Selective Insurance Group, Inc.

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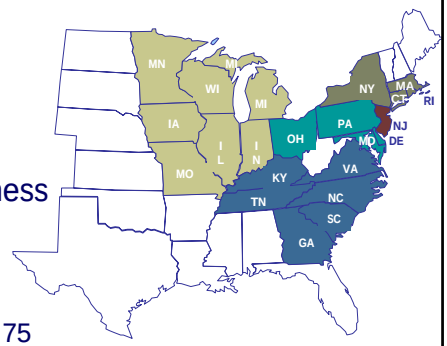
Selective Profile

- 22-state super-regional
  - $1.5B NPW
    - 86% commercial lines
    - 14% personal lines
- Distribution partner with 940 independent agents
- High-Tech, High-Touch™ business model
- History of financial strength
  - A.M. Best rated "A" or better for 75 years, and "A+" for past 47 years



Only 10% of P&C carriers rated A+ or better

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A Foundation of Financial Strength

- Conservative investment portfolio
- Disciplined reserving practices
- Strong reinsurance program
- High-quality capital

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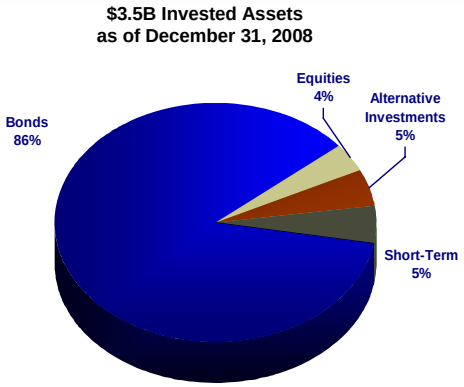
Conservative Investment Portfolio

- Average "AA+" bond quality
- Approximately 3.5 year average duration
- Equities outperformed S&P 500 for past nine years
- Alternative investments outperformed S&P 500: by 2700 bps in 2008 and nearly 1000 bps since 1997 on an annualized basis



Most asset classes became correlated in 2008

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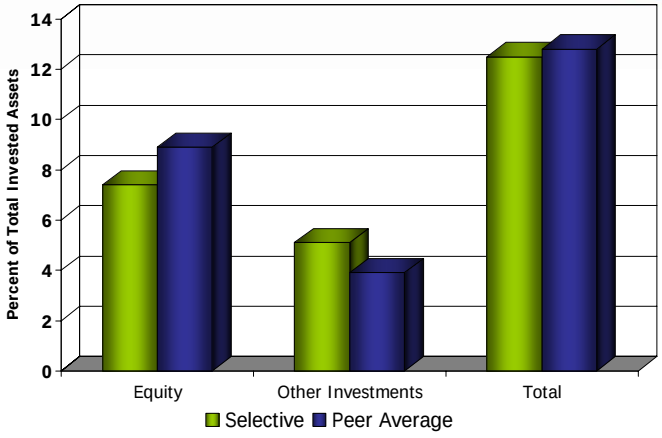
Asset Allocation to Equities and Other Investments
As of December 2007



Economic benefit of alternative investments: $30M over 10 years

Source: A.M. Best, Barclays Capital
Peers include: CB, CINF, CNA, THG, HIG, Liberty Mutual, PHLY, SAF, STFC, TRV, WRB

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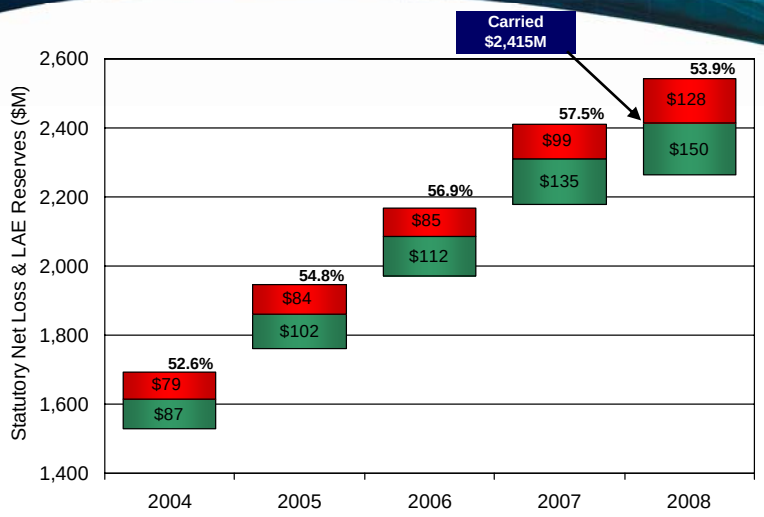
Disciplined Reserving Practices

Actuarial Reserve Ranges



Calendar Year Reserve Development (pre-tax)	($10M)	($5M)	$7M	$16M	$18M

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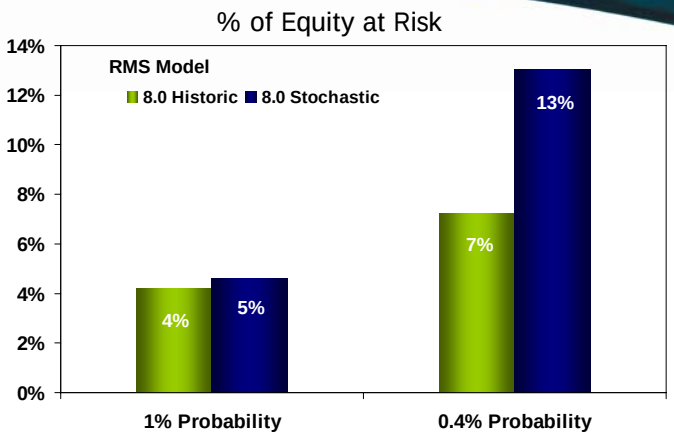
Strong Natural Catastrophe Program



CAT cover: $310M in excess of $40M

Percentages are net of tax, reinsurance and reinstatement premium.
RMS data as of 6/30/08; Equity data as of 12/31/08.

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High Quality Capital
Strong Liquidity Position

- Premium to surplus: 1.7x
- Debt to total capitalization:
  - Total: 23.5%
  - Adjusted: 17.0%
- Weighted average life of debt: 36 years
- Ended 2008 with $200 million cash
  - $60 million at holding company
  - $140 million at insurance subsidiaries
- $50 million syndicated line of credit

Sustainable growth rate of 5%

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Long-Term Shareholder Value Creation

Investment portfolio recovered approximately $30M or $0.57 per share in January 2009

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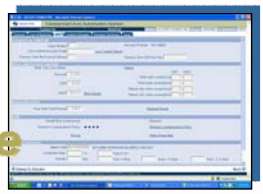
Cycle Management

Greg Murphy



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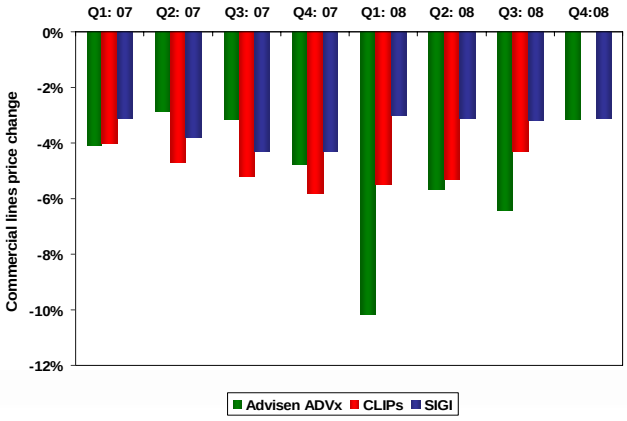
Commercial Lines Pricing Continues to Decline

Selective gave up less price than competitors in 2008:
(3.1)% versus (5.8)%



Sources: Advisen and Tillinghast CLIPs

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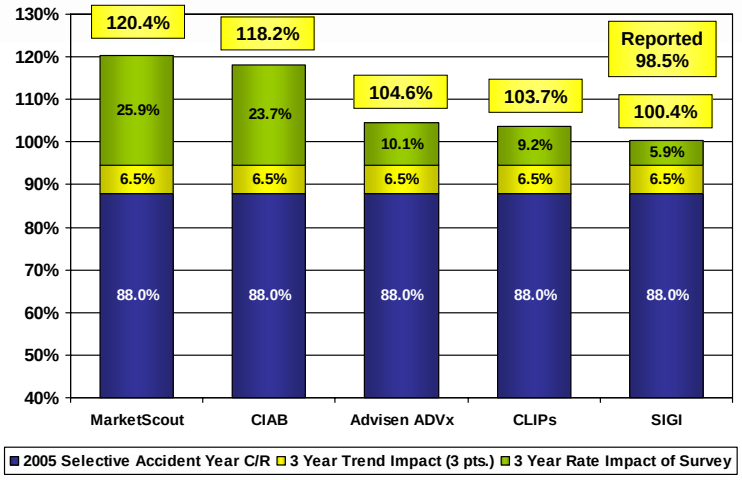
Estimated Commercial Lines Statutory Combined Ratios
Based on Various Rating Surveys Pricing Impact



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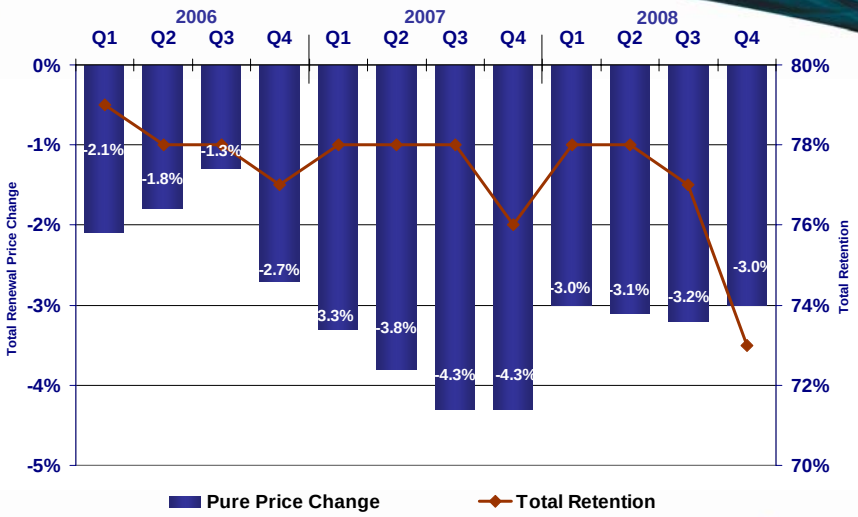
Commercial Lines Pure Price vs. Retention



January 2009 pure price decline of -1.5%

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Profitable Growth through Segmentation

Business Segments	12/31/08 3 year Combined Ratio	Growth	Market Penetration	2008 DPW Growth by Quartile
Segment 1	68.7%			New & Renewal +4%
Segment 20	85.8%			
Segment 21	86.3%			New & Renewal +1%
Segment 40	95.3%			
Segment 41	95.6%			New & Renewal -2%
Segment 60	101.0%			
Segment 61	101.2%			New & Renewal -5%
Segment 80	120.2%			

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Knowledge Management
The Power of Predictive Modeling

Commercial Lines	Operating Return on Equity		
% C/L Book	New (%)	Renewal (%)	Total (%)
Worst 5% (1 Diamond)	(43.3)	(59.3)	(57.4)
Best 95%	0.7	13.4	10.6
Total Commercial	(0.5)	11.0	8.5

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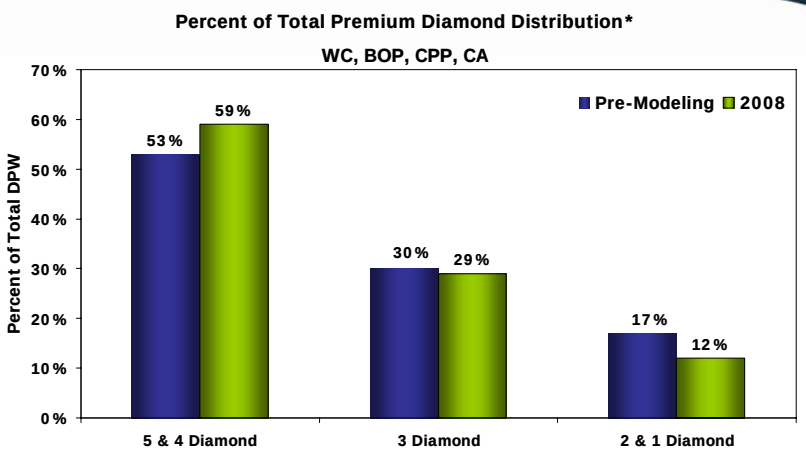
Quality of New Business



*For lines < $50,000

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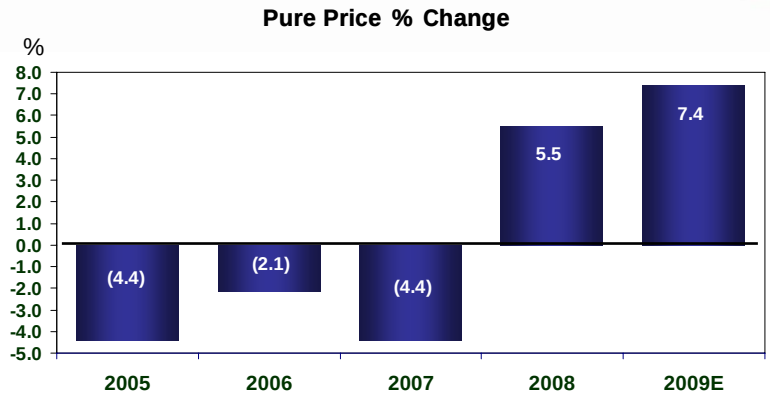
Personal Auto Pricing



MATRIX improving quality and pricing of book

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"There will be a flight to quality…"

"…super-regionals like Selective are attracting the top independent agents in the country, there's going to be a flight to good companies like Selective [who have] taken on the role that nationals used to play as far as loyalty and quality of service and excellence"

Robert Rusboldt
President and CEO
Independent Insurance Agents
and Brokers of America

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