

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2022

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number: 001-39392

**TREAN INSURANCE GROUP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**84-4512647**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**150 Lake Street West  
Wayzata, MN 55391**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

**(952) 974-2200**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	TIG	The Nasdaq Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," a "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

As of May 4, 2022, there were 51,192,196 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

**TREAN INSURANCE GROUP, INC.**  
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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements

**Trean Insurance Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**  
(in thousands, except share and per share data)

	<b>March 31, 2022</b>	<b>December 31, 2021</b>
	(unaudited)	
<b>Assets</b>		
Fixed maturities, at fair value (amortized cost of \$464,502 and \$465,459, respectively)	\$ 447,349	\$ 471,061
Equity securities, at fair value (cost \$34,119 and \$984, respectively)	34,162	969
Total investments	481,511	472,030
Cash and cash equivalents	103,865	129,577
Restricted cash	478	407
Accrued investment income	2,610	2,344
Premiums and other receivables	153,053	141,920
Income taxes receivable	—	460
Reinsurance recoverable	380,587	377,241
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	121,072	129,411
Deferred policy acquisition cost, net	15,547	13,344
Property and equipment, net	7,689	7,632
Right of use asset	4,167	4,530
Goodwill	142,347	142,347
Intangible assets, net	71,615	73,114
Other assets	10,173	8,658
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,494,714</b>	<b>\$ 1,503,015</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Unpaid loss and loss adjustment expenses	\$ 550,981	\$ 544,320
Unearned premiums	222,902	219,940
Funds held under reinsurance agreements	196,025	199,410
Reinsurance premiums payable	46,895	45,130
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	22,424	29,448
Lease liability	4,554	4,976
Income taxes payable	553	—
Deferred tax liability	3,991	7,520
Debt	29,992	30,362
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,078,317</b>	<b>1,081,106</b>
Commitments and contingencies		
<b>Stockholders' equity</b>		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (600,000,000 authorized; 51,192,196 and 51,176,887 issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively)	512	512
Additional paid-in capital	288,771	288,623
Retained earnings	140,730	128,390
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(13,616)	4,384
<b>Total stockholders' equity</b>	<b>416,397</b>	<b>421,909</b>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 1,494,714</b>	<b>\$ 1,503,015</b>

*See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.*

**Trean Insurance Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**  
(in thousands, except share and per share data)  
(unaudited)

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Gross written premiums	\$ 161,403	\$ 146,730
Increase in gross unearned premiums	(2,864)	(18,431)
Gross earned premiums	158,539	128,299
Ceded earned premiums	(94,362)	(87,165)
Net earned premiums	64,177	41,134
Net investment income	2,576	2,272
Net realized gains (losses)	(1,047)	13
Other revenue	3,201	4,655
Total revenue	68,907	48,074
<b>Expenses</b>		
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	39,193	24,881
General and administrative expenses	18,300	11,891
Intangible asset amortization	1,499	1,414
Noncash stock compensation	156	211
Interest expense	408	427
Total expenses	59,556	38,824
Gains on embedded derivatives	6,236	2,676
Other income	23	121
<b>Income before taxes</b>	15,610	12,047
Income tax expense	3,270	2,605
<b>Net income</b>	<u>\$ 12,340</u>	<u>\$ 9,442</u>
<b>Earnings per share:</b>		
Basic	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.18
Diluted	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.18
<b>Weighted average shares outstanding:</b>		
Basic	51,177,908	51,148,782
Diluted	51,177,908	51,179,820

*See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.*

**Trean Insurance Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income**

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Net income	\$ 12,340	\$ 9,442
<b>Other comprehensive loss, net of tax:</b>		
Unrealized investment losses:		
Unrealized investment losses arising during the period	(23,804)	(8,576)
Income tax benefit	(4,993)	(1,801)
Unrealized investment losses, net of tax	(18,811)	(6,775)
Less reclassification adjustments to:		
Net realized investment gains (losses) included in net realized gains (losses)	(1,027)	13
Income tax expense (benefit)	(216)	3
Total reclassifications included in net income, net of tax	(811)	10
<b>Other comprehensive loss</b>	(18,000)	(6,785)
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ (5,660)</b>	<b>\$ 2,657</b>

*See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.*

**Trean Insurance Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity and Redeemable Preferred Stock**  
**For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2022 and 2021**  
(in thousands, except share and unit data)  
(unaudited)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Retained Earnings	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount				
<b>Balance at December 31, 2021</b>	51,176,887	\$ 512	\$ 288,623	\$ 4,384	\$ 128,390	\$ 421,909
Stock compensation expense	—	—	156	—	—	156
Common stock issued pursuant to equity compensation awards	15,309	—	(8)	—	—	(8)
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	(18,000)	—	(18,000)
Net income	—	—	—	—	12,340	12,340
<b>Balance at March 31, 2022</b>	<b>51,192,196</b>	<b>\$ 512</b>	<b>\$ 288,771</b>	<b>\$ (13,616)</b>	<b>\$ 140,730</b>	<b>\$ 416,397</b>

	Common Stock		Additional Paid in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Retained Earnings	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount				
<b>Balance at December 31, 2020</b>	51,148,782	\$ 511	\$ 287,110	\$ 13,426	\$ 109,060	\$ 410,107
Stock compensation expense	—	—	211	—	—	211
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	(6,785)	—	(6,785)
Net income	—	—	—	—	9,442	9,442
<b>Balance at March 31, 2021</b>	<b>51,148,782</b>	<b>\$ 511</b>	<b>\$ 287,321</b>	<b>\$ 6,641</b>	<b>\$ 118,502</b>	<b>\$ 412,975</b>

*See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.*

**Trean Insurance Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

(in thousands)  
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Net income	\$ 12,340	\$ 9,442
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,675	1,690
Stock compensation	156	211
Unrealized gains on embedded derivatives	(6,896)	(3,356)
Net (gains) losses on investments	1,047	(24)
Bond amortization and accretion	432	588
Deferred income taxes	1,249	95
Deferred financing costs	42	42
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accrued investment income	(266)	206
Premiums and other receivables	(11,133)	(12,523)
Reinsurance recoverable on paid and unpaid losses	(3,346)	(17,698)
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	8,339	(2,327)
Right of use asset	363	494
Other assets	(3,718)	(6,154)
Unpaid loss and loss adjustment expenses	6,661	27,714
Unearned premiums	2,962	18,473
Funds held under reinsurance agreements	3,511	(8,869)
Reinsurance premiums payable	1,765	(94)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(7,025)	(12,899)
Lease liability	(423)	(521)
Income taxes payable	1,013	2,546
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	8,748	(2,964)
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Payments for capital expenditures	(232)	(73)
Proceeds from sale of equity method investment	—	232
Purchase of investments, available for sale	(96,948)	(37,678)
Proceeds from investments sold, matured or repaid	63,211	20,391
Net cash used in investing activities	(33,969)	(17,128)
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Shares redeemed for payroll taxes	(7)	—
Principal payments on debt	(413)	(206)
Net cash used in financing activities	(420)	(206)
Net decrease in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(25,641)	(20,298)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash – beginning of period	129,984	157,234
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash – end of period	\$ 104,343	\$ 136,936

*See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.*

**Trean Insurance Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	<b>March 31,</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Disaggregation of cash and restricted cash:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 103,865	\$ 130,940
Restricted cash	478	5,996
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	<u>\$ 104,343</u>	<u>\$ 136,936</u>

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:</b>		
Cash paid during the year for:		
Interest	\$ 366	\$ 385
Income taxes	1,002	—
Non-cash investing and financing activity:		
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for new operating lease liabilities	146	2
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:		
Operating cash flows from operating leases	624	615

*See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.*



**Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements****Note 1. Business and Basis of Presentation**

Trean Insurance Group, Inc. (together with its wholly owned subsidiaries, the "Company") provides products and services to the specialty insurance market. Historically, the Company has focused on specialty casualty markets that are believed to be under-served and where the Company's expertise allows the Company to achieve higher rates, such as niche workers' compensation markets and small- to medium-sized specialty casualty insurance programs. The Company underwrites specialty-casualty insurance products both through programs where the Company partners with other organizations ("Program Partners"), and also through Company owned managing general agencies ("Owned MGAs"). The Company also provides Program Partners with a variety of services, including issuing carrier services, claims administration, and reinsurance brokerage from which the Company generates fee-based revenues.

The Company's wholly owned subsidiaries include: (i) Benchmark Holding Company, a property and casualty insurance holding company, which owns Benchmark Insurance Company ("Benchmark"), a property and casualty insurance company domiciled in the state of Kansas, American Liberty Insurance Company ("ALIC"), a property and casualty insurance company domiciled in the state of Utah, 7710 Insurance Company ("7710"), a property and casualty insurance company domiciled in the state of South Carolina and Benchmark Specialty Insurance Company ("BSIC"), a property and casualty insurance company domiciled in the state of Arkansas; (ii) Trean Compstar Holdings, LLC, a limited liability company created originally for the purchase of Compstar Insurance Services LLC, a California-based general agency; and (iii) Trean Corporation ("Trean Corp"), a reinsurance intermediary manager and a managing general agent, which consists of the following wholly owned subsidiaries: (a) Trean Reinsurance Services, LLC ("TRS"), a reinsurance intermediary broker; Benchmark Administrators LLC (BIC Admin"), a claims third-party administrator; (b) Western Integrated Care, LLC ("WIC"), a managed care organization; and (c) Westcap Insurance Services, LLC ("Westcap"), a managing general agent based in California.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") for interim financial information and with the instructions to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Accordingly, they do not contain all of the information included in the Company's annual consolidated financial statements and notes. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal, recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair presentation of the Company's condensed consolidated financial position and results of operations for the periods presented have been included. Although management believes the disclosures and information presented are adequate, these interim condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 (the "2021 Form 10-K"). Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2022 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2022.

During the second quarter of 2021, the Company determined that its funds held agreements with reinsurers contain embedded derivatives relating to a total return swap on the underlying investments. As a result, the Company has revised the presentation of its financial results to report the change in fair value of the embedded derivatives in gains on embedded derivatives in the condensed consolidated statements of operations. In addition, investment earnings credited to the funds withheld accounts are reported in gains on embedded derivatives in the condensed consolidated statements of operations, whereas previously these were reported as an offset to net investment income. While the prior period amounts have been corrected for comparability, the correction was not material to the previously reported condensed consolidated financial statements. The impact of the prior period corrections on the condensed consolidated balance sheet and the related components of stockholders' equity is as follows:

	December 31, 2020			March 31, 2021		
	Previously reported	Adjustment	As adjusted	Previously reported	Adjustment	As adjusted
Retained earnings	\$ 112,959	\$ (3,899)	\$ 109,060	\$ 119,750	\$ (1,248)	\$ 118,502
Accumulated other comprehensive income	9,527	3,899	13,426	5,393	1,248	6,641

The impact of the prior period corrections on the condensed consolidated statements of operations and other comprehensive income is as follows:

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2021</b>		
	<b>Previously reported</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>	<b>As adjusted</b>
Net investment income	\$ 1,592	\$ 680	\$ 2,272
<b>Total revenue</b>	47,394	680	48,074
Gains on embedded derivatives	—	2,676	2,676
<b>Income before taxes</b>	8,691	3,356	12,047
Income tax expense	1,900	705	2,605
<b>Net income</b>	<u>\$ 6,791</u>	<u>\$ 2,651</u>	<u>\$ 9,442</u>
<b>Earnings per share:</b>			
Basic	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.18
Diluted	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.18
<b>Other comprehensive loss, net of tax</b>			
Unrealized investment losses:			
Unrealized investment losses arising during the period	\$ (5,220)	\$ (3,356)	\$ (8,576)
Income tax benefit	(1,096)	(705)	(1,801)
Unrealized investment losses, net of tax	(4,124)	(2,651)	(6,775)
<b>Other comprehensive loss</b>	<u>\$ (4,134)</u>	<u>\$ (2,651)</u>	<u>\$ (6,785)</u>

The correction of the prior period amounts had no impact on total operating, investing, and financing activities as presented on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of cash flows during the three months ended March 31, 2021. In conjunction with the correction of the prior period amounts; the net investment income table in Note 4 was corrected to incorporate the income from funds held investments of \$680 for the three months ended March 31, 2021; the effective tax rate in Note 8 was corrected from 21.9% to 21.6% for the three months ended March 31, 2021; Note 13 has been corrected to reflect the changes to earning per share described above; and Note 14 has been corrected to reflect the changes to other comprehensive income described above.

#### Use of estimates

While preparing the condensed consolidated financial statements, the Company has made certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the condensed consolidated financial statements, as well as reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. Reported amounts that require extensive use of estimates include the reserves for unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses ("LAE"), reinsurance recoverables, investments, goodwill, and other intangible assets. Except for the captions on the condensed consolidated balance sheets and condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income, generally, the term loss(es) is used to collectively refer to both losses and LAE.

#### Accounting pronouncements

##### *Recently adopted policies*

In January 2020, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued ASU No. 2020-01, *Investments - Equity Securities (Topic 321), Investments - Equity Method and Joint Ventures (Topic 323), and Derivative and Hedging (Topic 815) - Clarifying the Interactions between Topic 321, Topic 323 and Topic 815* (ASU 2020-01). This update addresses the accounting for certain equity securities upon the application or discontinuation of the equity method of accounting. Further,

the update addresses scope considerations for forward contracts and purchased options on certain securities. ASU 2020-01 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2021, including interim periods thereafter. The Company adopted this standard effective January 1, 2022. Adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### *Pending policies*

The Company completed its IPO in July 2020, and is an emerging growth company as defined under federal securities laws. As such, the Company has elected to adopt pending accounting policies under the dates required for private companies. Therefore, the dates included within this section reflect the effective dates for the adoption of new accounting policies required by private companies.

In March 2020, the FASB issued ASU No. 2020-03, *Codification Improvements to Financial Instruments* (ASU 2020-03). This update represents changes to clarify and improve the codification to allow for easier application by eliminating inconsistencies and providing clarification on items such as (i) the application of fair value option disclosures; (ii) the accounting for fees related to modifications of debt; and (iii) aligning the contractual term of a net investment in a lease in accordance with ASC Topic 326, *Financial Instruments - Credit Losses*, and the lease term determined in accordance with ASC Topic 842, *Leases*. The Company adopted items (i) and (ii) effective January 1, 2020 and will adopt item (iii) on January 1, 2023. Adoption of this standard has not had, and is not expected to have, a material impact on the condensed consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-13, *Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326), Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments* (ASU 2016-13). This update requires financial assets measured at amortized cost to be presented at the net amount expected to be collected by means of an allowance for credit losses that runs through net income. Additionally, credit losses relating to available-for-sale debt securities will also be recorded through an allowance for credit losses, with the amount of the allowance limited to the amount by which the fair value is below the amortized cost. ASU 2016-13 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2022, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company will adopt this standard effective January 1, 2023. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this standard on the condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### **Note 2. Acquisitions**

##### *Western Integrated Care*

Effective July 6, 2021, Trean Corp acquired 100% ownership of WIC for a total purchase price of \$5,500, which included \$1,500 that is contingent on WIC's future earnings, as defined in the agreement. WIC is a managed care organization that offers services to workers' compensation insurers to enable employees who are injured on the job to access qualified medical treatment. The Company recorded \$1,501 of goodwill and intangible assets of \$3,624 associated with the business combination.

### Note 3. Fair Value Measurements

The Company's financial instruments include assets and liabilities carried at fair value. The inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value are prioritized into a three level hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy is as follows:

**Level 1:** Fair values primarily based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access at the measurement date.

**Level 2:** Fair values primarily based on observable inputs, other than quoted prices included in Level 1, or based on prices for similar assets and liabilities.

**Level 3:** Fair values primarily based on valuations derived when one or more of the significant inputs are unobservable. With little or no observable market, the determination of fair value uses considerable judgment and represents the Company's best estimate of an amount that could be realized in a market exchange for the asset or liability.

The Company classifies the financial asset or liability by level based upon the lowest level input that is significant to the determination of the fair value. The following tables present the estimated fair value of the Company's significant financial instruments.

	<b>March 31, 2022</b>			
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Fixed maturities:</b>				
U.S. government and government securities	\$ 40,610	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 40,610
Foreign governments	—	393	—	393
States, territories and possessions	—	10,822	—	10,822
Political subdivisions of states territories and possessions	—	37,419	—	37,419
Special revenue and special assessment obligations	—	94,078	—	94,078
Industrial and public utilities	—	106,298	—	106,298
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	—	97,267	—	97,267
Residential mortgage-backed securities	—	18,800	—	18,800
Other loan-backed securities	—	41,662	—	41,662
<b>Total fixed maturities</b>	<b>40,610</b>	<b>406,739</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>447,349</b>
Equity securities	14,053	20,109	—	34,162
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>\$ 54,663</b>	<b>\$ 426,848</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 481,511</b>
<b>Embedded derivatives on funds held under reinsurance agreements</b>	<b>\$ (1,070)</b>	<b>\$ (5,555)</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ (6,625)</b>
<b>Debt</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>30,525</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>30,525</b>

	December 31, 2021			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>Fixed maturities:</b>				
U.S. government and government securities	\$ 2,392	\$ 39,042	\$ —	\$ 41,434
Foreign governments	—	2,490	—	2,490
States, territories and possessions	—	10,766	—	10,766
Political subdivisions of states, territories and possessions	—	40,002	—	40,002
Special revenue and special assessment obligations	—	95,991	—	95,991
Industrial and public utilities	—	103,257	—	103,257
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	—	118,218	—	118,218
Residential mortgage-backed securities	—	17,368	—	17,368
Other loan-backed securities	—	41,425	—	41,425
Hybrid securities	—	110	—	110
Total fixed maturities	2,392	468,669	—	471,061
Equity securities	—	969	—	969
Total investments	\$ 2,392	\$ 469,638	\$ —	\$ 472,030
Embedded derivatives on funds held under reinsurance agreements	\$ (4)	\$ 275	\$ —	\$ 271
Debt	—	30,938	—	30,938

**Fixed maturities and equity securities:** The Company, through its third-party pricing service provider, uses a variety of sources to estimate the fair value of investments such as Refinitiv (formerly Reuters), PricingDirect, ICE Data Services, and for equities, Bloomberg or S&P Capital IQ Pro. Equity securities are generally valued at the closing price on the exchange on which they are primarily traded as provided by a third-party pricing service. Fixed income securities are generally valued at an evaluated bid as provided by a third-party pricing service. Securities and other assets generally valued using third-party pricing services may also be valued at broker/dealer indications. Values obtained from third-party pricing services can utilize several market data sources for inputs such as transaction data, yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, issue type, trading characteristics, and other market activity. To validate the reasonableness of the prices, the Company performs various qualitative and quantitative procedures such as analysis of recent trading activity, analytical review of fair values and an evaluation of the underlying pricing methodologies. Based on these procedures, the Company did not adjust the prices or quotes from the third-party pricing service.

**Embedded derivatives:** The Company enters into funds held contracts under reinsurance agreements which create embedded derivatives on the underlying investments. These embedded derivatives are valued based upon the unrealized gain or loss position of the funds held portfolio, which is determined consistent with other investments using third-party pricing services. To validate the reasonableness of the quoted prices, the Company performs various qualitative and quantitative procedures such as analysis of recent activity, analytical review of fair values and an evaluation of the underlying pricing methodologies. Based on these procedures, the Company did not adjust the prices or quotes from the third-party pricing service.

**Debt:** The Company holds debt related to its secured credit facility. The Company has determined that the remaining balance of the debt reflected its fair value as this would represent the total amount to repay the debt.

**Note 4. Investments**

Fixed maturity securities primarily include bonds and asset-backed securities. Fixed income securities, which may be sold prior to their contractual maturity, are designated as available-for-sale and are carried at fair value. Equity securities primarily include common stocks, mutual funds, and non-redeemable preferred stocks, which are carried at fair value. Equity securities includes non-redeemable preferred stock that were previously disclosed separately.

The cost or amortized cost, gross unrealized gains, gross unrealized losses, and estimated fair value of the Company's fixed maturities investments are as follows:

	<b>March 31, 2022</b>			
	<b>Cost or Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Gains</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
<b>Fixed maturities:</b>				
U.S. government and government securities	\$ 42,026	\$ 12	\$ (1,428)	\$ 40,610
Foreign governments	400	—	(7)	393
States, territories and possessions	11,388	14	(580)	10,822
Political subdivisions of states, territories and possessions	39,166	142	(1,889)	37,419
Special revenue and special assessment obligations	98,436	493	(4,851)	94,078
Industrial and public utilities	107,816	703	(2,221)	106,298
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	104,291	37	(7,061)	97,267
Residential mortgage-backed securities	19,040	83	(323)	18,800
Other loan-backed securities	41,939	24	(301)	41,662
Hybrid securities	—	—	—	—
Total fixed maturities available for sale	<u>\$ 464,502</u>	<u>\$ 1,508</u>	<u>\$ (18,661)</u>	<u>\$ 447,349</u>

	<b>December 31, 2021</b>			
	<b>Cost or Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Gains</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
<b>Fixed maturities:</b>				
U.S. government and government securities	\$ 41,490	\$ 113	\$ (169)	\$ 41,434
Foreign governments	2,500	—	(10)	2,490
States, territories and possessions	10,593	189	(16)	10,766
Political subdivisions of states, territories and possessions	39,170	975	(143)	40,002
Special revenue and special assessment obligations	93,664	2,920	(593)	95,991
Industrial and public utilities	100,774	2,835	(352)	103,257
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	119,378	591	(1,751)	118,218
Residential mortgage-backed securities	16,549	843	(24)	17,368
Other loan-backed securities	41,236	248	(59)	41,425
Hybrid securities	105	5	—	110
Total fixed maturities available for sale	<u>\$ 465,459</u>	<u>\$ 8,719</u>	<u>\$ (3,117)</u>	<u>\$ 471,061</u>

The following table illustrates the Company's gross unrealized losses and fair value of fixed maturities, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position:

	<b>March 31, 2022</b>					
	<b>Less Than 12 Months</b>		<b>12 Months or More</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Loss</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Loss</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Loss</b>
Fixed maturities:						
U.S. government and government securities	\$ 37,166	\$ (1,352)	\$ 1,550	\$ (76)	\$ 38,716	\$ (1,428)
Foreign governments	393	(7)	—	—	393	(7)
States, territories and possessions	6,855	(529)	274	(51)	7,129	(580)
Political subdivisions of states, territories and possessions	23,420	(1,866)	277	(23)	23,697	(1,889)
Special revenue and special assessment obligations	56,698	(4,375)	3,812	(476)	60,510	(4,851)
Industrial and public utilities	47,899	(2,022)	1,547	(199)	49,446	(2,221)
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	60,033	(3,636)	34,197	(3,425)	94,230	(7,061)
Residential mortgage-backed securities	10,045	(323)	—	—	10,045	(323)
Other loan-backed securities	33,037	(242)	2,885	(59)	35,922	(301)
<b>Total fixed maturities</b>	<b>\$ 275,546</b>	<b>\$ (14,352)</b>	<b>\$ 44,542</b>	<b>\$ (4,309)</b>	<b>\$ 320,088</b>	<b>\$ (18,661)</b>

	<b>December 31, 2021</b>					
	<b>Less Than 12 Months</b>		<b>12 Months or More</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Loss</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Loss</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Loss</b>
Fixed maturities:						
U.S. government and government securities	\$ 26,935	\$ (168)	\$ 23	\$ (1)	\$ 26,958	\$ (169)
Foreign governments	2,490	(10)	—	—	2,490	(10)
States, territories and possessions	935	(16)	—	—	935	(16)
Political subdivisions of states, territories and possessions	11,115	(143)	—	—	11,115	(143)
Special revenue and special assessment obligations	29,917	(593)	—	—	29,917	(593)
Industrial and public utilities	24,042	(286)	1,058	(66)	25,100	(352)
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	80,126	(1,565)	6,212	(186)	86,338	(1,751)
Residential mortgage-backed securities	4,539	(24)	—	—	4,539	(24)
Other loan-backed securities	20,153	(36)	2,477	(23)	22,630	(59)
<b>Total fixed maturities</b>	<b>\$ 200,252</b>	<b>\$ (2,841)</b>	<b>\$ 9,770</b>	<b>\$ (276)</b>	<b>\$ 210,022</b>	<b>\$ (3,117)</b>

The unrealized losses on the Company's available for sale securities as of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 were primarily attributable to an increase in interest rates, which predominantly impacted fixed maturities acquired since the second quarter of 2020.

The amortized cost and estimated fair value of fixed maturities as of March 31, 2022, by contractual maturity, are as follows:

	<u>Cost or Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Available for sale:		
Due in one year or less	\$ 33,559	\$ 33,669
Due after one year but before five years	110,891	108,584
Due after five years but before ten years	90,397	86,968
Due after ten years	64,385	60,399
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	104,291	97,267
Residential mortgage-backed securities	19,040	18,800
Other loan-backed securities	41,939	41,662
Total	<u>\$ 464,502</u>	<u>\$ 447,349</u>

Actual maturities may differ from contractual maturities as issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

Realized gains and losses on investments included in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

	<u>Three Months Ended March 31,</u>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Fixed maturities:		
Gains	\$ 109	\$ 80
Losses	(1,136)	(67)
Total fixed maturities	<u>(1,027)</u>	<u>13</u>
Funds held investments:		
Gains	8	—
Losses	(16)	—
Total funds held investments	<u>(8)</u>	<u>—</u>
Equity securities:		
Gains	—	—
Losses	(12)	—
Total equity securities	<u>(12)</u>	<u>—</u>
Total net realized gains (losses)	<u>\$ (1,047)</u>	<u>\$ 13</u>

Net investment income consists of the following for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021:

	<u>Three Months Ended March 31,</u>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Fixed maturities	\$ 1,754	\$ 1,560
Income on funds held investments	668	680
Equity securities	154	30
Interest earned on cash and short-term investments	—	2
Net investment income	<u>\$ 2,576</u>	<u>\$ 2,272</u>



Unrealized gains (losses) recognized during the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Net gains and losses recognized during the period on equity securities	\$ 32	\$ 17
Less: Net gains and (losses) recognized during the period on equity securities sold during the period	(12)	—
Unrealized gains and (losses) recognized during the reporting period on equity securities still held at the reporting date	<u>\$ 44</u>	<u>\$ 17</u>

#### *Embedded derivatives*

The Company enters into funds held contracts under reinsurance agreements which create embedded derivatives that are measured at fair value. The embedded derivatives within our funds held under reinsurance agreements relate to a total return swap on the underlying investments. These embedded derivatives had no impact on total operating, investing and financing activities as presented on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of cash flows during the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021. Total funds held under reinsurance agreements includes the following:

	<b>March 31, 2022</b>	<b>December 31, 2021</b>
Funds held under reinsurance agreements, at cost	\$ 202,650	\$ 199,139
Embedded derivatives, at fair value	(6,625)	271
Total funds held under reinsurance agreements	<u>\$ 196,025</u>	<u>\$ 199,410</u>

Gains on embedded derivatives consists of the following for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021:

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Change in fair value of embedded derivatives	\$ 6,896	\$ 3,356
Effect of net investment income on funds held investments	(668)	(680)
Effect of realized gains on funds held investments	8	—
Total gains on embedded derivatives	<u>\$ 6,236</u>	<u>\$ 2,676</u>

#### **Note 5. Equity Method Investments**

On January 3, 2020, the Company sold 15% of its previous 25% ownership in TRI for cash proceeds of \$3,000, resulting in a remaining ownership interest of 10%. As a result of its significant ownership reduction and its lack of significant influence over the operations and policies of TRI, the Company reclassified its TRI investment, at fair value, to investments in common stock in the first quarter of 2020. The Company realized a gain on the sale of \$3,115, which was included in net realized gains (losses) on the consolidated statements of operations. The Company subsequently re-measured its TRI investment shares resulting in an unrealized gain of \$2,000 which is recorded in net investment income on the consolidated statement of operations. The Company sold all of its remaining ownership interest in TRI during Q3 2021 for \$1,888, resulting in a realized loss of \$112, which was included in net realized gains (losses) on the consolidated statement of operations. The sale agreement includes an earn out which would increase the amount received based on TRI's future performance.

The Company recorded \$50 of revenue for consulting services provided to TRI for both the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

**Note 6. Debt**

Debt consisted of the following:

	<b>March 31, 2022</b>	<b>December 31, 2021</b>
Secured credit facility	\$ 30,525	\$ 30,938
Less: unamortized deferred financing costs	(533)	(576)
Net debt	<u>\$ 29,992</u>	<u>\$ 30,362</u>

**Secured Credit Facility**

On July 16, 2020, the Company entered into a new Amended and Restated Credit Agreement which, among other things, extended the Company's credit facility for a period of five years through May 26, 2025 and increased its term loan facility by \$11,707, resulting in a total term loan debt amount of \$33,000 and a revolving credit facility of \$2,000 at the time of closing. The loan has a variable interest rate of LIBOR plus 4.50%, which was 4.73% and 4.64% as of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively. The outstanding principal balance of the loan is to be repaid in quarterly installments which escalate from \$206 to \$825. All equity securities of the subsidiaries of Trean Insurance Group, Inc. (other than Benchmark Holding Company and its subsidiaries) have been pledged as collateral.

During the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company recorded \$366 and \$385 of interest expense, respectively, associated with its credit facility.

The terms of the credit facility require the Company to maintain certain financial covenants and ratios. The Company was in compliance with all covenants and ratios as of March 31, 2022.

**Note 7. Revenue from Contracts with Customers**

Revenue from contracts with customers, included in other revenue, includes brokerage, management, third-party administrative, and consulting and other fee-based revenue. Revenue from contracts with customers was \$3,201 for the three months ended March 31, 2022 compared to \$4,655 for the three months ended March 31, 2021.

The following table presents the revenues recognized from contracts with customers included in the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Brokerage	\$ 2,593	\$ 3,455
Managing general agent fees	84	289
Third-party administrator fees	323	378
Consulting and other fee-based revenue	201	533
Total revenue from contracts with customers	<u>\$ 3,201</u>	<u>\$ 4,655</u>

The Company did not have any contract liabilities as of March 31, 2022 or December 31, 2021. The following table provides information related to the contract assets from contracts with customers. Contract assets are included within other assets on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

	<b>March 31, 2022</b>	<b>December 31, 2021</b>
Contract assets	<u>\$ 4,413</u>	<u>\$ 3,353</u>

**Note 8. Income Taxes**

Income tax expense for interim periods is measured using an estimated effective income tax rate for the annual period. The Company's effective tax rate was 20.9% for the three months ended March 31, 2022. The decrease in the effective tax rate from the statutory rate for this period was primarily due to the impact of tax-exempt municipal income on the Company's

investments, partially offset by the impact of state taxes. The Company's effective tax rate was 21.6% for the three months ended March 31, 2021, which differed from the statutory rate primarily due to the impact of state taxes.

#### Note 9. Liability for Unpaid Losses and Loss Adjustment Expense

The following table represents a reconciliation of changes in the liability for unpaid losses and LAE.

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
Unpaid losses and LAE reserves at beginning of period	\$ 544,320	\$ 457,817
Less losses ceded through reinsurance	(369,008)	(335,655)
Net unpaid losses and LAE at beginning of period	175,312	122,162
Incurring losses and LAE related to:		
Current period	39,568	24,907
Prior period	(375)	(26)
Total incurred losses and LAE	39,193	24,881
Paid losses and LAE, net of reinsurance, related to:		
Current period	5,394	3,523
Prior period	22,409	11,146
Total paid losses and LAE	27,803	14,669
Net unpaid losses and LAE at end of period	186,702	132,374
Plus losses ceded through reinsurance	364,279	353,158
Unpaid losses and LAE reserves at end of period	<u>\$ 550,981</u>	<u>\$ 485,532</u>

#### Note 10. Reinsurance

The Company utilizes reinsurance contracts to reduce its exposure to losses in all aspects of its insurance business. Such reinsurance permits recovery of a portion of losses from reinsurers, although it does not relieve the Company from its primary liability to policyholders. Failure of reinsurers to honor their obligations could result in losses to the Company. The Company evaluates the financial strength of potential reinsurers and continually monitors the financial condition of its reinsurers.

A summary of the impact of ceded reinsurance on premiums written and premiums earned is as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,							
	2022				2021			
	Gross	Assumed	Ceded	Net	Gross	Assumed	Ceded	Net
Written premiums	\$ 159,366	\$ 2,037	\$ (85,925)	\$ 75,478	\$ 144,898	\$ 1,832	\$ (89,484)	\$ 57,246
Earned premiums	156,203	2,336	(94,362)	64,177	126,404	1,895	(87,165)	41,134

#### Note 11. Leases

The Company's leases consist of operating leases for office space and equipment. The Company determines if an arrangement is a lease at its inception. Leases with an initial term of 12 months or less are not recorded on the balance sheet. Right-of-use assets represent the Company's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent the Company's obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Operating lease right-of-use assets are recognized at commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. As the Company's leases do not provide an implicit rate, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments. Some of the Company's leases include options to extend the term, which are only included in the lease liability and right-of-use asset calculation when it is reasonably certain the Company will exercise an option. Our leases have remaining terms ranging from one month to 39 months, some of which have options to extend the lease for up to an additional 60 months. As of March 31, 2022, the lease liability and right-of-use assets did not include the impact of any lease extension options as it is not reasonably certain that the Company will exercise the extension options.

Total lease expense for the three months ended March 31, 2022 was \$617, inclusive of \$24 in variable lease expense. Total lease expense for the three months ended March 31, 2021 was \$674, inclusive of \$75 in variable lease expense. The Company also sublets some of its leased office space and recorded \$21 and \$18 of sublease income for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, which is included in other income on the condensed consolidated statement of operations.

Supplemental balance sheet information, the weighted average remaining lease term and weighted average discount rate related to leases were as follows:

	<u>March 31, 2022</u>	<u>December 31, 2021</u>
Right of use asset	\$ 4,167	\$ 4,530
Lease liability	\$ 4,554	\$ 4,976
Weighted average remaining lease term	1.56 years	2.42 years
Weighted average discount rate	6.02 %	6.33 %

Future maturities of lease liabilities as of March 31, 2022 are as follows:

	<u>Operating Leases</u>
2022	\$ 1,846
2023	1,847
2024	1,011
2025	129
2026	33
Total lease payments	4,866
Less: imputed interest	(312)
Total lease liabilities	<u>\$ 4,554</u>

## Note 12. Equity

### Common Stock

The Company currently has authorized 600,000,000 shares of common stock with a par value of \$0.01. As of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, there were 51,192,196 and 51,176,887 shares of common stock issued and outstanding, respectively.

## Note 13. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share ("EPS") is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during reported periods. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock of the Company during reported periods and is calculated using the treasury stock method.

The following table presents the calculation of basic and diluted EPS of common stock:

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Net income — basic and diluted	\$ 12,340	\$ 9,442
Weighted average number of shares outstanding — basic	51,177,908	51,148,782
Effect of dilutive securities:		
Restricted stock units	—	31,038
Dilutive shares	—	31,038
Weighted average number of shares outstanding — diluted	51,177,908	51,179,820
Excluded: Antidilutive common stock equivalents	117,371	60,729
Earnings per share:		
Basic	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.18
Diluted	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.18

#### Note 14. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following table presents the changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities:

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 4,384	\$ 13,426
<b>Other comprehensive loss, net of tax:</b>		
Unrealized investment losses:		
Unrealized investment losses arising during the period	\$ (23,804)	\$ (8,576)
Income tax benefit	\$ (4,993)	\$ (1,801)
Unrealized investment losses, net of tax	\$ (18,811)	\$ (6,775)
Less reclassification adjustments to:		
Net realized investment gains (losses) included in net realized gains (losses)	\$ (1,027)	\$ 13
Income tax expense (benefit)	\$ (216)	\$ 3
Total reclassifications included in net income, net of tax	\$ (811)	\$ 10
<b>Other comprehensive loss</b>	<b>\$ (18,000)</b>	<b>\$ (6,785)</b>
Balance at end of period	\$ (13,616)	\$ 6,641

#### Note 15. Stock Compensation

As of March 31, 2022, the Company has one incentive plan, the Trean Insurance Group, Inc. 2020 Omnibus Incentive Plan, (the "2020 Omnibus Plan"). The purposes of the 2020 Omnibus Plan are to provide additional incentive to selected officers, employees, non-employee directors, independent contractors, and consultants of the Company whose contributions are essential to the growth and success of the business of the Company and its affiliates, to strengthen the commitment and motivate such individuals to faithfully and diligently perform their responsibilities and to attract competent and dedicated individuals whose efforts will result in the long-term growth and profitability of the Company and its affiliates. The 2020 Omnibus Plan is administered by the Compensation, Nominating, and Corporate Governance Committee of the Company's board of directors and provides for the issuance of up to 5,058,085 shares of the Company's common stock granted in the

form of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, stock bonuses, other stock awards, or any combination of the foregoing.

### Stock Options

Compensation expense is recognized for all stock compensation arrangements by the Company. Stock compensation expense related to stock option awards was \$51 and \$35 for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Employee stock option awards granted set forth, among other things, the option exercise price, the option term, provisions regarding option exercisability, and whether the option is intended to be an incentive stock option ("ISO") or a nonqualified stock option ("NQ"). Stock options may be granted to employees at such exercise prices as the Company's board of directors may determine but not less than 100% of the fair market value of the underlying stock as of the date of grant. Employee options vest one third annually over a period of three years and have contractual terms of 10 years from the date of grant.

The fair value of each time-based vesting option award is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model that uses assumptions noted in the following table. The Company's expected volatility for the period was based on a weighted average expected volatility of an industry peer group of insurance companies of similar size, life cycle, and lines of business. Expected term is calculated using the simplified method taking into consideration the option's contractual life and vesting terms. The Company's stock option grants qualify as plain vanilla options and as such the Company uses the simplified method in estimating its expected option term as the Company does not have sufficient historical exercise data to provide a reasonable basis upon which to estimate expected term due to the limited period of time its common shares have been publicly traded. The risk-free interest rate for periods within the contractual life of the option is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant. Expected dividend yields were not used in the fair value computations as the Company has never declared or paid dividends on its common stock and currently intends to retain earnings for use in operations.

	<b>Fiscal 2022</b>	<b>Fiscal 2021</b>
Expected volatility	29.8%	29.8%
Expected term	6 years	6 years
Risk-free interest rate	1.92%	1.32%

A summary of the status of the Company's stock option activity as of March 31, 2022 and changes during the three-month period then ended are as follows:

	<b>Stock Options</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>
Balance outstanding, December 31, 2021	120,187	\$ 16.06
Granted	64,694	\$ 7.04
Forfeited or cancelled	(2,816)	\$ 17.50
Balance outstanding, March 31, 2022	182,065	\$ 12.83
Options exercisable, March 31, 2022	40,373	\$ 15.99

The following table summarizes information regarding stock options outstanding as of March 31, 2022:

Stock Options	Options Outstanding				Options Vested or Expected to Vest			
	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contract Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contract Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
2020 Omnibus Plan	182,065	\$ 12.83	8.98 years	\$ —	182,065	\$ 12.83	8.98 years	\$ —

The weighted average grant-date fair value of options granted in the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 was \$2.30 and \$5.49, respectively. As of March 31, 2022, total unrecognized compensation cost related to stock options was \$449 and is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 1.2 years.

#### Restricted Stock Units

Compensation expense relating to restricted stock unit grants was \$105 and \$176 for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. As of March 31, 2022, there was \$3,387 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested restricted stock unit grants, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average life of 2.1 years. The total fair value of restricted stock units vested during the three months ended March 31, 2022 was \$77.

The Company has granted time-based restricted stock units ("RSUs"), performance stock units ("PSUs"), and market-based stock units ("MSUs") to certain key employees as part of the Company's long-term incentive program. The estimated fair value of restricted stock units is based on the grant date closing price of the Company's common stock for time-based and performance-based vesting awards. A Monte Carlo valuation model is used to estimate the fair value for market-based vesting awards. RSUs generally vest in three equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date and are amortized as compensation expense over the three-year vesting period. The Company has also granted time-based restricted stock units to non-employee directors as part of the Company's annual director compensation program. Each time-based restricted stock grant to non-employee directors vests on the day immediately preceding the next annual meeting of stockholders following the date of grant. The grants are amortized as director compensation expense over the vesting period. The Company recognizes compensation expense on PSUs ratably over the requisite performance period of the award and to the extent management views the performance goal attainment as probable. The Company recognizes compensation expense on MSUs ratably over the requisite performance period of the award.

For the 2022 and 2021 fiscal year, the Company granted PSUs to certain key employees pursuant to the Company's 2020 Omnibus Plan. The number of shares earned is based on the Company's achievement of pre-established target threshold goals for total gross written premiums over a three-year performance measurement period. The performance goals allow for a payout ranging from 0% to 200% of the target award. If performance satisfies minimum requirements to result in shares of Company common stock being awarded, the number of shares will be determined between 50% and 200% of target thresholds, as defined in the applicable award agreements. Any earned PSU will vest if the employee's service has been continuous through the vesting date. Any PSU not earned because of failure to achieve the minimum performance goal at the end of the performance period will be immediately forfeited. The grant date fair value of the PSUs was determined based on the grant date closing price of the Company's stock.

For the 2022 and 2021 fiscal year, the Company granted MSUs to certain key employees pursuant to the Company's 2020 Omnibus Plan. The number of restricted stock units earned is based on the Company's cumulative total shareholder return ("TSR"), as defined in the applicable award agreement, over a three-year performance measurement period. If TSR satisfies minimum requirements to result in shares being awarded, the number of shares will be determined between 50% and 200% shown in the table below. Any MSU not earned because of failure to achieve the minimum performance goal at the end of the performance period will be immediately forfeited. Grant date fair values were determined using a Monte Carlo valuation model based on the following assumptions:

	<b>Fiscal 2022</b>	<b>Fiscal 2021</b>
Total grant date fair value	\$ 391	\$ 845
Total grant date fair value per share	\$ 6.04	\$ 13.92
Expected volatility	40.0 %	35.0 %
Weighted average expected life	2.81 years	2.77 years
Risk-free interest rate	1.79 %	0.27 %

The percent of the target MSU that will be earned based on the Company's TSR is as follows:

<b>Cumulative TSR %</b>		<b>Percent of Units Vested</b>
<b>Fiscal 2022 Grants</b>	<b>Fiscal 2021 Grants</b>	
Below 29.2%	Below 25.1%	0%
29.2%	25.1%	50%
52.1%	47.2%	100%
74.9% and above	69.3% and above	200%

A summary of the status of the Company's non-vested restricted stock unit activity as of March 31, 2022 and changes during the three-month period then ended is as follows:

	<b>RSUs</b>		<b>MSUs</b>		<b>PSUs</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value</b>
Non-vested outstanding, December 31, 2021	117,109	\$ 15.53	50,861	\$ 13.92	101,748	\$ 17.50	269,718	\$ 15.97
Granted	64,708	\$ 7.04	64,709	\$ 6.04	64,693	\$ 7.04	194,110	\$ 6.71
Vested	(16,961)	\$ 17.50	—	\$ —	—	\$ —	(16,961)	\$ 17.50
Forfeited or cancelled	(1,877)	\$ 17.50	(2,815)	\$ 13.92	(5,632)	\$ 17.50	(10,324)	\$ 16.52
Non-vested outstanding, March 31, 2022	<u>162,979</u>	<u>\$ 11.93</u>	<u>112,755</u>	<u>\$ 9.40</u>	<u>160,809</u>	<u>\$ 13.29</u>	<u>436,543</u>	<u>\$ 11.78</u>



## **Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

The following discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2022 is qualified by reference to and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the related notes included herein and the audited consolidated financial statements and notes included in our 2021 Form 10-K. The discussion and analysis below are based on comparisons between our historical financial data for different periods and include certain forward-looking statements about our business, operations, and financial performance. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, assumptions, and other factors described in Item 1A — "Risk Factors" in our 2021 Form 10-K. Our actual results may differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, those forward-looking statements. See "Forward-Looking Statements."

All references to "we," "us," "our," "the Company," "Trean," or similar terms refer to Trean Insurance Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise requires. The information contained in this quarterly report is not a complete description of our business or the risks associated with an investment in our common stock.

The Company defines increases or decreases greater than 200% as "NM" or not meaningful.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws, which statements involve substantial risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements generally relate to future events or our future financial performance or operating performance. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements because they contain words such as "may," "will," "should," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "could," "intends," "target," "projects," "contemplates," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," "would," "potential," or "continue" or the negative of these words or other similar terms or expressions that concern our expectations, strategy, plans, or intentions. These forward-looking statements include, among others, statements relating to our future financial performance, our business prospects and strategy, anticipated financial position, liquidity and capital needs, and other similar matters. Forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and assumptions about future events, which are inherently subject to uncertainties, risks, and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict.

The outcome of the events described in these forward-looking statements is subject to risks, uncertainties, and assumptions, which in many cases are beyond our control, as described in "Item 1A — Risk Factors" in our 2021 Form 10-K and in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Our statements reflecting these risks and uncertainties are not exhaustive, and other risks and uncertainties may currently exist or may arise in the future that could have material effects on our business, operations, and financial condition. We cannot assure you that the results, events, and circumstances reflected in the forward looking statements reflected in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and our other public statements and securities filings will be achieved or occur, and actual results, events or circumstances could differ materially from those described in the forward looking statements.

These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which such statements are made. We undertake no obligation, and do not intend, to update any forward looking statements after the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or to conform such statements to actual results or revised expectations, except as required by applicable securities laws or the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

### **Overview**

We are a provider of products and services to the specialty insurance market. We underwrite specialty casualty insurance products both through our Program Partners and also through our Owned MGAs. We also provide our Program Partners with a variety of services, including issuing carrier services, claims administration, and reinsurance brokerage, from which we generate recurring fee-based revenues.

We have one reportable segment. We provide our insurance products and services to our Program Partners and Owned MGAs focused on specialty lines. We target a diversified portfolio of small to medium programs, typically with less than \$30 million of premiums, that focus on niche segments of the specialty casualty insurance market and that we believe have strong underwriting track records.

## **Coronavirus ("COVID-19") Impact**

We are monitoring the impact of the ongoing continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business, including how it may impact our premium revenue, loss experience and loss expense, liquidity, and our regulatory capital and surplus, and operations.

### *Workforce Operations*

Following the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, we took a number of actions to protect the health of the public and our employees and to comply with directives and advice of governmental authorities and public health experts. We responded by developing a Preparedness Plan that outlined both corporate-wide and location-specific modifications to working conditions and operations in our offices. As state, city, and county guidelines progress, we have implemented new health and safety in-office procedures where necessary while continuing to monitor the progression of new COVID-19 variants and related developments that could impact us in the future.

### *Premium Revenue, Claims and Losses*

We have not experienced a material impact to our premium revenue as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. During the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to the three months ended March 31, 2021, gross written premiums increased by 10.0% and gross earned premiums increased by 23.6%, primarily driven by significant growth in our existing Program Partner business. Because a majority of our gross written premiums are related to workers' compensation insurance, revenue trends could be impacted in future periods if the COVID-19 pandemic were to continue or significantly get worse. However, a significant portion of our workers' compensation premiums are pay-as-you-go programs, which reduces our downside risk from future premium audits or refunds. We also have not experienced a material impact in our reported claims or incurred losses in the first three months of 2022 as a specific result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### *Investment Portfolio*

With respect to our investment portfolio, we seek to hold a high-quality, diversified portfolio of investments, which are primarily in fixed maturity and available-for-sale investments and as such, our investment portfolio has limited exposure to equity market volatility. For the three months ended March 31, 2022, we experienced a decrease of \$23,804 in the fair value of our fixed maturities investment portfolio. The decline in the fair value of our fixed maturity investments is primarily attributable to the recent rise in interest rates driven primarily by changing conditions in the financial markets as compared to the comparatively lower rates that prevailed during the initial part of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021, rather than underlying credit risk within our investment portfolio. If there were to be continued debt market volatility, which in turn could create mark-to-market investment valuation decreases, we expect there could be additional or increased unrealized losses recorded or realized losses, if sold, in future reporting periods. In addition, if there were to be continued equity financial market volatility, which in turn could create mark-to-market investment valuation decreases, we expect there could be additional or increased unrealized losses on equity investments held, which are recorded through net investment income, in future reporting periods. However, given the conservative nature of our investment portfolio, we expect that any adverse impact on the value of our investment portfolio, as it relates to COVID-19, will be temporary, and we do not expect a long-term negative impact on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

### *Other Concerns*

Adverse events such as changes in the overall public health environment, changing infection patterns and new variants of COVID-19, health-related concerns about working in our offices, restrictions on travel, the potential impact on our business partners and customers, and other matters affecting our general work and business environment could harm our business and delay the implementation of our business strategy. We cannot anticipate all the ways in which the current global health crisis and financial market conditions could adversely impact our business in the future.

## **Significant Components of Results of Operations**

**Gross written premiums:** Gross written premiums are the amounts received or to be received for insurance policies written or assumed by us during a specific period of time without reduction for general and administrative expenses (including policy acquisition costs), reinsurance costs or other deductions. The volume of our gross written premiums in any given period is generally influenced by:

- addition and retention of Program Partners;
- new business submissions to our Program Partners;
- binding of new business submissions into policies;
- renewals of existing policies; and
- average size and premium rate of bound policies.

Gross earned premiums: Gross earned premiums are the earned portion of gross written premiums. We earn insurance premiums on a pro rata basis over the term of the policy. Our insurance policies generally have a term of one year.

Ceded earned premiums: Ceded earned premiums are the amount of gross earned premiums ceded to reinsurers. We enter into reinsurance contracts to limit our maximum losses and diversify our exposure and provide statutory surplus relief. The volume of our ceded earned premiums is affected by the level of our gross earned premiums and any decision we make to increase or decrease limits, retention levels, and co-participations.

Net earned premiums: Net earned premiums represent the earned portion of our gross written premiums, less that portion of our gross written premiums that is earned and ceded to third-party reinsurers, including our Program Partners and professional reinsurers, under our reinsurance agreements.

Net investment income: We earn investment income on our portfolio of cash and invested assets. Our cash and invested assets are primarily comprised of fixed maturities, equity securities, and short-term investments. Our net investment income includes interest income on our invested assets, income on funds held investments as well as unrealized gains and losses on our equity portfolio.

Net realized gains/losses: Net realized gains/losses are a function of the difference between the amount received by us on the sale of a security and the security's recorded value as well as any "other-than-temporary impairments" relating to fixed maturity investments recognized in earnings.

Other revenue: Other revenue includes brokerage, third-party administrative, management, consulting, and other fee-based revenues, which are commonly based on written premiums.

Loss and loss adjustment expenses (LAE): Losses and LAE are net of reinsurance and include claims paid, estimates of future claim payments, changes in those estimates from prior reporting periods and costs associated with investigating, defending, and servicing claims. In general, our losses and LAE are affected by:

- frequency of claims associated with the particular types of insurance contracts that we write;
- trends in the average size of losses incurred on a particular type of business;
- mix of business written by us;
- changes in the legal or regulatory environment related to the business we write;
- trends in legal defense costs;
- wage inflation; and
- inflation in medical costs.

Losses and LAE are based on an actuarial analysis of the estimated losses, including losses incurred during the period and changes in estimates from prior periods. Losses and LAE may be paid out over a period of years.

General and administrative expenses: General and administrative expenses include net commissions, insurance-related expenses, and general and administrative operating expenses. Net commissions consist of policy acquisition costs and other underwriting expenses, net of ceding commissions. Policy acquisition costs are principally comprised of the commissions we pay our brokers and program managers. Policy acquisition costs that are directly related to the successful acquisition or reinsurance of those policies are deferred. All policy acquisition costs are charged to expense in proportion to premium earned over the policy life. We receive ceding commissions on business ceded under our reinsurance contracts. Insurance-

related expenses largely consist of state premium taxes. General and administrative operating expenses primarily include employee salaries and benefits, corporate business insurance costs, technology costs, office rent, and professional services fees such as legal, accounting, audit, tax, and actuarial services.

*Intangible asset amortization:* Intangible asset amortization consists of expenses incurred related to the amortization of intangible assets recorded as a result of business acquisitions and consists of trade names, customer lists and relationships, and non-compete agreements.

*Noncash stock compensation:* Noncash stock compensation includes expenses related to the fair value and issuance of restricted stock units (time, market and performance-based) and stock options.

*Gains on embedded derivatives:* Gains on embedded derivatives consist of the change in fair value of derivatives, the effect of net investment income on funds held investments, and the effect of realized gains and loss on funds held investments.

*Interest expense:* Interest expense consists primarily of interest paid on our term loan facility (See "Financial Condition, Liquidity and capital resources — Debt and Credit Agreements").

*Other income:* Other income consists primarily of sublease revenue and other miscellaneous income items.

## **Key Metrics**

We discuss certain key financial and operating metrics, described below, which provide useful information about our business and the operational factors underlying our financial performance.

*Underwriting income* is a non-GAAP financial measure defined as income before taxes excluding net investment income, investment revaluation gains, net realized gains or losses, intangible asset amortization, noncash stock compensation, gains and losses on embedded derivatives, interest expense, other revenue, and other income and expenses. See "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" for a reconciliation of underwriting income to income before taxes in accordance with GAAP.

*Adjusted net income* is a non-GAAP financial measure defined as net income excluding the impact of certain items, including noncash intangible asset amortization and stock compensation, noncash changes in the fair value of embedded derivatives, other expenses and gains or losses that we believe do not reflect our core operating performance, which items may have a disproportionate effect in a given period, affecting comparability of our results across periods. See "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" for a reconciliation of adjusted net income to net income in accordance with GAAP.

*Loss ratio*, expressed as a percentage, is the ratio of losses and LAE to net earned premiums.

*Expense ratio*, expressed as a percentage, is the ratio of general and administrative expenses to net earned premiums.

*Combined ratio* is the sum of the loss ratio and the expense ratio. A combined ratio under 100% generally indicates an underwriting profit. A combined ratio over 100% generally indicates an underwriting loss.

*Return on equity* is net income expressed on an annualized basis as a percentage of average beginning and ending stockholders' equity during the period.

*Adjusted return on equity* is a non-GAAP financial measure defined as adjusted net income expressed on an annualized basis as a percentage of average beginning and ending stockholders' equity during the period. See "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" for a reconciliation of adjusted return on equity to return on equity in accordance with GAAP.

*Tangible stockholders' equity* is defined as stockholders' equity less goodwill and other intangible assets.

*Return on tangible equity* is a non-GAAP financial measure defined as net income expressed on an annualized basis as a percentage of average beginning and ending tangible stockholders' equity during the period. See "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" for a reconciliation of return on tangible equity to return on equity in accordance with GAAP.

*Adjusted return on tangible equity* is a non-GAAP financial measure defined as adjusted net income expressed on an annualized basis as a percentage of average beginning and ending tangible stockholders' equity during the period. See "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" for a reconciliation of adjusted return on tangible equity to return on tangible equity in accordance with GAAP.

## Results of Operations

### Consolidated Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2022 Compared to March 31, 2021

The following table summarizes our results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021:

<i>(in thousands, except for percentages)</i>	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change	Percentage Change <sup>(1)</sup>
	2022	2021		
<b>Revenues</b>				
Gross written premiums	161,403	146,730	\$ 14,673	10.0 %
Increase in gross unearned premiums	(2,864)	(18,431)	15,567	(84.5)%
Gross earned premiums	158,539	128,299	30,240	23.6 %
Ceded earned premiums	(94,362)	(87,165)	(7,197)	8.3 %
Net earned premiums	64,177	41,134	23,043	56.0 %
Net investment income	2,576	2,272	304	13.4 %
Net realized gains (losses)	(1,047)	13	(1,060)	NM
Other revenue	3,201	4,655	(1,454)	(31.2)%
Total revenue	68,907	48,074	20,833	43.3 %
<b>Expenses</b>				
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	39,193	24,881	14,312	57.5 %
General and administrative expenses	18,300	11,891	6,409	53.9 %
Intangible asset amortization	1,499	1,414	85	6.0 %
Noncash stock compensation	156	211	(55)	(26.1)%
Interest expense	408	427	(19)	(4.4)%
Total expenses	59,556	38,824	20,732	53.4 %
Gains on embedded derivatives	6,236	2,676	3,560	133.0 %
Other income	23	121	(98)	(81.0)%
<b>Income before taxes</b>	15,610	12,047	3,563	29.6 %
Income tax expense	3,270	2,605	665	25.5 %
<b>Net income</b>	\$ 12,340	\$ 9,442	\$ 2,898	30.7 %

(1) The Company defines increases or decreases greater than 200% as "NM" or not meaningful.

The table below shows the total premiums earned on a gross and net basis for the respective three-month periods:

<i>(in thousands, except for percentages)</i>	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Key metrics:</b>		
Underwriting income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 6,684	\$ 4,362
Adjusted net income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 8,304	\$ 8,109
Loss ratio	61.1 %	60.5 %
Expense ratio	28.5 %	28.9 %
Combined ratio	89.6 %	89.4 %
Return on equity	11.8 %	9.2 %
Adjusted return on equity <sup>(1)</sup>	7.9 %	7.9 %
Return on tangible equity <sup>(1)</sup>	24.1 %	19.2 %
Adjusted return on tangible equity <sup>(1)</sup>	16.2 %	16.5 %

(1) This metric represents a non-GAAP financial measure. See 'Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures' for a reconciliation of this metric to the applicable GAAP metric.

<i>(in thousands, except for percentages)</i>	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>			<b>Percentage Change<sup>(1)</sup></b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Change</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Gross written premiums	\$ 161,403	\$ 146,730	\$ 14,673	10.0 %
Increase in gross unearned premiums	(2,864)	(18,431)	15,567	(84.5)%
Gross earned premiums	158,539	128,299	30,240	23.6 %
Ceded earned premiums	(94,362)	(87,165)	(7,197)	8.3 %
Net earned premiums	\$ 64,177	\$ 41,134	\$ 23,043	56.0 %

(1) The Company defines increases or decreases greater than 200% as "NM" or not meaningful.

**Gross written premiums:** Gross written premiums increased \$14,673, or 10.0%, to \$161,403 for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to \$146,730 for the three months ended March 31, 2021. The increase is primarily attributable to the growth in our existing Program Partner business and the changes in gross written premiums were due to the following:

Workers' compensation represented 61.1% of our gross written premiums for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to 67.6% for the three months ended March 31, 2021. For the three months ended March 31, 2022, gross written premiums for workers' compensation decreased by \$593, or 0.6%, compared to the same period in 2021. The moderation in growth and shift in mix reflects our ongoing effort to diversify our lines of business and a strategic decrease in our California worker's compensation business that resulted from the Company's measures undertaken to exit certain unfavorable risks in 2021.

All other non-workers' compensation liability represented 38.9% of our gross written premiums for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to 32.4% for the three months ended March 31, 2021. For the three months ended March 31, 2022, gross written premiums for all other non-workers' compensation liability increased \$15,266, or 32.1%, compared to the same period in 2021. The increase is due primarily to growth in our accident & health, commercial auto and commercial lines, a result of continued line of business diversification.

**Gross earned premiums:** Gross earned premiums increased \$30,240, or 23.6%, to \$158,539 for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to \$128,299 for the three months ended March 31, 2021. The increase in gross earned premiums reflects the increase in gross written premiums of \$14,673 net of a reduction in gross unearned premiums of \$15,567. Gross

earned premiums as a percentage of gross written premiums increased to 98.2% for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to 87.4% for the three months ended March 31, 2021.

*Ceded earned premiums:* Ceded earned premiums increased \$7,197, or 8.3%, to \$94,362 for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to \$87,165 for the three months ended March 31, 2021. The increase in ceded earned premiums is driven by the growth in gross earned premiums as described above, partially offset by an increase in our retention. Ceded earned premiums as a percentage of gross earned premiums decreased to 59.5% for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to 67.9% for the three months ended March 31, 2021, reflecting the Company's strategic decision to retain more gross written premiums.

*Net earned premiums:* Net earned premiums increased \$23,043, or 56.0%, to \$64,177 for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to \$41,134 for the three months ended March 31, 2021. The increase is due to the growth in gross earned premiums as described above and the Company's strategic decision to retain more gross written premiums.

*Net investment income:* Net investment income increased \$304, or 13.4%, to \$2,576 for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to \$2,272 for the three months ended March 31, 2021. The increase reflects the reinvestment of funds from lower yielding maturities, pay downs and redemptions into higher yielding investments and an increase in our average invested balance. During the first quarter of 2022, we purchased \$33,288 higher-yielding equity securities, which we believe will improve the yield on our portfolio.

*Net realized gains (losses):* Net realized losses were \$1,047 for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to net realized gains of \$13 for the three months ended March 31, 2021. We executed a repositioning strategy to sell some of our lower-yielding assets and purchased higher-yielding investments, prior to anticipated interest rate increases. This turnover in our portfolio resulted in realized losses recorded of \$1,022.

*Other revenue:* Other revenue decreased \$1,454, or 31.2%, to \$3,201 for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to \$4,655 for the three months ended March 31, 2021. The decrease is largely driven by a reduction in brokerage revenue of \$862 due to lower placement rates reflecting the Company's continued increase in retention year over year. In addition, there was a slight reduction in managing general agent fees, consulting and other fee-based revenue during the period.

*Losses and loss adjustment expenses:* Losses and LAE increased \$14,312, or 57.5%, to \$39,193 for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to \$24,881 for the three months ended March 31, 2021. The increase is primarily attributable to the growth in earned premiums and increased retention during the three months ended March 31, 2022. This resulted in a loss ratio of 61.1% for the three months ended March 31, 2022 compared to 60.5% for the three months ended March 31, 2021.

*General and administrative expenses:* General and administrative expenses increased \$6,409, or 53.9%, to \$18,300 for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to \$11,891 for the three months ended March 31, 2021. The expense ratio was 28.5% for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to 28.9% for the three months ended March 31, 2021.

The table below shows the components of general and administrative expenses for the respective three-month periods:

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>		<b>Change</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	
Direct commissions	\$ 27,908	\$ 23,108	\$ 4,800
Ceding commissions	(26,997)	(28,208)	1,211
Net commissions	911	(5,100)	6,011
Insurance-related expenses	5,771	4,276	1,495
General and administrative operating expenses	11,618	12,715	(1,097)
Total general and administrative expenses	<u>\$ 18,300</u>	<u>\$ 11,891</u>	<u>\$ 6,409</u>
General and administrative expenses — % of gross written premiums	7.2 %	8.7 %	
Retention rate <sup>(1)</sup>	40.5 %	32.1 %	
Direct commission rate <sup>(2)</sup>	17.6 %	18.0 %	
Ceding commission rate <sup>(3)</sup>	28.6 %	32.4 %	

(1) Net earned premium as a percentage of gross earned premiums.

(2) Direct commissions as a percentage of gross earned premiums.

(3) Ceding commissions as a percentage of ceded earned premiums.

Direct commissions increased \$4,800 primarily due to an increase in gross earned premiums. Ceding commissions decreased \$1,211 due to an increase in retention, partially offset by an increase in ceded earned premiums reflecting the increase in gross earned premiums. Insurance-related expenses increased \$1,495 primarily as a result of an increase in gross earned premiums. General and administrative operating expenses decreased \$1,097. The decrease in general and administrative operating expense is primarily the result of a decrease in professional fees of \$801 and depreciation of \$89.

**Intangible asset amortization:** Intangible asset amortization increased \$85 to \$1,499 for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to \$1,414 for the three months ended March 31, 2021. The increase is driven by the addition of intangible assets acquired in the acquisition of WIC in the third quarter of 2021.

**Noncash stock compensation:** Noncash stock compensation was \$156 for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared with \$211 for the three months ended March 31, 2021. Expenses incurred during both periods relates to the fair value of restricted stock units and stock options granted under the Company's 2020 Omnibus Plan amortized over appropriate and applicable vesting periods.

**Gains on embedded derivatives:**

The table below shows the components of gains on embedded derivatives for the respective three-month periods:

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>		<b>Change</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	
Change in fair value of embedded derivatives	\$ 6,896	\$ 3,356	\$ 3,540
Effect of net investment income on funds held investments	(668)	(680)	12
Effect of realized gains on funds held investments	8	—	8
Total gains on embedded derivatives	<u>\$ 6,236</u>	<u>\$ 2,676</u>	<u>\$ 3,560</u>

Gains on embedded derivatives increased \$3,560 to \$6,236 for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to \$2,676 for the three months ended March 31, 2021. The gain reflected an increase in the change in fair value of embedded derivatives of \$3,540, the effect of investment income on funds held investments of \$12 and the effect of realized gains on



funds held investments of \$8. The increase in the fair value of the embedded derivatives is a result of the recent increase in interest rates, which has reduced the value of the underlying funds held investments under reinsurance agreements.

*Income tax expense:* Income tax expense was \$3,270 for the three months ended March 31, 2022, which resulted in an effective tax rate of 20.9%. The decrease in the effective tax rate from the statutory rate of 21% was primarily due to the impact of tax-exempt municipal income on the Company's investments, partially offset by the impact of state taxes. For the three months ended March 31, 2021, income tax expense was \$2,605, which resulted in an effective tax rate of 21.6%. The increase in the effective tax rate from the statutory rate of 21% is due primarily to the impact of state taxes.

*Owned MGAs and Program Partner Premiums:*

The following table shows the total premiums earned on a gross and net basis for Owned MGAs and Program Partners:

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2022</b>		
	<b>Owned MGAs</b>	<b>Program Partner</b>	<b>Total</b>
Gross written premiums	\$ 68,644	\$ 92,759	\$ 161,403
Increase in gross unearned premiums	(5,259)	2,395	(2,864)
<b>Gross earned premiums</b>	<b>63,385</b>	<b>95,154</b>	<b>158,539</b>
Ceded earned premiums	(25,389)	(68,973)	(94,362)
<b>Net earned premiums</b>	<b>\$ 37,996</b>	<b>\$ 26,181</b>	<b>\$ 64,177</b>

We utilize both quota share and catastrophe excess of loss ("XOL") contracts in our reinsurance strategy for our Owned MGAs and Program Partners. For the three months ended March 31, 2022, the Company retained 59.9% of gross earned premiums for Owned MGAs compared to 27.5% for Program Partners.

## Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

### Underwriting income

We define underwriting income as income before taxes excluding net investment income, investment revaluation gains, net realized gains or losses, intangible asset amortization, noncash stock compensation, non-cash changes in fair value of embedded derivatives, interest expense, other revenue, and other income and expenses. Underwriting income represents the pre-tax profitability of our underwriting operations and allows us to evaluate our underwriting performance without regard to investment income, IPO-related expenses, intangible asset amortization, noncash stock compensation, interest expense, other revenue, and other income and expenses. We use this metric because we believe it gives our management and other users of our financial information useful insight into our underwriting business performance by adjusting for these expenses and sources of income. Underwriting income should not be viewed as a substitute for net income calculated in accordance with GAAP, and other companies may define underwriting income differently.

<i>(in thousands, except percentages)</i>	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>		<b>Percentage Change <sup>(1)</sup></b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 12,340</b>	<b>\$ 9,442</b>	<b>30.7 %</b>
Income tax expense	3,270	2,605	25.5 %
Equity earnings in affiliates, net of tax	—	—	NM
Income before taxes	15,610	12,047	29.6 %
Other revenue	(3,201)	(4,655)	(31.2) %
Gains on embedded derivatives	(6,236)	(2,676)	133.0 %
Net investment income	(2,576)	(2,272)	13.4 %
Net realized (gains) losses	1,047	(13)	NM
Interest expense	408	427	(4.4) %
Intangible asset amortization	1,499	1,414	6.0 %
Noncash stock compensation	156	211	(26.1) %
Other income	(23)	(121)	(81.0) %
<b>Underwriting income</b>	<b>\$ 6,684</b>	<b>\$ 4,362</b>	<b>53.2 %</b>

(1) The Company defines increases or decreases greater than 200% as "NM" or not meaningful.

### Adjusted net income

We define adjusted net income as net income excluding the impact of certain items, including noncash intangible asset amortization and stock compensation, noncash changes in fair value of embedded derivatives, other expenses and gains or losses that we believe do not reflect our core operating performance, which items may have a disproportionate effect in a given period, affecting comparability of our results across periods. We calculate the tax impact only on adjustments that would be included in calculating our income tax expense using the effective tax rate at the end of each period. We use adjusted net income as an internal performance measure in the management of our operations because we believe it gives our management and other users of our financial information useful insight into our results of operations and our underlying business performance by eliminating the effects of these items. Adjusted net income should not be viewed as a substitute for net income calculated in accordance with GAAP, and other companies may define adjusted net income differently.

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<i>(in thousands, except percentages)</i>		
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 12,340</b>	<b>\$ 9,442</b>
Intangible asset amortization	1,499	1,414
Noncash stock compensation	156	211
Change in fair value of embedded derivatives	(6,896)	(3,356)
<b>Total adjustments</b>	<b>(5,241)</b>	<b>(1,731)</b>
Tax impact of adjustments	1,205	398
<b>Adjusted net income</b>	<b>\$ 8,304</b>	<b>\$ 8,109</b>

(1) The Company defines increases or decreases greater than 200% as "NM" or not meaningful.

### Adjusted return on equity

We define adjusted return on equity as adjusted net income expressed on an annualized basis as a percentage of average beginning and ending stockholders' equity during the period. We use adjusted return on equity as an internal performance measure in the management of our operations because we believe it gives our management and other users of our financial information useful insight into our results of operations and our underlying business performance by adjusting for items that we believe do not reflect our core operating performance and that may diminish comparability across periods. Adjusted return on equity should not be viewed as a substitute for return on equity calculated in accordance with GAAP, and other companies may define adjusted return on equity differently.

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<i>(in thousands, except percentages)</i>		
<b>Adjusted return on equity calculation:</b>		
Numerator: adjusted net income	\$ 8,304	\$ 8,109
Denominator: average equity	419,153	411,541
<b>Adjusted return on equity</b>	<b>7.9 %</b>	<b>7.9 %</b>
Return on equity	11.8 %	9.2 %

### **Return on tangible equity and adjusted return on tangible equity**

We define tangible stockholders' equity as stockholders' equity less goodwill and other intangible assets. We define return on tangible equity as net income expressed on an annualized basis as a percentage of average beginning and ending tangible stockholders' equity during the period. We define adjusted return on tangible equity as adjusted net income expressed on an annualized basis as a percentage of average beginning and ending tangible stockholders' equity during the period. We regularly evaluate acquisition opportunities and have historically made acquisitions that affect stockholders' equity. We use return on tangible equity and adjusted return on tangible equity as internal performance measures in the management of our operations because we believe they give our management and other users of our financial information useful insight into our results of operations and our underlying business performance by adjusting for the effects of acquisitions on our stockholders' equity and, in the case of adjusted return on tangible equity, by adjusting for the items that we believe do not reflect our core operating performance and that may diminish comparability across periods. Return on tangible equity and adjusted return on tangible equity should not be viewed as a substitute for return on equity or return on tangible equity, respectively, calculated in accordance with GAAP, and other companies may define return on tangible equity and adjusted return on tangible equity differently.

<i>(in thousands, except percentages)</i>	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Return on tangible equity calculation:</b>		
Numerator: net income	\$ 12,340	\$ 9,442
Denominator:		
Average stockholders' equity	419,153	411,541
Less: average goodwill and other intangible assets	214,712	215,250
Average tangible stockholders' equity	204,441	196,291
<b>Return on tangible equity</b>	<b>24.1 %</b>	<b>19.2 %</b>
Return on equity	11.8 %	9.2 %

<i>(in thousands, except percentages)</i>	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Adjusted return on tangible equity calculation:</b>		
Numerator: adjusted net income	8,304	8,109
Denominator: average tangible equity	204,441	196,291
<b>Adjusted return on tangible equity</b>	<b>16.2 %</b>	<b>16.5 %</b>
Return on equity	11.8 %	9.2 %

### **Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources**

#### ***Sources and Uses of Funds***

We are organized as a holding company with our operations conducted through our subsidiaries, including our wholly owned insurance subsidiaries: Benchmark, which is domiciled in Kansas and commercially domiciled in California; ALIC, which is domiciled in Utah; 7710, which is domiciled in South Carolina; and BSIC, which is domiciled in Arkansas. Accordingly, the holding company may receive cash through: (i) loans from banks, (ii) draws on a revolving loan agreement, (iii) issuance of equity and debt securities, (iv) corporate service fees from our operating subsidiaries, (v) payments from our subsidiaries pursuant to our consolidated tax allocation agreement and other transactions and (vi) dividends from our non-insurance subsidiaries and, subject to certain limitations discussed below, dividends from our insurance subsidiaries. We also may use the proceeds from these sources to contribute funds to the insurance subsidiaries in order to support premium growth, reduce our reliance on reinsurance, pay taxes, and for other general business purposes.

State insurance laws restrict the ability of insurance companies to declare stockholder dividends without prior regulatory approval. State insurance regulators require insurance companies to maintain specified levels of statutory capital and surplus.

Under Kansas and California law, dividends payable from Benchmark without the prior approval of the applicable insurance commissioner must not exceed the greater of (i) 10% of Benchmark's surplus as shown on the last statutory financial statement on file with the Kansas Insurance Department and the California Department of Insurance, respectively; or (ii) 100% of net income during the applicable twelve-month period (not including realized gains). Dividends shall not include pro rata distributions of any class of Benchmark's own securities.

Under Utah law, dividends payable from ALIC without the prior approval of the applicable insurance commissioner must not exceed the lesser of: (i) 10% of ALIC's surplus as shown on the last statutory financial statement on file with the Utah Insurance Department or (ii) 100% of net income during the applicable twelve-month period (not including realized gains). Dividends shall not include pro rata distributions of any class of ALIC's own securities.

Under South Carolina law, dividends payable from 7710 without the prior approval of the applicable insurance commissioner are limited to the following during the preceding twelve months: (a) when paid from other than earned surplus must not exceed the lesser of: (i) 10% of 7710's surplus as regards policyholders as shown in 7710's most recent annual statement; or (ii) the net income, not including net realized gains or losses as shown in 7710's most recent annual statement; or (b) when paid from earned surplus must not exceed the greater of: (i) 10% of 7710's surplus as regards policyholders as shown in 7710 Insurance Company's most recent annual statement; or (ii) the net income, not including net realized gains or losses as shown in the 7710 Insurance Company's most recent annual statement. Dividends shall not include pro rata distributions of any class of 7710's own securities.

Under Arkansas law, dividends payable from BSIC without the prior approval of the applicable insurance commissioner must not exceed the lesser of (i) 10% of BSIC's surplus as shown on the last statutory financial statement on file with the Arkansas Insurance Department; or (ii) 100% of net income during the applicable twelve-month period (not including realized gains). Dividends shall not include pro rata distributions of any class of BSIC's own securities.

The maximum amount of dividends the insurance subsidiaries can pay us during 2022 without regulatory approval is approximately \$17,800. Insurance regulators have broad powers to ensure that statutory surplus remains at adequate levels, and there is no assurance that dividends of the maximum amount calculated under any applicable formula would be permitted. In the future, state insurance regulatory authorities that have jurisdiction over the payment of dividends by the insurance subsidiaries may adopt statutory provisions more restrictive than those currently in effect.

Our insurance subsidiaries are also required by state law to maintain a minimum level of policyholders' surplus. Kansas, Utah, Arkansas and South Carolina utilize a risk-based capital requirement as promulgated by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Such requirements are designed to identify the various business risks (e.g., investment risk, underwriting profitability risk, etc.) of insurance companies and their subsidiaries. As of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, the total adjusted capital of our insurance subsidiaries was in excess of their respective prescribed risk-based capital requirements.

As of March 31, 2022, we had \$103,865 in cash and cash equivalents, compared to \$129,577 as of December 31, 2021.

Management believes that we have sufficient liquidity available to meet our operating cash needs and obligations and committed capital expenditures for the next 12 months.

## Cash Flows

Our most significant source of cash is from premiums received from insureds, net of the related commission amount for the policies. Our most significant cash outflow is for claims that arise when a policyholder incurs an insured loss. Because the payment of claims occurs after the receipt of the premium, often years later, we invest the cash in various investment securities that generally earn interest and dividends. The table below summarizes our net cash flows.

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities	\$ 8,748	\$ (2,964)
Investing activities	(33,969)	(17,128)
Financing activities	(420)	(206)
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	<u>\$ (25,641)</u>	<u>\$ (20,298)</u>

**Operating Activities:** Net cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2022 was \$8,748, compared to net cash used in operating activities of \$2,964 for the same period in 2021. Net cash provided by operating activities includes net income as adjusted for depreciation and amortization, stock compensation, unrealized gains on embedded derivatives, net realized gains and losses, bond amortization and accretion, the change in deferred income taxes, and amortization of deferred financing costs. Net cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2022 primarily reflects decreased prepaid reinsurance premiums of \$8,339, increased unpaid loss and loss adjustment expenses of \$6,661, increased unearned premiums of \$2,962, increased funds held under reinsurance agreements of \$3,511; increases in reinsurance premiums payable of \$1,765 and increased income taxes payable of \$1,013, partially offset by increases in premiums and other receivables of \$11,133, a decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses of \$7,025, an increase in reinsurance recoverables of \$3,346, and an increase in other assets of \$3,718. The decrease in prepaid reinsurance premiums was the result of increased retention, partially offset by the increase in ceded premiums. Unpaid loss and loss adjustment expenses and unearned premiums increased primarily due to an increase in gross written premiums and an increase in our retention. Funds held under reinsurance agreements decreased due a reduction in the fair value of the embedded derivatives, partially offset by an increase in ceded premiums. The increases in premiums and other receivables and reinsurance recoverables were primarily a result of an increase in gross written premiums during the period. The decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses is due to reductions in accrued bonuses, accrued 401(k) match and accrued premium taxes, all paid in the first quarter of 2022. Other assets increased as a result of increases in our deferred acquisition costs and contract asset balances. Net cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2021 reflects incremental cash used for operating assets and liabilities.

**Investing Activities:** Net cash used in investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2022 was \$33,969 compared to net used in investing activities of \$17,128 for the same period in 2021. Net cash used in investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2022 includes \$33,737 net cash used in the purchase and sale of investments and \$232 in capital expenditures. Net cash provided by investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2021 includes \$17,287 net cash used in the purchase and sale of investments and \$73 in capital expenditures, partially offset by \$232 in cash received for the sale of equity method investments.

**Financing Activities:** Net cash used in financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2022 was \$420 compared to net cash used in financing activities of \$206 for the same period in 2021. Net cash used in financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 primarily includes the principal payments made on the Company's debt.

## ***Debt and Credit Agreements***

### **First Horizon Credit Agreement**

On July 16, 2020, the Company entered into an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement with First Horizon Bank, which, among other things, extended the Company's credit facility for a period of five years through May 26, 2025 and increased its term loan facility by \$11,707, resulting in a total term loan debt amount of \$33,000 and a revolving credit facility of \$2,000. Borrowings under the facility are secured by substantially all of the assets of the Company other than Benchmark Holding Company and its subsidiaries. The loan has a variable interest rate of 3-month LIBOR plus 4.50%, which was 4.73% as of March 31, 2022 and 4.64% as of December 31, 2021 (under the 2018 First Horizon Credit Agreement). The outstanding principal balance of the loan is to be repaid in quarterly installments that escalate from approximately \$206 to \$825 until March 2025. All equity securities of the subsidiaries of the Company (other than Benchmark Holding Company and its subsidiaries) have been pledged as collateral.

## ***Reinsurance***

We cede a portion of the risk we accept on our balance sheet to third-party reinsurers through a variety of reinsurance arrangements. We manage these arrangements to align risks with our Program Partners, optimize our net retention relative to our financial objectives, balance sheet size and ratings requirements, as well as to limit our maximum loss resulting from a single program or a single event. We utilize both quota share and XOL reinsurance as tools in our overall risk management strategy to achieve these goals, usually in conjunction with each other. Quota share reinsurance involves the proportional sharing of premiums and losses of each defined program. We utilize quota share reinsurance for several purposes, including (i) to cede risk to Program Partners, which allows us to share economics and align incentives and (ii) to cede risk to third-party reinsurers in order to manage our net written premiums appropriately based on our financial objectives, capital base, A.M. Best financial strength rating, and risk appetite. It is a core pillar of our underwriting philosophy that Program Partners retain a portion of the underwriting risk of their program. We believe this best aligns interests, attracts higher quality programs, and leads to better underwriting results. Under XOL reinsurance, losses in excess of a retention level are paid by the reinsurer, subject to a limit, and are customized per program or across multiple programs. We utilize XOL reinsurance to protect against catastrophic or other unforeseen extreme loss activity that could otherwise negatively impact our profitability and capital base. The majority of our exposure to catastrophe risk stems from the workers' compensation premium we retain. Potential catastrophic events include an earthquake, terrorism, or another event that could cause more than one covered employee working at the same location to be injured in the event. We believe we mitigate this risk by our focus on small- to mid-sized accounts, which means that we generally do not have concentrated employee counts at single locations that could be exposed to a catastrophic loss. The cost and limits of the reinsurance coverage we purchase vary from year to year based on the availability of quality reinsurance at an acceptable price and our desired level of retention.

## ***Ratings***

We have a financial strength rating of "A" (Excellent) from A.M. Best. A.M. Best assigns 16 ratings to insurance companies, which currently range from "A++" (Superior) to "S" (Rating Suspended). "A" (Excellent) is the third highest rating issued by A.M. Best. The "A" (Excellent) rating is assigned to insurers that have, in A.M. Best's opinion, an excellent ability to meet their ongoing obligations to policyholders. This rating is intended to provide an independent opinion of an insurer's ability to meet its obligation to policyholders and is not an evaluation directed at investors. See also "Risk factors — Risks related to our business and industry — A downgrade in the A.M. Best financial strength ratings of our insurance company subsidiaries may negatively affect our business." in our 2021 Form 10-K.

The financial strength ratings assigned by A.M. Best have an impact on the ability of the insurance companies to attract and retain agents and brokers and on the risk profiles of the submissions for insurance that the insurance companies receive. The "A" (Excellent) rating obtained by us is consistent with our business plan and allows us to actively pursue relationships with the agents and brokers identified in our marketing plan.

There have been no material changes in the Company's contractual obligations as of March 31, 2022 compared to December 31, 2021.

**Financial condition*****Stockholders' Equity***

As of March 31, 2022, total stockholders' equity was \$416,397, compared to \$421,909 as of December 31, 2021, a decrease of \$5,512. The decrease in stockholders' equity over the period was driven primarily by \$5,660 of net comprehensive loss.

We had \$3,836 of unrecognized stock compensation as of March 31, 2022 related to non-vested stock compensation granted. The Company recognized \$156 of stock compensation during the three months ended March 31, 2022.

***Investment Portfolio***

Our invested asset portfolio consists of fixed maturities, equity securities, other investments, and short-term investments. The majority of the investment portfolio was comprised of fixed maturity securities of \$447,349 at March 31, 2022, that were classified as available-for-sale. Available-for-sale investments are carried at fair value with unrealized gains and losses on these securities, net of applicable taxes, reported as a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive income.

Our investment portfolio objectives are to maintain liquidity, facilitating financial strength and stability and ensuring regulatory and legal compliance. Our investment portfolio consists of available-for-sale fixed maturities and other equity investments, all of which are carried at fair value. We seek to hold a high-quality portfolio of investments that is managed by a professional investment advisory management firm in accordance with the Company's investment policy and routinely reviewed by our management team. Our investments, however, are subject to general economic conditions and market risks as well as risks inherent to particular securities. The Company's investment portfolio has the following objectives:

- meet insurance regulatory requirements with respect to investments under the applicable insurance laws;
- maintain an appropriate level of liquidity to satisfy the cash requirements of current operations and long-term obligations;
- adjust investment risk to offset or complement insurance risk based on our total corporate risk tolerance; and
- realize the highest possible levels of investment income and after-tax total rates of return.

The composition of our investment portfolio is shown in the following table as of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021.

	<b>March 31, 2022</b>	
	<b>Cost or Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
<b>Fixed maturities:</b>		
U.S. government and government securities	\$ 42,026	\$ 40,610
Foreign governments	400	393
States, territories and possessions	11,388	10,822
Political subdivisions of states, territories and possessions	39,166	37,419
Special revenue and special assessment obligations	98,436	94,078
Industrial and public utilities	107,816	106,298
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	104,291	97,267
Residential mortgage-backed securities	19,040	18,800
Other loan-backed securities	41,939	41,662
Hybrid securities	—	—
Total fixed maturities	464,502	447,349
Equity securities	34,119	34,162
Total investments	\$ 498,621	\$ 481,511



	December 31, 2021	
	Cost or Amortized Cost	Fair Value
<b>Fixed maturities:</b>		
U.S. government and government securities	\$ 41,490	\$ 41,434
Foreign governments	2,500	2,490
States, territories and possessions	10,593	10,766
Political subdivisions of states, territories and possessions	39,170	40,002
Special revenue and special assessment obligations	93,664	95,991
Industrial and public utilities	100,774	103,257
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	119,378	118,218
Residential mortgage-backed securities	16,549	17,368
Other loan-backed securities	41,236	41,425
Hybrid securities	105	110
Total fixed maturities	<u>465,459</u>	<u>471,061</u>
Equity securities	984	969
Total investments	<u>\$ 466,443</u>	<u>\$ 472,030</u>

The following table shows the percentage of the total estimated fair value of our fixed maturity securities as of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 by credit rating category, using the lower of ratings assigned by Moody's Investor Service or S&P.

<i>(in thousands, except percentages)</i>	March 31, 2022	
	Fair Value	% of Total
AAA	\$ 76,317	17.1 %
AA	254,759	56.9 %
A	77,351	17.3 %
BBB	34,308	7.7 %
BB	4,588	1.0 %
Below investment grade	26	— %
Total fixed maturities	<u>\$ 447,349</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>

<i>(in thousands, except percentages)</i>	December 31, 2021	
	Fair Value	% of Total
AAA	\$ 80,455	17.1 %
AA	278,557	59.1 %
A	77,097	16.4 %
BBB	33,959	7.2 %
BB	947	0.2 %
Below investment grade	46	— %
Total fixed maturities	<u>\$ 471,061</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>

## **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q include amounts based on the use of estimates and judgments of management.

We identified the accounting estimates that are critical to the understanding of our financial position and results of operations. Critical accounting estimates are defined as those estimates that are both important to the portrayal of our financial condition and results of operations and require us to exercise significant judgment. We use significant judgment concerning future results and developments in applying these critical accounting estimates and in preparing our condensed consolidated financial statements. These judgments and estimates affect our reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and the disclosure of our material contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ materially from the estimates and assumptions used in preparing the condensed consolidated financial statements. We evaluate our estimates regularly using information that we believe to be relevant. The estimates and judgments that are most critical to the preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements include: (i) reserves for unpaid loss and LAE; (ii) reinsurance recoveries; (iii) investment fair value measurements; (iv) goodwill and intangible assets; and (v) business combinations. For a detailed discussion of our accounting policies, see the "Notes to the Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements" included in our 2021 Form 10-K.

## **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

Market risk is the risk of economic losses due to adverse changes in the estimated fair value of a financial instrument as the result of changes in interest rates, equity prices, foreign currency exchange rates, and commodity prices. The primary components of market risk affecting us are credit risk, interest rate risk, and equity rate risk, which are described in detail in Item 7A — "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" in our 2021 Form 10-K. We do not have exposure to foreign currency exchange rate risk or commodity risk.

## **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

### Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this report, management conducted an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act)). Based on this evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2022 to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our chief executive and chief financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

### Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the most recently completed fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

The effectiveness of any system of controls and procedures is subject to certain limitations, and, as a result, there can be no assurance that our controls and procedures will detect all errors or fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system will be attained.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION****Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

From time-to-time, the Company may be involved in legal proceedings which arise in the ordinary course of business. We believe that the outcome of such matters, individually or in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

We have disclosed in our 2021 Form 10-K the most significant risk factors that can impact year-to-year comparisons and that may affect the future performance of the Company's business. On a quarterly basis, we review these disclosures and update the risk factors, as appropriate. As of the date of this report, there have been no material changes to the risk factors from those disclosed in our 2021 Form 10-K.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds*****Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities***

The following table sets forth information concerning purchases of our common stock for the three months ended March 31, 2022:

<b>Period</b>	<b>Total Number of Shares Purchased</b>	<b>Average Price Paid per Share</b>	<b>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</b>	<b>Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs</b>
January 1, 2022 - January 31, 2022	—	\$ —	—	—
February 1, 2022 - February 28, 2022	—	\$ —	—	—
March 1, 2022 - March 31, 2022	1,652 (a)	\$ 4.55	—	—
	<u>1,652</u>		<u>—</u>	

a) Shares acquired represent shares relinquished to the Company by certain employees for payment of taxes or option cost upon vesting of restricted stock units or option exercise.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

Not applicable.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Other Information**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">3.1</a>	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Trean Insurance Group, Inc. (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on August 28, 2020 and incorporated by reference herein)
<a href="#">3.2</a>	Amended and Restated By-Laws of Trean Insurance Group, Inc. (filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on August 28, 2020 and incorporated by reference herein)
<a href="#">31.1</a> +	Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
<a href="#">31.2</a> +	Certification of Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
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101.INS	XBRL Instance Document - the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)

\* This certification is deemed not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference to any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

+ Filed herewith.

**Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**TREAN INSURANCE GROUP, INC.**

Date: May 9, 2022

By: /s/ Andrew M. O'Brien

Andrew M. O'Brien  
Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: May 9, 2022

By: /s/ Nicholas J. Vassallo

Nicholas J. Vassallo  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

**Certification of Principal Executive Officer  
Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Andrew M. O'Brien, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Trean Insurance Group, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. *[Reserved]*;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 9, 2022

/s/ Andrew M. O'Brien

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Andrew M. O'Brien  
Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

**Certification of Principal Financial Officer  
Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Nicholas J. Vassallo, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Trean Insurance Group, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. *[Reserved]*;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 9, 2022

/s/ Nicholas J. Vassallo

Nicholas J. Vassallo  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Trean Insurance Group, Inc. (the Company) for the quarter ended March 31, 2022, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the Report), the undersigned hereby, certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to his knowledge:

1. the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 9, 2022

/s/ Andrew M. O'Brien

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Andrew M. O'Brien  
Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)



**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Trean Insurance Group, Inc. (the Company) for the quarter ended March 31, 2022, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the Report), the undersigned hereby, certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to her knowledge:

1. the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 9, 2022

/s/ Nicholas J. Vassallo

Nicholas J. Vassallo

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)