# **NLV Financial Corporation and Subsidiaries**

**Quarterly Performance Review and Consolidated Financial Statements** 

First Quarter 2022

# GENERAL DISCUSSION OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### **About the Company**

NLV Financial Corporation ("NLVF") through its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company", "we", "our") offer a broad range of life insurance and annuity products through its insurance operations, which include National Life Insurance Company ("NLIC"), a Vermont-domiciled life insurer, and Life Insurance Company of the Southwest ("LSW"), a Texas-domiciled life insurer. Together with their affiliates, NLIC and LSW operate as a unified organization under the trade name of National Life Group.

National Life Group's leading life insurance product lines include indexed universal life, whole life, term life, and universal life. We offer a wide array of options and riders in connection with these policies to provide additional features such as accelerated benefits, waiver of premium, accidental death benefits, paid up additions, supplemental term insurance and lifetime income.

National Life Group's leading annuity product lines are indexed annuities and fixed interest rate annuities. We offer a guaranteed lifetime income rider on our indexed annuity products, which allows the contract holder the option to elect a guaranteed annual income that is fixed and will continue for the remaining life of the contract holder, even if the annuity's account value reaches zero. National Life Group also offers variable annuities, but does not offer, and has never offered, guaranteed minimum withdrawal, accumulation or income benefits on our variable annuities. A return of premium guaranteed minimum death benefit is the only guarantee currently offered on our variable annuity products.

For indexed life and annuity products, indexed interest, if any, is credited based on the change in an equity index over a specified period, subject to a cap rate, a participation rate and a floor of zero percent. Indexed products also offer the contract holder the option of selecting a guaranteed fixed interest rate instead of indexed interest.

#### **Distribution**

National Life Group provides a broad range of life insurance and annuity products to a national client base, primarily through an extensive network of independent agents and affiliated agents. We focus on serving Middle America in our target market of customers with household income of between \$75,000 and \$150,000, offering products with benefits that help Middle America customers meet needs during their lifetime, including lifetime income in retirement and accelerated death benefits if the insured becomes terminally, chronically or critically ill. In our individual annuity business, we focus on the 403(b) K-12 educator and 457 markets. National Life Group also offers products to meet financial and business planning needs including estate, business succession and retirement planning, and deferred compensation and other key executive benefit planning for small business owners, professionals, and other middle to upper income individuals. We market and distribute our products throughout the United States through two principal channels: Affiliated Partner and Independent:

- Affiliated Partner is an evolution of the traditional "career" channel, and includes producing and general agents who specialize in selling products to the middle and emerging affluent markets, professionals, business owners and other individuals for financial and business planning purposes.
- Independent consists of agents who primarily offer life insurance and annuity products to the middle and emerging affluent markets, for purposes of providing for the financial consequences of specific life events, such as death, retirement, and chronic or long-term illness. While the agents have access to all products, certain agents sell life insurance and annuity products with an emphasis on the 403(b) qualified tax deferred retirement savings market for individuals employed by public schools.

#### Organization

National Life Insurance Company was established in Vermont in 1848. In 1999, NLIC reorganized from a mutual to a stock insurance company as part of a reorganization into a mutual insurance holding company structure in order, among other things, to compete more effectively, have a more flexible and cost-effective capital structure, and be part of an enterprise which is better positioned to make strategic acquisitions. Concurrent with the reorganization into a mutual insurance holding company structure, NLIC created a closed block for the benefit of holders of certain of NLIC's individual participating life insurance and annuity policies ("the Closed Block"). The Closed Block is designed to give reasonable assurance to owners of policies in the Closed Block that assets will be available to provide for payment of policy benefits, including the continuation of dividends.

National Life Holding Company, a Vermont mutual insurance holding company, owns 100% of the outstanding common stock of NLVF, an intermediate stock insurance holding company incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware. NLVF directly owns 100% of the outstanding common stock of NLIC, NLG Capital, Inc. ("NLG Capital") formerly Sentinel Asset Management, Inc., Equity Services, Inc. ("ESI"), Catamount Reinsurance Company ("Catamount"), Longhorn Reinsurance Company ("Longhorn"), and certain other subsidiaries, and indirectly owns 100% of the outstanding common stock of Life Insurance Company of the Southwest, which is wholly owned by NLIC. NLVF indirectly owns National Life Distribution, LLC ("NLD"), whose sole member is LSW.

#### **Non-GAAP Measures**

The discussion herein, unless otherwise noted, is prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). In addition to net income, we use pre-tax operating income and core earnings, which are both pre-tax, non-GAAP financial measures, to evaluate our financial performance. Pre-tax operating income excludes income taxes and net investment gains (losses). It also excludes the portion of amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs ("DAC") and deferred sales inducements, and policyholder dividend obligations, that are related to net investment gains (losses).

Core earnings equal pre-tax operating income after excluding volatility caused by the periodic fair value measurement of certain liabilities for indexed life and annuity products, and the related impact to DAC and deferred sales inducements. Significant short-term income volatility may result from the measurement of these indexed product liabilities under GAAP, because they are sensitive to movements in equity market indexes and future interest rate assumptions. We exclude such volatility from core earnings.

Core earnings is a useful measure for the Company to analyze our results and trends because it excludes such short-term volatility and is more consistent with the economics and long-term performance of our indexed products. On a non-GAAP core earnings basis, we also exclude from revenues any investment income from derivative instruments that economically hedge our indexed product liabilities; instead, those hedging results are presented within interest credited to policyholder account liabilities. We believe the combined presentation and discussion of pre-tax operating income, core earnings, and net income provides information that will enhance readers' understanding of our underlying results, operating trends and profitability.

A reconciliation of total revenues on a GAAP basis to total revenues on a core earnings basis is presented below:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,						
	2022			2021			
		(in thousands)					
Total revenues Net investment gains Net investment losses (gains) from derivatives that hedge equity indexed products, which is included	\$	631,771 (37,390)	\$	783,295 (55,363)			
in interest credited to policyholder liabilities on a core earnings basis Total revenues on a core earnings basis	\$	98,544 692,925	\$	(79,407) 648,525			

A reconciliation of net income to non-GAAP pre-tax operating income and core earnings is presented below:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,					
	2022		2021			
	 (in tho	usands)				
Net income	\$ 67,995	\$	82,673			
Net investment gains	(37,390)		(55,363)			
Amortization of DAC and sales	, , ,		, , ,			
inducements, and policyholder dividend obligations, and other						
adjustments related to net investment gains and losses	(4,731)		5,774			
Income tax expense	18,075		21,976			
Pre-tax operating income	43,949		55,060			
Non-core losses, primarily	,		,			
volatility resulting from the measurement of indexed product						
liabilities	46,928		35,944			
Core earnings	\$ 90,877	\$	91,004			

#### **QUARTERLY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

This quarterly financial performance review provides an overview of the Company's results of operations and financial position as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, and, where applicable, factors that may affect the Company's future financial performance. This review should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, which have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

The Company's universal life, indexed universal life, and annuity products generate revenues through investment income and policy and contract charges that are earned during the life of the contracts. On a GAAP basis, revenues from net investment income include changes in the fair value of derivative instruments that economically hedge our indexed life and annuity products, primarily options and futures. Whole and term life insurance products generate primarily premium revenues. The decrease in the Company's total revenues on a GAAP basis included market value losses on derivative instruments of \$99 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to derivative gains of \$79 million for the same period in 2021. The derivative losses in the first three months of 2021 were due to a decrease in the value of derivatives reflective of the equity market volatility during the period. On a core earnings basis, which excludes from revenue such derivative gains (losses) as well as net investment gains (losses), the Company's total revenues for the first three months of 2022 were up 7% over the same period in 2021. This increase was driven by strong growth in the life insurance business, including increases in premium revenues of 16% and policy and contract charges of 11% as well as an increase in commissions, fees and other income of 17%.

Net income was \$68 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to \$83 million for the same period in 2021. The three months ended March 31, 2022 included negative non-core earnings of \$47 million, which reflected increased short-term interest rates during the period and net investment gains of \$37 million. The three months ended March 31, 2021 included negative non-core earnings of \$36 million, which reflected the increase in the derivative liability related to changes in the forward and discount interest rate curves and net investment gains of \$55 million.

Core earnings were \$91 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021. Higher revenues in the first quarter of 2022 from insurance premiums and growth in policy and contract charges, were offset by higher policy acquisition expenses driven by increased sales of indexed universal life and annuity products and the effects of modestly higher estimated future mortality.

Each of the components of core earnings and the factors that contributed to the changes for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 are described in detail below.

		For the Three Months Ended March 31,					
			2021				
		(in thou	ısands)				
Revenues:							
Insurance premiums	\$	77,923	\$	67,168			
Policy and contract charges		256,230		230,183			
Commissions, fees and							
other income		26,756		23,187			
Net investment income		332,016		327,987			
Total revenues, on a core							
earnings basis		692,925		648,525			
Benefits and expenses:							
Increase (Decrease) in policy liabilities		9,072		(16,489)			
Policy benefits		163,973		184,459			
Policyholders' dividends and							
dividend obligations		(2,294)		4,302			
Interest credited to policyholder							
account liabilities		200,236		185,422			
Operating expenses		88,202		89,116			
Interest expense		16,593		16,328			
Policy acquisition expenses		126,266		94,383			
Total benefits and expenses, on a							
core earnings basis		602,048		557,521			
Core earnings	<u>\$</u>	90,877	\$	91,004			

#### **Insurance Premiums**

Insurance premiums include considerations on traditional whole, term life insurance and disability income contracts. Insurance premiums do not include deposits received for investment-type products such as fixed interest annuities, indexed annuities and universal life policies, which comprise the majority of our new sales. Annuity products earn a net spread between net investment income on assets that support the policies and expenses for interest credited to policyholders. Revenue from universal life products is primarily reflected in policy and contract charges.

Insurance premiums increased to \$78 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 from \$67 million for the same period in 2021. This increase was driven by higher term life product sales.

#### **Policy and Contract Charges**

Policy and contract charges include fees charged on indexed universal life products, variable annuities, premium loads, cost of insurance charges, surrender charges and rider charges. Policy and contract charges increased \$26 million, or 11%, to \$256 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 from \$230 million for the same period in 2021. This increase was driven by growth in overall account value, primarily on our indexed universal life products.

#### Commissions, Fees and Other Income

Commissions consist of dealer concessions earned by the Company's affiliated broker-dealer, Equity Services, Inc. Other income include revenues from reinsurance, change in cash surrender value of corporate owned life insurance ("COLI") and miscellaneous fee income. Revenues from commissions, fees and other income increased to \$27 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 from \$23 million for the same period in 2021, primarily due to increased commissions and fee income on certain indexed annuity products.

#### **Net Investment Income**

Net investment income represents interest income on our portfolio of bonds, mortgage loans, contract loans and short-term investments, as well as amortization of premium or accretion of discount on bonds, dividends from preferred and common stock, partnership income, and income (losses) from derivative instruments. On a non-GAAP core earnings basis, we exclude from net investment income any income (losses) from derivative instruments that economically hedge our indexed product liabilities; instead, those hedging results are presented within interest credited to policyholder account liabilities. Net investment income on a core earnings basis increased to \$332 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 from \$328 million for the same period in 2021. This increase was driven by higher mortgage loan interest income in 2022.

The table below provides a breakdown of the components of net investment income on a core earnings basis, which excludes income on options that economically hedge our indexed products:

		s Ended						
		2022	2021					
	(in thousands)							
Net investment income (loss)								
Debt securities	\$	255,151	\$	249,703				
Equity securities		(3,640)		3,082				
Mortgage loans		48,853		40,815				
Policy loans		10,399		10,465				
Real estate		837		851				
Derivatives		(2,276)		(1,537)				
Partnerships		29,533		31,625				
Other investment income		1,257		360				
Gross investment income		340,114		335,364				
Less: Investment expenses		(8,098)		(7,377)				
Net investment income on a core earnings basis	\$	332,016	\$	327,987				

#### Increase (Decrease) in Policy Liabilities

The increase (decrease) in policy liabilities reflects changes in the product liability reserves for whole and term life insurance, disability income insurance and changes in additional reserves held on certain annuities. The change in policy liabilities was a net increase of \$9 million for the first three months of 2022 compared to a net decrease of \$16 million for the same period in 2021. The change was primarily driven by the effects of modestly higher estimated future mortality.

#### **Policy Benefits**

Policy benefits include death benefits for life insurance policies, policy surrenders for whole life policies and disability income benefits. In addition, policy benefits include a small amount of miscellaneous benefits such as payments on life-contingent immediate annuities and premium waiver benefits due to disability. Policy benefits decreased \$20 million to \$164 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 from \$184 million for the same period in 2021. This decrease was primarily due to favorable mortality experience in the Closed Block in the first quarter of 2022 as the impact of COVID-19 on mortality continued to decline.

#### Policyholders' Dividends and Dividend Obligations

Policyholders' dividends consist of the pro rata amount of dividends earned that will be paid or credited at the next policy anniversary and policyholder dividend obligations ("PDO") primarily arising from the Closed Block. Dividends are based on a scale that is designed to reflect the relative contribution of each group of policies to the Company's overall operating results. The dividend scales are approved annually by the Company's Board of Directors. For the non-GAAP measure of core earnings, policyholders' dividends and dividend obligations exclude amounts related to current year net investment gains (losses). Policyholders' dividends and dividend obligations included in core earnings decreased \$6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 from the same period in 2021. This decrease was primarily related to lower Closed Block earnings and lower dividends paid.

#### **Interest Credited to Policyholder Account Liabilities**

Interest credited to policyholder account liabilities represents amounts credited to universal life insurance, fixed deferred annuities and indexed products, as well as the change in reserves related to guaranteed lifetime income riders ("GLIR") and the amortization of sales inducements. For the non-GAAP presentation of core earnings, interest credited also includes income on options that economically hedge our indexed products. Core interest credited increased \$15 million to \$200 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 from \$185 million for the same period in 2021. This increase reflected growth in account value within our indexed product lines.

#### **Operating Expenses**

Operating expenses consist primarily of administrative, maintenance and operational expenses related to servicing the Company's business. Operating expenses were \$88 million for the first three months of 2022 compared to \$89 million for the same period in 2021. Certain defined contribution deferred compensation liabilities reported in operating expenses were favorably impacted by increased interest rates in the first quarter of 2022. This change is largely offset by changes in the fair value of certain equity investments, which are reported within net investment income.

#### **Interest Expense**

Interest expense consists of interest paid on the Company's surplus notes and senior notes. Interest expense totaled \$17 million and \$16 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

#### **Policy Acquisition Expenses**

Policy acquisition expenses include commissions and other costs related to the acquisition of new or renewal life and annuity business, as well as amortization of previously deferred acquisition costs. Commissions and other costs that are directly related to the successful acquisition of new or renewal insurance contracts are eligible to be deferred under GAAP. DAC for participating life insurance, universal life insurance, and annuities is amortized and recognized in income in relation to future estimated gross profits. DAC for non-participating term and whole life insurance and participating limited-payment and single-payment life insurance is amortized

and recognized in relation to premium income. Policy acquisition expenses are reported net of amounts deferred in the current year and include the amortization of DAC.

For the non-GAAP presentation of core earnings, policy acquisition expenses exclude amortization of DAC related to net investment gains (losses) on assets that support policy reserves, and amortization of DAC related to non-core earnings. Policy acquisition expenses for the life and annuity businesses included in core earnings were \$126 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, up from \$94 million for the same period in 2021. This increase was primarily attributable to higher amortization expense from an increased volume of indexed universal life and annuity products.

#### **Net Investment Gains (Losses)**

The Company recorded net investment gains of \$37 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 compared to net investment gains of \$55 million for the same period in 2021. Changes in the fair value of partnerships not accounted for using the equity method (based on the Company's level of ownership and influence) are recorded within net investment gains (losses). These partnership investments saw fair value increases, resulting in gains of \$45 million and \$48 million for the first three months in 2022 and 2021, respectively. The non-GAAP measure of pre-tax operating income excludes net investment gains (losses) and is also adjusted to exclude amortization of DAC and sales inducements, and policyholder dividend obligations, that are related to net investment gains (losses) (see "Non-GAAP Measures," above).

Details of net investment gains (losses) by asset category are provided in the table below:

	<u></u>	For the Three Months Ended March 31,					
	2022			2021			
		(in tho	usands)	_			
Net investment gains (losses) on:							
Debt securities	\$	(2,751)	\$	4,608			
Equity securities		(5,426)		3,223			
Mortgage loans		(81)		99			
Partnerships		45,446		47,599			
Other invested assets		202		(166)			
Net investment gains	\$	37,390	\$	55,363			

#### **Federal Income Taxes**

Federal income tax expense was \$18 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 compared to income tax expense of \$22 million for the same period in 2021. The Company's effective tax rate was 21% for both periods.

#### **Non-Core Earnings**

Non-core earnings primarily include short-term income volatility that results from the fair value measurement under GAAP of certain indexed product liabilities, which are sensitive to movement in equity market indexes and future interest rate assumptions, and the related impact to DAC and deferred sales inducements. Non-core earnings reduced pre-tax operating earnings by \$47 million and \$36 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The losses (negative non-core earnings) in the first quarter of 2022 reflected increased short-term interest rates during the period. The losses (negative non-core earnings) in the first quarter of 2021 reflected the increase in the derivative liability related to changes in the forward and discount interest rate curves during the period.

#### **SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

#### **Balance Sheet Information**

The Company's investment objective is to keep its promises to policyholders by earning competitive net investment income within prudent, strategic asset allocation, asset liability management, and risk management frameworks. This includes portfolio and issuer diversification and careful consideration of various scenarios including interest rate, credit, and liquidity risks through market cycles. The Company's investment portfolio consists primarily of available-for-sale debt and equity securities, agency mortgage-backed securities, directly underwritten commercial real estate mortgages and contract loans.

As of March 31, 2022, total assets were \$39.8 billion, primarily attributable to investments that support life insurance policy and annuity contracts with more than 1.2 million customers. Cash and investments decreased \$3.0 billion from December 31, 2021, which included a \$2.5 billion decrease in available-for-sale debt securities, and a \$961 million decrease in derivative assets, primarily equity index options used to hedge our indexed product liabilities. After excluding derivative assets and net unrealized gains and losses, total cash and invested assets as of March 31, 2022 were \$33.4 billion compared to \$32.9 billion as of December 31, 2021, including an increase in available-for-sale debt securities of \$468 million, driven by cash flows from our growing life and annuity business. The remainder of the portfolio consists primarily of partnerships and other invested assets, cash, trading debt securities, equity securities, policy loans, and other short-term investments.

Total liabilities as of March 31, 2022 were \$36.3 billion, compared to \$37.4 billion as of December 31, 2021. The decrease of \$1.1 billion in the 2022 period was primarily due to a decrease in derivative liabilities, partially offset by increased policyholder account liabilities.

We evaluate our capital adequacy based on internally-defined risk tolerances, regulatory requirements, rating agency and creditor expectations and business needs. We regularly evaluate the impact on our capital of potential macroeconomic, financial and insurance stresses. We believe that our capital resources are sufficient to satisfy future requirements and meet our obligations to policyholders, creditors and debt-holders, including those arising from reasonably foreseeable contingencies or events.

The following table provides a summary of the Company's consolidated balance sheet data:

	М	As of arch 31, 2022	As of December 31, 2021				
	(in thousands)						
Assets:							
Cash and investments	\$	34,530,196	\$	37,482,486			
Other general account assets		4,343,040		3,453,532			
Separate account assets		930,370		1,006,373			
Total assets	\$	39,803,606	\$	41,942,391			
Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity:				07.070.740			
Total liabilities		36,250,444		37,372,710			
Stockholder's Equity:							
Retained earnings		3,665,036		3,597,041			
Accumulated other comprehensive income		(111,874)		972,640			
Total stockholder's equity		3,553,162	<u> </u>	4,569,681			
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	\$	39,803,606	\$	41,942,391			

#### **Cash Flow and Liquidity Information**

Cash and restricted cash was \$407 million at March 31, 2022, compared to \$640 million at December 31, 2021. In addition to liquidity sourced from cash flows including premiums, deposits, investment income and maturities, the Company has access to secured asset-based borrowing capacity through membership in the Federal Home Loan Banks of Boston and Dallas. The Company evaluates liquidity risk quarterly by projecting cash flows under a stress scenario to ensure that there is sufficient liquidity to meet operating demands and objectives over a 36-month period, without consideration of mitigating actions such as the liquidation of investment holdings and changes in our investment strategy and product offerings.

In October 2021, NLVF entered into a facility agreement with a Delaware trust that gives the Company the right over a 30-year period to issue at any time up to \$750 million of 4.161% Senior Notes due August 15, 2051 to the Delaware trust in exchange for a corresponding amount of U.S. Treasury securities held by the Delaware trust, therefore providing an alternative source of liquidity. This agreement provides an alternative source of liquid assets that the Company can access at its discretion.

The following table includes the Company's consolidated cash flows provided by or used in operating, investing, and financing activities:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,						
		2022		2021			
Net cash used in operating activities	\$	(85,596)	\$	(51,663)			
Net cash used in investing activities		(768,354)		(299,193)			
Net cash provided by financing activities		620,856		395,395			
Net (decrease) increase in cash and restricted cash	\$	(233,094)	\$	44,539			

Net cash used in operating activities was \$86 million in the first quarter of 2022, compared to net cash used of \$52 million for the same period in 2021. The increase in cash used in operating activities during the first quarter of 2022 compared to the same period in 2021 was primarily due to changes in other assets and liabilities.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$768 million in the first quarter of 2022, compared to \$299 million for the same period in 2021. The increase in cash used in investing activities in the 2022 period was primarily due to changes in short term investments and short term broker collateral.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$621 million in the first quarter of 2022, compared to \$395 million for the same period in 2021. The increase in net cash provided by financing activities was primarily due to an increase in policyholder deposits, net of withdrawals, and an increase in net issuances of Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") funding agreements. Policyholder deposits, net of withdrawals, increased \$38 million primarily due to higher sales of indexed universal life products. FHLB net issuances (net of repayments) were \$111 million in the first quarter of 2022, compared to (\$66) million for the same period in 2021. FHLB activity is managed opportunistically, so the volume of funding agreements issued depends on pricing and the availability of desirable assets to support these liabilities.

#### **Other Selected Data**

	As of March 31, 2022			As of ber 31, 2021	CI	nange
			(in b	oillions)		
Life insurance in force (before reinsurance ceded)	\$	260.4	\$	251.9	\$	8.5
Total cash and invested assets (excluding unrealized gains and losses and derivatives)	\$	39.8	\$	32.9	\$	6.9
		For the Thre	e Months	Ended		
	Marc	h 31, 2022	Marc	h 31, 2021	C	hange
Weighted New Annualized Premium ("WNAP")						
Sales			(in n	nillions)		
Life	\$	93	\$	101	\$	(8)
Annuity		56		56		_
Total Life and Annuity WNAP	\$	149	\$	157	\$	(8)

Life sales for the first quarter of 2022 were slightly below the historic level of 2021. Annuity sales for the first quarter of 2022 were consistent with the same period in 2021.

#### PROSPECTIVE INFORMATION

Forward-looking statements contained herein are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors. The following uncertainties, among others, may have such an effect:

- Difficult conditions in the global capital markets and the economy;
- Significant market valuation fluctuations of the Company's investments, including any that are relatively illiquid;
- Differing interpretations in the methodologies, estimations and assumptions for the valuation of fixed maturity, equity and trading securities;
- Subjectivity in determining the amount of allowances and impairments taken on certain Company investments;
- Defaults on commercial mortgages held by the Company and volatilities in performance;
- Exposure to structured finance securities;
- Exposure to alternative investments;
- Exposure to mortgage-backed securities;
- Impairments of other institutions;
- Changes in interest rates and exposure to credit spreads;
- Effectiveness of the Company's hedging strategies and availability of hedging instruments;
- Impact of economic conditions on customers and vendors;
- Downgrades or potential downgrades in the Company's ratings;
- Changes in accounting rules;
- Adverse regulatory and legislative developments;
- Litigation and regulatory investigations;
- Changes in tax laws and the interpretation thereof;
- Inability to pay guaranteed policy benefits;
- Effectiveness of the Company's risk management policies and procedures;
- Lack of available, affordable or adequate reinsurance;
- Failure of counterparties to perform under reinsurance agreements, hedging instruments, or other contracts with the Company;
- Significant competition in the Company's businesses;

- Sensitivity of the amount of statutory capital the Company must hold to factors outside of its control;
- Adequacy of the Company's reserves for future policy benefits and claims;
- Deviations from assumptions regarding future mortality, morbidity, and interest rates used in calculating reserve amounts and pricing the Company's products;
- Ability to attract and retain producing agents and key personnel;
- Ability to raise additional capital;
- Costs related to future pension obligations;
- Impact of international tension between the United States and other nations, terrorist attacks or ongoing military and other actions;
- Pandemics or other catastrophic events; and
- A computer system failure or security breach.

Consequently, such forward-looking statements should be regarded solely as our current plans, estimates, and beliefs. We do not intend, and do not undertake, any obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect future events or circumstances after the date of such statements.

Our goals over the next several years include continued responsible growth across all of our product lines, as well as improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the overall organization. The Company will continue to deliver new and innovative products and riders, and partner with distributors who share our mission, values, and purpose. We will also continue to invest in our technology infrastructure to improve services for all our key stakeholders.

We will continue to manage our investment portfolio with the objective of competitive net investment income within prudent strategic asset allocation, asset liability management, and risk management frameworks.

#### **Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation**

The following consolidated financial statements of NLVF have been prepared in conformity with GAAP. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the Company's consolidated financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, which have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, including the accompanying notes which are an integral part of the audited financial statements. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and related disclosures. Actual results could differ, possibly materially, from those estimates.

The consolidated financial statements of the Company include the accounts of NLVF and its direct and indirect subsidiaries. Intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

Certain reclassifications have been made to conform prior periods to the current year's presentation.

# NLV Financial Corporation and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets As of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021

	As of	As of
(in thousands)	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Assets:		
Cash and investments:		
Available-for-sale debt securities	\$ 25,134,373	\$ 27,136,714
Equity securities	85,943	80,074
Trading debt securities	177,584	183,344
Mortgage loans	5,041,068	4,956,163
Policy loans	981,866	967,491
Real estate investments	8,414	7,515
Derivative assets	1,146,988	2,108,105
Other invested assets	1,428,307	1,367,533
Short term investments	118,350	35,150
Cash and restricted cash	407,303	640,397
Total cash and investments	34,530,196	37,482,486
Deferred policy acquisition costs	2,971,421	2,143,365
Accrued investment income	280,393	263,787
Premiums and fees receivable	10,227	17,802
Amounts recoverable from reinsurers	154,621	168,450
Property and equipment, net	158,337	164,152
Corporate owned life insurance	558,710	550,656
Other assets	209,331	145,320
Separate account assets	930,370	1,006,373
Total assets	\$ 39,803,606	\$ 41,942,391
Liabilities:  Policy liabilities: Policy benefit liabilities Policyholder account liabilities Policyholders' deposits Policy claims payable Policyholders' dividends and dividend obligations Total policy liabilities Amounts payable to reinsurers Derivative liabilities Other liabilities and accrued expenses Pension and other post-retirement benefit obligations Deferred income taxes Federal income tax payable Debt	\$ 4,023,774 28,382,356 91,008 187,793 63,966 32,748,897 13,806 675,101 709,944 190,555 59,794 6,061 915,916	\$ 4,201,865 27,793,608 93,680 196,733 272,472 32,558,358 36,308 1,467,702 841,492 204,234 336,078 6,388 915,777
Separate account liabilities	930,370	1,006,373
Total liabilities	\$ 36,250,444	\$ 37,372,710
Stockholder's equity: Class A common stock, 2,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding Class B common stock, par value of \$0.01, 1,001 shares authorized, 100 shares issued and outstanding Preferred stock, 500 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding Retained earnings Accumulated other comprehensive income Total stockholder's equity	\$ —  3,665,036 (111,874) \$ 3,553,162	\$ — 3,597,041 972,640 \$ 4,569,681
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	\$ 39,803,606	\$ 41,942,391
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# NLV Financial Corporation and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

	For the Three Mo March 3				
(in thousands)		2022		2021	
Revenues:					
Insurance premiums	\$	77,923	\$	67,168	
Policy and contract charges		256,230		230,183	
Commissions and fee income		17,647		15,988	
Net investment income		233,472		407,394	
Net investment gains		37,390		55,363	
Other income		9,109		7,199	
Total revenues		631,771		783,295	
Benefits and expenses:					
Increase (decrease) in policy liabilities		9,072		(16,489)	
Policy benefits		163,973		184,459	
Policyholders' dividends and dividend obligations		(2,541)		4,302	
Interest credited to policyholder account liabilities		178,625		353,495	
Operating expenses		88,202		89,116	
Interest expense		16,593		16,328	
Policy acquisition expenses		91,777		47,435	
Total benefits and expenses		545,701		678,646	
Income before income taxes		86,070		104,649	
Income tax expense		18,075		21,976	
Net income	\$	67,995	\$	82,673	

# NLV Financial Corporation and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholder's Equity For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

	Co	lass A ommon Stock	Co	ass B mmon		eferred Stock	Retained Earnings	Co	Other omprehensive ncome (Loss)	Total
(in thousands)	_		_		_					
January 1, 2021	\$		\$		\$		\$ 3,204,917	\$	1,223,417	\$ 4,428,334
Net income						_	82,673		_	82,673
Change in unrealized losses										
on available-for-sale securities, net									(565,984)	(565,984)
Change in cash flow hedge on		_		_			_		(303,304)	(303,904)
debt issuance, net									10	10
Change in additional minimum pension liability, net									2,080	2,080
Total comprehensive income									2,000	(481,221)
March 31, 2021	\$		\$		\$		\$ 3,287,590	\$	659,523	\$ 3,947,113
January 1, 2022	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 3,597,041	\$	972,640	\$ 4,569,681
Net income						_	67,995		_	67,995
Change in unrealized losses							,			•
on available-for-sale securities, net				_			_		(1,084,524)	(1,084,524)
Change in cash flow hedge on									(1,004,324)	(1,004,324)
debt issuance, net									10	10
Change in additional minimum pension liability, net										
Total comprehensive income									_	(1,016,519)
March 31, 2022	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 3,665,036	\$	(111,874)	\$ 3,553,162

# NLV Financial Corporation and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

	For the Three Months Endo March 31,				
(in thousands)		2022		2021	
Cash flows from operating activities:			_		
Net income	\$	67,995	\$	82,673	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		40.005		44.004	
Provision for deferred income taxes		12,005		14,891	
Interest credited to policyholder account liabilities		178,625		353,495	
Amortization of deferred policy acquisition costs		47,670		12,896	
Policy and contract charges		(256,230)		(230,183)	
Net investment (gains) losses		(37,390)		(55,363)	
Change in fair value of derivatives		101,476		(82,306)	
Change in corporate owned life insurance policies		(8,054)		(7,638)	
Depreciation		8,365		9,053	
Other		(66,668)		11,207	
Changes in assets and liabilities:				(44.0-4)	
Accrued investment income		(16,606)		(14,854)	
Deferred policy acquisition costs		(163,331)		(171,182)	
Policy liabilities		54,606		59,472	
Other assets and liabilities		(8,059)		(33,824)	
Net cash used in operating activities		(85,596)		(51,663)	
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Proceeds from sales, maturities and repayments of investments		732,820		1,270,731	
Cost of investments acquired		(1,272,916)		(1,754,143)	
Property and equipment additions		(2,422)		(7,602)	
Change in policy loans		(14,376)		1,347	
Change in short term investments		(83,200)		160,000	
Change in short term broker collateral		(156,147)		9,300	
Other		27,887		21,174	
Net cash used in investing activities		(768,354)		(299,193)	
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Cash flows from financing activities:		007.070		070 740	
Policyholders' deposits		927,679		872,713	
Policyholders' withdrawals		(435,565)		(418,561)	
Advances from Federal Home Loan Banks		486,778		657,440	
Repayments to Federal Home Loan Banks		(375,978)		(723,700)	
Change in other deposits		17,942		7,503	
Net cash provided by financing activities		620,856		395,395	
Net (decrease) increase in cash		(233,094)		44,539	
Cash and restricted cash:					
Beginning of year	_	640,397		648,476	
End of year	\$	407,303	\$	693,015	