UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

■ QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

OR

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission file number 1-7933

Aon plc

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

IRELAND

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

98-1539969

Metropolitan Building, James Joyce Street, Dublin 1, Ireland

(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code) Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A Ordinary Shares \$0.01 nominal value	AON	New York Stock Exchange
Guarantees of Aon plc's 4.00% Senior Notes due 2023	AON23	New York Stock Exchange
Guarantees of Aon plc's 3.50% Senior Notes due 2024	AON24	New York Stock Exchange
Guarantees of Aon plc's 3.875% Senior Notes due 2025	AON25	New York Stock Exchange
Guarantees of Aon plc's 2.875% Senior Notes due 2026	AON26	New York Stock Exchange
Guarantees of Aon Corporation and Aon Global Holdings plc's 2.85% Senior Notes due 2027	AON27	New York Stock Exchange
Guarantees of Aon Corporation and Aon Global Holdings plc's 2.05% Senior Notes due 2031	AON31	New York Stock Exchange
Guarantees of Aon Corporation and Aon Global Holdings plc's 2.60% Senior Notes due 2031	AON31A	New York Stock Exchange
Guarantees of Aon plc's 4.25% Senior Notes due 2042	AON42	New York Stock Exchange
Guarantees of Aon plc's 4.45% Senior Notes due 2043	AON43	New York Stock Exchange
Guarantees of Aon plc's 4.60% Senior Notes due 2044	AON44	New York Stock Exchange
Guarantees of Aon plc's 4.75% Senior Notes due 2045	AON45	New York Stock Exchange
Guarantees of Aon Corporation and Aon Global Holdings plc's 2.90% Senior Notes due 2051	AON51	New York Stock Exchange
Guarantees of Aon Corporation and Aon Global Holdings plc's 3.90% Senior Notes due 2052	AON52	New York Stock Exchange

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 \boxtimes No \square

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 (§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	X	Accelerated filer					
Non-accelerated filer		Smaller reporting company					
		Emerging growth company					
If an emerging growth company, indicate by complying with any new or revised financial acc Indicate by check mark whether the registra	ounting standards provided pursuant to Sec	ction 13(a) of the Exchange Act.	Ì				
Number of class A ordinary shares of Aon p	olc, \$0.01 nominal value, outstanding as of	April 28, 2022: 212,383,902					

INFORMATION CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains certain statements related to future results, or states our intentions, beliefs, and expectations or predictions for the future, which are forward-looking statements as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements represent management's expectations or forecasts of future events. Forwardlooking statements are typically identified by words such as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "forecast," "project," "intend," "plan," "probably," "potential," "looking forward," "continue," and other similar terms, and future or conditional tense verbs like "could," "may," "might," "should," "will," and "would." You can also identify forward-looking statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. For example, we may use forward-looking statements when addressing topics such as: market and industry conditions, including competitive and pricing trends; changes in our business strategies and methods of generating revenue; the development and performance of our services and products; changes in the composition or level of our revenues; our cost structure and the outcome of cost-saving or restructuring initiatives; the outcome of contingencies; dividend policy; the expected impact of acquisitions, dispositions, and other significant transactions or the termination thereof; litigation and regulatory matters; pension obligations; cash flow and liquidity; expected effective tax rate; potential changes in laws or future actions by regulators; and the impact of changes in accounting rules. These forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from either historical or anticipated results depending on a variety of factors. Potential factors, which may be revised or supplemented in subsequent reports filed or furnished with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), that could impact results include:

- changes in the competitive environment or damage to our reputation;
- fluctuations in currency exchange, interest or inflation rates that could impact our financial condition or results;
- changes in global equity and fixed income markets that could affect the return on invested assets;
- changes in the funded status of our various defined benefit pension plans and the impact of any increased pension funding resulting from those changes;
- the level of our debt and the terms thereof reducing our flexibility or increasing borrowing costs;
- rating agency actions that could limit our access to capital and our competitive position;
- our global tax rate being subject to a variety of different factors, which could create volatility in that tax rate;
- changes in our accounting estimates and assumptions on our financial statements;
- limits on our subsidiaries' ability to pay dividends or otherwise make payments to us;
- the impact of legal proceedings and other contingencies, including those arising from acquisition or disposition transactions, errors and omissions and other claims against us;
- the impact of, and potential challenges in complying with, laws and regulations of the jurisdictions in which we operate, particularly given the global nature of operations and the possibility of differing or conflicting laws and regulations, or the application or interpretation thereof, across such jurisdictions;
- the impact of any regulatory investigations brought in Ireland, the United Kingdom (the "U.K."), the United States (the "U.S.") and other countries;
- failure to protect intellectual property rights or allegations that we have infringed on the intellectual property rights of others;
- general economic and political conditions in the countries in which we do business around the world, including the withdrawal of the U.K. from the European Union (the "E.U.");
- the failure to retain, attract and develop experienced and qualified personnel;
- international risks associated with our global operations, including impacts from military conflicts or political instability, such as the ongoing Russian war in Ukraine;
- the effects of natural or man-made disasters, including the effects of the COVID-19 and other health pandemics and the impacts of climate change;
- any system or network disruption or breach resulting in operational interruption or improper disclosure of confidential, personal, or proprietary data, and resulting damage to our reputation;

- our ability to develop, implement, update and enhance new technology;
- the actions taken by third parties that perform aspects of our business operations and client services;
- the extent to which we are exposed to certain risks, including lawsuits, related to our actions we may take in being
 responsible for making decisions on behalf of clients in our investment consulting business or in other advisory
 services that we currently provide, or will provide in the future;
- our ability to continue, and the costs and risks associated with, growing, developing and integrating acquired business, and entering into new lines of business or products;
- our ability to secure regulatory approval and complete transactions, and the costs and risks associated with the failure to consummate proposed transactions;
- changes in commercial property and casualty markets, commercial premium rates or methods of compensation;
- · our ability to implement initiatives intended to yield cost savings and the ability to achieve those cost savings; and
- the effects of Irish law on our operating flexibility and the enforcement of judgments against us.

Any or all of our forward-looking statements may turn out to be inaccurate, and there are no guarantees about our performance. The factors identified above are not exhaustive. Aon and its subsidiaries operate in a dynamic business environment in which new risks may emerge frequently. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the dates on which they are made. We are under no (and expressly disclaim any) obligation to update or alter any forward-looking statement that we may make from time to time, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. Further information about factors that could materially affect Aon, including our results of operations and financial condition, is contained in the "Risk Factors" section in Part I, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021.

These factors may be revised or supplemented in our subsequent periodic filings with the SEC.

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The below definitions apply throughout this report unless the context requires otherwise:

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Term	<u>Definition</u>
AGI	Allianz Global Investors U.S. LLC
CCC	Christchurch City Council
CODM	Chief Operating Decision Maker
DCF	Discounted Cash Flow
E&O	Errors and Omissions
EBITDA	Earnings before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization
ERISA	Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974
ESG	Environmental, Social, and Governance
E.U.	European Union
FCA	Financial Conduct Authority
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
LOC	Letter of Credit
NEBC	National Employee Benefits Committee
PSA	Performance Share Awards
RSU	Restricted Share Units
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
U.K.	United Kingdom
U.S.	United States
WTW	Willis Towers Watson Public Limited Company

Part I Financial Information Item 1. Financial Statements

Aon plc Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended			ed March 31,	
(millions, except per share data)		2022		2021	
Revenue					
Total revenue	\$	3,670	\$	3,525	
Expenses					
Compensation and benefits		1,767		1,719	
Information technology		123		114	
Premises		72		77	
Depreciation of fixed assets		38		41	
Amortization and impairment of intangible assets		28		40	
Other general expense		275		289	
Total operating expenses		2,303		2,280	
Operating income		1,367		1,245	
Interest income		3		3	
Interest expense		(91)		(79)	
Other income (expense)		25		(2)	
Income before income taxes		1,304		1,167	
Income tax expense		256		234	
Net income		1,048		933	
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		25		20	
Net income attributable to Aon shareholders	\$	1,023	\$	913	
Basic net income per share attributable to Aon shareholders	\$	4.75	\$	4.02	
Diluted net income per share attributable to Aon shareholders	\$	4.73	\$	4.00	
Weighted average ordinary shares outstanding - basic		215.3		227.1	
Weighted average ordinary shares outstanding - diluted		216.4		228.1	

Aon plc
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March				
(millions)		2022		2021	
Net income	\$	1,048	\$	933	
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		25		20	
Net income attributable to Aon shareholders		1,023		913	
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:					
Change in fair value of financial instruments		1		11	
Foreign currency translation adjustments		(7)		(70)	
Postretirement benefit obligation		33		29	
Total other comprehensive income (loss)		27		(30)	
Less: Other comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests		(1)		_	
Total other comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Aon shareholders		28		(30)	
Comprehensive income attributable to Aon shareholders	\$	1,051	\$	883	

Aon plc
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

	`	(Unaudited) March 31,		December 31,	
(millions, except nominal value)		2022	2021		
Assets Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	595	\$	544	
Short-term investments	Ψ	455	Ψ	292	
Receivables, net		3,625		3,09	
Fiduciary assets		15,277		14,380	
Other current assets		593		71	
Total current assets		20,545		19,03	
Goodwill		8,496		8,43	
Intangible assets, net		530		49	
Fixed assets, net		515		52	
Operating lease right-of-use assets		754		78	
Deferred tax assets		770		76	
Prepaid pension		1,361		1,36	
Other non-current assets		520		51	
Total assets	\$	33,491	\$	31,91	
Current liabilities Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt Fiduciary liabilities Other current liabilities Total current liabilities Long-term debt Non-current operating lease liabilities Deferred tax liabilities Pension, other postretirement, and postemployment liabilities Other non-current liabilities Total liabilities	\$	1,728 599 15,277 1,585 19,189 9,685 736 399 1,320 871 32,200	\$	2,19 1,16 14,38 1,33 19,07 8,22 77 40 1,37 91 30,75	
Ordinary shares - \$0.01 nominal value Authorized: 500.0 shares (issued: 2022 - 212.9; 2021 - 214.8)		2			
Additional paid-in capital		6,627		6,62	
Accumulated deficit		(1,609)		(1,69	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(3,843)		(3,87	
Total Aon shareholders' equity		1,177		1,06	
Noncontrolling interests		114		9	
Total equity		1,291		1,15	
Total liabilities and equity	\$	33,491	\$	31,91	

Aon plc
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity
(Unaudited)

(millions)	Shares	Ordinary Shares and Additional Paid-in Capital	res and Earning ditional (Accumula		Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss, Net of Tax	Non- controlling Interests	Total
Balance at January 1, 2022	214.8	\$ 6,626			\$ (3,871)		\$1,158
Net income		ψ 0,020 —	. Ψ	1,023	(3,071)	25	1,048
Shares issued - employee stock compensation plans	0.9	(116)	_	_	_	(116)
Shares purchased	(2.8)	_		(828)	_	_	(828)
Share-based compensation expense	_	119		_	_	_	119
Dividends to shareholders (\$0.51 per share)	_	_		(110)	_	_	(110)
Net change in fair value of financial instruments	_	_		_	1	_	1
Net foreign currency translation adjustments	_			_	(6)	(1)	(7)
Net postretirement benefit obligation	_	_		_	33	_	33
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests on subsidiary common stock	_	_		_	_	(7)	(7)
Balance at March 31, 2022	212.9	\$ 6,629	\$	(1,609)	\$ (3,843)	\$ 114	\$1,291

		Ordinary Shares and Additional	Retained Earnings (Accumulated	Accumulated Other Comprehensive	Non- controlling	
(millions)	Shares	Paid-in Capital	Deficit)	Loss, Net of Tax	Interests	Total
Balance at January 1, 2021	225.5	\$ 6,314	\$ 1,042	\$ (3,861)	\$ 88	\$3,583
Net income			913		20	933
Shares issued - employee stock compensation plans	0.9	(87)	_	_	_	(87)
Shares purchased	(0.2)		(50)		_	(50)
Share-based compensation expense	_	131	_	<u> </u>	_	131
Dividends to shareholders (\$0.46 per share)		_	(104)		_	(104)
Net change in fair value of financial instruments	_	_	_	11	_	11
Net foreign currency translation adjustments			_	(70)		(70)
Net postretirement benefit obligation	_	_	_	29	_	29
Purchases of subsidiary shares from noncontrolling interests		(8)	_	_	(6)	(14)
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests on subsidiary common stock		_	_	_	(1)	(1)
Balance at March 31, 2021	226.2	\$ 6,350	\$ 1,801	\$ (3,891)	\$ 101	\$4,361

Aon plc Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

Three Months Ended March 31,				
	2022			
\$	1,048	\$ 933		
	(25)	_		
	38	41		
	28	40		
	119	131		
	(18)	19		
	(544)	(485		
	(449)	(356		
	153	142		
	(27)	(59		
	140	155		
	463	561		
	45	11		
	(9)	(18		
	(164)	138		
	(134)	_		
	22	_		
	(23)	(29		
	(263)	102		
	(828)	(50		
	(116)	(87		
	3,128	250		
	(2,208)	(650		
	647	28		
	(110)	(104		
	(13)	(68		
	500	(681		
	(50)	(34		
	650	(52		
	6,645	6,573		
\$	7,295	\$ 6,521		
\$	595	\$ 822		
	6,700	5,699		
\$	7,295	\$ 6,521		
\$	22	\$ 36		
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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of Aon plc and all of its controlled subsidiaries ("Aon" or the "Company"). Intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include, in the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments and reclassifications) necessary to present fairly the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows for all periods presented.

Certain information and disclosures normally included in the Financial Statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP have been condensed or omitted. The Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021. The results for the three months ended March 31, 2022 are not necessarily indicative of operating results that may be expected for the full year ending December 31, 2022, particularly in light of the continuing effect of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, and the reported amounts of reserves and expenses. These estimates and assumptions are based on management's best estimates and judgments. Management evaluates its estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis using historical experience and other factors, including the current economic environment. Management believes its estimates to be reasonable given the current facts available. Aon adjusts such estimates and assumptions when facts and circumstances dictate. Illiquid credit markets, volatile equity markets, foreign currency exchange rate movements, and the COVID-19 pandemic increase the uncertainty inherent in such estimates and assumptions. As future events and their effects cannot be determined with precision, actual results could differ significantly from these estimates. Changes in estimates resulting from continuing changes in the economic environment would, if applicable, be reflected in the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in future periods.

Revision of Previously Issued Financial Statements

During the fourth quarter of 2021, the Company identified and corrected an immaterial presentation error related to Funds held on behalf of clients in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. The Company made appropriate revisions to its Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for historical periods. Further information is contained in Note 1 "Basis of Presentation" of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Part II, Item 8 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021.

2. Accounting Principles and Practices

All issued, but not yet effective, guidance has been deemed not applicable or not significant to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

3. Revenue from Contracts with Customers

Disaggregation of Revenue

The following table summarizes revenue from contracts with customers by principal service line (in millions):

	Three Months Ended March 3			
		2022	2021	
Commercial Risk Solutions	\$	1,719 \$	1,640	
Reinsurance Solutions		976	922	
Health Solutions		638	615	
Wealth Solutions		345	355	
Eliminations		(8)	(7)	
Total revenue	\$	3,670 \$	3,525	

Consolidated revenue from contracts with customers by geographic area, which is attributed on the basis of where the services are performed, is as follows (in millions):

	Thr	March 31,		
		2022		2021
United States	\$	1,417	\$	1,308
Americas other than United States		276		250
United Kingdom		528		530
Ireland		29		33
Europe, Middle East, & Africa other than United Kingdom and Ireland		1,058		1,091
Asia Pacific		362		313
Total revenue	\$	3,670	\$	3,525

Contract Costs

An analysis of the changes in the net carrying amount of costs to fulfill contracts with customers are as follows (in millions):

	Thre	Three Months Ended March 3			
	- 2	2022	2021		
Balance at beginning of period	\$	361 \$	339		
Additions		348	346		
Amortization		(457)	(443)		
Impairment		_	_		
Foreign currency translation and other		2	(1)		
Balance at end of period	\$	254 \$	241		

An analysis of the changes in the net carrying amount of costs to obtain contracts with customers are as follows (in millions):

	Three Months Ended March 31,				
	2	022	2021		
Balance at beginning of period	\$	179 \$	184		
Additions		15	13		
Amortization		(12)	(12)		
Impairment		_			
Foreign currency translation and other		2	_		
Balance at end of period	\$	184 \$	185		

4. Cash and Cash Equivalents and Short-Term Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include cash balances and all highly liquid instruments with initial maturities of three months or less. Short-term investments consist of money market funds. The estimated fair value of Cash and cash equivalents and Short-term investments approximates their carrying values.

At March 31, 2022, Cash and cash equivalents and Short-term investments were \$1,050 million compared to \$836 million at December 31, 2021, an increase of \$214 million. Of the total balances, \$163 million and \$160 million were restricted as to their use at March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively. Included within Short-term investments as of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, were £84.3 million (\$111.1 million at March 31, 2022 exchange rates and \$112.8 million at December 31, 2021 exchange rates) of operating funds required to be held by the Company in the U.K. by the FCA, a U.K.-based regulator.

5. Other Financial Data

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income Information

Other Income (Expense)

Other income (expense) consists of the following (in millions):

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2	022	2021	
Foreign currency remeasurement	\$	(28) \$	4	
Pension and other postretirement		(3)	6	
Equity earnings		1	1	
Gain from sales of businesses		25	_	
Financial instruments and other		30	(13)	
Total	\$	25 \$	(2)	

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position Information

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Changes in the net carrying amount of allowance for doubtful accounts are as follows (in millions):

	Three Mo	Three Months Ended March 31,				
	2022			2021		
Balance at beginning of period	\$	90	\$	98		
Provision		6		6		
Accounts written off, net of recoveries		(3)		(4)		
Foreign currency translation and other				1		
Balance at end of period	\$	93	\$	101		

Other Current Assets

The components of Other current assets are as follows (in millions):

As of	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021		
Costs to fulfill contracts with customers (1)	\$ 254	\$	361	
Prepaid expenses	132		137	
Taxes receivable	48		53	
Other	159		165	
Total	\$ 593	\$	716	

⁽¹⁾ Refer to Note 3 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" for further information.

Other Non-Current Assets

The components of Other non-current assets are as follows (in millions):

As of	M	arch 31, 2022	I	December 31, 2021
Costs to obtain contracts with customers (1)	\$	184	\$	179
Taxes receivable		93		95
Leases		57		63
Investments		62		64
Other		124		111
Total	\$	520	\$	512

⁽¹⁾ Refer to Note 3 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" for further information.

Other Current Liabilities

The components of Other current liabilities are as follows (in millions):

As of	rch 31, 2022	December 31, 2021		
Deferred revenue (1)	\$ 323	\$	321	
Taxes payable	269		149	
Leases	207		213	
Other	786		648	
Total	\$ 1,585	\$	1,331	

⁽¹⁾ During the three months ended March 31, 2022, revenue of \$203 million was recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. During the three months ended March 31, 2021, revenue of \$171 million was recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

Other Non-Current Liabilities

The components of Other non-current liabilities are as follows (in millions):

As of	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021		
Taxes payable (1)	\$ 631	\$	609	
Leases	42		46	
Deferred revenue	34		70	
Compensation and benefits	57		58	
Other	107		127	
Total	\$ 871	\$	910	

⁽¹⁾ Includes \$145 million for the non-current portion of the one-time mandatory transition tax on accumulated foreign earnings as of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021.

6. Acquisitions and Dispositions of Businesses

Completed Acquisitions

The Company completed one acquisition during the three months ended March 31, 2022 and no acquisitions during the three months ended March 31, 2021. The following table includes the preliminary fair values of consideration transferred, assets acquired, and liabilities assumed as a result of the Company's acquisition (in millions):

	March 31, 2022	
Consideration transferred		
Cash	\$ 134	
Deferred and contingent consideration	3	
Aggregate consideration transferred	\$ 137	
Assets acquired		
Goodwill	74	
Intangible assets	65	
Other assets	6	
Total assets acquired	145	
Liabilities assumed:		
Total liabilities assumed	8	
Net assets acquired	\$ 137	

The results of operations of this acquisition are included in the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements as of the acquisition date. The Company's results of operations would not have been materially different if this acquisition had been reported from the beginning of the period in which it was acquired.

2022 Acquisitions

On March 1, 2022, the Company completed the acquisition of Tyche, an actuarial software platform based in the U.K.

2021 Acquisitions

On December 22, 2021, the Company completed the acquisition of 100% of the share capital of For Welfare S.r.l, a company focused on bancassurance programs in Italy.

On September 1, 2021, the Company completed the acquisition of the remaining 51% of Aon India Insurance Brokers Limited (formerly known as Anviti Insurance Brokers Private Limited). Prior to the acquisition date, the Company accounted for its 49% interest in Anviti as an equity-method investment. The acquisition-date fair value of the previous equity interest was \$15 million and was included in the measurement of consideration transferred. There was no significant impact as a result of remeasuring the carrying value of the Company's prior equity interest in Anviti held before the business combination.

Completed Dispositions

The Company completed two dispositions during the three months ended March 31, 2022 and no dispositions during the three months ended March 31, 2021.

The pretax gains recognized related to dispositions were \$25 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022. There were no pretax gains recognized related to dispositions for the three months ended March 31, 2021. Gains recognized as a result of a disposition are included in Other income in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

7. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The changes in the net carrying amount of goodwill for the three months ended March 31, 2022 are as follows (in millions):

Balance as of December 31, 2021	\$ 8,434
Goodwill related to current year acquisitions	74
Goodwill related to disposals	(7)
Foreign currency translation and other	(5)
Balance as of March 31, 2022	\$ 8,496

Other intangible assets by asset class are as follows (in millions):

		March 31, 2022					Dece	mber 31, 202	21		
	C	Gross Sarrying Amount	An	cumulated nortization and npairment		t Carrying Amount	Gross Sarrying Amount	An	cumulated nortization and npairment		t Carrying Amount
Customer-related and contract-based	\$	2,307	\$	1,866	\$	441	\$ 2,289	\$	1,848	\$	441
Tradenames		14		14			14		13		1
Technology and other		447		358		89	407		357		50
Total	\$	2,768	\$	2,238	\$	530	\$ 2,710	\$	2,218	\$	492

The estimated future amortization for finite-lived intangible assets as of March 31, 2022 is as follows (in millions):

Remainder of 2022	\$ 81
2023	97
2024	82
2025	69
2026	48
2027	33
Thereafter	120
Total	\$ 530

8. Debt

Notes

On February 28, 2022, Aon Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and Aon Global Holdings plc, a public limited company formed under the laws of England and Wales, both wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company, co-issued \$600 million of 2.85% Senior Notes due May 2027 and \$900 million of 3.90% Senior Notes due February 2052. The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the offering for general corporate purposes.

On December 2, 2021, Aon Corporation and Aon Global Holdings plc, co-issued \$500 million of 2.60% Senior Notes set to mature on December 2, 2031. The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the offering for general corporate purposes.

In November 2021, the Company's \$500 million 2.20% Senior Notes due November 2022 were classified as Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as the date of maturity was within one year.

On August 23, 2021, Aon Corporation and Aon Global Holdings plc, co-issued \$400 million of 2.05% Senior Notes due August 2031 and \$600 million of 2.90% Senior Notes due August 2051. The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the offering for general corporate purposes.

On January 13, 2021, Aon Global Limited, a limited company organized under the laws of England and Wales and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, issued an irrevocable notice of redemption to holders of its 2.80% Senior Notes for the redemption of all \$400 million outstanding aggregate principal amount of the notes, which were set to mature in March 2021 and classified as Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt as of December 31, 2020. The redemption date was on February 16, 2021 and resulted in an insignificant loss due to extinguishment.

Revolving Credit Facilities

As of March 31, 2022, Aon had two primary committed credit facilities outstanding: its \$1.0 billion multi-currency U.S. credit facility expiring in September 2026 and its \$750 million multi-currency U.S. credit facility expiring in October 2023. In aggregate, these two facilities provide \$1.75 billion in available credit.

Each of these primary committed credit facilities includes customary representations, warranties, and covenants, including financial covenants that require Aon to maintain specified ratios of adjusted consolidated EBITDA to consolidated interest expense and consolidated debt to adjusted consolidated EBITDA, in each case, tested quarterly. At March 31, 2022, Aon did not have borrowings under either of these primary committed credit facilities, and was in compliance with the financial covenants and all other covenants contained therein during the rolling 12 months ended March 31, 2022.

Commercial Paper

Aon Corporation has established a U.S. commercial paper program (the "U.S. Program") and Aon Global Holdings plc has established a European multi-currency commercial paper program (the "European Program" and, together with the U.S. Program, the "Commercial Paper Programs"). Commercial paper may be issued in aggregate principal amounts of up to \$1 billion under the U.S. Program and €625 million (\$686 million at March 31, 2022 exchange rates) under the European Program, not to exceed the amount of the Company's committed credit facilities, which was \$1.75 billion at March 31, 2022. The U.S. Program is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Aon plc, Aon Global Limited, and Aon Global Holdings plc and the European Program is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Aon plc, Aon Global Limited, and Aon Corporation.

Commercial paper outstanding, which is included in Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position, is as follows (in millions):

	Ma	rch 31, 2022 Decem	ber 31, 2021
Commercial paper outstanding	\$	100 \$	665

The weighted average commercial paper outstanding and its related interest rates are as follows (in millions, except percentages):

	Thr	Three Months Ended March 31,						
	2022			2021				
Weighted average commercial paper outstanding	\$	571	\$	17				
Weighted average interest rate of commercial paper outstanding		(0.16)%		0.19 %				

9. Income Taxes

The effective tax rate on Net income was 19.6% for the three months ended March 31, 2022. The effective tax rate on Net income was 20.1% for the three months ended March 31, 2021.

For the three months ended March 31, 2022 and March 31, 2021, the tax rate was primarily driven by the geographical distribution of income and certain discrete items, primarily the favorable impacts of share-based payments.

10. Shareholders' Equity

Ordinary Shares

Aon has a share repurchase program authorized by the Company's Board of Directors (the "Repurchase Program"). The Repurchase Program was established in April 2012 with \$5.0 billion in authorized repurchases, and was increased by \$5.0 billion in authorized repurchases in each of November 2014, June 2017, November 2020, and by \$7.5 billion in February 2022 for a total of \$27.5 billion in repurchase authorizations.

Under the Repurchase Program, the Company's class A ordinary shares may be repurchased through the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, from time to time, based on prevailing market conditions, and will be funded from available capital.

The following table summarizes the Company's share repurchase activity (in millions, except per share data):

	<u></u>	Three Months Ended March 3				
		2022		2021		
Shares repurchased		2.8		0.2		
Average price per share	\$	294.47	\$	217.70		
Repurchase costs recorded to retained earnings	\$	828	\$	50		

At March 31, 2022, the remaining authorized amount for share repurchases under the Repurchase Program was approximately \$8.4 billion. Under the Repurchase Program, the Company has repurchased a total of 152.4 million shares for an aggregate cost of approximately \$19.1 billion.

Weighted Average Ordinary Shares

Weighted average ordinary shares outstanding are as follows (in millions):

	Three Months E	nded March 31,					
	2022						
Basic weighted average ordinary shares outstanding	215.3	227.1					
Dilutive effect of potentially issuable shares	1.1	1.0					
Diluted weighted average ordinary shares outstanding	216.4	228.1					

Potentially issuable shares are not included in the computation of Diluted net income per share attributable to Aon shareholders if their inclusion would be antidilutive. There were 0.9 million shares excluded from the calculation for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 0.1 million shares excluded from the calculation for the three months ended March 31, 2021.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

Changes in Accumulated other comprehensive loss by component, net of related tax, are as follows (in millions):

	Change in Fair Value of Financial Instruments ⁽¹⁾			Foreign urrency anslation justments	В	etirement enefit gation ⁽²⁾	Total
Balance at December 31, 2021	\$	2	\$	(1,333)	\$	(2,540)	(3,871)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications, net		_		(6)		10	4
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income							
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income		1		_		31	32
Tax expense		_		_		(8)	(8)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income, net (3)		1		_		23	24
Net current period other comprehensive income (loss)		1		(6)		33	28
Balance at March 31, 2022	\$	3	\$	(1,339)	\$	(2,507)	\$ (3,843)

				oreign urrency anslation ustments	Be	tirement nefit ation ⁽²⁾	Total
Balance at December 31, 2020	\$	1	\$	(1,045)	\$	(2,817)	\$ (3,861)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications, net		10		(70)		2	(58)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income							
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income		1		_		36	37
Tax expense		_		_		(9)	(9)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income, net (3)		1		_		27	28
Net current period other comprehensive income (loss)		11		(70)		29	(30)
Balance at March 31, 2021	\$	12	\$	(1,115)	\$	(2,788)	\$ (3,891)

⁽¹⁾ Reclassifications from this category included in Accumulated other comprehensive loss are recorded in Total revenue, Interest expense, and Compensation and benefits in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. Refer to Note 13 "Derivatives and Hedging" for further information regarding the Company's derivative and hedging activity.

⁽²⁾ Reclassifications from this category included in Accumulated other comprehensive loss are recorded in Other income (expense) in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

⁽³⁾ It is the Company's policy to release income tax effects from Accumulated other comprehensive loss using the portfolio approach.

11. Employee Benefits

The following table provides the components of the net periodic (benefit) cost recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income for Aon's significant U.K., U.S., and other major pension plans, which are located in the Netherlands and Canada. Service cost is reported in Compensation and benefits and all other components are reported in Other income (expense) as follows (in millions):

	Three Months Ended March 31,											
		U.	K.			U.		Other				
	2	2022		2021		2022		2021		2022		2021
Service cost	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
Interest cost		23		16		17		14		5		3
Expected return on plan assets, net of administration expenses		(36)		(34)		(27)		(32)		(9)		(8)
Amortization of prior-service cost		1		1								
Amortization of net actuarial loss		7		8		16		19		4		4
Net periodic (benefits) cost		(5)		(9)		6		1				(1)
Loss on pension settlement		_		_		1		_		_		_
Total net periodic (benefit) cost	\$	(5)	\$	(9)	\$	7	\$	1	\$		\$	(1)

In the first quarter of 2022, the Company recognized a non-cash settlement charge of approximately \$1 million. Settlements from a certain U.S. pension plan exceeded the plan's service and interest cost. This triggered settlement accounting which required the immediate recognition of a portion of the accumulated losses associated with the plan.

Contributions

Assuming no additional contributions are agreed to with, or required by, the pension plan trustees, the Company expects to make total cash contributions of approximately \$7 million, \$52 million, and \$15 million, (at December 31, 2021 exchange rates) to its significant U.K., U.S., and other major pension plans, respectively, during 2022. The following table summarizes contributions made to the Company's significant pension plans (in millions):

	Thr	Three Months Ended March 31,						
	2	022	2021					
Contributions to U.K. pension plans	\$	3 \$	4					
Contributions to U.S. pension plans		18	38					
Contributions to other major pension plans		8	8					
Total contributions	\$	29 \$	50					

12. Share-Based Compensation Plans

The following table summarizes share-based compensation expense recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income in Compensation and benefits (in millions):

	 Three Months Ended March 31,							
	2022	2021						
Restricted share units	\$ 87	\$	66					
Performance share awards	27		61					
Employee share purchase plans	4		4					
Total share-based compensation expense	\$ 119	\$	131					

Restricted Share Units

RSUs generally vest between three and five years. The fair value of RSUs is based upon the market value of the Company's class A ordinary shares at the date of grant. With certain limited exceptions, any break in continuous employment will cause the forfeiture of all non-vested awards. Compensation expense associated with RSUs is recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period. Dividend equivalents are paid on certain RSUs, based on the initial grant amount.

The following table summarizes the status of the Company's RSUs (shares in thousands, except fair value):

	I hree Months Ended March 31,										
	20	22		2021							
	Shares Fair Value (1)					Fair Value (1)					
Non-vested at beginning of period	3,075	\$	203	3,309	\$	163					
Granted	428	\$	307	372	\$	226					
Vested	(396)	\$	189	(452)	\$	160					
Forfeited	(53)	\$	207	(70)	\$	166					
Non-vested at end of period	3,055	\$	219	3,159	\$	171					

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Unamortized deferred compensation expense amounted to \$478 million as of March 31, 2022, with a remaining weighted average amortization period of approximately 2.0 years.

Performance Share Awards

The vesting of PSAs is contingent upon meeting a cumulative level of earnings per share related performance over a three-year period. The actual issuance of shares may range from 0-200% of the target number of PSAs granted, based on the terms of the plan and level of achievement of the related performance target. The grant date fair value of PSAs is based upon the market price of the Company's class A ordinary shares at the date of grant. The performance conditions are not considered in the determination of the grant date fair value for these awards. Compensation expense is recognized over the performance period based on management's estimate of the number of units expected to vest. Management evaluates its estimate of the actual number of shares expected to be issued at the end of the programs on a quarterly basis. The cumulative effect of the change in estimate is recognized in the period of change as an adjustment to Compensation and benefits in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income, if necessary. Dividend equivalents are not paid on PSAs.

The following table summarizes the Company's target PSAs granted and shares that would be issued at current performance levels for PSAs granted during the three months ended March 31, 2022 and the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively (shares in thousands and dollars in millions, except fair value per share):

	M	arch 31, 2022	Dec	cember 31, 2021	Dec	ember 31, 2020
Target PSAs granted during period		292		382		500
Weighted average fair value per share at date of grant	\$	313	\$	225	\$	163
Number of shares that would be issued based on current performance levels		292		730		962
Unamortized expense, based on current performance levels	\$	91	\$	106	\$	38

13. Derivatives and Hedging

The Company is exposed to market risks, including changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. To manage the risk related to these exposures, the Company enters into various derivative instruments that reduce these risks by creating offsetting exposures. The Company does not enter into derivative transactions for trading or speculative purposes.

Foreign Exchange Risk Management

The Company is exposed to foreign exchange risk when it earns revenues, pays expenses, enters into monetary intercompany transfers or other transactions denominated in a currency that differs from its functional currency. The Company uses foreign exchange derivatives, typically forward contracts, options and cross currency swaps, to reduce its overall exposure to the effects of currency fluctuations on cash flows. These exposures are hedged, on average, for less than two years. These derivatives are accounted for as hedges, and changes in fair value are recorded each period in Other comprehensive income (loss) in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

The Company also uses foreign exchange derivatives, typically forward contracts and options, to economically hedge the currency exposure of the Company's global liquidity profile, including monetary assets or liabilities that are denominated in a non-functional currency of an entity, typically on a rolling 90-day basis, but may be for up to one year in the future. These derivatives are not accounted for as hedges, and changes in fair value are recorded each period in Other income (expense) in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

⁽¹⁾ Represents per share weighted average fair value of award at date of grant.

The notional and fair values of derivative instruments are as follows (in millions):

		Notional	Amo	ount	Pı	Net An Derivati resented in th Financial	ve A 1e St	ssets atements of	P	Net Am Derivative resented in th Financial	Liabi e Stat	lities ements of
	M	arch 31, 2022	Dec	cember 31, 2021	N	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021		March 31, 2022		December 2021	
Foreign exchange contracts												
Accounted for as hedges	\$	631	\$	629	\$	26	\$	27	\$		\$	
Not accounted for as hedges (2)		402		412		2		2		_		_
Total	\$	1,033	\$	1,041	\$	28	\$	29	\$		\$	

⁽¹⁾ Included within Other current assets (\$17 million at March 31, 2022 and \$21 million at December 31, 2021) or Other non-current assets (\$11 million at March 31, 2022 and \$8 million at December 31, 2021).

The amounts of derivative gains recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements are as follows (in millions):

	Three Mor	nths 1	Ended	l March 31,
	2022			2021
Gain recognized in Accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$	1	\$	13

The amounts of derivative gains (losses) reclassified from Accumulated other comprehensive loss to the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income are as follows (in millions):

	Three	e Months Ended	Inded March 31,		
		2022	2021		
Total revenue	\$	(1) \$	(1)		

The Company estimates that approximately \$3 million of pretax gains currently included within Accumulated other comprehensive loss will be reclassified into earnings in the next twelve months.

During the three months ended March 31, 2022 and March 31, 2021, the Company recorded a gain of \$32 million and a loss of \$7 million, respectively, in Other income (expense) for foreign exchange derivatives not designated or qualifying as hedges.

14. Fair Value Measurements and Financial Instruments

Accounting standards establish a three tier fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair values as follows:

- Level 1 observable inputs such as quoted prices for identical assets in active markets;
- Level 2 inputs other than quoted prices for identical assets in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 unobservable inputs in which there is little or no market data which requires the use of valuation techniques and the development of assumptions.

The following methods and assumptions are used to estimate the fair values of the Company's financial instruments:

Money market funds consist of institutional prime, treasury, and government money market funds. The Company reviews treasury and government money market funds to obtain reasonable assurance that the fund net asset value is \$1 per share, and reviews the floating net asset value of institutional prime money market funds for reasonableness.

Equity investments consist of equity securities and equity derivatives valued using the closing stock price on a national securities exchange. Over-the-counter equity derivatives are valued using observable inputs such as underlying prices of the underlying security and volatility. On a sample basis, the Company reviews the listing of Level 1 equity securities in the portfolio, agrees the closing stock prices to a national securities exchange, and independently verifies the observable inputs for Level 2 equity derivatives and securities.

⁽²⁾ These contracts typically are for 90-day durations and executed close to the last day of the most recent reporting month, thereby resulting in nominal fair values at the balance sheet date.

Fixed income investments consist of certain categories of bonds and derivatives. Corporate, government, and agency bonds are valued by pricing vendors who estimate fair value using recently executed transactions and proprietary models based on observable inputs, such as interest rate spreads, yield curves, and credit risk. Asset-backed securities are valued by pricing vendors who estimate fair value using DCF models utilizing observable inputs based on trade and quote activity of securities with similar features. Fixed income derivatives are valued by pricing vendors using observable inputs such as interest rates and yield curves. The Company obtains an understanding of the models, inputs, and assumptions used in developing prices provided by its vendors through discussions with the fund managers. The Company independently verifies the observable inputs, as well as assesses assumptions used for reasonableness based on relevant market conditions and internal Company guidelines. If an assumption is deemed unreasonable, based on internal Company guidelines, it is then reviewed by management and the fair value estimate provided by the vendor is adjusted, if deemed appropriate. These adjustments do not occur frequently and historically are not material to the fair value estimates used in the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Derivatives are carried at fair value, based upon industry standard valuation techniques that use, where possible, current market-based or independently sourced pricing inputs, such as interest rates, currency exchange rates, or implied volatility.

Debt is carried at outstanding principal balance, less any unamortized issuance costs, discount or premium. Fair value is based on quoted market prices or estimates using DCF analyses based on current borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements.

The following tables present the categorization of the Company's assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis at March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 (in millions):

			Fair Value Measurements Using								
	Balance at March 31,		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)		Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)		Un	ignificant observable uts (Level 3)			
Assets											
Money market funds (1)	\$	3,580	\$	3,580	\$		\$	_			
Other investments											
Government bonds	\$	1	\$	_	\$	1	\$	_			
Derivatives ⁽²⁾											
Gross foreign exchange contracts	\$	41	\$	_	\$	41	\$	_			
Liabilities											
Derivatives (2)											
Gross foreign exchange contracts	\$	13	\$	_	\$	13	\$	_			

		Fair Value Measurements Using						
	 alance at ember 31, 2021	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)		Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)		Un	gnificant observable its (Level 3)	
Assets								
Money market funds (1)	\$ 2,918	\$	2,918	\$	_	\$	_	
Other investments								
Government bonds	\$ 1	\$	_	\$	1	\$	_	
Derivatives (2)								
Gross foreign exchange contracts	\$ 40	\$	_	\$	40	\$	_	
Liabilities								
Derivatives (2)								
Gross foreign exchange contracts	\$ 11	\$	_	\$	11	\$	_	

⁽¹⁾ Included within Fiduciary assets or Short-term investments in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position, depending on their nature and initial maturity.

There were no transfers of assets or liabilities between fair value hierarchy levels in the three months ended March 31, 2022 or 2021. The Company recognized no realized or unrealized gains or losses in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income during the three months ended March 31, 2022 or 2021 related to assets and liabilities measured at fair value using unobservable inputs.

⁽²⁾ Refer to Note 13 "Derivatives and Hedging" for additional information regarding the Company's derivatives and hedging activity.

The fair value of debt is classified as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. The following table provides the carrying value and fair value for the Company's term debt (in millions):

		March 31, 2022				December 31, 2021			
	Carry	ing Value]	Fair Value	Carrying Value			Fair Value	
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	499	\$	501	\$	499	\$	507	
Long-term debt	\$	9,685	\$	9,824	\$	8,228	\$	9,204	

15. Claims, Lawsuits, and Other Contingencies

Aon and its subsidiaries are subject to numerous claims, tax assessments, lawsuits, and proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of business, which frequently include E&O claims. The damages claimed in these matters are or may be substantial, including, in many instances, claims for punitive, treble, or extraordinary damages. While Aon maintains meaningful E&O insurance and other insurance programs to provide protection against certain losses that arise in such matters, Aon has exhausted or materially depleted its coverage under some of the policies that protect the Company and, consequently, is self-insured or materially self-insured for some claims. Accruals for these exposures, and related insurance receivables, when applicable, are included in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position and have been recognized in Other general expense in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income to the extent that losses are deemed probable and are reasonably estimable. These amounts are adjusted from time to time as developments warrant. Matters that are not probable and reasonably estimable are not accrued for in the financial statements.

The Company has included in the current matters described below certain matters in which (1) loss (including interest and costs) is probable, (2) loss (including interest and costs) is reasonably possible (that is, more than remote but not probable), or (3) there exists the reasonable possibility of loss (including interest and costs) greater than the accrued amount. In addition, the Company may from time to time disclose matters for which the probability of loss could be remote but the claim amounts associated with such matters are potentially significant. The reasonably possible range of loss (including interest and costs) for the matters described below for which loss is estimable, in excess of amounts that are deemed probable and estimable and therefore already accrued, is estimated to be between \$0 and \$0.4 billion, exclusive of any insurance coverage. These estimates are based on available information as of the date of this filing. As available information changes, the matters for which Aon is able to estimate, and the estimates themselves, may change. In addition, many estimates involve significant judgment and uncertainty. For example, at the time of making an estimate, Aon may only have limited information about the facts underlying the claim, and predictions and assumptions about future court rulings and outcomes may prove to be inaccurate. Although management at present believes that the ultimate outcome of all matters described below, individually or in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position of Aon, legal proceedings are subject to inherent uncertainties and unfavorable rulings or other events. Unfavorable resolutions could include substantial monetary or punitive damages imposed on Aon or its subsidiaries. If unfavorable outcomes of these matters were to occur, future results of operations or cash flows for any particular quarterly or annual period could be materially adversely affected.

Current Matters

On October 3, 2017, CCC invoked arbitration to pursue a claim that it asserts against Aon New Zealand. Aon provided insurance broking services to CCC in relation to CCC's 2010-2011 material damage and business interruption program. In December 2015, CCC settled its property and business interruption claim for its losses arising from the 2010-2011 Canterbury earthquakes against the underwriter of its material damage and business interruption program and the reinsurers of that underwriter. CCC contends that acts and omissions by Aon caused CCC to recover less in that settlement than it otherwise would have. CCC claims damages of approximately NZD 320 million (\$223 million at March 31, 2022 exchange rates) plus interest and costs. Aon believes that it has meritorious defenses and intends to vigorously defend itself against these claims.

Aon Hewitt Investment Consulting, Inc., now known as Aon Investments USA, Inc. ("Aon Investments"), Lowe's Companies, Inc. and the Administrative Committee of Lowe's Companies, Inc. (collectively "Lowe's") were sued on April 27, 2018 in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina (the "Court") in a class action lawsuit brought on behalf of participants in the Lowe's 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"). Aon Investments provided investment consulting services to Lowe's under the ERISA. The plaintiffs contend that in 2015 Lowe's imprudently placed the Hewitt Growth Fund in the Plan's lineup of investments, the Hewitt Growth Fund underperformed its benchmarks, and that Aon had a conflict of interest in recommending the proprietary fund for the Plan. The plaintiffs allege the Plan suffered over \$200 million in investment losses when compared to the eight funds it replaced. The plaintiffs allege that Aon Investments breached its duties of loyalty and prudence pursuant to the ERISA statute. The matter was tried to the Court the last week of June 2021, and the Court entered judgment in favor of Aon on all claims on October 12, 2021. Plaintiffs have filed an appeal with the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Aon believes it has meritorious defenses and intends to vigorously defend itself against these claims.

A retail insurance brokerage subsidiary of Aon was sued on September 6, 2018 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York by a client, Pilkington North America, Inc., that sustained damage from a tornado to its Ottawa, Illinois property. The lawsuit seeks between \$45 million and \$85 million in property and business interruption damages from either its insurer or Aon. The insurer contends that insurance proceeds were limited to \$15 million in coverage by a windstorm sub-limit purportedly contained in the policy procured by Aon for Pilkington. The insurer therefore has tendered \$15 million to Pilkington and denied coverage for the remainder of the loss. Pilkington sued the insurer and Aon seeking full coverage for the loss from the insurer or, in the alternative, seeking the same damages against Aon on various theories of professional liability if the court finds that the \$15 million sub-limit applies to the claim. Aon believes it has meritorious defenses and intends to vigorously defend itself against these claims.

Aon faces legal action arising out of a fatal plane crash in November 2016. Aon U.K. Limited placed an aviation civil liability reinsurance policy for the Bolivian insurer of the airline. After the crash, the insurer determined that there was no coverage under the airline's insurance policy due to the airline's breach of various policy conditions. In November 2018, the owner of the aircraft filed a claim in Bolivia against Aon, the airline, the insurer and the insurance broker. The claim is for \$16 million plus any liability the owner has to third parties. In November 2019, a federal prosecutor in Brazil filed a public civil action naming three Aon entities as defendants, along with the airline, the insurer and the lead reinsurer. That claim seeks pecuniary damages for families affected by the crash in the sum of \$300 million; or, in the alternative, \$50 million; or, in the alternative, \$25 million; plus "moral damages" of an equivalent sum. Separately, in March 2020, the Brazilian Federal Senate invited Aon to give evidence to a Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry in an investigation into the accident. Aon is cooperating with that inquiry. In August 2020, 43 individuals (surviving passengers and estates of the deceased) filed a motion in the Circuit Court of the 11th Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida, seeking permission to commence proceedings against Aon (and the insurer and reinsurers) for claims totaling \$844 million. Finally, in April 2021, representatives of 16 passengers issued a claim against Aon in the High Court in England seeking damages under the Fatal Accidents Act 1976 in the sum of £29 million (\$38 million at March 31, 2022 exchange rates). Aon believes that it has meritorious defenses and intends to vigorously defend itself against these claims.

Aon Investments and AGI were sued on September 16, 2020, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association NEBC. Aon Investments and its predecessors provided investment advisory services to NEBC since 2009. The NEBC contends that it suffered investment losses exceeding \$2 billion in several Structured Alpha funds managed by AGI and recommended by Aon. The NEBC asserted claims against Aon Investments for breach of fiduciary duty and breach of co-fiduciary duty, and alleged that Aon Investments and AGI were jointly and severally liable for damages, which include the restoration of investment losses, disgorgement of fees and profits, and attorneys' fees. AGI recently settled with the NEBC but Aon Investments was not a party to that settlement. Aon believes that it has meritorious defenses to the claims asserted against it and intends to vigorously defend itself in the litigation.

In April 2017, the FCA announced an investigation relating to suspected competition law breaches in the aviation and aerospace broking industry, which, for Aon in 2016, represented less than \$100 million in global revenue. The European Commission assumed jurisdiction over the investigation in place of the FCA, and the European Commission has now closed its investigation. Other antitrust agencies outside the E.U. are conducting formal or informal investigations regarding these matters. Aon intends to work diligently with all antitrust agencies concerned to ensure they can carry out their work as efficiently as possible. At this time, in light of the uncertainties and many variables involved, Aon cannot estimate the ultimate impact on our company from these investigations or any related private litigation, nor any damages, penalties, or fines related to them.

Guarantees and Indemnifications

The Company provides a variety of guarantees and indemnifications to its customers and others. The maximum potential amount of future payments represents the notional amounts that could become payable under the guarantees and indemnifications if there were a total default by the guaranteed parties, without consideration of possible recoveries under recourse provisions or other methods. These amounts may bear no relationship to the expected future payments, if any, for these guarantees and indemnifications. Any anticipated amounts payable are included in the Financial Statements, and are recorded at fair value.

The Company expects that, as prudent business interests dictate, additional guarantees and indemnifications may be issued from time to time.

Guarantee of Registered Securities

On April 1, 2020, a scheme of arrangement under English law was completed, as described in the proxy statement filed with the SEC on December 20, 2019 (the "Ireland Reorganization"). In connection with the Ireland Reorganization, Aon plc and Aon Global Holdings plc, entered into various agreements pursuant to which they agreed to guarantee the obligations of Aon Corporation arising under issued and outstanding debt securities, which were previously guaranteed solely by Aon Global

Limited and the obligations of Aon Global Limited arising under issued and outstanding debt securities, which were previously guaranteed solely by Aon Corporation. Those agreements include: (1) Second Amended and Restated Indenture, dated April 1, 2020, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited, Aon plc, and Aon Global Holdings plc and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee") (amending and restating the Amended and Restated Indenture, dated April 2, 2012, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited and the Trustee); (2) Amended and Restated Indenture, dated April 1, 2020, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited, Aon plc, Aon Global Holdings plc and the Trustee (amending and restating the Indenture, dated December 12, 2012, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited, Aon plc, Aon Global Holdings plc and the Trustee (amending and restating the Amended and Restated Indenture, dated May 20, 2015, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited and the Trustee); (4) Amended and Restated Indenture, dated April 1, 2020, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited, Aon plc, Aon Global Holdings plc and the Trustee (amending and restating the Indenture, dated November 13, 2015, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited, Aon plc, Aon Global Limited and the Trustee); and (5) Amended and Restated Indenture, dated April 1, 2020, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited, Aon plc, Aon Global Limited, Aon plc, Aon Global Limited and the Trustee); and (5) Amended and Restated Indenture, dated April 1, 2020, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited, Aon plc, Aon Global Limited and the Trustee); and (5) Amended and Restated Indenture, dated April 1, 2020, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited, Aon plc, Aon Global Limited and the Trustee).

Letters of Credit

Aon has entered into a number of arrangements whereby the Company's performance on certain obligations is guaranteed by a third party through the issuance of LOCs. The Company had total LOCs outstanding of approximately \$74 million at March 31, 2022, and \$75 million at December 31, 2021. These LOCs cover the beneficiaries related to certain of Aon's U.S. and Canadian non-qualified pension plan schemes and secure deductible retentions for Aon's own workers compensation program. The Company has also obtained LOCs to cover contingent payments for taxes and other business obligations to third parties, and other guarantees for miscellaneous purposes at its international subsidiaries.

Premium Payments

The Company has certain contractual contingent guarantees for premium payments owed by clients to certain insurance companies. The maximum exposure with respect to such contractual contingent guarantees was approximately \$85 million at March 31, 2022 compared to \$153 million at December 31, 2021.

16. Segment Information

The Company operates as one segment that includes all of Aon's operations, which as a global professional services firm provides a broad range of risk, health, and wealth solutions through four solution lines which make up its principal products and services. The CODM assesses the performance of the Company and allocates resources based on one segment: Aon United.

The Company's reportable operating segment has been determined using a management approach, which is consistent with the basis and manner in which the CODM uses financial information for the purposes of allocating resources and evaluating performance. The CODM assesses performance and allocates resources based on total Aon results against its key four metrics, including organic revenue growth, expense discipline, and collaborative behaviors that maximize value for Aon and its shareholders, regardless of which solution line it benefits.

As Aon operates as one segment, segment profit or loss is consistent with consolidated reporting as disclosed in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. Refer to Note 3 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" for further information on revenue by principal service line.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF FIRST QUARTER 2022 FINANCIAL RESULTS

Aon plc is a leading global professional services firm providing a broad range of risk, health, and wealth solutions. Through our experience, global reach, and comprehensive analytics, we are better able to help clients meet rapidly changing, increasingly complex, and interconnected challenges. We are committed to accelerating innovation to address unmet and evolving client needs, so that our clients are better informed, better advised, and able to make better decisions to protect and grow their business. Management is focused on strengthening Aon and uniting the firm with one portfolio of capability enabled by data and analytics and one operating model to deliver additional insight, connectivity, and efficiency.

Financial Results

The following is a summary of our first quarter of 2022 financial results.

- Revenue increased \$145 million, or 4%, to \$3.7 billion compared to the prior year period due primarily to organic revenue growth of 8%, partially offset by a 3% unfavorable impact if prior year period results were translated at current period foreign exchange rates ("foreign currency translation") and a 1% unfavorable impact from acquisitions, divestitures, and other.
- Operating expenses were \$2.3 billion, an increase of \$23 million from the prior year period. The increase was due primarily to an increase in expense associated with 8% organic revenue growth and investments in long-term growth, partially offset by a \$43 million favorable impact from foreign currency translation and a decrease in transaction costs incurred in the prior year period of \$35 million.
- Operating margin increased to 37.2% from 35.3% in the prior year period. The increase was driven by organic revenue growth of 8%, partially offset by an increase in operating expenses as listed above.
- Due to the factors set forth above, Net income increased \$115 million to \$1,048 million compared to the prior year period.
- Diluted earnings per share was \$4.73 compared to \$4.00 per share for the prior year period.
- Cash flows provided by operating activities was \$463 million, a decrease of \$98 million from the prior year period, primarily due to higher incentive compensation payments following strong performance in 2021, partially offset by strong operating income growth.

We focus on four key metrics not presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP that we communicate to shareholders: organic revenue growth, adjusted operating margin, adjusted diluted earnings per share, and free cash flow. These non-GAAP metrics should be viewed in addition to, not instead of, our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. The following is our measure of performance against these four metrics for the first quarter of 2022:

- Organic revenue growth is a non-GAAP measure defined under the caption "Review of Consolidated Results Organic Revenue Growth." Organic revenue growth was 8% for the first quarter of 2022, driven by ongoing strong retention and net new business generation.
- Adjusted operating margin, a non-GAAP measure defined under the caption "Review of Consolidated Results —
 Adjusted Operating Margin," was 38.0% for the first quarter of 2022 compared to 37.4% in the prior year period. The
 increase in adjusted operating margin primarily reflects strong organic revenue growth, partially offset by expense
 growth and investments in long-term growth.
- Adjusted diluted earnings per share, a non-GAAP measure defined under the caption "Review of Consolidated Results
 — Adjusted Diluted Earnings per Share," was \$4.83 per share for the first quarter of 2022, compared to \$4.28 per share for the respective prior year period.
- Free cash flow, a non-GAAP measure defined under the caption "Review of Consolidated Results Free Cash Flow," decreased in the first three months of 2022 by \$92 million from the prior year period, to \$440 million, reflecting a decrease in cash flows from operations, partially offset by a \$6 million decrease in capital expenditures.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The outbreak of the coronavirus, which causes COVID-19, was declared by the World Health Organization to be a pandemic and has impacted almost all countries, in varying degrees, creating significant public health concerns, and significant volatility, uncertainty, and economic disruption in every region in which we operate. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted, and may continue to result, in significant economic disruption and volatility, although much progress has been made in the development and distribution of vaccines, contributing to overall improved economic conditions globally. We continue to closely monitor the situation and its impacts on our business, liquidity, and capital planning initiatives. We continue to be fully operational and to reoccupy certain offices, where deemed appropriate and in compliance with governmental restrictions

considering the impact on health and safety of our colleagues, their families, and our clients. We continue to deploy business continuity protocols and our Smart Working strategy to facilitate remote working capabilities to ensure the health and safety of our colleagues, to deliver results on behalf of clients, and to comply with public health and travel guidelines and restrictions.

As the situation continues to evolve, the scale and duration of disruption cannot be predicted, and it is not possible to quantify or estimate the full impact that COVID-19 will have on our business. While we continue to focus on managing our cash flow to meet liquidity needs, our results of operations may be adversely affected. However, for the three months ended March 31, 2022 the impacts of COVID-19 on our business results have lessened and we have seen overall strength across the firm. We continue to monitor the situation closely.

ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE

For many companies, the management of ESG risks and opportunities has become increasingly important. Aon offers a wide range of consulting and advisory solutions designed to address and manage ESG issues for clients. We view ESG risks as presenting an important opportunity to help clients and improve our impact on ESG matters.

RUSSIAN WAR IN UKRAINE

The Russian war in Ukraine, initiated on February 24, 2022, has resulted in certain sanctions being imposed by jurisdictions in which we operate, including the U.S., the E.U., and the U.K., on Russia and certain Russian companies and individuals. The Company's operations in Russia and Ukraine represent an immaterial portion of the Company's global operations and the war has not had a material impact on the Company's global operations as of March 31 2022.

The Company continues to monitor the potential impacts on the business and the ancillary impacts that the military conflict could have on other global operations.

REVIEW OF CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

Summary of Results

Our consolidated results are as follows (in millions):

	Three M	Three Months Ended March				
	2022		2021			
Revenue						
Total revenue	\$ 3	,670 \$	3,525			
Expenses						
Compensation and benefits	1	,767	1,719			
Information technology		123	114			
Premises		72	77			
Depreciation of fixed assets		38	41			
Amortization and impairment of intangible assets		28	40			
Other general expense		275	289			
Total operating expenses	2	2,303	2,280			
Operating income	1	,367	1,245			
Interest income		3	3			
Interest expense		(91)	(79)			
Other income (expense)		25	(2)			
Income before income taxes	1	,304	1,167			
Income tax expense		256	234			
Net income	1	,048	933			
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		25	20			
Net income attributable to Aon shareholders	\$ 1	,023 \$	913			
Diluted net income per share attributable to Aon shareholders	\$	4.73 \$	4.00			
Weighted average ordinary shares outstanding - diluted		16.4	228.1			

Revenue

Total revenue increased \$145 million, or 4%, in the first quarter of 2022 compared to the first quarter of 2021. This increase reflects organic revenue growth of 8%, partially offset by a 3% unfavorable impact from foreign currency translation and a 1% unfavorable impact from acquisitions, divestitures, and other.

Commercial Risk Solutions revenue increased \$79 million, or 5%, to \$1.7 billion in the first quarter of 2022, compared to \$1.6 billion in the first quarter of 2021. Organic revenue growth was 9% in the first quarter of 2022, driven by growth across every major geography, reflecting strong retention, new business generation, and management of the renewal book portfolio. Strength in retail brokerage was highlighted by double-digit growth in the U.S., Canada, Asia, and the Pacific, driven by continued strength in core P&C, as well as strong growth in construction and project-related work. Results also reflect solid growth globally in the affinity business across both consumer and business solutions, including growth in the travel and events practice. On average globally, exposures and pricing were modestly positive, resulting in a modestly positive market impact.

Reinsurance Solutions revenue increased \$54 million, or 6%, to \$976 million in the first quarter of 2022, compared to \$922 million in the first quarter of 2021. Organic revenue growth was 7% in the first quarter of 2022, driven by strong growth in treaty, reflecting strong retention and continued net new business generation, as well as strong growth in facultative placements and double-digit growth in capital markets transactions. Market impact was modestly positive on results in the quarter.

Health Solutions revenue increased \$23 million, or 4%, to \$638 million in the first quarter of 2022, compared to \$615 million in the first quarter of 2021. Organic revenue growth was 8% in the first quarter of 2022, driven by strong growth globally in core health and benefits brokerage, reflecting strong retention and management of the renewal book portfolio. Strength in health and benefits brokerage included solid growth in project-related work, driven by advisory work related to wellbeing and resilience. Results also reflect double-digit growth in Consumer Benefit Solutions and double-digit growth in Human Capital, driven by rewards and advisory solutions.

Wealth Solutions revenue decreased \$10 million, or 3%, to \$345 million in the first quarter of 2022, compared to \$355 million in the first quarter of 2021. Organic revenue growth was flat overall in the first quarter of 2022. Retirement was flat, reflecting modest growth in the core portion of the business, partially offset by a modest decline in project-related work. Investments grew modestly driven by new business generation and project-related work.

Compensation and Benefits

Compensation and benefits expenses increased \$48 million, or 3%, in the first quarter of 2022 compared to the first quarter of 2021. This increase was primarily driven by an increase in expense associated with 8% organic revenue growth, partially offset by a \$37 million favorable impact from foreign currency translation.

Information Technology

Information technology expenses, which represent costs associated with supporting and maintaining our infrastructure, increased \$9 million, or 8%, in the first quarter of 2022 compared to the first quarter of 2021. This increase was primarily driven by an increase in expense associated with 8% organic revenue growth, partially offset by a \$2 million favorable impact from foreign currency translation.

Premises

Premises expenses, which represent the cost of occupying offices in various locations throughout the world, decreased \$5 million, or 6%, in the first quarter of 2022 compared to the first quarter of 2021. This decrease was primarily driven by a reduction in rent expense associated with our Smart Working strategy, which gives colleagues flexibility in where they work.

Depreciation of Fixed Assets

Depreciation of fixed assets primarily relates to software, leasehold improvements, furniture, fixtures, and equipment, computer equipment, buildings, and automobiles. Depreciation of fixed assets decreased \$3 million, or 7%, in the first quarter of 2022 compared to the first quarter of 2021 due primarily to a \$1 million favorable impact from foreign currency translation.

Amortization and Impairment of Intangible Assets

Amortization and impairment of intangible assets primarily relates to finite-lived tradenames and customer-related, contract-based, and technology assets. Amortization and impairment of intangible assets decreased \$12 million, or 30%, in the first quarter of 2022 compared to the first quarter of 2021.

Other General Expense

Other general expense in the first quarter of 2022 decreased \$14 million, or 5%, compared to the first quarter of 2021 due primarily to a decrease in transaction costs incurred in the prior year period of \$35 million, partially offset by an increase in expense associated with 8% organic revenue growth and an increase in travel and entertainment expense.

Interest Income

Interest income represents income earned on operating cash balances and other income-producing investments. It does not include interest earned on funds held on behalf of clients. During the first quarter of 2022, Interest income was \$3 million, and flat compared to the first quarter of 2021.

Interest Expense

Interest expense, which represents the cost of our debt obligations, was \$91 million for the first quarter of 2022, an increase of \$12 million, or 15%, from the first quarter of 2021. The increase was driven primarily by higher outstanding term debt.

Other Income (Expense)

Other income was \$25 million for the first quarter of 2022, compared to Other expense of \$2 million for the first quarter of 2021. Other income for the first quarter of 2022 primarily reflects a gain from the sale of a business in Wealth Solutions.

Income before Income Taxes

Due to the factors discussed above, Income before income taxes for the first quarter of 2022 was \$1,304 million, a 12% increase from \$1,167 million in the first quarter of 2021.

Income Taxes

The effective tax rates on Net income were 19.6% and 20.1% for the first quarter of 2022 and 2021, respectively.

For the three months ended March 31, 2022 and March 31, 2021, the tax rate was primarily driven by the geographical distribution of income and certain discrete items.

Net Income Attributable to Aon Shareholders

Net income attributable to Aon shareholders for the first quarter of 2022 increased to \$1,023 million, or \$4.73 per diluted share, from \$913 million, or \$4.00 per diluted share, in the prior year period.

Non-GAAP Metrics

In our discussion of consolidated results, we sometimes refer to certain non-GAAP supplemental information derived from consolidated financial information specifically related to organic revenue growth, adjusted operating margin, adjusted diluted earnings per share, free cash flow, and the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on operating results. Management believes that these measures are important to make meaningful period-to-period comparisons and that this supplemental information is helpful to investors. Management also uses these measures to assess operating performance and performance for compensation. This non-GAAP supplemental information should be viewed in addition to, not instead of, our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Organic Revenue Growth

We use supplemental information related to organic revenue growth to help us and our investors evaluate business growth from existing operations. Organic revenue growth is a non-GAAP measure that includes the impact of intercompany activity and excludes the impact of changes in foreign exchange rates, fiduciary investment income, acquisitions, divestitures, transfers between revenue lines, and gains or losses on derivatives accounted for as hedges. This supplemental information related to organic revenue growth represents a measure not in accordance with U.S. GAAP and should be viewed in addition to, not instead of, our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Industry peers provide similar supplemental information about their revenue performance, although they may not make identical adjustments. A reconciliation of this non-GAAP measure to the reported Total revenue is as follows (in millions, except percentages):

	Thre	ee Months F	Ende	d March 31,					
		2022		2021	% Change	Less: Currency Impact (1)	Less: Fiduciary Investment Income ⁽²⁾	Less: Acquisitions, Divestitures & Other	Organic Revenue Growth ⁽³⁾
Revenue									
Commercial Risk Solutions	\$	1,719	\$	1,640	5 %	(3)%	— %	(1)%	9 %
Reinsurance Solutions		976		922	6	(2)	_	1	7
Health Solutions		638		615	4	(3)	_	(1)	8
Wealth Solutions		345		355	(3)	(2)	_	(1)	_
Eliminations		(8)		(7)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total revenue	\$	3,670	\$	3,525	4 %	(3)%	— %	(1)%	8 %

- (1) Currency impact represents the effect on prior year period results if they were translated at current period foreign exchange rates.
- (2) Fiduciary investment income for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 was \$2 million in each period.
- (3) Organic revenue growth includes the impact of intercompany activity and excludes the impact of changes in foreign exchange rates, fiduciary investment income, acquisitions, divestitures, transfers between revenue lines, and gains or losses on derivatives accounted for as hedges.

Adjusted Operating Margin

We use adjusted operating margin as a non-GAAP measure of our core operating performance. Adjusted operating margin excludes the impact of certain items, as listed below, because management does not believe these expenses are the best indicators of our core operating performance. This supplemental information related to adjusted operating margin represents a measure not in accordance with U.S. GAAP and should be viewed in addition to, not instead of, our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

A reconciliation of this non-GAAP measure to the reported operating margin is as follows (in millions, except percentages):

	Three Months Ended March 31,						
	'	2022		2021			
Revenue	\$	3,670	\$	3,525			
Operating income - as reported	\$	1,367	\$	1,245			
Amortization and impairment of intangible assets		28		40			
Transaction costs and other charges related to the combination and resulting termination (1)		_		35			
Operating income - as adjusted	\$	1,395	\$	1,320			
Operating margin - as reported		37.2 %	ó	35.3 %			
Operating margin - as adjusted		38.0 %	0	37.4 %			

⁽¹⁾ As part of the terminated combination with WTW, certain transaction costs were incurred by the Company in the first quarter of 2021. These costs may include advisory, legal, accounting, valuation, and other professional or consulting fees related to the combination, including planned divestitures that have been terminated, as well as certain compensation expenses and expenses related to further steps on our Aon United operating model as a result of the termination.

Adjusted Diluted Earnings per Share

We use adjusted diluted earnings per share as a non-GAAP measure of our core operating performance. Adjusted diluted earnings per share excludes the items identified above, along with pension settlements and related income taxes, because management does not believe these expenses are representative of our core earnings. This supplemental information related to adjusted diluted earnings per share represents a measure not in accordance with U.S. GAAP and should be viewed in addition to, not instead of, our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. A reconciliation of this non-GAAP measure to reported diluted earnings per share is as follows (in millions, except per share data and percentages):

		Three Months Ended March 31, 2022							
					N	on-GAAP			
	τ	J.S. GAAP	A	Adjustments		Adjusted			
Operating income	\$	1,367	\$	28	\$	1,395			
Interest income		3				3			
Interest expense		(91)		_		(91)			
Other income (expense)		25		_		25			
Income before income taxes		1,304		28		1,332			
Income tax expense (1)		256		6		262			
Net income		1,048		22		1,070			
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		25		_		25			
Net income attributable to Aon shareholders	\$	1,023	\$	22	\$	1,045			
Diluted net income per share attributable to Aon shareholders	\$	4.73	\$	0.10	\$	4.83			
Weighted average ordinary shares outstanding - diluted		216.4		_		216.4			
Effective tax rates (1)	, in the second	19.6 %	ó			19.7 %			

		Three Months Ended March 31, 2021							
					N	on-GAAP			
	τ	U.S. GAAP Adjustmen			Adjusted				
Operating income	\$	1,245	\$	75	\$	1,320			
Interest income		3				3			
Interest expense		(79)				(79)			
Other income (expense)		(2)				(2)			
Income before income taxes		1,167		75		1,242			
Income tax expense (1)		234		11		245			
Net income		933		64		997			
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		20				20			
Net income attributable to Aon shareholders	\$	913	\$	64	\$	977			
Diluted net income per share attributable to Aon shareholders	\$	4.00	\$	0.28	\$	4.28			
Weighted average ordinary shares outstanding - diluted		228.1		_		228.1			
Effective tax rates (1)		20.1 %	,)			19.7 %			

Three Months Ended March 31, 2021

Free Cash Flow

We use free cash flow, defined as cash flow provided by operations less capital expenditures, as a non-GAAP measure of our core operating performance and cash-generating capabilities of our business operations. This supplemental information related to free cash flow represents a measure not in accordance with U.S. GAAP and should be viewed in addition to, not instead of, our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. The use of this non-GAAP measure does not imply or represent the residual cash flow for discretionary expenditures. A reconciliation of this non-GAAP measure to the reported Cash provided by operating activities is as follows (in millions):

	Thr	Three Months Ended March 31					
		2022	2021				
Cash provided by operating activities	\$	463 \$	561				
Capital expenditures		(23)	(29)				
Free cash flow	\$	440 \$	532				

Impact of Foreign Exchange Rate Fluctuations

Because we conduct business in over 120 countries and sovereignties, foreign exchange rate fluctuations may have a significant impact on our business. Foreign exchange rate movements may be significant and may distort true period-to-period comparisons of changes in revenue or pretax income. Therefore, to give financial statement users meaningful information about our operations, we have provided an illustration of the impact of foreign currency exchange rates on our financial results. The methodology used to calculate this impact isolates the impact of the change in currencies between periods by translating the prior year quarter's revenue, expenses, and net income using the current quarter's foreign exchange rates.

Currency fluctuations had an unfavorable impact of \$0.19 on net income per diluted share during the three months ended March 31, 2022 if prior year period results were translated at current period foreign exchange rates. Currency fluctuations had a favorable impact of \$0.17 on net income per diluted share during the three months ended March 31, 2021, respectively, if 2020 results were translated at 2021 rates.

Currency fluctuations had an unfavorable impact of \$0.19 on adjusted net income per diluted share during the three months ended March 31, 2022 if prior year period results were translated at current period foreign exchange rates. Currency fluctuations had a favorable impact of \$0.18 on adjusted net income per diluted share during the three months ended March 31, 2021, respectively, if 2020 results were translated at 2021 rates. These translations are performed for comparative and illustrative purposes only and do not impact the accounting policies or practices for amounts included in our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Adjusted items are generally taxed at the estimated annual effective tax rate, except for the applicable tax impact associated with certain transaction costs
and other charges related to the combination and resulting termination, which are adjusted at the related jurisdictional rate.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

Liquidity

Executive Summary

We believe that our balance sheet and strong cash flow provide us with adequate liquidity. Our primary sources of liquidity in the near-term include cash flows provided by operations and available cash reserves; primary sources of liquidity in the long-term include cash flows provided by operations, debt capacity available under our credit facilities and capital markets. Our primary uses of liquidity are operating expenses and investments, capital expenditures, acquisitions, share repurchases, pension obligations, and shareholder dividends. We believe that cash flows from operations, available credit facilities, available cash reserves, and the capital markets will be sufficient to meet our liquidity needs, including principal and interest payments on debt obligations, capital expenditures, pension contributions, and anticipated working capital requirements in the next twelve months and over the long-term. Although there continues to be uncertainties around future economic conditions due to COVID-19, we have largely returned to normal levels of liquidity and will continue to monitor our needs as economic conditions change.

Cash on our balance sheet includes funds available for general corporate purposes, as well as amounts restricted as to their use. Funds held on behalf of clients in a fiduciary capacity are segregated and shown together with uncollected insurance premiums in Fiduciary assets in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position, with a corresponding amount in Fiduciary liabilities.

In our capacity as an insurance broker or agent, we collect premiums from insureds and, after deducting our commission, remit the premiums to the respective insurance underwriters. We also collect claims or refunds from underwriters on behalf of insureds, which are then returned to the insureds. Unremitted insurance premiums and claims are held by us in a fiduciary capacity. The levels of funds held on behalf of clients and liabilities can fluctuate significantly depending on when we collect the premiums, claims, and refunds, make payments to underwriters and insureds, and collect funds from clients and make payments on their behalf, and upon the impact of foreign currency movements. Funds held on behalf of clients, because of their nature, are generally invested in very liquid securities with highly rated, credit-worthy financial institutions. Fiduciary assets include funds held on behalf of clients comprised of cash and cash equivalents of \$6.7 billion and \$6.1 billion at March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively, and fiduciary receivables of \$8.6 billion and \$8.3 billion at March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively. While we earn investment income on the funds held in cash and money market funds, the funds cannot be used for general corporate purposes.

We maintain multicurrency cash pools with third-party banks in which various Aon entities participate. Individual Aon entities are permitted to overdraw on their individual accounts provided the overall global balance does not fall below zero. At March 31, 2022, non-U.S. cash balances of one or more entities may have been negative; however, the overall balance was positive.

The following table summarizes our Cash and cash equivalents, Short-term investments, and Fiduciary assets as of March 31, 2022 (in millions):

	Stat					
Asset Type		and Cash uivalents	nort-term vestments	F	iduciary Assets	Total
Certificates of deposit, bank deposits, or time deposits	\$	595	\$ _	\$	3,575	\$ 4,170
Money market funds			455		3,125	3,580
Cash, Short-term investments, and Funds held on behalf of clients		595	455		6,700	7,750
Fiduciary receivables					8,577	8,577
Total	\$	595	\$ 455	\$	15,277	\$ 16,327

Cash and cash equivalents and funds held on behalf of clients increased \$650 million in 2022. A summary of our cash flows provided by and used for operating, investing, and financing activities is as follows (in millions):

	Three Months Ended March 31					
		2022		2021		
Cash provided by operating activities	\$	463	\$	561		
Cash provided by (used for) investing activities	\$	(263)	\$	102		
Cash provided by (used for) financing activities	\$	500	\$	(681)		
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents and funds held on behalf of clients	\$	(50)	\$	(34)		

Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities during the three months ended March 31, 2022 decreased \$98 million, or 17%, from the prior year period to \$463 million. This amount represents Net income reported, generally adjusted for the following primary drivers including gains from sales of businesses, losses from sales of businesses, share-based compensation expense, depreciation expense, amortization and impairments, and other non-cash income and expenses, as well as changes in working capital that relate primarily to the timing of payments of accounts payable and accrued liabilities and collection of receivables.

Pension Contributions

Pension contributions were \$29 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, as compared to \$50 million for the three months ended March 31, 2021. For the remainder of 2022, we expect to contribute approximately \$45 million in cash to our pension plans, including contributions to non-U.S. pension plans, which are subject to changes in foreign exchange rates.

Investing Activities

Cash flow used for investing activities was \$263 million during the three months ended March 31, 2022, a decrease of \$365 million compared to \$102 million of Cash flow provided by investing activities in the prior year period. Generally, the primary drivers of cash flow used for investing activities are acquisitions of businesses, purchases of short-term investments, capital expenditures, and payments for investments. Generally, the primary drivers of cash flow provided by investing activities are sales of businesses, sales of short-term investments, and proceeds from investments. The gains and losses corresponding to cash flows provided by proceeds from investments and used for payments for investments are primarily recognized in Other income (expense) in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

Short-term Investments

Short-term investments increased \$163 million as compared to December 31, 2021. As disclosed in Note 14 "Fair Value Measurements and Financial Instruments" of our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements contained in Part I, Item 1 of this report, the majority of our investments carried at fair value are money market funds. These money market funds are held throughout the world with various financial institutions. We are not aware of any market liquidity issues that would materially impact the fair value of these investments.

Acquisitions and Dispositions of Businesses

During the first three months of 2022, we completed one acquisition for total consideration transferred of \$137 million. Total cash consideration, net of cash acquired was \$134 million. During the first three months of 2022, we completed two dispositions. We had a net cash inflow related to dispositions of \$22 million for the first three months of 2022. The pretax gains recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income related to dispositions was \$25 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022.

During the first three months of 2021, we completed no acquisitions and no businesses were sold. There was no impact in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows related to prior year acquisitions.

Capital Expenditures

Our additions to fixed assets, including capitalized software, which amounted to \$23 million and \$29 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, primarily relate to the refurbishing and modernizing of office facilities, software development costs, and computer equipment purchases, much of which supports our flexible Smart Working strategy.

Financing Activities

Cash flow provided by financing activities during the three months ended March 31, 2022 was \$500 million, an increase of \$1,181 million compared to \$681 million of Cash flow used for financing activities in the prior year period. The primary drivers of cash flow provided by (used for) financing activities are issuances of debt, net of repayments, share repurchases, changes in net fiduciary liabilities, dividends paid to shareholders, issuances of shares for employee benefit plans, transactions with noncontrolling interests, and other financing activities, such as collection of or payments for deferred consideration in connection with prior year business acquisitions and divestitures.

Share Repurchase Program

We have a share repurchase program authorized by our Board of Directors. The Repurchase Program was established in April 2012 with \$5.0 billion in authorized repurchases, and was increased by \$5.0 billion in authorized repurchases in each of November 2014, June 2017, November 2020, and by \$7.5 billion in February 2022 for a total of \$27.5 billion in repurchase authorizations.

The following table summarizes our share repurchase activity (in millions, except per share data):

		Three Months Ended March 31,			
	·	2022		2021	
Shares repurchased		2.8		0.2	
Average price per share	\$	294.47	\$	217.70	
Repurchase costs recorded to retained earnings	\$	828	\$	50	

At March 31, 2022, the remaining authorized amount for share repurchases under the Repurchase Program was approximately \$8.4 billion. Under the Repurchase Program, we have repurchased a total of 152.4 million shares for an aggregate cost of approximately \$19.1 billion. For further information regarding the Repurchase Program, see Part I, Item 1 of this report.

Borrowings

Total debt at March 31, 2022 was \$10.3 billion, an increase of \$0.9 billion compared to December 31, 2021. Further, commercial paper activity during the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 is as follows (in millions):

	 Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2022		2021	
Total issuances (1)	\$ 1,656	\$	250	
Total repayments	(2,208)		(250)	
Net repayments	\$ (552)	\$	_	

⁽¹⁾ The proceeds of the commercial paper issuances are generally used for short-term working capital needs.

On February 28, 2022, Aon Corporation and Aon Global Holdings plc co-issued \$600 million of 2.85% Senior Notes due May 2027 and \$900 million of 3.90% Senior Notes due February 2052. The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the offering for general corporate purposes.

On December 2, 2021, Aon Corporation and Aon Global Holdings plc co-issued \$500 million aggregate principal amount of 2.60% Senior Notes set to mature on December 2, 2031. The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the offering for general corporate purposes.

In November 2021, the Company's \$500 million 2.20% Senior Notes due November 2022 were classified as Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as the date of maturity was within one year.

On August 23, 2021, Aon Corporation and Aon Global Holdings plc co-issued \$400 million of 2.05% Senior Notes due August 2031 and \$600 million of 2.90% Senior Notes due August 2051. The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the offering for general corporate purposes.

On January 13, 2021, Aon Global Limited issued an irrevocable notice of redemption to holders of its 2.80% Senior Notes for the redemption of all \$400 million outstanding aggregate principal amount of the notes, which were set to mature in March 2021 and classified as Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt as of December 31, 2020. The redemption date was on February 16, 2021 and resulted in an insignificant loss due to extinguishment.

Other Liquidity Matters

Distributable Profits

We are required under Irish law to have available "distributable profits" to make share repurchases or pay dividends to shareholders. Distributable profits are created through the earnings of the Irish parent company and, among other methods, through intercompany dividends or a reduction in share capital approved by the High Court of Ireland. Distributable profits are not linked to a U.S. GAAP reported amount (e.g. retained earnings). As of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, we had distributable profits in excess of \$31.7 billion and \$32.7 billion, respectively. We believe that we will have sufficient distributable profits for the foreseeable future.

Credit Facilities

We expect cash generated by operations for 2022 to be sufficient to service our debt and contractual obligations, finance capital expenditures, and continue to pay dividends to our shareholders. Although cash from operations is expected to be sufficient to service these activities, we have the ability to access the commercial paper markets or borrow under our credit

facilities to accommodate any timing differences in cash flows. Additionally, under current market conditions, we believe that we could access capital markets to obtain debt financing for longer-term funding, if needed.

As of March 31, 2022, we had two primary committed credit facilities outstanding: our \$1.0 billion multi-currency U.S. credit facility expiring in September 2026 and our \$750 million multi-currency U.S. credit facility expiring in October 2023. In aggregate, these two facilities provide \$1.75 billion in available credit.

Each of these primary committed credit facilities includes customary representations, warranties, and covenants, including financial covenants that require us to maintain specified ratios of adjusted consolidated EBITDA to consolidated interest expense and consolidated debt to consolidated adjusted EBITDA, tested quarterly. At March 31, 2022, we did not have borrowings under either facility, and we were in compliance with the financial covenants and all other covenants contained therein during the rolling 12 months ended March 31, 2022.

Shelf Registration Statement

On May 12, 2020, we filed a shelf registration statement with the SEC, registering the offer and sale from time to time of an indeterminate amount of, among other securities, debt securities, preference shares, class A Ordinary Shares and convertible securities. Our ability to access the market as a source of liquidity is dependent on investor demand, market conditions, and other factors.

Rating Agency Ratings

The major rating agencies' ratings of our debt at April 29, 2022 appear in the table below.

	Rat	Ratings		
	Senior Long- term Debt	Commercial Paper	Outlook	
Standard & Poor's	A-	A-2	Stable	
Moody's Investor Services	Baa2	P-2	Stable	
Fitch, Inc.	BBB+	F-2	Stable	

Letters of Credit and Other Guarantees

We have entered into a number of arrangements whereby our performance on certain obligations is guaranteed by a third party through the issuance of a letter of credit. We had total LOCs outstanding of approximately \$74 million at March 31, 2022, compared to \$75 million at December 31, 2021. These LOCs cover the beneficiaries related to certain of our U.S. and Canadian non-qualified pension plan schemes and secure deductible retentions for our own workers compensation program. We also have obtained LOCs to cover contingent payments for taxes and other business obligations to third parties, and other guarantees for miscellaneous purposes at our international subsidiaries.

We have certain contractual contingent guarantees for premium payments owed by clients to certain insurance companies. The maximum exposure with respect to such contractual contingent guarantees was approximately \$85 million at March 31, 2022, compared to \$153 million at December 31, 2021.

Guarantee of Registered Securities

In connection with the Ireland Reorganization, on April 1, 2020 Aon plc and Aon Global Holdings plc entered into various agreements pursuant to which they agreed to guarantee the obligations of Aon Corporation arising under issued and outstanding debt securities, which were previously guaranteed solely by Aon Global Limited arising under issued and outstanding debt securities, which were previously guaranteed solely by Aon Corporation. Those agreements included: (1) Second Amended and Restated Indenture, dated April 1, 2020, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited, Aon plc, and Aon Global Holdings plc and the Trustee (amending and restating the Amended and Restated Indenture, dated April 2, 2012, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited, Aon plc, Aon Global Holdings plc and the Trustee (amending and restating the Indenture, dated December 12, 2012, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited plc and the Trustee); (3) Second Amended and Restated Indenture, dated April 1, 2020, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited, Aon plc, Aon Global Holdings plc and the Trustee (amending and restating the Amended and Restated Indenture, dated May 20, 2015, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited and the Trustee); (4) Amended and Restated Indenture, dated April 1, 2020, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited, Aon plc, Aon Global Holdings plc and the Trustee (amending and restating the Indenture, dated November 13, 2015, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited and the Trustee); and (5) Amended and Restated Indenture, dated April 1, 2020, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited, Aon plc, A

Holdings plc and the Trustee (amending and restating the Indenture, dated December 3, 2018, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited and the Trustee).

After the Ireland Reorganization, newly issued and outstanding debt securities by Aon Corporation are guaranteed by Aon Global Limited, Aon plc, and Aon Global Holdings plc, and include the following (collectively, the "Aon Corporation Notes"):

Aon Corporation Notes

2.20% Senior Notes due November 2022

8.205% Junior Subordinated Notes due January 2027

4.50% Senior Notes due December 2028

3.75% Senior Notes due May 2029

2.80% Senior Notes due May 2030

6.25% Senior Notes due September 2040

All guarantees of Aon plc, Aon Global Limited, and Aon Global Holdings plc of the Aon Corporation Notes are joint and several as well as full and unconditional. Senior Notes rank pari passu in right of payment with all other present and future unsecured debt which is not expressed to be subordinate or junior in rank to any other unsecured debt of Aon Corporation. There are no subsidiaries other than those listed above that guarantee the Aon Corporation Notes.

After the Ireland Reorganization, newly issued and outstanding debt securities by Aon Global Limited are guaranteed by Aon plc, Aon Global Holdings plc, and Aon Corporation, and include the following (collectively, the "Aon Global Limited Notes"):

Aon Global Limited Notes

4.00% Senior Notes due November 2023

3.50% Senior Notes due June 2024

3.875% Senior Notes due December 2025

2.875% Senior Notes due May 2026

4.25% Senior Notes due December 2042

4.45% Senior Notes due May 2043

4.60% Senior Notes due June 2044

4.75% Senior Notes due May 2045

All guarantees of Aon plc, Aon Global Holdings plc, and Aon Corporation of the Aon Global Limited Notes are joint and several as well as full and unconditional. Senior Notes rank pari passu in right of payment with all other present and future unsecured debt which is not expressed to be subordinate or junior in rank to any other unsecured debt of Aon Global Limited. There are no subsidiaries other than those listed above that guarantee the Aon Global Limited Notes.

Newly co-issued and outstanding debt securities by Aon Corporation and Aon Global Holdings plc (together, the "Co-Issuers") are guaranteed by Aon plc and Aon Global Limited and include the following (collectively, the "Co-Issued Notes"):

Co-Issued Notes - Aon Corporation and Aon Global Holdings plc

2.85% Senior Notes due May 2027

2.05% Senior Notes due August 2031

2.60% Senior Notes due December 2031

2.90% Senior Notes due August 2051

3.90% Senior Notes due February 2052

All guarantees of Aon plc and Aon Global Limited of the Co-Issued Notes are joint and several as well as full and unconditional. Senior Notes rank pari passu in right of payment with all other present and future unsecured debt which is not expressed to be subordinate or junior in rank to any other unsecured debt of the Co-Issuers. There are no subsidiaries other than those listed above that guarantee the Co-Issued Notes.

Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited, and Aon Global Holdings plc are indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of Aon plc. Aon plc, Aon Global Limited, Aon Global Holdings plc, and Aon Corporation together comprise the "Obligor group". The following tables set forth summarized financial information for the Obligor group.

Adjustments are made to the tables to eliminate intercompany balances and transactions between the Obligor group. Intercompany balances and transactions between the Obligor group and non-guarantor subsidiaries are presented as separate line items within the summarized financial information. These balances are presented on a net presentation basis, rather than a gross basis, as this better reflects the nature of the intercompany positions and presents the funding or funded position that is to be received or owed. No balances or transactions of non-guarantor subsidiaries are presented in the summarized financial information, including investments of the Obligor group in non-guarantor subsidiaries.

Obligor Group Summarized Statement of Income Information

	Three Months Ended		
(millions)	March 31, 2022		
Revenue	\$ _		
Operating loss	\$ (24)		
Expense from non-guarantor subsidiaries before income taxes	\$ (171)		
Net loss	\$ (279)		
Net loss attributable to Aon shareholders	\$ (279)		

Obligor Group Summarized Statement of Financial Position Information

	Summarized Statement of Financial Position Information			
		As of	As of	
(millions)		March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	
Receivables due from non-guarantor subsidiaries	\$	2,751	\$ 1,646	
Other current assets		217	57	
Total current assets	\$	2,968	\$ 1,703	
Non-current receivables due from non-guarantor subsidiaries	\$	490	\$ 498	
Other non-current assets		890	882	
Total non-current assets	\$	1,380	\$ 1,380	
Payables to non-guarantor subsidiaries	\$	14,429	\$ 13,509	
Other current liabilities		2,183	2,013	
Total current liabilities	\$	16,612	\$ 15,522	
Non-current payables to non-guarantor subsidiaries	\$	7,140	\$ 7,139	
Other non-current liabilities		10,931	9,512	
Total non-current liabilities	\$	18,071	\$ 16,651	

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

There have been no changes in our critical accounting policies, which include revenue recognition, pensions, goodwill and other intangible assets, contingencies, share-based payments, and income taxes, as discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021.

NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

As described in Note 2 "Accounting Principles and Practices" to our Financial Statements contained in Part I, Item 1, all issued, but not yet effective, guidance has been deemed not applicable or not significant to the Financial Statements.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

We are exposed to potential fluctuations in earnings, cash flows, and the fair values of certain of our assets and liabilities due to changes in interest rates and foreign exchange rates. To manage the risk from these exposures, we enter into a variety of derivative instruments. We do not enter into derivatives or financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

The following discussion describes our specific exposures and the strategies we use to manage these risks. Refer to Note 2 "Accounting Principles and Practices" of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 of this report for a discussion of our accounting policies for financial instruments and derivatives.

Foreign Exchange Risk

We are subject to foreign exchange rate risk. Our primary exposures include exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and the euro, the British pound, the Canadian dollar, the Australian dollar, the Indian rupee, and the Japanese yen. We use over-the-counter options and forward contracts to reduce the impact of foreign currency risk to our financial statements.

Additionally, some of our non-U.S. brokerage subsidiaries receive revenue in currencies that differ from their functional currencies. Our U.K. subsidiaries earn a portion of their revenue in U.S. dollars, euro, and Japanese yen, but most of their expenses are incurred in British pounds. At March 31, 2022, we have hedged approximately 45% of our U.K. subsidiaries' expected exposures to U.S. dollar, euro, and Japanese yen transactions for the years ending December 31, 2022 and 2023, respectively. We generally do not hedge exposures beyond three years.

We also use forward and option contracts to economically hedge foreign exchange risk associated with monetary balance sheet exposures, such as intercompany notes and short-term assets and liabilities that are denominated in a non-functional currency and are subject to remeasurement.

The translated value of revenues and expenses from our international brokerage operations are subject to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. If we were to translate prior year results at current quarter exchange rates, diluted earnings per share would have an unfavorable \$0.19 impact during the three months ended March 31, 2022. Further, adjusted diluted earnings per share, a non-GAAP measure as defined and reconciled under the caption "Review of Consolidated Results — Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share," would have an unfavorable \$0.19 impact during the three months ended March 31, 2022 if we were to translate prior year results at current quarter exchange rates.

Interest Rate Risk

Our fiduciary investment income is affected by changes in international and domestic short-term interest rates. We monitor our net exposure to short-term interest rates and, as appropriate, hedge our exposure with various derivative financial instruments. This activity primarily relates to brokerage funds held on behalf of clients in the U.S. and in continental Europe. A decrease in global short-term interest rates adversely affects our fiduciary investment income.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures. We have conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report of March 31, 2022. Based on this evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective such that the information relating to Aon, including our consolidated subsidiaries, required to be disclosed in our SEC reports is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in appropriate statute, SEC rules and forms, and is accumulated and communicated to Aon's management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in internal control over financial reporting. No changes in Aon's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) occurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2022 that have materially affected, or that are reasonably likely to materially affect, Aon's internal control over financial reporting.

Part II Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

See Note 15 "Claims, Lawsuits, and Other Contingencies" to our Financial Statements contained in Part I, Item 1 of this report, which is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

The risk factors set forth in the "Risk Factors" section in Part I, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 reflect certain risks associated with existing and potential lines of business and contain "forward-looking statements" as discussed in "Information Concerning Forward-Looking Statements" elsewhere in this report. Readers should consider them in addition to the other information contained in this report as our business, financial condition or results of operations could be adversely affected if any of these risks actually occur.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

The following information relates to the purchase of equity securities by Aon or any affiliated purchaser during each month within the first quarter of 2022:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share (1)		Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs ⁽²⁾	Maximum Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
1/1/22 - 1/31/22	701,000	\$	278.56	701,000	\$	1,524,982,978
2/1/22 - 2/28/22	468,008	\$	283.60	468,008	\$	8,892,254,668
3/1/22 - 3/31/22	1,642,803	\$	304.36	1,642,803	\$	8,392,254,891
	2,811,811	\$	294.47	2,811,811	\$	8,392,254,891

⁽¹⁾ Does not include commissions or other costs paid to repurchase shares.

Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities

We did not make any unregistered sales of equity in the first quarter of 2022.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Not Applicable.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not Applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

Not Applicable.

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibits — The exhibits filed with this report are listed on the attached Exhibit Index.

⁽²⁾ The Repurchase Program was established in April 2012 with \$5.0 billion in authorized repurchases and was increased by \$5.0 billion in authorized repurchases in each of November 2014, June 2017, November 2020, and by \$7.5 billion in February 2022 for a total of \$27.5 billion in repurchase authorizations.

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements 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.

Aon plc (Registrant)

April 29, 2022 By: /s/ Michael Neller

Michael Neller

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND

GLOBAL CONTROLLER

(Principal Accounting Officer and duly authorized officer of

Registrant)

Exhibit Index

Description of Exhibit
Memorandum and Articles of Association of Aon plc (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Aon's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 4, 2021)
Amended and Restated Indenture, dated April 1, 2020, among Aon Corporation, Aon plc, Aon Global Limited, Aon Global Holdings plc and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (amending and restating the Indenture, dated December 3, 2018, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Limited and the Trustee) (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to Aon's Current Report on Form 8-K12B filed with the SEC on April 1, 2020)
Third Indenture Supplement, dated as of February 28, 2022, among Aon Corporation, Aon Global Holdings plc, the Guarantors and the Trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Aon's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 28, 2022)
Form of 2.850% Senior Notes due 2027 (including the Guarantees) (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Aon's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 28, 2022)
Form of 3.900% Senior Notes due 2052 (including the Guarantees) (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Aon's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 28, 2022)
Subsidiary Guarantors and Issuers of Guaranteed Securities
Certification of CEO.
Certification of CFO.
Certification of CEO Pursuant to section 1350 of Title 18 of the United States Code.
Certification of CFO Pursuant to section 1350 of Title 18 of the United States Code.
Interactive Data Files. The following materials are filed electronically with this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:
101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Definition Linkbase Document
101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Presentation Linkbase Document
101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document
Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)

^{*} Filed herewith

[#] Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement