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☒ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
for the transition period from __ to __

Commission file number 0-11774

INVESTORS TITLE COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina	**56-1110199**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

121 North Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514
(919) 968-2200
(Address and telephone number of principal executive office)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered:
Common Stock, no par value	**ITIC**	**The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC**
Rights to Purchase Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock		**The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC**

Securities registered pursuant to section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (Section 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	☐	Accelerated filer	☒	Non-accelerated filer	☐	Smaller reporting company	☐	Emerging growth company	☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

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If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements. ☐

Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant's executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b). ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

The aggregate market value of the shares held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2025 was $297,745,366 based on the closing price on the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC.

As of February 18, 2026, there were 1,887,574 common shares of the registrant outstanding.

Documents incorporated by reference: Portions of Investors Title Company's definitive proxy statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held May 20, 2026 are incorporated by reference in Part III hereof.

Safe Harbor and Forward-Looking Statements

This Annual Report on Form 10-K, as well as information included in future filings by Investors Title Company (the "Company") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and information contained in written material, press releases and oral statements issued by or on behalf of the Company, contains, or may contain, "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), that reflect management's current outlook for future periods. These statements may be identified by the use of words such as "plan," "expect," "aim," "believe," "project," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "should," "could," "would" and other expressions that indicate future events and trends. All statements that address expectations or projections about the future, including statements about the Company's strategy for growth, product and service development, market share position, claims, expenditures, financial results and cash requirements, are forward-looking statements. Without limitation, projected developments in mortgage interest rates and the overall economic environment set forth in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Business Trends and Recent Conditions" constitute forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on certain assumptions and expectations of future events that are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. For a description of factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from such forward-looking statements, refer to "Item 1A. Risk Factors" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Actual future results and trends may differ materially from historical results or those projected in any such forward-looking statements depending on a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, the following:

- changes in interest rates and real estate values;
- changes in general economic, business, and political conditions, including the performance of the financial and real estate markets, and changes in government regulations and policy, including as a result of the policies implemented by the Trump administration such as tariff and tax reform;
- the impact of inflation;
- the impact of federal government shutdowns;
- the impact of ongoing geopolitical and military conflicts;
- potential reform of government sponsored entities;
- the level of real estate transaction volumes, the level of mortgage origination volumes (including refinancing), the mix of title insurance between markets with varying real estate values, changes to the insurance requirements of the participants in the secondary mortgage market, and the effect of these factors on the demand for title insurance;
- the possible inadequacy of the provision for claims to cover actual claim losses;
- the incidence of fraud-related losses;
- the impact of cyberattacks (including ransomware attacks) and other cybersecurity events, including damage to the Company's reputation in the event of a serious IT breach or failure;
- the impact of pandemics, climate change, severe weather conditions or the occurrence of another catastrophic event;
- unanticipated adverse changes in securities markets that could result in material losses to the Company's investments;
- significant competition that the Company's operating subsidiaries face, including the Company's ability to develop and offer products and services that meet changing industry standards in a timely and cost-effective manner and expansion into new geographic locations;
- the Company's reliance upon the North Carolina, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida markets for a significant portion of its premiums, comprising approximately 35.3%, 27.1%, 8.6%, 8.1%, and 6.4% of premiums written, respectively;
- compliance with government regulation, including pricing regulation, and significant changes to applicable regulations or in their application by regulators;
- the impact of governmental oversight of compliance of the Company's service providers, including the application of financial regulation designed to protect consumers;
- possible downgrades from a rating agency, which could result in a loss of underwriting business;
- the inability of the Company to manage, develop and implement technological advancements and prevent system interruptions or unauthorized system intrusions;
- statutory requirements applicable to the Company's insurance subsidiaries that require them to maintain minimum levels of capital, surplus and reserves and that restrict the amount of dividends they may pay the Company without prior regulatory approval;
- the desire to maintain capital above statutory minimum requirements for competitive, marketing and other reasons;
- heightened regulatory scrutiny and investigations of the title insurance industry;
- the Company's dependence on key management and marketing personnel, the loss of whom could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business;
- difficulty managing growth, whether organic or through acquisitions;
- unfavorable economic or other conditions could cause the Company to record impairment charges for all or a portion of its goodwill and other intangible assets;
- policies and procedures for the mitigation of risks may be insufficient to prevent losses;
- the shareholder rights plan could discourage transactions involving actual or potential changes of control; and
- other risks detailed elsewhere in this document and in the Company's other filings with the SEC.

These and other risks and uncertainties may be described from time to time in the Company's other reports and filings with the SEC. The Company is not under any obligation (and expressly disclaims any such obligation) and does not undertake to update or alter any forward-looking statements to reflect circumstances or events that occur after the date the forward-looking statements are made. You should consider the possibility that actual results may differ materially from our forward-looking statements.

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

GENERAL

Investors Title Company (the "Company") is a holding company that operates through its subsidiaries and was incorporated as a corporation under the laws of the state of North Carolina in 1973. The Company became operational in 1976, when it acquired Investors Title Insurance Company ("ITIC"), which had itself been operating since 1972, as a wholly owned subsidiary under a plan of exchange of shares of common stock. In 1983, the Company acquired National Investors Title Insurance Company ("NITIC"), formerly Northeast Investors Title Insurance Company, which had itself been operating since 1973, as a wholly owned subsidiary under a plan of exchange of shares of common stock. The Company's executive offices are located at 121 North Columbia Street, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514 and its telephone number is (919) 968-2200. The Company maintains a website at www.invtitle.com. The contents of the Company's website are not and shall not be a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K or any other SEC filing.

OVERVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The Company has two reportable segments. The Company's primary business activity, and one of its reportable operating segments, is the issuance of residential and commercial title insurance through ITIC and NITIC. The Company's second reportable operating segment is providing tax-deferred real property exchange services through its subsidiaries, Investors Title Exchange Corporation ("ITEC") and Investors Title Accommodation Corporation ("ITAC"). Additionally, the Company provides management services to title insurance agencies through its subsidiary, Investors Title Management Services ("ITMS"), and investment management and trust services to individuals, trusts and other entities through its subsidiary Investors Trust Company ("Investors Trust"). Refer to "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and Note 12 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K (the "Consolidated Financial Statements") for additional information related to the revenues, income and assets attributable to the Company's operating segments.

Title Insurance

Through its two wholly owned title underwriting subsidiaries, ITIC and NITIC, the Company underwrites title insurance for owners and mortgagees as a primary insurer. ITIC and NITIC offer primary title insurance coverage to owners and mortgagees of real estate and assume reinsurance of title insurance risks from other title insurance companies. The commitments and policies are predominantly issued using standard forms approved by the American Land Title Association ("ALTA").

Title insurance protects against losses resulting from title defects affecting real property and customarily arising prior to the policy date. Upon a real estate closing, the seller of real property executes a deed to the new owner, and typically, the property is encumbered with a new mortgage. When real property is conveyed from one party to another, occasionally there is an undisclosed or undiscovered defect in the title or a mistake or omission in a prior deed or mortgage that may give a third party a legal claim against such property or result in the invalidity or unenforceability of the insured mortgage. If a claim is made against the title to real property, title insurance provides indemnification against covered defects.

Numerous types of defects could jeopardize the property owner's or mortgagee's interest in the property for which a title policy may provide coverage. Such risks may include title being vested in an individual or entity other than the insured, lack of a right of access to the property, invalidity or unenforceability of the insured mortgage, or other liens or encumbrances that make the property unmarketable. The policy may provide coverage for defects arising from prior unsatisfied mortgages, judgments, tax liens or confirmed assessments, or encumbrances against the property arising through easements, restrictions or other existing covenants. Title insurance may also protect against deeds or mortgages in the insured's chain of title that were forged or improperly acknowledged or delivered, that were executed by spouses without the other spouse's signature or that were conveyed by minors or other persons who lack legal capacity.

Title Insurance Policies: The Company issues title insurance policies based on a search of public records. The title search documents the current status of title to the property. There are two basic types of title insurance policies – one for the mortgage lender and one for the real property owner. A lender often requires property owners to purchase title insurance to protect the priority of its mortgage loan, but the lender's title insurance policy does not protect the property owner. The property owner has to purchase a separate owner's title insurance policy to protect its investment.

Insured Risk on Policies in Force: Generally, the amount of the insured risk under a title insurance policy is equal to the purchase price, the loan amount or the fair market value of the insured property. If a claim is made against an insured property's title, the insurer can choose to pay the cost of eliminating the covered title defects or to defend the insured party against the covered title defects affecting the property. In the alternative, the insurer may opt to pay the policy limits to the insured or, if the loss is less than the policy limits, the amount of the insured's actual loss due to such title defects as defined by the policy, at which time the insurer's duty to defend the claim and all other obligations of the insurer with respect to the claim are satisfied.

At any given time, the insurer's actual risk of monetary loss under outstanding policies is only a portion of the aggregate insured risk, or total face amount, of all policies in force. The lower risk results primarily from the reissuance of title insurance policies for the same property by other underwriters over time when such property is subsequently conveyed or refinanced. The coverage on a lender's title insurance policy is reduced and eventually terminated as the mortgage loan is paid. An owner's policy is effective as long as the insured has an ownership interest in the property or has liability under warranties of title. Due to the variability of these factors, the aggregate contingent liability of the Company's title underwriters on outstanding policies cannot be determined with precision.

Losses and Reserves: While most other forms of insurance provide for the assumption of risk of loss arising from unforeseen events, title insurance is based upon a process of loss avoidance. Title insurance generally serves to protect the policyholder from the risk of loss from events that predate the issuance of the policy. Losses on policies typically occur when a title defect is not discovered during the examination and settlement process or upon the occurrence of certain hidden risks which cannot be determined from an accurate search of public land records. The maximum amount of liability under a title insurance policy is generally the face amount of the policy plus the cost of defending the insured's title against an adverse claim, if agreed to by the insurer prior to payment of loss under the policy, and any inflation protection clause associated with the policy. The reserve for claim losses is established from known claims, as well as estimated losses incurred but not yet reported to the Company based upon historical experience and other factors.

Title claims can often be complex, vary greatly in dollar amounts, are affected by economic and market conditions and may involve uncertainties as to ultimate exposure. Therefore, reserve estimates are subject to variability. For a more complete description of the Company's reserve for claims, refer to "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Title Insurance Underwriting Operations: ITIC and NITIC issue title insurance policies directly and through a network of agents. Issuing agents are typically real estate attorneys, independent agents or subsidiaries of community and regional mortgage lending institutions, depending on local customs and regulations and the Company's marketing strategy in a particular territory. The Company's title insurance subsidiaries determine the terms and conditions upon which they will insure title to real property according to the Company's underwriting standards, policies and procedures. Title insurance premiums written reflect a one-time premium payment, with no recurring premiums.

Generally, premiums for title insurance are recorded and recognized as revenue at the closing of the related transaction, when the earnings process is considered complete. When the policy is issued directly, the premiums collected are retained by the Company. When the policy is issued through a non-wholly owned title insurance agency, the agency retains a majority of the premium as a commission and remits the net amount to the Company. Title insurance commissions earned by the Company's agents are recognized as expenses concurrently with premium recognition. The percentage of the premium retained by agents varies by region and is sometimes regulated by the states where the property is located.

For a description of the level of net premiums written directly and through agency operations, refer to "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Geographic Operations: ITIC was incorporated in North Carolina in 1972, and is licensed to write title insurance in 44 states and the District of Columbia. ITIC currently writes title insurance as a primary insurer in 21 states and the District of Columbia, primarily located in the eastern half of the United States, and as a reinsurer for NITIC and third-party title insurance companies.

NITIC was incorporated in South Carolina in 1973, and is licensed to write title insurance in 20 states and the District of Columbia. In November 2014, NITIC redomesticated to Texas. NITIC currently writes title insurance as a primary insurer in Texas, and as a reinsurer for ITIC.

Premiums from title insurance written on properties located in North Carolina, Texas, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida represent the largest source of revenue for the title insurance segment. In North Carolina and Texas, the Company's title insurance commitments and policies are issued directly and through agents. In Georgia, South Carolina, Florida and other states, title policies are primarily issued through agents. For a description of the level of net premiums written geographically for significant states, refer to "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Each state license authorizing ITIC or NITIC to write title insurance must be renewed annually. These licenses are necessary for the companies to operate as a title insurer in each state in which they write premiums.

Ratings: The Company's title insurance subsidiaries are regularly assigned ratings by independent agencies designed to indicate their financial condition and/or their claims paying ability. The rating agencies determine ratings primarily by analyzing financial data.

Reinsurance: The Company assumes and cedes reinsurance with other insurance companies in the normal course of business. Reinsurance is a contractual arrangement whereby one insurer assumes some or all of the risk exposure written by another insurer. Ceded reinsurance is comprised of excess of loss treaties, which outline the conditions in which the reinsurance company will pay claims and protect the ceding insurer against losses over certain agreed amounts.

In the ordinary course of business, ITIC and NITIC reinsure certain risks with other title insurers to limit their risk exposure and to comply with state insurance regulations. They also assume reinsurance for certain risks of other title insurers for which they receive additional income in the form of reinsurance premiums. For each of the last two years, revenues from reinsurance activities accounted for less than 1% of total premium volume.

Exchange Services

The Company's exchange services business includes services offered by wholly owned subsidiaries ITEC and ITAC.

In 1988, the Company established ITEC to provide services in connection with tax-deferred exchanges of like-kind property pursuant to §1031 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "IRC"). ITEC acts as a qualified intermediary in tax-deferred exchanges of real property held for productive use in a trade or business or for investment, and its income is derived from fees for handling exchange transactions and a portion of the interest earned on client deposits held by the Company. In its role as qualified intermediary, ITEC coordinates the exchange aspects of the real estate transaction, and its duties include drafting standard exchange documents, holding the exchange funds between the time the old property is sold and the new property is purchased, and accepting the formal identification of the replacement property within the required identification period. ITAC provides services as an exchange accommodation titleholder for accomplishing "parking transactions" as set forth in the safe harbor contained in Internal Revenue Procedure 2000-37. These transactions include reverse exchanges when taxpayers decide to acquire replacement property before selling the relinquished property, or "build to suit" exchanges, when improvements must be made to the replacement property before the taxpayer acquires the improved replacement property. The services provided by the Company's exchange services division, ITEC and ITAC, are pursuant to provisions in the IRC. From time to time, these laws are subject to review and changes, which may negatively affect the demand for tax-deferred exchanges in general, and consequently, the revenues and profitability of the Company's exchange services division. Given that income is derived from a portion of the interest earned on client deposits held by the Company, interest rate fluctuations may also impact the profitability of the Company's exchange services division.

Management Services, Investment Management and Trust Services

The Company's other lines of business include services offered by wholly owned subsidiaries ITMS and Investors Trust.

ITMS offers various consulting and management services to provide clients with the technical expertise to start and successfully operate a title insurance agency.

Investors Trust provides investment management and trust services to individuals, companies, banks and trusts.

None of these other lines of business is currently a reportable segment for which separate financial information is presented; instead, they are collectively included and reported in the category "All Other" in the segment information in Note 12 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

CYCLICALITY AND SEASONALITY

Real estate activity, home sales and mortgage lending are cyclical in nature. Title insurance premiums are closely related to the level of real estate activity and the average price of real estate sales. The availability of funds to finance purchases directly affects real estate sales. Other factors include mortgage interest rates, consumer confidence, economic conditions, supply, demand, and family income levels. The Company's premiums in future periods are likely to fluctuate due to these and other factors which are beyond management's control.

Historically, the title insurance business tends to be seasonal as well as cyclical. Because home sales are typically strongest in periods of favorable weather, the first calendar quarter tends to have the lowest activity levels, while the spring and summer quarters tend to be more active. Refinance activity is generally less seasonal, but is subject to interest rate fluctuations.

Seasonal and other factors affecting the level of real estate activity and the volume of title premiums written will also generally affect the demand for exchange services.

MARKETING

The Company markets its title insurance services to a broad range of customers in the residential and commercial market sectors of the real estate industry. Issuing agents are typically real estate attorneys, independent agents or subsidiaries of community and regional mortgage lending institutions, depending on local customs and regulations and the Company's marketing strategy in a particular territory.

ITIC and NITIC strive to provide superior service to their customers and consider this an important factor in attracting and retaining customers. Company personnel strive to develop new business and agency relationships to increase market share while ITIC's Commercial Services Division focuses on services provided to commercial clients. The Commercial Services Division of ITIC also markets the services offered by ITEC and ITAC to its commercial clients.

Marketing of tax-deferred exchange services offered by ITEC and ITAC has been incorporated into the marketing of the core title products offered by ITIC and NITIC.

REGULATION

Any material change in the Company's regulatory environment may have an adverse effect on its business.

The Company is an insurance holding company and therefore, it is subject to regulation in the states in which its insurance subsidiaries do business. These regulations, among other things, require insurance holding companies to register and file certain reports, and require prior regulatory approval of the payment of extraordinary dividends and other intercompany distributions or transfers. They also may require approval of the insurance commissioner prior to a third party directly or indirectly acquiring control of the insurer, which may make it difficult or prohibitive for a third party to acquire the Company.

Title insurance companies are extensively regulated under applicable state laws. All states have requirements for admission to do business as an insurance company, including minimum levels of capital, surplus and reserves. State regulatory authorities monitor the stability and service of insurance companies and possess broad powers with respect to the licensing of title insurers and agents, approving rate schedules and policy forms, financial reporting and accounting practices, reserve requirements, investments and dividend restrictions, approving related party transactions, as well as examining and auditing title insurers. At December 31, 2025, both ITIC and NITIC met the statutory premium reserve requirements and the minimum capital and surplus requirements of the states where they are licensed. A substantial portion of the assets of the Company's title insurance subsidiaries consists of their portfolios of investment securities. Both of these subsidiaries are required by various state laws to maintain assets of a defined minimum quality and amount.

The Company's insurance subsidiaries are subject to examination at any time by the insurance regulators in the states where they are licensed as well as required periodic examinations. These and other governmental authorities have the power to enforce state and federal laws to which the title insurance subsidiaries are subject. These governmental authorities include, but are not limited to, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau ("CFPB"), which enforces the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act ("RESPA"), the primary federal regulatory guidance governing the real estate settlement industry. The CFPB has the authority to identify and address, through regulation, unfair, deceptive and abusive practices in the mortgage industry and certain other settlement service industries. Leadership transitions at the CFPB under the current presidential administration may result in changes that could affect the title insurance industry. During 2025, through a number of public statements and ongoing staff reductions, the CFPB has significantly cut back its supervisory and enforcement activities. In addition, the CFPB is subject to a lawsuit regarding funding of the agency.

Increased regulatory involvement may affect the Company and its service providers. Proposals to change regulations governing insurance holding companies and the title insurance industry are often introduced in Congress, in state legislatures and before various insurance regulatory agencies, including the CFPB. Although the Company regularly monitors such proposals, the likelihood and timing of passage of any such regulation, and the possible effects of any such regulation on the Company and its subsidiaries, cannot be determined at this time.

Certain laws and regulations, such as the cybersecurity requirements of governmental authorities, require the Company to maintain certain information security standards and practices. Other laws and regulations regulate the manner in which the Company collects, uses, retains, protects, discloses, transfers, and processes personal data. After comprehensive data privacy laws have been enacted in various jurisdictions, the Company expects that additional regions, including its operational areas, will implement comparable legislation.

Intermediary services are not federally regulated by any regulatory commissions, and neither ITEC nor ITAC operate in any state that regulates this industry, unless they are in compliance with such state regulations. ITEC and ITAC both provide services to taxpayers pursuant to Internal Revenue Service regulations that provide taxpayers a safe harbor by using a qualified intermediary to structure tax-deferred exchanges of property and using an exchange accommodation titleholder to hold property in reverse exchange transactions.

Investors Trust is regulated by the North Carolina Commissioner of Banks.

COMPETITION

The title insurance industry is highly competitive. The four largest title insurance companies typically maintain greater than 80% of the market for title insurance in the United States, with smaller regional companies holding the balance of the market. The number and size of competing companies varies in the respective geographic areas in which the Company conducts business. Key competitive factors in the title insurance industry are the financial strength and size of the insurer, timeliness and quality of service, price and expertise in certain transactions. Title insurance underwriters also compete for agents based upon service and commission levels. Some title insurers currently have greater financial resources, larger distribution networks and more extensive computerized databases of property records and related information than the Company. In addition, there are numerous industry-related regulations and statutes that set out conditions and requirements to conduct business. Changes to or the removal of such regulations and statutes could result in additional competition from alternative title insurance products or new entrants into the industry that could materially affect the Company's business operations and financial condition.

Competition for ITEC and ITAC comes from other title insurance companies and agents, banks, attorneys, and other independently-owned, qualified intermediaries that offer exchange services. Key elements that affect competition are price, expertise, timeliness and quality of service and the financial strength and size of the exchange service provider. Exchange services are not a regulated industry; there is no market data available regarding the Company's market position in this industry.

CUSTOMER AND LENDER CONCENTRATION

The Company is not dependent upon any single customer or a few customers, and the loss of any single customer would not have a material adverse effect on the Company.

Lending institutions benefit from title insurance policies that are purchased by borrowers on the lending institutions' behalf as a condition to the making of loans. Refusal by major market lenders to accept our product offerings could have a material adverse effect on the Company.

INVESTMENT POLICIES

The Company and its subsidiaries derive a substantial portion of their income from investments in municipal and federal U.S. government securities and investment grade corporate fixed maturity securities and equity securities. The Company's fixed maturity securities are classified as available for sale and carried at estimated fair value. Equity securities are also carried at estimated fair value. The Company's investment policy is designed to maintain a high quality portfolio and maximize income. Some state laws impose restrictions upon the types and amounts of investments that can be made by the Company's insurance subsidiaries. The Company's investment portfolio is managed internally and via a wholly owned subsidiary. The securities in the Company's portfolio are subject to economic conditions and normal market risks. Equity securities at December 31, 2025 and 2024 consisted of investments in various industry groups. The Company's investment portfolio did not include any significant investments in banks, trust or insurance companies at December 31, 2025 or 2024. Short-term investments, which consist primarily of money market funds and U.S. Treasury bills, original maturities of one year or less and are carried at cost, which approximates fair value due to the short duration to maturity. In addition, at December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Company held investments that are accounted for using the equity method and measurement alternative method (refer to Note 1 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements).

Refer to Note 3 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the major categories of investments, scheduled maturities, fair values of investment securities and earnings by category.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The title insurance policies ITIC and NITIC currently issue exclude any liability for environmental risks and contamination unless a notice of violation relating to an environmental protection law, ordinance or regulation is recorded prior to the date of such policy or the Company issues a specific policy endorsement providing coverage for environmental liens recorded prior to the date of such policy. The Company has not experienced, and does not anticipate that it or its subsidiaries will incur, any significant expenses related to environmental claims.

In connection with tax-deferred exchanges of like-kind property, ITAC may temporarily hold title to property pursuant to an accommodation titleholder agreement. In order for ITAC to enter into such arrangements, each person or entity for which title is being held must (a) execute an indemnification agreement under which it agrees to indemnify ITAC for any environmental or other claims which may arise as a result of the arrangement, and (b) provide due diligence materials regarding any known environmental issues, in the form of an environmental questionnaire and/or applicable environmental engineering studies, if indicated for review by ITAC, as applicable.

EMPLOYEES AND HUMAN CAPITAL

The Company and its subsidiaries had 548 full-time employees and 26 part-time employees as of December 31, 2025. None of the employees are covered by any collective bargaining agreements. Management considers its relationship with its employees to be favorable.

Recruiting and retaining qualified personnel and key talent is important to the Company's success. The Company's business results depend in part on its ability to successfully manage its human capital resources. Factors that may affect the Company's ability to attract and retain qualified employees include employee morale, competition from other employers and availability of qualified individuals.

The Company is an equal opportunity employer, committed to creating an inclusive culture that supports all employees and is free of discrimination based on gender, race, ethnicity, religion, disability or other legally protected characteristic.

Compensation and Benefits

The Company strives to provide robust compensation and benefits to its employees. In addition to competitive salaries, compensation and benefit programs include annual bonuses, an employer-sponsored 401(k) plan, employer paid healthcare, life insurance, long and short term disability benefits, flexible spending accounts, an employee assistance program, and paid time off. The Company's ability to attract and retain key personnel who are necessary to the operation of the business is critical to its success.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Company files annual, quarterly and current reports and other information with the SEC. The SEC maintains a website at www.sec.gov that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC.

The Company's internet address is www.invtitle.com. The contents of the Company's website, including the "Investor Relations" section, are not and shall not be deemed to be a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K or any other SEC filing. The Company makes available free of charge through its internet website its annual reports on Form 10-K, its quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, its current reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after such materials are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC, and also makes available the Section 16 reports on Forms 3, 4 and 5 of its insiders no later than the end of the business day following such filings. The information is free of charge and may be reviewed and downloaded from the website at any time. The "Investor Relations" section of the Company's website also includes its Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and the charters of the Audit, Compensation and Nominating Committees of its Board of Directors.

Executive Officers of the Company

Following is information regarding the executive officers of the Company as of February 21, 2026. Each officer is appointed at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors to serve until the next annual meeting of the Board or until his or her respective successor has been elected and qualified.

Name	Age	Position with Registrant
J. Allen Fine	91	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board
James A. Fine, Jr.	63	President, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Director
W. Morris Fine	59	Executive Vice President, Secretary and Director

J. Allen Fine has been Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of the Company since its incorporation in 1973. He also served as President of the Company until May 1997. He is the father of James A. Fine, Jr. and W. Morris Fine.

James A. Fine, Jr. was named Vice President of the Company in 1987. In 1997, he was named President and Treasurer and appointed as a Director of the Company. In 2002, he was appointed as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer. He is the son of J. Allen Fine and the brother of W. Morris Fine.

W. Morris Fine was named Vice President of the Company in 1992. In 1993, he was named Treasurer of the Company and served in that capacity until 1997. In 1997, he was named Executive Vice President and Secretary of the Company. In 1999, he was appointed as a Director of the Company. He is the son of J. Allen Fine and the brother of James A. Fine, Jr.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

The risk factors listed in this section and other factors noted herein could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements or could result in a significant or material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations.

RISKS RELATED TO THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS

Adverse changes in economic conditions, especially those related to real estate activity, may negatively impact the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

The demand for the Company's title insurance, exchange services, and other real estate transaction products and services varies from year to year and is dependent upon, among other factors, the volume of residential and commercial real estate transactions and mortgage financing transactions. The volume of these transactions has historically been influenced by factors such as the overall state of the economy, the average price level of real estate sales, housing inventory, unemployment levels, and the availability and pricing of mortgage financing. Real estate activity generally decreases when the economy is weak or uncertain, home prices are increasing, housing inventory is limited, the availability of mortgage credit is limited, or mortgage interest rates are increasing. The cyclical nature of the Company's business has caused in the past, and is currently causing, volatility in revenue and profitability and could do so in the future.

Demand for title insurance also depends in part upon the requirement by mortgage lenders and other participants in the secondary mortgage market that title insurance policies be obtained on residential and commercial real property.

The Company faces challenges in accurately predicting the consequences of occurrences such as inflation, recession, geopolitical and military conflicts, or political tensions preventing Congress from reaching timely agreements on matters impacting the economy such as future increases or suspension of the debt ceiling. These situations could exacerbate market volatility and economic uncertainty. The Company could be affected by these events in various ways, including but not limited to fluctuations in its investment portfolio and potential decreases in net premiums written. The Company could also be impacted by the governmental responses to such circumstances, such as the Federal Open Market Committee ("FOMC") of the Federal Reserve raising the target federal funds rate. Although the federal funds rate does not directly impact mortgage interest rates, it can have a significant influence as lenders pass on the costs of rate increases to consumers. Higher mortgage interest rates have historically had a negative impact on the demand and pricing of real estate.

The Company may experience material losses resulting from fraud, defalcation or misconduct.

Underwriting agents and approved settlement providers, which can include issuing agents and approved attorneys, perform a significant portion of the work necessary to issue the Company's title insurance policies. These agents and providers operate with a substantial degree of independence from the Company, subject to certain contractual limitations. There is no guarantee that all title agents and approved providers will comply with contractual limitations, and, due to the regulatory environment and trends in litigation, the Company could be held liable for their actions. As a result, the Company's use of title agents and approved providers could result in claims on the Company's policies and other expenses due to fraud and negligence. Fraud, defalcation, errors and other misconduct by the Company's agents, approved attorneys and employees are risks inherent in the Company's business. Agents and approved attorneys typically handle large sums of money in trust pursuant to the closing of real estate transactions. Misappropriation of funds by any of these parties could result in title claims, some of which could be large and have a material negative impact on the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

The Company relies upon the North Carolina, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida markets for a significant portion of its premiums. Changes in the economic or regulatory environments in these states could have an adverse impact on the Company.

North Carolina, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida are the largest sources of premium revenue for the Company's title insurance subsidiaries. In 2025, these states represented 35.3%, 27.1%, 8.6%, 8.1%, and 6.4% of total premiums written by the Company, respectively. A decrease in the level of real estate activity in these states, whether driven by weak economic conditions, changes in regulatory environments or other factors that influence demand, could have a negative impact on the Company's financial results.

Adverse deviation of actual claims experience from expected claims experience will result in lower net earnings.

The Company's net income is affected by the extent to which its actual claims experience differs from the assumptions used in establishing the reserve for claims. The reserve for claims is established based on actuarial estimates of future payments for reported claims, as well as claims which have been incurred but not yet reported. In addition, management considers factors such as the Company's historical claims experience, case reserve estimates on reported claims, large claims and other relevant factors in determining loss provision rates and the aggregate recorded expected liability for claims.

Due to the nature of the underlying risks and the high degree of uncertainty associated with the estimation of the reserve for claims, the Company cannot determine precisely the amounts which it will ultimately pay to settle its claims. Factors contributing to the complexity in establishing reserves can include varying loss potentials, timing, unfavorable market or economic conditions and the legal environment. The timing of claims is difficult to estimate as payments may not occur until well into the future. Higher levels of defaults and foreclosures upon insured properties are more prevalent in times of unfavorable economic conditions and can lead to an increase in title insurance claims. The Company may also incur higher than normal claim payment experience or large losses. To the extent that actual claims experience is greater than estimated, the Company could be required to increase the reserve.

Competition affects the Company's results of operations.

The title insurance industry is highly competitive with only a few insurers comprising a large percentage of the market. Key competitive factors are quality of service, price within regulatory parameters, expertise, timeliness and the financial strength and size of the insurer. Title insurance underwriters compete for premiums by choosing various distribution channels which may include company-owned operations, independent agents and agency relationships with real estate attorneys, subsidiaries of community and regional lending institutions, realtors, builders and other settlement service providers. Title insurance underwriters compete for agents on the basis of service, technology and commission levels. Some title insurers currently have greater financial resources, larger distribution networks and more extensive computerized databases of property records and information than the Company. The number and size of competing companies varies in the different geographic areas in which the Company operates, and any reductions to current regulatory barriers within any of the different geographic areas could increase the number of competitors entering into the title insurance market. Competition among the major providers of title insurance or the acceptance of alternative products to traditional title products by the regulatory authorities and the marketplace could adversely affect the Company's operations and financial condition.

Competition for exchange services comes from other title insurance companies and agents, banks, attorneys, and other independently-owned, qualified intermediaries that offer exchange services. Key elements that affect competition are price, expertise, timeliness and quality of service and the financial strength and size of the exchange service provider. Exchange services are not a regulated industry; there is no market data available regarding the Company's market position in this industry.

The Company may encounter difficulties managing growth, which could adversely affect its operating results.

The Company's future growth plans involve expansion into new geographic locations and further penetration into established markets through new or existing agents, or through acquisitions or joint ventures. Such growth may subject the Company to associated risks, such as diverting management's attention, incurring unanticipated liabilities from an acquired business, difficulty integrating an acquired entity, or retaining its employees or customers and realization of synergies. The occurrence of any of these risks may deprive the Company of some or all of the anticipated value of an acquisition or other growth initiatives, resulting in lower returns on investments and result in a negative impact on the Company's results of operations. These risks could be particularly significant if the Company incurs significant costs in pursuing an acquisition or other initiatives.

The Company depends on its ability to attract and retain key personnel and agents, and its inability to do so could adversely affect its business.

Competition for skilled and experienced personnel in the Company's industry is high, and the success of the Company is substantially dependent on its ability to attract and retain such personnel. The Company may have difficulty hiring and retaining the necessary marketing and management personnel to support future growth plans. Also, the Company's results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected if it is unsuccessful in attracting and retaining new agents.

Mortgage lending is highly concentrated and changes in relationships with lenders or reform of government-sponsored entities could adversely affect the Company.

Large mortgage lenders and government-sponsored entities, because of their significant role in the mortgage process, have significant influence over the Company and other service providers. Refusal by major market lenders to accept the Company's product offerings could have a material adverse effect on the Company. Furthermore, government-sponsored entities, the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac"), often require the purchase of title insurance for home loans they securitize. Any alterations made by these regulatory entities, such as modifying the requirements for title insurance or allowing the use of alternative products in lieu of title insurance, could impact the entire mortgage loan process and, as a result, could impact the demand for title insurance. In addition, the federal government has had discussions about the possible reform of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The timing and results of reform are currently unknown; however, changes to these entities could adversely impact the Company and its results of operations.

Unfavorable economic or other conditions could cause the Company to record impairment charges for all or a portion of its goodwill and other intangible assets.

As a result of acquisition activity, the Company has goodwill and other intangible assets that comprise approximately 5.8% of total assets as of December 31, 2025. Quarterly, the Company performs an impairment analysis that reviews changes in events or circumstances that could lead to the carrying value not being recoverable. Economic downturns or poor performance of the acquisitions could result in the Company recognizing an impairment of a portion or all of the goodwill and intangible assets on the Company's books, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

RISKS RELATED TO REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE MATTERS

The Company's insurance subsidiaries are subject to complex government regulations. Changes in regulations may have an adverse effect on the Company's results of operations.

The Company's title insurance subsidiaries are subject to extensive regulations that are intended to protect policyholders and consumers.

The Company's title insurance subsidiaries are subject to regulations by the CFPB, created by the Dodd-Frank Act. The CFPB has extensive regulatory and enforcement authority over real estate and mortgage markets, including RESPA, the primary federal regulatory guidance governing the real estate settlement industry. The manner and extent to which the CFPB will implement new regulations is not fully known; however, any new regulations implemented could result in changes to internal processes, including changes to systems and forms. Leadership changes at the CFPB may result in policy or regulatory shifts that could impact the title insurance industry.

In addition to federal regulation, title insurance subsidiaries are subject to state regulations. The nature and extent of state regulations, which vary from state to state, typically involve, among other matters, licensing and renewal requirements and trade and marketing practices, including, but not limited to, the following:

- licensing of insurers and agents;
- capital and surplus requirements;
- approval, regulation or establishment of premium rates for insurance;
- limitations on types and amounts of investments;
- limitations on the size of risks that may be insured by a single company;
- filing of annual and other reports with respect to financial condition;
- the amount of dividends and other payments made by insurance subsidiaries;
- establishing reserves;
- accounting and financing practices;
- deposits of securities for the benefit of policyholders;
- trade and marketing practices;
- regulation of reinsurance;
- approval of policy forms; and
- use of personal information, including cybersecurity regulations.

Insurance holding companies are subject to periodic examinations and the regulation of acquisitions, intercompany transactions and changes in control, among other regulations, by state regulators.

The Company and its subsidiaries are also subject to certain federal regulations established by the Office of the Comptroller of Currency, the Federal Reserve and various other governmental agencies.

The Company's other businesses also operate within state and federal guidelines. Any changes in the regulatory environment could restrict its existing or future operations and could possibly make it more burdensome and costly to conduct them.

New regulations, or differing interpretations of existing laws, could change business processes, products and services and have a negative impact on the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

A downgrade from a rating agency could result in a loss of underwriting business.

The competitive positions of title insurance companies rely partly on ratings published by independent rating services. Government-sponsored entities and lending institutions utilize these ratings, among other items, to evaluate a title insurer's strength and stability. The Company's title insurance subsidiaries are currently rated by A.M. Best Company and Demotech, Inc. The ratings issued by independent rating agencies are not credit ratings, but represent the opinion of the individual rating agency regarding the title insurance subsidiaries' financial strength, operating performance, and ability to meet policyholder obligations. These insurer ratings are subject to periodic review and there can be no assurance that the Company's insurance subsidiaries will maintain their current respective ratings. A significant downgrade in the ratings of either of the Company's insurance subsidiaries could negatively impact the ability to compete for new business, retain existing business and maintain the necessary licenses to operate as title insurance companies in various states.

Title insurance rate regulation could have an adverse impact on the Company's results of operations.

Rates for title insurance vary by state and are subject to extensive regulation. Statutes generally provide that rates must not be excessive, inadequate or unfairly discriminatory. The process of implementing a rate change in most states involves pre-approval by the applicable state insurance regulator. These regulations could impact the Company's ability to adjust prices in the face of rapidly changing market conditions, which could adversely affect results of operations.

Regulatory investigations of the title insurance industry by governmental entities could adversely impact the Company's results of operations.

The title insurance industry is subject to scrutiny by both federal and state regulators focusing on violations of state insurance codes, RESPA and similar state and federal laws, among others. The Company's insurance subsidiaries occasionally receive inquiries from regulators involving market conduct. Future inquiries could lead to fines for violations, settlements with regulating authorities that could result in fines or requirements to pay claims, and the potential for further regulation. The results of future inquiries could adversely affect the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

The Company relies on distributions from its subsidiaries.

The Company is an insurance holding company and it has no substantial operations of its own. Its principal assets are investments in its operating subsidiaries, primarily its insurance subsidiaries. The Company's ability to pay dividends and meet its obligations is dependent, among other factors, on the ability of its subsidiaries to pay dividends or repay intercompany loans. The Company's insurance subsidiaries are subject to regulations that limit the amount of dividends, loans or advances they may make to the Company. The restriction on these amounts is based on the amount of the insurance subsidiaries' unassigned surplus and net income, with certain adjustments. Additionally, these subsidiaries are required to maintain minimum amounts of capital, surplus and reserves. As of December 31, 2025, approximately $121.4 million of consolidated shareholders' equity represented the net assets of the Company's subsidiaries that cannot be transferred in the form of dividends, loans or advances to the Company. In general, dividends in excess of prescribed limits are deemed "extraordinary" and require prior approval by the appropriate regulatory body. In addition, the Company's ability to pay dividends may be constrained by business considerations, such as the impact of dividends on insurer ratings or competitive position. These dividend restrictions could limit the Company's ability to pay dividends to its shareholders or fund growth opportunities.

RISKS RELATED TO INVESTMENTS AND DEPOSITS

Deterioration in financial markets may cause a decline in the performance of the Company's investments and could have a material adverse impact on net income.

The Company derives a substantial portion of its income from its investment portfolio that primarily includes fixed maturity securities, equity securities and short-term investments. The Company's investment policy is designed to comply with regulatory requirements and to balance the competing objectives of asset quality and investment returns. The Company's investment portfolio is subject to risk from changes in general economic conditions, prices of marketable fixed maturity securities and equity securities, interest rates, liquidity, credit markets, and other external factors. The risk of loss is increased during periods of economic uncertainty and tight credit markets as these factors could limit the ability of some issuers to repay their debt obligations.

Fixed maturity securities and equity securities are carried at estimated fair value on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. Changes in the estimated fair value of fixed maturity securities are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income. Fixed maturity securities are regularly reviewed for differences between the cost and estimated fair value of each security for factors indicating impairment that would result in the value of the investment being written down. Changes in the estimated fair value of equity security investments are reported in the Consolidated Statements of Operations as net investment gains, without regard to impairment. Fluctuations in the estimated fair value of securities in the Company's investment portfolio could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

Financial institution failures could adversely affect the Company.

The Company has substantial deposits with financial institutions, including fiduciary deposits that are owned by third parties. There is no guarantee the Company, whether through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or otherwise, would recover the funds it has deposited should one or more of the financial institutions at which the Company maintains deposits fail.

RISKS RELATED TO CYBERSECURITY, TECHNOLOGY AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Breaches and failures of, and other disruptions to, information technology systems of the Company or its service providers may disrupt the Company's operations, result in monetary losses and harm the Company's reputation.

The Company relies on information technology ("IT") systems for a wide range of activities involved in the delivery of its products and services, including, but not limited to, the following:

- process title insurance applications and policy issuances;
- perform due diligence on land titles;
- manage substantial cash, investment assets, bank deposits, trust assets and escrow account balances on behalf of the Company and its customers;
- manage billing, collections and payables, including insurance premiums and agent commissions;
- manage accounting and financial reporting; and
- manage payroll and human resources information.

The Company's IT systems may be disrupted or fail, and information stolen or otherwise misappropriated, for a number of reasons, including, but not limited to:

- hacking, computer viruses, malware, ransomware or other cyberattacks;
- software "bugs", hardware defects or human error;
- natural disasters, like fires, or pandemics; or
- power loss.

Any of these events could disrupt operations both internally and externally, which may result in the loss of revenues. These events could also result in the unauthorized release of proprietary and/or non-public information, or even defalcation of corporate or client funds.

Like all companies, the Company's IT systems have been, and likely will continue to be, the target of computer viruses, cyberattacks, phishing attacks and other malicious activity. While the Company has not experienced a known material breach to date, the occurrence or scope of such events is not always immediately apparent and there can be no assurance that the Company will not suffer additional attacks or incur serious financial consequences or expense in the future. The Company invests resources in maintaining the security of its systems and adapting to evolving security threats. There is, however, no guarantee that its security measures will be adequate to prevent all cyberattacks. There is similarly no guarantee that the Company's backup systems or disaster recovery procedures will be adequate to mitigate losses due to IT system disruptions in a timely fashion, and the Company may incur significant expense in correcting IT system emergencies. The Company's reputation may also be damaged in the event of a serious IT breach or failure. Furthermore, as technology develops, and as cybercriminals become more capable, the difficulty and expense of maintaining IT security and redundancy may increase.

To the extent the Company's IT systems store non-public personal information and data about its employees, customers, and shareholders, security breaches may expose the Company to other serious liabilities and reputational harm if such data is misappropriated. Non-public personal information may include, but is not limited to, names, addresses, social security numbers, and banking information.

Additionally, future or past business transactions (such as acquisitions or integrations) could expose the Company to additional cybersecurity risks and vulnerabilities, as the Company's systems could be negatively affected by vulnerabilities present in acquired or integrated entities' systems and technologies.

In conducting its business and delivering its products and services, the Company also utilizes service providers. These service providers and the IT systems they utilize are typically subject to similar types of risks that the Company faces. The Company provides certain of these service providers with data, including non-public personal information. There is no guarantee that the Company's due diligence or ongoing vendor oversight will be sufficient to ensure the integrity and security of the systems utilized by these service providers or the protection of the information that resides thereon.

Furthermore, the Company is required by law and by certain contracts, particularly contracts with financial institutions, to notify various parties, consumers and customers in the event that confidential or personal information may have been or was accessed by unauthorized third parties. Such an event could potentially result in a breach of contract, and any required notifications could result in, among other things, the loss of customers, negative publicity, distraction of management, fines, lawsuits for breach of contract, regulatory inquiries or involvement and a decline in sales.

The Company seeks to mitigate the financial risk associated with unauthorized disclosure of non-public information by maintaining cyber liability insurance coverage. As cybercriminals continue to become more sophisticated, the costs to insure against cyberattacks have risen and may continue to rise in the future. The Company's coverage under its cyber liability insurance policy may be insufficient to cover all losses that the Company may incur in connection with an unauthorized disclosure of non-public information.

Any inability of the Company or its service providers to prevent or adequately respond to the issues described above could disrupt the Company's business, delay or impact the delivery of its products and services, inhibit its ability to retain existing customers or attract new customers, divert management's time and energy, otherwise harm its reputation and/or result in financial losses, litigation, regulatory inquiries, increased costs or other adverse consequences that could be material to the Company.

Errors and fraud involving the transfer of funds may adversely affect the Company.

The Company relies on its systems, employees and banks to transfer its own funds and the funds of third parties. These transfers are susceptible to user input error, fraud, system interruptions and other similar errors that could result in lost funds or delayed transactions. The Company's email and computer systems, along with systems used by other parties involved in the transactions, have been subject to, and are likely to continue to be the target of, fraudulent attacks, including attempts to cause the improper transfer of funds. Funds transferred to a fraudulent recipient are often not recoverable and, in certain instances, the Company may be liable for those unrecovered funds. These attacks have increased in frequency and sophistication. The controls and procedures used by the Company to prevent transfer errors and fraud may prove inadequate, resulting in financial losses, reputational harm, loss of customers or other adverse consequences which could be material to the Company.

Failure to timely adopt, effectively implement or appropriately govern new technologies could adversely affect the Company's financial and operating results.

Technological developments in the title insurance industry are driven by advances in technology, competitive dynamics, and regulatory requirements. These developments have accelerated the delivery of information and increased reliance on automated and highly efficient production processes, including the growing use of automation and artificial intelligence ("AI"). The Company's competitiveness depends, in part, on its ability to evaluate, adopt, integrate, and maintain technologies in ways that meet evolving industry standards, regulatory expectations, and customer preferences.

Investments in new technologies are significant and present implementation, operational, and compliance challenges. There can be no assurance that technologies the Company acquires or develops will function as intended, deliver expected benefits, remain secure, or be accepted by customers, regulators, or business partners. Failure to effectively manage technological change could disrupt operations, increase costs, reduce service quality, or harm the Company's reputation.

The use of AI presents additional risks. AI tools, including those provided by third parties, may rely on data that is inaccurate, biased, or subject to legal or contractual restrictions, and there may be limited insight into the controls used in their development. AI applications may produce inaccurate outputs, disclose confidential information, reflect unintended bias, or infringe intellectual property rights. The complexity of AI systems may also make governance, oversight, and compliance with evolving legal and regulatory requirements more difficult, potentially increasing costs and exposure to liability.

The inability of the Company to develop, implement, or manage new systems or technological changes could negatively impact the Company and its results of operations.

Policies and procedures for the mitigation of risk may not be sufficient.

The Company has policies and procedures in place to help identify, analyze, and measure the risks associated with the issuance of title insurance policies, investment risks, interest rate risks and legal risks, among others. In evaluating risks, the Company considers enterprise risk management, information technology risk management, disaster recovery, business continuity, and vendor risk management. Because a significant degree of judgment is involved with the establishment of policies and processes as well as the measurement of risks, it is possible not all risks have been identified or anticipated. Misidentified or unanticipated risks could adversely impact the Company and its results of operations.

RISKS RELATED TO THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS, POTENTIAL PANDEMICS, HEALTH CRISES, OR OTHER CATASTROPHIC EVENTS

Our business could be adversely affected by climate change, severe weather conditions, potential pandemics, health crises, or the occurrence of another catastrophic event.

Climate change, extreme weather conditions and catastrophic events, such as future pandemic diseases, natural disasters and terrorist attacks, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's future results of operations and financial condition. The Company's business operations could be impacted, including availability of key Company personnel or the Company's information technology systems, by volatility of real estate prices, significant climate migration, and disruptions to the real estate environment or financial markets. Given the unpredictable nature of these events with respect to size, severity, duration and geographic location, it is not currently possible to quantify the ultimate impact that they may have on the Company's business.

RISKS RELATED TO OWNING THE COMPANY'S COMMON STOCK

Certain provisions in the Company's organizational law, North Carolina law, organizational documents, and the Company's shareholder rights plan may deter or discourage a takeover of the Company.

The Company's articles of incorporation, as amended (the "Articles") and amended and restated bylaws (the "Bylaws") contain certain provisions that could delay, prevent or discourage transactions involving actual or potential changes of control, including transactions that may involve payment of a premium over prevailing market prices to the Company's common shareholders. In addition, the Company has adopted a shareholder rights plan (the "Plan"). The provisions in the Company's organizational documents and the rights set forth in the Plan are not intended to prevent a takeover of the Company, and the Company believes these protective measures are beneficial to the Company and its shareholders in the event of negotiations with a potential acquirer. These provisions are described in further detail in "Description of the Company's Securities" incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4.1 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The Company's Bylaws provide that, unless the Company consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the state courts of North Carolina will be the sole and exclusive forum for substantially all disputes between the Company's and its shareholders.

The Bylaws provide that, unless the Company consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the sole and exclusive forum for (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought in the name or right of the Company or on its behalf, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer or other employee of Company to the Company or its shareholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the North Carolina Business Corporation Act (the "NCBCA"), the Articles, or the Bylaws, (iv) any action to interpret, apply, enforce, or determine the validity of the Articles or the Bylaws, or (v) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine, including, without limitation, any action to interpret, apply, enforce or determine the validity of the Articles or the Bylaws, shall be the state courts of North Carolina in and for Orange County, North Carolina, subject to designation or assignment to the North Carolina Business Court (or, if no state court located within the State of North Carolina has jurisdiction, the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina). The Bylaws also provide that, notwithstanding the foregoing, (a) the provisions described above will not apply to suits brought to enforce any liability or duty created by the Exchange Act or any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction, and (b) unless the Company consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the federal district courts shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action against the Company or any director, officer, employee, or agent of the Company and arising under the Securities Act (however, there is uncertainty as to whether a court would enforce such provision, and investors cannot waive compliance with federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder). The choice of forum provision may limit a shareholder's ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that it finds favorable for disputes with the Company or its directors, officers or other employees and may also result in increased costs for shareholders to bring any such claim, which may discourage such lawsuits against the Company and its directors, officers, and other employees.

If a court were to find the choice of forum provision contained in the Bylaws to be inapplicable or unenforceable in an action, the Company may incur additional costs associated with resolving such action in other jurisdictions, which could harm the Company's business, results of operations, and financial condition. Even if the Company is successful in defending against these claims, litigation could result in substantial costs and be a distraction to management and other employees.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 1C. CYBERSECURITY

Cybersecurity Risk Management and Strategy

Our enterprise information security program is designed to detect, manage, mitigate, and respond to cybersecurity threats and is integrated into our overall risk management systems. The Company's Chief Information Security Officer ("CISO"), in concert with a Data Security Committee, is responsible for developing and implementing our enterprise information security program and reporting cybersecurity matters to senior management. The Company's enterprise information security program adheres to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework 2.0 and other relevant industry frameworks as necessary.

Our risk management strategy encompasses a range of policies, procedures, and controls designed to safeguard our information assets. Key elements of our risk management and control framework include IT policies and procedures, employee training, annual disaster recovery tests, and penetration tests performed by third-party experts. The Company also employs systems and processes designed to oversee and identify cybersecurity threats associated with third-party vendors. The Company has established robust IT policies and procedures governing the use, access, and protection of our digital assets. These policies serve as a foundation for secure operations, outlining best practices and compliance standards for our employees. The Company recognizes the crucial role of employees in maintaining a secure environment and conducts regular cybersecurity training programs. These initiatives are designed to empower our staff with the knowledge and skills necessary to identify and respond to potential threats, reducing the risk of human error in cybersecurity matters. To test the preparedness of our operations in the face of unforeseen events, the Company conducts annual disaster recovery tests. These tests evaluate our ability to recover critical systems and data in the event of a disruption, contributing to our overall business continuity and risk mitigation efforts. As part of our commitment to maintaining a strong defense against cyber threats, the Company engages third-party experts to conduct regular penetration tests on our network. These tests are intended to simulate real-world cyberattacks, allowing us to identify vulnerabilities and address them proactively.

The Company's planned investments in cybersecurity include implementing advanced data loss prevention measures, encryption protocols, and continuous monitoring to safeguard sensitive information and mitigate the risk of unauthorized access or disclosure. As part of the Company's risk management strategy, it has secured comprehensive cyber insurance coverage. The Company regularly reviews and updates its cyber insurance coverage to align with the evolving nature of cyber threats and industry standards.

The Company's IT systems have been, and likely will continue to be, the target of computer viruses, cyberattacks, phishing attacks, and other malicious activity. While the Company has not experienced a known material breach to date, the occurrence or scope of such events is not always immediately apparent and there can be no assurance that the Company will not suffer additional attacks or incur serious financial consequences or expense in the future. Refer to "Item 1A. Risk Factors" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for further discussion of cybersecurity risks.

Governance

The Company's Board of Directors oversees the processes for risk management, including cybersecurity risks, to help align risk exposure with strategic objectives. Senior management periodically briefs the Board of Directors on our cybersecurity framework and assessments of the information security program, key and emerging threats and risks, the status of projects to strengthen our information security systems, and any cybersecurity incidents that could potentially have a material business impact. In the event of an incident, the Company would follow a detailed incident response plan, which outlines the steps to be followed, including notification of senior management and the Board of Directors, as appropriate.

Our CISO has more than 25 years of experience in the cybersecurity and technology space. Our Data Security Committee is composed of key business and functional stakeholders including Risk, Legal, Finance, IT, Operations, and Business line leads.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

The Company owns two adjacent office buildings and property located on the corner of North Columbia and West Rosemary streets in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, which serve as the Company's corporate headquarters. The main building contains approximately 23,000 square feet and has on-site parking facilities. The Company's subsidiaries, principally ITIC and NITIC, lease office space throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Michigan, Florida, Georgia and Nebraska. The Company believes that each of the office facilities occupied by the Company and its subsidiaries are in good condition, adequately insured and sufficient for its present operations.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company and its subsidiaries are involved in legal proceedings that are incidental to their business. In the Company's opinion, based on the present status of these proceedings, any potential liability of the Company or its subsidiaries with respect to these legal proceedings, will not, in the aggregate, be material to the Company's consolidated financial condition or operations. Additional information about the Company's legal proceedings is included in Note 11 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not Applicable.

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED SHAREHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Common Stock Data and Dividends

The common stock of the Company is traded under the symbol "ITIC" on the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC. The number of record holders of common stock at December 31, 2025 was 191. The number of record holders is based upon the actual number of holders registered on the books of the Company at such date and does not include holders of shares in "street name" or persons, partnerships, associations, corporations or other entities identified in security position listings maintained by securities depositories.

The Company's current dividend policy anticipates the payment of quarterly dividends in the future. The declaration and payment of dividends will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors and will be dependent upon the Company's future earnings, financial condition and capital requirements. The Company's ability to pay dividends is also subject to certain regulatory restrictions on the payment of dividends by its insurance subsidiaries as described in the "Liquidity and Capital Resources" section of "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

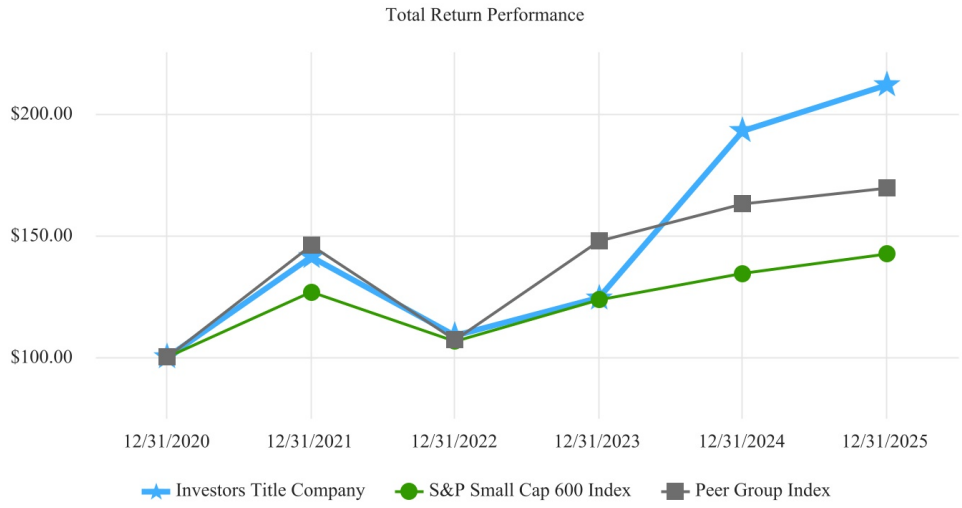
The following table provides information about purchases by the Company (and all affiliated purchasers), during the quarter ended December 31, 2025, of equity securities that are registered by the Company pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act:

	Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities (unrounded)			
Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plan	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plan (1)
Beginning of period				**413,177**
October 1 through October 31, 2025	—	$ —	—	**413,177**
November 1 through November 30, 2025	—	—	—	**413,177**
December 1 through December 31, 2025	—	—	—	**413,177**
Total	—	$ —	—	**413,177**

(1) On November 9, 2015, the Board of Directors of the Company approved the purchase of an additional 163,335 shares pursuant to the Company's repurchase plan, such that there was authority remaining under the plan to purchase up to an aggregate of 500,000 shares of the Company's common stock pursuant to the plan immediately after this approval. During the quarter and year ended December 31, 2025, the Company purchased no shares of common stock under the Company's repurchase plan, respectively. As of December 31, 2025, there was authority remaining under the plan to purchase up to an aggregate of 413,177 shares of the Company's common stock. Unless terminated earlier by resolution of the Board of Directors, the plan will expire when all shares authorized for purchase under the plan (as such number may be amended by the Board from time to time) have been purchased. The Company anticipates making further purchases under this plan from time to time in the future, depending on such factors as the prevailing market price of the Company's common stock, the Company's available cash and the existing alternative uses for such cash.

Performance Graph

Presented below is a line graph comparing the yearly percentage change in the cumulative total return on the Company's common stock to the cumulative return of the NASDAQ Composite Index and a peer group consisting of certain companies in the title insurance industry (SIC Code 6361) for the period commencing December 31, 2020 and ending December 31, 2025. The graph assumes that $100 was invested in the Company's common stock, the S&P Small Cap 600 Index and the peer group on December 31, 2020 and that all dividends were reinvested on a quarterly basis. Returns for the companies included in the peer group have been weighted on the basis of the total market capitalization for each company.



	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	12/31/2022	12/31/2023	12/31/2024	12/31/2025
Investors Title Company	$ 100.00	$ 140.95	$ 108.78	$ 124.27	$ 192.64	$ 211.45
S&P Small Cap 600 Index	100.00	126.82	106.40	123.48	134.22	142.30
Peer Group Index	100.00	145.79	107.18	147.52	162.78	169.22

The Peer Group consists of Fidelity National Financial, Inc. (FNF), Stewart Information Services Corporation (STC) and First American Financial Corporation (FAF).

ITEM 6. [Reserved]

ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and the related notes in this report. The following discussion may contain forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on certain assumptions and expectations of future events that are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. Actual results may vary. See the sections in this Annual Report on Form 10-K titled "Safe Harbor and Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors" included in Part I, Item 1A that could affect forward-looking statements.

Overview

Title Insurance

Investors Title Company (the "Company") is a holding company that engages primarily in issuing title insurance through two subsidiaries, Investors Title Insurance Company ("ITIC") and National Investors Title Insurance Company ("NITIC"). Total revenues from the title segment accounted for 90.2% of the Company's revenues in 2025. Through ITIC and NITIC, the Company underwrites land title insurance for owners and mortgagees as a primary insurer.

Title insurance protects against loss or damage resulting from title defects that affect real property and customarily arising prior to the policy date. When real property is conveyed from one party to another, occasionally there is an undisclosed defect in the title or a mistake or omission in a prior deed, will or mortgage that may give a third party a legal claim against such property. If a covered claim is made against real property, title insurance provides indemnification against insured defects.

There are two basic types of title insurance policies – one for the mortgage lender and one for the real property owner. A lender often requires the property owner to purchase a lender's title insurance policy to protect its position as a holder of a mortgage loan, but the lender's title insurance policy does not protect the property owner. The property owner has to purchase a separate owner's title insurance policy to protect its investment.

The Company issues title insurance policies directly and through a network of agents. Issuing agents are typically real estate attorneys, independent agents or subsidiaries of community and regional mortgage lending institutions, depending on local customs and regulations and the Company's marketing strategy in a particular territory. The ability to attract and retain issuing agents is a key determinant of the Company's growth in title insurance premiums written.

Revenues for the title insurance segment primarily result from purchases of new and existing residential and commercial real estate, refinance activity and certain other types of mortgage lending such as home equity lines of credit.

Title insurance premiums vary from state to state and are subject to extensive regulation. Statutes generally provide that rates must not be excessive, inadequate or unfairly discriminatory. The process of implementing a rate change in most states involves pre-approval by the applicable state insurance regulator.

Volume is a factor in the Company's profitability due to fixed operating costs that are incurred by the Company regardless of title insurance premium volume. The resulting operating leverage tends to amplify the impact of changes in volume on the Company's profitability. The Company's profitability also depends, in part, upon its ability to manage its investment portfolio to maximize investment returns and to minimize risks such as interest rate changes, defaults and impairments of assets.

The Company's volume of title insurance premiums is affected by the overall level of residential and commercial real estate activity, which includes property sales, mortgage financing and mortgage refinancing. Real estate activity, home sales and mortgage lending are cyclical in nature. Real estate activity is affected by a number of factors, including the availability of mortgage credit, the cost of real estate, consumer confidence, employment and family income levels, and general United States economic conditions. Interest rate volatility is also an important factor in the level of residential and commercial real estate activity.

The Company's title insurance premiums in future periods are likely to fluctuate due to these and other factors which are beyond management's control.

Exchange Services

The Company's exchange services division, consisting of the operations of Investors Title Exchange Corporation ("ITEC") and Investors Title Accommodation Corporation ("ITAC"), provides customer services in connection with tax-deferred real property exchanges. ITEC acts as a qualified intermediary in tax-deferred exchanges of real property held for productive use in a trade or business or for investment, and its income is derived from fees for handling exchange transactions and a portion of the interest earned on client deposits held by the Company. In its role as qualified intermediary, ITEC coordinates the exchange aspects of the real estate transaction, and its duties include drafting standard exchange documents, holding the exchange funds between the time the old property is sold and the new property is purchased, and accepting the formal identification of the replacement property within the required identification period. ITAC provides services as an exchange accommodation titleholder for accomplishing "parking transactions" as set forth in the safe harbor contained in Internal Revenue Procedure 2000-37. These transactions include reverse exchanges, when taxpayers decide to acquire replacement property before selling the relinquished property, or "build to suit" exchanges, when improvements must be made to the replacement property before the taxpayer acquires the improved replacement property. The services provided by the Company's exchange services division, ITEC and ITAC, are pursuant to provisions in the IRC. From time to time, these laws are subject to review and changes, which may negatively affect the demand for tax-deferred exchanges in general, and consequently, the revenues and profitability of the Company's exchange services division. Given that income is derived from a portion of the interest earned on client deposits held by the Company, interest rate fluctuations may also impact the profitability of the Company's exchange services division.

Management Services, Investment Management and Trust Services

Other services provided by operating divisions of the Company are not reported separately, but rather are reported collectively in a category called "All Other." These other services include those offered by the Company and by its wholly owned subsidiaries, Investors Title Management Services, Inc. ("ITMS") and Investors Trust Company ("Investors Trust").

ITMS offers various consulting and management services to provide clients with the technical expertise to start and successfully operate a title insurance agency.

The Company's trust services division, Investors Trust, provides investment management and trust services to individuals, companies, banks and trusts.

Business Trends and Recent Conditions

The housing market is heavily influenced by government policies and overall economic conditions. Regulatory reform and initiatives by various governmental agencies, including the Federal Reserve's monetary policy and other regulatory changes, could impact lending standards or the processes and procedures used by the Company. The current real estate environment, including interest rates and general economic activity, typically influence the demand for real estate. Changes in either of these areas, in addition to any inventory constraints or volatility in the cost and availability of building materials, could impact the Company's results of operations in future periods.

Inflationary pressures, ongoing geopolitical and military conflicts, and changes in government regulations and policy, including as a result of policies implemented by the Trump administration such as the implementation of widespread tariff reform, have created additional volatile market conditions and uncertainties in the global economy. These events have impacted and could continue to impact the Company in a number of ways including, but not limited to, future fluctuations in the Company's investment portfolio and potential decreases in net premiums written. The FOMC has closely monitored the risks associated with these developments and responded by increasing the target federal funds rate across several meetings from 2022 through 2023, followed by a gradual reduction beginning in 2024 and continuing into 2025. Although the federal funds rate does not directly impact mortgage interest rates, it can have a significant influence as lenders pass on the costs of rate increases to consumers. The current period of elevated mortgage interest rates has impacted the demand and pricing of real estate.

Regulatory Environment

The FOMC issues disclosures on a periodic basis that include projections of the federal funds rate and expected actions. Starting at the March 2022 meeting of the FOMC through July 2023, the FOMC repeatedly increased the target federal funds range, reaching a high of between 5.25% and 5.50%. During several meetings in 2024 and 2025, the FOMC lowered the federal funds rate. The most recent adjustment, in December 2025, reduced the target range to 3.5% and 3.75%. In normal economic situations, future adjustments to the FOMC's stance of monetary policy are expected to be based on realized and expected economic developments to achieve maximum employment and inflation near the FOMC's symmetric long-term 2.0% objective.

Real Estate Environment

The Mortgage Bankers Association's ("MBA") January 21, 2026 Mortgage Finance Forecast ("MBA Forecast") projects 2026 purchase activity to increase 6.4% to $1.4 trillion and refinance activity to increase 9.5% to $760 billion, resulting in an increase in total mortgage originations of 7.5% to $2.2 trillion, all from 2025 levels. In 2025, purchase activity accounted for 66.1% of all mortgage originations and, according to the MBA Forecast, is projected to represent 65.5% of all mortgage originations in 2026. According to data published by Freddie Mac, the average 30-year fixed mortgage interest rates in the United States were 6.6% and 6.7% for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. Per the MBA Forecast, mortgage interest rates are projected to decline in the subsequent year period, decreasing to 6.1% in 2026, before increasing to 6.3% in 2027. Due to the rapidly changing environment brought on by inflationary pressures, inventory constraints, geopolitical and military conflicts, and changes in government regulations and policy, including as a result of the policies implemented by the Trump administration, these projections and the impact of actual future developments on the Company could be subject to material change.

Historically, activity in real estate markets has varied over the course of market cycles by geographic region and in response to evolving economic factors. Operating results can vary from year to year based on cyclical market conditions and do not necessarily indicate the Company's future operating results and cash flows.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Policies

The Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP") and follow general practices within the industries in which it operates. This preparation requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. These estimates and assumptions are based on information available as of the date of the consolidated financial statements; accordingly, as this information changes, actual results could differ from the estimates and assumptions reflected in the consolidated financial statements. Certain estimates inherently have a greater reliance on the use of assumptions and judgments and, as such, have a greater possibility of producing results that could be materially different than originally reported. Management believes the following estimates are both important to the portrayal of the Company's financial condition and results of operations and require subjective or complex judgments and, therefore, management considers the following to be critical accounting estimates.

Reserve for Claim Losses

The Company's reserve for claims is established using estimates of amounts required to settle claims for which notice has been received (reported) and the amount estimated to be required to satisfy incurred claims of policyholders which may be reported in the future (incurred but not reported, or "IBNR"). The total reserve for all losses incurred but unpaid as of December 31, 2025 is represented by the reserve for claims totaling $38.1 million in the Consolidated Balance Sheets included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K (the "Consolidated Balance Sheets"). Of that total, approximately $3.5 million was reserved for specific claims which have been reported to the Company, and approximately $34.6 million was reserved for IBNR claims.

A provision for estimated future claims payments is recorded at the time the related policy revenue is recorded. The Company records the claims provision estimate as a percentage of net premiums written. In making loss estimates, management determines a loss provision rate, which it then applies to net premiums written. This loss provision rate is set to provide for losses on current year policies. By their nature, title claims can often be complex, vary greatly in dollar amounts, vary in number due to economic and market conditions such as an increase in mortgage foreclosures, and involve uncertainties as to ultimate exposure. In addition, some claims may require a number of years to settle and determine the final liability for indemnity and loss adjustment expense. The payment experience may extend for more than 20 years after the issuance of a policy. Events such as fraud, defalcation and multiple property defects can substantially and unexpectedly cause increases in estimates of losses. Due to the length of time over which claim payments are made and regularly occurring changes in underlying economic and market conditions, these estimates are subject to variability.

Management considers factors such as the Company's historical claims experience, case reserve estimates on reported claims, large claims, actuarial projections and other relevant factors in determining its loss provision rates and the aggregate recorded expected liability for claims. In establishing the reserve, actuarial projections are compared with recorded reserves to evaluate the adequacy of such recorded claims reserves and any necessary adjustments are then recorded in the current period's Consolidated Statement of Operations. Loss ratios for older years tend to be more reliable than recent policy years as those years are more fully developed. As the most recent claims experience develops and new information becomes available, the loss reserve estimate related to prior periods will change to more accurately reflect updated and improved emerging data. The Company reflects any adjustments to the reserve in the results of operations in the period in which new information (principally claims experience) becomes available.

The Company initially reserves for each known claim based upon an assessment of specific facts and updates the reserve amount as necessary over the course of administering each claim.

The Company assumes the reported liability for known claims and IBNR, in the aggregate, will be comparable to its historical claims experience unless factors, such as loss experience and charged premium rates, change significantly. Also affecting the Company's assumptions are large losses related to fraud and defalcation, as these can cause significant variances in loss emergence patterns. Management defines a large loss as one where incurred losses exceed $500,000. Due to the small volume of large claims, the long-tail nature of title insurance claims and the inherent uncertainty in loss emergence patterns, large claim activity can vary significantly between policy years. The estimated development of large claims by policy year is, therefore, subject to significant changes as experience develops. The loss provision rate is set to provide for losses on current year policies and changes in prior year estimates.

Management also considers actuarial analyses in evaluating the claims reserve. The actuarial methods used to evaluate the reserve are loss development methods, Bornhuetter-Ferguson methods and Cape Cod methods, all of which are accepted actuarial methods for estimating ultimate losses and, therefore, loss reserves. In the loss development method, each policy year's paid or incurred losses are projected to an ultimate level using loss development factors. In the Bornhuetter-Ferguson method, a type of expected loss method, losses for each policy year are estimated based on an expected loss ratio derived directly from a previous estimate of ultimate loss for each policy year plus an additional provision for losses that have not been reported or paid as of the evaluation date. Bornhuetter-Ferguson methods produce more stable ultimate loss estimates than do loss development methods, which are more responsive to the current loss data but can lead to volatile results. The Cape Cod method, a special case of the Bornhuetter-Ferguson method, blends the results of the loss development and expected loss methods. For more recent policy years, the Cape Cod methods give more weight to the results of the expected loss methods; for older policy years, more weight is given to the loss development method results.

The key actuarial assumptions are principally loss development factors and expected loss ratios. The selected loss development factors are based on a combination of the Company's historical loss experience and title industry loss experience. Expected loss ratios are estimated for each policy year based on the Company's own experience and title industry loss ratios. When updated data is incorporated into the actuarial models, the resulting loss development factors and expected loss ratios will likely change from the prior values. Changes in these values for historical policy years have generally been the result of actual Company and industry experience during the calendar years.

If one or more of the variables or assumptions used were to change such that the Company's recorded loss ratio, or loss provision as a percentage of net title premiums, increased or decreased three loss ratio percentage points, the impact on after-tax income for the year ended December 31, 2025 would be as follows:

(in thousands)		
Increase in loss ratio of three percentage points	**$**	**(5,040)**
Decrease in loss ratio of three percentage points	**$**	**5,040**

Company management believes that using a sensitivity of three loss percentage points for the loss ratio provides a reasonable benchmark for analysis of the calendar year loss provision of the Company based on historical loss ratios by year.

Despite the variability of such estimates, management believes that, based on historical claims experience and actuarial analysis, the Company's reserve for claims is adequate to cover claim losses resulting from pending and future claims for policies issued through December 31, 2025. The ultimate settlement of claims will likely vary from the reserve estimates included in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements. The Company continually reviews and adjusts its reserve estimates to reflect its loss experience and any new information that becomes available. There are no known claims that are expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position or operating results.

Premiums Written and Commissions to Agents

Generally, title insurance premiums are recognized at the time of settlement of the related real estate transaction, as the earnings process is then considered complete, irrespective of the timing of the issuance of a title insurance policy or commitment. Expenses typically associated with premiums, including agent commissions, premium taxes, and a provision for future claims, are recognized concurrent with recognition of related premium revenue.

Total premiums include an estimate of premiums for policies that have been issued directly and by agents, but not reported to the Company as of the balance sheet date. To determine the estimated premiums, the Company uses historical experience, as well as other factors, to make certain assumptions about the average elapsed time between the Company's initial notification of an opened order and the final settlement of the related real estate transaction. From time to time, the Company adjusts the inputs to the estimation process as reported transactions and new information becomes available. In addition to estimating revenues, the Company also estimates and accrues agent commissions, claims provision, premium taxes, income taxes, and other expenses associated with the estimated revenues that have been accrued. The Company reflects any adjustments to the accruals in the results of operations in the period in which new information becomes available.

Quarterly, the Company evaluates the collectability of receivables. Receivables deemed uncollectible have not been material to the Company.

Valuation, Impairment and Credit Losses of Investments in Securities

Investments in Fixed Maturity Securities: Fixed maturity securities are classified as available-for-sale and reported at estimated fair value with unrealized gains and losses, net of tax, reported as accumulated other comprehensive income. Securities are regularly reviewed for differences between the cost and estimated fair value of each security indicating impairment. Factors considered in determining whether the impairment is credit-related include the financial condition and prospects of the issuer (including credit ratings and analyst reports) and macro-economic changes. If the Company intends to sell an available-for-sale security in an unrealized loss position, or determines that it is more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell the security before it recovers its amortized cost basis, the security is impaired and it is written down to estimated fair value with all losses recognized in earnings. For available-for-sale fixed maturity securities in an unrealized loss position for which the Company does not intend to sell the security, the Company evaluates the securities to determine whether the decline in the estimated fair value below the amortized cost basis (impairment) is due to credit-related factors or noncredit-related factors. Any impairment that is not credit-related is recognized in other comprehensive income (loss), net of applicable taxes. Credit-related impairment is recognized as an allowance for credit losses ("ACL") in the Consolidated Balance Sheets, limited to the amount by which the amortized cost basis exceeds the estimated fair value, with a corresponding adjustment to earnings.

Both the ACL and the adjustment to the Consolidated Statements of Operations may be reversed if conditions change. Changes in the ACL are recorded as provision for (or reversal of) credit loss expense. Losses are charged against the ACL when management believes the uncollectability of an available-for-sale fixed maturity security is confirmed or when certain criteria regarding intent or requirement to sell is met. Accrued interest receivable is excluded from the estimate of credit losses. Impairment reviews are inherently uncertain and the value of the investment may not fully recover or may decline in future periods resulting in a realized loss. Realized gains and losses are determined on the specific identification method. Refer to Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information about the Company's investments in fixed maturity securities.

Investments in Equity Securities: Equity securities represent ownership interests held by the Company in entities for investment purposes. Realized gains and losses on the sale of investment securities and changes in the estimated fair value of equity security investments are reported in the Consolidated Statements of Operations as net investment gains. Realized investment gains and losses from sales are recorded on the trade date and are determined using the specific identification method. Refer to Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information about the Company's investments in equity securities.

Other Investments: Other investments consist of investments in real estate and unconsolidated affiliated entities, typically structured as limited liability companies ("LLCs"), without readily determinable fair values.

Real estate investments are reported at amortized cost. The Company monitors any events or changes in circumstances that may have had a significant adverse effect on the fair value of real estate investments and makes any necessary adjustments, with any reductions in the carrying amount of these investments recorded in net investment gains in the Consolidated Statements of Operations when recognized.

Other investments are accounted for under either the equity method or the measurement alternative method. The measurement alternative method is used when an investment does not qualify for the equity method or an estimated fair value using the net asset value per share. Under the measurement alternative method, investments are recorded at cost, less any impairment and plus or minus any changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for an identical or similar investment of the same issuer. The Company monitors any events or changes in circumstances that may have had a significant adverse effect on the estimated fair value of these investments and makes any necessary adjustments.

The fair values of the majority of the Company's investments are based on quoted market prices from independent pricing services. Refer to Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information about the Company's valuation techniques.

Deferred Taxes

The Company recorded net deferred tax liabilities at December 31, 2025 and 2024. The deferred tax liabilities recorded during both periods primarily relate to net unrealized gains on investments, the excess of tax over book depreciation, recorded statutory premium reserve, net of reserve for claims, 1031 exchange gains, and intangible assets. Refer to Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information on the Company's deferred taxes.

Cyclicality and Seasonality

Real estate activity, home sales and mortgage lending are cyclical in nature. Title insurance premiums are closely related to the level of real estate activity and the average price of real estate sales. Real estate activity is affected by a number of factors, including the availability of mortgage credit, the cost of real estate, consumer confidence, employment and family income levels, and general United States economic conditions. Interest rate volatility is also an important factor in the level of residential and commercial real estate activity. The Company's premiums in future periods are likely to fluctuate due to these and other factors which are beyond management's control.

Historically, the title insurance business tends to be seasonal as well as cyclical. Because home sales are typically strongest in periods of favorable weather, the first calendar quarter tends to have the lowest activity levels, while the spring and summer seasons tend to be more active. Refinance activity is generally less seasonal, but is subject to interest rate fluctuations.

Seasonal factors affecting the level of real estate activity and the volume of title premiums written will also affect the demand for exchange services.

Results of Operations

The following table presents certain Consolidated Statements of Operations data for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023:

For the Years Ended December 31, (in thousands)	**2025**	2024	2023
Revenues:			
Net premiums written	**$ 212,642**	$ 204,264	$ 171,158
Escrow and other title-related fees	**19,311**	17,954	17,109
Non-title services	**21,599**	17,193	19,237
Interest and dividends	**9,965**	10,657	9,055
Other investment income	**2,720**	2,600	3,752
Net investment gains	**3,177**	4,683	3,448
Other	**3,341**	947	991
Total Revenues	**272,755**	258,298	224,750
Operating Expenses:			
Commissions to agents	**113,669**	107,343	83,374
Provision for claims	**4,607**	4,530	4,762
Personnel expenses	**72,215**	72,513	76,706
Office and technology expenses	**17,204**	17,505	17,359
Other expenses	**20,511**	16,944	16,319
Total Operating Expenses	**228,206**	218,835	198,520
Income before Income Taxes	**44,549**	39,463	26,230
Provision for Income Taxes	**9,369**	8,390	4,544
Net Income	**$ 35,180**	$ 31,073	$ 21,686

Revenues

The following is a summary of the Company's total revenue broken out between the title insurance segment, exchange services segment and all other income with intersegment eliminations netted with each segment; therefore, the individual segment amounts will not agree to Note 12 in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

(in thousands, except percentages)	**2025**	**%**	2024	%	2023	%
Title Insurance	**$ 246,069**	**90.2**	$ 235,487	91.2	$ 200,937	89.4
Exchange Services	**14,008**	**5.1**	11,104	4.3	13,467	6.0
All Other	**12,678**	**4.7**	11,707	4.5	10,346	4.6
Total	**$ 272,755**	**100.0**	$ 258,298	100.0	$ 224,750	100.0

Title Insurance Revenues

Title insurance revenues include net premiums written and escrow and other title-related income that includes escrow fees, commissions and settlement fees. Non-title services revenue, investment-related revenues and other revenues are discussed separately below.

Net Premiums Written

Net premiums written increased 4.1% in 2025 to $212.6 million, compared with $204.3 million in 2024, and increased 19.3% in 2024, compared with $171.2 million in 2023. The increases in 2025, compared to 2024, and in 2024, compared to 2023, were primarily driven by increased activity levels and appreciation in average home prices.

Total premiums include an estimate of premiums for policies that have been issued directly and by agents, but not reported to the Company as of the balance sheet date. To determine the estimated premiums, the Company uses historical experience, as well as other factors, to make certain assumptions about the average elapsed time between the Company's initial notification of an opened order and the final settlement of the related real estate transaction. From time to time, the Company adjusts the inputs to the estimation process as reported transactions and new information becomes available. In addition to estimating revenues, the Company also estimates and accrues agent commissions, claims provision, premium taxes, income taxes, and other expenses associated with the estimated revenues that have been accrued. The Company reflects any adjustments to the accruals in the results of operations in the period in which new information becomes available.

Title insurance companies typically issue title insurance policies directly or through title agencies. Following is a breakdown of net premiums generated by direct and agency operations for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023.

(in thousands, except percentages)	**2025**	**%**	2024	%	2023	%
Direct	**$ 61,864**	**29.1**	$ 60,626	29.7	$ 58,063	33.9
Agency	**150,778**	**70.9**	143,638	70.3	113,095	66.1
Total	**$ 212,642**	**100.0**	$ 204,264	100.0	$ 171,158	100.0

Direct Net Premiums: The Company's direct business consists of operations at the home office, branch offices, and wholly owned title insurance agencies. In the Company's direct operations, the Company issues a title insurance policy and retains the entire premium, as no commissions are recognized in connection with these policies. Net premiums written from direct operations increased 2.0% in 2025 to $61.9 million, compared with $60.6 million in 2024, and increased 4.4% in 2024, compared with $58.1 million in 2023. The increases in net premiums written from direct operations in 2025, compared with 2024, and in 2024, compared with 2023, were primarily driven by increased activity levels and appreciation in average home prices.

Agency Net Premiums: When a policy is written through a non-wholly owned title agency, the premium is shared between the agency and the underwriter. The agent retains a majority of the premium as a commission and remits the net amount to the Company. Title insurance commissions earned by the Company's agents are recognized as expenses concurrently with premium recognition. Agency net premiums written increased 5.0% in 2025 to $150.8 million, compared with $143.6 million in 2024, and increased 27.0% in 2024, compared with $113.1 million in 2023. The increases in 2025, compared with 2024, and in 2024, compared with 2023, were primarily driven by increased activity levels and appreciation in average home prices.

The following is a schedule of net premiums written in select states in which the Company's two insurance subsidiaries, ITIC and NITIC, currently underwrite title insurance:

State (in thousands)	2025	2024	2023
North Carolina	**$ 75,229**	$ 70,380	$ 64,143
Texas	**57,698**	56,985	46,308
Georgia	**18,326**	15,463	11,731
South Carolina	**17,276**	17,940	16,023
Florida	**13,632**	14,704	6,778
All Others	**30,732**	28,881	26,529
Premiums Written	**212,893**	204,353	171,512
Reinsurance Assumed	**—**	—	—
Reinsurance Ceded	**(251)**	(89)	(354)
Net Premiums Written	**$ 212,642**	$ 204,264	$ 171,158

Title insurance rates vary by state and are subject to extensive regulatory oversight. In certain jurisdictions, insurers are required to adhere to rates established by state regulatory authorities and are not permitted to modify such rates independently. Regulatory authorities may approve rate adjustments to reflect current market conditions and cost factors affecting the title insurance industry. The Texas Commissioner of Insurance approved a 6.2% reduction in title insurance rates effective March 1, 2026. The Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner approved a rate increase that became effective on July 1, 2024, which the Company estimates increased its revenues by approximately 17%. The North Carolina Department of Insurance approved a 9.4% rate increase that became effective October 1, 2025, and the Ohio Department of Insurance approved a 9.0% rate increase effective January 1, 2026. Overall, the Company anticipates that these rate adjustments, along with other approved rate changes, will have a favorable net impact on premium revenues in future reporting periods.

Escrow and Other Title-Related Fees

Escrow and other title-related fees consists primarily of commission income, escrow and other various fees associated with the issuance of a title insurance policy including settlement, examination and closing fees. Escrow and other title-related fee revenue increased 7.6% in 2025 to $19.3 million, compared with $18.0 million in 2024, and increased 4.9% in 2024, compared with $17.1 million in 2023. The increases in 2025, compared with 2024, and in 2024, compared with 2023, were primarily due to increases in real estate activity levels.

Revenue from Non-Title Services

Revenue from non-title services includes trust services, agency management services and exchange services income. Non-title service revenues increased 25.6% in 2025 to $21.6 million, compared with $17.2 million in 2024, and decreased 10.6% in 2024, compared with $19.2 million in 2023. The increase in 2025, compared with 2024, primarily related to increases in revenue from like-kind exchanges and management services. The decrease in 2024, compared with 2023, was primarily related to a decrease in like-kind exchange revenues.

Investment Related Revenues

Investment related revenues include interest and dividends, other investment income, and net investment gains.

Interest and Dividends

The Company derives a substantial portion of its income from investments in short-term investments, fixed maturity securities, which are primarily corporate and municipal fixed maturity securities, and equity securities. The Company's investment policy is designed to comply with regulatory requirements and to balance the competing objectives of asset quality and investment returns. The Company's title insurance subsidiaries are required by statute to maintain minimum levels of investments in order to protect the interests of policyholders. Fixed maturity securities totaling approximately $6.0 million and $6.1 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, were deposited with the insurance departments of the states in which business is conducted.

The Company's investment strategy emphasizes after-tax income and principal preservation. The Company's investments are primarily in fixed maturity securities and short-term investments and, to a lesser extent, equity securities. The average effective maturity of the majority of the fixed maturity securities is less than 10 years. The Company's invested assets are managed to fund its obligations and evaluated to ensure long term stability of capital accounts.

As the Company generates cash from operations, it is invested in accordance with the Company's investment policy and corporate goals. The Company's investment policy has been designed to balance multiple goals, including the assurance of a stable source of income from interest and dividends, the preservation of principal, and the provision of liquidity sufficient to meet insurance underwriting and other obligations as they become payable in the future. Securities purchased may include a combination of taxable or tax-exempt fixed maturity securities and equity securities. The Company also invests in short-term investments that typically include money market funds, U.S. Treasury bills, commercial paper and certificates of deposit. The Company strives to maintain a high quality investment portfolio.

Interest and dividends were $10.0 million in 2025, compared with $10.7 million in 2024 and $9.1 million in 2023. Interest and investment income levels are primarily a function of general market performance, interest rates and the amount of cash available for investment. The decrease in 2025, compared to 2024, was primarily impacted by prevailing interest rates. The increase in 2024, compared to 2023, related to elevated levels of interest income, predominantly influenced by the amount of fixed maturity securities held, interest rates, and general market performance. Refer to Note 3 in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements for the major categories of investments, scheduled maturities, amortized costs, estimated fair values of investment securities and earnings by security category.

Other Investment Income

Other investment income consists primarily of income related to investments in unconsolidated affiliates, typically structured as LLCs, accounted for under either the equity method of accounting or the measurement alternative for investments that do not have readily determinable fair values. The measurement alternative method requires investments without readily determinable fair values to be recorded at cost, less impairments, and plus or minus any changes resulting from observable price changes. The Company monitors any events or changes in circumstances that may have had a significant adverse effect on the fair value of these investments and makes any necessary adjustments.

Other investment income was $2.7 million in 2025, compared with $2.6 million in 2024 and $3.8 million in 2023. Changes in other investment income are impacted by fluctuations in the carrying value of the underlying investment and/or distributions received.

Net Investment Gains

Net investment gains include realized gains and losses on the sale of investment securities and changes in the estimated fair value of equity security investments. Net investment gains were $3.2 million, $4.7 million and $3.4 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Net Realized Investment Gains and Losses - Dispositions of equity securities at a realized gain or loss reflect such factors as industry sector allocation decisions, ongoing assessments of issuers' business prospects and tax planning considerations. Additionally, the amounts included in net investment gains are affected by assessments of securities' valuation for impairment. As a result of the interaction of these factors and considerations, the net realized investment gain or loss can vary significantly from period to period.

The net realized investment gains were $4.2 million for 2025, compared with $5.0 million in 2024 and $15.6 million in 2023. The net realized gains in 2025, 2024, and 2023 included impairment charges of $0, $74 thousand and $201 thousand, respectively, for certain fixed maturity securities where the intent to hold had changed. There were also impairment charges of $469 thousand and $309 thousand in 2025 and 2024, respectively, related to a write-down of other assets and investments. Management believes unrealized losses on the remaining fixed maturity securities at December 31, 2025 are not credit-related.

The securities in the Company's investment portfolio are subject to economic conditions and market risks. The Company considers relevant facts and circumstances in evaluating whether a credit or interest-related impairment of a fixed maturity security has occurred. Relevant facts and circumstances include the extent and length of time the fair value of an investment has been below cost.

There are a number of risks and uncertainties inherent in the process of monitoring impairments and determining if an impairment exists. These risks and uncertainties include the risk that the economic outlook will be worse than expected or have more of an impact on the issuer than anticipated; the risk that the Company's assessment of an issuer's ability to meet all of its contractual obligations will change based on changes in the characteristics of that issuer; the risk that information obtained by the Company or changes in other facts and circumstances leads management to change its intent to sell the fixed maturity security; and the risk that management is making decisions based on inaccurate information in the consolidated financial statements provided by issuers.

Changes in the Estimated Fair Value of Equity Security Investments - Changes in the estimated fair value of equity security investments were $(1.0) million in 2025, compared with $(318) thousand in 2024 and $(12.2) million in 2023. Such fluctuations are the result of changes in general market conditions during the respective periods, however, the sale of appreciated investment securities can result in a reduction in unrealized gains as they are reclassified to net realized investment gains, which is not indicative of a decline in estimated fair value.

Other Revenues

Other revenues primarily includes gains and losses on the disposal of assets, rental income from real estate investments and miscellaneous revenues. Other revenues were $3.3 million in 2025, compared with $947 thousand in 2024 and $991 thousand in 2023. The increase for 2025 was related to a gain recognized on assets contributed to a joint venture, with 2024 and 2023 being virtually unchanged.

Expenses

The Company's operating expenses consist primarily of commissions to agents, personnel expenses, office and technology expenses and the provision for claims. Operating expenses increased 4.3% in 2025, compared with 2024, primarily due to increases in commissions to agents and other expenses. Operating expenses increased 10.2% in 2024, compared with 2023, primarily due to an increase in commissions to agents, partially offset by a decrease in personnel expenses.

Following is a summary of the Company's operating expenses for 2025, 2024, and 2023. Intersegment eliminations have been netted; therefore, the individual segment amounts will not agree to Note 12 in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

(in thousands, except percentages)	**2025**	**%**	2024	%	2023	%
Title Insurance	**$ 211,642**	**92.7**	$ 207,189	94.7	$ 187,333	94.4
Exchange Services	**2,729**	**1.2**	2,665	1.2	2,414	1.2
All Other	**13,835**	**6.1**	8,981	4.1	8,773	4.4
Total	**$ 228,206**	**100.0**	$ 218,835	100.0	$ 198,520	100.0

Total Company

Personnel Expenses: Personnel expenses include base salaries, benefits and payroll taxes, bonuses paid to employees and contract labor expenses. Personnel expenses were $72.2 million, $72.5 million, and $76.7 million for 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively. Personnel expenses decreased by 0.4% in 2025, compared with 2024, and decreased 5.5% in 2024, compared with 2023, primarily due to lower staffing levels. Employee headcount decreased by 0.9% in 2025, from 2024, and 3.7% in 2024, from 2023. On a consolidated basis, personnel expenses as a percentage of total revenues were 26.5%, 28.1%, and 34.1% in 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively.

Office and Technology Expenses: Office and technology expenses primarily include facilities expenses, software and hardware expenses, depreciation expense, telecommunications expenses, and business insurance. Office and technology expenses were $17.2 million, $17.5 million, and $17.4 million for 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively. Office and technology expenses decreased in 2025, compared to 2024, primarily due to lower office and occupancy expenses partially offset by an increase in technology expenses. The increase in office and technology expenses in 2024, compared with 2023, was primarily due to an increase in technology expenses partially offset by a decline in office expenses.

Other Expenses: Other expenses primarily include business development expenses, premium-related taxes and licensing, professional services, title and service fees, amortization of intangible assets and other general expenses. Other expenses were $20.5 million, $16.9 million, and $16.3 million for 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively. The increase in 2025, compared with 2024, was mainly due to higher professional service expenses associated with agency acquisitions and several projects. The increase in 2024, compared with 2023, was mainly due to expenses associated with higher title insurance revenues and business development.

Title Insurance

Commissions to Agents: Agent commissions represent the portion of premiums retained by agents pursuant to the terms of their respective agency contracts. In 2025, commissions to agents increased 5.9% to $113.7 million, compared with $107.3 million in 2024. In 2024, commissions to agents increased 28.7% compared with $83.4 million in 2023. Commission expense as a percentage of net premiums written by agents was 75.4%, 74.7%, and 73.7% in 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively. The increase in commission expense, when comparing 2025 with 2024, and 2024 with 2023, was commensurate with the increases in agent premium volume. Commission rates vary by market due to local practice, competition and state regulations.

Provision for Claims: The provision for claims increased 1.7% in 2025, compared to 2024, and decreased 4.9% in 2024, compared to 2023. The provision for claims as a percentage of net premiums written was 2.2%, 2.2%, and 2.8% in 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively. The provision for claims as a percentage of net premiums written remained relatively consistent between 2025 and 2024. The decrease in the provision for claims as a percentage of net premiums written in 2024, compared with 2023, was primarily due to higher levels of favorable loss development.

A slight decrease in the loss provision rate in 2025, from the 2024 level, resulted in approximately $109 thousand less in reserves than would have been recorded at the higher 2024 level. Loss provision rates are subject to variability and are reviewed and adjusted as experience develops.

Title claims are typically reported and paid within the first several years of policy issuance. The provision for claims reflects actual payments of claims, net of recovery amounts, plus adjustments to the specific and incurred but not reported claims reserves, the latter of which are actuarially determined based on historical claims experience. Actual payments of claims, net of recoveries, were $3.6 million, $4.6 million, and $4.8 million in 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively.

Reserve for Claims: At December 31, 2025, the total reserve for claims was $38.1 million. Of that total, approximately $3.5 million was reserved for specific claims, and approximately $34.6 million was reserved for claims for which the Company had no notice. Because of the uncertainty of future claims, changes in economic conditions and the fact that many claims do not materialize for several years, reserve estimates are subject to variability.

Changes from prior periods in the expected liability for claims reflect the uncertainty of the claims environment, as well as the limited predictive power of historical data. The Company continually updates and refines its reserve estimates as current experience develops and credible data emerges. Such data includes payments on claims closed during the quarter, new details that emerge on open cases that cause claims adjusters to increase or decrease the case reserves, and the impact that these types of changes have on the Company's total loss provision. Adjustments may be required as new information develops which often varies from past experience.

Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes was $9.4 million, $8.4 million, and $4.5 million for 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively. Income tax expense, including federal and state taxes, as a percentage of income before income taxes was 21.0%, 21.3%, and 17.3% for 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively. The effective income tax rates for 2025, 2024, and 2023 differ from the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate of 21% primarily due to the effects of deferred tax adjustments, tax credits, tax-exempt income and state taxes.

The Company believes it is more likely than not that the tax benefits associated with recognized impairments and unrecognized losses recorded through December 31, 2025 will be realized. However, this judgment could be impacted by further market fluctuations. Information regarding the components of income tax expense and the items included in the reconciliation of the effective rate with the federal statutory rate can be found in Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

After-Tax Profit Margin

The Company's after-tax profit margin varies according to a number of factors, including the volume and type of real estate activity. On a combined basis, the after-tax profit margins were 12.9%, 12.0%, and 9.6% in 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively. The increases in after-tax margin in 2025 compared with 2024, and 2024 compared with 2023, were primarily driven by revenue growth outpacing increases in expenses. The Company achieved gains in revenue, while profitability was aided by ongoing cost control measures. The Company continually strives to enhance its competitive strengths and market position, including ongoing initiatives to manage its operating expenses.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's material cash requirements include general operating expenses, contractual and other obligations for the future payment of title claims, employment agreements, lease agreements, income taxes, capital expenditures, dividends on its common stock and other contractual commitments for goods and services needed for operations. All other arrangements entered into by the Company are not reasonably likely to have a material effect on liquidity or the availability of capital resources. Cash flows from operations have historically been the primary source of financing for expanding operations, whether through organic growth or outside investments. The Company believes its balances of cash, short-term investments and other readily marketable securities, along with cash flows generated by ongoing operations, will be sufficient to satisfy its cash requirements over the next 12 months and thereafter, including the funding of operating activities and commitments for investing and financing activities. There are currently no known trends that the Company believes will materially impact the Company's capital resources, nor is the Company anticipating any material changes in the mix or relative cost of such resources except as otherwise disclosed in the Business Trends and Recent Conditions section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

The Company evaluates nonorganic growth opportunities, such as mergers and acquisitions, from time to time in the ordinary course of business. Because of the episodic nature of these events, related incremental liquidity and capital resource needs can be difficult to predict.

The Company's operating results and cash flows are heavily dependent on the real estate market. The Company's business has certain fixed costs such as personnel; therefore, changes in the real estate market are monitored closely, and operating expenses such as staffing levels are managed and adjusted accordingly. The Company believes that its significant working capital position and management of operating expenses will aid its ability to manage cash resources through fluctuations in the real estate market.

Cash Flows: Net cash flows provided by operating activities were $30.9 million, $29.8 million, and $7.4 million for 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively. Cash flows provided by operating activities differ from net income due to adjustments for non-cash items, such as gains and losses on investments and property, the timing of disbursements for taxes, claims and other accrued liabilities, and collections or changes in receivables and other assets.

Cash flows from non-operating activities have historically consisted of purchases and proceeds from investing activities, the issuance of dividends and repurchases of common stock. In 2025, the Company distributed less dividends and used more cash in investing activities in comparison to 2024. In 2024, the Company distributed more dividends and generated more cash from investing activities relative to 2023. In the fourth quarters of 2025, 2024, and 2023, the Company paid special cash dividends in the amounts of $8.72, $14.00, and $4.00 per share, respectively, in addition to regular cash dividends. Total dividends paid per share were $10.56, $15.84, and $5.84 in 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively.

The Company maintains a high degree of liquidity within its investment portfolio in the form of cash, short-term investments, and other readily marketable securities. As of December 31, 2025, the Company held cash and cash equivalents of $20.8 million, short-term investments of $68.8 million, available-for-sale fixed maturity securities of $118.1 million and equity securities of $41.5 million. The net effect of all activities on total cash and cash equivalents was a decrease of $3.8 million for 2025.

Capital Resources: The amount of capital resources the Company maintains is influenced by state regulation, the need to maintain superior financial ratings from third-party rating agencies and other marketing and operational considerations.

The Company's significant sources of funds are dividends and distributions from its subsidiaries, primarily its two title insurance subsidiaries. Cash is received from its subsidiaries in the form of dividends and as reimbursements for operating and other administrative expenses that it incurs. The reimbursements are executed within the guidelines of management agreements between the Company and its subsidiaries.

The ability of the Company's title insurance subsidiaries to pay dividends to the Company is subject to state regulation from their respective states of domicile. Each state regulates the extent to which title underwriters can pay dividends or make distributions and requires prior regulatory approval of the payment of dividends and other intercompany transfers. The maximum dividend permitted by law is not necessarily indicative of an insurer's actual ability to pay dividends. Depending on regulatory conditions, the Company may in the future need to retain cash in its title insurance subsidiaries in order to maintain their statutory capital position. As of December 31, 2025, both ITIC and NITIC met the minimum capital, surplus and reserve requirements for each state in which they are licensed.

As of December 31, 2025, approximately $121.4 million of the consolidated shareholders' equity represented net assets of the Company's subsidiaries that are restricted by regulation from being transferred in the form of dividends, loans or advances to the parent company without prior approval from the respective state insurance department. The Company believes, however, that amounts available for transfer from the insurance and other subsidiaries are adequate to meet the Company's current operating needs.

During 2026, the maximum distributions the insurance subsidiaries can make to the Company without prior approval from applicable regulators total approximately $28.7 million.

While state regulations and the need to cover risks may set a minimum level for capital requirements, other factors necessitate maintaining capital resources in excess of the required minimum amounts. For instance, the Company's capital resources help it maintain high ratings from insurance company rating agencies. Superior ratings strengthen the Company's ability to compete with larger, well known title insurers with national footprints.

A strong financial position provides the necessary flexibility to fund potential acquisition activity, to invest in the Company's core business, and to minimize the financial impact of potential adverse developments. Adverse developments that generally require additional capital include adverse financial results, changes in statutory accounting requirements by regulators, reserve charges, investment losses or costs incurred to adapt to a changing regulatory environment, including costs related to CFPB regulation of the real estate industry.

Due to the Company's historical ability to consistently generate positive cash flows from its consolidated operations and investment income, management believes that funds generated from operations will enable the Company to adequately meet its current operating needs for the foreseeable future. However, given inflationary pressures and geopolitical and military conflicts, there can be no assurance that future experience will be similar to historical experience, since it is influenced by such factors as the interest rate environment, real estate activity, the Company's claims-paying ability and its financial strength ratings. In addition to operational and investment considerations, taking advantage of opportunistic external growth opportunities may necessitate obtaining additional capital resources. The Company is carefully monitoring inflation, changes in market conditions and the regulatory environment resulting from changes in the U.S. presidential administrations and control of Congress, geopolitical and military conflicts, and other trends that could potentially result in material adverse liquidity changes, and will continually assess its capital allocation strategy, including decisions relating to payment of dividends, repurchasing the Company's common stock and/or conserving cash.

Purchase of Company Stock: On November 9, 2015, the Board of Directors of the Company approved the purchase of an additional 163,335 shares pursuant to the Company's repurchase plan, such that there was authority remaining under the plan to purchase up to an aggregate of 500,000 shares of the Company's common stock pursuant to the plan immediately after this approval. Unless terminated earlier by resolution of the Board of Directors, the plan will expire when all shares authorized for purchase under the plan have been purchased. Pursuant to the Company's ongoing purchase program, the Company purchased no shares in 2025, 7,039 shares in 2024 at an average price of $155.95, and 7,000 shares in 2023 at an average per share price of $137.00. The Company anticipates making further purchases under this plan from time to time in the future, depending on such factors as the prevailing market price of the Company's common stock, the Company's available cash and the existing alternative uses for such cash.

Capital Expenditures: Capital expenditures were approximately $5.6 million, $7.4 million, and $9.2 million during 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively. Cash flows from operations are expected to fund the Company's investment in technology and system development initiatives and hardware purchases, given ongoing capital improvement projects and plans for future projects. All material anticipated capital expenditures are subject to periodic review and revision and may vary depending on a number of factors.

Contractual Obligations: As of December 31, 2025, the Company had a claims reserve totaling $38.1 million. The amounts and timing of these obligations are estimated and not set contractually. Events such as fraud, defalcation, and multiple property title defects can substantially and unexpectedly cause increases in both the amount and timing of estimated title insurance loss payments and loss cost trends whereby increases or decreases in inflationary factors (including the value of real estate) will influence the ultimate amount of title insurance loss payments and could increase total obligations and influence claim payout patterns. Due to the length of time over which claim payments are made and regularly occurring changes in underlying economic and market conditions, claim estimates are subject to variability and future payments could increase or decrease from these estimated amounts in the future.

ITIC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, has entered into employment agreements with certain executive officers. The amounts accrued for these agreements at December 31, 2025 and 2024 were approximately $15.6 million and $15.4 million, respectively, which include postretirement compensation and health benefits, and were calculated based on the terms of the contracts. These executive contracts are accounted for on an individual contract basis. As payments are based upon the occurrence of specific events, including death, disability, retirement, termination without cause or upon a change in control, payment periods are currently uncertain. Information regarding retirement agreements and other postretirement benefit plans can be found in Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

The Company enters into lease agreements that are primarily used for office space. These leases are accounted for as operating leases, with lease expense recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. The Company occasionally assumes equipment lease agreements through business acquisitions. These leases are accounted for as finance leases. A portion of the Company's current leases include an option to extend or cancel the lease term, and the exercise of such an option is solely at the Company's discretion. The total of undiscounted future minimum lease payments under leases that have initial or remaining noncancelable lease terms in excess of one year as of December 31, 2025 is $7.2 million, which includes lease payments related to options to extend or cancel the lease term if the Company determined at the date of adoption that the lease was expected to be renewed or extended. Information regarding leases can be found in Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into other contractual commitments for goods and services needed for operations. Such commitments are not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company’s liquidity.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As a service to its customers, the Company, through ITIC, administers escrow and trust deposits representing earnest money received under real estate contracts, undisbursed amounts received for settlement of mortgage loans and indemnities against specific title risks. Cash held by the Company for these purposes was approximately $62.6 million and $55.0 million as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. These amounts are not considered assets of the Company and, therefore, are excluded from the Consolidated Balance Sheets. However, the Company remains contingently liable for the disposition of these deposits.

In addition, in administering tax-deferred like-kind exchanges pursuant to §1031 of the IRC, ITEC serves as a qualified intermediary for exchanges, holding the net sales proceeds from relinquished property to be used for purchase of replacement property. ITAC serves as exchange accommodation titleholder and, through LLCs that are wholly owned subsidiaries of ITAC, holds property in reverse exchange transactions. Like-kind exchange deposits and reverse exchange property held by the Company for the purpose of completing such transactions totaled approximately $269.3 million and $323.5 million as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. These exchange deposits are held at third-party financial institutions. Exchange deposits are not considered assets of the Company and, therefore, are excluded from the Consolidated Balance Sheets; however, the Company remains contingently liable for the disposition of the transfers of property, disbursements of proceeds and the return on the proceeds at the agreed upon rate. Exchange services revenue includes earnings on these deposits; therefore, investment income is shown as non-title services rather than investment income. These like-kind exchange funds are primarily invested in money market and other short-term investments.

External assets under management of Investors Trust Company totaled approximately $741.0 million and $707.8 million as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. These amounts are not considered assets of the Company and, therefore, are excluded from the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

It is not the general practice of the Company to enter into off-balance sheet arrangements or issue guarantees to third parties. The Company does not have any material source of liquidity or financing that involves off-balance sheet arrangements. Other than items noted above, off-balance sheet arrangements are generally limited to the future payments due under various agreements with third-party service providers.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The Company’s primary exposure to market risk relates to the impact of adverse changes in the fair value of financial instruments as a result of changes in interest rates and equity market prices of its investment portfolio. Increases in interest rates diminish the value of fixed income securities and preferred stock, and decreases in stock market values diminish the value of common stocks held. The fair value of the majority of marketable securities is determined based on quoted market prices.

Although the Company monitors its risks associated with fluctuations in interest rates, it does not currently use derivative financial instruments to hedge these risks.

There were no material changes in the Company’s market risk or market strategy during the year ended December 31, 2025.

Credit Risk: Credit risk is the risk that the Company will incur economic losses due to an issuer's inability to repay a contractual obligation. The Company's investment portfolio, primarily municipal and corporate fixed maturity securities, and to a lesser extent, equity securities, is subject to credit risk. The Company mitigates this risk by actively monitoring changes in credit ratings, security pricing and financial reports.

The Company's average credit quality for fixed maturity securities is A-, determined by using the lower rating reported by the credit reporting agencies.

Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk is the risk that the Company will incur economic losses due to adverse changes in interest rates. This risk arises from the Company's investments in interest-sensitive fixed maturity securities. These securities are primarily fixed-rate municipal and corporate fixed maturity securities. The Company typically does not purchase such securities for trading purposes. At December 31, 2025, the Company had approximately $118.1 million in fixed maturity securities. The Company manages the interest rate risk inherent in its assets by monitoring its liquidity needs and by targeting a specific range for the portfolio's duration or weighted average maturity.

To determine the potential effect of interest rate risk on interest-sensitive assets, the Company calculates the effect of a 300 basis point shock in prevailing interest rates ("rate shock") on the fair market value of these securities considering stated interest rates and time to maturity. Based upon the information and assumptions the Company uses in its calculation, management estimates that a 300 basis point increase in prevailing interest rates would decrease the net fair market value of its fixed-rate debt securities by approximately $7.9 million. The selection of a 300 basis point increase in prevailing interest rates should not be construed as a prediction by the Company's management of future market events, but rather, to illustrate the potential impact of such an event. To the extent that actual results differ from the assumptions utilized, the Company's rate shock measures could be significantly impacted. Additionally, the Company's calculation assumes that the current relationship between short-term and long-term interest rates (the term structure of interest rates) will remain constant over time. As a result, these calculations may not fully capture the impact of nonparallel changes in the term structure of interest rates and/or large changes in interest rates.

Equity Price Risk: The Company also holds investments in marketable equity securities, which exposes it to market volatility, as discussed in Note 3 to the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements. The sensitivity analysis presented does not consider the effects that such adverse changes may have on overall economic activity, nor does it consider additional actions the Company may take to mitigate its exposure. Equity price risk is the risk that the Company will incur economic losses due to adverse changes in a particular common stock or stock index. The Company had approximately $41.5 million in equity securities at December 31, 2025. Equity price risk is addressed in part by varying the specific allocation of equity investments over time pursuant to management's assessment of market and business conditions and ongoing liquidity needs analysis. The Company's equity exposure is a decline in market prices. Based upon the information and assumptions the Company used in its calculation, management estimates that an immediate decrease in market prices of 10% would decrease the net fair value of the Company's assets identified above by approximately $4.2 million at December 31, 2025.

The selection of a 10% immediate decrease should not be construed as a prediction by the Company's management of future market events, but rather, to illustrate the potential impact of such an event. The Company's exposure will change as a result of changes in its mix of common stocks. Since this calculation is based on historical performance, projecting future price volatility using this method involves an inherent assumption that historical volatility and correlation relationships will remain stable. Therefore, the results may not reflect the Company's actual experience if future volatility and correlation relationships differ from such historical relationships.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders, Board of Directors, and Audit Committee
Investors Title Company and Subsidiaries

Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Investors Title Company and Subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes and schedules (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2025, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB"), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2025, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated March 16, 2026, expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Basis for Opinion

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's consolidated financial statements based on our audit.

We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Critical Audit Matters

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current-period audit of the consolidated financial statements that were communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the consolidated financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of a critical audit matter does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing separate opinions on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which they relate.

Reserve for Claims

As described in Notes 1 and 6 to the Company's consolidated financial statements, the Company's unpaid loss and losses adjustment expenses are established using estimated amounts required to settle claims for which notice has been received (reported) and the amount estimated to be required to satisfy incurred claims of policyholders which may be reported in the future (incurred but not reported, or "IBNR"). As of December 31, 2025, the Company had approximately $38.1 million in reserve for claims. Management records a provision for future claim payments at the time the related premium revenue is recognized by applying a loss provision rate against net premiums written. Management determines its loss provision rate through the consideration of factors such as the Company's historical claim experience, case reserve estimates on reported claims, large claims, actuarial projections, and other relevant factors. The Company's specialist utilizes accepted actuarial methodologies when performing the actuarial projections. Management's assumptions include assumed comparability to its historical claims experience unless factors, such as loss experience and charged premium rates, change significantly, as well as assumptions around large losses related to fraud and defalcation.

We identified the reserve for claims as a critical audit matter. The principal considerations for our determination of the reserve for claims as a critical audit matter were management's use of significant actuarial estimates and assumptions to estimate the reserve for claims, including the selection of actuarial methods, loss development factors, and expected loss ratios, as well as the high degree of auditor judgment, subjectivity, and effort in determining the reasonableness of the actuarial assumptions and methodologies utilized, and our use of an auditor's specialist.

Our audit procedures related to the reserve for claims included the following, among others:

- We obtained an understanding, evaluated the design and implementation, and tested the operating effectiveness of the Company's controls over the process for developing its reserve for claims. This included, among others, the controls over the determination of the actuarial methods and assumptions utilized to support the reserve for claims calculations and controls over the completeness and accuracy of historical loss data utilized in the reserve for claims calculations.

- We engaged a third-party actuary with specialized skill and knowledge to assist in evaluating the reasonableness of the reserving methodologies utilized by the Company's specialist and evaluating the reasonableness of the assumptions related to loss development factors and expected loss ratios.

- We tested the inputs utilized by the Company's specialist in developing the reserve for claims. This included testing the accuracy and completeness of the data provided to the Company's specialist.

- We evaluated the reasonableness of the significant assumptions utilized by the Company in developing the reserve for claims.

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2004.

/s/ Forvis Mazars, LLP

Charlotte, North Carolina

March 16, 2026

MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management of Investors Title Company and Subsidiaries is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in the Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15(d)-15(f). The Company's internal control over financial reporting has been designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of the Company's financial reporting and the preparation of published financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The Company's internal control over financial reporting includes policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect transactions and dispositions of assets of the Company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and that receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorization of management and directors of the Company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements.

Because of its inherent limitation, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in *Internal Control-Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") and concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2025.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders, Board of Directors, and Audit Committee
Investors Title Company and Subsidiaries

Opinion on the Internal Control over Financial Reporting

We have audited Investors Title Company and Subsidiaries' (the "Company") internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2025, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework: (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2025, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework: (2013)* issued by COSO.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB"), the consolidated financial statements of the Company as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and for each of the three years in the period ended, and our report dated March 16, 2026, expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

Basis for Opinion

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Definitions and Limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of reliable consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2004.

/s/ Forvis Mazars, LLP

Charlotte, North Carolina
March 16, 2026

Investors Title Company and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Balance Sheets
(in thousands)

As of December 31,	2025	2024
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	**$ 20,838**	$ 24,654
Investments:		
Fixed maturity securities, available-for-sale, at fair value (amortized cost: December 31, 2025: $116,852; December 31, 2024: $112,588)	**118,116**	112,972
Equity securities, at fair value (cost: December 31, 2025: $28,575; December 31, 2024: $25,980)	**41,481**	39,893
Short-term investments	**68,763**	59,101
Other investments	**23,446**	20,578
Total investments	**251,806**	232,544
Premium and fees receivable	**17,126**	16,054
Accrued interest and dividends	**1,476**	1,469
Prepaid expenses and other receivables	**9,387**	7,033
Property, net	**29,397**	27,935
Goodwill and other intangible assets, net	**20,940**	15,071
Lease assets	**7,784**	6,156
Other assets	**2,706**	2,655
Current income taxes recoverable	**1,678**	—
Total Assets	**$ 363,138**	$ 333,571
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Liabilities:		
Reserve for claims	**$ 38,092**	$ 37,060
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	**41,525**	34,011
Lease liabilities	**8,050**	6,356
Current income taxes payable	**—**	276
Deferred income taxes, net	**7,171**	4,095
Total liabilities	**94,838**	81,798
Commitments and Contingencies	**—**	—
Shareholders' Equity:		
Preferred stock (1,000 authorized shares; no shares issued)	**—**	—
Common stock – no par value (10,000 authorized shares; 1,888 and 1,886 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, excluding in each period 292 shares of common stock held by the Company)	**—**	—
Retained earnings	**267,209**	251,418
Accumulated other comprehensive income	**1,091**	355
Total shareholders' equity	**268,300**	251,773
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	**$ 363,138**	$ 333,571

Refer to the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Investors Title Company and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Operations
(in thousands, except per share amounts)

For the Years Ended December 31,	2025	2024	2023
Revenues:			
Net premiums written	**$ 212,642**	$ 204,264	$ 171,158
Escrow and other title-related fees	**19,311**	17,954	17,109
Non-title services	**21,599**	17,193	19,237
Interest and dividends	**9,965**	10,657	9,055
Other investment income	**2,720**	2,600	3,752
Net investment gains	**3,177**	4,683	3,448
Other	**3,341**	947	991
Total Revenues	**272,755**	258,298	224,750
Operating Expenses:			
Commissions to agents	**113,669**	107,343	83,374
Provision for claims	**4,607**	4,530	4,762
Personnel expenses	**72,215**	72,513	76,706
Office and technology expenses	**17,204**	17,505	17,359
Other expenses	**20,511**	16,944	16,319
Total Operating Expenses	**228,206**	218,835	198,520
Income before Income Taxes	**44,549**	39,463	26,230
Provision for Income Taxes	**9,369**	8,390	4,544
Net Income	**$ 35,180**	$ 31,073	$ 21,686
Basic Earnings per Common Share	**$ 18.64**	$ 16.48	$ 11.45
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding – Basic	**1,887**	1,885	1,893
Diluted Earnings per Common Share	**$ 18.57**	$ 16.43	$ 11.45
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding – Diluted	**1,895**	1,892	1,893

Refer to the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Investors Title Company and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
(in thousands)

For the Years Ended December 31,	**2025**	2024	2023
Net income	**$ 35,180**	$ 31,073	$ 21,686
Other comprehensive income (loss), before income tax:			
Accumulated postretirement benefit obligation adjustment	**55**	—	24
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments arising during the period	**892**	(431)	320
Reclassification adjustment for sale of securities included in net income	**(12)**	—	—
Reclassification adjustment for write-down of securities included in net income	**—**	74	208
Other comprehensive income (loss), before income tax	**935**	(357)	552
Income tax expense related to postretirement health benefits	**11**	—	5
Income tax expense (benefit) related to net unrealized gains (losses) on investments arising during the year	**190**	(92)	61
Income tax benefit related to reclassification adjustment for sale of securities included in net income	**(2)**	—	—
Income tax expense related to reclassification adjustment for write-down of securities included in net income	**—**	18	48
Net income tax expense (benefit) on other comprehensive income (loss)	**199**	(74)	114
Other comprehensive income (loss)	**736**	(283)	438
Comprehensive Income	**$ 35,916**	$ 30,790	$ 22,124

Refer to the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Investors Title Company and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity
(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Common Stock			Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Shareholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount	Retained Earnings		
Balance, January 1, 2023	1,897	$ —	$ 240,811	$ 200	$ 241,011
Net income			21,686		21,686
Dividends paid ($5.84 per share)			(11,048)		(11,048)
Repurchases of common stock	(7)		(959)		(959)
Exercise of stock appreciation rights	1		—		—
Share-based compensation expense related to stock appreciation rights			425		425
Accumulated postretirement benefit obligation adjustment				19	19
Net unrealized gain on investments				419	419
Balance, December 31, 2023	1,891	$ —	$ 250,915	$ 638	$ 251,553
Net income			31,073		31,073
Dividends paid ($15.84 per share)			(29,865)		(29,865)
Repurchases of common stock	(7)		(1,099)		(1,099)
Exercise of stock appreciation rights	2		—		—
Share-based compensation expense related to stock appreciation rights			394		394
Net unrealized loss on investments				(283)	(283)
Balance, December 31, 2024	1,886	$ —	$ 251,418	$ 355	$ 251,773
Net income			**35,180**		**35,180**
Dividends paid ($10.56 per share)			**(19,932)**		**(19,932)**
Exercise of stock appreciation rights	**2**		—		—
Share-based compensation expense related to stock appreciation rights			**543**		**543**
Accumulated postretirement benefit obligation adjustment				**44**	**44**
Net unrealized gain on investments				**692**	**692**
Balance, December 31, 2025	**1,888**	**$ —**	**$ 267,209**	**$ 1,091**	**$ 268,300**

Refer to the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Investors Title Company and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(in thousands)

For the Years Ended December 31,	2025	2024	2023
Operating Activities			
Net income	**$ 35,180**	$ 31,073	$ 21,686
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation	**3,624**	3,320	2,760
Accretion of investments, net	**(1,472)**	(3,424)	(3,698)
Amortization of other intangible assets, net	**797**	1,178	1,361
Share-based compensation expense related to stock appreciation rights	**543**	394	425
Net gains on disposals of property	**(45)**	(221)	(204)
Net investment gains	**(3,177)**	(4,683)	(3,448)
Net earnings from other investments	**(2,269)**	(1,811)	(3,206)
Net gain on sale of other assets	**(2,768)**	—	—
Provision for claims	**4,607**	4,530	4,762
Provision for deferred income taxes	**2,877**	624	(4,234)
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
(Increase) decrease in premium and fees receivable	**(1,072)**	(2,716)	5,709
(Increase) decrease in other assets	**(7,697)**	2,635	621
(Increase) decrease in lease assets	**(1,628)**	147	404
(Increase) decrease in current income taxes recoverable	**(1,678)**	1,081	93
Increase (decrease) in lease liabilities	**1,694**	(93)	(10,408)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	**7,274**	2,147	(390)
(Decrease) increase in current income taxes payable	**(276)**	276	—
Payments of claims, net of recoveries	**(3,575)**	(4,617)	(4,807)
Net cash provided by operating activities	**30,939**	29,840	7,426
Investing Activities			
Purchases of fixed maturity securities	**(60,378)**	(66,726)	(20,339)
Purchases of equity securities	**(14,360)**	(11,053)	(11,969)
Purchases of short-term investments	**(100,821)**	(115,924)	(174,742)
Purchases of other investments	**(3,937)**	(5,654)	(3,006)
Purchase of subsidiary	**(4,536)**	—	—
Proceeds from sales and maturities of fixed maturity securities	**57,000**	17,855	10,937
Proceeds from sales of equity securities	**16,405**	13,215	30,216
Proceeds from sales and maturities of short-term investments	**91,905**	170,407	166,362
Proceeds from sales and distributions of other investments	**8,940**	6,775	4,499
Purchases of property, equipment and software	**(5,556)**	(7,423)	(9,186)
Proceeds from disposals of property	**515**	275	529
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	**(14,823)**	1,747	(6,699)

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, continued

For the Years Ended December 31,	2025	2024	2023
Financing Activities			
Repurchases of common stock	—	(1,099)	(959)
Dividends paid	**(19,932)**	(29,865)	(11,048)
Net cash used in financing activities	**(19,932)**	(30,964)	(12,007)
Net (Decrease) Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	**(3,816)**	623	(11,280)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Period	**24,654**	24,031	35,311
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period	**$ 20,838**	$ 24,654	$ 24,031
Supplemental Disclosures:			
Cash Paid During the Year for:			
Income tax payments, net	**$ 8,412**	$ 6,620	$ 8,688
Non Cash Investing and Financing Activities:			
Non cash net unrealized (gain) loss on investments, net of deferred tax (expense) benefit of $(188), $74, and $(109) for December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively	**$ (692)**	$ 283	$ (419)
Adjustments to postretirement benefits obligation, net of deferred tax expense of $(11), $0, and $(5) for December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively	**$ (44)**	$ —	$ (19)
Non cash 1031 exchange proceeds receivable	**$ —**	$ —	$ (2,589)

Refer to the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

1. Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Description of Business: Investors Title Company's (the "Company") two primary business segments are title insurance and exchange services. The title insurance segment, through its two subsidiaries, Investors Title Insurance Company ("ITIC") and National Investors Title Insurance Company ("NITIC"), is licensed to insure titles to residential, institutional, commercial and industrial properties. The Company issues title insurance policies directly and through a network of agents in 22 states, primarily in the eastern half of the United States. The majority of the Company's title insurance business is concentrated in North Carolina, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida.

Investors Title Exchange Corporation ("ITEC") acts as an intermediary in tax-deferred exchanges of property held for productive use in a trade or business or for investments, while Investors Title Accommodation Corporation ("ITAC") provides services for accomplishing reverse exchanges when taxpayers decide to acquire replacement property before selling the relinquished property.

Principles of Consolidation and Basis of Presentation: The accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts and operations of Investors Title Company and its subsidiaries, and have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"). All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Significant Accounting Policies: The significant accounting policies of the Company are summarized below.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the Consolidated Balance Sheets and Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, cash equivalents are highly liquid instruments with remaining original maturities of three months or less. The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents is a reasonable estimate of fair value due to the short-term maturity at purchase of these instruments.

Investments in Securities

Investments in Fixed Maturity Securities: Fixed maturity securities are classified as available-for-sale and reported at estimated fair value with unrealized gains and losses, net of tax and adjusted for recognized impairment, reported as accumulated other comprehensive income. Securities are regularly reviewed for differences between the cost and estimated fair value of each security for factors that may indicate that a decline in fair value is impaired. In evaluating available-for-sale fixed maturity securities in unrealized loss positions for impairment and the criteria regarding its intent or requirement to sell such securities, the Company considers the extent to which estimated fair value is less than amortized cost, whether the securities are issued by the federal government or its agencies, whether downgrades by bond rating agencies have occurred, and the results of reviews of the issuers' financial condition, among other factors. If the Company intends to sell an available-for-sale security in an unrealized loss position, or determines that it is more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell the security before it recovers its amortized cost basis, the security is impaired and it is written down to estimated fair value with all losses recognized in earnings. For available-for-sale fixed maturity securities in an unrealized loss position for which the Company does not intend to sell the security and it is not more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell the security, the Company evaluates the securities to determine whether the decline in the estimated fair value below the amortized cost basis (impairment) is due to credit-related factors or noncredit-related factors. Any impairment that is not credit-related is recognized in other comprehensive income (loss), net of applicable taxes. Credit-related impairment is recognized as an allowance for credit losses ("ACL") in the Consolidated Balance Sheets, limited to the amount by which the amortized cost basis exceeds the estimated fair value, with a corresponding adjustment to earnings.

The ACL may be reversed if conditions change through an adjustment to the Consolidated Statements of Operations. Changes in the ACL are recorded as provision for (or reversal of) credit loss expense. Losses are charged against the ACL when management believes the uncollectability of an available-for-sale fixed maturity security is confirmed or when either of the criteria regarding intent or requirement to sell is met. Accrued interest receivable is excluded from the estimate of credit losses. Impairment reviews are inherently uncertain and the value of the investment may not fully recover or may decline in future periods resulting in a realized loss. Realized gains and losses are determined on the specific identification method. Refer to Note 3 for further information about the Company's investments in fixed maturity securities.

Investments in Equity Securities: Equity securities represent ownership interests held by the Company in entities for investment purposes. Realized gains and losses on the sale of investment securities and changes in the estimated fair value of equity security investments are reported in the Consolidated Statements of Operations as net investment gains. Realized investment gains and losses from sales are recorded on the trade date and are determined using the specific identification method. Refer to Note 3 for further information about the Company's investments in equity securities.

Other Investments

Other investments consist of investments in real estate and unconsolidated affiliated entities, typically structured as limited liability companies ("LLCs"), without readily determinable fair values. As of December 31, 2025, the Company had investments in real estate of $7.4 million and investments in unconsolidated affiliated entities of $16.0 million. As of December 31, 2024, the Company had investments in real estate of $7.5 million and investments in unconsolidated affiliated entities of $13.1 million.

Real estate investments are reported at amortized cost. Depreciation and other related expenses are recorded as an offset to the related rental income. The Company monitors any events or changes in circumstances that may have had a significant adverse effect on the fair value of real estate investments and makes any necessary adjustments, with any reductions in the carrying amount of these investments recorded in net investment gains in the Consolidated Statement of Operations when recognized. Lease rental income earned by the Company, which does not have a material impact on the Company's results of operations, is included with other revenues in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Investments in unconsolidated affiliated entities are accounted for under either the equity method or the measurement alternative method. The measurement alternative method is used when an investment does not qualify for either the equity method or an estimated fair value using the net asset value per share. Under the measurement alternative method, investments are recorded at cost, less any impairment and plus or minus any changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for an identical or similar investment of the same issuer. The Company monitors any events or changes in circumstances that may have had a significant adverse effect on the fair value of these investments and makes any necessary adjustments.

Short-Term Investments

Short-term investments are comprised of money market accounts which are invested in short-term funds, U.S. Treasury bills, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, and other investments expected to have maturities or redemptions greater than three months and less than twelve months.

Property Acquired in Settlement of Claims

Property acquired in settlement of claims is held for sale and valued at the lower of cost or estimated realizable value, net of any indebtedness on the property. Adjustments to reported estimated realizable values and realized gains or losses on dispositions are recorded as increases or decreases in claim costs. Properties acquired in settlement of claims are included in other assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Property, net

Property and equipment are recorded at cost and are depreciated principally under the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives (3 to 25 years) of the respective assets. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operating expenses and improvements are capitalized.

Reserve for Claims

The total reserve for all reported and unreported losses the Company incurred through December 31, 2025 is represented by the reserve for claims. The Company's reserve for unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses is established using estimated amounts required to settle claims for which notice has been received (reported) and the amount estimated to be required to satisfy incurred claims of policyholders which may be reported in the future (incurred but not reported, or "IBNR"). Despite the variability of such estimates, management believes that the reserve is adequate to cover claims losses resulting from pending and future claims for policies issued through December 31, 2025. The Company continually reviews and adjusts its reserve estimates as necessary to reflect its loss experience and any new information that becomes available. Adjustments resulting from such reviews may be significant.

Management records a provision for future claim payments at the time the related premium revenue is recognized by applying a loss provision rate against net premiums written. Management determines its loss provision rate through the consideration of factors such as the Company's historical claim experience, case reserve estimates on reported claims, large claims, actuarial projections, and other relevant factors. The Company's specialist utilizes accepted actuarial methodologies when performing the actuarial projections. Management's assumptions include assumed comparability to its historical claims experience unless factors, such as loss experience and charged premium rates, change significantly, as well as assumptions around large losses related to fraud and defalcation.

Claims losses paid are charged to the reserve for claims. Although claims losses are typically paid in cash, occasionally claims are settled by purchasing the interest of the insured or the claimant in the real property. When this event occurs, the acquiring company carries the assets as property acquired in the settlement of claims.

Income Taxes

The Company makes certain estimates and judgments in determining income tax expense (benefit) for financial statement purposes. These estimates and judgments occur in the calculation of certain tax assets and liabilities which arise from differences in the timing of recognition of revenue and expense for tax and financial statement purposes. The Company provides for deferred income taxes (benefits) for the tax consequences in future years of temporary differences between the financial statements' carrying values and the tax bases of assets and liabilities using currently enacted tax rates. The Company establishes a valuation allowance if it believes that it is more likely than not that some or all of its deferred tax assets will not be realized. Refer to Note 8 for further information regarding income taxes.

Premiums Written and Commissions to Agents

Generally, title insurance premiums are recognized at the time of settlement of the related real estate transaction, as the earnings process is then considered complete, irrespective of the timing of issuance of a title insurance policy or commitment. Expenses typically associated with premiums, including agent commissions, premium taxes, and a provision for future claims, are recognized concurrent with recognition of related premium revenue.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Company management continually evaluates the collectability of receivables and provides an allowance for doubtful accounts equal to estimated losses expected to be incurred in the collection of premiums and fees receivable over the term of the receivables. On a quarterly basis, the Company considers its historical loss experience as well as current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts to determine the allowance for doubtful accounts. Changes to the allowance for doubtful accounts are reflected within net premiums written in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Receivables deemed uncollectible have not been material to the Company.

Exchange Services Revenue

Fees are recognized at the signing of a binding agreement, as the earnings process, or performance obligation, is then considered to be complete. Investment earnings are recognized as they are earned. Exchange services revenue is included in non-title services in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Fair Values of Financial Instruments

The carrying amounts reported in the Consolidated Balance Sheets for cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, premium and fees receivable, accrued interest and dividends, accounts payable, commissions payable, reinsurance payable and current income taxes recoverable/payable approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of these assets and liabilities. Estimated fair values for the majority of investment securities are based on quoted market prices. Refer to Note 3 for further information regarding investments in securities and fair value.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

The Company's accumulated other comprehensive income is comprised of unrealized holding gains or losses on available-for-sale securities, net of tax, and unrealized gains or losses associated with postretirement benefit liabilities, net of tax. Accumulated other comprehensive income as of December 31, 2025 consists of $992 thousand of unrealized holding gains on available-for-sale securities and $99 thousand of unrecognized actuarial gains associated with postretirement benefit liabilities. Accumulated other comprehensive income as of December 31, 2024 consists of $300 thousand of unrealized holding gains on available-for-sale securities and $55 thousand of unrecognized actuarial gains associated with postretirement benefit liabilities. Accumulated other comprehensive income as of December 31, 2023 consists of $583 thousand of unrealized holding gains on available-for-sale securities and $55 thousand of unrecognized actuarial gains associated with postretirement benefit liabilities. Refer to Note 18 for further information regarding accumulated other comprehensive income.

Share-Based Compensation

Share-based compensation cost is generally measured at the grant date, based on the estimated fair value of the award, and is recognized as an expense over the employee's requisite service period.

As the share-based compensation expense recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Operations is based on awards ultimately expected to vest, it has been reduced for estimated forfeitures. Forfeitures are estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates.

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of cost over fair value of identifiable net assets acquired and assumed in a business combination. Goodwill was reviewed for impairment as of December 31, 2025, and is reviewed at least annually, or when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. When evaluating whether goodwill is impaired, the Company determines through qualitative analysis whether relevant events and circumstances indicate that it is more likely than not that goodwill balances are impaired as of the testing date. If the qualitative analysis does not indicate that an impairment of goodwill is more likely than not, then no other specific quantitative impairment testing is required. If it is determined that it is more likely than not that an impairment exists, the Company performs a quantitative assessment whereby a discounted cash flow analysis is utilized to determine an estimated fair value. The estimated fair value is compared to the carrying value of goodwill as of the measurement date. The discounted cash flows used in estimating fair value are dependent on a number of significant assumptions, and therefore estimated fair value measurements are subject to change given the inherent uncertainty in predicting future results and cash flows.

Other Intangible Assets

The Company's other intangible assets consist of non-compete agreements, referral relationships and trade names resulting from agency acquisitions; all of which are recorded at the acquisition date fair value. Assets with remaining useful lives will be amortized on a straight-line basis over those useful lives, which range from approximately 1 month to 30 years as of December 31, 2025. Other intangible assets are reviewed for impairment at least annually or when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Title Plants

Title plants represent a historical record of matters affecting title to parcels of land in a particular geographic area. Title plants are recorded at the cost incurred to construct or obtain and organize historical title information to the point it can be used to perform title searches. Costs incurred to maintain, update and operate title plants are expensed as incurred. Title plants are not amortized as they are considered to have an indefinite life with no diminishment of value if properly maintained; but are subject to impairment evaluation, which the Company performs on at least an annual basis.

Leases

At inception, the Company determines if an arrangement is a lease. The Company enters into lease agreements that are primarily used for office space, and the majority of current leases are accounted for as operating leases. Amounts related to leases are included in lease assets and lease liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Lease assets represent the Company's right to use an underlying asset for the stated lease term. Lease liabilities represent the Company's obligation to make lease payments arising from a lease. Lease assets and liabilities are recognized at the date of the lease commencement, and are based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. The Company's current leases do not provide an implicit interest rate, thus the Company utilized the average rate over a 10-year term based upon the Moody's seasoned Aaa corporate bond yields in determining the present value of lease payments. A portion of the Company's current leases includes an option to extend or cancel the lease term. The exercise of such an option is solely at the Company's discretion. The lease liability recorded in the Consolidated Balance Sheets includes lease payments related to options to extend or cancel the lease term if the Company determined at the date of adoption that the lease was expected to be renewed or extended. A lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Adjustments for straight-line rental expense for the periods presented are not material and as such, the lease expense recognized was reflected in cash used in operating activities for the respective periods. Refer to Note 9 for further information about the Company's leases.

Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated and concluded that there were no material subsequent events requiring adjustment or disclosure to its Consolidated Financial Statements.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In December 2023, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2023-09, *Income taxes (Topic 740): Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures*. The update expands income tax disclosures, including the rate reconciliation and income taxes paid. The Company adopted ASU 2023-09 for the year ended December 31, 2025, on a retrospective basis, with no impact on its financial position or results of operations. Refer to Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information on income taxes.

In November 2024, the FASB issued ASU 2024-03, *Income Statement - Reporting Comprehensive Income - Expense Disaggregation Disclosures (Subtopic 220-40)*. The update requires that an entity disclose additional information about specific expense categories. The amendments in this update are effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2026, and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2027. The Company is evaluating the effect of this guidance on its financial statement disclosures, however, adoption will not impact its financial position or results of operations.

In September 2025, the FASB issued ASU 2025-06, *Intangibles – Goodwill and Other – Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 350-40): Targeted Improvements to the Accounting for Internal-Use Software*. The update modifies the accounting for internal-use software development costs by eliminating the stage-based model and establishing new capitalization criteria that apply once a project is authorized and funded, and it is probable the software will be completed and used as intended. The new guidance also introduces the concept of significant development uncertainty to help entities determine the appropriate timing of capitalization and integrates prior website development guidance into Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 350-40. The update is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2027, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact of adopting this guidance and does not expect the adoption to have a material effect on its financial position or results of operations.

Use of Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the Consolidated Financial Statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period and the accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates and assumptions used. The more significant of these estimates and assumptions include the following:

Claims: The Company's reserve for claims is established using estimated amounts required to settle claims for which notice has been received (reported) and the amount estimated to be required to satisfy incurred claims of policyholders which have been incurred but not reported. A provision for estimated future claims payments is recorded at the time policy revenue is recorded as a percentage of net premiums written. By their nature, title claims can often be complex, vary greatly in dollar amounts, vary in number due to economic and market conditions such as an increase in mortgage foreclosures, and involve uncertainties as to ultimate exposure. In addition, some claims may require a number of years to settle and determine the final liability for indemnity and loss adjustment expense. The payment experience may extend for more than 20 years after the issuance of a policy. Events such as fraud, defalcation and multiple property defects can substantially and unexpectedly cause increases in estimates of losses. Due to the length of time over which claim payments are made and regularly occurring changes in underlying economic and market conditions, these estimates are subject to variability.

Management considers factors such as the Company's historical claims experience, case reserve estimates on reported claims, large claims, actuarial projections and other relevant factors in determining its loss provision rates and the aggregate recorded expected liability for claims. In establishing the reserve, actuarial projections are compared with recorded reserves to evaluate the adequacy of such recorded claims reserves and any necessary adjustments are then recorded in the current period's Consolidated Statements of Operations. As the most recent claims experience develops and new information becomes available, the loss reserve estimate related to prior periods will change to more accurately reflect updated and improved emerging data. The Company reflects any adjustments to the reserve in the results of operations in the period in which new information (principally claims experience) becomes available.

Premiums written: Premium revenues issued directly and by agency operations include accruals for transactions which have settled but have not been reported as of the balance sheet date. To determine the estimated premiums, the Company uses historical experience, as well as other factors, to make certain assumptions about the average elapsed time between the Company's initial notification of an opened order and the final settlement of the related real estate transaction. From time to time, the Company adjusts the inputs to the estimation process as reported transactions and new information becomes available.

Impairments: Securities are regularly evaluated and reviewed for differences between the cost and estimated fair value of each security for factors that may indicate that a decline in estimated fair value is an impairment. When, in the opinion of management, a decline in the estimated fair value of an investment is considered to be an impairment, such investment is written down to its estimated fair value. Some factors considered in evaluating whether or not a decline in estimated fair value is an impairment include the duration and extent to which the estimated fair value has been less than cost; the probability that the Company will be unable to collect all amounts due under the contractual terms of the security; whether the Company has the intent to sell or will more likely than not be required to sell a particular security before recovery in value; and the financial condition and prospects of the issuer (including credit ratings). These factors are reviewed quarterly and any material degradation in the prospect for recovery will be considered in the impairment analysis. Such reviews are inherently uncertain and the value of the investment may not fully recover or may decline in future periods resulting in a realized loss. The estimated fair values of the majority of the Company's investments are based on quoted market prices from independent pricing services.

2. Statutory Accounting and Restrictions on Consolidated Shareholders' Equity and Investments

The Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in conformity with GAAP, which differ in some respects from statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted in the preparation of financial statements for submission to insurance regulatory authorities.

Combined capital and surplus on a statutory basis was $265.4 million and $247.1 million as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. Net income on a statutory basis was $37.7 million, $30.8 million, and $31.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively.

The Company has designated approximately $55.6 million and $53.9 million of retained earnings as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, as appropriated to reflect the required statutory premium and supplemental reserves. Refer to Note 8 for the tax treatment of the statutory premium reserve.

As of December 31, 2025 and 2024, approximately $121.4 million and $118.2 million, respectively, of consolidated shareholders' equity represents net assets of the Company's subsidiaries that cannot be transferred in the form of dividends, loans or advances to the parent company under statutory regulations without prior insurance department approval. During 2026, the maximum distributions the insurance subsidiaries can make to the Company without prior approval from applicable regulators total approximately $28.7 million.

Fixed maturity securities with fair market values totaling approximately $6.3 million and $6.1 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, are deposited with the insurance departments of the states in which business is conducted.

3. Investments and Estimated Fair Value

Investments in Fixed Maturity Securities

The estimated fair value, gross unrealized holding gains, gross unrealized holding losses and amortized cost for fixed maturity securities by major classification are as follows:

As of December 31, 2025 (in thousands)	**Amortized Cost**	**Gross Unrealized Gains**	**Gross Unrealized Losses**	**Estimated Fair Value**
Fixed maturity securities, available-for-sale, at fair value:				
General obligations of U.S. states, territories and political subdivisions	**$ 12,449**	**$ 74**	**$ (31)**	**$ 12,492**
Special revenue issuer obligations of U.S. states, territories and political subdivisions	**10,760**	**47**	**(10)**	**10,797**
Corporate debt securities	**93,643**	**1,236**	**(52)**	**94,827**
Total	**116,852**	**1,357**	**(93)**	**118,116**

As of December 31, 2024 (in thousands)	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
Fixed maturity securities, available-for-sale, at fair value:				
Governmental obligations	$ 300	$ 2	$ —	$ 302
General obligations of U.S. states, territories and political subdivisions	8,129	11	(31)	8,109
Special revenue issuer obligations of U.S. states, territories and political subdivisions	16,523	51	(73)	16,501
Corporate debt securities	87,636	556	(132)	88,060
Total	$ 112,588	$ 620	$ (236)	$ 112,972

The special revenue category for both periods presented includes approximately 20 individual fixed maturity securities with revenue sources from a variety of industry sectors.

The scheduled maturities of fixed maturity securities at December 31, 2025 are as follows:

	Available-for-Sale	
(in thousands)	**Amortized Cost**	**Fair Value**
Due in one year or less	**$ 28,112**	**$ 28,214**
Due after one year through five years	**62,681**	**63,320**
Due after five years through ten years	**22,174**	**22,458**
Due after ten years	**3,885**	**4,124**
Total	**$ 116,852**	**$ 118,116**

Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities as borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without penalties.

The following table presents the gross unrealized losses on fixed maturity securities and the estimated fair value of the related securities, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous loss position at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively:

	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or Longer		Total	
As of December 31, 2025 (in thousands)	**Estimated Fair Value**	**Unrealized Losses**	**Estimated Fair Value**	**Unrealized Losses**	**Estimated Fair Value**	**Unrealized Losses**
General obligations of U.S. states, territories and political subdivisions	**$ 5,924**	**$ (31)**	**$ —**	**$ —**	**$ 5,924**	**$ (31)**
Special revenue issuer obligations of U.S. states, territories and political subdivisions	**1,192**	**(3)**	**1,260**	**(7)**	**2,452**	**(10)**
Corporate debt securities	**13,659**	**(52)**	**—**	**—**	**13,659**	**(52)**
Total	**$ 20,775**	**$ (86)**	**$ 1,260**	**$ (7)**	**$ 22,035**	**$ (93)**

	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or Longer		Total	
As of December 31, 2024 (in thousands)	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
General obligations of U.S. states, territories and political subdivisions	$ 1,960	$ (2)	$ 2,780	$ (29)	$ 4,740	$ (31)
Special revenue issuer obligations of U.S. states, territories and political subdivisions	5,477	(45)	2,828	(28)	8,305	(73)
Corporate debt securities	22,641	(131)	149	(1)	22,790	(132)
Total	$ 30,078	$ (178)	$ 5,757	$ (58)	$ 35,835	$ (236)

Management evaluates available-for-sale fixed maturity securities in unrealized loss positions to determine whether the impairment is due to credit-related factors or noncredit-related factors. The decline in estimated fair value of the fixed maturity securities can be attributed primarily to changes in market interest rates and changes in credit spreads over Treasury securities.

Factors considered in determining whether a loss is credit-related include the financial condition and prospects of the issuer (including credit ratings and analyst reports) and macro-economic changes. A total of 32 and 60 fixed maturity securities had unrealized losses at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The Company does not intend to sell any of these securities and believes that it is more likely than not that the Company will not have to sell any such securities before a recovery of cost. The fair value is expected to recover as the securities approach their maturity date or repricing date or if market yields for such investments decline. The Company believes that the unrealized losses detailed in the previous table are due to noncredit-related factors, including changes in market interest rates and other market conditions, and therefore the unrealized loss is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income.

Reviews of the values of fixed maturity securities are inherently uncertain and the value of the investment may not fully recover, or may decline in future periods resulting in a realized loss. The Company recorded $0 thousand, $74 thousand, and $201 thousand of impairment charges related to fixed maturity securities for the twelve-month periods ended December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively. Expenses related to impairments are recorded in net investment gains in the Consolidated Statements of Operations when recognized.

Investments in Equity Securities

The cost and estimated fair value of equity securities are as follows:

As of December 31, 2025 (in thousands)	**Cost**	**Estimated Fair Value**
Equity securities, at fair value:		
Common stocks	**$ 28,575**	**$ 41,481**
Total	**$ 28,575**	**$ 41,481**

As of December 31, 2024 (in thousands)	Cost	Estimated Fair Value
Equity securities, at fair value:		
Common stocks	$ 25,980	$ 39,893
Total	$ 25,980	$ 39,893

Changes in the estimated fair value of equity security investments are recorded in net investment gains in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Interest and Dividends

Earnings on investments for the years ended December 31 are as follows:

(in thousands)	**2025**	2024	2023
Fixed maturity securities	**$ 5,233**	$ 3,832	$ 2,317
Equity securities	**1,288**	1,120	1,078
Invested cash and other short-term investments	**3,440**	5,703	5,659
Miscellaneous interest	**4**	2	1
Interest and dividends	**$ 9,965**	$ 10,657	$ 9,055

Net Investment Gains

Gross realized gains and losses on sales of investments and changes in the estimated fair value of equity security investments for the years ended December 31 are summarized as follows:

(in thousands)	**2025**	2024	2023
Gross realized gains from securities:			
Corporate debt securities	**$ 12**	$ —	$ —
Common stocks	**5,499**	5,525	16,350
Total	**$ 5,511**	$ 5,525	$ 16,350
Gross realized losses from securities:			
Common stocks	**$ (859)**	$ (363)	$ (400)
Impairments of securities	**—**	(74)	(201)
Total	**$ (859)**	$ (437)	$ (601)
Net realized gains from securities	**$ 4,652**	$ 5,088	$ 15,749
Net realized other investment (losses) gains:			
Impairments of other assets and investments	**$ (469)**	$ (309)	$ —
Gains on other investments	**2**	242	5
Losses on other investments	**—**	(20)	(123)
Total	**$ (467)**	$ (87)	$ (118)
Net realized investment gains	**$ 4,185**	$ 5,001	$ 15,631
Changes in the estimated fair value of equity security investments	**$ (1,008)**	$ (318)	$ (12,183)
Net investment gains	**$ 3,177**	$ 4,683	$ 3,448

Realized gains and losses are determined on the specific identification method.

Variable Interest Entities

The Company holds investments in variable interest entities ("VIEs") that are not consolidated in the Company's consolidated financial statements as the Company is not the primary beneficiary. These entities are considered VIEs as the equity investors at risk, including the Company, do not have the power over the activities that most significantly impact the economic performance of the entities; this power resides with a third-party general partner or managing member that cannot be removed except for cause and no participation rights exist. The following table sets forth details about the Company's variable interest investments in VIEs, which are structured either as limited partnerships ("LPs") or LLCs, as of December 31, 2025 and 2024:

December 31, 2025 **Type of Investment (in thousands)**	**Balance Sheet Classification**	**Carrying Value**	**Estimated Fair Value**	**Maximum Potential Loss ***
Real estate LLCs or LPs	**Other investments**	**$ 13,238**	**$ 14,877**	**$ 16,592**
Small business investment LLCs or LPs	**Other investments**	**668**	**668**	**—**
Total		**$ 13,906**	**$ 15,545**	**$ 16,592**

December 31, 2024 Type of Investment (in thousands)	Balance Sheet Classification	Carrying Value	Estimated Fair Value	Maximum Potential Loss *
Real estate LLCs or LPs	Other investments	$ 10,514	$ 11,404	$ 14,653
Small business investment LLCs or LPs	Other investments	1,184	1,184	1,403
Total		$ 11,698	$ 12,588	$ 16,056

* Maximum potential loss is calculated as the total investment in the LLC or LP including any capital commitments that may have not yet been called. The Company is not exposed to any loss beyond the total commitment of its investment.

Valuation of Financial Assets

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") has established a valuation hierarchy for disclosure of the inputs used to measure estimated fair value of financial assets and liabilities, such as securities. This hierarchy categorizes the inputs into three broad levels as follows. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 inputs are quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets or inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly through market corroboration, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs based on the Company's own assumptions intended to represent market participant assumptions used to measure assets and liabilities at fair value.

A financial instrument's classification within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement – consequently, if there are multiple significant valuation inputs that are categorized in different levels of the hierarchy, the instrument's hierarchy level is the lowest level (with Level 3 being the lowest level) within which any significant input falls.

The Level 1 category includes equity securities and U.S. Treasury securities that are measured at estimated fair value using quoted active market prices.

The Level 2 category includes fixed maturity securities such as corporate debt securities, U.S. government obligations, and obligations of U.S. states, territories, and political subdivisions. Estimated fair value is principally based on market values obtained from a third-party pricing service. Factors that are used in determining estimated fair market value include benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers and reference data. The Company receives one quote per security from a third-party pricing service, although as discussed below, the Company does consult other pricing resources when confirming that the prices it obtains reflect the fair values of the instruments in accordance with GAAP. Generally, quotes obtained from the pricing service for instruments classified as Level 2 are not adjusted and are not binding. As of December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Company did not adjust any Level 2 fair values.

A number of the Company's investment grade corporate debt securities are frequently traded in active markets, and trading prices are consequently available for these securities. However, these securities are classified as Level 2 because the pricing service from which the Company has obtained estimated fair values for these instruments uses valuation models that use observable market inputs in addition to trading prices. Substantially all of the input assumptions used in the service's model are observable in the marketplace or can be derived or supported by observable market data.

In the measurement of the estimated fair value of certain financial instruments, other valuation techniques were utilized if quoted market prices were not available. These derived fair value estimates are significantly affected by the assumptions used. Additionally, certain financial instruments, including those related to insurance contracts, pension and other postretirement benefits, and equity method investments are excluded from the scope of disclosures.

In estimating the fair value of the financial instruments presented, the Company used the following methods and assumptions:

Cash and cash equivalents

The carrying amount for cash and cash equivalents is a reasonable estimate of fair value due to the short-term maturity of these investments.

Measurement alternative equity investments

The measurement alternative method requires investments without readily determinable fair values to be recorded at cost, less impairments, and plus or minus any changes resulting from observable price changes. The Company monitors any events or changes in circumstances that may have had a significant adverse effect on the fair value of these investments and makes any necessary adjustments.

Notes receivable

Notes receivable are recorded at amortized cost and are included in prepaid expenses and other receivables in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The amortized cost is the amount at which a receivable is originated and adjusted for applicable accrued interest, accretion, or amortization of premium, discount, and net deferred fees or costs, collection of cash, writeoffs, foreign exchange, and fair value hedge accounting adjustments. The Company monitors any events or changes in circumstances that may have had a significant adverse effect on the fair value of these investments and makes any necessary adjustments.

Accrued interest and dividends

The carrying amount for accrued interest and dividends is a reasonable estimate of fair value due to the short-term maturity of these assets.

The following table presents, by level, fixed maturity securities carried at estimated fair value as of December 31, 2025 and 2024:

As of December 31, 2025 (in thousands)	**Level 1**	**Level 2 ***	**Level 3**	**Total**
Fixed maturity securities:				
Obligations of U.S. states, territories and political subdivisions	**$ —**	**$ 23,289**	**$ —**	**$ 23,289**
Corporate debt securities	**—**	**94,827**	**—**	**94,827**
Total	**$ —**	**$ 118,116**	**$ —**	**$ 118,116**

As of December 31, 2024 (in thousands)	Level 1	Level 2 *	Level 3	Total
Fixed maturity securities:				
Obligations of U.S. states, territories and political subdivisions	$ 302	$ 24,610	$ —	$ 24,912
Corporate debt securities	—	88,060	—	88,060
Total	$ 302	$ 112,670	$ —	$ 112,972

*Denotes fair market value obtained from pricing services.

The following table presents, by level, estimated fair values of equity investments and other financial instruments as of December 31, 2025 and 2024:

As of December 31, 2025 (in thousands)	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Total**
Financial assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	**$ 20,838**	**$ —**	**$ —**	**$ 20,838**
Accrued interest and dividends	**1,476**	**—**	**—**	**1,476**
Equity securities, at fair value:				
Common stocks	**41,481**	**—**	**—**	**41,481**
Short-term investments:				
Money market funds and U.S. Treasury bills	**68,763**	**—**	**—**	**68,763**
Total	**$ 132,558**	**$ —**	**$ —**	**$ 132,558**

As of December 31, 2024 (in thousands)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 24,654	$ —	$ —	$ 24,654
Accrued interest and dividends	1,469	—	—	1,469
Equity securities, at fair value:				
Common stocks	39,893	—	—	39,893
Short-term investments:				
Money market funds and U.S. Treasury bills	59,101	—	—	59,101
Total	$ 125,117	$ —	$ —	$ 125,117

The Company did not hold any Level 3 category debt or marketable equity investment securities as of December 31, 2025 or 2024.

There were no transfers into or out of Levels 1, 2 or 3 during the periods presented.

To help ensure that estimated fair value determinations are consistent with GAAP, prices from our pricing services go through multiple review processes to ensure appropriate pricing. Pricing procedures and inputs used to price each security include, but are not limited to, the following: unadjusted quoted market prices for identical securities such as stock market closing prices; non-binding quoted prices for identical securities in markets that are not active; interest rates; yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals; volatility; prepayment speeds; loss severity; credit risks; and default rates. The Company reviews the procedures and inputs used by its pricing services, and verifies a sample of the services' quotes by comparing them to values obtained from other pricing resources. In the event the Company disagrees with a price provided by its pricing services, the respective service reevaluates the price to corroborate the market information and then reviews inputs to the evaluation in light of potentially new market data.

Certain equity investments under the measurement alternative and notes receivable are measured at estimated fair value on a non-recurring basis and are reviewed for impairment quarterly. If any such investment is determined to be impaired, an impairment charge is recorded against such investment and reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. There were no impairments of such investments made during the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2025 and two impairments during the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2024. The following table presents assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis as of December 31, 2025 and 2024:

As of December 31, 2025 (in thousands)	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Total**
Financial assets:				
Equity investments in unconsolidated affiliates, measurement alternative	**$ —**	**$ —**	**$ 7,863**	**$ 7,863**
Notes receivable	**—**	**—**	**891**	**891**
Total	**$ —**	**$ —**	**$ 8,754**	**$ 8,754**

As of December 31, 2024 (in thousands)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financials assets:				
Equity investments in unconsolidated affiliates, measurement alternative	$ —	$ —	$ 8,166	$ 8,166
Notes receivable	—	—	641	641
Total	$ —	$ —	$ 8,807	$ 8,807

4. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment and estimated useful lives at December 31 are summarized as follows:

(in thousands)	**2025**	2024
Land	**$ 1,145**	$ 999
Office buildings and improvements (25 years)	**5,380**	5,856
Furniture, fixtures and equipment (3 to 10 years)	**44,890**	39,972
Automobiles (3 years)	**1,498**	1,448
Total	**52,913**	48,275
Less accumulated depreciation	**(23,516)**	(20,340)
Property and equipment, net	**$ 29,397**	$ 27,935

Included within furniture, fixtures and equipment is software developed by the Company for internal use. Capitalized costs include both direct and indirect costs, such as payroll costs of employees associated with developing software, incurred during the software development stage.

5. Reinsurance

The Company assumes and cedes reinsurance with other insurance companies in the normal course of business. There were no premiums assumed for 2025, 2024, and 2023. Ceded premiums were approximately $251 thousand, $89 thousand, and $354 thousand for 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively. Ceded reinsurance is comprised of excess of loss treaties, which outline the conditions in which the reinsurance company will pay claims and protect against losses over certain agreed upon amounts. The Company remains liable to the insured for claims under ceded insurance policies in the event the assuming insurance companies are unable to meet their obligations under these contracts. The Company did not pay or recover any reinsured losses during 2025, 2024, and 2023.

6. Reserve for Claims

Changes in the reserve for claims for the years ended December 31 are summarized as follows based on the year in which the policies were written:

(in thousands)	2025	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of period	**$ 37,060**	$ 37,147	$ 37,192
Provision related to:			
Current year	**10,156**	9,053	7,547
Prior years	**(5,549)**	(4,523)	(2,785)
Total provision charged to operations	**4,607**	4,530	4,762
Claims paid, net of recoveries, related to:			
Current year	**(733)**	(719)	(428)
Prior years	**(2,842)**	(3,898)	(4,379)
Total claims paid, net of recoveries	**(3,575)**	(4,617)	(4,807)
Balance, end of year	**$ 38,092**	$ 37,060	$ 37,147

The Company continually refines its reserve estimates as current loss experience develops and more credible data emerges. Movements in the reserve related to prior periods were primarily the result of changes to estimates to better reflect the latest reported loss data. The increase in the provision for claims in 2025, compared to 2024, was primarily attributable to a higher level of risk underwritten during 2025. The decrease in the provision for claims in 2024, compared to 2023, was primarily due to lower levels of favorable loss development in 2024. Due to variances between actual and expected loss payments, loss development is subject to significant variability.

The Company does not recognize claim recoveries until an actual payment has been received by the Company. The Company realized claim recoveries of approximately $1.3 million, $332 thousand, and $597 thousand during 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively.

The provision for claims as a percentage of net premiums written was 2.2%, 2.2%, and 2.8% in 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively.

A large claim is defined as a claim with incurred losses exceeding $500 thousand. Due to the small volume of large claims, the long-tail nature of title insurance claims and the inherent uncertainty in loss emergence patterns, large claim activity can vary significantly between policy years. The estimated development of large claims by policy year is therefore subject to significant changes as experience develops.

A summary of the Company's reserve for claims, broken down into its components of known title claims and IBNR, follows:

(in thousands, except percentages)	2025	%	2024	%
Known title claims	**$ 3,459**	**9.1**	$ 2,650	7.2
IBNR	**34,633**	**90.9**	34,410	92.8
Total reserve for claims	**$ 38,092**	**100.0**	$ 37,060	100.0

In management's opinion, the reserve for claims is adequate to cover claims losses which might result from pending and future claims.

7. Earnings Per Common Share and Share Awards

Basic earnings per common share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the reporting period. Diluted earnings per common share is computed by dividing net income by the combination of dilutive potential common stock, comprised of shares issuable under the Company's share-based compensation plans, and the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the reporting period. Dilutive common share equivalents include the dilutive effect of in-the-money share-based awards, which are calculated based on the average share price for each period using the treasury stock method. Under the treasury stock method, when share-based awards are assumed to be exercised, (a) the exercise price of a share-based award and (b) the amount of compensation cost, if any, for future services that the Company has not yet recognized, are assumed to be used to repurchase shares in the current period.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the years ended December 31:

(in thousands, except per share amounts)		**2025**		2024		2023
Net income	**$**	**35,180**	$	31,073	$	21,686
Weighted average common shares outstanding – Basic		**1,887**		1,885		1,893
Incremental shares outstanding assuming the exercise of dilutive SARs (share-settled)		**8**		7		—
Weighted average common shares outstanding – Diluted		**1,895**		1,892		1,893
Basic earnings per common share	**$**	**18.64**	$	16.48	$	11.45
Diluted earnings per common share	**$**	**18.57**	$	16.43	$	11.45

There were 5 thousand, 0, and 24 thousand potential shares excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share in 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively, due to the out-of-the-money status of the related share-based awards rendering them anti-dilutive.

The Company historically has adopted employee stock award plans under which restricted stock, options or stock appreciation rights ("SARs") exercisable for the Company's stock may be granted to key employees or directors of the Company. As of December 31, 2025 there was one active plan from which the Company may grant share-based awards. The awards eligible to be granted under the active plan are limited to SARs, and the maximum aggregate number of shares of common stock of the Company available pursuant to the plan for the grant of SARs is 250 thousand shares.

As of December 31, 2025, the only outstanding awards under the plans were SARs, which expire within seven years or less from the date of grant. All outstanding SARs vest and are exercisable within five years or less from the date of grant, and all SARs issued to date have been share-settled only. There have been no stock options or SARs granted where the exercise price was less than the market price on the date of grant.

During 2025, 2024, and 2023 the Company issued share-settled SARs to directors of the Company. SARs give the holder the right to receive stock equal to the appreciation in the value of shares of stock from the grant date for a specified period of time, and as a result, are accounted for as equity instruments. A summary of share-based award transactions for all share-based award plans follows:

(in thousands, except weighted average exercise price and average remaining contractual term)	Number Of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding as of January 1, 2023	39	$ 159.39	4.10	$ 243
SARs granted	5	142.88		
SARs exercised/forfeited/expired	(2)	93.87		
Outstanding as of December 31, 2023	42	$ 160.83	3.69	$ 428
SARs granted	5	160.94		
SARs exercised/forfeited/expired	(19)	170.21		
Outstanding as of December 31, 2024	28	$ 154.71	3.90	$ 2,312
SARs granted	**5**	**246.75**		
SARs exercised/forfeited/expired	**(9)**	**158.04**		
Outstanding as of December 31, 2025	**24**	**$ 170.67**	**3.91**	**$ 1,909**
Exercisable as of December 31, 2025	**21**	**$ 169.08**	**3.80**	**$ 1,696**
Unvested as of December 31, 2025	**3**	**$ 181.37**	**4.67**	**$ 213**

The aggregate intrinsic value is calculated as the difference between the exercise price of the underlying awards and the quoted price of the Company's common stock at December 31. The intrinsic values of SARs exercised during 2025, 2024, and 2023 were approximately $348 thousand, $595 thousand, and $156 thousand, respectively.

There were no options outstanding at December 31, 2025. The following table summarizes information about SARs outstanding at December 31, 2025:

(in thousands, except exercise prices and average remaining contractual term)			SARs Outstanding at Year-End			SARs Exercisable at Year-End	
Range of Exercise Prices			Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number Exercisable	Weighted Average Exercise Price
$ 100.00	**—**	**$ 149.99**	**10**	**3.31**	**$ 138.09**	**8**	**$ 136.37**
150.00	**—**	**199.99**	**10**	**3.38**	**167.58**	**10**	**167.58**
200.00	**—**	**250.00**	**4**	**6.39**	**246.75**	**3**	**246.75**
$ 100.00	**—**	**$ 250.00**	**24**	**3.91**	**$ 170.67**	**21**	**$ 169.08**

In 2025, 7 thousand SARs vested with a fair value of approximately $531 thousand.

The fair value of each SAR is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option valuation model with the weighted average assumptions noted in the table shown below. Expected volatilities are based on both the implied and historical volatility of the Company's stock. The Company uses historical data to project SAR exercises and pre-exercise forfeitures within the valuation model. The expected term of awards represents the period of time that SARs granted are expected to be outstanding. The interest rate assumed for the expected life of the award is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of the grant. The weighted average fair values for the SARs issued during 2025, 2024, and 2023 were $64.00, $55.52, and $62.60, respectively, and were estimated using the weighted average assumptions shown in the table below:

	2025	2024	2023
Expected life in years	**7.0**	7.0	6.2 - 7.0
Volatility	**36.6%**	35.0%	36.6%
Interest rate	**4.4%**	4.4%	3.7%
Yield rate	**0.8%**	1.1%	1.2%

There was approximately $531 thousand, $393 thousand, and $425 thousand of compensation expense relating to SARs vesting on or before December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively, included in personnel expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. As of December 31, 2025, there was approximately $231 thousand of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested share-based compensation arrangements granted under the Company's stock award plans. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately one year.

8. Income Taxes

The components of income tax expense for the years ended December 31 are summarized as follows:

(in thousands)	**2025**	2024	2023
Current:			
Federal	**$ 6,045**	$ 7,371	$ 8,389
State	**447**	395	389
Total current	**6,492**	7,766	8,778
Deferred:			
Federal	**2,700**	555	(4,150)
State	**177**	69	(84)
Total deferred	**2,877**	624	(4,234)
Total	**$ 9,369**	$ 8,390	$ 4,544

For state income tax purposes, ITIC and NITIC generally pay only a gross premium tax found in other expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

At December 31, the approximate tax effect of each component of deferred income tax assets and liabilities is summarized as follows:

(in thousands)	2025	2024
Deferred income tax assets:		
Accrued benefits and retirement services	$ 4,163	$ 4,132
Lease assets	1,431	1,335
Net operating loss carryforward	—	210
Impairment of assets	232	135
Reinsurance and commission payable	24	23
Allowance for doubtful accounts	6	6
Other	678	559
Total	6,534	6,400
Deferred income tax liabilities:		
Excess of tax over book depreciation	3,678	721
Net unrealized gain on investments	2,985	3,015
Recorded statutory premium reserve, net of reserves for claims	2,714	2,508
Lease liabilities	1,375	1,293
1031 gain	925	933
Intangible assets	860	730
Postretirement benefit	26	—
Other	1,142	1,295
Total	13,705	10,495
Net deferred income tax liabilities	$ (7,171)	$ (4,095)

At December 31, 2025 and 2024, there were no valuation allowances recorded. Based upon the Company's historical results of operations, the existing financial condition of the Company and management's assessment of all other available information, management believes that it is more likely than not that the benefit of these deferred income tax assets will be realized.

A reconciliation of the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate of 21.0% for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023 to income tax expense, is as follows:

(in thousands)	2025	2024	2023
Anticipated income tax expense	$ 9,355	$ 8,287	$ 5,508
(Decrease) increase related to:			
Research and development credit	(172)	(753)	(921)
State income taxes, net of federal income tax benefit	353	312	307
Tax-exempt interest income, net of amortization	(722)	(986)	(525)
Other, net	555	1,530	175
Provision for income taxes	$ 9,369	$ 8,390	$ 4,544

A rate reconciliation of the December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023 to the provision for income taxes, is as follows:

(in thousands)	2025	2024	2023
U.S. federal statutory rate	21.0 %	21.0 %	21.0 %
Research and development credit	(0.4)%	(1.9)%	(3.5)%
State income taxes, net of federal income tax benefit	0.8 %	0.8 %	1.1 %
Tax-exempt interest income, net of amortization	(1.6)%	(2.5)%	(2.0)%
Other, net	1.2 %	3.9 %	0.7 %
Effective income tax rate	21.0 %	21.3 %	17.3 %

Income taxes paid (net of refunds) are as follows:

(in thousands)	2025	2024	2023
Jurisdiction			
U.S. federal	**$ 7,852**	$ 6,268	$ 8,193
State	**560**	352	495
Foreign	—	—	—
Total income taxes paid, net	**$ 8,412**	$ 6,620	$ 8,688

The state and local jurisdictions that contribute to the majority (greater than 50%) of the tax effect in this category are North Carolina for years 2023 through 2025.

In accounting for uncertainty in income taxes, the Company is required to recognize in its Consolidated Financial Statements the impact of a tax position if that position is more likely than not of being sustained on an audit, based on the technical merits of the position. In this regard, an uncertain tax position represents the Company's expected treatment of a tax position taken in a filed tax return, or planned to be taken in a future tax return, that has not been reflected in measuring the provision for income taxes for financial reporting purposes. There were no known unrecognized tax benefits or liabilities as of December 31, 2025.

The amount of unrecognized tax benefit or liability may increase or decrease in the future for various reasons, including adding amounts for current tax year positions, expiration of open income tax returns due to the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations, changes in management's judgment about the level of uncertainty, status of examinations, litigation and legislative activity and the additions or eliminations of uncertain tax positions.

The Company's policy is to report interest and penalties related to income taxes in the other expenses line item in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various states. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal or state and local examinations by taxing authorities for years before 2021. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, enacted July 4, 2025, made significant updates to federal tax law. The Company has reviewed the law's provisions and incorporated the applicable impacts into the Company's tax calculations and related disclosures. The primary impact on the financial statements resulted in offsetting current/deferred adjustments to the provision for income taxes as it relates to the Company's research and development expenditures.

9. Leases

The Company enters into lease agreements that are primarily for office space. These leases are accounted for as operating leases, with lease expense recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. The Company occasionally assumes equipment lease agreements through business acquisitions. These leases are accounted for as finance leases.

Included in a portion of the Company's current leases is an option to extend or cancel the lease term. The exercise of such an option is solely at the Company's discretion. The lease liability recorded in the Consolidated Balance Sheets includes lease payments related to options to extend or cancel the lease term if the Company determined at the inception date that the lease was expected to be renewed or extended. The Company, in determining the present value of lease payments, utilized the average rate over a 10-year term based upon the Moody's seasoned Aaa corporate bond yields, as explicit rates of interest were not readily determinable in the lease contracts. The Company does not carry debt; thus no incremental borrowing rate is available to the Company.

Lease expense is included in office and technology expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. Information regarding the Company's leases for the years ended December 31 is as follows:

(in thousands)	2025	2024	2023
Operating leases	$ 2,107	$ 2,672	$ 2,754
Finance leases:			
Amortization of lease assets	204	259	237
Interest on lease liabilities	20	—	—
Lease expense	$ 2,331	$ 2,931	$ 2,991
Sub-lease income	(108)	(222)	(14)
Lease cost	$ 2,223	$ 2,709	$ 2,977

(a) Leases with an initial term of twelve months or less are not recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Components of the lease liability presented in the Consolidated Balance Sheets for the years ended December 31 are as follows:

(in thousands)	2025	2024
Current:		
Operating lease liabilities	$ 1,548	$ 2,026
Finance lease liabilities	130	226
Non-current:		
Operating lease liabilities	6,116	3,728
Finance lease liabilities	256	376
Total lease liabilities	$ 8,050	$ 6,356

The future minimum payments for leases that have initial or remaining noncancelable lease terms in excess of one year as of December 31, 2025, are summarized as follows:

Year Ended (in thousands)	Operating Leases	Finance Leases	Total
2026	$ 1,824	$ 177	$ 2,001
2027	1,464	130	1,594
2028	1,092	74	1,166
2029	1,041	19	1,060
2030	967	10	977
Thereafter	2,363	—	2,363
Total undiscounted payments	$ 8,751	$ 410	$ 9,161
Less: present value adjustment	(1,088)	(23)	(1,111)
Lease liabilities	$ 7,663	$ 387	$ 8,050

Supplemental lease information for the years ended December 31 is as follows:

	2025	2024	2023
Weighted average remaining lease term (years)			
Operating leases	6.38	3.88	3.07
Finance leases	2.65	2.84	2.93
Weighted average discount rate			
Operating leases	4.1 %	4.0 %	3.8 %
Finance leases	4.5 %	4.4 %	3.7 %

The Company does not have any material pending operating or financing lease agreements that become effective in future periods.

10. Retirement Agreements and Other Postretirement Benefit Plan

The Company has a 401(k) savings plan. In order to participate in the plan, employees must be 21 years old. In order to be eligible for employer contributions, individuals must be employed for a period of one year and work at least 1,000 hours annually. The Company makes a 3% Safe Harbor contribution and also has the option annually to make a discretionary profit share contribution. Individuals may elect to make contributions up to the maximum deductible amount as determined by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "IRC"). Expenses related to the 401(k) plan were approximately $2.0 million, $2.0 million, and $1.6 million for 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively.

In November 2003, ITIC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into employment agreements with the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of ITIC. These individuals also serve as the Chairman, President and Executive Vice President, respectively, of the Company. The agreements provide compensation and life, health, dental and vision benefits upon the occurrence of specific events, including death, disability, retirement, termination without cause or upon a change in control. The employment agreements also prohibit each of these executives from competing with ITIC and its parent, subsidiaries and affiliates in North Carolina while employed by ITIC and for a period of two years following termination of their employment.

In addition, during the second quarter of 2004, ITIC entered into employment agreements with certain executive officers. The amounts accrued for all agreements at December 31, 2025 and 2024 were approximately $15.6 million and $15.4 million, respectively, which includes postretirement compensation and health benefits, and was calculated based on the terms of the contracts. The 2025 and 2024 accruals are included in the accounts payable and accrued liabilities line item of the Consolidated Balance Sheets. These executive contracts are accounted for on an individual contract basis. On December 24, 2008, the executive contracts were amended effective January 1, 2009 to bring them into compliance with Section 409A of the IRC, and were amended and restated to provide for an annual cash payment to the officers equal to the amounts the Company would have contributed to their accounts under its 401(k) plan if such contributions were not limited by the federal tax laws, less the amount of any contributions that the Company actually makes to their accounts under the Company's 401(k) plan.

On November 17, 2003, ITIC entered into employment agreements with key executives that provide for the continuation of certain employee benefits upon retirement, which were most recently amended and restated on May 4, 2022. The executive employee benefits include health insurance, dental insurance, vision insurance and life insurance. The benefits are unfunded. Estimated future benefit payouts expected to be paid for each of the next five years are $26 thousand in 2026, $44 thousand in 2027, $71 thousand in 2028, $69 thousand in 2029, $80 thousand in 2030, and $277 thousand in the next five years thereafter.

Cost of the Company's postretirement benefits included the following components and is presented in the personnel expenses line of its Consolidated Statements of Operations:

(in thousands)	**2025**	2024	2023
Net periodic benefit cost			
Service cost – benefits earned during the year	**$ —**	$ —	$ —
Interest cost on the projected benefit obligation	**50**	—	65
Amortization of unrecognized prior service cost	**—**	—	—
Amortization of unrecognized gain	**(15)**	—	(37)
Net periodic benefits cost at end of year	**$ 35**	$ —	$ 28

The Company is required to recognize the funded status (i.e., the difference between the fair value of the assets and the accumulated postretirement benefit obligations of its postretirement benefits) in its Consolidated Balance Sheets, with a corresponding adjustment to accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax. The net amount in accumulated other comprehensive income is $123 thousand, $99 thousand net of tax, for December 31, 2025, and $68 thousand, $55 thousand net of tax, for December 31, 2024, and represents the net unrecognized actuarial gains and unrecognized prior service costs. The effects of the funded status on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 31, 2025 and 2024 are presented in the following table:

(in thousands)		**2025**		2024
Funded status				
Actuarial present value of future benefits:				
Fully eligible active employees	**$**	**(946)**	$	(951)
Non-eligible active employees		**—**		—
Plan assets		**—**		—
Funded status of accumulated postretirement benefit obligation, recognized in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	**$**	**(946)**	$	(951)

Development of the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 includes the following:

(in thousands)		**2025**		2024
Accrued postretirement benefit obligation at beginning of year	**$**	**(951)**	$	(906)
Service cost – benefits earned during the year		**—**		—
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation		**(50)**		—
Actuarial gain (loss)		**55**		(45)
Accrued postretirement benefit obligation at end of year	**$**	**(946)**	$	(951)

The changes in amounts related to accumulated other comprehensive income, pre-tax, are as follows:

(in thousands)		**2025**		2024
Balance at beginning of year	**$**	**68**	$	68
Components of accumulated other comprehensive income:				
Unrecognized prior service cost		**—**		—
Amortization of loss, net		**(15)**		—
Actuarial gain		**70**		—
Balance at end of year	**$**	**123**	$	68

11. Commitments and Contingencies

Legal Proceedings: The Company and its subsidiaries are involved in legal proceedings that are incidental to their business. In the Company's opinion, based on the present status of these proceedings, any potential liability of the Company or its subsidiaries with respect to these legal proceedings is not expected to, in the aggregate, be material to the Company's consolidated financial condition or operations.

Regulation: The Company's title insurance and trust subsidiaries are regulated by various federal, state and local governmental agencies and are subject to various audits and inquiries. It is the opinion of management based on its present expectations that these audits and inquiries will not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial condition or operations.

Escrow and Trust Deposits: As a service to its customers, the Company, through ITIC, administers escrow and deposits representing earnest money received under real estate contracts, escrowed funds received under escrow agreements, undisbursed amounts received for settlement of mortgage loans and indemnities against specific title risks. Cash administered by the Company for these purposes was approximately $62.6 million and $55.0 million as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. These amounts are not considered assets of the Company and, therefore, are excluded from the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets; however, the Company remains contingently liable for the disposition of these deposits.

Like-Kind Exchange Proceeds: In administering tax-deferred like-kind exchanges pursuant to §1031 of the IRC, the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, ITEC, serves as a qualified intermediary, holding the net sales proceeds from relinquished property to be used for purchase of replacement property. Another Company wholly owned subsidiary, ITAC, serves as exchange accommodation titleholder and, through LLCs that are wholly owned subsidiaries of ITAC, holds property in reverse exchange transactions. Like-kind exchange deposits and reverse exchange property totaled approximately $269.3 million and $323.5 million as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. These amounts are not considered assets of the Company and, therefore, are excluded from the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets; however, the Company remains contingently liable for the disposition of the transfers of property, disbursements of proceeds and the return on the proceeds at the agreed upon rate. Exchange services revenue includes earnings on these deposits; therefore, investment income is shown as other revenues rather than investment income. These like-kind exchange funds are primarily invested in money market funds and other short-term investments.

12. Segment Information

The Company has two reportable segments, title insurance and exchange services. The remaining immaterial segments have been combined into a group called "All Other." The Company's chief operating decision makers ("CODMs") are the Chief Executive Officer; President, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer, and Treasurer; and Executive Vice President and Secretary. The CODMs use financial metrics such as consolidated operating margin and net income to assess financial performance and to make key operating decisions, such as resource allocation and the rate at which the Company invests in growth opportunities.

The title insurance segment primarily issues title insurance policies through approved attorneys from underwriting offices and through independent issuing agents. Title insurance policies insure titles to real estate.

The tax-deferred exchange services segment acts as an intermediary in tax-deferred exchanges of property held for productive use in a trade or business or for investments and serves as exchange accommodation titleholder, holding property for exchangers in reverse exchange transactions.

Provided below is selected financial information about the Company's operations by segment for the periods ended December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023:

2025 (in thousands)	**Title Insurance**	**Exchange Services**	**All Other**	**Intersegment Eliminations**	**Total**
Insurance and other services revenues	**$ 251,052**	**$ 13,765**	**$ 10,275**	**$ (18,199)**	**$ 256,893**
Net investment income	**11,977**	**243**	**3,642**	**—**	**15,862**
Total revenues	**263,029**	**14,008**	**13,917**	**(18,199)**	**272,755**
Commissions to agents	**124,450**	**—**	**—**	**(10,781)**	**113,669**
Provision for claims	**4,607**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4,607**
Personnel expenses	**62,470**	**2,438**	**7,307**	**—**	**72,215**
Other	**34,938**	**395**	**6,639**	**(4,257)**	**37,715**
Total operating expenses	**226,465**	**2,833**	**13,946**	**(15,038)**	**228,206**
Income (loss) before income taxes	**$ 36,564**	**$ 11,175**	**$ (29)**	**$ (3,161)**	**$ 44,549**
Total assets	**$ 259,982**	**$ 3,120**	**$ 100,036**	**$ —**	**$ 363,138**

2024 (in thousands)	Title Insurance	Exchange Services	All Other	Intersegment Eliminations	Total
Insurance and other services revenues	$ 242,529	$ 10,746	$ 8,192	$ (21,109)	$ 240,358
Net investment income	12,804	358	4,778	—	17,940
Total revenues	255,333	11,104	12,970	(21,109)	258,298
Commissions to agents	120,307	—	—	(12,964)	107,343
Provision for claims	4,530	—	—	—	4,530
Personnel expenses	64,138	2,425	5,950	—	72,513
Other	34,393	333	3,149	(3,426)	34,449
Total operating expenses	223,368	2,758	9,099	(16,390)	218,835
Income before income taxes	$ 31,965	$ 8,346	$ 3,871	$ (4,719)	$ 39,463
Total assets	$ 232,932	$ 6,179	$ 94,460	$ —	$ 333,571

2023 (in thousands)	Title Insurance	Exchange Services	All Other	Intersegment Eliminations	Total
Insurance and other services revenues	$ 207,140	$ 13,270	$ 7,800	$ (19,715)	$ 208,495
Net investment income	12,303	196	3,756	—	16,255
Total revenues	219,443	13,466	11,556	(19,715)	224,750
Commissions to agents	98,170	—	—	(14,796)	83,374
Provision for claims	4,762	—	—	—	4,762
Personnel expenses	68,851	2,236	5,619	—	76,706
Other	33,196	282	3,266	(3,066)	33,678
Total operating expenses	204,979	2,518	8,885	(17,862)	198,520
Income before income taxes	$ 14,464	$ 10,948	$ 2,671	$ (1,853)	$ 26,230
Total assets	$ 216,622	$ 5,534	$ 108,403	$ —	$ 330,559

13. Shareholders' Equity

On November 12, 2002, the Company's Board of Directors amended the Company's Articles of Incorporation, creating a series of preferred stock designated Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock (the "Series A Preferred Stock"). The Series A Preferred Stock is senior to common stock in dividends or distributions of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company. Dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock are cumulative and accrue from the quarterly dividend payment date. Each share of Series A Preferred Stock entitles the holder thereof to 100 votes on all matters submitted to a vote of shareholders of the Company. These shares were reserved for issuance under the Shareholder Rights Plan, which was originally adopted on November 21, 2002 by the Company's Board of Directors and most recently amended and restated on September 30, 2022 (as amended and restated, the "Plan"). Under the terms of the Plan, the Company's common stock acquired by a person or a group buying 15% or more of the Company's common stock would be diluted, except in transactions approved by the Board of Directors. The Plan expires on September 30, 2032.

In connection with the adoption of the Plan, the Company's Board of Directors declared a dividend distribution of one right (a "Right") for each outstanding share of the Company's common stock paid on December 16, 2002, to shareholders of record at the close of business on December 2, 2002. Each Right entitles the registered holder to purchase from the Company a unit (a "Unit") consisting of one one-hundredth of a share of Series A Preferred Stock. Under the Plan, the Rights detach and become exercisable upon the earlier of (a) 10 days following public announcement that a person or group of affiliated or associated persons has acquired, or obtained the right to acquire, beneficial ownership of 15% or more of the outstanding shares of the Company's common stock, or (b) 10 business days following the commencement of, or first public announcement of the intent of a person or group to commence, a tender offer or exchange offer that would result in a person or group beneficially owning 15% or more of such outstanding shares of the Company's common stock. The current price to exercise one Right is $525 per Unit. The exercise price, the kind and the number of shares covered by each Right are subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain events described in the Plan.

If any person or group of affiliated or associated persons acquires beneficial ownership of 15% or more of the outstanding common stock, each holder of a Right (other than the acquiring person or group) will have the right to buy, at the exercise price, common stock of the Company having a market value of twice the exercise price. If the Company is acquired in a merger or consolidation in which the Company is not the surviving corporation, or the Company engages in a merger or consolidation in which the Company is the surviving corporation and the Company's common stock is changed or exchanged, or more than 50% of the Company's assets or earning power is sold or transferred, the Rights entitle a holder (other than the acquiring person or group) to buy, at the exercise price, stock of the acquiring company having a market value equal to twice the exercise price. At any time after a person or group of affiliated or associated persons has acquired beneficial ownership of 15% or more of the outstanding common stock and prior to the acquisition by such person or group of 50% or more of the outstanding common stock, the Company's Board of Directors may exchange the Rights (other than the Rights owned by such person or group), in whole or in part, at an exchange ratio of one share of the Company's common stock, or one one-hundredth of a share of Series A Preferred Stock, per Right.

The Rights are redeemable upon action by the Board of Directors at a price of $0.01 per Right at any time before they become exercisable. Until the Rights become exercisable, they are evidenced only by the common stock certificates and are transferred with and only with such certificates.

There were 1.0 million shares of Preferred Stock authorized as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, with 200,000 being designated Series A Preferred Stock.

14. Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents. The Company invests its cash and cash equivalents into high credit quality security instruments. Deposits which exceed $250 thousand at each institution are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). Of the $20.8 million in cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2025, $18.3 million was not insured by the FDIC. Of the $24.7 million in cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2024, $22.4 million was not insured by the FDIC. The Company mitigates the risk of having cash and cash equivalents not insured by the FDIC by monitoring the credit quality of the financial institutions in which the funds are held.

15. Business Concentration

The Company generates a significant amount of title insurance premiums in North Carolina, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida. In 2025, 2024, and 2023, these states generated the following percentage of total premiums written:

State	**2025**	2024	2023
North Carolina	**35.3 %**	34.4 %	37.4 %
Texas	**27.1 %**	27.9 %	27.0 %
Georgia	**8.6 %**	7.6 %	6.8 %
South Carolina	**8.1 %**	8.8 %	9.3 %
Florida	**6.4 %**	7.2 %	4.0 %

16. Related Party Transactions

The Company does business with, and has investments in, unconsolidated LLCs that are primarily title insurance agencies. The Company utilizes the equity method to account for its investments in these LLCs. The following table sets forth the approximate values by year found within each financial statement classification:

Financial Statement Classification, Consolidated Balance Sheets (in thousands)		**2025**		2024
Other investments		**$ 8,184**	$	4,950
Premium and fees receivable		**$ 2,498**	$	1,701

Financial Statement Classification, Consolidated Statements of Operations (in thousands)	**2025**		2024		2023
Net premiums written	**$ 35,018**	$	29,272	$	22,131
Non-title services and other investment income	**$ 3,241**	$	2,637	$	4,062
Commissions to agents	**$ 25,973**	$	20,821	$	15,115

17. Intangible Assets, Goodwill and Title Plants

Intangible Assets

The estimated fair values of intangible assets recognized as the result of title insurance agency acquisitions are all Level 3 inputs. Management determined that no events or changes in circumstances occurred during the periods ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 that would indicate the carrying amounts may not be recoverable, and therefore, determined that no identifiable intangible assets were impaired.

During the year ended December 31, 2025, the Company completed the acquisition of title insurance agencies for an aggregate estimated purchase price $12 million, including potential contingent payments that the Company deems probable, as part of its ongoing strategy to pursue opportunistic growth opportunities. In connection with these acquisitions, the Company recorded $8.2 million in intangible assets and $2.5 million in goodwill. Additional changes in goodwill and intangible assets in 2025 were related to a transfer of assets to a joint venture.

Identifiable intangible assets consist of the following as of December 31:

Year Ended (in thousands)	2025	2024
Referral relationships	$ 14,589	$ 8,898
Non-compete agreements	1,827	3,155
Tradename	1,177	747
Total	17,593	12,800
Accumulated amortization	(5,946)	(7,354)
Identifiable intangible assets, net	$ 11,647	$ 5,446

The following table provides the estimated aggregate amortization expense, as of December 31, 2025 for each of the five succeeding fiscal years:

Year Ended (in thousands)	
2026	**$ 1,124**
2027	**1,078**
2028	**1,075**
2029	**1,075**
2030	**1,075**
Thereafter	**6,033**
Total	**$ 11,460**

Goodwill and Title Plants

As of December 31, 2025, the Company recognized $9.3 million in goodwill and $1.6 million in title plants, net of impairments, as the result of title insurance agency acquisitions. The title plants are included with other assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. In accordance with FASB's ASC 350, the Company determined that no events or changes in circumstances occurred during the periods ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 that would indicate the carrying amounts may not be recoverable, and therefore, determined that there were no goodwill or title plant impairments.

18. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

The following table provides changes in the balances of each component of accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax, for the periods ended December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023:

2025 (in thousands)	Unrealized Gains and Losses On Available-for-Sale Securities	Postretirement Benefits Plans	Total
Beginning balance at January 1	**$ 300**	**$ 55**	**$ 355**
Other comprehensive income before calculations	**702**	**44**	**746**
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	**(10)**	**—**	**(10)**
Net current-period other comprehensive income	**692**	**44**	**736**
Ending balance	**$ 992**	**$ 99**	**$ 1,091**

2024 (in thousands)	Unrealized Gains and Losses On Available-for-Sale Securities	Postretirement Benefits Plans	Total
Beginning balance at January 1	$ 583	$ 55	$ 638
Other comprehensive (loss) income before calculations	(339)	—	(339)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	56	—	56
Net current-period other comprehensive loss	(283)	—	(283)
Ending balance	$ 300	$ 55	$ 355

2023 (in thousands)	Unrealized Gains and Losses On Available-for-Sale Securities	Postretirement Benefits Plans	Total
Beginning balance at January 1	$ 164	$ 36	$ 200
Other comprehensive income before calculations	259	19	278
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	160	—	160
Net current-period other comprehensive income	419	19	438
Ending balance	$ 583	$ 55	$ 638

The following table provides significant amounts reclassified out of each component of accumulated other comprehensive income for the periods ended December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023:

2025 (in thousands)

Details about Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Components	**Amount Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income**	**Affected Line Item in the Consolidated Statements of Operations**
Unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities:		
Net realized gains on investments	**$ 12**	
Impairments of securities	**—**	
Total	**$ 12**	**Net investment gains**
Tax	**(2)**	**Provision for Income Taxes**
Net of Tax	**$ 10**	
Reclassifications for the period	**$ 10**	

2024 (in thousands)

Details about Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Components	Amount Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Affected Line Item in the Consolidated Statements of Operations
Unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities:		
Net realized losses on investments	$ —	
Impairments of securities	(74)	
Total	$ (74)	Net investment gains
Tax	18	Provision for Income Taxes
Net of Tax	$ (56)	
Reclassifications for the period	$ (56)	

2023 (in thousands)

Details about Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Components		Amount Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Affected Line Item in the Consolidated Statements of Operations
Unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities:			
Net realized losses on investments	$	—	
Impairments of securities		(208)	
Total	$	(208)	Net investment gains
Tax		48	Provision for Income Taxes
Net of Tax	$	(160)	
Reclassifications for the period	$	(160)	

19. Revenue from Contracts with Customers

ASC 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, requires that an entity recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. This guidance does not apply to revenue associated with insurance contracts (including title insurance policies), financial instruments and lease contracts; and therefore is primarily applicable to the following Company revenue categories.

Escrow and other title-related fees: The Company's title segment recognizes commission revenue and fees related to items such as searches, settlements, commitments and other ancillary services. Escrow and other title-related fees are recognized as revenue at the time of the related transactions as the earnings process, or performance obligation, is then considered to be complete.

Non-title services: Through various subsidiaries, the Company offers management services, tax-deferred real property exchange services, investment management and trust services. Nonrefundable exchange fees are recognized as revenue upon receipt of the funds, which is at the time of closing of the initial sale of property. All other non-title service fees are recognized as revenue as performance obligations are completed.

Other: The Company occasionally recognizes revenue from other miscellaneous contracts which can include, but is not limited to, seminar and education registration fees and software licensing contracts. These revenue streams are deemed immaterial to the operations of the Company, and revenue is recognized when, or as, performance obligations are completed.

The following table provides a breakdown of the Company's revenue by major business activity:

(in thousands)		**2025**		2024		2023
Revenue from contracts with customers:						
Escrow and other title-related fees	**$**	**19,311**	$	17,954	$	17,109
Non-title services		**21,599**		17,193		19,237
Total revenue from contracts with customers		**40,910**		35,147		36,346
Other sources of revenue:						
Net premiums written		**212,642**		204,264		171,158
Investment-related revenue		**15,862**		17,940		16,255
Other		**3,341**		947		991
Total revenues	**$**	**272,755**	$	258,298	$	224,750

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company's disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in such reports is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

No system of controls, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide absolute assurance that the objectives of the system of controls are met, and no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that the system of controls has operated effectively in all cases. The Company's disclosure controls and procedures, however, are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the objectives of disclosure controls and procedures are met.

Pursuant to Rule 13a-15(b) under the Exchange Act, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2025 to provide reasonable assurance that the objectives of disclosure controls and procedures are met.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

During the quarter ended December 31, 2025, there were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Reports of Management and Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management has assessed, and the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, Forvis Mazars, LLP, has audited, the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2025. The reports of management and Forvis Mazars, LLP thereon are included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and are incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

During the three-month period ended December 31, 2025, none of the Company's directors or executive officers adopted or terminated a "Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement" or a "non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement," as each term is defined in Item 408 of Regulation S-K.

ITEM 9C. DISCLOSURE REGARDING FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS THAT PREVENT INSPECTIONS

Not applicable.

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The information called for by this item is incorporated by reference to the material under the captions "Proposals Requiring Your Vote – Proposal 1 – Election of Directors," "Corporate Governance – Board of Directors and Committees – The Audit Committee," "Corporate Governance – Code of Business Conduct and Ethics" and "Corporate Governance – Insider Trading Policy" in the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 20, 2026, to be filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the year ended December 31, 2025 (the "2026 Proxy Statement"). Other information with respect to the executive officers of the Company is included at the end of Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the separate caption "Executive Officers of the Company."

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information called for by this item is set forth under the captions "Executive Compensation" and "Compensation of Directors" in the 2026 Proxy Statement and is incorporated by reference in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED SHAREHOLDER MATTERS

The information pertaining to securities ownership of certain beneficial owners and management is set forth under the caption "Stock Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" in the 2026 Proxy Statement and is incorporated by reference in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The following table provides information about the Company's compensation plans under which equity securities are authorized for issuance as of December 31, 2025. The Company does not have any equity compensation plans that have not been approved by its shareholders.

Equity Compensation Plan Information (unrounded)

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights		Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans	
Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders	**24,175**	**(a)**	**$ 170.67**	**204,750**	**(b)**
Equity compensation plans not approved by shareholders	—		—	—	
Total	**24,175**		**$ 170.67**	**204,750**	

(a) Includes 24,175 shares issuable upon exercise of SARs under the 2019 Stock Appreciation Rights Plan (the "2019 Plan").

(b) Includes shares remaining for future issuance under the 2019 Plan.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

The information called for by this item is set forth under the captions "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions," "Corporate Governance – Independent Directors" and "Proposals Requiring Your Vote – Proposal 1 – Election of Directors" set forth in the 2026 Proxy Statement and is incorporated by reference in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The information pertaining to principal accountant fees and services is set forth under the caption "Proposals Requiring Your Vote – Proposal 2 – Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" in the 2026 Proxy Statement and is incorporated by reference in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

(a)(1) Consolidated Financial Statements

The following financial statements are filed under Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K:

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm (PCAOB ID: 686)
Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2025 and 2024
Consolidated Statements of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the Years Ended December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023
Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity for the Years Ended December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Years Ended December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(a)(2) Financial Statement Schedules

The following is a list of financial statement schedules filed as part of this Form 10-K Annual Report:

Schedule Number	Description
I	Summary of Investments – Other Than Investments in Related Parties
II	Condensed Financial Information of Registrant
III	Supplementary Insurance Information
IV	Reinsurance
V	Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

All other schedules are omitted, as the required information either is not applicable, is not required, or is presented in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements or the notes thereto.

(a)(3) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K are incorporated herein by reference.

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description	Location
3.1(a)	Articles of Incorporation dated January 22, 1973	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Form S-8 filed August 10, 2009, File No. 333-161209
3.1(b)	Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, dated February 8, 1973	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Form S-8 filed August 10, 2009, File No. 333-161209
3.1(c)	Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation, dated May 14, 1987	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Form S-8 filed August 10, 2009, File No. 333-161209
3.1(d)	Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation, dated May 15, 2002	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2002, File No. 11774
3.1(e)	Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation, dated November 12, 2002	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2003, File No. 11774
3.1(f)	Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation, dated October 31, 2012	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Form 10-Q filed on October 31, 2012, File No. 11774
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws, dated November 6, 2023	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Form 10-Q filed on November 8, 2023, File No. 11774
4.1	Description of the Company's Securities	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019, File No. 11774
4.2	Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, dated September 30, 2022, between the Company and Broadridge Corporate Issuer Solutions, Inc., as Rights Agent	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Form 8-K filed on October 3, 2022, File No. 11774
10.1*	Amended and Restated Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan effective January 1, 2009	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, File No. 11774
10.2*	Amended and Restated Nonqualified Supplemental Retirement Benefit Plan effective January 1, 2009	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, File No. 11774
10.3(a)*	2019 Stock Appreciation Rights Plan effective March 11, 2019	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed on May 15, 2019, File No. 333-231486
10.3(b)*	Form of Stock Appreciation Rights Agreement under 2019 Stock Appreciation Right Plan	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Form 8-K filed on May 16, 2019, File No. 11774
10.4*	Summary of Non-Employee Director Compensation	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019, File No. 11774
10.5*	Second Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, by and between Investors Title Insurance Company and J. Allen Fine, dated May 4, 2022	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2022, File No. 11774
10.6*	Second Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, by and between Investors Title Insurance Company and James A. Fine, Jr., dated May 4, 2022	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2022, File No. 11774
10.7*	Second Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, by and between Investors Title Insurance Company and W. Morris Fine, Jr., dated May 4, 2022	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2022, File No. 11774
10.8*	Amended and Restated Death Benefit Plan Agreement, by and between Investors Title Insurance Company and J. Allen Fine, dated May 4, 2022	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2022, File No. 11774

10.9*	Amended and Restated Death Benefit Plan Agreement, by and between Investors Title Insurance Company and James A. Fine, Jr., dated May 4, 2022	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2022, File No. 11774
10.10*	Amended and Restated Death Benefit Plan Agreement, by and between Investors Title Insurance Company and W. Morris Fine, Jr., dated May 4, 2022	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2022, File No. 11774
19	Insider Trading and Tipping Policy	Filed herewith
21	Subsidiaries of Registrant	Filed herewith
23	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	Filed herewith
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	Filed herewith
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	Filed herewith
32	Certifications of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	Furnished herewith
97	Policy for the Recovery of Erroneously Awarded Compensation	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 97 to Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, File No. 11774
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document (the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document)	Filed herewith
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document	Filed herewith
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document	Filed herewith
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document	Filed herewith
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document	Filed herewith
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document	Filed herewith
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted in Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)	Filed herewith

* Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement

SCHEDULE I

INVESTORS TITLE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS – OTHER THAN INVESTMENTS IN RELATED PARTIES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025

Type of Investment (in thousands)	Cost (1)	Market Value	Amount at which shown in the Balance Sheet (3)
Fixed maturity securities:			
Government obligations	$ —	$ —	$ —
General obligations of U.S. states, territories and political subdivisions	11,590	11,640	11,640
Special revenue issuer obligations of U.S. states, territories and political subdivisions	6,656	6,669	6,669
Public utilities	4,963	4,980	4,980
Corporate debt securities	93,643	94,827	94,827
Total fixed maturity securities	116,852	118,116	118,116
Equity securities:			
Common stocks:			
Public utilities	176	303	303
Banks, trusts and insurance companies	1,631	3,125	3,125
Industrial, miscellaneous and all other	25,726	35,248	35,248
Technology	1,042	2,805	2,805
Total equity securities	28,575	41,481	41,481
Other investments:			
Short-term investments	68,763	68,763	68,763
Other investments (2)	16,610	16,610	16,610
Total other investments	85,373	85,373	85,373
Total investments (2)	$ 230,800	$ 244,970	$ 244,970

(1) Fixed maturity securities are shown at amortized cost and equity securities are shown at original cost.
(2) The above summary of investments does not include investments in related parties accounted for under the equity method or the measurement alternative methods of accounting in the amount of $6,836.
(3) All fixed maturity securities presented are classified as available-for-sale and shown at estimated fair value. Equity securities are shown at fair value.

SCHEDULE II

INVESTORS TITLE COMPANY (PARENT COMPANY)
CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT
BALANCE SHEETS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024

(in thousands)	2025	2024
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	**$ 632**	$ 1,252
Fixed maturity securities, available-for-sale, at fair value	**50,067**	49,768
Equity securities, at fair value	**—**	267
Short-term investments	**28,817**	26,071
Investments in affiliated companies	**174,713**	160,469
Other investments	**8,394**	8,798
Prepaid expenses and other receivables	**2,109**	1,571
Current income taxes recoverable	**3,143**	3,210
Accrued interest and dividends	**558**	599
Property, net	**1,708**	1,688
Total Assets	**$ 270,141**	$ 253,693
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	**$ 1,039**	$ 1,146
Deferred income taxes, net	**802**	774
Total liabilities	**1,841**	1,920
Shareholders' Equity:		
Preferred stock (1,000 authorized shares; no shares issued)	**—**	—
Common stock – no par value (10,000 authorized shares; 1,888 and 1,886 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, excluding in each period 292 shares of common stock held by the Company)	**—**	—
Retained earnings	**267,209**	251,418
Accumulated other comprehensive income	**1,091**	355
Total shareholders' equity	**268,300**	251,773
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	**$ 270,141**	$ 253,693

Refer to the Notes to Condensed Financial Statements.

SCHEDULE II

INVESTORS TITLE COMPANY (PARENT COMPANY)
CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025, 2024, AND 2023

(in thousands, except per share amounts)	2025	2024	2023
Revenues:			
Interest and dividends	**$ 3,697**	$ 4,658	$ 3,671
Net investment losses	**(295)**	(230)	(142)
Rental income	**741**	870	922
Gains on disposals of property	**—**	184	194
Miscellaneous (loss) income	**(50)**	7	(36)
Total Revenues	**4,093**	5,489	4,609
Operating Expenses:			
Personnel expenses	**1,065**	1,020	874
Office and technology expenses	**552**	577	628
Other expenses	**3,502**	935	979
Total Operating Expenses	**5,119**	2,532	2,481
Equity in Net Income of Affiliated Companies	**36,318**	29,525	19,670
Income before Income Taxes	**35,292**	32,482	21,798
Provision for Income Taxes	**112**	1,409	112
Net Income	**$ 35,180**	$ 31,073	$ 21,686
Basic Earnings per Common Share	**$ 18.64**	$ 16.48	$ 11.45
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding – Basic	**1,887**	1,885	1,893
Diluted Earnings per Common Share	**$ 18.57**	$ 16.43	$ 11.45
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding – Diluted	**1,895**	1,892	1,893

Refer to the Notes to Condensed Financial Statements.

SCHEDULE II

INVESTORS TITLE COMPANY (PARENT COMPANY)
CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025, 2024, AND 2023

(in thousands)	2025	2024	2023
Operating Activities			
Net income	**$ 35,180**	$ 31,073	$ 21,686
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:			
Equity in net earnings of subsidiaries	**(36,318)**	(29,525)	(19,670)
Depreciation	**98**	131	126
Accretion of investments, net	**(812)**	(2,531)	(2,924)
Share-based compensation expense related to stock appreciation rights	**543**	393	425
Net gains on disposal of property	**—**	(184)	(194)
Net investment (gains) losses on securities	**(30)**	(79)	142
Net realized losses on other investments	**325**	309	21
Net earnings on other investments	**4**	—	—
(Benefit) provision for deferred income taxes	**(5)**	515	(433)
(Increase) decrease in receivables	**(538)**	3,325	(1,652)
Decrease (increase) in current income taxes recoverable	**67**	(1,917)	1,506
Decrease (increase) in other assets	**41**	(407)	3,204
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	**(107)**	(696)	(1,326)
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	**(1,552)**	407	911
Investing Activities			
Dividends received from subsidiaries	**30,883**	18,137	32,478
Purchases of fixed maturity and equity securities	**(40,266)**	(51,146)	(1,203)
Purchases of short-term securities	**(45,252)**	(64,448)	(127,789)
Purchases of and net earnings from other investments	**—**	(5,001)	(81)
Proceeds from sales and maturities of fixed maturity and equity securities	**41,027**	5,220	2,892
Proceeds from sales and maturities of short-term securities	**42,701**	124,472	107,083
Proceeds from sales and distributions of other investments	**75**	685	2
Purchases of property	**(118)**	(72)	(9)
Proceeds from disposals of property	**—**	—	206
Net cash provided by investing activities	**29,050**	27,847	13,579
Financing Activities			
Repurchases of common stock	**—**	(1,099)	(959)
Capital contribution to subsidiaries	**(8,186)**	(447)	(1,524)
Dividends paid	**(19,932)**	(29,865)	(11,048)
Net cash used in financing activities	**(28,118)**	(31,411)	(13,531)
Net (Decrease) Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	**(620)**	(3,157)	959
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Period	**1,252**	4,409	3,450
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period	**$ 632**	$ 1,252	$ 4,409
Supplemental Disclosures:			
Income tax payments, net	**$ 7,900**	$ 6,273	$ 8,320
Non cash 1031 exchange proceeds receivable	**$ —**	$ —	$ (2,589)

Refer to the Notes to Condensed Financial Statements.

SCHEDULE II

INVESTORS TITLE COMPANY (PARENT COMPANY)
CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT
NOTES TO THE CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025, 2024, AND 2023
(in thousands)

1. The accompanying Condensed Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and notes thereto of Investors Title Company and Subsidiaries.

2. Cash dividends paid to Investors Title Company by its wholly owned subsidiaries were as follows:

Subsidiaries	**2025**	2024	2023
Investors Title Insurance Company, net*	**$ 17,291**	$ 8,952	$ 25,478
Investors Title Exchange Corporation	**10,200**	6,700	5,800
Investors Title Accommodation Corporation	**500**	—	—
Investors Trust Company	**1,000**	500	500
Investors Title Commercial Agency, LLC	**1,200**	1,600	—
National Investors Holdings, LLC	**692**	385	700
Total	**$ 30,883**	$ 18,137	$ 32,478

* Total dividends of $20,371, $13,572, and $27,181 paid to the Parent Company in 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively, netted with dividends of $3,080, $4,620, and $1,703 received from the Parent Company in 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively.

SCHEDULE III

INVESTORS TITLE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
SUPPLEMENTARY INSURANCE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025, 2024, AND 2023

Segment	Deferred Policy Acquisition Cost	Future Policy Benefits, Losses, Claims and Loss Expenses	Unearned Premiums	Other Policy Claims and Benefits Payable	Premium Revenue	Net Investment Income (Loss)	Benefits, Claims, Losses and Settlement Expenses	Amortization of Deferred Policy Acquisition Costs	Other Operating Expenses	Premiums Written
Year Ended December 31, 2025 (in thousands)										
Title Insurance	**$ —**	**$ 38,092**	**$ —**	**$ 1,217**	**$ 212,642**	**$ 7,892**	**$ 4,607**	**$ —**	**$ 207,035**	**N/A**
All Other	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3,785**	**—**	**—**	**16,564**	**N/A**
	$ —	**$ 38,092**	**$ —**	**$ 1,217**	**$ 212,642**	**$ 11,677**	**$ 4,607**	**$ —**	**$ 223,599**	**N/A**
Year Ended December 31, 2024 (in thousands)										
Title Insurance	$ —	$ 37,060	$ —	$ 774	$ 204,264	$ 7,786	$ 4,530	$ —	$ 202,659	N/A
All Other	—	—	—	—	—	5,153	—	—	11,646	N/A
	$ —	$ 37,060	$ —	$ 774	$ 204,264	$ 12,939	$ 4,530	$ —	$ 214,305	N/A
Year Ended December 31, 2023 (in thousands)										
Title Insurance	$ —	$ 37,147	$ —	$ 804	$ 171,158	$ (2,926)	$ 4,762	$ —	$ 182,571	N/A
All Other	—	—	—	—	—	3,550	—	—	11,187	N/A
	$ —	$ 37,147	$ —	$ 804	$ 171,158	$ 624	$ 4,762	$ —	$ 193,758	N/A

SCHEDULE IV

INVESTORS TITLE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
REINSURANCE
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025, 2024, AND 2023

	Gross Amount	Ceded to Other Companies	Assumed from Other Companies	Net Amount	Percentages of Amount Assumed to Net
Year Ended December 31, 2025 (in thousands)					
Title Insurance	**$ 212,893**	**$ 251**	**$ —**	**$ 212,642**	**— %**
Year Ended December 31, 2024 (in thousands)					
Title Insurance	$ 204,353	$ 89	$ —	$ 204,264	— %
Year Ended December 31, 2023 (in thousands)					
Title Insurance	$ 171,512	$ 354	$ —	$ 171,158	— %

SCHEDULE V

INVESTORS TITLE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025, 2024, AND 2023

Description	Balance at Beginning of Period	Additions Charged to Costs and Expenses	Additions Charged to Other Accounts – Describe	Deductions – Describe	Balance at End of Period
2025 (in thousands)					
Premiums receivable:					
Valuation provision	**$ 28**	**$ 720**	**$ —**	**$ (722) (a)**	**$ 26**
Reserves for claims	**$ 37,060**	**$ 4,607**	**$ —**	**$ (3,575) (b)**	**$ 38,092**
2024 (in thousands)					
Premiums receivable:					
Valuation provision	$ 88	$ 158	$ —	$ (218) (a)	$ 28
Reserves for claims	$ 37,147	$ 4,530	$ —	$ (4,617) (b)	$ 37,060
2023 (in thousands)					
Premiums receivable:					
Valuation provision	$ 159	$ 773	$ —	$ (844) (a)	$ 88
Reserves for claims	$ 37,192	$ 4,762	$ —	$ (4,807) (b)	$ 37,147

(a) Canceled premiums
(b) Payments of claims, net of recoveries

ITEM 16. FORM 10-K SUMMARY

None.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

INVESTORS TITLE COMPANY
(Registrant)

By: /s/ J. Allen Fine
J. Allen Fine, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer *(Principal Executive Officer)*

March 16, 2026

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities indicated on the 16th day of March, 2026.

/s/ J. Allen Fine
J. Allen Fine, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer *(Principal Executive Officer)*

/s/ James A. Fine, Jr.
James A. Fine, Jr., President, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Director *(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)*

/s/ W. Morris Fine
W. Morris Fine, Executive Vice President, Secretary and Director

/s/ Tammy F. Coley
Tammy F. Coley, Director

/s/ Joseph B. Dempster, Jr.
Joseph B. Dempster, Jr., Director

/s/ Richard M. Hutson II
Richard M. Hutson II, Director

/s/ Elton C. Parker, Jr.
Elton C. Parker, Jr., Director

/s/ James E. Scott
James E. Scott, Director

/s/ James H. Speed, Jr.
James H. Speed, Jr., Director