# KANSAS CITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT





# Message From The President



It is my pleasure to share with you our highlights and achievements for Kansas City Life Insurance Company in 2024.

As an insurance company, we are impacted by the current economic environment in various aspects. The evolving governmental and legal climates continue to impact our cost of doing business in many ways. In addition, fluctuating market rates can result in significant impacts to the value of our assets, sales of our products, and new investment purchases. Higher interest rates have fostered higher yields and created an improved environment for investment opportunities. These higher interest rates have also benefited many of our policyholders through higher interest crediting to their policyholder account balances. They have also resulted in improved product offerings.

During 2024, we had an increase in net investment income of \$7.0 million and policyholder benefits decreased \$15.4 million compared to

the prior year, on the strength of lower reserves and death benefits. However, operating expenses increased, largely due to the addition of a \$21.1 million legal reserve accrual. Excluding this item, operating expenses declined. In total, we incurred a net loss of \$5.0 million in 2024 compared to net income of \$54.9 million in 2023. However, excluding the net impact of the legal reserve accrual, net income in 2024 would have amounted to \$11.7 million. In 2023, we had three large real estate sales that generated pretax gains of \$63.9 million in total. Excluding the net impact of the real estate gains, net income would have amounted to \$4.4 million in 2023.

Also during 2024, we have taken significant steps to improve our point-of-sale process on certain products to enable enhanced and faster decisions at the time of sale so that our agents and future policyholders can complete the sale more effectively and in a reduced timeframe. We are excited to extend these underwriting process improvements to additional portions of our product portfolio in 2025.

Finally, in 2024, we completed a significant conversion of policies to a new administrative system. This is an important initiative for us as we seek to consolidate administrative systems and ultimately to reduce our administrative expenses.

I am also pleased to have two new additions to our Board of Directors, Ms. Eileen Hutchinson and Mr. Richard Seagraves filling the vacancies of Mr. Cecil Miller and Mr. Howard Cohen. Ms. Hutchinson and Mr. Seagraves also joined the Audit Committee. We welcome Ms. Hutchinson and Mr. Seagraves, as they bring leadership and expertise to the Company.

Our promise of Security Assured shines throughout our nearly 130-year history. Our financial strength remains a testament to our resilience through the years. We remain committed to providing financial security to our valued policyholders. Our products are competitive and designed to meet the needs of our current and future customers. We look forward to the future with optimism and we remain poised to meet the challenges ahead.

Walter EBirthy

— Walter E. Bixby, LLIF President, Chief Executive Officer, and Vice Chairman of the Board

One hundred years ago – 1924 – was a significant year for Kansas City. The jazz scene began to develop at 18th and Vine and the Kansas City Monarchs went on to become champions in the first Negro League World Series. For Kansas City Life Insurance Company, in its 29th year in business, 1924 was a year of change and growth.

On Aug. 1, 1924, Kansas City Life's iconic Home Office building was completed at the cost of \$1 million. Prior to this year, the Company resided in a building off Ninth and Main in downtown Kansas City, Mo. The move to the upgraded Home Office in the Midtown area near Broadway and Armour was a sure sign of strength, and solidified Kansas City Life's position as a bustling business and scenic point in the city.

The renowned architectural firm that designed the building, Wight and Wight, achieved great success in Kansas City in the 1920s and 30s developing the architectural backdrop of the city throughout the years. Other notable constructions from the firm include the Jackson County Courthouse, City Hall, and The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.

Wight and Wight chose an elegant, neoclassical architectural style for the Home Office – a modern take on classic styles based on ancient architecture of Rome and Greece. This style can be predominantly seen in the large columns scanning the front of the building. However, it extends to the interior as well, with 20foot Italian Boticino marble columns, Italian Travertine walls, Italian verde marbled flooring, brass outlining, intricate ceiling carvings, and a bronze statue of Mercury, the Greek mythological god of abundance and commercial success. Throughout the years, Kansas City Life added two additions to its five acres of land to make room for expansion as business boomed and more associates were hired. Today, the Home Office is known for its history, tradition, and growth and is a familiar staple in Kansas City. The building achieved this point of recognition while the city formed around it for a century – developing the lively community that can be seen today. Built to withstand centuries of continuous business, the Home Office of Kansas City Life is prepared for the growth and many more milestones ahead.

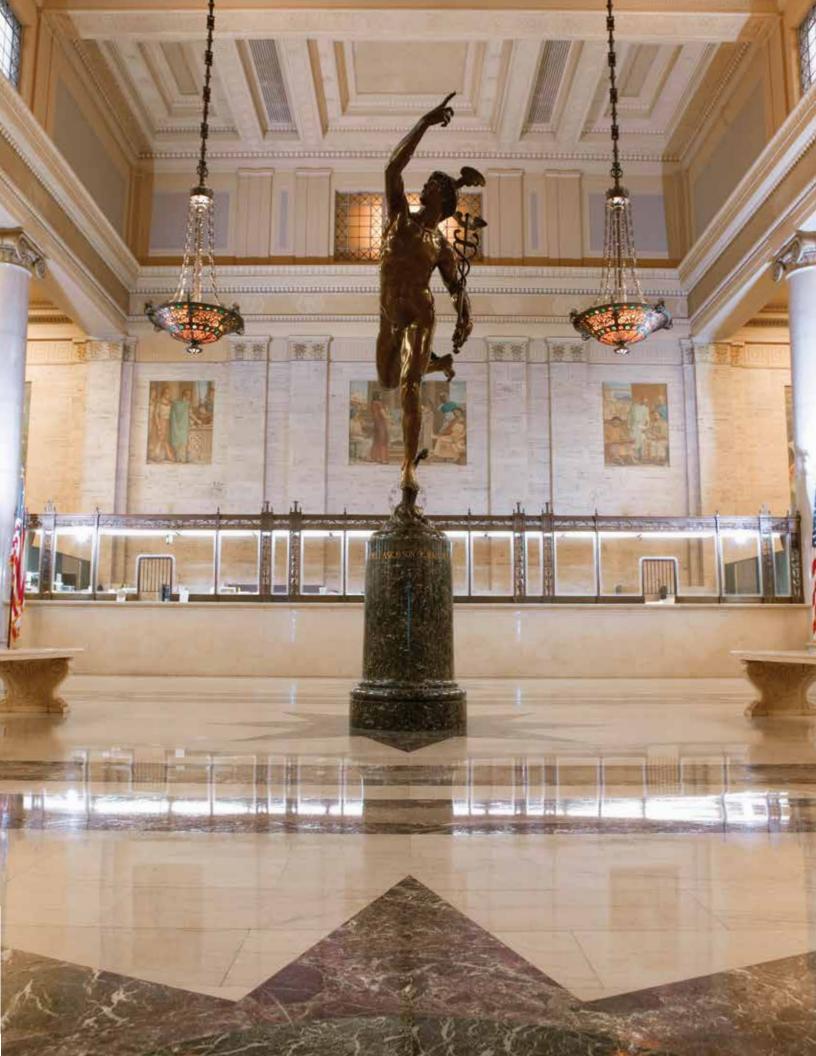
### **Individual Insurance**

Kansas City Life's Individual Insurance segment provides financial security to consumers in 49 states. Life insurance products are distributed through two channels: the Company's field force and third-party marketing arrangements. The Individual Insurance segment consists of individual insurance products for Kansas City Life and Grange Life Insurance Company.

#### Company's field force

The Company's field force is represented by independent agencies, which are operated by general agents and agents across the U.S. Kansas City Life provides each agency with a comprehensive product portfolio and the marketing support necessary to succeed in servicing consumers in their local markets.

The Company's product portfolio and individual one-on-one support from the Home Office are attractive recruiting resources, setting Kansas City Life apart from many in the industry.



#### Third-party alliances

Independent arrangements with GuideOne Mutual Insurance Company and AmeriLife Group LLC allow representatives from both companies to distribute Kansas City Life's products. These arrangements provide representatives with the complementary products and services they need to offer more complete financial security to their clients.

#### Life insurance sales

A measure of life insurance sales and new business production at Kansas City Life is from new premiums recorded and new deposits received. Premiums include receipts from traditional individual life insurance and immediate annuity products. Deposits are received from interest sensitive life insurance and fixed and variable annuity products.

The Individual Insurance segment generated approximately 52% of consolidated insurance revenues in 2024, down from approximately 54% in 2023.

Total new premiums decreased \$7.6 million or 24% in 2024 compared to 2023, due to a \$7.6 million or 30% decline in new immediate annuity premiums. Internal rollovers from various individual annuity products, which are included in immediate annuity premiums, were \$3.0 million lower in 2024 than in 2023. Total renewal premiums decreased \$3.3 million or 3% in 2024 compared to the prior year, reflecting a \$3.2 million or 3% decline in renewal traditional life insurance premiums.

Total new deposits declined \$2.3 million or 4% in 2024 compared to 2023. A \$3.1 million

or 34% decrease in new interest sensitive life deposits was partially offset by a \$0.8 million or 2% increase in new fixed annuity deposits. Total renewal deposits decreased \$2.7 million or 2% in 2024 compared to the prior year. A \$2.7 million or 2% decline in renewal interest sensitive life deposits and a \$1.5 million or 25% decline in renewal variable annuity deposits were partially offset by a \$1.5 million or 17% increase in renewal fixed annuity deposits.

#### Future growth

The Individual Insurance segment is an essential part of Kansas City Life's core business, representing a majority of the Company's revenue. The Company plans to continue to grow the segment by recruiting talented general agents and agents and by adding more third-party alliances. In 2024, the Company had excellent growth with its simplified issue term product. In 2025, the Company looks to continue to make enhancements to the product portfolio, focus on sales development, and provide marketing support.

### **Group Insurance**

Kansas City Life offers several insurance products in the Group Insurance segment, including dental, life, accident, critical illness, vision, and short- and long-term disability. These offerings encompass both traditional, employer-funded group insurance, as well as voluntary, employeepaid products.

The Group Insurance segment markets products primarily to small and mid-size organizations. Group products are sold through sales representatives who target a nationwide network of independent general agents and group brokers, along with the Company's career general agents. This sales network is this segment's core distribution system. The Company also markets Group products through select third-party marketing arrangements.

The Group Insurance segment generated 22% of the Company's consolidated insurance revenues in 2024, up from 20% in 2023. Total Group premiums increased \$3.1 million or 4% in 2024, following a \$2.9 million or 4% increase in 2023. The Group Insurance segment focuses on three primary areas of emphasis to improve sales:

- Growing in force business through the Company's sales representatives.
- Improving administrative efficiency through greater use of customer-facing technology, designed to reduce expenses and improve customer service.
- Targeting higher-premium opportunities by pursuing groups with multiple lines of coverage and generating annualized premium in excess of \$50,000.

### **Old American Insurance Company**

Founded in 1939, Old American Insurance Company has a long history of delivering final expense life insurance to its customers. Since the Company's inception, Old American's mission has been to provide present and future Peace of Mind to the senior market and, in turn, enhance the quality of life for both the client and their loved ones.

Old American's foundation is built on the philosophy that nobody should be considered uninsurable simply on the basis of age. That philosophy continues to resonate with its mission of providing financial protection and security to the senior market.

As a fourth-generation, family-oriented company, Old American is proud to help other families provide for future expenses and protect their loved ones. With values rooted in reliability, protection, and security, the Company continues to serve nearly 200,000 policyholders in 47 states and the District of Columbia. As a subsidiary of Kansas City Life Insurance Company, Old American also continues to support Kansas City Life's promise of providing Security Assured to its policyholders.

### Sunset Financial Services, Inc.

Sunset Financial Services Inc. is Kansas City Life's distributing broker/dealer for its proprietary line of variable annuity and variable universal life products.



# Consolidated Balance Sheets

Amounts in thousands, except share data

	Decer	December 31	
	2024	2023	
ASSETS			
Investments:			
Fixed maturity securities available for sale, at fair value	\$ 2,350,032	\$ 2,352,043	
Equity securities, at fair value	819	845	
Mortgage loans	575,068	592,328	
Real estate	96,867	98,042	
Policy loans	84,913	84,025	
Short-term investments	64,917	91,569	
Other investments	48,825	27,488	
Total investments	3,221,441	3,246,340	
Cash	8,101	9,695	
Accrued investment income	31,147	29,815	
Deferred acquisition costs	302,130	308,737	
Reinsurance recoverables	404,191	409,213	
Deposit asset on reinsurance	377,475	419,448	
Other assets	261,049	233,968	
Separate account assets	413,426	395,946	
Total assets	\$ 5,018,960	\$ 5,053,162	
LIABILITIES			
Future policy benefits	\$ 1,428,386	\$ 1,415,755	
Policyholder account balances	2,154,596	2,199,730	
Policy and contract claims	56,227	59,295	
Other policyholder funds	195,398	191,820	
Other liabilities	189,478	181,259	
Separate account liabilities	413,426	395,946	
Total liabilities	4,437,511	4,443,805	
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Common stock, par value \$1.25 per share			
Authorized 36,000,000 shares, issued 18,496,680 shares	23,121	23,121	
Additional paid in capital	41,025	41,025	
Retained earnings	948,985	959,373	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(190,381)	(172,861)	
Treasury stock, at cost (2024 and 2023 - 8,813,266 shares)	(241,301)	(241,301)	
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Total stockholders' equity	581,449	609,357	

For additional information, please see the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company's Annual Financial Report.

# Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

Amounts in thousands, except share data

	Year Ended	Year Ended December 31		
	2024	2023		
REVENUES				
Insurance revenues:				
Net premiums	\$ 196,363	\$ 211,166		
Contract charges	124,786	122,587		
Total insurance revenues	321,149	333,753		
Investment revenues:				
Net investment income	164,616	157,641		
Net investment gains (losses)	(676)	62,053		
Total investment revenues	163,940	219,694		
Other revenues	5,698	5,473		
Total revenues	490,787	558,920		
BENEFITS AND EXPENSES				
Policyholder benefits	250,352	265,788		
Interest credited to policyholder account balances	78,801	74,311		
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs	35,255	34,359		
Operating expenses	132,705	115,152		
Total benefits and expenses	497,113	489,610		
Income (loss) before income tax expense (benefit)	(6,326)	69,310		
Income tax expense (benefit)	(1,361)	14,390		
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (4,965)	\$ 54,920		
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS), NET OF TAXES				
Changes in:				
Net unrealized gains (losses) on securities available for sale	\$ (28,048)	\$ 68,940		
Effect on deferred acquisition costs, value of business acquired,				
and deferred revenue liabilities	3,266	(6,055)		
Benefit plan obligations	7,262	5,844		
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(17,520)	68,729		
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (22,485)	\$ 123,649		
Basic and diluted earnings per share:				
Net income (loss)	\$ (0.51)	\$ 5.67		

For additional information, please see the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company's Annual Financial Report.

# Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

	 Year Ended Dece		ember 31	
	 2024		2023	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Net cash used	\$ (58,369)	\$	(50,537)	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchases:				
Fixed maturity securities	(240,556)		(335,463)	
Mortgage loans	(39,545)		(23,539)	
Real estate	(1,425)		(2,454)	
Policy loans	(3,746)		(3,531)	
Other investments	(26,798)		(10,861)	
Property and equipment	(1,306)		(916)	
Sales or maturities, calls, and principal paydowns:				
Fixed maturity securities	200,257		265,130	
Mortgage loans	56,970		62,799	
Real estate	570		68,739	
Policy loans	2,857		2,246	
Other investments	13,066		8,299	
Property and equipment	_		20	
Net sales (purchases) of short-term investments	26,651		(33,071)	
Net cash used	 (13,005)		(2,602)	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Policyholder account balances – deposits	190,546		195,571	
Policyholder account balances – receipts from funding agreements	20,000		_	
Withdrawals from policyholder account balances	(185,834)		(203,536)	
Change in deposit asset on reinsurance, net	56,583		81,524	
Net transfers from separate accounts	721		2,678	
Change in other deposits	(6,813)		(15,748)	
Cash dividends to stockholders	(5,423)		(5,423)	
Net cash provided	 69,780		55,066	
Increase (decrease) in cash	 (1,594)		1,927	
Cash at beginning of year	9,695		7,768	
Cash at end of year		\$		

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#### **CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS**

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#### ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of stockholders will be held at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at Kansas City Life Insurance Company's corporate headquarters. Please see the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy.

#### TRANSFER AGENT

Heather Welch, Stock Agent and Assistant Secretary Kansas City Life Insurance Company Post Office Box 219139 | Kansas City, MO 64121-9139

#### ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT REQUEST

The Company's audited Annual Financial Report is available electronically on the Company's website (*www.kclife.com/Company/ Financials*) and the OTCQX website (*www.otcmarkets.com/stock/KCLI/disclosure*). Stockholders may request a free paper copy of Kansas City Life's audited Annual Financial Report, as published on the OTCQX best marketplace, by writing to Secretary, Kansas City Life Insurance Company.

#### SECURITY HOLDERS

As of January 31, 2025, Kansas City Life had approximately 115 holders of record.

# Stock and Dividend Information

The following table presents the high and low prices for the Company's common stock for the periods indicated and the dividends declared per share and paid during such periods. The Company's common stock is traded on the OTCQX best marketplace under the symbol "KCLI."

	High	Low	Dividend Paid	
2024				
First quarter	\$ 39.01	\$ 33.00	\$	0.14
Second quarter	38.47	34.50		0.14
Third quarter	39.00	34.70		0.14
Fourth quarter	36.67	35.00		0.14
			\$	0.56
2023				
First quarter	\$ 27.75	\$ 21.75	\$	0.14
Second quarter	27.00	20.00		0.14
Third quarter	25.75	22.76		0.14
Fourth quarter	37.00	25.00		0.14
			\$	0.56

A quarterly dividend of \$0.14 per share was paid February 12, 2025.

The high and low market quotations are compiled according to Company records and may reflect inter-dealer prices, without markup, markdown, or commission and may not necessarily represent actual transactions.



#### Kansas City Life Insurance Company

Since 1895, Kansas City Life Insurance Company (*www.kclife.com*) has been dedicated to the present and future financial security of our customers. Kansas City Life provides financial services, including life insurance and investments\*, to consumers throughout 49 states and the District of Columbia. More than 2,500 general agents and agents serve individuals, families, small businesses, and corporations with a diverse range of products, including universal life, term life, whole life, variable life insurance\*, variable annuities\*, fixed deferred annuities, and group products. Kansas City Life has been providing Security Assured for more than 129 years.

### **Grange** Life Insurance

#### Grange Life Insurance Company

From 1968 to 2018, Grange Life Insurance Company served as the life affiliate of Grange Mutual Insurance Company, headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, and operated in 13 Midwestern and Southern states. Grange Life became part of the Kansas City Life Group of Companies in 2018 and has adopted the Kansas City Life branding.



#### **Old American Insurance Company**

Since 1939, for over 85 years, the mission of Old American Insurance Company (*www.oaic.com*) has been to provide Peace of Mind to the senior market. Agents assist individuals ages 50 to 85 through final arrangements planning and communication, in order to enhance the quality of life for policyholders and relieve the emotional and financial burdens from their beneficiaries. In addition, Old American offers a whole life insurance policy for children two weeks to 15 years old, further extending Peace of Mind to parents and grandparents. Old American operates in 47 states and the District of Columbia.



#### Sunset Financial Services Inc.\*

Sunset Financial Services Inc. is the distributing broker/dealer for Kansas City Life's line of variable annuity and variable universal life products.

#### Financial Rating, evaluated by A.M. Best

Kansas City Life Insurance Company: A- (Excellent; Stable Outlook) Grange Life Insurance Company: B++ (Good; Negative Outlook) Old American Insurance Company: B++ (Good; Stable Outlook)

These ratings represent A.M. Best's opinion of the financial strength and stability of Kansas City Life, Grange Life, and Old American Insurance Companies and each company's ability to meet ongoing obligations to policyholders, as of October 2024.

There are 13 financial strength ratings assigned by A.M. Best, ranging from A++ (Superior) to D (Poor).

\*Kansas City Lifé's variable product series is distributed through Sunset Financial Services, Inc.

# Board of Directors Kansas City Life Insurance Company

#### Kevin G. Barth

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