

# CINCINNATI FINANCIAL CORPORATION

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# Cincinnati Financial Corporation Reports Record Fourth-Quarter and Full-Year 2003 Results

- Fourth-quarter net income reached \$130 million, or 80 cents per share, compared with \$56 million, or 35 cents
  - 2003 net income reached \$374 million, or \$2.31 per share, compared with \$238 million, or \$1.46
    - 2003 results included \$38 million fourth-quarter pretax release of Ohio UM/UIM reserves and \$23 million third-quarter pretax recovery from negotiated settlement
      - Property casualty full-year underwriting profit rose to record \$140 million
        - Book value per share gained 11.7% to record high of \$38.69

Cincinnati, February 4, 2004—Cincinnati Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: CINF) today reported full-year 2003 net income of \$374 million, or \$2.31 per diluted share, up 57.0 percent from \$238 million, or \$1.46 per share, in 2002. Net income per share included net realized investment losses of 17 cents in 2003 versus losses of 38 cents in 2002. Reflecting the Ohio Supreme Court's November 2003 decision to limit its earlier Scott-Pontzer ruling, pretax results included the fourth-quarter 2003 release of \$38 million in uninsured motorist/underinsured motorist (UM/UIM) reserves. Further, as the result of a settlement negotiated with a vendor, full-year pretax results also included the third-quarter recovery of \$23 million of the \$39 million one-time, pretax charge incurred in 2000 to write off previously capitalized software development costs.

Revenues from pretax investment income, the primary source of profits, rose 4.7 percent to \$465 million for the year. Total revenues advanced \$338 million, or 11.9 percent, to \$3.181 billion.

# Financial Highlights\*

(Dollars in millions, except share data)	F	ourth Qu	arter	Ended	Twelve Months Ended					
		Decen	ıber 3	1,		Decem	ber 3	1,		
		2003		2002		2003		2002		
Income Statement Data										
Net income	\$	130	\$	56	\$	374	\$	238		
Negotiated settlement – software cost recovery		-		-		15		-		
Net income before recovery*	\$	130	\$	56	\$	359	\$	238		
Net realized investment gains and losses		2		(40)		(27)		(62)		
Operating income before recovery*	\$	128	\$	96	\$	386	\$	300		
Per Share Data (diluted)										
Net income	\$	0.80	\$	0.35	\$	2.31	\$	1.46		
Negotiated settlement – software cost recovery		-		-		0.09		-		
Net income before recovery*	\$	0.80	\$	0.35	\$	2.22	\$	1.46		
Net realized investment gains and losses		0.01		(0.24)		(0.17)		(0.38)		
Operating income before recovery*	\$	0.79	\$	0.59	\$	2.39	\$	1.84		
Cash dividend declared		0.25		0.2225		1.00		0.89		
Book value		-		-		38.69		34.65		
Average shares outstanding	162	,215,733	162	2,500,454	161	,716,324	163	,193,184		

<sup>\*</sup> The Definitions of Non-GAAP Information and Reconciliation to Comparable GAAP Measures on Page 10 of this news release defines and reconciles measures presented in this release that are not based on Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (non-GAAP).

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer John J. Schiff, Jr., CPCU, commented, "By any measure, 2003 was an excellent year for our company as we essentially achieved or exceeded the targets we set for the year. Full-year 2003 revenue and income reached record levels. The healthier equity markets and our strong insurance results led to record assets, equity and book value. Our 94.7 percent combined ratio was the best it has been in more than 10 years. Bottom line, we are reaping the rewards of our initiatives to provide a stable market for our agencies' best business.

"As a result, full-year operating income before the recovery gained 28.7 percent to \$2.39 per share, including a benefit of 15 cents from the released UM/UIM reserves. This compared with operating income of \$1.84 in 2002. These results confirm our conviction that our strategy is working," Schiff said.

After higher-than-normal catastrophe losses in the first nine months of 2003, catastrophe losses in the fourth quarter were in line with the company's expectations. For the full year, catastrophe losses totaled \$97 million, contributing 3.6 percentage points to the combined ratio and reducing after-tax earnings per share by 39 cents. In 2002, catastrophe losses totaled \$87 million, also contributing 3.6 percentage points to the combined ratio and reducing after-tax earnings per share by 35 cents.

# **UM/UIM Reserve Release Boosts Fourth-Quarter Results**

For the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2003, net income rose 130.4 percent to \$130 million, or 80 cents per share. Operating income rose 33.1 percent to \$128 million, or 79 cents per share.

Total revenues advanced \$117 million to \$840 million, up 16.3 percent over the fourth quarter of last year. Revenues from pretax investment income rose 4.2 percent to \$118 million from \$114 million in last year's fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter of 2003, the company released \$38 million pretax in previously established UM/UIM reserves following the Ohio Supreme Court's limiting of its 1999 *Scott-Pontzer v. Liberty Mutual* decision. That action added \$25 million, or 15 cents per share, to after-tax net income. Up to \$37 million in additional case reserves may be released in coming quarters as the company continues to review pending claims in light of the recent court decision.

As background, in 1999, the Ohio Supreme Court's decision in *Scott-Pontzer v. Liberty Mutual* greatly increased insurer exposure on commercial auto insurance policies. Additionally, the same court's 2000 decision in *Linko v. Indemnity* effectively caused insurers to extend UM/UIM coverage, at the newly increased level of exposure, to every auto insurance policy in Ohio at no additional premium. The court rulings affected all auto insurers in the state. In the November 2003 decision to limit the Scott-Pontzer decision, the court ruled that an employer's commercial automobile insurance policy covers only injured employees and only when the accident happens in the course and scope of their employment.

### **Property Casualty Insurance Operations**

(Dollars in millions - GAAP)	ŀ	Fourth Qua Decem			,	Ended 31,		
		2003		2002		2003		2002
Income Statement Data								
Earned premiums	\$	690	\$	642	\$	2,653	\$	2,393
Loss and loss expenses excluding catastrophe losses		408		423		1,700		1,658
Catastrophe losses		7		21		97		87
Underwriting expenses		200		166		716		641
Underwriting profit	\$	75	\$	32	\$	140	\$	7
Underwriting profit before recovery*	\$	75	\$	32	\$	117	\$	7
Ratio Data								
Loss and loss expenses excluding catastrophe losses		59.1%		65.8%		64.1%		69.3%
Catastrophe losses		1.0		3.3		3.6		3.6
Underwriting expenses		29.0		25.9		27.0		26.8
Combined ratio		89.1%		95.0%		94.7%		99.7%
Combined ratio before recovery*		89.1%		95.0%		95.5%		99.7%

<sup>\*</sup> Values that exclude the recovery are discussed in the attached Definitions of Non-GAAP Information and Reconciliation to Comparable GAAP Measures.

Statutory net written premiums of the property casualty insurance affiliates on an adjusted basis rose 14.2 percent to \$698 million for the fourth quarter compared with \$612 million in last year's fourth quarter (adjusted for the effect of a refinement adopted in 2002 of the company's estimation process for matching written premiums to policy effective dates). Full-year statutory net written premiums on an adjusted basis rose 11.8 percent to \$2.789 billion from \$2.496 billion.

Fourth-quarter new business written directly by the company's agents was \$87 million, up 12.1 percent over last year, as growth in commercial lines new business offset a decline in personal lines new business. Full-year new business rose 3.4 percent to \$328 million.

The fourth-quarter 2003 combined ratio was 89.1 percent, including a 5.5 percentage-point benefit from the release of UM/UIM reserves. For the full year, the combined ratio before the software recovery improved to 95.5 percent, including a 1.4 percentage-point benefit from the reserve release, compared with a 99.7 percent full-year combined ratio for 2002.

"Beyond the benefit of the release of the UM/UIM reserves, the improvement in fourth-quarter and full-year loss results for the property casualty operations reflected growth in premiums, in particular more adequate premiums per policy, and the ongoing benefits of the commercial lines re-underwriting program," Schiff said. "The improved loss and loss expense ratio more than offset the anticipated rise in underwriting expenses primarily related to the higher contingent commission expense we incurred in the second half of this year.

"We continue to rely on our agents as frontline underwriters who know the businesses and individuals in their communities, and we continue to work with agents and policyholders on managing risk. Our loss control services are available in most areas for all of our agencies' commercial clients, not just for the larger, potentially more complex risks. Our agent education programs now include in-depth training focused on construction risks as well as classes to enhance agents' skills in determining proper building valuation. These types of programs work hand-in-hand with our underwriting effort to improve results," Schiff said.

"All of the technology initiatives we have under way are making great strides, including WinCPP, our online system for commercial lines policy quoting, and Diamond, our personal lines processing system." Schiff added, "A highlight of the fourth quarter and the year was the rollout of our new claims management system (CMS). Our property casualty companies consistently rank high in independent industry surveys measuring customer satisfaction with speed and fairness of claims service. CMS supports our continued commitment to providing exemplary claims service with a personal touch. It lifts the administrative burden from our field claims representatives, allowing them to spend more time with people and less time with paper."

#### **Commercial Lines**

(Dollars in millions - GAAP)	F	ourth Qua Decem		Twelve Months End December 31,					
		2003	2002		2003		2002		
Income Statement Data									
Earned premiums	\$	498	\$ 468	\$	1,908	\$	1,723		
Loss and loss expenses excluding catastrophe losses		281	316		1,176		1,170		
Catastrophe losses		14	6		42		40		
Underwriting expenses		144	114		523		454		
Underwriting profit	\$	59	\$ 32	\$	167	\$	59		
Underwriting profit before recovery*	\$	59	\$ 32	\$	152	\$	59		
Ratio Data									
Loss and loss expenses excluding catastrophe losses		56.5%	67.4%		61.6%		68.0%		
Catastrophe losses		2.9	1.3		2.2		2.3		
Underwriting expenses		29.1	24.5		27.4		26.3		
Combined ratio		88.5%	93.2%		91.2%		96.6%		
Combined ratio before recovery*		88.5%	93.2%		92.0%		96.6%		

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Statutory net written premiums for commercial lines of insurance on an adjusted basis rose 14.7 percent to \$507 million for the fourth quarter compared with \$443 million in last year's fourth quarter (adjusted for the effect of a refinement adopted in 2002 of the company's estimation process for matching written premiums to policy effective dates). Full-year commercial lines statutory net written premiums on an adjusted basis rose 11.9 percent to \$2.009 billion from \$1.796 billion.

Fourth-quarter commercial lines new business written directly by the company's agents increased 17.6 percent to \$73 million. Full-year commercial lines new business rose 6.8 percent to \$268 million.

The fourth-quarter 2003 commercial lines combined ratio was 88.5 percent, including a 7.7 percentage-point benefit from the release of UM/UIM reserves. For the full year, the combined ratio before the software recovery improved to 92.1 percent, including a 2.0 percentage-point benefit from the reserve release, compared with a 96.6 percent full-year combined ratio for 2002.

Schiff commented, "Even without taking into account the benefit of the UM/UIM reserve release, for the full year we saw loss and loss expense ratio improvement in the commercial multi-peril, commercial auto and other liability business lines, with the workers' compensation line essentially even with 2002. The improvements bode well for 2004 and reflect the benefits of the re-underwriting program of the past three years and growth in premiums.

"While we may see some fluctuation in loss and loss expense ratios for individual lines, our emphasis is on package business, and that means our success is best measured on overall commercial lines results," Schiff said. "The combined ratio for the full year marked our best commercial lines results in many years. We believe market conditions will allow us to further improve on that mark in 2004 while continuing to achieve satisfactory growth.

"While there may be striking differences in market conditions from one area to another, in most markets, disciplined underwriting remains the norm, not the exception. There is more competition for high-quality accounts, particularly from other regional carriers, but there seems to be little inclination to aggressively price average accounts. The regional and national carriers that are targeting small accounts continue to make their presence known in that market segment," Schiff noted.

"We are addressing these conditions with the same philosophy that has guided us for more than 50 years," Schiff commented. "Our agencies' doors are open to us, and we bring to the table both stability and a willingness to evaluate each account individually. We will win our share of the business, and we'll do it by focusing on relationships between our field associates and agents as well as between those agents and policyholders in their communities. We will continue to emphasize subdivided territories that enhance service, package programs, high-quality claims service and industry-leading financial strength. Our objectives remain steady growth and further improvements in profitability."

#### **Personal Lines**

(Dollars in millions - GAAP)	F	Fourth Qua Decem		Twelve Months Ender December 31,						
		2003	2002		2003		2002			
Income Statement Data										
Earned premiums	\$	192	\$ 174	\$	745	\$	670			
Loss and loss expenses excluding catastrophe losses		127	107		524		487			
Catastrophe losses		(7)	15		55		47			
Underwriting expenses		56	52		193		187			
Underwriting profit (loss)	\$	16	\$ -	\$	(27)	\$	(51)			
Underwriting profit (loss) before recovery*	\$	16	\$ -	\$	(35)	\$	(51)			
Ratio Data										
Loss and loss expenses excluding catastrophe losses		65.8%	61.8%		70.3%		72.6%			
Catastrophe losses		(3.9)	8.6		7.3		7.1			
Underwriting expenses		28.8	29.9		26.0		27.9			
Combined ratio		90.7%	100.3%		103.6%		107.6%			
Combined ratio before recovery*		90.7%	100.3%		104.7%		107.6%			

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Statutory net written premiums for personal lines of insurance on an adjusted basis rose 12.8 percent to \$191 million for the fourth quarter compared with \$169 million in last year's fourth quarter (adjusted for the effect of a refinement adopted in 2002 of the company's estimation process for matching written premiums to policy effective dates). Full-year personal lines statutory net written premiums on an adjusted basis rose 11.4 percent to \$780 million from \$700 million.

Fourth-quarter personal lines new business written directly by the company's agents was \$14 million compared with \$16 million in last year's fourth quarter. Full-year personal lines new business was \$60 million compared with \$66 million in 2002.

The fourth-quarter 2003 loss and loss expenses ratio excluding catastrophes was 65.8 percent compared with 61.8 percent. Primarily because of the change in catastrophe losses, the fourth-quarter 2003 combined ratio was 90.7 percent compared with 100.3 percent in last year's fourth quarter. For the full year, the combined ratio before the software recovery

improved to 104.7 percent compared with a 107.6 percent full-year combined ratio for 2002. The release of the UM/UIM reserves had essentially no impact on the personal lines fourth-quarter or full-year 2003 combined ratios.

Schiff commented, "Across the board in personal lines, our premium growth continues to be driven by higher premium rates. While we saw improvement in the personal lines combined ratio for the full year, we have not yet reached an overall performance level that we consider satisfactory.

"We continue to address homeowner results with a number of actions including re-underwriting programs with specific agencies, rate increases, deductible changes and modifications in policy terms and conditions. For example, 23 homeowner rate increases were effective in 2003 in 20 of the 25 states in which we write personal lines business. In 2004, another 16 rate increases already are planned. For personal auto, we are continuing to receive approval for low single-digit rate increases in 2004 that will build on the slightly higher increases of 2003.

"Coordinating with our agents to ensure quality underwriting and careful risk selection, we achieved our second highest annual level of new business. In addition, the new personal lines policy processing system will be deployed in 2004 to three of our largest personal lines states – Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. Our agencies in these states look forward to the advantages and efficiencies of the Diamond system that have been reported by our Kansas agencies since they began using it in 2002. We expect the deployment of Diamond will help lead to increased levels of new business."

Schiff noted, "While it will take time, we are committed to restoring profitability in our homeowner line, maintaining our package approach and achieving strong personal lines results."

# **Life Insurance Operations**

(In millions)	F	ourth Qu Decen		December 31,				
		2003	2002		2003		2002	
Earned premiums	\$	28	\$ 24	\$	96	\$	87	
Investment income, net of expenses		22	22		89		86	
Other income		1	0		2		0	
Total revenues excluding realized investment gains								
and losses	\$	51	\$ 46	\$	187	\$	173	
Policyholder benefits		26	23		91		83	
Expenses		17	14		53		53	
Total benefits and expenses	\$	43	\$ 37	\$	144	\$	136	
Income before income tax and realized investment								
gains and losses	\$	8	\$ 9	\$	43	\$	37	
Federal tax		3	3		14		12	
Income before realized investment gains								
and losses	\$	5	\$ 6	\$	29	\$	25	

The Cincinnati Life Insurance Company's fourth-quarter 2003 net earned premiums advanced 14.7 percent over last year. Income before realized investment gains and losses declined 14.7 percent to \$5 million due to an increase in policyholder benefits and in expenses related to the strong life company premium growth. Net income for the fourth quarter including realized net capital gains and losses rose 1.3 percent to \$7 million.

For the full year, net earned premiums rose 9.2 percent to \$96 million. Income before realized investment gains and losses rose 15.7 percent to \$29 million in 2003. Net income including realized net capital gains and losses rose 25.8 percent to \$22 million versus \$17 million for the comparable 2002 period.

Cincinnati Life President David H. Popplewell, FALU, LLIF, commented, "The life company had an excellent year. An 18.5 percent increase in policy face amounts in force to \$38.491 billion reflected a positive response to our products and services. In 2004, we will continue to maintain a competitive advantage for our agents by expanding our portfolio to include enhancements of our term life insurance products and a new long-term guaranteed universal life insurance product."

# **Investment Operations**

(In millions, pretax)	F	ourth Qu Decen		Т	welve Mo Decen	
		2003	2002		2003	2002
Investment income, net of expenses	\$	118	\$ 114	\$	465	\$ 445
Realized investment gains and losses:						
Valuation of embedded derivatives (SFAS No. 133)	\$	-	\$ 4	\$	9	\$ (4)
Other-than-temporary impairment charges		(3)	(60)		(80)	(98)
Realized investment gains and losses on security sales		7	(4)		30	8
Total realized investment gains and losses	\$	4	\$ (60)	\$	(41)	\$ (94)

Consolidated pretax investment income rose 4.2 percent for the fourth quarter and 4.7 percent for the full year, largely due to dividend increases announced during 2003 by companies in the equity portfolio. Last year, 29 of the 51 equity holdings in the portfolio announced dividend increases that totaled \$16 million on an annualized basis. Total realized investment gains were \$4 million in the fourth quarter, as the market sustained its overall recovery and fewer securities were impaired. Offsetting \$3 million in impairments in the fourth quarter were \$7 million in net gains from the sale of securities.

Chief Investment Officer Kenneth S. Miller, CLU, ChFC, commented, "Fourth-quarter and full-year growth for investment income reflected the satisfactory returns our bond and equity portfolios are generating. The contribution of dividends from our equity holdings was particularly significant, setting the stage for continued growth in the 3.5 percent to 4.5 percent range in 2004."

Miller added, "Strong cash flow led to substantial new investments during 2003. The \$179 million used for new portfolio investments in the fourth quarter brought the net year-to-date total to \$607 million. We have increased the quality of the bond portfolio, as rated by Standard & Poor's and Moody's, with purchases of U.S. agency paper and high-quality municipal bonds totaling \$631 million in 2003. Another \$199 million, including \$66 million in the fourth quarter, has been invested in common stocks in 2003, in line with our historical allocation."

#### **Balance Sheet**

(Dollars in millions)	Fourth Qua Decem			onths Ended nber 31,
	2003	2002	2003	2002
Balance Sheet Data				
Total assets	-	-	\$ 15,509	\$ 14,122
Invested assets	-	-	12,527	11,265
Shareholders' equity	-	-	6,204	5,598
Ratio Data				
Return on equity, annualized	8.7%	4.1%	6.3%	4.1%
Return on equity, annualized, based on comprehensive				
income	32.3	8.5	13.8	(4.0)

At December 31, 2003, total assets rose 9.8 percent to a record \$15.509 billion, up \$1.387 billion from year-end 2002. Shareholders' equity reached \$6.204 billion, up 10.8 percent or \$606 million from year-end 2002. Accumulated other comprehensive income totaled \$4.084 billion, up \$441 million from year-end 2002. Book value rose 11.7 percent to \$38.69 from \$34.65 at year-end 2002.

During the fourth quarter, the company repurchased 142,900 shares of Cincinnati Financial common stock at a total cost of \$6 million or \$40.41 per share. For the full year, 1.5 million shares were repurchased at a total cost of \$55 million, or \$36.36 per share. Approximately 5.3 million shares remain authorized by the board of directors for repurchase.

At year-end 2003, statutory policyholder surplus for the property casualty insurance group was \$2.780 billion, up 19.0 percent from year-end 2002. As a result, the ratio of net written premiums to surplus improved further to 1.01-to-1 from an already excellent 1.12-to-1 a year ago.

# **Outlook Positive for 2004**

Schiff commented, "The Cincinnati Insurance Companies are well positioned to benefit from the flight to quality that is occurring in the insurance marketplace. Cincinnati's superior financial strength ratings provide our agencies and their policyholders with comfort that we will be able to meet our obligations today and in the future.

"The strong results of 2003 add to the company's foundation of strength and stability. We bolster that foundation through continuous efforts to strengthen our service, reward our shareholders and position our company to comply with new governance regulations," Schiff said.

"As we begin the year, we are targeting full-year 2004 written premium growth in the high single digits. We believe our strategies will allow us to achieve a full-year 2004 GAAP combined ratio in the range of 95 percent. The target does not include the benefits we anticipate from additional UM/UIM reserve releases, and it assumes the combined ratio will include approximately 3.0 to 3.5 percentage points for catastrophe losses. We also have confidence in our ability to achieve investment income growth of 3.5 percent to 4.5 percent.

"Consistency and stability define our company and reward our agents, policyholders, associates and investors. In short, we are looking ahead to another year of consistently strong results," Schiff concluded.

For additional information or to register for this afternoon's conference call, please visit www.cinfin.com.

Cincinnati Financial Corporation offers property and casualty insurance, its main business, through The Cincinnati Insurance Company, The Cincinnati Indemnity Company and The Cincinnati Casualty Company. The Cincinnati Life Insurance Company markets life and disability income insurance and annuities. CFC Investment Company supports the insurance subsidiaries and their independent agent representatives through commercial leasing and financing activities. CinFin Capital Management Company provides asset management services to institutions, corporations and individuals. For additional information, please visit the company's Web site at www.cinfin.com.

This is a "Safe Harbor" statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Certain forward-looking statements contained herein involve potential risks and uncertainties. The company's future results could differ materially from those discussed. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to:

- unusually high levels of catastrophe losses due to changes in weather patterns or other causes
- increased frequency and/or severity of claims
- circumstances that cause agencies to bring the company fewer new policyholder accounts
- environmental events or changes
- insurance regulatory actions, legislation or court decisions that increase expenses or place the company at a disadvantage in the marketplace
- adverse outcomes from litigation or administrative proceedings
- recession or other economic conditions resulting in lower demand for insurance products
- sustained decline in overall stock market values negatively affecting the company's equity portfolio, in particular a sustained decline in market value of Fifth Third Bancorp shares
- events that lead to a significant decline in the market value of a particular security and impairment of the asset
- delays in the development, implementation and benefits of technology enhancements
- decreased ability to generate growth in investment income

Further, the company's insurance businesses are subject to the effects of changing social, economic and regulatory environments. Public and regulatory initiatives have included efforts to adversely influence and restrict premium rates, restrict the ability to cancel policies, impose underwriting standards and expand overall regulation. The company also is subject to public and regulatory initiatives that can affect the market value for its common stock, such as recent measures impacting corporate financial reporting and governance. The ultimate changes and eventual effects, if any, of these initiatives are uncertain.

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# **Cincinnati Financial Corporation Consolidated Balance Sheets**

(Dollars in millions except share data)	Y	ears Ended	Decemb	er 31,
		2003	20	002
	(u	ınaudited)		
Assets				
Investments				
Fixed maturities, at fair value (amortized cost: 2003—\$3,521; 2002—\$3,220)	\$	3,925	\$ 3	3,305
Equity securities, at fair value (cost: 2003—\$2,445; 2002—\$2,375)		8,524	7	7,884
Other invested assets		<b>78</b>		76
Cash		91		112
Investment income receivable		99		98
Finance receivable		39		33
Premiums receivable		1,060		956
Reinsurance receivable		617		590
Prepaid reinsurance premiums		13		47
Deferred policy acquisition costs		372		343
Property and equipment, net, for company use (accumulated depreciation:				
2003—\$172; 2002—\$155)		136		128
Other assets		92		123
Separate accounts		463		427
Total assets	\$	15,509	\$ 14	1,122
Insurance reserves Losses and loss expense	\$	3,415	\$ 3	3,176
Life policy reserves	Þ	3,415 1,025	\$ 3	917
Unearned premiums		1,023 1,446	1	۶۱ <i>۲</i> 1,319
Other liabilities		404	J	345
Deferred income tax		404 1,949	1	343 1,737
Notes payable		183	]	183
6.9% senior debenture due 2028		420		420
		463		427
Separate accounts  Total liabilities		9,305	<u> </u>	3,524
Total habilities		9,303		3,324
Shareholders' equity				
Common stock, par value—\$2 per share; authorized 200 million shares;				
issued: 2003—176 million shares, 2002—176 million shares		352		352
Paid-in capital		306		300
Retained earnings		1,986	1	1,772
Accumulated other comprehensive income—unrealized gains on investments		*		•
and derivatives		4,084	3	3,643
Treasury stock at cost (2003—16 million shares, 2002—14 million shares)		(524)		(469)
Total shareholders' equity		6,204	5	5,598
		15,509		1,122

# **Cincinnati Financial Corporation Consolidated Statements of Income**

(In millions except per share data)		Years Ended	d Decen	nber 31,
		2003		2002
	(1	ınaudited)		
Revenues				
Earned premiums				
Property casualty	\$	2,653	\$	2,391
Life		95		87
Investment income, net of expenses		465		445
Realized investment gains and losses		(41)		(94)
Other income		9		14
Total revenues		3,181		2,843
Benefits and expenses				
Insurance losses and policyholder benefits		1,887		1,826
Commissions		536		472
Other operating expenses		204		202
Taxes, licenses and fees		67		80
Increase in deferred policy acquisition costs		(42)		(57)
Interest expense		34		35
Other expenses		15		6
Total benefits and expenses		2,701		2,564
Income before income taxes		480		279
Provision (benefit) for income taxes				
Current		130		53
Deferred		(24)		(12)
Total provision (benefit) for income taxes		106		41
Net income	\$	374	\$	238
Per common share				
Net income – basic	\$	2.33	\$	1.47
Net income – diluted	\$	2.31	\$	1.46

Since 1996, Cincinnati Financial has disclosed the estimated impact of stock options on net income and earnings per share in a Note to the Financial Statements. During 2003, net income would have been reduced by approximately 6 cents per share if option expense, calculated using the Black-Scholes and modified prospective transition methodologies, was included as an expense.

# Cincinnati Financial Corporation Definitions of Non-GAAP Information and Reconciliation to Comparable GAAP Measures

Cincinnati Financial Corporation prepares its public financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Statutory data is prepared in accordance with statutory accounting rules as defined by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' (NAIC) Accounting Practices and Procedures Manual and therefore is not reconciled to GAAP data.

Management uses non-GAAP and non-statutory financial measures to evaluate its primary business areas – property casualty insurance, life insurance and investments – where analyzing only GAAP measures may hinder analysis of trends in the underlying business, possibly leading to incorrect or misleading assumptions and conclusions about the success or failure of company strategies. Management adjustments to GAAP measures generally apply to non-recurring events unrelated to business performance that distort short-term results, values that fluctuate based on events outside of management's control and accounting refinements that decrease comparability between periods, creating a need to analyze data on the same basis.

Operating income. Operating income (also described as net income before realized investment gains and losses) is calculated by excluding from net income net realized investment gains and losses. Management evaluates operating income to measure the success of pricing, rate and underwriting strategies. While realized capital gains (or losses) are integral to the company's insurance operations over the long-term, the determination to realize capital gains or losses in any quarter is subject to management's discretion and is independent of the insurance underwriting process. Moreover, under applicable GAAP accounting requirements, losses can be recognized from certain changes in market values of securities without actual realization. Management believes that the level of realized gains or losses for any particular period, while it may be material, is not indicative of the performance of ongoing underlying business operations in that period. Analyzing only GAAP net income could lead to incorrect or misleading assumptions and conclusions about the success or failure of the insurance operations.

For these reasons, many investors and shareholders consider operating income to be one of the most meaningful measures for evaluating insurance company performance. Equity analysts who report on the insurance industry and the company generally focus on operating income in their analyses. The company presents operating income so all investors have what management believes to be a useful supplement to GAAP information.

**Catastrophe losses:** Due to the nature of catastrophic events, the frequency and cost of catastrophe occurrences are unpredictable. Although management anticipates an average level of catastrophe losses, to aid in assessing the underlying performance of the business, management evaluates trends in the company's overall performance and property casualty underwriting profitability excluding the fluctuating impact of catastrophe losses.

**Statutory accounting rules:** For public reporting, insurance companies prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP. However, certain data also must be calculated according to statutory accounting rules as defined in the NAIC's Accounting Practices and Procedures Manual, which may be, and has been, modified by various state insurance departments. Statutory data is publicly available and used by various organizations to calculate aggregate industry data, study industry trends and make comparisons between various insurance companies.

**Written premium:** Under statutory accounting rules, written premium is the amount recorded for policies issued and recognized on an annualized basis at the effective date of the policy. Management analyzes trends in written premium to assess business efforts. Earned premium, used in both statutory and GAAP accounting, is calculated ratably over the policy term. The difference between written and earned premium is unearned premium.

**Written premium adjustment – statutory-basis only:** In 2002, the company refined its estimation process for matching written premiums to policy effective dates, which added \$117 million to 2002 written premiums. To better assess ongoing business trends, management excludes this adjustment when evaluating trends in written premiums and statutory ratios that make use of written premiums.

**Underwriting profit:** Underwriting profit for property casualty insurance represents premiums earned minus loss and loss expenses and insurance-related underwriting expenses.

Reserve reallocation: Management monitors claim activity on an ongoing basis and appropriately modifies amounts added to loss reserves via incurred but not yet reported (IBNR) reserve additions and loss expenses. Based on prior-year loss development and changes in ultimate incurred loss ratios, the company reallocates reserves between business lines and accident years to reflect evolving trends. To better assess current-year performance, management monitors accident-year business line loss and loss expenses data excluding prior-year reserve reallocations.

One-time charges or adjustments: Management analyzes results excluding the impact of one-time items.

- In 2003, as the result of a settlement negotiated with a vendor, pretax results included the recovery of \$23 million of the \$39 million one-time, pretax charge incurred in 2000.
- In 2000, the company recorded a one-time charge of \$39 million, pre-tax, to impair previously capitalized costs related to the development of software to process property casualty policies.
- In 2000, the company earned \$5 million in interest in the first quarter from a \$303 million single-premium bankowned life insurance (BOLI) policy booked at the end of 1999 that was segregated as a Separate Account effective April 1, 2000. Investment income and realized capital gains and losses from separate accounts generally accrue directly to the contract holder and, therefore, are not included in the company's consolidated financials.
- In 1993, results included a credit related to the method of accounting for income taxes to conform with Statement of Accounting Financial Standards No. 109 and a charge related to the effect of 1993 increases in income tax rates on deferred taxes recorded for various prior-year items.

**Codification:** Adoption of Codification of Statutory Accounting Principles was required for Ohio-based insurance companies effective January 1, 2001. The adoption of Codification changed the manner in which the company recognized property casualty written premiums. As a result, 2001 statutory written premiums included \$402 million to account for unbooked premiums related to policies with effective dates prior to January 1, 2001. To better assess ongoing business trends, management excludes this \$402 million when evaluating written premiums and statutory ratios that make use of written premiums.

**Life insurance gross written premiums:** In analyzing life insurance company gross written premiums, management excludes three larger, single-pay life insurance policies (BOLIs) to focus on the trend in premiums written through the agency distribution channel.

# Cincinnati Financial Corporation and Subsidiaries Quarterly Net Income Reconciliation

(In millions except per share data)				Quarter	s ended				Six mont	hs ended	Nine mon	ths ended	Twelve mo	onths ended
	12/31/2003	9/30/2003	6/30/2003	3/31/2003	12/31/2002	9/30/2002	6/30/2002	3/31/2002	6/30/2003	6/30/2002	9/30/2003	9/30/2002	12/31/2003	12/31/2002
Net income	\$ 130	\$ 104	\$ 84	\$ 57	\$ 56	\$ 72	\$ 35	\$ 75	\$ 141	\$ 110	\$ 245	\$ 182	\$ 374	\$ 238
One-time item		15									15		15	
Net income before one-time item	\$ 130	\$ 89	\$ 84	\$ 57	\$ 56	\$ 72	\$ 35	\$ 75	\$ 141	\$ 110	\$ 230	\$ 182	\$ 359	\$ 238
Net realized investment gains and losses	2	10	1	(40)	(40)	(11)	(6)	(5)	(39)	(12)	(29)	(22)	(27)	(62)
Operating income before one-time item	\$ 128	\$ 79	\$ 83	\$ 97	\$ 96	\$ 83	\$ 41	\$ 80	\$ 180	\$ 122	\$ 259	\$ 204	\$ 386	\$ 300
Catastrophe losses	(4)	(27)	(30)	(2)	(14)	(3)	(31)	(9)	(32)	(40)	(59)	(43)	(63)	(57)
Operating income before catastrophe losses and one-time item  Diluted per share data	\$ 132	\$ 106	\$ 113	\$ 99	\$ 110	\$ 86	\$ 72	\$ 89	\$ 212	\$ 162	\$ 318	\$ 247	\$ 449	\$ 357
Net income One-time item	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.64 0.09	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.67	\$ 1.51 0.09	\$ 1.11	\$ 2.31 \$ 0.09	\$ 1.46
Net income before one-time item	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.67	\$ 1.42	\$ 1.11	\$ 2.22	\$ 1.46
Net realized investment gains and losses	0.01	0.06	0.01	(0.25)	(0.24)	(0.07)	(0.04) \$ 0.25	(0.03) \$ 0.49	(0.24)	(0.07)	(0.18)	(0.14)	(0.17)	(0.38)
Operating income before one-time item Catastrophe losses	\$ 0.79 (0.03)	\$ 0.49 (0.17)	\$ 0.51 (0.19)	\$ 0.60 (0.01)	\$ 0.59 (0.08)	\$ 0.51 (0.02)	(0.19)	(0.06)	\$ 1.11 (0.20)	\$ 0.74 (0.24)	\$ 1.60 (0.36)	\$ 1.25 (0.26)	\$ 2.39 (0.39)	\$ 1.84 (0.35)
Operating income before catastrophe losses and one-time item	\$ 0.82	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.55	\$ 1.31	\$ 0.98	\$ 1.96	\$ 1.51	\$ 2.78	\$ 2.19

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# <u>Cincinnati Insurance Group</u> <u>Quarterly Property Casualty Data - Consolidated</u>

(Dollars in millions)					Quarters ended										Six months ended					ded Nine months ended					Twelve months ende			
,	12/31	/2003	9/30	0/2003	6/30	0/2003	3/3	1/2003	12/31/2	002	9/30/2	2002	6/30/2	2002	3/31/2	002	6/3	0/2003	6/30	)/2002	9/30	/2003	9/3	0/2002		/31/2003		
Premiums																												
Adjusted written premiums (statutory) Written premium adjustment –	\$	698	\$	714	\$	707	\$	669			\$		\$		\$		\$	1,376	\$	1,247	\$ 2	2,090	\$	1,884	•	2,789	\$	2,496
statutory only		(19)		9		19		18		117		0		0		0		37		0		46		0		26		117
Reported written premiums																												
(statutory)*	\$	679	\$	723	\$	726	\$	687	\$	729	\$	637	\$	626	\$ (	321	\$	1,413	\$	1,247	\$ 2	2,136	\$	1,884	\$	2,815	\$	2,613
Unearned premiums		11		(45)		(72)		(56)		(87)		(27)		(46)		(60)		(127)		(106)		(173)		(133	)	(162)		(220)
Earned premiums	\$	690	\$	678	\$	654	\$	631	\$ 6	642	\$	610	\$	580	\$	561	\$	1,286	\$	1,141	\$	1,963	\$	1,751	\$	2,653	\$	2,393
Statutory combined ratio																												
Reported statutory combined ratio* Written premium adjustment –	89	9.8%	9	6.3%	9	98.4%	9	92.8%	93.4	1%	97.	.4%	107.	.2%	96.3	3%	9	95.7%	10	1.9%	96	3.0%	10	00.3%		94.2%		98.4%
statutory only	N	IM		NM	- 1	NM		NM	4.7	7		0		0	(	)		NM		0	Ν	IM		0		NM		1.2
One-time item		0		3.1		0		0	(	)		0		0	(					0		1.0		0		0.8		0
Adjusted statutory combined ratio	89	9.8%	9	9.4%	9	98.4%	Ç	92.8%	98.1	1%	97.	.4%	107.	.2%	96.3	3%	Ç	95.7%	10	1.9%	97	7.0%	10	00.3%		95.0%		99.6%
Catastrophe losses	(	1.0)	(	(6.1)	(	(7.1)		(0.4)	(3.3	3)	(0.	.8)	(8)	.1)	(2.6	3)		(3.8)	(	5.4)	(4	4.6)		(3.8)		(3.6)		(3.6)
Adjusted statutory combined ratio				, ,				(- /				-/			,			(/						( /		( /		(/
excluding catastrophe losses	88	8.8%	9	3.3%	9	91.3%	ç	92.4%	94.8	3%	96.	.6%	99	.1%	93.7	7%	ç	91.9%	9	6.5%	92	2.4%	(	96.5%		91.4%		96.0%
Reported commission expense ratio*		18.8%		18.5%		17.0%		16.4%	14	.5%	17	7.5%	1	6.1%	15	.5%		16.7%		15.8%		17.3%		16.4%	<u> </u>	17.7%		15.9%
Written premium adjustment –																												
statutory only	N	IM	- 1	NM	l	NM		NM	2	.8	(	0.0	(	0.0	0	.0		NM		0.0	Ν	IM		0.0		NM		8.0
One-time item		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0
Adjusted commission expense ratio		18.8%		18.5%		17.0%		16.4%	17	.3%	17	7.5%	1	6.1%	15	.5%		16.7%		15.8%		17.3%		16.4%	·	17.7%		16.7%
Reported other expense ratio* Written premium adjustment –		10.9%		6.5%		8.2%		10.0%	9	.8%	ę	9.9%		9.2%	9	.6%		9.0%		9.5%		8.1%		9.6%	ò	8.8%		9.6%
statutory only	N	IM		NM	- 1	NM		NM	1	.9	(	0.0		0.0	0	.0		NM		0.0	Ν	IM		0.0		NM		0.4
One-time item		0		3.1		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		1.0		0		0.8		0
Adjusted other expense ratio		10.9%		9.6%		8.2%		10.0%	11	.7%	(	9.9%		9.2%	9	.6%		9.0%		9.5%		9.1%	ı	9.6%	D	9.6%		10.0%
Reported statutory expense ratio* Written premium adjustment –	:	29.7%		25.0%		25.2%		26.4%	24	.3%	27	7.4%	2	5.3%	25	.1%		25.7%		25.3%	2	25.5%		26.0%	, D	26.5%		25.5%
statutory only	N	IM		NM		NM		NM	4	.7	(	0.0		0.0	0	.0		NM		0.0	N	IM		0.0		NM		1.2
One-time item		0		3.1		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		1.0		0		0.8		0
Adjusted statutory expense ratio		29.7%		28.1%		25.2%		26.4%	29	.0%	27	7.4%	2	5.3%	25	.1%		25.7%		25.3%	- 2	26.5%		26.0%		27.3%		26.7%
GAAP Combined Ratio		. ,-		- ,-												- 1		- ,-										
GAAP combined ratio		89.1%		96.6%		98.4%		95.1%	95	.0%	97	7.4%	10	8.1%	98	.8%		96.8%	1	03.6%	9	96.7%		101.4%		94.7%		99.7%
One-time item		0		3.4		0		0		0		0	. •	0	50	0		0		0	`	1.2		0		0.8		0
GAAP combined ratio before one-time item		89.1%	1	00.0%		98.4%		95.1%	95	.0%	97	7.4%	10	8.1%	98	.8%		96.8%	1	03.6%		97.9%		101.4%	)	95.5%		99.7%
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# <u>Cincinnati Insurance Group</u> <u>Quarterly Property Casualty Data - Commercial Lines</u>

(Dollars in millions)	Quarters ended										5	Six mont	hs e	nded	Ni	ne mon	ths	ended	Tw	velve mo	nths	ended						
	12/3	1/2003	9/3	0/2003	6/30	0/2003	3/3	1/2003	12/	31/2002	9/3	30/2002	6/30	0/2002	3/31/	2002	6/3	30/2003	6/3	0/2002	9/3	0/2003	9/3	0/2002	12/	31/2003	12/3	31/2002
Premiums																												
Adjusted written premiums (statutory)	\$	507	\$	499	\$	496	\$	506	\$	443	\$	441	\$	438	\$	474	\$	1,003	\$	912	\$	1,502	\$	1,353	\$	2,009	\$	1,796
Written premium adjustment –																												
statutory only		(16)		8		12		18		109		0		0		0		30		0		38		0		22		109
Reported written premiums (statutory)*	\$	491	\$	507	\$	507	\$	526	\$	552	\$	441	\$	438	\$	474	\$	1,033	\$	912	\$	1,540	\$	1,353	\$	2,031	\$	1,905
Unearned premiums		7		(19)		(37)		(74)		(84)		(1)		(23)		(74)		(111)		(97)		(130)		(98)		(123)		(182)
Earned premiums	\$	498	\$	488	\$	470	\$	452	\$	468	\$	440	\$	415	\$	400	\$	922	\$	815	\$	1,410	\$	1,255	\$	1,908	\$	1,723
Statutory combined ratio																												
Reported statutory combined ratio*		89.7%		91.9%		91.9%		90.3%		91.9%		94.7%	1	02.3%	9	3.2%		91.1%		97.8%		91.4%		96.6%		90.9%		95.3%
Written premium adjustment –																												
statutory only	1	NM		NM	- 1	NM		NM		5.8		0		0		0		NM		0		NM		0		NM		1.5
One-time item		0		2.9		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0.9		0		0.7		0
Adjusted statutory combined ratio		89.7%	1	94.7%		91.9%		90.3%		97.7%		94.7%	1	02.3%	93	.2%		91.1%		97.8%		92.3%		96.6%		91.6%		96.8%
Catastrophe losses		(2.9)		(2.0)		(2.9)		(1.0)		(1.3)		(1.3)		(5.6)	(1.	.2)		(2.0)		(3.4)		(2.0)		(2.7)		(2.2)		(2.3)
Adjusted statutory combined ratio																												
excluding catastrophe losses		86.8%		92.7%		89.0%	8	89.3%		96.4%		93.4%		96.7%	92	.0%		89.1%		94.4%		90.3%		93.9%		89.4%		94.5%
GAAP Combined Ratio																												
GAAP combined ratio		88.5%		92.1%		91.4%		93.2%		93.2%		94.9%	1	03.3%	9	5.8%		92.3%		99.6%		92.2%		98.0%		91.2%		96.6%
One-time item		0		2.9		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		1.0		0		0.8		0
GAAP combined ratio before one-time item	1	88.5%		95.0%		91.4%		93.2%		93.2%		94.9%	1	03.3%	9	5.8%		92.3%		99.6%		93.2%		98.0%		92.0%		96.6%

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# <u>Cincinnati Insurance Group</u> <u>Quarterly Property Casualty Data - Personal Lines</u>

(Dollars in millions)		Quarters ended												Six month	Nine months ended			Twelve months ended			
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	12/3	31/2003	9/30/20	003 6	3/30/2003	3/31/2003	12/31/	2002	9/30/200	2 6	6/30/2002	3/31/2002	6/3	0/2003	6/30/2002	9/30/20	03	9/30/2002	12/31/2003	12/	31/2002
Premiums																					
Adjusted written premiums (statutory)	\$	191	\$ 2	215 \$	212	\$ 161	\$	169	\$ 19	6 \$	\$ 188	\$ 147	\$	373	\$ 335	\$ 5	88	\$ 531	\$ 780	\$	700
Written premium adjustment																					
statutory only		(3)		1	7	0		8		0	0	0		7	0		8	0	4		8
Reported written premiums (statutory)*	\$	188	\$ 2	216 \$	219	\$ 161	\$	177	\$ 19	6 \$	\$ 188	\$ 147	\$	380	\$ 335	\$ 5	96	\$ 531	\$ 784	\$	708
Unearned premiums		4		(26)	(35)	18		(3)	(2	6)	(23)	14		(16)	(9)	(	43)	(35)	(39)		(38)
Earned premiums	\$	192	\$	90 \$	184	\$ 179	\$	174	\$ 17	0 \$	\$ 165	\$ 161	\$	364	\$ 326	\$ 5	53	\$ 496	\$ 745	\$	670
Statutory combined ratio																					
Reported statutory combined ratio*		90.0%	108	.1%	115.2%	99.5%	g	7.9%	104.5	%	119.8%	104.9%	ó	107.2%	112.2%	107.	5%	109.6%	102.9%		106.5%
Written premium adjustment																					
statutory only		NM	NM		NM	NM		1.3	0		0	0		NM	0	NM		0	NM		0.3
One-time item		0	3	.8	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	1.	3	0	1.0		0
Adjusted statutory combined ratio		90.0%	111	.9%	115.2%	99.5%	9	9.2%	104.5	%	119.8%	104.9%		107.2%	112.2%	108.	8%	109.6%	103.9%		106.8%
Catastrophe losses		3.9	(16	.6)	(17.8)	1.3	(	(8.6)	0.6		(14.5)	(6.0)		(8.4)	(10.3)	(11.	2)	(6.6)	(7.3)		(7.1)
Adjusted statutory combined ratio																					
excluding catastrophe losses		93.9%	95	.3%	97.4%	100.8%	ç	0.6%	105.1	%	105.3%	98.9%		98.8%	101.9%	97.	6%	103.0%	96.6%		99.7%
GAAP Combined Ratio																					
GAAP combined ratio		90.7%	108	.4%	116.1%	99.9%	10	0.3%	104.0	%	120.2%	106.3%	ó	108.1%	113.3%	108.	2%	110.1%	103.6%		107.6%
One-time item		0	4	.3	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	1.	5	0	1.1		0
GAAP combined ratio before one-time item		90.7%	112	.7%	116.1%	99.9%	10	0.3%	104.0	%	120.2%	106.3%	ó	108.1%	113.3%	109.	7%	110.1%	104.7%		107.6%

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