

# CITIZENS INC. INVESTOR PRESENTATION

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# Company Overview



# CITIZENS INC ....WE ARE NOT...

**CITIZENS BANK** 



**CITIZENS P&C** 



**CITIZENS LOUISIANA P&C** 

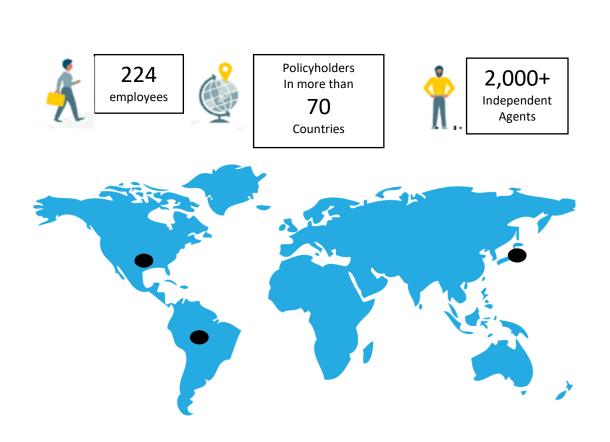


# So, who is Citizens INC. ? NYSE: CIA



### **CITIZENS OVERVIEW**

We specialize in offering traditional life insurance, endowment products and final expense insurance in niche markets where we believe we are able to achieve competitive advantages

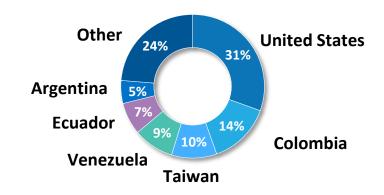


\$1.6B Assets

Over \$4.8 Billion Gross Insurance In-force

**\$174mm** Diversified Premium Revenues

# 2022 Premium Revenue (Geography)





# PREMIUM REVENUE SNAPSHOT (SEGMENT)

# 2022 Premium Revenues (Segment)

# Life Insurance Segment (72%)<sup>1</sup>

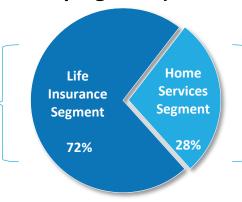
#### **U.S. dollar-denominated policies and contracts (International)**

- Majority of premiums originate in Latin American countries
  - Additional premiums sales in Taiwan

<u>Demographic</u> – Upper middle-class, and those with significant net worth and earnings in their respective countries

#### Highlights -

- 1. Majority of premiums paid annually
  - Reduces our administrative expenses
  - Accelerates cash flow
  - Lower policy lapse rate
- 2. High persistency and low mortality charges
- 3. Well known and respected brand in Latin American community



# Home Services Insurance Segment (28%)<sup>1</sup>

#### Whole life insurance (funeral and burial costs)

- Majority of premiums originate in Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas
- · Limited underwriting risk

Demographic – Middle-and lower-income households

#### **Highlights** – Segment is transforming through:

- 1. Geographic Expansion
  - Demand for whole life products exists across all Southeastern states
- 2. Product, Sales & Marketing
  - New products & cross-selling opportunities
- 3. Demographic
  - Targeting higher-income bracket customers



### SUSTAINABLE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES

Superior Customer
Service

- Intimate knowledge of unique Latino cultures across varying nationalities
- End-to-end transactions in **Spanish**, **Portuguese**, **Mandarin**, and **English**
- Long-standing relationships and strong brand recognition in the Latin America community

Product
Development
Expertise

- Recognized for high-quality products that offer living benefits to meet the customer needs
- Bringing product development expertise to the <u>independent distribution channel</u>
- A leading provider of US-dollar denominated insurance products in Latin America

Global Distribution
Network

- <u>Inimitable salesforce</u> with decades of experience and customer trust
- Network of >2,000 international, and >500 domestic independent agents
- Average tenure of 25 30 years with the company

Commitment and Versatility

- Collaborative, Agile, and able to quickly implement new strategic initiatives
- Strength and stability of a tenured company with the entrepreneurial culture of a start up
- Dedicated to value creation for all our stakeholders

### UNIQUELY POSITIONED FOR GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

U.S. Dollar Denominated Products

Capital is invested in a more secure economic environment (the U.S.)

Protection against devaluation of the policyowners' local currency

Less prone to sudden geo-political shifts

Expertise in the Latino

Markets

(US & International)

Latinos have comprised >50% of total U.S. population growth between 2010 and 2020<sup>1</sup>

Latin America life insurance has a compelling setup of low penetration and increasing demand

Growing in Niche
Markets

White labeled products
Professional athletics

Brokers, Affinity Groups

Rapidly Developing Innovative Products

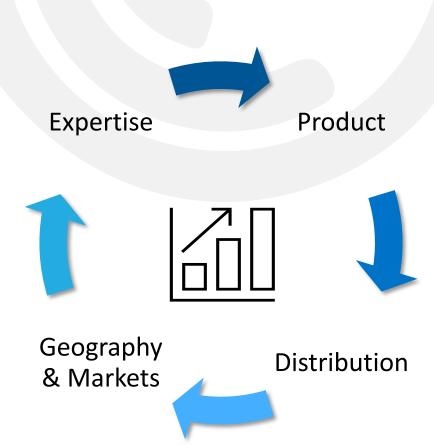
>20 new product introductions and product revisions in 2021 and 2022 Increasingly sought out for bespoke policy products by key agency partners

Geographic and Distribution Capabilities

Existing licenses in 32 underpenetrated U.S. states

Robust recruitment program for Independent Consultants

Streamlined sales and underwriting process





# Roadmap Execution



# **CUSTOMER-CENTRIC GROWTH STRATEGY** TRANSFORMATION WITH AN EMPHASIS ON PEOPLE, PRODUCT AND PROCESS

Sustained Profitable Growth and Shareholder Value Creation

#### **Strategic Goals**

Increase first Year Sales

Improve Policy Retention

Execute on Success

Financial & **Expense Discipline** 

#### **Tactical Approach**

#### Product

Focus on our customer needs

- Implement new products tailored to our specific markets and enhance existing products
- Expand the target market and grow our geographic footprint

#### **Promotions**

**Strategic Promotions** 

- Align sales consultant compensation with our premium revenue objectives
- Implement sales promotions and campaigns that promote our growth and retention initiatives
- Increase recruitment and training of salesforce

#### Processes

Process improvements and new technologies

- Get products to our customers faster
- Improve services for both our policyholders and independent consultants
- Help employees work more effectively and efficiently



## TRANSFORM AND CLEAR REVENUE GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

INITIATIVES	Rapidly develop innovative products Improve renewal and surrender trends	Clear and defined runway for geographic expansion	Disciplined expense and capital management
RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS	<ul> <li>&gt;20 new product introductions and product revisions in 2021 and 2022</li> <li>Amount of insurance issued +64% to \$675M in 2022</li> <li>First year sales up 12% in 1H 2023</li> <li>Renewals improved in 2021 and 2022</li> <li>Surrenders steady improvement since 3Q 2021</li> <li>Adding white-label partnerships that deliver unique products to established fast-growing distribution channels. Added three partnerships recently</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A leader in U.S. dollar-denominated products, internationally</li> <li>Intimate knowledge of unique Latino cultures across varying nationalities</li> <li>End-to-end transactions in Spanish, Portuguese, Mandarin, and English</li> <li>Existing licenses in 32 underpenetrated U.S. states</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Adjusted general operating expenses/total revenue improved to 26.0% in 2022</li> <li>Consistent net operating cash flows with no debt</li> <li>Reinsurance with large globally recognized reinsurers</li> <li>Share repurchases of \$4.6M available on the current authorization</li> <li>Access to \$20M line of credit</li> <li>A.M. Best Financial Strength Rating B++; Balance Sheet – Very Strong issued on CICA Life Insurance Company of America in July 2023</li> </ul>

Price to Book Value, excluding AOCI, period ending June 30, 2023 was .43 compared to life insurance peers of .83

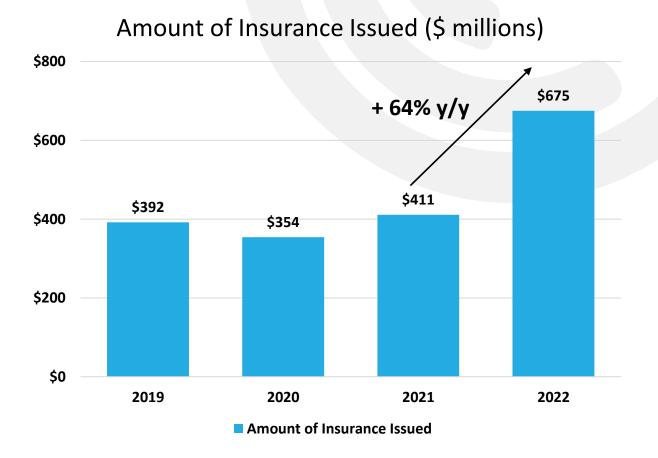
Book value increased 20% y/y to \$2.96 on June 30, 2023

### **EXECUTING ON SUCCESS**

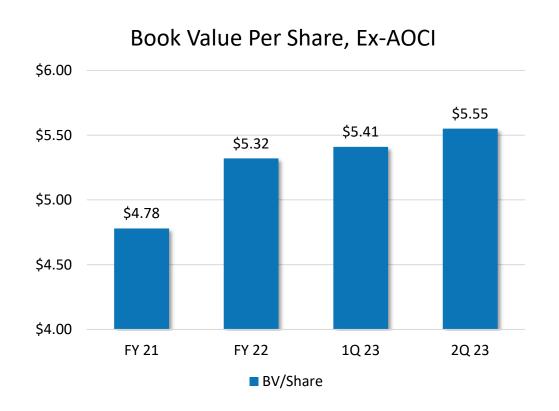
**New & Innovative Products** Successful Selling Campaigns **Growing Distributor Relationships** 

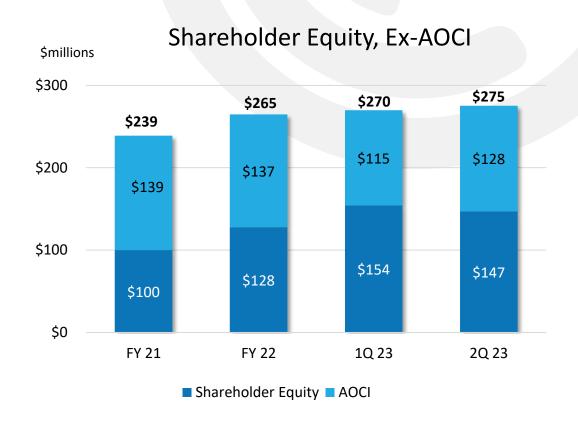
### Positive results

- FY 2022 insurance issued grew 64% y/y
- FY 2022 policies issued grew 18% y/y



### SHAREHOLDER RETURNS







# PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS & TECHNOLOGY MAKING IT EASIER TO DO BUSINESS WITH CITIZENS

#### **Sales & Distribution**

Developed digital sales and servicing platforms to <u>improve</u> distribution capabilities

#### **Underwriting**

Implemented new actuarial valuation software solution that provide enhanced modeling capabilities for ordinary whole life policies in both segments



#### **Reinsurance**

Expanded reinsurance capabilities and capacity to improve optionality on high-net-worth business

#### **Self-service Platform**

Enhanced policyholder and agent self-services platform with new capabilities to make it <u>easier to</u> do business with us

#### **Payments**

Enhancing <u>alternative payment</u> <u>methods</u> across all markets



# **EXPENSE MANAGEMENT PROCESS IMPROVEMENT**

Recent initiatives to improve our technology and processes have reduced expenses, enhanced the customer experience, and driven firm-wide efficiencies

#### 1. Getting products to our customers faster

- Updated underwriting processes and revised policy applications
  - Removed barriers to sales
  - Reduced underwriting expense

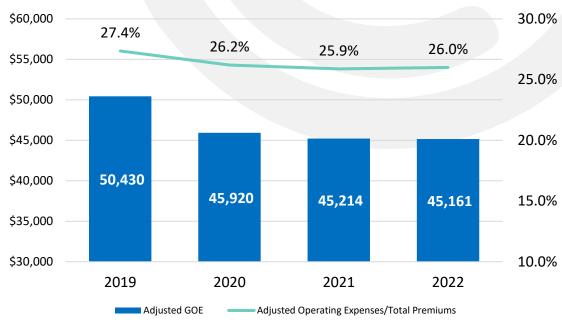
#### 2. Streamlined operating and management structure

- Converted a large portion of our sales force to independent agents
  - Reduced layers of management
  - Decreased operational expenses

#### 3. Introduced technology and process enhancements across the organization

- Helping employees work more effectively and efficiently
  - Reduced administration costs

# Adjusted General Operating Expenses<sup>1</sup> ('000) & Operational Efficiency<sup>2</sup> (%)



Process improvements, salesforce re-designs, and technology enhancements have yielded lower total adjusted other general expenses<sup>1</sup>, as well as improved operational efficiency<sup>2</sup>.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Adjusted Other General Expenses exclude change-in-control expense related to a management departure in the amount of \$10 million incurred in 2020, a goodwill imparement of \$12.6 million incurred in 2021, and includes liability releases of approximately \$2 million incurred in each 2019, 2020, and 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Operational efficiency % is defined as Adjusted Other General Expenses as a percent of premium revenues.

### LIFE INSURANCE SEGMENT

### Customer and Product Initiatives

#### Improving retention

- Surrenders have shown steady improvement since 3Q 2021
- Renewal premium declines began to improve in 2021

#### **Growing product portfolio**

Launched three products:

#### International

#### Domestic

Whole Life 360™

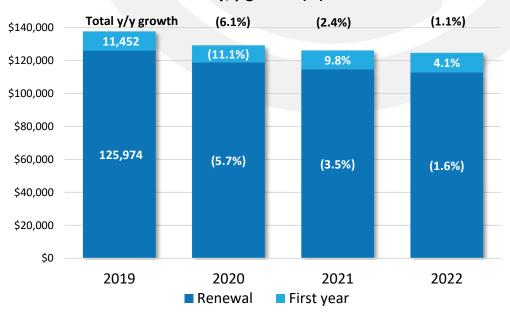
FreedomELITE

- Whole life products to the US Latino market
- Developing additional accident and health products for the international and U.S. domestic market

#### **Expanding into specialized markets and products**

- Professional athletics in the international markets
- White Label Products Bringing unique products to established distribution channels

#### Life Insurance Segment Premium Revenue ('000) and y/y growth (%)



Retention efforts began to stem the decline of renewal premiums starting in 3Q 2021. New products and improved sales practices had a positive impact on FY2021 and FY2022 first year premiums revenues, which grew 9.8% and 4.1%, respectively.



### HOME SERVICES INSURANCE SEGMENT

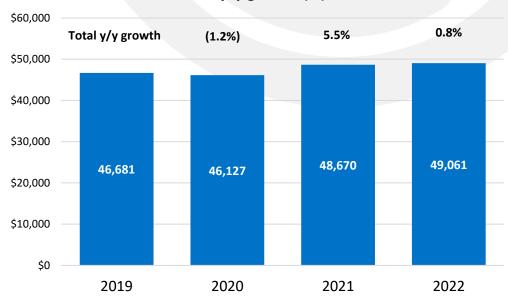
### Customer and Product Initiatives

#### Shifting revenue focus to *growth through new products*

- 1. Expanding our product offerings and increasing sales growth
  - Security Plan Plus<sup>1</sup>
- Higher face value whole life policies
- <u>Expanding target market</u> into higher-net-worth customers

- Critical Illness<sup>2</sup>
- Innovating new product classes
- Increasing flexibility for policyholders
- 2. Exploring new products and enhancements, including Accident & Health

# Home Service Segment Premium Revenue ('000) and y/y growth (%)



New products, marketing campaigns and process improvements helped drive total premium growth of 5.5% and 0.8%, in 2021 and 2022 respectively.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Security Plan Plus – Is a higher face value whole life product sold to customers in the domestic U.S. market

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Critical Illness – Offers a lump sum living benefit at the policyholder's discretion in the event of a covered critical illness

# Financial Overview



# LOW RISK PROFILE AND FINANCIAL STRENGTH

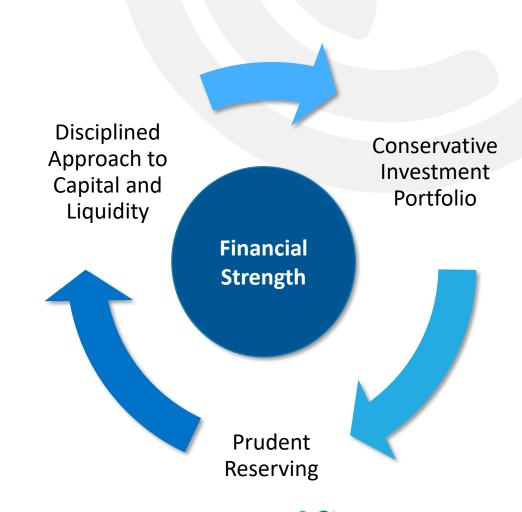
- Low risk business model and conservative balance sheet management drive our financial fortitude
- Strong balance sheet underpinned by a prudent approach to:
  - Investment portfolio mix
  - Loss reserving
  - Capital and liquidity
- Reinsure business with large global reinsurers







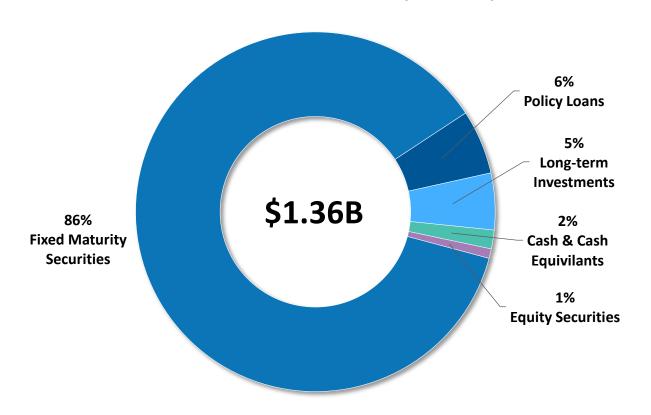






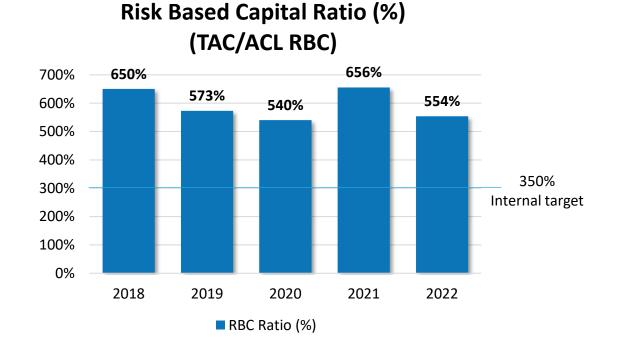
# INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO HIGH-QUALITY AND WELL-DIVERSIFIED

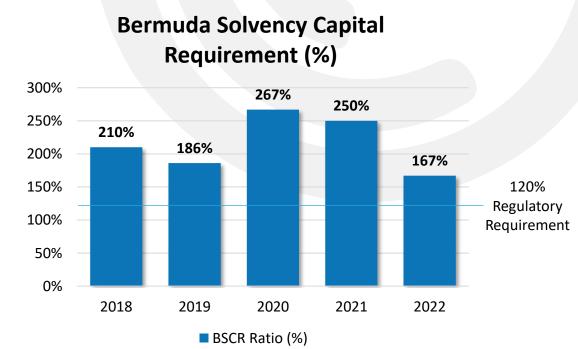
#### Cash and Invested Assets (FY 2022)



- Fixed income and cash securities represent 88% of the investment portfolio
- 99% of fixed income investments rated investment grade
- Annualized investment yield of 4.4%
- Diversified across asset class, sector, and issuer/borrower
- A average credit rating

### CAPITAL ADEQUACY AND LIQUIDITY





#### **Solid Liquidity**

- Parent company cash and investments totaling ~\$30 million
- Consistently have net cash provided from operating activities
- Access to \$20 million line of credit

# **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2Q 2023**

#### **GAAP Financial Results**

As of and for the periods ended	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,			
(In thousands, except per share data)		2023	2022		2023	2022		
Total Revenues	\$	58,527 \$	53,734	\$	114,441 \$	109,091		
Net income		6,126	2,492		10,998	8,941		
Diluted EPS		0.12	0.05		0.22	0.18		
Stockholders' equity, end of period		146,846	123,324		146,846	123,324		
Book value per Class A common share		2.96	2.46		2.96	2.46		

#### **Adjusted Operating Financial Results**

As of and for the periods ended (In thousands, except per share data)		Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,			
		2023		2022		2023		2022
Income (loss) before federal income tax	\$	6,044	\$	3,966	\$	12,759	\$	11,144
Total Adjustments		(356)		(4,558)		(589)		(4,666)
Adjusted income (loss) before federal income tax		6,400		8,524		13,348		15,810
Adjusted Stockholders' equity, end of period <sup>2</sup>		275,209		248,876		275,209		248,876
Adjusted Book value per Class A common share <sup>2</sup>		5.55		4.96		5.55		4.96

#### **2Q 2023 Performance Highlights**

- Revenues grew 9% y/y driven by new business
- Profitability improvement
- Book value per share (GAAP) grew 20% y/y, and book value per share excluding AOCI grew 12% y/y



<sup>1,2</sup>Additional information and disclosures related to Adjusted Operating Financial Results can be found in the appendix under the heading "Explanatory Notes on Use of Non-GAAP Measure."

### **KEY INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Unique Market Position**

- A Leader in USD-denominated whole life products, internationally
- Strong brand awareness among Latin American policy holders
- End-to-end transactions in <u>Spanish</u>,
   Portuguese, <u>Mandarin</u>, and <u>English</u>

#### **Clear Growth Opportunities**

- Large unmet need for specialized insurance products in US Latino market
- Existing licenses in 31 states
- Continued growth in specialized markets:
  - · White labeled products
  - Professional Athletics
  - Brokers, Affinity Groups

#### **Executing on Goals**

- Improving first year sales trends
- Strong initial demand for new products
- Retention efforts are succeeding
  - Renewal premiums are higher
  - Claims and surrenders are lower
- <u>Reducing expenses</u> through cost management and process improvements

# **Expanding Distribution Capabilities**

- Enhanced recruitment and training of independent consultants (IC)
- Clear and defined runway for geographic expansion
- Digital sales and servicing platforms

#### **Financial Strength**

- Low risk business model and conservative balance sheet management
- Ample liquidity and consistent net operating cash flows
- Reinsure with large globally recognized reinsures



# Appendix



#### **Explanatory Notes on Use of Non-GAAP Measures**

#### <sup>1</sup>Adjusted Operating Income

Adjusted Operating Income is a non-GAAP measure that is computed as pre-tax GAAP operating income, excluding net investment related gains (losses) and unusual one-time items. Management believes that this metric is meaningful, as it allows investors to evaluate underlying profitability and enhances comparability across periods, by excluding items that are heavily impacted by investment market fluctuations and other economic factors and are not indicative of operating trends. Management believes that the pre-tax metric is a more useful comparison than the post-tax metric, as the Company's effective tax rate can fluctuate significantly from quarter-to-quarter.

#### Reconciliation of Adjusted Income (Loss) Before Federal Income Tax

For the periods ended		ree Months En	ded June 30,	Six Months Ended June 30,			
Unaudited (In thousands)		2023	2022		2023	2022	
Income (loss) before federal income tax	\$	6,044	3,966	\$	12,759	11,144	
Less:							
Investment related gains (losses)		703	(5,016)		415	(5,598)	
Property insurance business income (loss)		(1,059)	458		(1,004)	932	
Adjusted income (loss) before federal income tax	\$	6,400	8,524	\$	13,348	15,810	

### **Explanatory Notes on Use of Non-GAAP Measures, Continued**

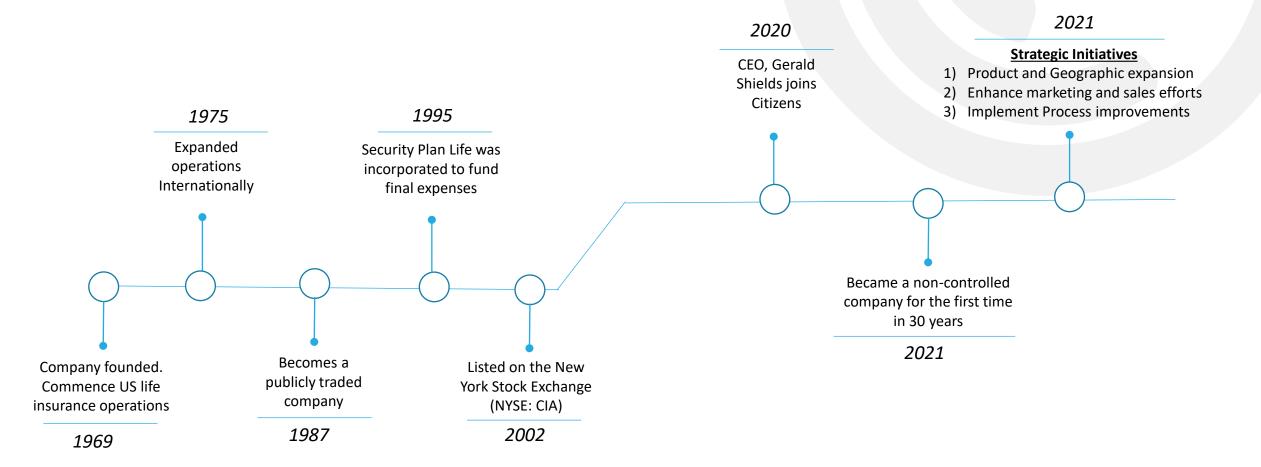
#### <sup>2</sup>Adjusted Book Value Per Class A Common Share

Adjusted book value per Class A common share is a non-GAAP measure that is calculated by dividing actual Class A common stockholders' equity, excluding AOCI, by the number of Class A common shares outstanding at the end of the period. Management believes this metric is meaningful, as it allows investors to evaluate underlying book value growth by excluding the impact of interest rate volatility

#### Reconciliation of Stockholders' Equity and Book Value Per Class A Common Share

	As of June 30,					
Unaudited (In thousands, except per share data)		2023	2022			
Stockholders' equity, end of period	\$	146,846	123,324			
Less: Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (AOCI)		(128, 363)	(125,552)			
Stockholders' equity, end of period, excluding AOCI	\$	275,209	248,876			
Book value per Class A common share - diluted	\$	2.96	2.46			
Less: Per share impact of AOCI		(2.59)	(2.50)			
Book value per Class A common share - diluted, excluding AOCI	\$	5.55	4.96			

## **COMPANY TIMELINE**



# **DEDICATED & EXPERIENCED MANAGEMENT TEAM** INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM WITH BROAD CAPABILITIES

**GERALD W. SHIELDS** 

President and CEO





**CEO Since** 2020

ROBERT M. MAULDIN, III

Vice President, Chief Marketing Officer

HARVEY J. L. WAITE

**CMO Since** 2017



Bank of America

JEFFERY P.CONKLIN

Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Investment Officer

**CFO Since** 2019





Vice President, Chief Actuary

**Chief Actuary** Since 2017





SHERYL KINLAW

Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary





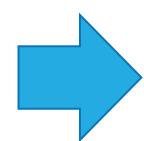
**CLO Since** 2021



# POLICY RETENTION IMPROVING SURRENDER BENEFITS AND RENEWAL TRENDS

#### Executing on strategic initiatives to improve overall policy retention

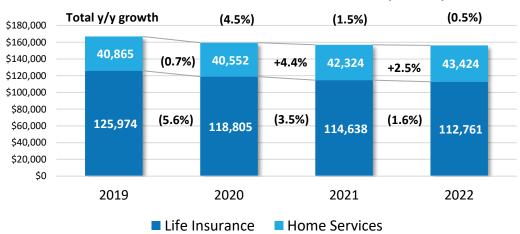
- Formed a retention steering team
- Expanded offerings of surrender alternatives
- Enhanced collection efforts among independent distributers
- Selling into higher-income demographics
- Continued enhancements to the customer experience



Continuing to improve Policy
Retention across all markets

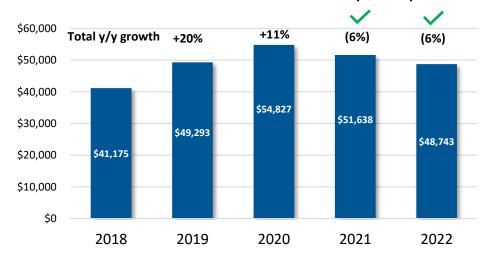
**Exceeded 120% of 2021 retention goals** 

#### Renewal Premium Revenue ('000)



Total renewal premium trends improved in 2021 and 2022, driven y/y growth Home Services Insurance segment, and improving trends in the Life Insurance segment.

#### Total Surrender Benefits ('000)



Surrenders benefits improved in both 2021 and 2022, decreasing by 6% in both years, driven by strategic initiatives designed to improve retention and mitigate surrenders.