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HIIG Separately Managed Account

The unaudited returns herein are for HIIG's primary strategy with Arena which commenced operations on Feb 1, 2016; HIIG has an additional strategy managed by Arena with a different mandate. The investments included in the composite are privately negotiated, illiquid investments that are denominated in both the United States Dollar and foreign currencies. Foreign currency denominated positions in the composite owner's account are unhedged and subject to exchange rate fluctuations between the United States Dollar and each position's respective foreign currency, which may be material. Investments which are not currently a component of the account's mandate have been excluded from the composite. Publicly traded corporate securities have been excluded from this composite. Certain investments may have embedded leverage; however, no leverage has been used at the account level. Arena would typically utilize an account level leverage facility in its investment program when available.

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For more information on all of Arena Group's products and strategies, please contact IR@arenaco.com.



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The Westaim Corporation - Overview

The Westaim Corporation Structure



Specialty Property and Casualty Insurance

Alternative Investment Management and Specialty Finance





Market Statistics

Ticker	TSXV:WED
Share price (March 12, 2018)	C\$ 2.81
Shares outstanding (millions)	143.2
Market capitalization	C\$ 402.4
Shareholders' equity - Q3 2017	US\$ 318.6 / C\$ 397.3
BVPS - Q3 2017 ⁽²⁾	US\$ 2.27 / C\$ 2.83
Corporate Headquarters	Toronto, Ontario

Note: Balance sheet data as at September 30, 2017; Exchange rate used 1.2470 C\$ / US\$ (as at September 30, 2017).

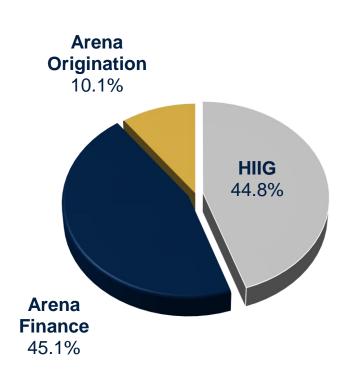
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The Westaim Corporation

Breakdown of BVPS at September 30, 2017 - Significant Embedded Value



Entity	BVPS (US\$)	BVPS (C\$)
HIIG (43.9% owned by Westaim) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$1.02	\$1.27
Arena Group		
Arena Finance (100% owned by Westaim) ⁽²⁾	1.03	1.28
Arena Origination (100% owned by Westaim) (2)	0.23	0.29
Arena Investors (51% owned by Westaim) ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	(0.01)	(0.01)
Arena Group - Total	\$1.25	\$1.56
Total	\$2.27	\$2.83
YTD Change in BVPS (US\$)		2.7%
YTD Change in BVPS (C\$)		(4.7%)

Note: Above graph excludes Arena Investors and cash and net working capital; Exchange rate used 1.2470 C\$ / US\$ (as at September 30, 2017).

⁽¹⁾ At September 30, 2017, the HIIG Partnership owned approximately 75.0% of the HIIG Shares and the Company owned, directly and indirectly, approximately 58.5% of the HIIG Partnership, representing an approximate 43.9% indirect ownership interest in HIIG.

⁽²⁾ Recorded as investments in private entities in interim consolidated financial statements of The Westaim Corporation for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. Ownership subject to the vesting and conversion of Class M Units held by Bernard Partners, LLC ("BP LLC") described under "Investment in the Arena Group - Arena Finance" in the interim consolidated financial statements of The Westaim Corporation for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

⁽³⁾ Recorded as investments in associates in the interim consolidated financial statements of The Westaim Corporation for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. Ownership subject to the vesting and conversion of Class M Units held by BP LLC described under "Investment in the Arena Group - Arena Origination" in the interim consolidated financial statements of The Westaim Corporation for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

⁽⁴⁾ Legal equity ownership is 100%, and beneficial ownership denotes profit percentage subject to change over time pursuant to the earn-in rights granted to BP LLC described under "Investment in the Arena Group - Arena Investors" of Westaim's MD&A for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.





Houston International Insurance Group, Ltd.



Business Description

Diversified specialty Insurance Holding Company

4 subsidiary P&C insurance companies and an underwriting agency

Executive management with significant industry experience (Chairman and CEO: Stephen L. Way)

Trailing Twelve Months Gross Written Premium:

\$559 million⁽¹⁾

Investments, Cash and **Cash Equivalents** (September 30, 2017):

\$617 million⁽¹⁾

Financial Strength

A- Excellent or Better

Trailing Twelve Months Net Premiums Written:

\$261 million⁽¹⁾

Stockholders' Equity (September 30, 2017):

\$334 million⁽¹⁾

Headquarters:

Houston, TX

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Houston International Insurance Group, Ltd.



Overview

- HIIG is a U.S. based diversified specialty insurance holding company with 4 subsidiary P&C insurance companies and an underwriting agency
- Investment in HIIG represented an opportunity to partner with an experienced management team with a proven track record in the global specialty P&C insurance market

Achieving organic growth

- Prudent underwriting
- Brought the vast majority of claims in house, which has improved claims handling
- Hired senior, experienced staff
- Increased reinsurance to manage our growth and reduce severity and catastrophe claims in a soft industry environment

Expansion through opportunistic acquisitions

- The Compass Group, Inc. specializes in title agents and insurance agents errors and omissions liability insurance
- Elite Underwriting Services, a MGU offers in excess medical insurance and other A&H insurance products
- RISCOM offers commercial auto, transportation, general liability, garage, commercial property, and inland marine lines
- HIIG acquired Capital Risk Underwriters, Inc. a managing general underwriting agency (MGU) specializing in insurance for pest control companies
- Insurance company subsidiaries are rated A- (Excellent) or better by A.M. Best

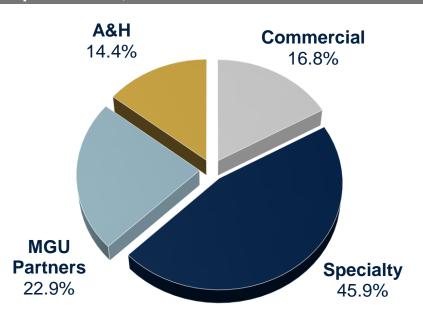


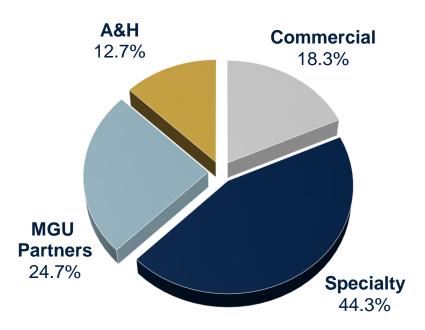
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Gross Written Premium⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
For the Trailing Twelve Month Period Ended
September 30, 2017

Net Premiums Written⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
For the Trailing Twelve Month Period Ended
September 30, 2017





Gross Premium Written: \$559.0 Million⁽²⁾

Net Premium Written: \$262.5 Million⁽²⁾

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Excludes premium from non-continuing lines.







Overview

- Arena Investors originates (vs. syndicates) asset-backed credits with a highly diversified, global multi-strategy mandate
- Relative to our largest peers, Arena captures the vacuum of opportunities between \$10-100mm where the larger competitors do not focus
- Arena provides access to credit for businesses that are underserved and often ignored by conventional sources:
 - Uncertain regulatory environment and bank deleveraging has reduced the availability of credit for unconventional, "special" situations
 - As a result, a number of businesses that require financing are ignored by traditional sources of capital
 - Arena Group generally focus on deals that are between \$10-100 million, a segment of the market that is commonly overlooked by peers
 - Flexible mandate allows for investments across a wide array of structures, products and geographies
- Arena has access to a vast network to originate investment opportunities
 - A systematic investment process selects those among them who offer, the most compelling risk and reward profile



Terms and Conditions



Overview **ARENA Arena Finance and Separately Managed Arena Investors Arena Origination Onshore and Offshore Fund** Account ("SMA") Global specialty finance Arena's SMA offering is a Global investment management company for third party investors tailored solution, where Participates in highly investment guidelines are diversified credit Committed AUM (September 30, developed jointly with opportunities 2017): ~\$74 million Arena's clients ■ Fair value (September 30, Committed AUM 2017): ~\$185 million (September 30, 2017): ~\$486 million Highly diversified portfolio Originated versus syndicated **Portfolio Construction** Unlevered ■ Loan-to-value of ~55% No preference regarding industry, structure or geography **Term / Duration** ■ ~18-30 months; duration of ~18 months

■ Interest rates can be fixed or floating, with collateral and debt covenants





The Arena Group Advantage⁽¹⁾

Single Strategy





































\$10 million

\$50 million

\$100+ million

Average Investment Size

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(1) Company websites, augmented with Arena Group's own internal benchmarking, which may be subjective.





How is Arena different?

Style Constraints

- Agnostic to asset class, industry, and geography; rather than operate under institutional boundaries, Arena Group encourage flexibility in mandates
- Avoids the largest risk in specialty finance

Proprietary Sourcing

- Direct marketing and relationships of Arena Group senior investment professionals
- Exclusive sourcing arrangement with deal brokers
- Exclusive sourcing arrangements with asset servicers

Systems / IT

- Arena Group's internally developed platform manages the legal, documentation management, asset management and payment processing challenges for private investment transactions
- Achieve scale through automated workflow, controls, proprietary software and systems integration

Arena Group provides a unique, differentiated business model





Arena Group for the P&C Insurance Industry

- Arena Group has experience and expertise managing capital for leading global P&C insurance and reinsurance companies
- Arena's portfolio characteristics are desirable for a P&C insurance company for the following reasons:
 - Short-Term and Secured Credits: Average term is three years; portfolio duration between one and three years
 - Monthly Cash Interest Payments: 10 12% per annum
 - Floating rate structures in place to protect capital from rising interest rates
 - Typically first lien positions, with strong collateral coverage resulting in conservative Loan-to-Values ("LTV")
 - Arena Group's Separately Managed Account ("SMA") offering is a tailored solution, where investment guidelines are developed jointly with Arena Group's clients in order to satisfy their unique accounting and regulatory requirements
- A moderate allocation to Arena Group strategies enables P&C insurance companies to structure a high yielding, short duration portfolio with minimal mark-to-market characteristics





Arena for the P&C Insurance Indu	ustry					
Investment Characteristic	P&C Industry ⁽¹⁾	Arena				
Interest Rate Risk	Largely Fixed Rate	Largely Floating Rate				
Credit Quality	High (Secured / Unsecured)	Medium - High (90%+ first lien ⁽²⁾ , 52% LTV ⁽³⁾ / Secured)				
Mark-to-Market Volatility	Medium	Low				
Term / Duration	Medium (5 - 6 Years)	Very Short (1 - 3 Years)				
Liquidity	Medium	Low				

Arena Group's portfolio is ideally suited as part of a P&C insurance investment portfolio

¹⁾ Bond characteristics are from SNL data as of December 31, 2016.

⁽²⁾ Includes real property and hard assets. Actual underwritten characteristics of private loans and credit investments as of October 31, 2017.

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Net Unlevered Return to Investors (Unaudited)

Arena Special Opportunities Fund, LP

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2018	0.73%												0.73%
2017	0.35%	0.69%	0.78%	0.81%	0.66%	0.59%	1.32%	1.34%	2.85%	4.43%	0.37%	0.57%	15.70%
2016	0.12%	0.09%	0.29%	0.21%	0.12%	(0.23%)	0.38%	0.05%	0.33%	0.19%	0.29%	0.74%	2.60%
2015										(0.04%)	0.09%	0.0%	0.05%

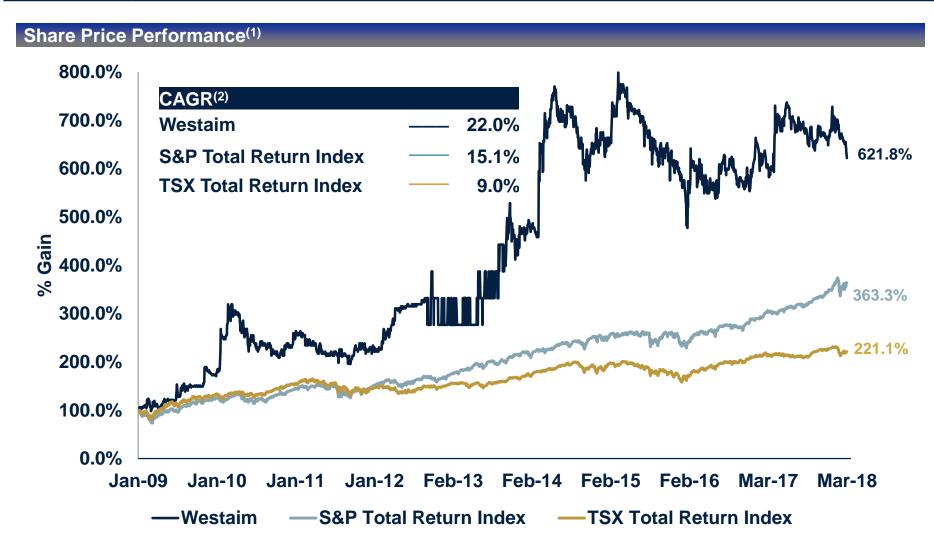
HIIG Separately Managed Account

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2018	0.73%												0.73%
2017	0.78%	0.82%	1.24%	1.03%	0.94%	0.85%	0.93%	1.05%	0.51%	0.60%	0.72%	0.66%	10.62%
2016		(0.11%)	(0.05%)	0.15%	0.16%	0.36%	0.60%	0.56%	1.22%	0.78%	0.68%	0.81%	5.28%

Note: Please refer slide 3 - "Disclosures related to Arena Group".



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Source: Capital IQ

Assumes the reinvestment of the cash distribution of C\$37.50 per common share paid by Westaim on September 28, 2012.

⁽²⁾ Compounded annual growth rate is from January 2, 2009 – March 12, 2018, the period current management has been involved with Westaim.



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