

Brighthouse Financial, Inc.

Fourth Quarter 2018 Earnings Call Presentation



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Any or all forward-looking statements may turn out to be wrong. They can be affected by inaccurate assumptions or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties. Many such factors will be important in determining the actual future results of Brighthouse Financial. These statements are based on current expectations and the current economic environment and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. These statements are not guarantees of future performance. Actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements due to a variety of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors. Although it is not possible to identify all of these risks and factors, they include, among others: differences between actual experience and actuarial assumptions and the effectiveness of our actuarial models; higher risk management costs and exposure to increased counterparty risk due to guarantees within certain of our products; the effectiveness of our exposure management strategy and the impact of such strategy on net income volatility and negative effects on our statutory capital; the additional reserves we will be required to hold against our variable annuities as a result of actuarial guidelines; a sustained period of low equity market prices and interest rates that are lower than those we assumed when we issued our variable annuity products; our degree of leverage due to indebtedness incurred in connection with the Separation; the effect adverse capital and credit market conditions may have on our ability to meet liquidity needs and our access to capital; the impact of changes in regulation and in supervisory and enforcement policies on our insurance business or other operations; the effectiveness of our risk management policies and procedures; the availability of reinsurance and the ability of our counterparties to our reinsurance or indemnification arrangements to perform their obligations thereunder; heightened competition, including with respect to service, product features, scale, price, actual or perceived financial strength, claims-paying ratings, credit ratings, e-business capabilities and name recognition; changes in accounting standards, practices and/or policies applicable to us; the ability of our insurance subsidiaries to pay dividends to us, and our ability to pay dividends to our shareholders; our ability to market and distribute our products through distribution channels; the impact of the Separation on our business and profitability due to MetLife’s strong brand and reputation, the increased costs related to replacing arrangements with MetLife with those of third parties and incremental costs as a public company; any failure of third parties to provide services we need, any failure of the practices and procedures of these third parties and any inability to obtain information or assistance we need from third parties, including MetLife; whether the operational, strategic and other benefits of the Separation can be achieved, and our ability to implement our business strategy; whether all or any portion of the Separation tax consequences are not as expected, leading to material additional taxes or material adverse consequences to tax attributes that impact us; the uncertainty of the outcome of any disputes with MetLife over tax-related or other matters and agreements including the potential of outcomes adverse to us that could cause us to owe MetLife material tax reimbursements or payments or disagreements regarding MetLife’s or our obligations under our other agreements; the impact on our business structure, profitability, cost of capital and flexibility due to restrictions we have agreed to that preserve the tax-free treatment of certain parts of the Separation; the potential material negative tax impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and other potential future tax legislation that could decrease the value of our tax attributes, lead to increased risk-based capital requirements and cause other cash expenses, such as reserves, to increase materially and make some of our products less attractive to consumers; whether the distribution of shares of Brighthouse Financial, Inc. common stock to MetLife’s stockholders in connection with the Separation (the “Distribution”) will qualify for non-recognition treatment for U.S. federal income tax purposes and potential indemnification to MetLife if the Distribution does not so qualify; our ability to attract and retain key personnel; and other factors described from time to time in documents that we file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”).

For the reasons described above, we caution you against relying on any forward-looking statements, which should also be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements included and the risks, uncertainties and other factors identified in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and our subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, particularly in the sections entitled “Risk Factors” and “Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk,” as well as in our subsequent filings with the SEC. Further, any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as otherwise may be required by law.

Non-GAAP financial information

This presentation also contains measures that are not calculated based on accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, also known as “GAAP.” Additional information regarding our use of non-GAAP financial information is included in the Appendix to these slides.

Executive summary



Executing on our strategy

- Full-year 2018 annuity sales up 36% compared to 2017
 - Plan to launch a new hybrid life insurance product on February 13
 - Exited 66 transition service agreements (TSAs) in 2018; ended the year with 81 TSAs remaining
 - Completed ~80% of our investment portfolio repositioning in 2018
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Financial results

- 4Q 2018 adjusted earnings per share (EPS), less notable items⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ of \$1.68
 - Full-year 2018 adjusted EPS, less notable items⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ of \$8.33
 - Adjusted ROE, less notable items⁽²⁾ ~8%
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Robust balance sheet management

- Variable annuity (VA) assets remained in excess of CTE98
 - Hedging strategy performed in line with expectations
 - Entered into new \$1 billion term loan facility on February 1; prepaid former \$600 million facility
 - No outstanding debt maturities until 2024
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Implementing stock repurchase program

- Repurchased \$63 million of common stock in 4Q 2018; \$105 million in 2018
 - Repurchased \$19 million of common stock in January 2019
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(1) Per share amounts are on a diluted basis.

(2) See Appendix for non-GAAP financial information, definitions, and reconciliations. See slide 4 for notable items.

Net income (loss) available to shareholders; adjusted earnings; adjusted earnings less notable items

(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)	For the Three Months Ended					
	December 31, 2018		September 30, 2018		December 31, 2017	
	Total	Per share ⁽¹⁾	Total	Per share ⁽¹⁾	Total	Per share ⁽¹⁾
Net income (loss) available to shareholders	\$1,442	\$12.14	(\$271)	(\$2.26)	\$668	\$5.57
Adjusted earnings ⁽²⁾	\$186	\$1.56	\$270	\$2.23	\$992	\$8.28
Notable items (Post-tax; except per share)						
Actuarial items and other adjustments	(\$26)	(\$0.22)	(\$25)	(\$0.21)	\$91	\$0.76
Establishment costs	\$39	\$0.33	\$69	\$0.57	\$47	\$0.39
Separation related transactions	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$14	\$0.12
Tax reform adjustment ⁽³⁾	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	(\$947)	(\$7.91)
Adjusted earnings, less notable items ⁽²⁾	\$199	\$1.68	\$314	\$2.60	\$197	\$1.64

(1) Per share calculations are on a diluted basis and may not recalculate or foot due to rounding. For loss periods, dilutive shares were not included in the calculation as inclusion of such shares would have an anti-dilutive effect.

(2) See Appendix for non-GAAP financial information, definitions, and reconciliations.

(3) The notable item for the three months ended December 31, 2017 includes a reduction of \$222 million in a tax-related obligation to our former parent company, MetLife, Inc.

4Q 2018 adjusted earnings per share drivers

**For the Three Months
Ended
December 31, 2018**

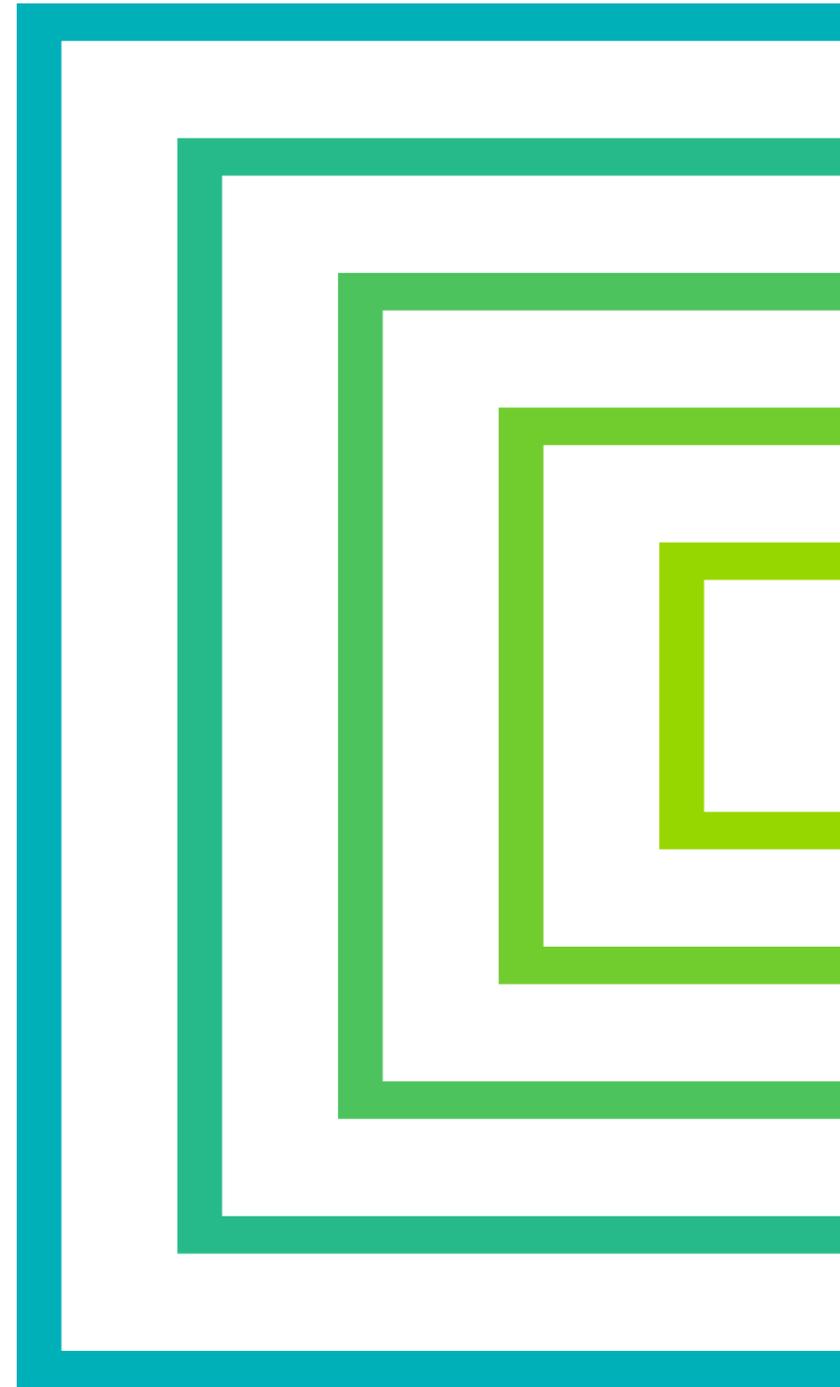
4Q 2018 adjusted EPS, less notable items⁽¹⁾ \$1.68

Select adjusted EPS drivers (estimated impacts)

Market performance below base case scenario	(\$0.81)
Higher alternative investment income vs. 2017 quarterly average	\$0.04

(1) Per share amounts are on a diluted basis. See Appendix for non-GAAP financial information, definitions, and reconciliations.

Appendix



Non-GAAP and Other Financial Disclosures

Our definitions of the non-GAAP and other financial measures may differ from those used by other companies.

Non-GAAP Financial Disclosures

We present certain measures of our performance that are not calculated in accordance with GAAP. We believe that these non-GAAP financial measures highlight our results of operations and the underlying profitability drivers of our business, as well as enhance the understanding of our performance by the investor community.

The following non-GAAP financial measures, previously referred to as operating measures, should not be viewed as substitutes for the most directly comparable financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP:

<u>Non-GAAP financial measures:</u>	<u>Most directly comparable GAAP financial measures:</u>
(i) adjusted earnings	(i) net income (loss) available to shareholders (1)
(ii) adjusted earnings, less notable items	(ii) net income (loss) available to shareholders (1)
(iii) adjusted revenues	(iii) revenues
(iv) adjusted expenses	(iv) expenses
(v) adjusted earnings per common share	(v) earnings per common share, diluted (1)
(vi) adjusted earnings per common share, less notable items	(vi) earnings per common share, diluted (1)
(vii) adjusted return on equity	(vii) return on equity
(viii) adjusted return on equity, less notable items	(viii) return on equity
(ix) adjusted net investment income	(ix) net investment income

(1) Brighthouse uses net income (loss) available to shareholders to refer to net income (loss) available to Brighthouse Financial, Inc.'s common shareholders, and earnings per common share, diluted to refer to net income (loss) available to shareholders per common share.

Reconciliations to the most directly comparable historical GAAP measures are included for those measures which are presented herein. Reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures are not accessible on a forward-looking basis because we believe it is not possible without unreasonable efforts to provide other than a range of net investment gains and losses and net derivative gains and losses, which can fluctuate significantly within or outside the range and from period to period and may have a material impact on net income (loss) available to shareholders.

Adjusted Earnings, Adjusted Revenues and Adjusted Expenses

Adjusted earnings, which may be positive or negative, is used by management to evaluate performance, allocate resources and facilitate comparisons to industry results. This financial measure focuses on our primary businesses principally by excluding (i) the impact of market volatility, which could distort trends, and (ii) businesses that have been or will be sold or exited by us, referred to as divested businesses.

Non-GAAP and Other Financial Disclosures (Cont.)

Adjusted earnings reflects adjusted revenues less adjusted expenses, both net of income tax, and excludes net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests. Provided below are the adjustments to GAAP revenues and GAAP expenses used to calculate adjusted revenues and adjusted expenses, respectively.

The following are significant items excluded from total revenues, net of income tax, in calculating the adjusted revenues component of adjusted earnings:

- Net investment gains (losses);
- Net derivative gains (losses) ("NDGL"), except earned income on derivatives that are hedges of investments or that are used to replicate certain investments, but do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment ("Investment Hedge Adjustments"); and
- Amortization of unearned revenue related to net investment gains (losses) and net derivative gains (losses) and certain variable annuity GMIB fees ("GMIB Fees")⁽¹⁾.

The following are significant items excluded from total expenses, net of income tax, in calculating the adjusted expenses component of adjusted earnings:

- Amounts associated with benefits and hedging costs related to GMIBs ("GMIB Costs")⁽¹⁾;
- Amounts associated with periodic crediting rate adjustments based on the total return of a contractually referenced pool of assets and market value adjustments associated with surrenders or terminations of contracts ("Market Value Adjustments"); and
- Amortization of deferred acquisition costs ("DAC") and value of business acquired ("VOBA") related to (i) net investment gains (losses), (ii) net derivative gains (losses), (iii) GMIB Fees and GMIB Costs and (iv) Market Value Adjustments⁽¹⁾.

The tax impact of the adjustments mentioned is calculated net of the statutory tax rate, which could differ from our effective tax rate.

Consistent with GAAP guidance for segment reporting, adjusted earnings is also our GAAP measure of segment performance.

⁽¹⁾ Collectively, amounts related to GMIB, excluding amounts recorded in NDGL, may be referred to as "GMIB adjustments."

Adjusted Earnings per Common Share and Adjusted Return on Equity

Adjusted earnings per common share and adjusted return on equity are measures used by management to evaluate the execution of our business strategy and align such strategy with our shareholders' interests.

Adjusted earnings per common share is defined as adjusted earnings for the period divided by the weighted average number of fully diluted shares of common stock outstanding for the period.

Adjusted return on equity is defined as total annual adjusted earnings on a four quarter trailing basis, divided by the simple average of the most recent five quarters of total Brighthouse Financial, Inc.'s stockholders' equity, excluding AOCI.

Adjusted Net Investment Income

We present adjusted net investment income to measure our performance for management purposes, and we believe it enhances the understanding of our investment portfolio results. Adjusted net investment income represents net investment income including investment hedge adjustments.

Non-GAAP and Other Financial Disclosures (Cont.)

Other Financial Disclosures

Corporate Expenses

Corporate expenses includes functional department expenses, public company expenses, certain investment expenses, retirement funding and incentive compensation; and excludes establishment costs.

Notable items

Certain of the non-GAAP measures described above may be presented further adjusted to exclude notable items. Notable items reflect the impact on our results of certain unanticipated items and events, as well as certain items and events that were anticipated, such as establishment costs. The presentation of notable items and non-GAAP measures, less notable items is intended to help investors better understand our results and to evaluate and forecast those results.

Book Value per Common Share and Book Value per Common Share, excluding AOCI

Brighthouse uses the term “book value” to refer to “stockholders’ equity.” Book value per common share is defined as ending Brighthouse Financial, Inc.’s stockholders’ equity, including AOCI, divided by ending common shares outstanding. Book value per common share, excluding AOCI, is defined as ending Brighthouse Financial, Inc.’s stockholders’ equity, excluding AOCI, divided by ending common shares outstanding.

CTE95

CTE95 is defined as the amount of assets required to satisfy contract holder obligations across market environments in the average of the worst 5 percent of a set of capital market scenarios over the life of the contracts.

CTE98

CTE98 is defined as the amount of assets required to satisfy contract holder obligations across market environments in the average of the worst 2 percent of a set of capital market scenarios over the life of the contracts.

Holding Company Liquid Assets

Holding company liquid assets include liquid assets in Brighthouse Financial, Inc., Brighthouse Holdings, LLC, and Brighthouse Services, LLC. Liquid assets include cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments and publicly traded securities excluding assets that are pledged or otherwise committed. Assets pledged or otherwise committed include amounts received in connection with derivatives and collateral financing arrangements.

Non-GAAP and Other Financial Disclosures (Cont.)

Other Financial Disclosures (cont.)

Sales

Statistical sales information for life sales is calculated using the LIMRA definition of sales for core direct sales, excluding company-sponsored internal exchanges, corporate-owned life insurance, bank-owned life insurance, and private placement variable universal life insurance. Annuity sales consist of 100 percent of direct statutory premiums, except for fixed indexed annuity sales distributed through MassMutual that consist of 90 percent of gross sales. Annuity sales exclude company sponsored internal exchanges. These sales statistics do not correspond to revenues under GAAP, but are used as relevant measures of business activity.

Net Investment Income Yield

Similar to adjusted net investment income, we present net investment income yields as a performance measure we believe enhances the understanding of our investment portfolio results. Net investment income yields are calculated on adjusted net investment income as a percent of average quarterly asset carrying values. Asset carrying values exclude unrealized gains (losses), collateral received in connection with our securities lending program, freestanding derivative assets and collateral received from derivative counterparties.

Adjusted Statutory Earnings

Adjusted statutory earnings is a measure of our insurance companies' ability to pay future distributions and are reflective of whether our hedging program functions as intended. Adjusted statutory earnings is calculated as statutory pre-tax income less the change in the variable annuities reserve methodology (Actuarial Guideline 43) while including the change in both the reserve and capital methodology based CTE95 calculation, as well as unrealized gains (losses) associated with the variable annuities risk management strategy. Adjusted statutory earnings may be further adjusted for certain unanticipated items that impacted our results in order to help management and investors better understand, evaluate and forecast those results.

Adjusted earnings by segment and Corporate & Other, less notable items

For the Three Months Ended

(\$ in millions, post-tax)	December 31, 2018	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
Annuities	\$175	\$401	\$208
Life	\$64	\$61	\$5
Run-off	\$18	(\$105)	(\$80)
Corporate & Other	(\$71)	(\$87)	\$859
Adjusted earnings⁽¹⁾	\$186	\$270	\$992
Notable items by segment⁽¹⁾			
Annuities	(\$12)	(\$154)	\$—
Life	\$—	(\$11)	\$—
Run-off	(\$14)	\$140	\$91
Corporate & Other	\$39	\$69	(\$886)
Notable items⁽¹⁾	\$13	\$44	(\$795)
Adjusted earnings, less notable items by segment and Corporate & Other⁽¹⁾			
Annuities	\$163	\$247	\$208
Life	\$64	\$50	\$5
Run-off	\$4	\$35	\$11
Corporate & Other	(\$32)	(\$18)	(\$27)
Adjusted earnings, less notable items⁽¹⁾	\$199	\$314	\$197

(1) See “Non-GAAP and other financial disclosures” and “Reconciliation of net income (loss) to adjusted earnings” in this Appendix. See slide 4 for notable items.

Reconciliation of net income (loss) to adjusted earnings and net income (loss) per share to adjusted earnings per share

(\$ in millions, except per share)	For the Three Months Ended		
	December 31, 2018	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
Net income (loss) available to shareholders	\$1,442	(\$271)	\$668
Less: Net investment gains (losses)	(86)	(42)	6
Less: Net derivative gains (losses), excluding investment hedge adjustments	2,038	(693)	(424)
Less: GMIB adjustments ⁽¹⁾	(169)	26	(35)
Less: Amortization of DAC and VOBA related to net investment gains (losses) and net derivative gains (losses)	(202)	24	(37)
Less: Market value adjustments	(1)	7	(3)
Less: Other ⁽¹⁾	1	(4)	(4)
Less: Provision for income tax (expense) benefit on reconciling adjustments	(325)	141	173
Adjusted earnings⁽²⁾	\$186	\$270	\$992
Net income (loss) per common share⁽³⁾	\$12.14	(\$2.26)	\$5.57
Less: Net investment gains (losses)	(0.73)	(0.35)	0.05
Less: Net derivative gains (losses), excluding investment hedge adjustments	17.17	(5.79)	(3.54)
Less: GMIB adjustments ⁽¹⁾	(1.42)	0.22	(0.29)
Less: Amortization of DAC and VOBA related to net investment gains (losses) and net derivative gains (losses)	(1.70)	0.20	(0.31)
Less: Market value adjustments	(0.01)	0.06	(0.03)
Less: Other ⁽¹⁾	0.01	(0.03)	(0.03)
Less: Provision for income tax (expense) benefit on reconciling adjustments	(2.74)	1.18	1.44
Less: Impact of inclusion of dilutive shares	—	0.02	—
Adjusted earnings per common share⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	\$1.56	\$2.23	\$8.28

(1) Certain amounts in the prior periods have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.

(2) See "Non-GAAP and other financial disclosures" in this Appendix.

(3) Per share calculations are on a diluted basis and may not recalculate or foot due to rounding. For loss periods, dilutive shares were not included in the calculation as inclusion of such shares would have an anti-dilutive effect.