E. Chu

Co-Chairman, FGL Holdings Co-Founder of CF Corp Founder & Managing Partner of CC Capital Former Senior Managing Director of Blackstone

#### ► William P. Foley, II

Co-Chairman, FGL Holdings Co-Founder of CF Corp Chairman of FNF Group and Executive Chairman of Black Knight

# ► Christopher J. Littlefield President & CEO, FGL Holdings

➤ Keith W. Abell
Co-Founder, Sungate Properties

► Patrick S. Baird
Former President & CEO, AEGON USA

#### ► Menes O. Chee

Senior Managing Director, Blackstone Tactical Opportunities Group

#### ► Richard N. Massey

Partner of Westrock Capital, LLC

Chairman, Bear State Financial, a bank holding company

#### ▶ James A. Quella

Former Head of Private Equity Portfolio Ops. Blackstone, Credit Suisse, Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette

# ▶ Thomas J. Sanzone

Chief Executive Officer, Black Knight, Inc.

#### ► Timothy M. Walsh

Director of Strategic Relationships, Owl Rock Partners Former Director (CIO), State of New Jersey Division of Investments

# **Investment Thesis**

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#### Demographic Trends Drive Growth

- ► Favorable demographic trends driven by the growing retirement population's demand for FIA, MYGA and IUL¹ products
  - Consumer demand for market upside with principal protection... a "safe money" product
- ► FG has grown assets under management (AAUM) by 8% CAGR<sup>2</sup>

#### Committed to Ratings Upgrade & Positioned for Further Growth

- ► Favorable ratings improvement trajectory:
  - Upgraded by S&P and Fitch; "Positive" outlook by A.M. Best
- ► Lift in A.M. Best ratings expected to offer 10%+ growth within independent channel & access to regional bank/broker dealer channels
- ▶ Developing international platform to capture reinsurance opportunities and diversify distribution

#### Scalable Platform

- Existing platform is designed for growth with a cost structure that is built to add assets and liabilities without adding incremental cost
- ► Opportunity to pursue accretive acquisitions from advantaged position

<sup>1</sup>Fixed Indexed Annuities, Multi-Year Guarantee Annuities and Indexed Universal Life <sup>2</sup>Excludes the additional growth due to purchase accounting and merger effects

## **Investment Thesis (cont'd)**

#### Improved investment asset quality and volume ▶ Blackstone partnership brings leading portfolio stewardship to augment **Asset Management** risk control and enhance portfolio management **Strategic Partnership** ▶ High quality investment portfolio... well-matched and ready to reposition First phase completed, generating \$40M/year net investment income ▶ Stable, low-cost liabilities. Minimal true "insurance" risk in FG's core Attractive, Stable, "spread-based" products. **Low-CostInsurance** ► FG has maintained / expanded net interest spreads in a declining Liabilities interest rate environment. Core product has annual rate resets. Positioned for Every 25 bps interest rate increase adds \$5M Adjusted Operating **Rising Rates** Income (AOI) benefit **Strong Management** Executive officers have average industry tenure of 25 years Team & Seasoned Extensive insurance sector experience through multiple cycles **Board of Directors**

# FG Business Model

#### **Transformational Transaction for FG**

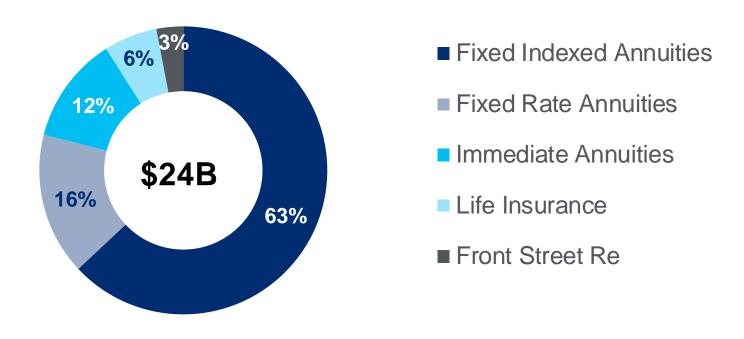
- ► Organizational uncertainty eliminated with clear future direction
- Exceptional sponsorship with substantial investment in and commitment to insurance
- ► Clear path for ratings upgrades that will attract new advisors, increase sales in existing channel and increase strategic flexibility
- ► Enhanced financial strength and flexibility
- ► World class asset management augmenting core fixed income capabilities and helping increase returns
- ► New international platform to pursue reinsurance opportunities

# **Introduction to FGL Holdings**

- ► Domiciled in Cayman Islands
- ▶ lowa and NY insurance operating companies with new Bermuda reinsurance company
- ► Well-established franchise in FIA, MYGA and IUL products
- ► Indexed value proposition of downside protection with opportunity for interestcrediting upside hits retirement consumer sweet spot
- ► Products sold through independent distribution via long-standing, stable relationships averaging ~16 years
- ► Outsourced, variable cost business model with strong focus on bottom line
- Sustained financial performance over past several years despite ratings and other challenges

#### A Profitable and Stable In-force Book

#### U.S. GAAP Net Reserves<sup>1,2</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Calendar year ended 12/31/17 and where applicable, crediting costs and distance consider the spot costs of index and fixed credits <sup>2</sup>GAAP net reserves comprised \$27B contractholder funds and future policy benefits, net of \$3B reinsurance recoverable

# **Key Annuity Metrics**

	Fixed Indexed Annuities <sup>1</sup>	Fixed Rate Annuities <sup>1</sup>
Weighted-average life <sup>2</sup>	7 years	4 years
% Surrender charge protected	85%	78%
Average remaining surrender charge (% of account value)	8%	5%
Average cost of option cost/interest credited	2.2%	2.7%
Distance to guaranteed minimum crediting rates	60bps	85bps

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Calendar year ended 12/31/17 and where applicable, crediting costs and distance consider the spot costs of index and fixed credits <sup>2</sup>Reflects effective duration of liabilities

# **FIA Wins Across Safe Money Products**

Features / Benefits	Fixed Indexed Annuities	Variable Annuities	Traditional Fixed Annuities	CD's	Bonds / ETF's
Guarantee Principal Protection (Annually)	•	•	•	•	•
Return Potential	Mid/High	High/Mid w/ all guar. options	Low/Mid	Low	High
Loss Potential	0	High	0	0	High
Option Rider Costs	Low	High	Low	•	•
Long Term Potential Accumulation	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Liquidity Options</b>					
Tax Efficient	•	•	•	•	
Enhanced Death Benefit (optional)	•	•	•	•	•
Guaranteed Lifetime Income with Flexibility (optional)	•	•	•	•	•
Potential for Upside Returns	•	•	•	•	•

# FIAs Have Compelling Advantage Over Variable Annuities

#### For the consumer ...

- ► Better matched to risk tolerance safe money, principal protected product
- Annual principal protection with limited account value volatility & no negative returns
- ► Insured financial security product, especially for those uncertain how/when they will access assets in the future
  - ► Guaranteed long term income
  - Periodic free withdrawals
  - Lump distribution needs
- ► Full range of FIA distribution options provides maximum policyholder flexibility

#### For the company ...

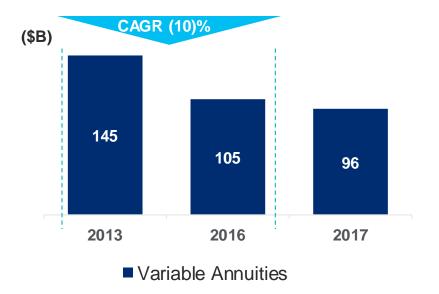
- ► More controlled liability to hedge ... only hedging for the benefits NOT equity volatility exposure of principal; less basis risk
- ► VA requires significantly more scale
- ➤ Simpler and easier to communicate as an insured product; not an investment
- ► Limited statutory reserve risk
- ► FIA writers can safely capture more of the income market as the VA risk is harder and more expensive to mitigate

## **Annuity Sales Trends – LIMRA**

#### **VA Sales Trending Down**

VA sales continued to decline over the last 5 years; under \$100B for first time in more than a decade

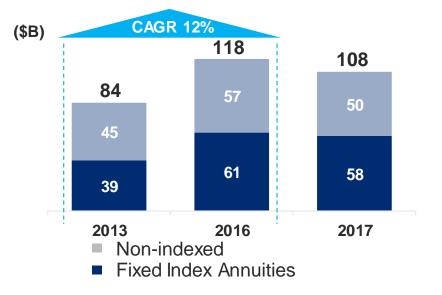
- ▶ Low interest rates
- Continued bull market
- ► Uncertainty regarding DOL fiduciary rule



#### Fixed Annuity Sales Trending Up

Fixed annuity sales grew meaningfully over the past several years, surpassing VAs in last 6 quarters

- ► FIAs represent 28% of total annuities
- ► FIAs impacted in 2017 from DOL ruling and strong equity markets
- ➤ 2018 growth: Industry 5%-10%



# Fixed Indexed Annuity Sales by Distribution Channel – LIMRA

#### ► FIAs:

► Historically sold by independent agents

#### **▶** Broker dealers and banks:

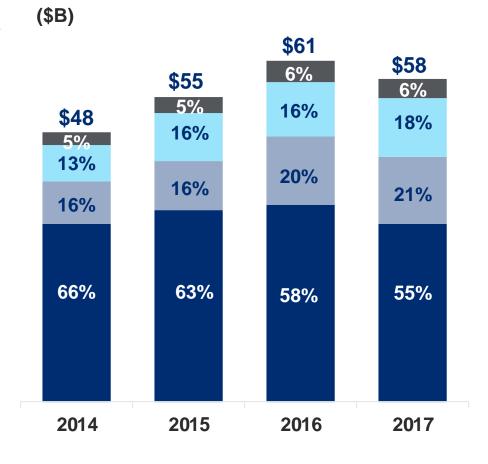
- Increasing market share steadily over the past few years
- A- rating required for IBDs¹ and regional banks
- ➤ A rating required for national BDs² and banks
- ► Estimate 2018 overall growth: 5%-10%



Bank: Regional / National

BD: Independent / National

Independent Agent



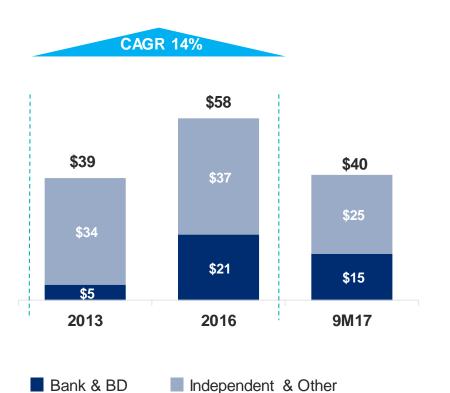
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Independent broker dealers

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Broker dealers

## FIA Industry Ranking in IMO Channel (\$M, as of September 30, 2017)

## **FIA** industry sales

### Independent agent channel<sup>2</sup>



Rank	Company	A.M. Best Rating	9M17 Sales Independent Agent Channel
1	Athene USA	Α	3,749
2	Allianz Life	A+	3,502
3	American Equity	A-	2,724
4	Nationwide	A+	2,306
5	FG	B++	1,316
6	North American Co.	A+	1,270
7	Security Benefit Life	A-	1,012
8	EquiTrust	B++	897
9	National Life	Α	841
10	Midland National	A+	833

Source: Wink, Inc. September 30, 2017

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Industry sales are based on a calendar year-end

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Independent agent channel only

#### **MYGA**

#### **FG's Competitive Position**

- ➤ \$17B market with ~10% in independent channel
- ► FG #1 in independent channel at ~\$450M and #9 overall
- ► Bank channel dominates MYGA sales
- ▶ FG targets a consistent / competitive offering; adjusting rates based on assets available

#### **Benefits to Distribution**

- MYGA offering provides distribution partners an opportunity to recruit new agents
- ► FIA sales benefit from MYGA specials
- MYGAs provide producers a compelling offering for both new and existing clients
- ► FG only offers via E-app ...drives high placement rate + less work for IMO

#### The Blackstone Advantage

- ▶ Blackstone to provide greater access to shorter duration assets with attractive yields
- Grow annual MYGA business to \$1+ billion over time; further diversify earnings
- Once A-rated, leverage bank channel relationships for additional growth; bank distribution accounts for nearly 50% of industry MYGA sales

Source: Wink, Inc. September 30, 2017

## **IUL Brings Product Diversity –**

#### Why consumers like IUL

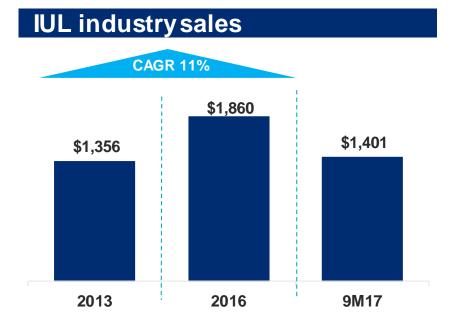
- ► Universal Life is very flexible
- Premiums are not required at any given time or level
- ► Many rider types available
- ▶ Loans and withdrawals are available
- ► Face amount can be adjusted
- ► Effective for supplemental income while providing death benefit

#### Why we like IUL

- ► Fastest growing life segment
- ► IUL product provides many benefits
  - Diversifies beyond credit risk by adding mortality risk
  - Renewal premiums are a natural hedge to inflation as they are invested when rates rise
  - Extends portfolio duration
  - ► Earnings diversity supports ratings
- ➤ An "A-" rating will accelerate sales momentum; targeting \$50 million -\$75 million of annual premium at mid-teen ROEs

Net Profit: \$60M IUL target premium equivalent to ~\$450M annuity sales

### IUL Market Overview (\$M, as of September 30, 2017)



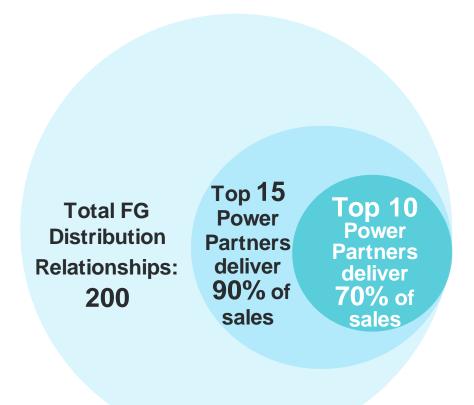
#### **IUL** sales rating sensitive

- ► FG only B++ in top 20
- A.M. Best moved FG to Positive Outlook
   ... accelerates growth opportunities once
   A- rating is achieved

Leading IUL Providers					
Rank	Company	A.M. Best Rating	IUL Sales		
1	Pacific Life Companies	A+	#400N4+=		
2	Transamerica	A+	\$100M to \$180M		
3	National Life Group	Α			
4	Minnesota Life – Securian	A+			
5	Nationwide	A+			
6	Zurich Life	Α	\$50M to \$100M		
7	Prudential Companies	A+			
8	Allianz Life	A+			
9	AIG	Α			
10	AXA US	Α			
11	Midland National Life	A+	\$40M to \$50M		
12	Voya	А			
13	Lincoln National	A+			
14	Penn Mutual	A+			
15	Global Atlantic	A-			
19	FG	B++	\$26M		

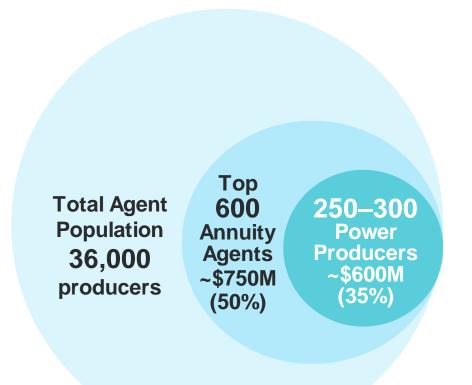
#### **Power Partners**

- ➤ We focus our efforts & resources on a limited number of independent marketing organizations we refer to as our **Power Partners** 
  - ➤ All industry independent distribution partners producing >\$1B annual sales are contracted with FG
- ► These groups specialize in indexed products but typically provide multiple products & solutions to independent agents and financial advisors
- Average Power Partner relationship with FG is 16 years
- Improved ratings will strengthen and broaden key relationships



# Power Producers: Agents Generating > \$1.5M Premium / Year

- ➤ 250-300 agents who generate more than \$1.5M individually qualify as Power Producers; benefits include:
- ▶ Power Producers consistently account for ~35% of annual sales
- Producers can combine life and annuity production to qualify
- ▶ Power Producers receive dedicated service team to facilitate their business



# Why Power Partners & Power Producers Do Business With FG

- ► Many of our distribution partners experienced foundational growth with us the past 15+ years
- ► FG's demonstrated focus and commitment to the independent channel
- ➤ Our expertise & longevity in Indexed products
  - Launched first FIA in 1998
  - Launched first IUL in 2003
- Collaborative and consultative approach to key account management with dedicated service teams
- ► Transparency & access to all levels of organization from CEO through front line
- ► Funding agreements helped start several of our top distribution partners

# **Progress & Path Forward**

#### Path Forward—Our Priorities

- ► Secure ratings upgrades (A-from A.M. Best)
- ► Complete portfolio repositioning with Blackstone
- ► Drive profitable organic growth
  - Grow FIA sales in independent channel as advisors gain confidence in future direction and enhanced ratings
  - ► Prepare to expand FIA sales into new channels following A- rating
  - ► Grow MYGA sales with asset sourcing capabilities from Blackstone
  - ► Grow IUL sales with higher ratings and expanded distribution
  - ► Leverage new international platform to secure reinsurance opportunities
- ► Take disciplined approach to inorganic growth opportunities

# Blackstone Advantage

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Leveraging the combined perspective, expertise and global relationships of Blackstone's six businesses creates significant and unique investment opportunities<sup>(1)</sup>

Corporate
Private
Equity

Real Estate

Real Estate

Credit

Tactical
Opportunities

Partners

One of the largest global platforms for identifying, managing and creating lasting company value, with an existing portfolio of over 70 companies and \$60 billion of aggregate revenue

\$63bn AUM

The world's preeminent global real estate platform, and one of the largest private investors in commercial and residential real estate equity and debt

\$115bn AUM

Largest investor globally in hedge funds, focused on delivering strong risk-adjusted returns with lower volatility through customized portfolios

\$75bn AUM

A leading diversified credit platform and one of the largest creditoriented alternative asset managers in the world

 $138bn AUM^{(2)}$ 

Uniquely integrated platform, providing flexible capital solutions across assets classes, sectors and geographies

\$22bn AUM

Leader in private equity and real assets secondaries investing, focused on generating attractive risk-adjusted returns and client solutions

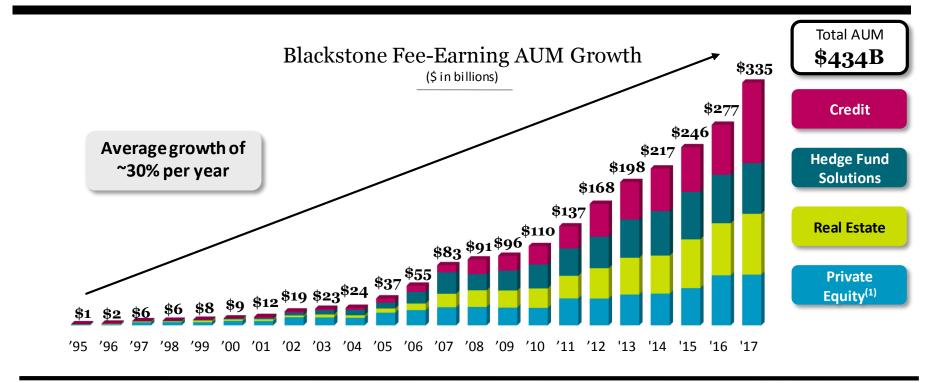
\$21bn AUM

Note: As of 12/31/17. AUM is estimated and unaudited.

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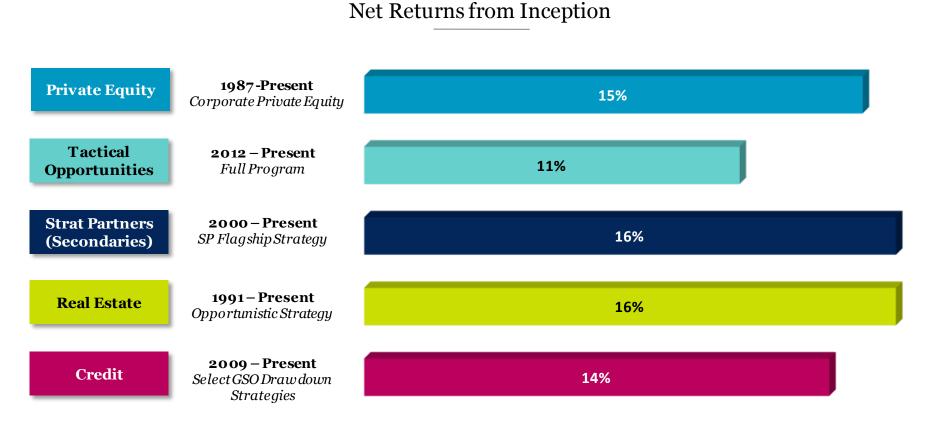
<sup>(2)</sup> Credit AUM is a combined figure that includes GSO Capital Partners ("GSO"), Harvest Fund Advisors ("Harvest"), and Blackstone Insurance Solutions businesses.

# Blackstone is the world's largest alternative manager, with a 30+ year record of strong performance driving growth



- Institutional need for long-dated, uncorrelated investment solutions driving secular growth for alternatives, of which Blackstone is taking share
- Blackstone's unique scale and diversity create a wide array of investment opportunities up and down the ratings spectrum

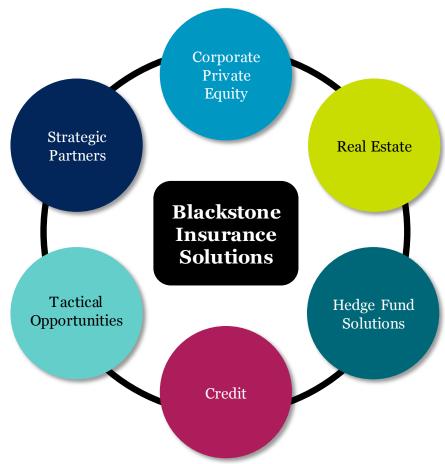
# Compelling performance across the Blackstone alternatives platform



# Blackstone Insurance Solutions ("BIS") seeks to be the most trusted partner to insurance companies globally

Given Blackstone's scale / scope, BIS is uniquely positioned to deliver investment solutions to insurance clients, leveraging support / investment flow from Blackstone's business groups (1):

- 1 Access to scarce and attractive credit opportunities
- Leading suite of diversified alternatives funds
- Capital efficient structuring
- 4 Regulatory and rating agency insights
- Data & risk analytics



# Blackstone and BIS are building out the investment team and infrastructure to support growth and scale in the FG business

- ✓ <u>Core Team</u> Existing 12-person FG investment team, led by CIO Raj Krishnan, has been integrated into Blackstone Insurance Solutions. Continued management by existing core team, with a successful track record enhancing FG's investment yields.
- Enhanced Capabilities Blackstone is investing in and building the core team with senior leadership, origination capabilities, credit ratings / structuring expertise, etc.
  - Scaled team will seamlessly support FG as it grows.
  - Senior team build-out includes Chris Blunt, CEO of Blackstone Insurance Solutions.
    - Former President of New York Life's \$500 billion Investment Group. Former Co-President of the Insurance and Agency Group of New York Life.
- ✓ <u>Strong Alignment</u> Blackstone is the largest investor in FG; >\$600mm invested and ~20% common equity ownership.
  - Blackstone is aligned with FG shareholders in ensuring stable, prudent expansion of FG's investment yields.

# As its investment manager, BIS offers FG differentiated investment sourcing and execution strategies to drive investment yield uplift

- <u>Capital Markets Access</u> Blackstone believes its capital markets scale, access and influence directly benefit FG.
  - Block trade executed in Q1 2018 FG replaced \$2.7bn of assets yielding ~3.5% with assets yielding ~5.0%, generating nearly 20bps of overall portfolio yield.<sup>(1)</sup>
- Scarce / Attractive Credit Opportunities Differentiated investment grade fixed income investment flow from multiple Blackstone business.<sup>(2)</sup>
  - Blackstone businesses are net borrowers of investment grade debt from insurers, creating bespoke direct lending opportunities for FG.
- ✓ <u>Alternatives</u> Blackstone provides a leading alternative investment product offering.
  - ~5% FG investment portfolio target allocation to alternatives over time. (3)

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## BIS continues to execute the FG portfolio repositioning, designed to drive target ~60bps net investment yield uplift<sup>(1)</sup>

	Overview	Target Timing <sup>(1)</sup>	Target Net Yield Uplift <sup>(1)</sup>
Phase 1 – Capital Markets Access	<ul> <li>Ongoing benefit from Blackstone's capital markets scale / access</li> <li>Replaced \$2.7bn of assets yielding ~3.5% with assets yielding ~5.0%</li> </ul>	<b>✓</b>	~20bps
Phase 2 – Investment Grade Repositioning	<ul> <li>Rotation into structured / bespoke investment grade securities; target ~\$4bn</li> <li>Include structured products and investment grade lending with BX partners<sup>(2)</sup></li> <li>Asset-specific mandates with BX businesses</li> </ul>	2018/ 2019	>20bps
Phase 3 – Alternatives	► Increase in alternative assets; target allocation of 5% of the portfolio <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/ 2019	>30bps

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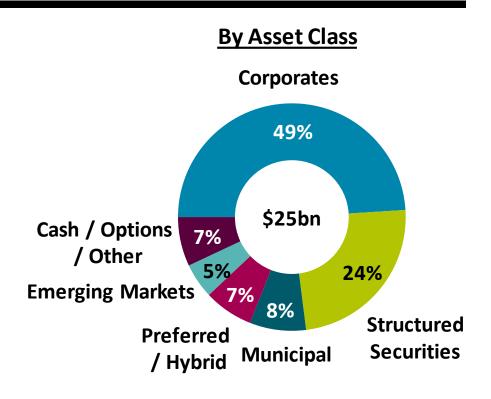
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FG's investment portfolio seeks to optimize capital utilization, preserve a flexible liquidity position and ensure prudent asset-liability matching

#### **Investment Philosophy**

- Well-positioned, diversified portfolio seeks to optimize capital efficiency while pursuing downside protection and enhancing net earned yield
  - Fixed-income portfolio 93% investment grade
- Pre-merger yield 4.90%; reset with PGAAP to 4.17% (non-cash impact). Economic yield unchanged at 5.17% on statutory basis<sup>(1)</sup>
  - GAAP yield to rise over time with portfolio reposition



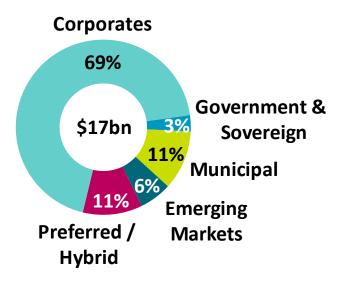
## FG's assets are duration-matched to liabilities and positioned for rising rates

- Asset / liability durations are well-matched and within risk bands
  - Pro-forma for recent \$2.7bn block trade, asset duration is +1 year vs. liability duration;
     near / medium term liabilities remain cash flow matched
- ▶ ~13% exposure to floating rate assets provides investment flexibility as rates rise
  - Structured securities exposure will increase with portfolio repositioning
- Assets / liabilities monitored on monthly basis at governance / risk committees
  - New business asset cash flows are matched to new business liabilities that reflect appropriate actuarial assumptions

## Core portfolio focus will remain investment grade fixed income securities

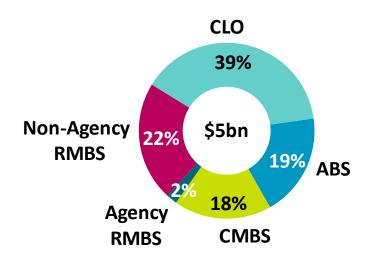
#### Portfolio Excl.-Structured Products

- Core Focus remains high grade public and private securities
- Block trade added high grade corporates



#### **Structured Products Portfolio**

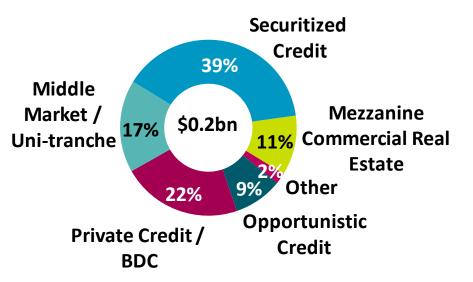
- Predominately LIBOR-based assets with focus on CLO debt
- Structured products are a focus of future repositioning



## Allocations to alternative (non-IG) and structured / bespoke securities seek to drive growth and yield enhancement

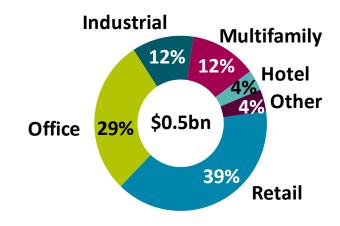
#### **Alternatives Portfolio**

- Alternatives to grow as capital is deployed into BX funds
- Currently well below peer exposure in alternatives; incremental upside as fund allocations are built



#### **Real Estate Related Portfolio**

- Securities with LTV <50% exposure with a focus on secondary markets
- Currently well below peer exposure in real estate; capital efficient real estate strategies are a key growth focus



## **Financials**

### **Looking Ahead - Driving Financial Performance**

Four focus areas to deliver sales growth, enhance profitability and create shareholder value

# Secure Benefits of Blackstone Partnership

- ▶ Phase 1 reposition completed in Feb.; complete Phase 2 (structured asset shift to ~30% allocation) & Phase 3 (alternative asset shift to 5% allocation)
- Accelerate growth of MYGA business
- ► Maximize uplift of rising interest rate environment

## Achieve rating upgrades

- ► Achieve A- rating from A.M. Best ... use some debt capacity to further strengthen operating company capital levels in support of new model
- Lower cost of debt with rating upgrade
- ▶ Prepare for access to other distribution channels bank and broker/dealer

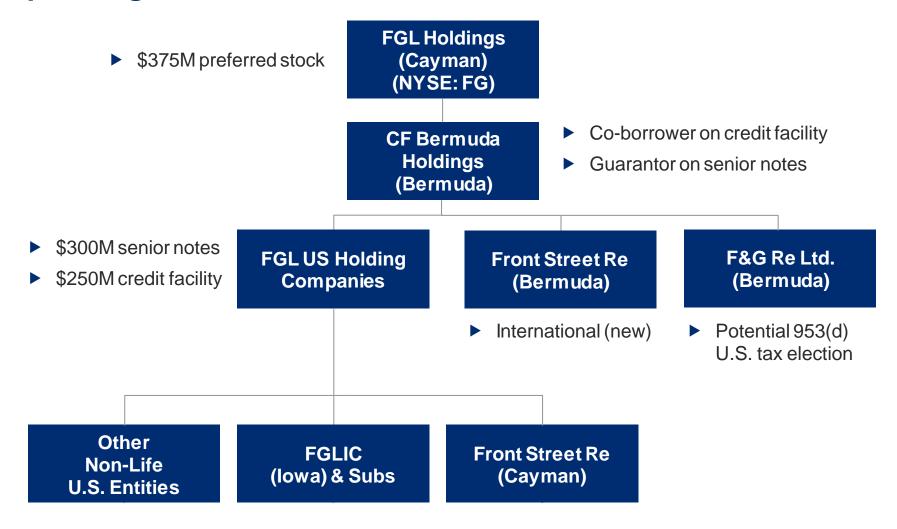
#### Leverage Reinsurance Platform

- ▶ Navigate tax reform impact ... 2018 is a transition year
- ► Capture M&A opportunities for earnings and operating leverage
- ▶ Develop additional 3rd party reinsurance opportunities

## Communicate Clearly to Constituents

- ▶ Ongoing outreach to current and new investors
- ► Expand sell-side coverage

### **Operating Structure**



## **Purchase Accounting Impacts and Expectations**

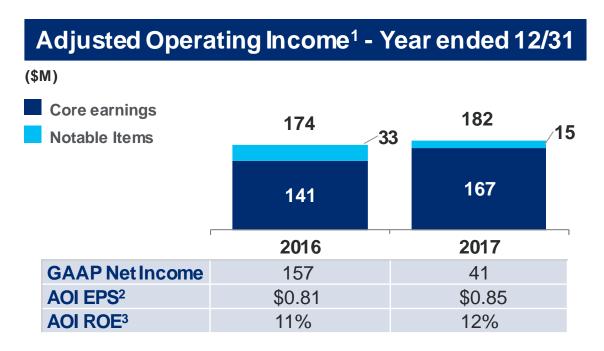
- ▶ Purchase accounting work complete with filing of 2017 Form 10K
- ▶ Balance sheet changes occurred in following areas:
  - ▶ \$1.2B mark-to-market on the investment portfolio; amortized over remaining asset life
  - Established VOBA asset and wrote off historical DAC balances<sup>1</sup>
  - Strengthened reserves for future expected policyholder benefits
  - ► Established \$470M goodwill asset

#### ► Expect annual PGAAP impact on net income & AOI to be largely neutral

- ▶ \$1.2B premium amortization reduces NII² as it amortizes (non-cash)
- New reserve pattern and lower VOBA amortization expected to offset premium impact on NII, expect modest year to year fluctuations
- Will update as needed should earnings impact be meaningful

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> VOBA—value of business acquired; DAC—deferred acquisition cost <sup>2</sup>NII—net investment income

## **Strong Earnings Momentum as We Enter 2018**



- ▶ Reported AOI grew 6% ... Adjusted for notable items, AOI grew 22% to \$167 million
- ▶ Earnings expand from core net asset growth of 7% and stable net investment spread⁴
- ▶ Underlying 2017 GAAP ETR ~33% (before Tax Reform, PGAAP and merger transaction)

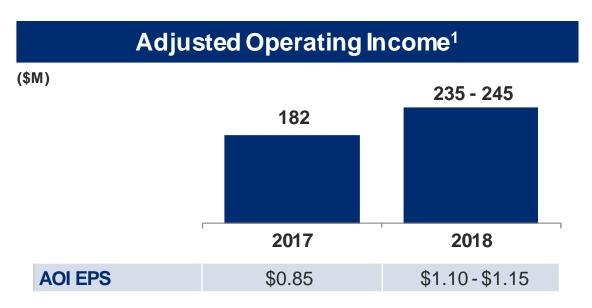
AOI for both prior and current periods reflect the current definition thereby excluding M&A costs and preferred dividend for all reported periods

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>AOI EPS available to common shareholders is based on post-merger 214M shares outstanding in all periods for comparability

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ROEs in 2016 are as reported previously under the company's prior capital structure; ROEs in 2017 are estimated based on the AOI noted above divided by the ending 12/31/17 common shareholder equity excluding AOCI

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Excludes the additional growth due to purchase accounting and merger effects

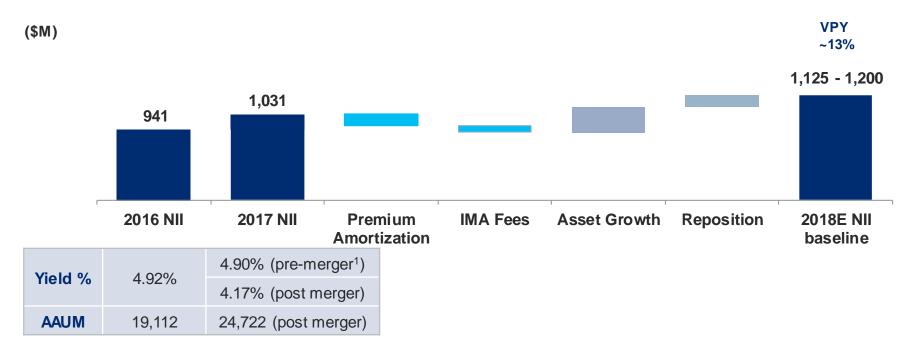
#### 2018 Earnings ... A Foundational Year



- ▶ 2018 -- project strong earnings growth of 25%+
  - ▶ Reflects organic earnings growth, ETR of 21% and a partial portfolio reposition
  - ▶ 10% 12% sales growth
- ▶ 2019 -- additional upside opportunities
  - ► Achieve remaining ~50%+ lift from portfolio reposition and accelerated sales growth from ratings upgrade and channel diversification
  - ▶ Reduce ETR to 15% from 21%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> AOI available to common shareholders net of \$2M preferred dividends in 2017 and \$29M in 2018

#### **Generating Strong Growth From AUM and Blackstone Lift**

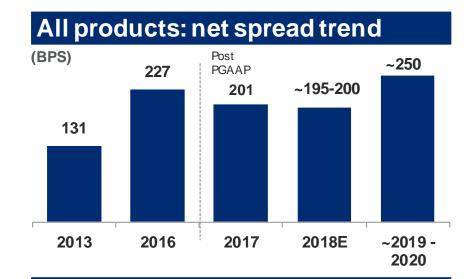


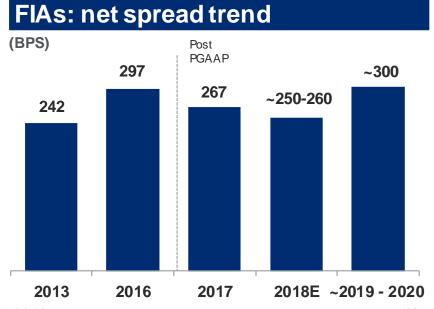
- ► Reposition & net asset growth more than offset noncash premium amortization & IMA fees
- ▶ Block trade done; shift for structured assets & alternatives underway
- ► Reposition drives in-force spread expansion over time and accrues to earnings
- ► Every 25 bps increase in interest rates provides ~\$5M of AOI benefit
  - ▶ Likely rate increases on short end in 2018, long end of curve to remain relatively flat

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pre merger excludes merger and purchase accounting effects

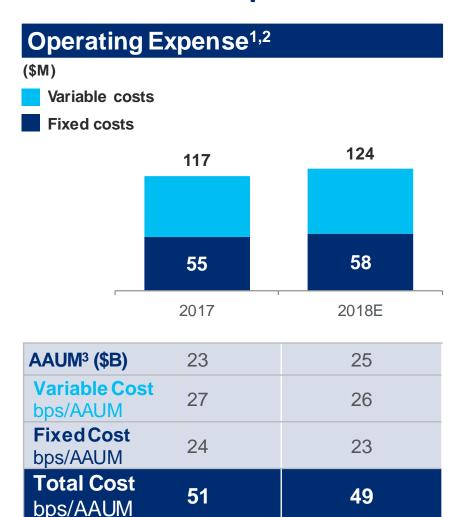
## **Expanding Net Investment Spread**

- ► PGAAP resets net spreads
  - ➤ 2017 due to higher AUM in December with just one month of income
  - ➤ 2018 due to premium amortization ... mostly offset by repositioning and partial manager fees of ~20bps
- ► In-force spread will rise to ~300 bps as portfolio repositioned; including IMA rate increase to full 30bps run rate in 2019





#### **Stable GAAP Expense**



- ➤ ~300 employees located mostly in Des Moines and Baltimore, with growing offshore team
- ► Employees focused on sales, pricing, marketing, finance, actuarial, IT & Ops
- Majority of new business and policyholder service is outsourced to third party administrators on a variable cost basis
- ► Expenses are managed to capture operating leverage as AUM grows
- ► Higher organic sales growth will reduce bps on AAUM to ~45bps over a few years
  - M&A accelerates expense efficiencies

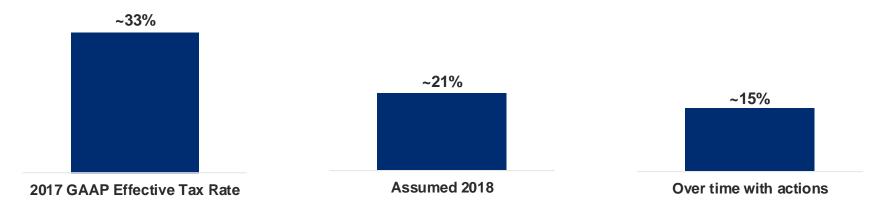
Note: Operating expenses shown net of deferred acquisition costs (DAC); excludes commissions, interest expense and taxes <sup>1</sup>Excludes one-time M&A and LTIP costs incurred in 2017

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Includes Front Street Re for full year 2017 for comparability

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>AAUM reflects rolling 13 month average to provide economic view (pre-PGAAP / post-PGAAP)

## **U.S. Tax Reform Update**

Key assumptions looking ahead

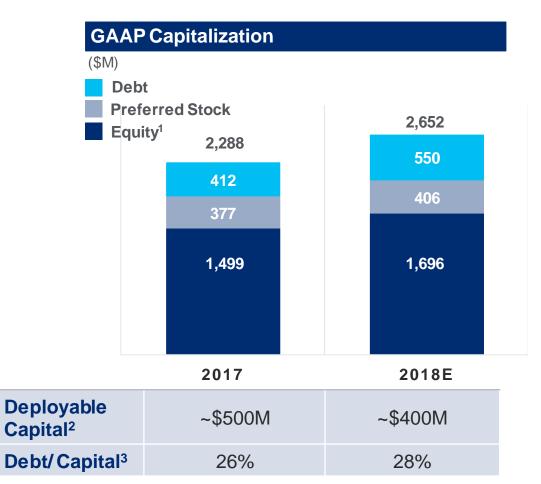


- ▶ Initial GAAP ETR projected to be at ~21% rate in 2018; depending on final Treasury guidance could be lower in line with original investment thesis at ~10% 12%
- ► Working on opportunities with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties to drive ETR down to ~15% over time; would require getting ~\$7 \$8 billion of business into Bermuda platform
- ► Lower corporate rate reduces ending 2017 RBC from 500% to about 450% 460%
- ► Managing capital to fund sales, maintain ~450% RBC and to secure ratings upgrades

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>CreditSights and industry estimates

## A Strong and Flexible Capital Base

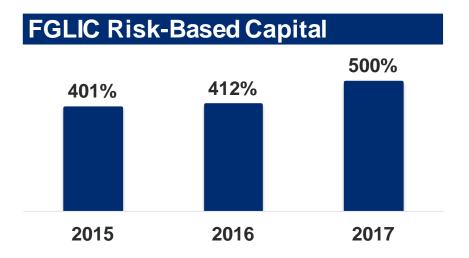
- ➤ A well capitalized balance sheet managed for ratings upgrades
- ► Refinance debt in 1st half '18
  - Payoff existing \$412M; send excess to insurance companies in support of rating upgrades
- ➤ 3 year, \$250M credit facility; Bermuda & U.S. co-borrowers
- ► Maintain L/T debt-to-cap at ~25%
- Evaluate common dividend over time; preferred dividend PIK



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Equity remaining for common shareholders after excluding preferred stock

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Deployable capital defined as: (a) capital > 425% RBC, (b) available debt capacity at 30% Debt/Capital and (c) holding company cash and invested assets <sup>3</sup>Debt-to-capital ratio reflects preferred stock at 50% equity credit

## **Maintaining Strong Statutory Capital For Ratings Uplift**



Current Ratings											
Current Ratings	S&P	A.M. Best	Fitch	Moody's							
Issuer Credit Rating <sup>1</sup>	BB+ / Positive	bb+/ Positive	BB+ / Stable	Ba3 <sup>3</sup> / Stable							
Financial Strength Rating <sup>2</sup>	BBB+/ Stable	B++/ Positive	BBB / Stable	Baa2 / Stable							

- ► Consistently strengthening capital in support of ratings; more to come in 2018
- ▶ Deployable capital<sup>4</sup> ~\$400M available in 2018; growing thereafter
- ► Multiple ratings upgrades since close; A.M. Best recently moved Outlook to "Positive"
- ► Working toward "A-" ratings for operating co's and investment grade for issuer rating

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Reflects issuer credit rating for holding companies and senior notes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Reflects financial strength rating for insurance operating subsidiaries.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Reflects issuer credit rating for FGL Holdings. Issuer credit rating of Ba2 for CF Bermuda Holdings Limited and Fidelity & Guaranty Life Holdings, Inc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Defined as: (a) capital > 425% RBC, (b) available debt capacity and (c) holding company cash and invested assets

## **Sensitivities**

### **Navigating a Rising Interest Rate Environment**

Possible impacts of a rising interest rate market

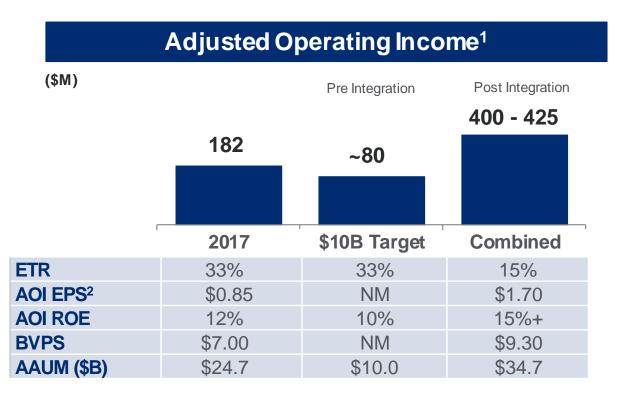
#### Rising rates can have positive and negative potential impacts:

- + Modestly rising interest rates; even multiple increases, are generally good ...every 25 bps lift is ~\$5M AOI lift for FG in-force business
- + Rising rates incent new business from more attractive crediting rates; higher yields on in-force and new money investments
- Rapidly rising rates with large increases can cause spike lapses in search of higher returns. Potential impacts include:
  - Excess surrenders lower longer-term profits, but accelerate nearterm profits with surrender charges and reserve releases
  - May have realized losses if asset sales needed for surrenders

FG in-force book is well-protected and has historically performed well in times of stress

- ► Current in-force is early duration with good surrender protections
- Investment portfolio is highly liquid and current cash level and unrealized gain is approximately \$1B; before management actions
- ► Historically, book performed well—even in times of severe crisis in '09 and '10; lapses were 2x normal, but no assets sold at loss to cover
- ▶ In-force book is regularly stress-tested for impact of lower unrealized gain and 3x normal surrenders—performs very well.
- ► FG outlook is for a favorable, modestly rising rate environment ... business is built to withstand stressed environments

## Illustrative Impact of M&A



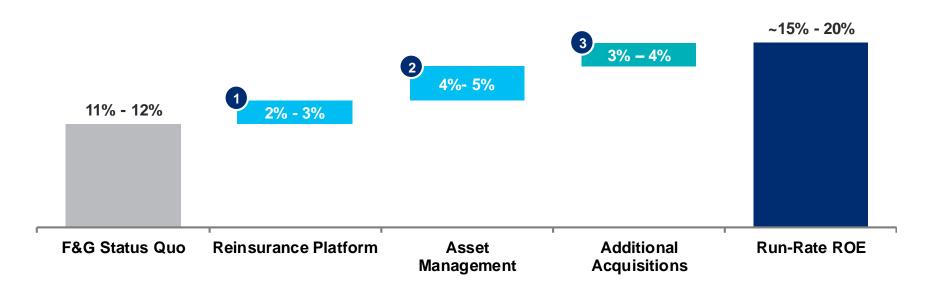
- ▶ Pro forma earnings and ROE expand from asset growth, operating leverage & lower ETR
  - ► Combined reflects 50 bps net reposition lift on total portfolio, 75% fixed cost reduction on Target and lower blended ETR of 15% (onshore 21% / offshore 0%); further upside should onshore ETR be lowered to targeted 15%
- ~\$750M purchase price funded with \$250M capital on hand, \$300M new equity and \$200M debt; debt-to-capital remains <30%; remain well-positioned for future rating upgrades</p>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> AOI per Common Share, excluding M&A costs and preferred stock dividend

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>AOI EPS available to common shareholders is based on 214M shares outstanding in 2017 and 244M shares outstanding for Combined

### Clear Levers to Enhance Expected Return on Average Equity

#### Transformational transaction – with clear levers for expected ROE migration



#### 1 Reinsurance Platform

Working on 3<sup>rd</sup> party opportunities to reduce tax rate from 21% to 15% over time...further clarity from Treasury could be additional lift

#### 2 Optimize Asset Management

- Re-position well under way with completion of block trade
- Structured and alternative asset shift to largely earn in during 2018 & 2019
- ▶ 50bps 70bps net yield lift once complete

#### 3 Accretive, Value-Add Acquisitions

- ▶ Illustrative \$10B accretive acquisition with multiple synergies
- Leverage extensive experience of Founders

## The Case for FGL Holdings

## **Summary**

- ➤ Transformational deal with founders' and top investors' interests aligned with rest of investors
- ► Strong management team and distribution relationships
- ► Terrific industry—products fit important need for growing demographics
- ► Clear path to mid-teen ROE over time
- ► Positioned for growth—both organically and through acquisitions

Q&A

## **Appendix**

#### **Non-GAAP Measures and Definitions**

While management believes that non-GAAP measurements are useful supplemental information, such adjusted results are not intended to replace GAAP financial results and should be read in conjunction with those GAAP results.

#### Non-GAAP Measures:

- Adjusted operating income (AOI) is a non-GAAP economic measure we use to evaluate financial performance each period. AOI is calculated by adjusting net income (loss) to eliminate (i) the impact of net investment gains including other than temporary impairment ("OTTI") losses recognized in operations, but excluding gains and losses on derivatives hedging our indexed annuity policies, (ii) the effect of changes in the interest rates used to discount the FIA embedded derivative liability, (iii) the effect of change in fair value of affiliated reinsurance embedded derivative, (iv) the effect of integration, merger related & other non-operating items, (v) impact of extinguishment of debt, and (vi) net impact from Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Adjustments to AOI are net of the corresponding impact on amortization of intangibles, as appropriate. The income tax impact related to these adjustments is measured using an effective tax rate of 35%, as appropriate. While these adjustments are an integral part of the overall performance of FG, market conditions and/or the non-recurring or non-operating nature of these items can overshadow the underlying performance of the core business. Accordingly, Management considers using a measure which excludes their impact is effective in analyzing the trends of our operations. Our non-GAAP measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other organizations because other organizations may not calculate such non-GAAP measures in the same manner as we do.
- AOI available to common shareholders is a non-GAAP economic measure we use to evaluate financial performance attributable to our common shareholders each period. AOI available to common shareholders is calculated by adjusting net income (loss) available to common shareholders to eliminate (i) the impact of net investment gains including other than temporary impairment ("OTTI") losses recognized in operations, but excluding gains and losses on derivatives hedging our indexed annuity policies, (ii) the effect of changes in the interest rates used to discount the FIA embedded derivative liability, (iii) the tax effect of change in fair value of affiliated reinsurance embedded derivative, (iv) the effect of integration, merger related & other non-operating items, (v) impact of extinguishment of debt, and (vi) net impact from Tax Cuts and Jobs act. All adjustments to AOI available to common shareholders are net of the corresponding impact on amortization of intangibles. The income tax impact related to these adjustments is measured using an effective tax rate of 35%, as appropriate. While these adjustments are an integral part of the overall performance of FG, market conditions impacting these items can overshadow the underlying performance of the business. Accordingly, Management considers using a measure which excludes their impact is effective in analyzing the trends of our operations. Our non-GAAP measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other organizations because other organizations may not calculate such non-GAAP measures in the same manner as we do.
- Average assets under management (AAUM)") is the sum of (i) total invested assets at amortized cost, excluding derivatives; (ii) related party loans and investments; (iii) accrued investment income; (iv) funds withheld at fair value; (v) the net payable/receivable for the purchase/sale of investments and (iv) cash and cash equivalents, excluding derivative collateral, at the beginning of the period and the end of each month in the period, divided by the total number of months in the period plus one. Management considers this non-GAAP financial measure to be useful internally and to investors and analysts when assessing the rate of return on assets available for reinvestment.
- ▶ Yield on AAUM is calculated by dividing annualized net investment income by AAUM. Management considers this non-GAAP financial measure to be useful internally and to investors and analysts when assessing the level of return earned on AAUM.
- Net investment spread is the excess of net investment income earned over the sum of interest credited to policyholders and the cost of hedging our risk on FIA policies. Management considers this non-GAAP financial measure to be useful internally and to investors and analysts when assessing the performance of the Company's invested assets against the level of investment return, inclusive of hedging costs, provided to policyholders.
- Sales are not derived from any specific GAAP income statement accounts or line items and should not be viewed as a substitute for any financial measure determined in accordance with GAAP. For GAAP purposes annuity and IUL sales are recorded as deposit liabilities (i.e. contract holder funds). Management believes that presentation of sales as measured for management purposes enhances the understanding of our business and helps depict longer term trends that may not be apparent in the results of operations due to the timing of sales and revenue recognition.

## Calendar Year 2016 (Updated AOI Definition)

#### Reconciliation from Net (Loss) Income to Adjusted Operating Income ("AOI")

(Unaudited)		e Months nded	Three Months Ended							
		December 31, 2016		December 31, 2016 September 30, 2016		ber 30, 2016	June 30, 2016		March 31, 2016	
(Dollars in millions, except per share data)										
Reconciliation from Net Income (Loss) to AOI										
Net (loss) income	\$	157	\$	108	S	30	\$	9	\$	9
Effect of investment (gains) losses, net of offsets (a)		4		(1)		5		5		(5)
Effect of change in FIA embedded derivative discount rate, net of offsets (a)		(28)		(92)		(7)		28		43
Effect of change in fair value of reinsurance related embedded derivative, net of offsets (a)		47		(10)		17		26		14
Effect of integration, merger related & other non-operating items		2						1		1
Net impact of Tax Cuts and Jobs Act		_								
Effects of tax impact of affiliated reinsurance embedded derivative		_								
Tax impact of adjusting items		(8)		36		(5)		(21)		(18)
Adjusted operating income	S	174	\$	41	S	40	\$	49	\$	44
Per diluted common share:										
Net (loss) income	\$	0.73	\$	0.50	\$	0.14	\$	0.04	\$	0.04
Effect of investment (gains) losses, net of offsets (a)		0.02		(0.00)		0.02		0.02		(0.02)
Effect of change in FIA embedded derivative discount rate, net of offsets (a)		(0.13)		(0.43)		(0.03)		0.13		0.20
Effect of change in fair value of reinsurance related embedded derivative, net of offsets (a)		0.22		(0.05)		0.08		0.12		0.06
Effect of integration, merger related & other non-operating items		0.01		-	•	- '		0.00		0.00
Net impact of Tax Cuts and Jobs Act		-		-	•	- '		- '		-
Effects of tax impact of affiliated reinsurance embedded derivative		-		- '	•	- '		- "	•	-
Tax impact of adjusting items		(0.04)		0.17		(0.02)		(0.10)		(0.08)
Adjusted operating income	\$	0.81	\$	0.19	\$	0.19	\$	0.23	\$	0.20
Diluted common shares outstanding (b)		214.4		214.4		214.4		214.4		214.4
Common shareholders' equity excluding AOCI	\$	1,599	s	1,599						
Adjusted operating return on common shareholders equity, excluding AOCI		10.9%		10.3%						

<sup>(</sup>a) Amounts are net of offsets related to value of business acquired ("VOBA") and deferred acquisition cost ("DAC") amortization.

<sup>(</sup>b) Diluted common shares for all periods have been adjusted to reflect the impact of the merger

## Calendar Year 2017 (Updated AOI Definition)

#### Reconciliation from Net (Loss) Income to Adjusted Operating Income ("AOI")

(Unaudited)		ve Months Ended	Three Months Ended								
(Chadanos)	December 31, 2017		December 31, 2017		September 30, 2017		June 30, 2017		March 31, 2017		
(Dollars in millions, except per share data)											
Reconciliation from Net Income (Loss) to AOI											
Net (loss) income	\$	41	\$	(74)	\$	61	\$	32	\$	22	
Effect of investment (gains) losses, net of offsets (a)		8		(6)		(5)		4		15	
Effect of change in FIA embedded derivative discount rate, net of offsets (a)		(7)		(4)		3		(4)		(2)	
Effect of change in fair value of reinsurance related embedded derivative, net of offsets (a)		20		(1)		5		8		8	
Effect of integration, merger related & other non-operating items		30		21		2		5		2	
Net impact of Tax Cuts and Jobs Act		131		131		_		_		_	
Effects of tax impact of affiliated reinsurance embedded derivative		(20)		(20)		_		_			
Tax impact of adjusting items		(19)		(8)		(1)		(3)		(7)	
Adjusted operating income	\$	184	\$	39	\$	65	\$	42	\$	38	
Per diluted common share:											
Net (loss) income	\$	0.18	\$	(0.36)	\$	0.28	\$	0.15	\$	0.10	
Effect of investment (gains) losses, net of offsets (a)		0.04		(0.03)		(0.02)		0.02		0.07	
Effect of change in FIA embedded derivative discount rate, net of offsets (a)		(0.03)		(0.02)		0.01		(0.02)		(0.01)	
Effect of change in fair value of reinsurance related embedded derivative, net of offsets (a)		0.09		_		0.02		0.04		0.04	
Effect of integration, merger related & other non-operating items		0.14		0.10		0.01		0.02		0.01	
Net impact of Tax Cuts and Jobs Act		0.61		0.61		_		_			
Effects of tax impact of affiliated reinsurance embedded derivative		(0.09)		(0.09)		_		_		_	
Tax impact of adjusting items		(0.09)	_	(0.04)				(0.01)		(0.03)	
Adjusted operating income	\$	0.85	\$	0.17	\$	0.30	\$	0.20	\$	0.18	
Diluted common shares outstanding (b)		214.4		214.4		214.4		214.4		214.4	
Common shareholders' equity excluding AOCI		1,499	\$	1,499							
Adjusted operating return on common shareholders equity, excluding AOCI		12.1 %		9.9%							

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