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In this presentation, we may refer to some non-GAAP financial measures, including, among others, operating income, operating income excluding catastrophes, operating return on equity, underwriting gain (loss), GAAP combined ratio excluding catastrophes and prior year development and adjusted and tangible book value per common share. For a reconciliation of these measures to the most comparable GAAP measures and a glossary of financial measures, we refer you to the press release and financial supplement that we have made available with our quarterly earnings release which is available on the Travelers website under the investor section (www.travelers.com).



## Travelers: A High Performing Company with Sustainable Competitive Advantages

➤ An industry leader, with consistent strong performance

	Operating						
	Income Per Income Diluted Share ROE						
2007	\$4.5 Billion	\$6.71	17.7%				
2006	\$4.2 Billion	\$5.90	17.9%				
2005	\$2.0 Billion	\$2.90	9.6%				

- Very strong balance sheet
  - Negligible asset exposure and defined liability exposure to recent sub-prime market dislocations
- > Ability to manage through a more competitive environment
  - Successful experience in the 1990's by this management team
  - Reputation and superior position with distributors resulting in higher retentions
  - Industry leading analytics
  - Unique product breadth
  - Focus on new product development



#### Comparison of 2007 Performance and 2008 Guidance

2007 operating income per diluted share <sup>1</sup> Operating return on equity		\$6.71 17.7%
Net favorable prior year reserve development Lower than expected level of catastrophe losses Timing impact of transition to fixed, value based agent compensation program Resolution of prior year tax matters	(0.52) (0.36) (0.16) (0.13)	(1.17)
2008 margin compression of 1 point (1% of 2007 earned premiums of \$21.5 billion or \$215 pre-tax)		(0.21)
2008 reduction in non-fixed income portfolio returns (2007 \$431 million vs 4Q07 annualized of \$244)		(0.28)
Change in weighted average diluted shares due to repurchase program (Weighted average diluted shares of 672 in 2007 and 618 in 2008)		0.44 \$5.49
Guidance provided  Approximate operating return on equity		\$5.40 to \$5.75 13% to 14%

TRAVELERS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For a reconciliation of the company's operating income per share to net income per share, see page 2 of the financial supplement attached to our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2007 earnings release furnished with the SEC.

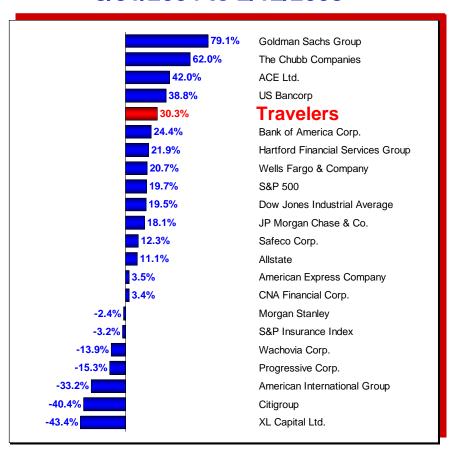
 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Assumptions underlying guidance are set forth in our  $4^{\text{th}}$  quarter 2007 earnings release furnished with the SEC.

#### Total Return<sup>1</sup> Since Travelers / St. Paul Merger

#### 3/31/2004 to 12/31/2007

#### 112.8% Goldman Sachs Group 69.8% The Chubb Companies 55.4% ACE Ltd. 46.9% **Travelers** Hartford Financial Services Group 46.8% 34.7% **US Bancorp** 32.0% Safeco Corp. 30.4% S&P 500 28.1% Dow Jones Industrial Average 25.9% Allstate 23.4% CNA Financial Corp. 20.7% Morgan Stanley 20.5% Wells Fargo & Company 19.8% Bank of America Corp. 18.0% JP Morgan Chase & Co. 12.7% S&P Insurance Index 4.1% American Express Company -3.6% Progressive Corp. -6.0% Wachovia Corp. -15.6% American International Group -27.4% XL Capital Ltd.

#### 3/31/2004 to 2/12/2008



Travelers has significantly outperformed the S&P 500, Dow Jones and S&P insurance index



-33.8%

Citigroup

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes dividend reinvestment in security Source: Thomson Financial

#### Very Strong Financial Position

(\$ and shares in millions, except per share amounts)

	December 31,					
		2007		2006		
Debt	\$	6,242	6,242 \$ 5,7			
Preferred equity		112		129		
Common equity 1		25,884		24,553		
Total capital <sup>1</sup>	\$	32,238	\$	30,442		
Debt to total capital 1		19.4%		18.9%		
Common shares outstanding		627.8		678.3		
Book value per common share	\$	42.22	\$	36.86		
Adjusted book value per common share <sup>1</sup>	\$	41.23	\$	36.20		
Tangible book value per common share <sup>1</sup>	\$	34.74	\$	30.21		
Statutory surplus	\$	22,878	\$	20,945		
Holding company liquidity	\$	1,617	\$	1,447		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excludes FAS 115



#### Capital

- > At or above target levels for all rating agencies
- Under review for upgrade from Moody's (11/20/2007)
- > Continue to generate excess capital and repurchase shares
  - \$1.0 billion of share repurchases in 4Q 2007 and \$2.9 billion for full year 2007
  - Additional share repurchase authorization of \$5 billion on 1/28/2008

#### Leverage

- > Debt to total capital ratio below targets
- > Low level of maturing debt
  - 1Q 2008 \$400 million
     4Q 2008 \$149 million
     1Q 2009 \$134 million

#### Liquidity

- Holding company liquidity \$500 million above target level
- Not reliant on and not active in commercial paper market
- Substantial liquidity allows opportunistic access to capital markets

#### Very high credit quality investment portfolio

- > Fixed maturities portfolio average quality rating: AA1, AA+
- Pre-tax unrealized gain of \$937 million at 12/31/2007
- Negligible exposure to sub-prime / Alt-A mortgages, commercial mortgage-backed securities, SIV related assets and owned real estate
- Immaterial exposure to changes in ratings of municipal bond insurers

#### **Travelers Operating Strengths**

- Seasoned management team with experience through cycles
- Unparalleled product breadth and underwriting specialization
- Strong agency relationships with leading market position
- Ease of doing business
- Claim effectiveness
- Sophisticated business analytics



#### Travelers - Illustrative Business Statistics

Retention								
	1Q 06	<u>2Q 06</u>	<u>3Q 06</u>	4Q 06	<u>1Q 07</u>	<u>2Q 07</u>	<u>3Q 07</u>	<u>4Q 07</u>
Select Accounts	83%	83%	82%	79%	81%	82%	82%	83%
Commercial Accounts	86%	86%	87%	86%	86%	86%	85%	86%
Other Business Insurance	81%	80%	82%	81%	82%	80%	80%	81%
Financial Products	81%	83%	83%	82%	84%	85%	82%	86%
International	85%	78%	83%	85%	86%	84%	81%	86%
Automobile <sup>1,2</sup>	84%	84%	84%	83%	83%	83%	83%	83%
Homeowners & Other <sup>1</sup>	87%	87%	87%	87%	86%	86%	86%	86%

Continued historically high retentions

Renewal Price Change <sup>3</sup>								
	<u>1Q 06</u>	2Q 06	<u>3Q 06</u>	<u>4Q 06</u>	<u>1Q 07</u>	<u>2Q 07</u>	<u>3Q 07</u>	<u>4Q 07</u>
Select Accounts	3%	4%	5%	4%	3%	2%	2%	1%
Commercial Accounts	1%	3%	3%	-2%	-1%	-3%	-1%	-5%
Other Business Insurance	3%	5%	3%	1%	1%	-1%	-3%	-4%
Financial Products	7%	4%	5%	-1%	4%	-2%	1%	-1%
International	4%	5%	1%	-3%	0%	-2%	-1%	-2%
Automobile <sup>2</sup>	1%	1%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%
Homeowners & Other	5%	5%	6%	7%	9%	10%	8%	8%

Renewal price changes were slightly lower than recent quarters

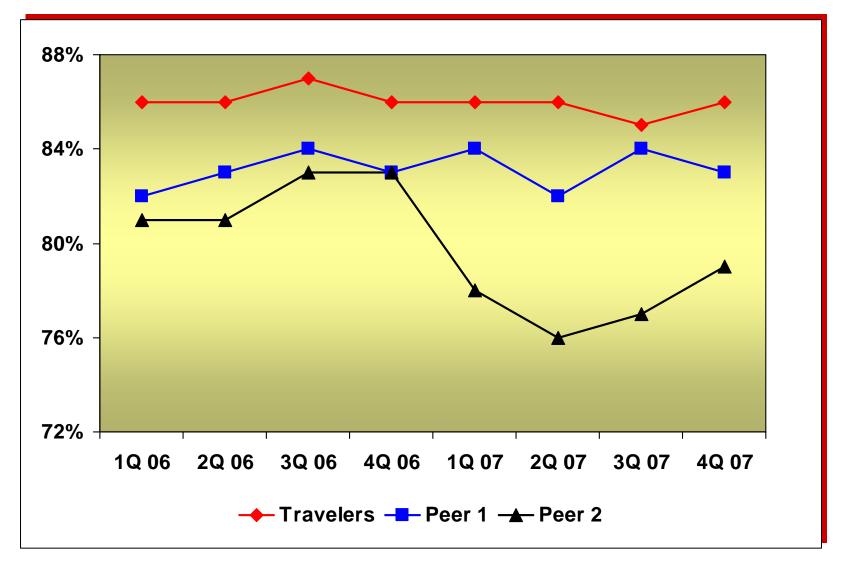
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Each percentage represents the estimated change in average premium on policies that renew, including rate and exposure changes, vs. the average premium on those same policies for their prior term.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The ratio of expected number of renewal policies that will be retained throughout the annual policy period to the number of available renewal base policies.

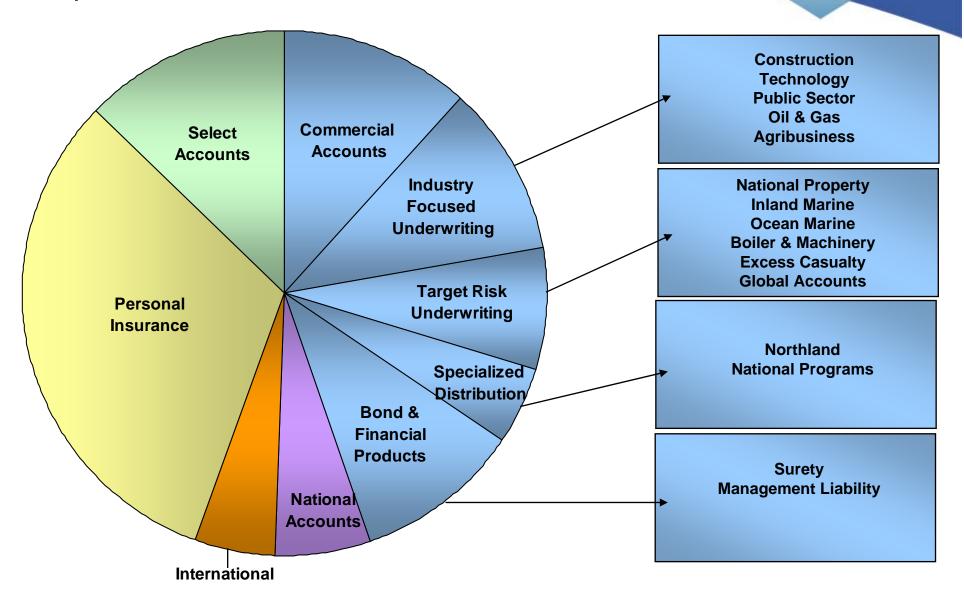
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Statistics for standard voluntary auto, excluding Massachusetts.

#### Retention: Commercial Lines Middle Market





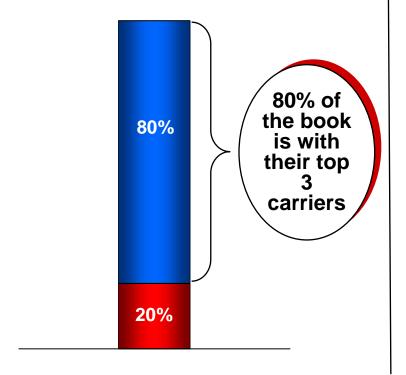
#### **Unique Product Breadth**





#### Powerful Relationship with Independent Agents

Average Share of Middle Market Written Premium With Top 3 Carriers <sup>1</sup>



#### Agency Preference <sup>2</sup>

Percentage of agents who responded that Travelers was one of the top 5 companies they do business with:

#### **Commercial Lines**

**#1. Travelers: 65%** 

#2. company: 43%

#### **Personal Lines**

**#1. Travelers: 43%** 

#2. company: 34%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: Goldman Sachs Agency Preference Survey, August 15, 2007.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: June 2007 Copernicus Market Research Telephone Survey; Booz Allen analysis.

#### **Our Mission**

#### **Create Shareholder Value**

Model in Place



## Management Liability Appendix



#### Management Liability – Portfolio Profile

(\$ in millions)

#### A well-diversified portfolio of management liability products

#### Management liability premiums estimated to be potentially exposed to sub-prime issues:

2007 Gross Writton Promium

	2007 Gross Written Freinium			
	Exposed 1	Not Exposed	Total	
Coverage				
Directors & Officers (D&O)	\$ 80	\$ 390	\$ 470	
Fiduciary	10	90	100	
Errors & Omissions (E&O)	125	530	655	
Other <sup>2</sup>	-	385	385	
Total Management Liability	\$ 215	\$ 1,395	\$ 1,610	
Exposed as a percentage of total management liability GWP	13.4%			

0.9%

Exposed as a percentage of total

TRV GWP



Includes accounts in directly impacted industries, including large financial institutions, sub-prime lenders, bond insurers, homebuilders and suppliers, etc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Other products not exposed include Fidelity, Crime, Employment Practices Liability and Identity Theft.

#### Management Liability - Exposed Policy Information

- Claims-made policies
  - Contains cumulative exposure vs. occurrence policies
  - Defense costs inside limits
- Profile of exposed policies

	Gross Policy <u>Limits</u>	Gross Average <u>Policy Limits</u>	Percentage of GWP Primary / Excess	Average Excess Attachment <u>Point</u>
D&O, Fiduciary, E&O	\$5 - 25 million	\$7 million	40% / 60%	\$40 million
D&O only	\$5 - 25 million	\$8 million	30% / 70%	\$52 million

- Reinsurance generally limits the maximum retention to \$12 million per policy, subject to an approximate annual aggregate of \$375 million
- Since March 2007, increasingly incorporated consideration of sub-prime concerns into the company's underwriting approach.



#### Management Liability - Exposed Policy Analysis

- In-depth review of exposed policies
  - Step 1: Individual accounts with reported claims or notices of potential claims
  - Step 2: Individual accounts with heightened risk (accounts with credit-related announcements or individual accounts with particular risk characteristics, such as large financial institutions, sub-prime lenders, bond insurers, and homebuilders and suppliers, etc.)
  - Step 3: Aggregate actuarial review of all remaining accounts
- Individual accounts reviewed by a team of specialists from claim, actuarial and underwriting. Reviews consisted of:
  - Current circumstances and information available-to-date
  - Coverage structure, including product, limit and attachment point
  - Reinsurance limit, application and availability



### Management Liability - Exposed Policies Reported Claims or Notices of Potential Claims (as of 12-31-07)

(\$ in millions)

		Number	Average Gross Limit	Ex	erage cess chment
Primary	D&O	3	\$ 12		
	Other	2	6		
	Subtotal / Average	5	10		
Excess	D&O	16	11	\$	60
	D&O: A-side only <sup>1</sup>	5	18		134
	Other	4	6		23
	Subtotal / Average	25	12		69
	Total / Average	30	\$ 11	\$	69

- The 2007 financial statements and the 2008 guidance incorporate estimates for subprime losses and, in the aggregate, reflect the results of the in-depth review of exposed management liability accounts
- ➤ The estimate for sub-prime losses in the 2008 guidance is not materially different from the estimated losses for 2007; and we expect the management liability business will continue to meet the company's return thresholds in 2008 as it did in 2007



A-side only policies provide coverage to directors and officers to the extent a company cannot or is unable to indemnify them. Not included is entity securities coverage and company indemnification coverage.

#### Disclosure

- For further information please see Travelers reports filed with the SEC pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 which are available at the SEC's website (www.sec.gov)
- Copies of this presentation are publicly available on the Travelers website (www.travelers.com)



