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FORM 10-O

x Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2018

OR

"Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Transition Period from to Commission file number 001-18298

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Kemper Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 95-4255452
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(312) 661-4600

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 x No ...

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted 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 and post such files). Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See definition of "accelerated filer, large accelerated filer, smaller reporting company and emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

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Accelerated filer

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Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller Reporting Company

Emerging Growth Company "

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes " No x

51,536,698 shares of common stock, \$0.10 par value, were outstanding as of April 25, 2018.

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Caution Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This Ouarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including, but not limited to, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A"), Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk, Risk Factors and the accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (including the notes thereto) of Kemper Corporation ("Kemper") and its subsidiaries (individually and collectively referred to herein as the "Company") may contain or incorporate by reference information that includes or is based on forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe-harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements give expectations or forecasts of future events. The reader can identify these statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. They use words such as "believe(s)," "goal(s)," "target(s)," "estimate(s)," "anticipate(s)," "forecast(s)," "project(s)," "plan(s)," "intend(s)," "expect(s)," "might," "may," "could terms of similar meaning. Forward-looking statements, in particular, include statements relating to future actions, prospective services or products, future performance or results of current and anticipated services or products, sales efforts, expenses, the outcome of contingencies such as legal proceedings, trends in operations and financial results. Any or all forward-looking statements may turn out to be wrong, and, accordingly, Kemper cautions readers not to place undue reliance on such statements. Kemper bases these statements on current expectations and the current economic environment as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. They involve a number of risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. These statements are not guarantees of future performance; actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements can be affected by inaccurate assumptions or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties that may be important in determining the Company's actual future results and financial condition.

In addition to those factors discussed under Item 1A., "Risk Factors," of Part I of Kemper's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), for the year ended December 31, 2017 (the "2017 Annual Report") as updated by Item 1A. of Part II of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the reader should consider the following list of general factors that, among others, could cause the Company's actual results and financial condition to differ materially from estimated results and financial condition.

Factors related to the legal and regulatory environment in which Kemper and its subsidiaries operate

- Evolving practices and interpretations by regulators and courts that increase operating costs and potential liabilities, particularly any that involve retroactive application of new requirements, including, but not limited to, state initiatives related to unclaimed property laws or claims handling practices with respect to life insurance policies and the proactive use of death verification databases;
- Adverse outcomes in litigation or other legal or regulatory proceedings involving Kemper or its subsidiaries or affiliates;

Governmental actions, including, but not limited to, implementation of new federal and state laws and regulations, and court decisions interpreting existing laws and regulations or policy provisions;

Uncertainties related to regulatory approval of insurance rates, policy forms, insurance products, license applications, dividends from insurance subsidiaries, acquisitions of businesses and other matters within the purview of state insurance regulators;

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Factors relating to insurance claims and related reserves in the Company's insurance businesses

The incidence, frequency and severity of catastrophes occurring in any particular reporting period or geographic area, including natural disasters, pandemics and terrorist attacks or other man-made events;

The number and severity of insurance claims (including those associated with catastrophe losses);

Changes in facts and circumstances affecting assumptions used in determining loss and loss adjustment expenses ("LAE") reserves, including, but not limited to, the number and severity of insurance claims, changes in claims handling procedures and closure patterns and development patterns;

The impact of inflation on insurance claims, including, but not limited to, the effects on personal injury claims of increasing medical costs and the effects on property claims attributed to scarcity of resources available to rebuild damaged structures, including labor and materials and the amount of salvage value recovered for damaged property; Developments related to insurance policy claims and coverage issues, including, but not limited to, interpretations or decisions by courts or regulators that may govern or influence losses incurred in connection with hurricanes and other catastrophes;

Orders, interpretations or other actions by regulators that impact the reporting, adjustment and payment of claims; Changes in the pricing or availability of reinsurance, or in the financial condition of reinsurers and amounts recoverable therefrom;

Factors related to the Company's ability to compete

Changes in the ratings by rating agencies of Kemper and/or its insurance company subsidiaries with regard to credit, financial strength, claims paying ability and other areas on which the Company is rated;

The level of success and costs incurred in realizing or maintaining economies of scale, integrating acquired businesses and implementing significant business initiatives, including, but not limited to, those related to expense and claims savings, consolidations, reorganizations and technology;

Absolute and relative performance of the Company's products and services, including, but not limited to, the level of success achieved in designing and introducing new insurance products;

The ability of the Company to maintain the availability of critical systems and manage technology initiatives cost-effectively to address insurance industry developments and regulatory requirements;

Heightened competition, including, with respect to pricing, consolidations of existing competitors or entry of new competitors and alternate distribution channels, introduction of new technologies, emergence of telematics, refinements of existing products and development of new products by current or future competitors;

Expected benefits and synergies from mergers, acquisitions and/or divestitures that may not be realized to the extent anticipated, within expected time frames or at all, due to a number of factors including, but not limited to, the loss of key agents/brokers, customers or employees, increased costs, fees, expenses and related charges and delays caused by factors outside of the Company's control;

Factors relating to the business environment in which Kemper and its subsidiaries operate

Changes in general economic conditions, including, but not limited to, performance of financial markets, interest rates, inflation, unemployment rates and fluctuating values of particular investments held by the Company;

Absolute and relative performance of investments held by the Company;

Changes in insurance industry trends and significant industry developments;

Changes in consumer trends and significant consumer or product developments;

Changes in capital requirements, including the calculations thereof, used by regulators and rating agencies;

Regulatory, accounting or tax changes that may affect the cost of, or demand for, the Company's products or services or after-tax returns from the Company's investments;

The impact of required participation in windpools and joint underwriting associations, residual market assessments and assessments for insurance industry insolvencies;

Changes in distribution channels, methods or costs resulting from changes in laws or regulations, lawsuits or market forces:

Increased costs and risks related to cybersecurity and information technology, including, but not limited to, identity theft, data breaches and system disruptions affecting services and actions taken to minimize the risks thereof; and

Factors Relating to the Proposed Acquisition of Infinity Property and Casualty Corporation ("Infinity")

The satisfaction of the conditions precedent to the consummation of the merger, including, without limitation, the receipt of shareholder and regulatory approvals (including approvals, authorizations and clearance by insurance regulators necessary to complete such proposed merger transaction) on the terms desired or anticipated (and the risk that such approvals may result in the imposition of conditions that could adversely affect the combined company or the expected benefits of such proposed merger transaction);

Unanticipated difficulties or expenditures relating to such proposed merger transaction;

Risks relating to the value of Kemper common stock to be issued in the proposed transaction;

Disruptions of Kemper's and Infinity's current plans, operations and relationships with third persons caused by the announcement and pendency of such proposed merger transaction, including, without limitation, the ability of the combined company to hire and retain any personnel; and

Legal proceedings that may be instituted against Kemper and Infinity in connection with such proposed merger transaction.

Other risks and uncertainties described from time to time in Kemper's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

Kemper cannot provide any assurances that the results contemplated in any forward-looking statements will be achieved or will be achieved in any particular timetable or that future events or developments will not cause such statements to be inaccurate. Kemper assumes no obligation to correct or update any forward-looking statements publicly for any changes in events or developments or in the Company's expectations or results subsequent to the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Kemper advises the reader, however, to consult any further disclosures Kemper makes on related subjects in its filings with the SEC.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

KEMPER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Dollars in millions, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months		
	Ended		
	Mar 31, Mar 31,		
	2018	2017	
Revenues:			
Earned Premiums		\$563.4	ŀ
Net Investment Income		81.6	
Other Income		0.9	
Income from Change in Fair Value of Equity Securities			
Net Realized Gains on Sales of Investments		10.5	
Other-than-temporary Impairment Losses:			
Total Other-than-temporary Impairment Losses	(0.5)	(5.2)
Portion of Losses Recognized in Other Comprehensive Income		0.2	
Net Impairment Losses Recognized in Earnings	(0.5)	(5.0)
Total Revenues	693.0	651.4	
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Expenses: Policy boldere', Panafita and Ingurred Lassas and Lass Adjustment Expenses.	436.9	477.4	
Policyholders' Benefits and Incurred Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses		158.0	
Insurance Expenses		19.5	
Interest and Other Expenses			
Total Expenses	626.0	654.9	`
Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations before Income Taxes	67.0)
Income Tax Benefit (Expense)	(13.4) 53.6		`
Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations)
Income from Discontinued Operations		0.1	,
Net Income (Loss)		\$(0.3)
Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations Per Unrestricted Share:			