



ESSENT GROUP LTD.

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Essent Is A Leading Mortgage Insurer

Company Overview

- Essent Group Ltd. is a Bermuda-based holding company that went public in 2013, and is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: ESNT)
- Two primary operating companies: Essent Guaranty, Inc. (Radnor, PA) and Essent Reinsurance Ltd. (Hamilton, Bermuda)
- Serves the U.S. housing finance industry by offering mortgage insurance and reinsurance to support home ownership
- Transformed business model from “Buy and Hold” to “Buy, Manage & Distribute” through use of programmatic reinsurance
- Developed risk-based pricing engine EssentEDGE®, and the next generation of EssentEDGE®, a cloud-based AI pricing platform
- Essent Guaranty, Inc. is rated A3 by Moody’s, A (Excellent) by A.M. Best, and BBB+ by S&P

Capital Distribution To Shareholders

- In April, we completed our \$250 million share repurchase program authorized in May 2021, having purchased a total of 5.6 million ESNT shares. Year-to-date we purchased 2.1 million ESNT shares for \$92.2 million
- In conjunction with our 1Q22 Earnings Release, we announced Board approval of a new share repurchase program of \$250 million and an increase of the quarterly dividend to \$0.21 per common share, payable during 2Q22

| | 1Q22 | 4Q21 |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| IIF (\$B) | \$206.8 | \$207.2 |
| NIW (\$B) | \$12.8 | \$16.4 |
| New Defaults (K) | 6.2 | 5.8 |
| Portfolio Default Rate | 1.93% | 2.16% |
| Net Income (\$M) | \$274.2 | \$181.0 |
| Combined Ratio | (30.7%) | 17.4% |
| Annualized ROE | 26.0% | 17.2% |
| Shareholders' Equity (\$B) | \$4.2 | \$4.2 |
| PMIERs Sufficiency Ratio | 174% | 177% |
| % IIF With Reinsurance Protection | 90% | 90% |
| Risk-To-Capital Ratio ⁽¹⁾ | 9.9:1 | 10.4:1 |

Recent Developments

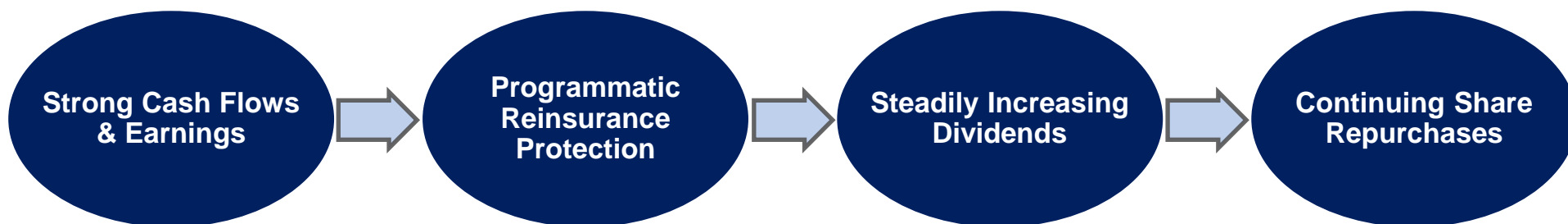
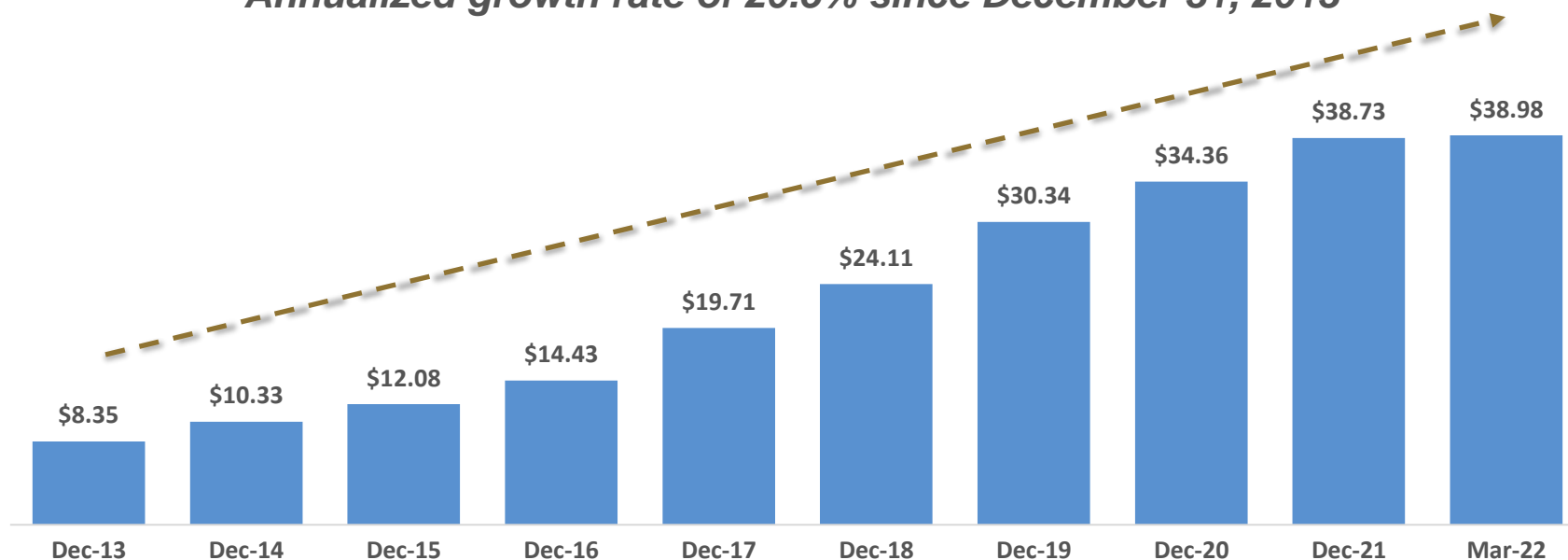
- In March, we executed our second quota share reinsurance program to cede 20% of 2022 NIW to a panel of highly rated third-party reinsurers. As of March 31, 2022, 90% of IIF is subject to reinsurance protection
- Provision for Losses & LAE for the quarter was a benefit of \$106.9 million, including the benefit of \$101.2 million from a change in estimate on 2Q-3Q20 COVID default reserves

¹ The combined risk-to-capital ratio equals the net risk in force of Essent Guaranty, Inc. and Essent Guaranty of PA, Inc. divided by the combined statutory capital of these U.S. insurance companies.

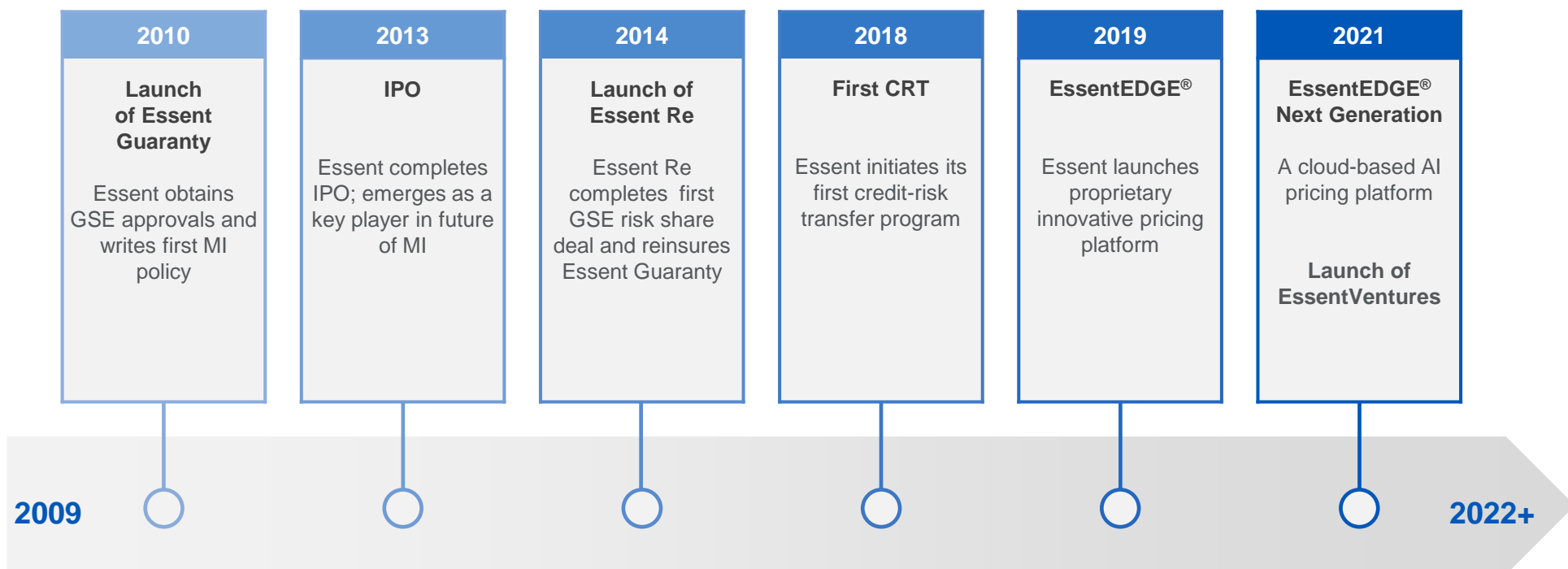
Delivering Shareholder Value

BOOK VALUE PER SHARE GROWTH

Annualized growth rate of 20.5% since December 31, 2013



Key Milestones in Essent's Evolution



KEY DIFFERENTIATORS OF ESSENT

| | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| 25+ yrs Experienced Management Team | Strong Capital Position | Conservative Financial Leverage | Highly Efficient Operating Platform | Best in Class Analytics & Technologies |
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Buy, Manage & Distribute Operating Model

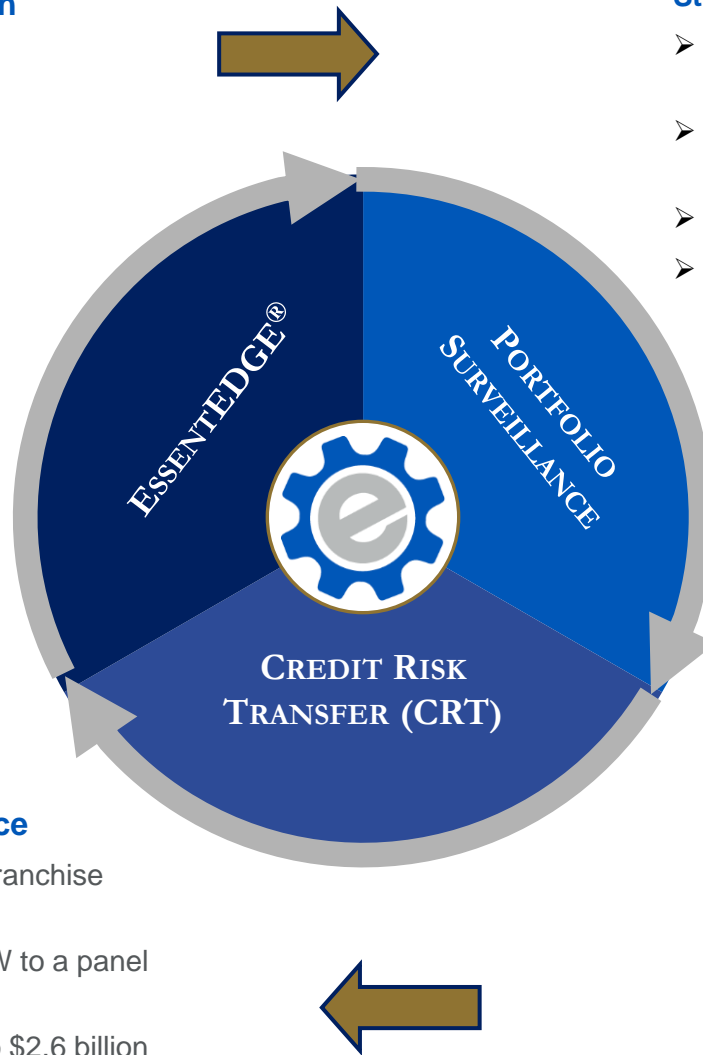
EssentEDGE® Enables Rapid Execution of Targeted Pricing Strategies

- Lender utilization continues to increase
- The next generation of EssentEDGE® is a **cloud-based AI platform with machine learning techniques** that utilizes 400+ attributes to generate an MI quote in ~3 seconds
- Differentiated pricing strategy to deliver borrowers our best price



Committed To Programmatic Reinsurance

- Buy, Manage & Distribute model mitigates franchise volatility during weak economic cycles
- Executed 2nd QSR to cede 20% of 2022 NIW to a panel of highly rated third-party reinsurers
- As of March 31, 2022, Essent has access to \$2.6 billion in ILN/XOL reinsurance coverage, with 90% of IIF subject to reinsurance protection



Strong Operating Results

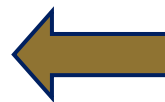
- Last Twelve Months Underwriting Margin of 93% with \$702 million in Operating Cash Flow
- Continue to focus on optimizing unit economics
- Credit quality of portfolio remains strong
- Efficient platform enables increased operating leverage and profitability



Fortifying Balance Sheet and Enhancing Financial Flexibility

As of March 31, 2022:

- \$4.2B in GAAP Equity
- Ample liquidity with \$579M net cash and investments available for sale at the holding companies
- An additional \$400M in undrawn capacity with our credit facility
- Financial leverage of 9.2%



Reducing Volatility via Credit Risk Transfer

Since March 2018, Essent has transferred credit risk to:

- Capital market investors via **seven** Radnor Re Insurance-Linked Note (ILN) issuances
- Reinsurers via **three** Excess of Loss (XOL) reinsurance transactions
- Reinsurers via **two** Quota Share (QS) reinsurance programs

| <u>Capital Markets</u> | <u>Excess of Loss</u> | <u>Quota Share</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| \$2.3 billion | \$296 million | \$23.2 billion |
| in ILNs sold to investors | in risk limit reinsured by highly rated third-party reinsurers | of RIF ceded to a panel of highly rated third-party reinsurers |

As of 3/31/22, **90%** of IIF is subject to reinsurance protection

Essent Re

- Essent Reinsurance Ltd. (“Essent Re”) is a Bermuda-based reinsurance company, rated A (Excellent) by A.M. Best and BBB+ by S&P, with \$1.3 billion in GAAP equity as of March 31, 2022
- Essent Re primarily focuses on three business lines:
 - Affiliate quota share (QS) to reinsure Essent Guaranty and leverage our Bermuda platform
 - GSE risk share to access a larger mortgage credit universe beyond primary MI
 - Managing General Agent (MGA) to serve reinsurer clients and generate fee income



ESSENT®

ESSENT REINSURANCE LTD.

Affiliate Quota Share

Provide Quota Share reinsurance to Essent Guaranty with Net Risk In Force of \$14.6 billion

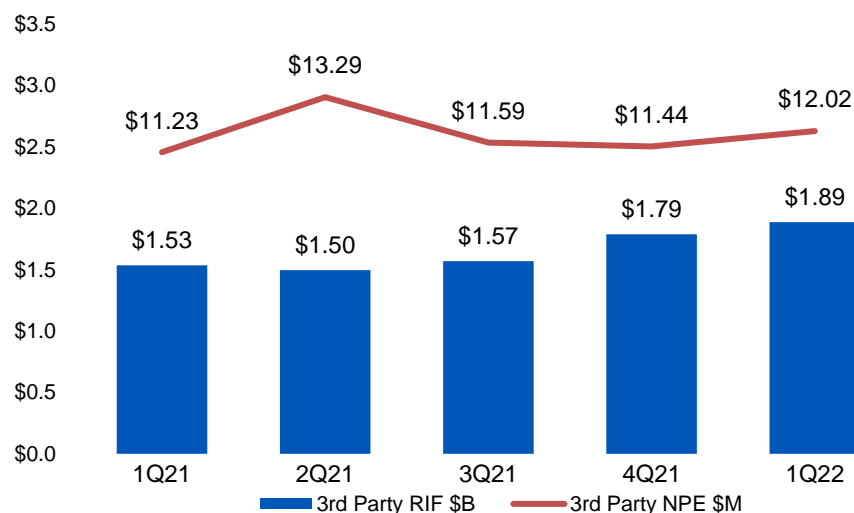
GSE Risk Share

Active participant in GSE risk share business with \$1.9 billion Risk In Force

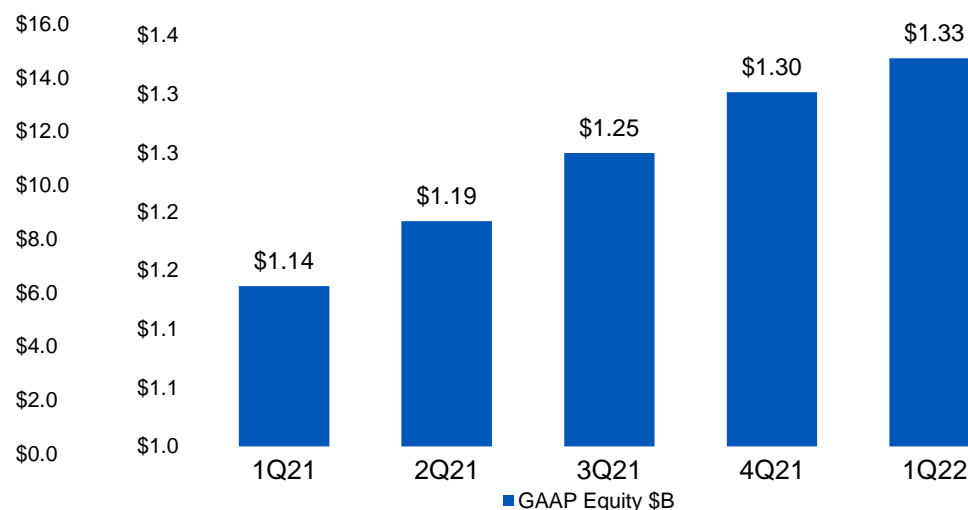
MGA

Offer underwriting, pricing and surveillance services to reinsurers writing mortgage risk

Third Party Premiums Earned & Risk In Force



Total Equity \$B



EssentVentures

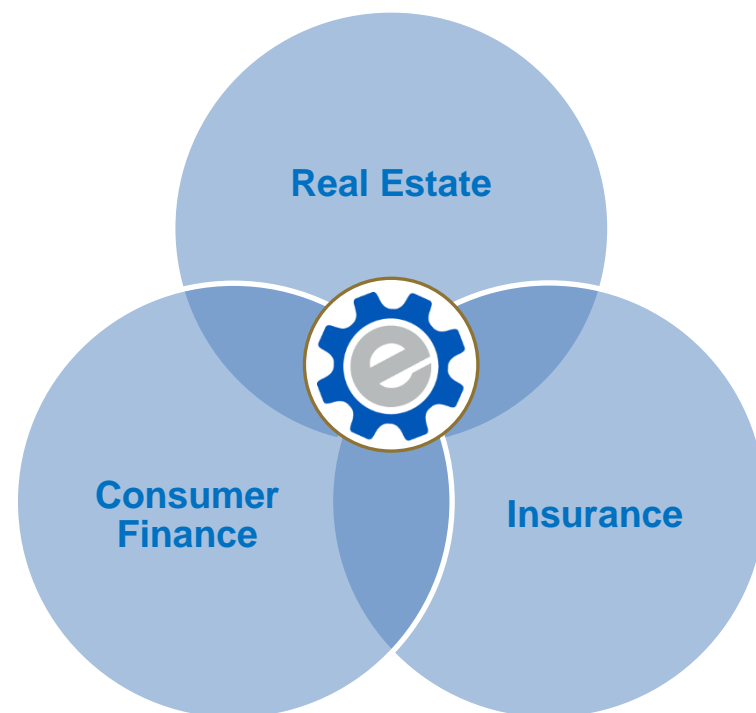
- Our EssentVentures unit continues to make investments to generate informational and financial returns, taking advantage of opportunities around the convergence of consumer finance, real estate and insurance
- Since 2018, we have invested in 10 venture capital firms providing us access to over 150 portfolio companies
- As of March 31, 2022, we have invested \$187 million with approximately \$82 million value created, of which \$56 million has been returned to us as realized proceeds



EssentVentures 1Q22

| | Capital Called | Realized Proceeds | Carrying Amount | Total Value ⁽¹⁾ |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Balance as of 1/1/22 | \$165.0 | \$51.7 | \$170.5 | \$222.2 |
| Plus: capital invested | 21.8 | 0.0 | 21.8 | 21.8 |
| Less: distributions received | 0.0 | 4.5 | (4.5) | 0.0 |
| Income recognized | 0.0 | 0.0 | 24.7 | 24.7 |
| Balance as of 3/31/22 | \$186.8 | \$56.2 | \$212.5⁽²⁾ | \$268.7 |

\$82M in total value created



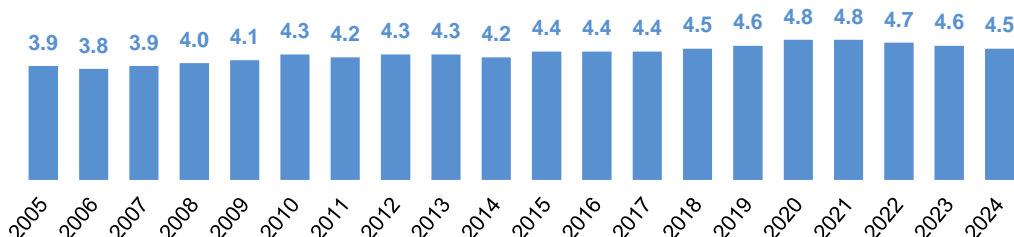
1) Total value represents carrying amount plus distributions received to date.

2) These investments are classified as other invested assets on our balance sheets.

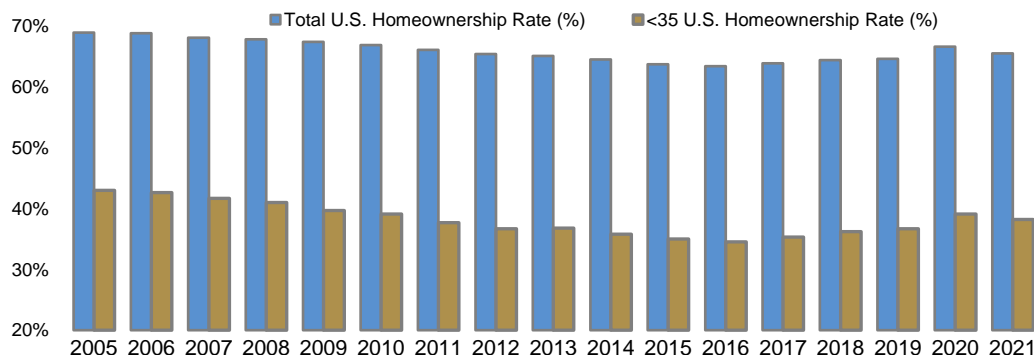
Supportive Industry Fundamentals

GROWING DOMESTIC FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER POPULATION

New Entrants to Domestic First-Time Homebuyer Population (M)

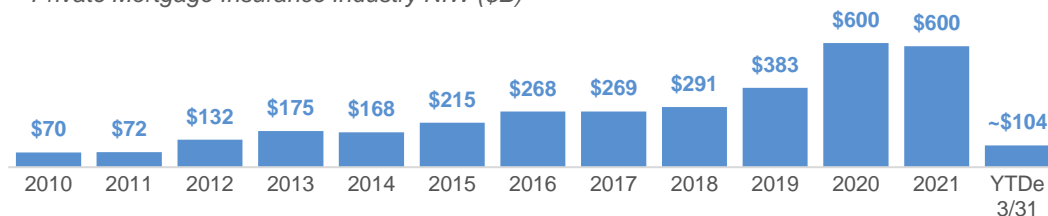


HOMEOWNERSHIP RATE HAVE STARTED TO REBOUND



INDUSTRY NIW HAS EXPERIENCED STRONG GROWTH

Private Mortgage Insurance Industry NIW (\$B)



- Millennial generation of roughly 80M will drive housing's longer-term prospects and first-time buyer activity
- Over next several years, on an annual basis, approximately 4-5M millennials will enter their early thirties, the average age of a first-time home buyer

- Homeownership rates have been increasing in recent years
- Purchase demand remains strong in spite of higher home prices and rising interest rates
- The COVID-19 pandemic also accelerated demand for single family homes given work-from-home and work-from-anywhere dynamics

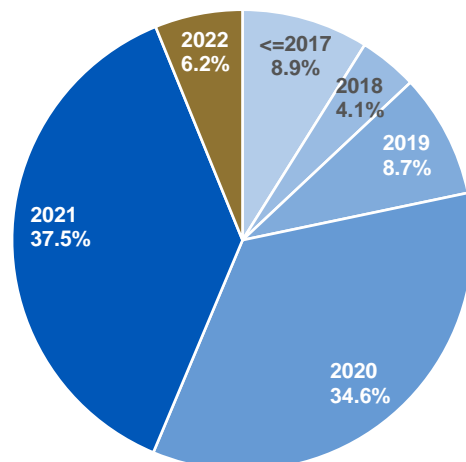
- Demographic and macroeconomic tailwinds have supported NIW growth over the past decade
- Growth has been focused on high credit quality business
- Low unemployment rates and rising income support favorable credit trends

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau. Mortgage Bankers Association. Inside Mortgage Finance. Company public disclosures.

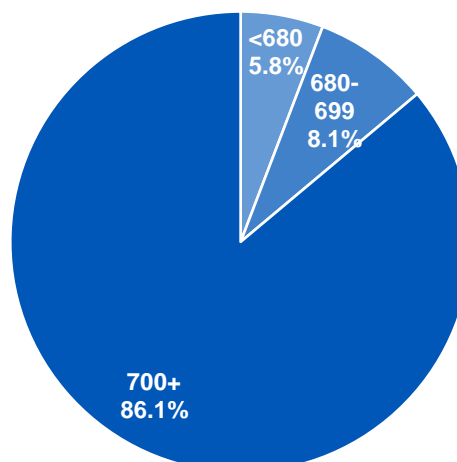
A High Credit Quality Portfolio

As Of March 31, 2022, Essent Has \$206.8 Billion Of Insurance In Force

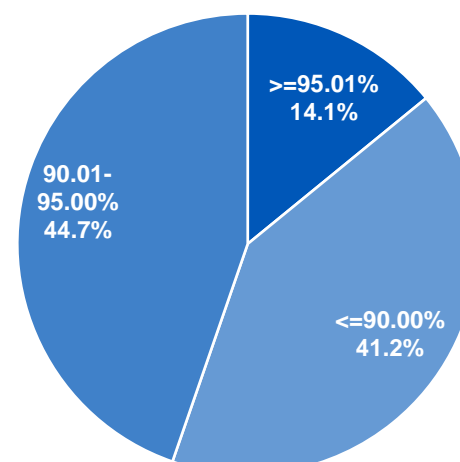
IIF BY VINTAGE



IIF BY FICO SCORE

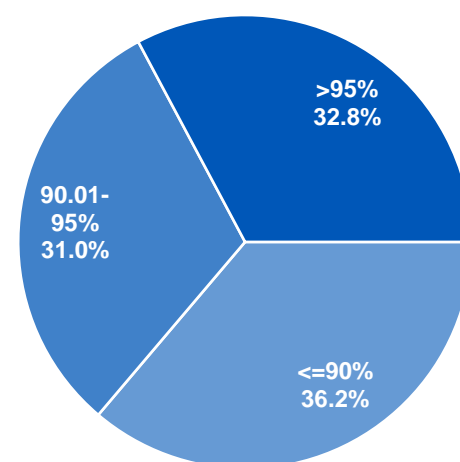
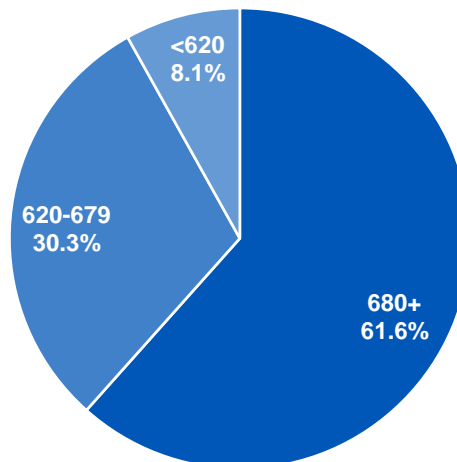
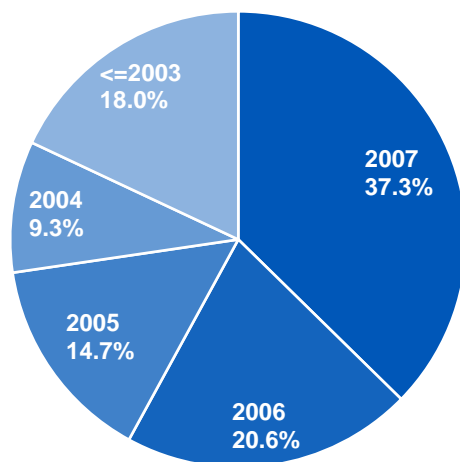


IIF BY LTV



ESSENT IIF

2007 INDUSTRY AVERAGE¹



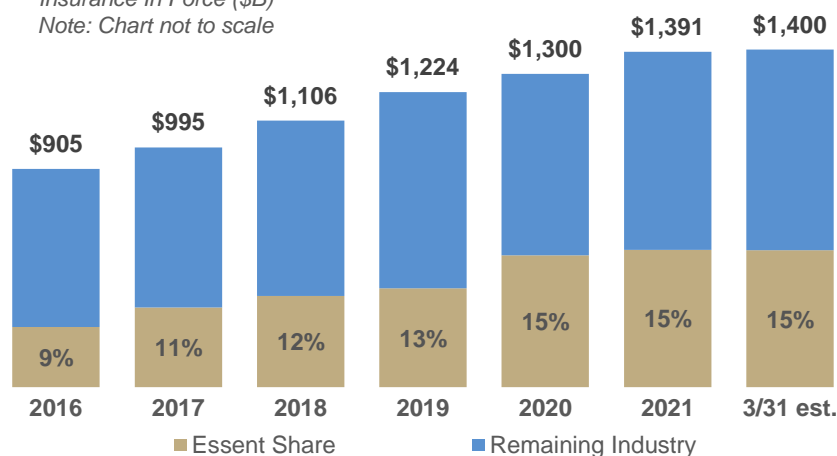
¹ Represents the average breakdown of primary RIF for Q4 2007 between Radian, MGIC, Genworth U.S. M.I., and Triad Guaranty. FICO breakdown excludes Triad Guaranty for FICO 620-679 and 680+ due to lack of comparable disclosure. As reported in SEC filings for each Company for Q4 2007.

Insurance In Force (IIF)

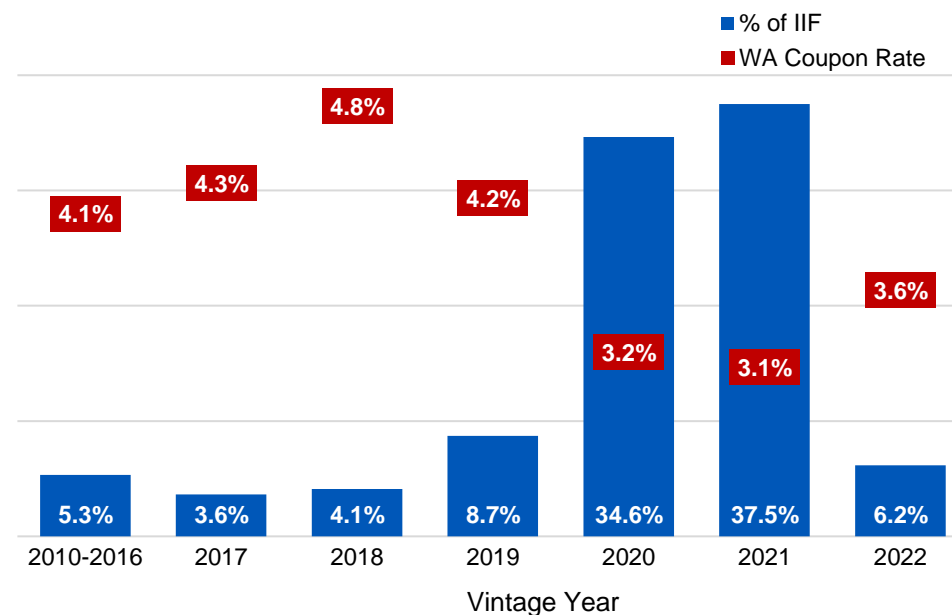
| IIF BY VINTAGE YEAR (\$B) | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| (\$ in billions) | MAR. 31, 2022 | | DEC. 31, 2021 | | DEC. 31, 2020 | |
| 2022 | \$12.7 | 6.2% | - | - | - | - |
| 2021 | \$77.6 | 37.5% | \$79.8 | 38.5% | - | - |
| 2020 | \$71.6 | 34.6% | \$76.6 | 36.9% | \$102.1 | 51.3% |
| 2019 | \$18.0 | 8.7% | \$20.3 | 9.8% | \$38.7 | 19.5% |
| 2018 | \$8.4 | 4.1% | \$9.5 | 4.6% | \$18.7 | 9.4% |
| 2017 | \$7.5 | 3.6% | \$8.5 | 4.1% | \$16.3 | 8.2% |
| 2010 - 2016 | \$11.0 | 5.3% | \$12.5 | 6.1% | \$23.1 | 11.6% |
| Total: | \$206.8 | 100% | \$207.2 | 100% | \$198.9 | 100% |

TOTAL MARKET SIZE & GROWTH

Insurance In Force (\$B)
Note: Chart not to scale



IIF BY WA COUPON RATE: AS OF MAR. 31, 2022:



Financial Highlights

AS OF END OF PERIOD

(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)

1Q22

4Q21

3Q21

2Q21

1Q21

KEY METRICS

| | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Insurance In Force | \$206,843.0 | \$207,190.5 | \$208,216.5 | \$203,559.9 | \$197,091.2 |
| Total Assets | \$5,586.1 | \$5,722.2 | \$5,589.5 | \$5,521.8 | \$5,331.8 |
| Total Investments | \$4,875.4 | \$5,133.4 | \$5,031.3 | \$4,891.6 | \$4,801.9 |
| Loss Reserves | \$293.1 | \$407.4 | \$413.0 | \$421.9 | \$411.1 |
| Debt-to-Capital | 9% | 9% | 7% | 7% | 8% |
| Shareholders' Equity | \$4,215.1 | \$4,236.1 | \$4,168.0 | \$4,084.8 | \$3,920.9 |
| Book Value Per Share | \$38.98 | \$38.73 | \$37.58 | \$36.32 | \$34.75 |
| Available / Total HoldCo Liquidity ⁽¹⁾ | \$579 / \$979 | \$618 / \$1,018 | \$513 / \$813 | \$590 / \$890 | \$544 / \$844 |
| PMIERS Excess Available Assets (or "Cushion") ⁽²⁾ | \$1,355 / 74% | \$1,379 / 77% | \$1,211 / 62% | \$1,284 / 74% | \$1,132 / 61% |

1) HoldCo Liquidity includes net cash and investments available for sale at the holding companies.

2) Percentages are calculated as excess divided by Essent Guaranty, Inc.'s Minimum Required Assets based on our interpretation of the PMIERS as of the dates indicated.

Total Economics of Reinsurance Transactions

| (\$ in millions) | PERIOD ENDING | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 1Q22 | 4Q21 | 3Q21 | 2Q21 | 1Q21 |
| U.S. Mortgage Insurance Portfolio | | | | | |
| ILN/XOL Ceded Premium | (\$19.83) | (\$19.09) | (\$18.09) | (\$14.88) | (\$14.91) |
| QSR Ceded Premium | (\$0.69) | (\$7.39) | (\$8.79) | (\$11.78) | (\$15.99) |
| Total Ceded Premium | (\$20.52) | (\$26.48) | (\$26.88) | (\$26.66) | (\$30.90) |
| Reduction of (Increase to) Provision for Losses & LAE | (\$6.60) | (\$1.02) | (\$0.31) | \$2.39 | \$5.87 |
| Reduction of Operating Expense ⁽¹⁾ | \$3.93 | \$4.20 | \$4.55 | \$4.70 | \$5.06 |
| Total Economics of Reinsurance | (\$23.19) | (\$23.29) | (\$22.64) | (\$19.58) | (\$19.97) |

1) Ceding Commission

In Force Portfolio Premium Yield

U.S. Mortgage Insurance Portfolio

PERIOD ENDING

(in basis points)

| | 1Q22 | 4Q21 | 3Q21 | 2Q21 | 1Q21 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Base Premium Earned | 41 bps | 42 bps | 42 bps | 43 bps | 44 bps |
| Singles Cancellation Premium | 2 bps | 3 bps | 3 bps | 3 bps | 4 bps |
| Gross Premium Rate | 43 bps | 45 bps | 45 bps | 46 bps | 48 bps |
| Ceded Premium | (4) bps | (5) bps | (5) bps | (5) bps | (6) bps |
| Net Premium Rate | 39 bps | 40 bps | 40 bps | 41 bps | 42 bps |
| Average IIF (\$B) | \$206.63 | \$207.39 | \$206.73 | \$199.74 | \$197.75 |

Default Rollforward

| U.S. Mortgage Insurance Portfolio | PERIOD ENDING | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| (number of loans) | 1Q22 | 4Q21 | 3Q21 | 2Q21 | 1Q21 |
| Beginning Default Inventory | 16,963 | 19,721 | 23,504 | 29,080 | 31,469 |
| Plus: New Defaults | 6,188 | 5,809 | 5,132 | 4,934 | 7,422 |
| Less: Cures | (8,167) | (8,514) | (8,862) | (10,453) | (9,737) |
| Less: Claims Paid | (55) | (47) | (41) | (46) | (61) |
| Less: Recessions & Denials, net | (6) | (6) | (12) | (11) | (13) |
| Ending Default Inventory | 14,923 | 16,963 | 19,721 | 23,504 | 29,080 |
| Default Rate | 1.93% | 2.16% | 2.47% | 2.96% | 3.70% |

Components Of Provision For Losses & LAE

U.S. Mortgage Insurance Portfolio

PERIOD ENDING

(\$ in millions)

1Q22

4Q21

3Q21

2Q21

1Q21

Provision for Losses & LAE occurring in:

Current Period

\$24.35

\$13.23

\$11.37

\$24.53

\$47.76

Prior Year Development

(\$130.11)

(\$16.62)

(\$18.85)

(\$14.96)

(\$15.68)

Provision For Losses & LAE

(\$105.77)

(\$3.39)

(\$7.48)

\$9.57

\$32.08

End Of Period Reserves

\$292.82

\$406.10

\$411.57

\$420.48

\$409.81

Cumulative Incurred Loss Ratio By Vintage Year

| | PRE-2015 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 3/31/2022 |
|-----------------|----------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Pre-2015 | 2.4% | 2.9% | 3.1% | 3.0% | 2.7% | 2.6% | 3.3% | 3.3% | 2.9% |
| 2015 | | 2.1% | 3.3% | 4.0% | 3.0% | 2.7% | 4.6% | 4.3% | 3.5% |
| 2016 | | | 2.3% | 4.6% | 3.4% | 2.9% | 6.4% | 5.3% | 3.9% |
| 2017 | | | | 7.5% | 4.6% | 4.2% | 9.7% | 8.3% | 5.8% |
| 2018 | | | | | 3.3% | 6.0% | 16.4% | 13.7% | 9.2% |
| 2019 | | | | | | 4.2% | 31.2% | 21.8% | 13.4% |
| 2020 | | | | | | | 24.5% | 13.6% | 9.7% |
| 2021 | | | | | | | | 9.1% | 9.4% |
| YTD 2022 | | | | | | | | | 2.2% |

Incurred loss ratio is calculated by dividing the sum of case reserves and cumulative amount paid for claims by cumulative net premiums earned.

U.S. Mortgage Insurance Subsidiaries

(\$ in millions)

As of:

1Q22 4Q21 3Q21 2Q21 1Q21

Statutory Financial Information

| | | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Risk-to-capital ratio | 9.9:1 | 10.4:1 | 10.5:1 | 10.6:1 | 10.6:1 |
| Common stock and paid-in surplus ⁽¹⁾ | \$744 | \$744 | \$744 | \$744 | \$744 |
| Unassigned funds ⁽²⁾ | \$395 | \$356 | \$394 | \$359 | \$402 |
| Statutory policyholders' surplus | \$1,139 | \$1,100 | \$1,138 | \$1,104 | \$1,146 |
| Contingency reserve ⁽³⁾ | \$1,920 | \$1,850 | \$1,779 | \$1,705 | \$1,632 |
| Total statutory capital | \$3,059 | \$2,950 | \$2,917 | \$2,809 | \$2,778 |
| Reserve for losses and LAE | \$200 | \$280 | \$284 | \$291 | \$285 |
| Total | \$3,259 | \$3,230 | \$3,201 | \$3,100 | \$3,063 |

Ordinary Dividend Capacity **\$382**

PMIERS Data⁽⁴⁾

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| PMIERS available assets | \$3,195 | \$3,171 | \$3,162 | \$3,016 | \$2,997 |
| PMIERS minimum required assets | \$1,840 | \$1,792 | \$1,951 | \$1,732 | \$1,864 |
| PMIERS excess available assets | \$1,355 | \$1,379 | \$1,211 | \$1,284 | \$1,132 |

PMIERS sufficiency ratio⁽⁵⁾

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| with 0.3x factor | 174% | 177% | 162% | 174% | 161% |
| without 0.3x factor | 165% | 165% | 152% | 163% | 149% |

Scheduled Contingency Reserve Releases⁽³⁾

(\$ in millions)

| | |
|--------------|---------|
| Apr-Dec 2022 | \$18.1 |
| 2023 | \$61.7 |
| 2024 | \$109.4 |
| 2025 | \$146.4 |
| 2026 | \$174.7 |
| 2027 | \$204.6 |
| 2028 | \$243.3 |
| 2029 | \$285.1 |
| 2030 | \$305.7 |
| 2031 | \$298.3 |
| 2032 | \$72.7 |

Total **\$1,919.9**

1) Common stock and paid-in surplus can only be affected by direct capital contributions and returns of capital approved by Pennsylvania Insurance Department.

2) Unassigned funds change as a result of earnings (net of contingency reserve inflows and outflows) and dividends, and is a regulatory constraint on the ability to pay an ordinary dividend, since unassigned funds must be positive in order to pay such a dividend. A Pennsylvania domiciled insurer may pay dividends during any 12-month period in an amount equal to the greater of (i) 10% of the preceding year-end statutory policyholders' surplus or (ii) the preceding year's statutory net income. While all proposed dividends and distributions to stockholders must be filed with the Pennsylvania Insurance Department prior to payment, dividends and other distributions can be paid out of positive unassigned surplus without prior approval.

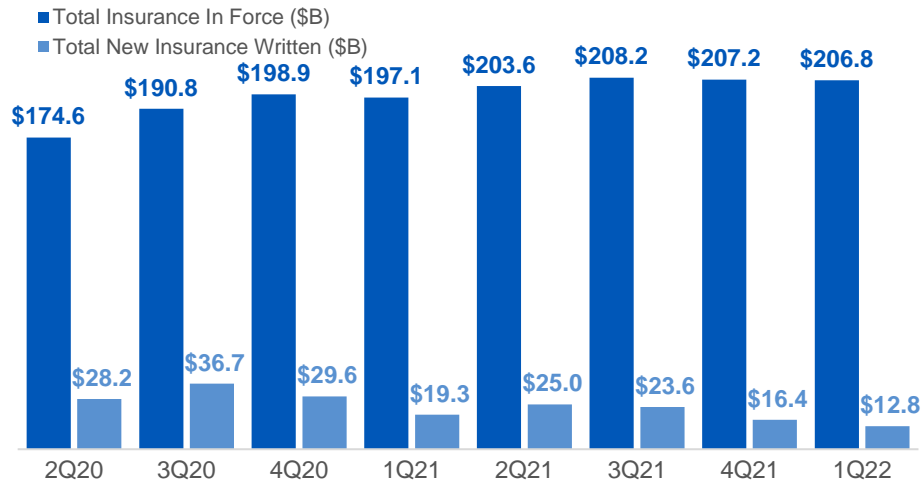
3) Contingency reserves are established by contributing 50% of earned premiums every year. Contingency reserves are released to unassigned funds after 10 years on a first-in, first-out basis or after regulatory approval with an annual loss ratio greater than 35%.

4) Essent Guaranty's Minimum Required Assets calculated based on our interpretation of the PMIERS as of the dates indicated.

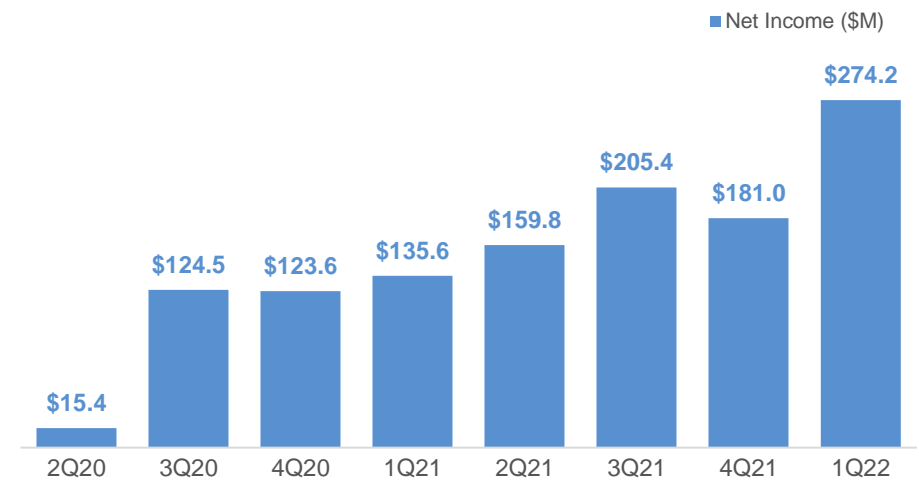
5) Excess as a % of Essent Guaranty's Minimum Required Assets.

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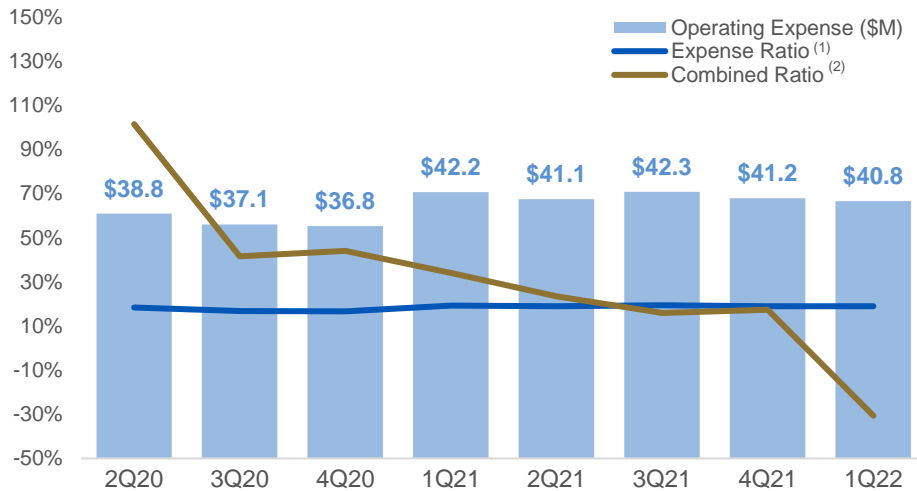
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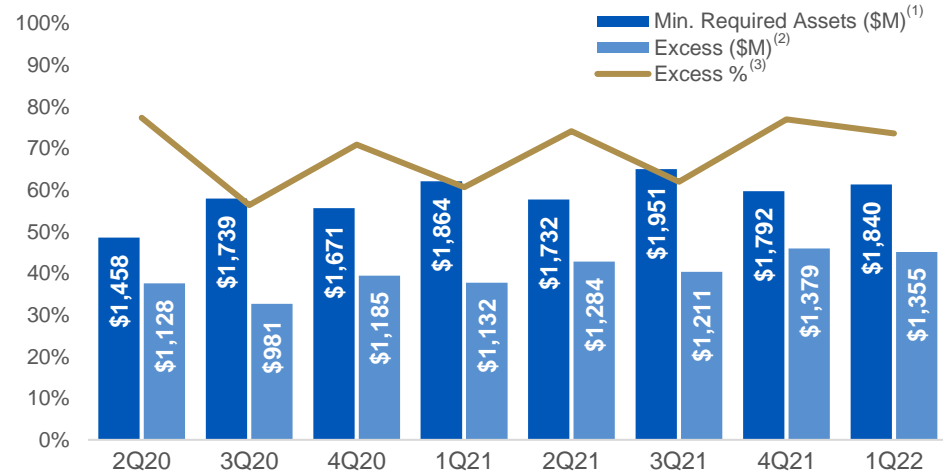


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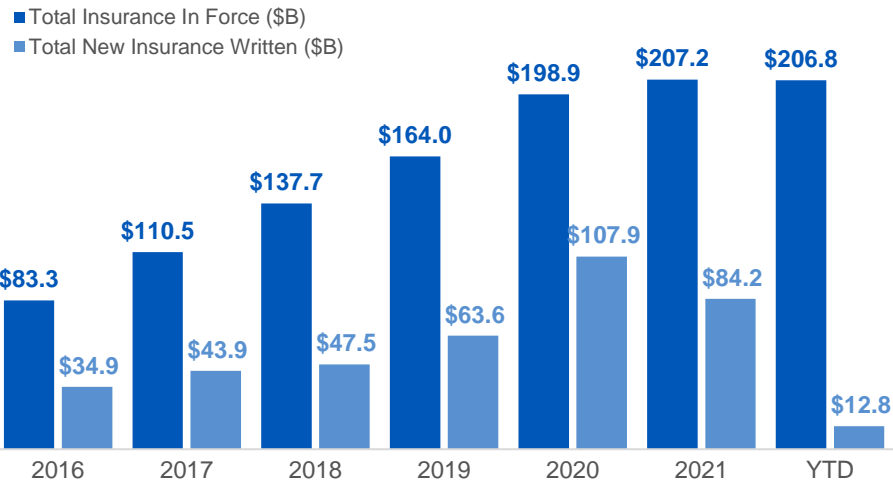
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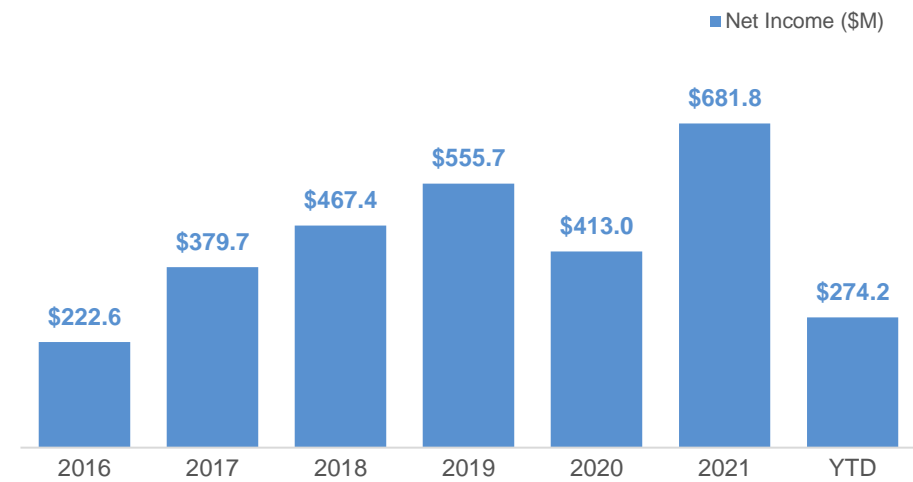
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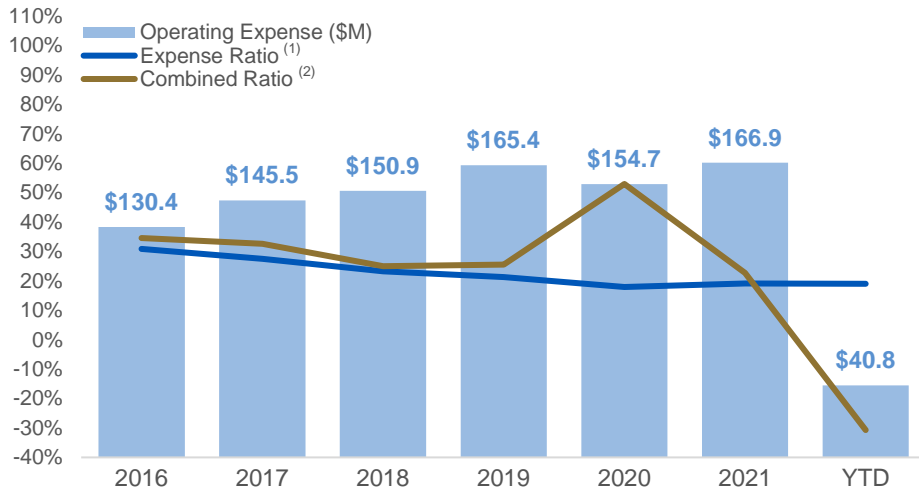
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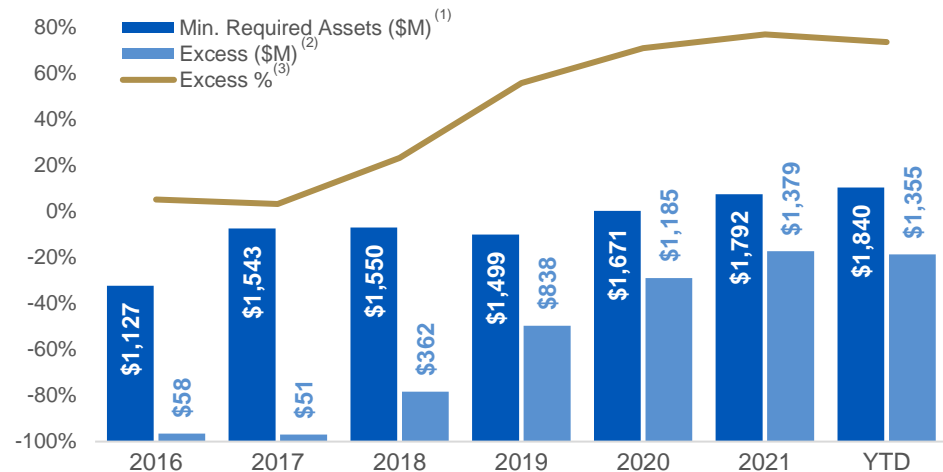


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