

#### **GOLDEN BEAR INSURANCE COMPANY, NAIC #39861** HALL HOLDINGS, INC.

Dollars in 000										
	2020Y	2021Y	2022Y	2023Y		2020Y	2021Y	2022Y	2023Y	
Total Assets	253,191	283,292	315,151	330,041	RBC Ratio (%)	274.5	262.5	445.2	479.2	
Total Liabilities	179,849	206,432	208,931	216,615	2yr Res Development	-4,445	9,969	13,877	15,330	
Policyholder Surplus	73,342	76,860	106,220	113,426	2yr Dev / Surplus	-788.7%	1618.1%	1892.1%	1994.5%	
Cash & Invested Assets	230,836	258,552	276,323	298,682	Affiliated Common Stck	0	0	0	C	
Cash & Invested Assets/Total Asse	91.2%	91.3%	87.7%	90.5%	Affiliated CS / Surplus	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Net Cash from Operations	20,358	19,081	-5,366	22,998	Net Reins Recoverable	86,465	105,129	106,855	126,794	
Loss & LAE Reserves	119,199	140,215	136,057	126,091	Net Reins Rec / Surplus	117.9%	136.8%	100.6%	111.8%	
Loss & LAE Reserves/Surplus	162.5%	182.4%	128.1%	111.2%	AMB / S&P Ratings	A/NR	A/NR	A/NR	A/NR	
Income/Loss Trends (\$000)					Combined Ratio (%) Trends					
15,000 Net Underwriting Results					■ Loss Ratio ■ PH Div Ratio ■ Expense Ratio Combined Ratio					
10,000			Investment R	esult						
5,000			Income dends to Stoc	kholders	140.0 120.0 100.0 100.0	3	94.9	94.1	140.0 120.0 100.0	
5,000					80.0 60.0 40.0 87.6	)	96.9	97.1	80.0 60.0 40.0	
10,000					20.0				20.0	
15,000 2020Y 2021Y	2022Y 20	23Y			0.0 2020Y 2021	Y	2022Y	2023Y	<b>─</b> 0.0	
Premium Trends (\$000)					2023Y Investment Portfolio					
300,000 250,000 200,000 150,000 100,000 50,000 0 2020Y 2021Y	2022Y		Gross Prem  Net Prem W	ritten	■Bonds 77% ■Preferred Stock 0% ■Common Stock 2% ■Cash & S/T Inv. 15% □Other 6%					
2023Y Top 5 Geographies (DPW - \$000)			2023 Top 5 Lines of Business (DPW/Total DPW)							
□CA - \$131,078					■ Earthquake - 52.2%	_				
■WA - \$16,223			\		Oth Liab (Occurrence) - 28.7%					
■TX - \$10,822					□ Comm'l Multi Prl - 12.4%					
□UT - \$7,165					□ Fire - 6.6%					
□OR - \$3,976			′		□ Product Liab (Claims) - 0.0%					
■ All Other - \$52,373					■ All Other - 0.0%					
Total NY State DPW Total US ex Terr DPW	\$3,198 \$221,636				Total All Lines	\$221,636				

#### TOP 5 REINSURERS FOR GOLDEN BEAR INSURANCE CO. BY GROSS RECOVERABLES PERIOD: 2023Y

Dollars in 000										
Reinsurer	Reinsurance Class	Reins Authorized Status	Gross Recov	Over 120 Days Overdue						
1 - Sw iss Reinsurance America Corporation	US Unaffiliated	Authorized	85,656	0						
2 - General Reinsurance Corporation	US Unaffiliated	Authorized	48,294	0						
3 - Munich Reinsurance America, Inc.	US Unaffiliated	Authorized	7,360	0						
4 - Hannover Rück SE	Non-US Unaffiliated	Authorized	6,262	0						
5 - MS Amlin AG	Non-US Unaffiliated	Authorized	3,654	0						

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## **HISTORY**

Golden Bear Insurance Company (Golden Bear) is a California property and casualty (P&C) insurance company organized on June 23, 1978. It received its Certificate of Authority on April 16, 1981, and commenced operation in April of that year. The Company is a member of an insurance holding company system. Golden Bear is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hall Holdings, Inc. (Hall Holdings), a California-based wholesale insurance brokerage firm. Golden Bear is authorized to write direct business in California, its domicile state, and Arizona on an admitted basis and operated on a non-admitted basis in the remaining forty-eight (48) states and the District of Columbia.

## REINSURANCE

Golden Bear utilizes various quota share reinsurance agreements, excess of loss (XOL), and facultative treaties in its reinsurance strategy. For property risks, the company cedes 93% to a mix of reputable unaffiliated and authorized reinsurers on a quota share basis. All facultative reinsurance is placed on a per risk basis with reinsurers rated A or better. The XOL agreement provides limits up to \$550M, subject to a net retention of \$7.5M through a series of layers led by Gen Re. For the years 2020 through 2023, respectively, Golden Bear's net reinsurance recoverable totaled \$86M, \$105, \$107M and \$127M, respectively, reflecting 118%, 137%, 101% and 112% of company surplus. Please refer to the snapshot for the names of key reinsurers.

# **HOLDING COMPANY - Website**

Hall Holdings, Inc., was formerly known as M.J. Hall and Company, Inc., and renamed itself in April 2022. Founded in 1973, it provides insurance brokerage and contract services specializing in excess and surplus lines-type risks. Hall Holdings represents over 100 insurance carriers on a brokerage and contract (underwriting authority) basis. Hall Holdings is based in Stockton, California, with an additional office in Fresno, California. Rupert C. Hall is the ultimate controlling person of Hall Holdings and also owns Delta Adjusting Company, a claims services company; Golden Bear Management Corporation, Inc., an underwriting manager; and Hall Holdings of Alaska, Inc. For the years 2020 through 2023 Golden Bear was rated 'A' by AM Best and assigned the financial size of X (\$100M to \$250M).

## SUBSEQUENT NOTEWORTHY OBSERVATIONS

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#### **Important Information Regarding Financial Summaries**

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