#### **2021 BUSINESS & SUSTAINABILITY REPORT**

### The Aflac Way

Making a difference while balancing purpose and profit



# More than 66 Years of The Aflac Way: Paddling with a Purpose

The Aflac Way embodies the core values that our company established more than 66 years ago, and it's still fundamental to how we operate today. It is living up to our commitments to our policyholders, employees, shareholders and other stakeholders. The Aflac Way is not just the way we work, but part of our culture and how we prioritize action to ensure we fulfill the promises we make to those who rely on us. Even long before the Aflac Duck came along, the people of Aflac were already building our brand name through action and service The Aflac Way.



### **Seven Commitments of The Aflac Way**

#### **COMMITMENT #1:**

**Communicate Regularly.** 

#### **COMMITMENT #2:**

Respond Immediately.

#### **COMMITMENT #3:**

**Know Your Stuff.** 

#### **COMMITMENT #4:**

Treat Everyone With Respect and Care.

#### **COMMITMENT #5:**

Your Problem Is My Problem.

#### **COMMITMENT #6:**

**Shoot Straight.** 

#### **COMMITMENT #7:**

Cover the Customer— Not Your Behind.



#### **About Aflac Incorporated**

Aflac Incorporated (NYSE: AFL) is a Fortune 500 company helping provide protection to more than 50 million people through its subsidiaries in Japan and the U.S., where it is a leading supplemental insurer by paying cash fast when policyholders get sick or injured. For more than six decades, insurance policies of Aflac Incorporated's subsidiaries have given policyholders the opportunity to focus on recovery, not financial stress. In the U.S., Aflac is the number one provider of voluntary insurance products at the worksite\*. Aflac Life Insurance Japan is the leading provider of medical and cancer insurance in Japan, where it insures 1 in 4 households.

#### **Our Promise**

For more than 66 years, Aflac has had the unique privilege of helping to provide financial protection and peace of mind to more than 50 million people. While many things have changed over the decades, one thing that has not wavered is Aflac's commitment to all of its stakeholders. Each and every day, we deliver on this commitment to be there for our policyholders when an illness, health event or life situation occurs — those challenging times when our policyholders need us most. We are dedicated to championing people's pursuit of their dreams and careers as employees, independent sales agents and through our diverse distribution networks. We are committed to our decades-long track record of creating value for our shareholders for the investment and trust they place in Aflac Incorporated. We consider ourselves privileged to be in a position to give back and help improve our communities where we can with our philanthropic commitments, including helping children who are facing cancer and other serious illnesses.

#### **Aflac Incorporated's Goal**

To provide customers with the best value in supplemental insurance products in the United States and Japan.

#### **Long-term Growth Strategy**



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### **A Message**

### from Daniel P. Amos, Aflac Incorporated Chairman and CEO



All things being equal, we believe most people prefer doing business with a company that is also a good corporate citizen.

At Aflac Incorporated, we believe that strong ethics, good corporate citizenship, and financial success go hand in hand. We have elevated doing the right thing to priority status for as long as I can remember. Even before the concept of corporate social responsibility or the focus on environmental, social and governance (ESG) had specific names, it was how we did business and part of who we are. It is The Aflac Way.

The Aflac Way is engrained in our culture, daily operations, and interactions with the communities we serve and in which we live. All things being equal, we believe most people prefer doing business with a company that is also a good corporate citizen. Whether it is being there for our policyholders when they need us most, helping families facing childhood cancer, providing opportunities for our diverse workforce and distribution channels, being mindful of our impact on the environment, or being good stewards of the resources of shareholders, we believe that our approach is not only the right thing to do but also makes good business sense.

As we reflect on 2021, **adaptable**, **purposeful** and **resilient** are three adjectives that first come to mind. I don't think it's coincidental that Aflac has achieved success while being purposeful about doing the right thing. In fact, I believe they go hand in hand.

I'm proud of what we have accomplished by delivering solid earnings and in terms of our social purpose. I want to emphasize a very important point: although we at Aflac were certainly impacted by the COVID pandemic, we have not remained idle waiting for it to disappear. We have continued to invest strategically in our business and our brand.



Through sound risk management, agile planning and acting swiftly, Aflac was well positioned to respond in order to safeguard the health and well-being of our workforce, policyholders and communities in both Japan and the United States. After all, our greatest commitment to our policyholders lies in our promise to be there for them in their time of need.

In the face of the ongoing pandemic, in 2021 we reported net earnings per diluted share of \$6.39 and adjusted earnings per diluted share of \$6.00, excluding the impact of foreign currency.\* This latter measure of profitability is one of the principal financial measures used to evaluate management's performance and allows us to continue fulfilling our purpose as a socially responsible corporation that benefits shareholders and stakeholders alike over the long term. We are continually working on our foundation of sustainable growth, especially related to leveraging these particular strategic areas of focus:

- · Diverse and productive distribution
- · Recognized, trusted and powerful brand
- Product innovation and customized, high-quality service
- Strong capital position marked by stable earnings and strong cash flows
- Industry-leading market share and scale in Japan and the U.S.

We are pleased to share one remarkable achievement in 2021—our 39th consecutive year of increasing our dividend. We are proud to be able to continue that long track record even amid the backdrop of a global pandemic.

The world continues to change in ways that surprise us. But what hasn't changed is the fact that, pandemic or no pandemic, people still face the same illnesses, accidents, and Through sound risk management, agile planning and acting swiftly,
Aflac was well positioned to respond in order to safeguard the health and well-being of our workforce, policyholders and communities in both Japan and the United States.

health conditions every day. We remain committed to being there for them in their time of need. Despite uncertainty, we have maintained our focus on controlling the things that we have the power to control. We will continue to build our business and take care of those who depend on us: our policyholders, shareholders, customers, employees, distribution channels and communities in which we operate.

Throughout this report, you will read about some of our many achievements in our environmental, social and governance initiatives, as well as Aflac Incorporated's financial performance. So much has occurred over the last 30-plus years. Through it all, I continue to believe that our compassionate approach and the trust we build with those who depend upon us results in a stronger brand that consumers, employees and all our stakeholders want to associate with. This approach ultimately helps us generate long-term value for shareholders. We hope that you will enjoy what you find on the pages of this report, as well as future updates.

**Daniel P. Amos** 

CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In this document, we may refer to Aflac Incorporated's businesses collectively as "Aflac" or the "Company," the Company's U.S. businesses as "Aflac U.S." and the Company's Japan businesses as "Aflac Japan."

Adjusted earnings are adjusted revenues less benefits and adjusted expenses. Adjusted earnings per share (basic or diluted) are the adjusted earnings for the period divided by the weighted average outstanding shares (basic or diluted) for the period presented. The adjustments to both revenues and expenses account for certain items that cannot be predicted or that are outside management's control. Adjusted revenues are U.S. GAAP total revenues excluding adjusted net investment gains and losses. Adjusted expenses are U.S. GAAP total acquisition and operating expenses including the impact of interest cash flows from derivatives associated with notes payable but excluding any nonrecurring or other items not associated with the normal course of the Company's insurance operations and that do not reflect the Company's underlying business performance. Management uses adjusted earnings and adjusted earnings per diluted share to evaluate the financial performance of the Company's insurance operations on a consolidated basis and believes that a presentation of these financial measures is vitally important to an understanding of the underlying profitability drivers and trends of the Company's insurance business. The most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measures for adjusted earnings and adjusted earnings per share (basic or diluted) are net earnings and net earnings per share, respectively. Adjusted earnings excluding current period foreign currency impact are computed using the average foreign currency exchange rate for the comparable prior-year period, which eliminates fluctuations driven solely by foreign currency exchange rate changes. Adjusted earnings per diluted share excluding current period foreign currency impact is adjusted earnings excluding current period foreign currency impact divided by the weighted average outstanding diluted shares for the period presented. The Company considers adjusted earnings excluding current period foreign currency impact and adjusted earnings per diluted share excluding current period foreign currency impact important because a significant portion of the Company's business is conducted in Japan and foreign exchange rates are outside management's control; therefore, the Company believes it is important to understand the impact of translating foreign currency (primarily Japanese yen) into U.S. dollars. The most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measures for adjusted earnings excluding current period foreign currency impact and adjusted earnings per diluted share excluding current period foreign currency impact are net earnings and net earnings per share, respectively. Adjusted earnings of \$6.00 per share excludes per share adjusted net investment gains of \$0.68, other and non-recurring losses of \$0.11, income tax expense on items excluded from adjusted earnings of \$0.12, and foreign currency impact of \$0.06.





At Aflac, we believe that helping our stakeholders and the people in our communities have a better quality of life is not only the right thing to do, but that it also makes good business sense and gives people – customers, employees, sales professionals and investors – a greater desire to be a part of our company. Ultimately, we believe this is a more sustainable approach to business and one that will continue to increase shareholder value.

The number one reason Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles are important to us is that they align closely with our corporate culture and values. ESG is all about doing right by not only our shareholders, but also our employees, policyholders, and the environments in which they live and work. We've always had purpose, but now we have the stakeholder support and measurement tools to help us meet our profit goals in ways that also meet our environmental and social goals.

We also think that's important in order to attract capital to our company, such that we can continue to grow and then circulate that growth and the profits and capital we generate back into ESG efforts.

We've always had purpose, and we are also focusing on the measurement tools to analyze our ESG efforts as we work each day to balance our purpose and profit.

**Fred Crawford** 

AFLAC INCORPORATED PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER



### **About This Report**

At Aflac, we strive to report openly and transparently about our organization's ESG strategy and activities by capturing our ongoing efforts to balance purpose with profit. This is our second Business and Sustainability report that integrates a review of our operations and financial results with how we measure and manage the impact we have on our workplace, workforce, customers, investors, communities and planet.



### Reporting Scope and Boundaries

The report includes financial and nonfinancial information from Aflac Incorporated and its reporting segments, Aflac U.S. and Aflac Japan, and covers our environmental, social and governance strategies, progress, data and performance for the 2021 fiscal year (January 1 to December 31) unless otherwise noted. All financial information is presented in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise noted. For additional corporate sustainability activities and disclosures, please visit Sustainability under the Investor Relations section of our website.

In this report, the terms "Aflac," "we," or "our" refer to Aflac Incorporated. The term "Aflac U.S." refers collectively to the Company's United States insurance subsidiaries, American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus and its wholly-owned subsidiary American Family Life Assurance Company of New York (Aflac New York); Continental American Insurance Company (CAIC), branded as Aflac Group Insurance; and Tier One Insurance Company (TOIC); as well as Argus Dental & Vision, Inc. (Argus), a benefits management organization and national network dental and vision company. The term "Aflac Japan" refers to Aflac Life Insurance Japan Ltd. The term "Aflac Global Investments" refers to our asset



management subsidiary, Aflac Asset Management LLC and its management subsidiary in Japan, Aflac Asset Management Japan Ltd. The term "Aflac Global Ventures" refers to our corporate venture subsidiary Aflac Global Ventures LLC and its subsidiaries.

### **Standards and Frameworks**

The contents of this report have been defined according to the principles of accuracy, balance, clarity, comparability, reliability and timeliness.

This 2021 Business and Sustainability Report aligns with several key reporting frameworks and standards, including those of the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB), the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI). We focus on disclosures most material to our business. Disclosures that align with these standards are noted by indicators within the report and in the ESG Reporting Index.









This Report uses certain terms, including those that the reporting frameworks refer to as "Material Topics," to reflect the issues of greatest importance to Aflac Incorporated and our stakeholders. Used in this context, these terms should not be confused with terms, such as "material" or "materiality," as defined by or construed in accordance with securities law or as used in the context of financial statements and financial reporting.

Please note that Aflac has not sought independent verification for this report, but has practices in place to internally validate the data.

We invite you to contact us with questions or requests for more information about this report at esg@aflac.com.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a "safe harbor" to encourage companies to provide prospective information, so long as those informational statements are identified as forward-looking and are accompanied by meaningful cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those included in the forward-looking statements. The company desires to take advantage of these provisions.

This document contains cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected herein, and in any other statements made by company officials in communications with the financial community and contained in documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Forward-looking statements are not based on historical information and relate to future operations, strategies, financial results or other developments. Furthermore, forward-looking information is subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties. In particular, statements containing words such as "expect," "anticipate," "believe," "goal," "objective," "may," "should," "estimate," "intends," "projects," "will," "assumes," "potential," "target," "outlook" or similar words as well as specific projections of future results, generally qualify as forward-looking. Aflac undertakes no obligation to update such forward-looking statements. For a discussion of assumptions, risks, uncertainties and other important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements, see our most recent reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q filed with the SEC.



### Leading Provider of High-Quality, Supplemental Insurance

By delivering on our promise to be there when our policyholders need us most and running our business The Aflac Way, we've gained the trust of more than 50 million people worldwide who count on us to pay claims fairly and promptly.

**MARKET CAP** 

\$38.6

**FY21 REVENUE** 

\$22.1 billion

**FY21 EMPLOYEES** 

~12,400

PROVIDER OF CANCER AND MEDICAL INSURANCE IN JAPAN

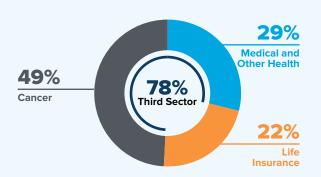
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PROVIDER OF SUPPLEMENTAL
HEALTH INSURANCE AT THE
WORKSITE IN THE UNITED STATES

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#### **2021 NET EARNED PREMIUM BY SEGMENT**

#### **JAPAN**



<sup>1</sup> As of December 31, 2021, close price

#### **UNITED STATES**

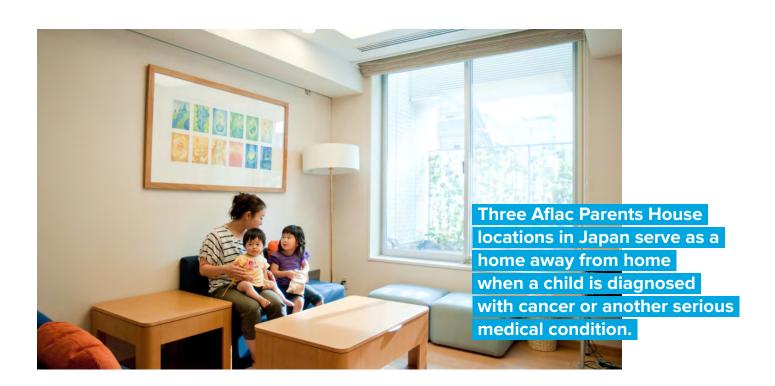




In Japan, we are proud to insure one in four households. Japan's life insurance market is the third largest in the world behind the United States and China. As of the end of March 2021. Aflac Japan was the leading company in Japan's growing third sector, which includes cancer, medical, and nursing care insurance. Aflac Japan generated solid overall financial results for the year, with a strong profit margin of 25.2% and extremely strong premium persistency of 94.3%. In 2021, we launched new products, including a medical insurance product and a nursing care insurance product, in January and September, respectively, and succeeded in expanding sales in the third sector. As a result, annualized premiums for new contracts were up 7.7% for the year.

In 2024, Aflac will celebrate its 50th year in Japan. As we look toward this milestone, Aflac Japan developed the strategic vision, Aflac VISION 2024, with the aim of positioning Aflac Japan as the leading company for creating "Living in Your Own Way." Aflac Japan's Medium-term Management Strategy provides a roadmap for achieving VISION 2024. In the sales and marketing fields, we will comprehensively provide protection and services for various societal issues related to cancer and medical care, increase added value, and focus on building an "ecosystem" for "living in your own way" that differentiates us from other companies.

Aflac Japan will continue to solidify its leading position for "insurance for living," and further strengthen its product lineup, including in March 2022, a new insurance product providing coverage for work leave of less than a year, which will further contribute to strengthening of the income support area. In addition, Aflac Japan is deepening its collaborative relationships with business partners and is working hard to support our sales agents.





#### **2021 Aflac Japan Financial Highlights**

NET EARNED PREMIUM\* DECREASED 3.9% TO

¥1.3

PRETAX ADJUSTED EARNINGS
INCREASED 18.5% TO

¥412.1

ADJUSTED NET INVESTMENT INCOME INCREASED 17.6% TO

¥333.0

PRETAX PROFIT MARGIN INCREASED 400 BASIS POINTS TO

25.2%

TOTAL ADJUSTED EXPENSE RATIO INCREASED 30 BASIS POINTS TO

21.5%

TOTAL BENEFIT RATIO DECREASED 270 BASIS POINTS TO

**67.2**%

THIRD SECTOR BENEFIT
RATIO DECREASED 310 BASIS
POINTS TO

56.6%

PRETAX ADJUSTED EARNINGS INCREASED 15.0% TO

\$3.8

NET EARNED PREMIUM\* DECREASED 6.4% TO

\$11.9 billion

TOTAL ADJUSTED REVENUES DECREASED 2.9% TO

\$14.9 billion

<sup>\*</sup> Net earned premium is net of reinsurance.



### Distribution that Reaches Japanese Consumers

Aflac Japan recognizes that it is vitally important to be where people want to make their insurance-purchasing decisions, and we believe our multifaceted distribution platform remains one of the strongest in Japan. Aflac is proud to insure one in four Japanese households, but we believe there are still opportunities to reach even more customers. Our solution lies in product innovation and leveraging our powerful brand and broad distribution networks. Aflac Japan's traditional channels, which include individual agencies, independent corporate agencies and affiliated corporate agencies, remain key to our success, once again representing a significant portion of our sales in 2021. Our strategic partnership unifies Japan Post Group, Japan's largest nationwide distribution network, with Aflac Japan, the industry leader in cancer insurance. Aflac Japan is the only provider of cancer insurance distributed through Japan Post Group's nationwide network in Japan, and our cancer insurance is offered through more than 20,000 postal outlets of Japan Post Company and 76 directly managed offices of Japan Post Insurance.

The expanded use of non-face-to-face sales activities, including online proposals and applications, helped reduce the COVID-19 pandemic impact. In the pandemic environment an increasing number of customers sought to avoid face-to-face insurance consultations. To respond to changes in customer needs for insurance consultations and applications, Aflac Japan implemented a virtual sales system (Aflac's online consultation) that enables customers to complete the solicitation process online from insurance consultations to applications. Aflac Japan introduced such capabilities ahead of other companies in October 2020, and we are working to fully expand the use of this system though our agencies where face-to-face sales are restricted due to COVID-19. In the future, Aflac Japan is considering expanding online consultation to other channels, and we believe that our strength of having various channels of communication with our customers will be further strengthened.

### Aflac Japan Distribution Channels

#### Traditional Sales Channel\*

Aflac Japan was represented by more than 8,000 sales agencies at the end of 2021, equating to nearly 112,000 licensed sales agents employed by those agencies, including individual agencies.

#### Strategic Alliances

#### **Japan Post Group**

In 2021, the number of postal outlets of Japan Post Company selling Aflac's cancer product totaled more than 20,000. Japan Post Insurance offers Aflac cancer products through its 76 directly managed offices.

#### **Dai-ichi Life**

Our alliance with Dai-ichi Life was launched in 2001, and approximately 40,000 Dai-ichi Life representatives offer Aflac's cancer products.

#### **Daido Life**

In September 2013, Aflac Japan and Daido Life Insurance entered into an agreement for Daido to sell Aflac's cancer insurance products specifically to the Hojinkai market, which is an association of small businesses.

#### **Banks**

Aflac Japan was represented by 360 banks at the end of 2021, or approximately 90% of the total number of banks in Japan.

 Includes individual agencies, independent corporate agencies and affiliated corporate agencies



#### **Growth Strategy Overview**

Citizens of Japan are covered by a national health care insurance system that provides a standard level of medical insurance. Amid Japan's rapidly aging population and declining birthrate, the national health care system has faced increasing financial strain, leading to an increasing level of financial pressure on consumers from increasing health care costs. As a result, consumers have had to increasingly assume more financial responsibility for out-of-pocket health care expenses and medical care. Most Japanese consumers turn to private third sector insurance to help offset some of these expenses. Aflac's trusted brand and valued products are a solution to help alleviate that financial burden. The foundation of Aflac Japan's product portfolio is third sector products, which include cancer and medical insurance (see product chart). Aflac continually customizes its products to respond to and even anticipate the evolving needs of Japanese consumers, advances in medical treatments and modifications to Japan's national health care system. While third sector products are our focus. Aflac Japan also offers its customers first sector protection policies to provide comprehensive coverage. Third sector policies are more profitable and less interest rate sensitive than life insurance or savings-type products such as WAYS or child endowment.

Looking to 2022, Aflac Japan's product strategy is to create value for policyholders through three core initiatives. The first is to promote core products such as cancer and medical insurance. There is a concern that the number of advanced cancer diagnoses will increase because many people

refrained from undergoing cancer screenings during the COVID-19 pandemic. As the pioneer of cancer insurance, Aflac Japan will continue to convey the importance of preparing for the possibility of cancer by purchasing cancer insurance. With respect to medical insurance, the new products Aflac Japan launched last year have been well received by many customers, and we will continue to promote them throughout the year.

Second, Aflac Japan will promote throughout the year its new nursing care insurance launched in the third quarter of 2021. This product, which, like Aflac Japan's cancer and medical insurance products, is designed to supplement Japan's public health insurance system and provide coverage for out-of-pocket costs incurred when receiving public nursing care services. This product has generated greater than expected sales results since its initial release.

Third, Aflac Japan has developed a new insurance product for work leave of less than a year. Now, the pandemic has brought even greater awareness among workers, especially those of small and medium-sized enterprises, of shortfalls in their employment benefits and potential hardships associated with a loss of income if they become unable to work due to illness or injury. The need for leave benefits for relatively short-term hospitalization and home care has been increasing. Aflac Japan launched new products to manage such future concerns, strengthen employment income support coverage, and support the realization of a more fulfilling life for customers.







ESG HIGHLIGHTS



#### **Aflac Japan Insurance Products**

#### **Third Sector Insurance**

Cancer

**Medical** 

**Nursing Care** 

**Income Support** 

Work Leave\*

#### **Cancer Insurance**

In 1974, Aflac pioneered cancer insurance in Japan, and we remain the number one provider of cancer insurance today. For more than 47 years since Aflac introduced Japan's first cancer insurance, we have revised our cancer insurance products to match the changing medical environment, the potential financial burden that serious illnesses can bring and the advancement of health care and medical technology. In keeping with our commitment to provide customers with innovative, relevant and valuable products, in April 2018, Aflac Japan launched "Days 1 – Cancer insurance for daily living," and "Days 1 Plus," which targets existing policyholders seeking to upgrade their cancer insurance for more up-to-date protection. In 2020, Aflac Japan launched "Days 1 ALL-in Cancer Insurance for Daily Living", a rider to expand coverage with multiple benefits in a way that is easier for the policyholder and agent to understand.

#### **Medical Insurance**

In early 2002, Aflac introduced EVER, a standalone, whole- life medical product, as a solution to help Japanese citizens with rising copayments related to Japan's universal health care coverage. Within one year of the introduction of EVER, Aflac became the leading seller of medical insurance in Japan at that time. In January 2021, Aflac Japan introduced its new EVER Prime product, which offers enhanced coverage through a wide range of riders based on the customer's life stage.



EVER Prime, our revised medical product that was introduced in January 2021, offers enhanced coverage through a wide range of riders based on the customer's life stage. Pictured, we promoted this product through television commercials that feature interaction of a character set as a "gentleman in the form of a duck."



The nursing care insurance launched in September 2021 is a supplementary insurance that covers the out-of-pocket equivalent of public long-term care insurance. Pictured, we promoted this product through television commercials that convey the benefits of this product.

#### **Nursing Care Insurance**

Aflac Japan launched a new nursing care insurance product in the third quarter of 2021. This product is supplemental insurance that covers the amount equivalent to the co-payment of public long-term care insurance, with benefits linked to the certification of need for public nursing care insurance. Aflac Japan offers coverage that is easy for customers to understand and reasonable, as well as affordable premiums.

#### **Income Support Insurance**

In July 2016, we launched a new third sector product, Income Support Insurance, designed to provide cash benefits when insureds are unable to work due to illness or injury. These benefits complement coverage within the social security system, including the disability pension provided by the Japanese government.

#### **Work Leave Insurance**

"Work Leave Insurance" offers benefits for relatively short-term hospitalization and home care associated with work leave of less than a year. It is a product that meets the growing need for leave benefits, especially for employees of small and medium-sized companies, as highlighted by the pandemic.

\* March 2022 introduction

#### **First Sector Insurance**

Life insurance products, including:

PROTECTION TYPE: Term life, Whole life, GIFT

#### **Term Life and Whole Life**

Aflac first introduced term-life and whole-life insurance products in 1996. These products have smaller face amounts and provide death benefits. They are available as stand-alone policies and riders. Aflac Japan also launched Prepare Smart Whole-Life Insurance in 2018, with lower cash surrender value and lower premium for non-smokers.

#### **GIFT**

In February 2017, we introduced a revised version. Upon the death of the insured, this product provides beneficiaries, typically family members, with a monthly benefit until the insured would have reached a predetermined age.

#### **SAVINGS TYPE: WAYS, Child Endowment**

#### WAYS\*

In 2006, WAYS was introduced. WAYS can be converted to a fixed annuity, medical coverage or nursing care benefits when the policyholder reaches a predetermined age.

#### Child Endowment\*

In 2009, Aflac introduced a child endowment product that pays a lump-sum benefit at the time of a child's entry into high school and an educational annuity for each of the four years of college.

 Aflac Japan currently curtails sales of first sector savings-type products due to persistent low interest rates in Japan.



## Technology and Digital Investments Drive Productivity, Service and Value

Aflac Japan is moving forward with digital transformation, or DX, initiatives.

Looking ahead, Aflac Japan will continue to provide new value to its stakeholders by further promoting its unique digital transformation and agile strategy, and evolving its customer experiences, business processes, and work styles, to create compelling user experiences, ensure business continuity, reduce operating expenses, and achieve flexible business operations.

#### 1. Initiatives for FinTech

#### Introduction of "Aflac Wallet":

In March 2021, Aflac Japan launched "Aflac Wallet", an original digital payment platform for policyholders providing services such as an online household account book, a point exchange, paying insurance premiums with accumulated points, and a point receiving service to receive some deferred payments (health bonus, no claim bonus, survivor bonus) with an Amazon\* gift certificate.

#### 2. Initiatives for InsurTech

#### **Providing 3D Content to Promote Cancer Awareness:**

Since April 2021, Aflac Japan has provided customers with easy-to-understand, visual 3D content to promote cancer screenings through education. Using a holographic display headset, customers can experience and learn from 3D projections in augmented reality.

#### Providing agencies support utilizing artificial intelligence (AI):

Aflac Japan provides an environment where sales agents can train with Al avatars, any time, and as often as they want. Objective evaluations by the Al are communicated back to the sales agent, which further enhances training and efficiency.

#### 3. Efforts to utilize data

#### Developing products that can be enjoyed by a wide range of customers:

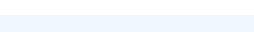
Aflac Japan uses AI to analyze policy information and develop new products that can be enjoyed by a wider range of customers by breaking down past benefit payments and analyzing them in detail with AI.

#### **Efforts to detect fraudulent claims:**

Aflac Japan is conducting pilot operations for an Al-based initiative to detect fraudulent claims. Specifically, Aflac Japan is analyzing past benefit claims data, issuing alerts for claims that may result in fraudulent hospitalization, and encouraging assessors to investigate.

<sup>\*</sup> Amazon is a trademark of Amazon.com, Inc. or its affiliates.

**Aflac Japan Awards 2021** 





**"Consumer Oriented** 

**Activity Award**"

at the 6th Association of

**Consumer Affairs** 

Professionals (ACAP)

**Consumer-oriented** 

**Activity Awards** 

"Human Resources Utilization
Capability Category Award"
at Nikkei Smart Work
Awards 2021





"Encouragement Award" at the

**21st Telework Promotion Awards** 

#### **Aflac Japan Awards 2021**



Trade and Industry Award for the

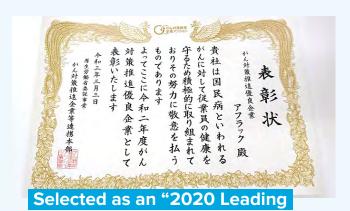
Awards Program for Individual and

Other Contributors to Promotion of

**Informatization FY2021** 



Aflac Recognized in BCP Division of Contact Center Awards 2021



Company in Promoting Cancer
Control Measures"



Won the Gold Award in the "PRIDE Index 2021" (an index to evaluate corporate efforts to support inclusiveness for LGBT employees and other sexual minorities in the workplace)



Received 2021 "IT Award" and "IT Incentive Award"



Awarded Efma's "Innovation in Insurance Awards" for the 2nd consecutive year



Awarded at "Insurance Asia
Awards 2021" for second
consecutive year



Ranked 4th overall in the Nikkei WOMAN Best 100 Companies for Women



Ranked 3rd in the Nikkei DUAL
Best Companies to Work
Together and Raise Children





#### Introduction to Aflac U.S.

As part of Vision 2025, we seek to further develop "a world where people are better prepared for unexpected health expenses." The need for the products we offer is as strong or stronger than it has ever been. At the same time, we know consumer habits and buying preferences have been evolving, and we are looking to reach them in ways other than traditional media and outside the worksite. This is part of our strategy to increase access, penetration and retention.

In the United States, Aflac once again earned the distinction of being the leader in voluntary insurance sales at the worksite (Source: Eastbridge Consulting Group, Inc. "U.S. Voluntary/Worksite Sales Report. Carrier Results for 2020." Avon, CT: May 2021). We continue to work toward reinforcing our position and generating stronger sales in 2022, realizing we may face headwinds as we work to recover from pandemic conditions.

#### 2021 Aflac U.S. Financial Highlights

NET EARNED PREMIUM\* DECREASED 2.5% TO

\$5.6

PRETAX ADJUSTED EARNINGS INCREASED 16.6% TO

\$1.5

\* Net earned premium is net of reinsurance.

ADJUSTED NET INVESTMENT INCOME INCREASED 7.0% TO

\$754

TOTAL BENEFIT RATIO
DECREASED 440 BASIS
POINTS TO

43.6%

PRETAX PROFIT MARGIN INCREASED 350 BASIS POINTS TO

**22.8**%

TOTAL ADJUSTED EXPENSE RATIO INCREASED 90 BASIS POINTS TO

39.5%



In 2021, Aflac's Close the Gap initiative was launched to not only provide immediate financial support to individuals and communities in need, but also through storytelling and data, to help educate consumers and advocate for closing the gap in what health insurance doesn't cover. We've aligned with brand ambassadors and partners who share our vision for a future where hardworking Americans' focus after a medical event is on recovery, not unexpected bills. This exciting initiative allows us to help close health and wealth gaps across the country and bring the Aflac brand purpose to life.

Aflac launched a national initiative, Close the Gap, to address medical debt and disparities in health and wealth in America – an issue that affects close to 50% of Americans and disproportionately impacts people of color and those in low-income communities. The initiative shines a light on people who fall in the gap where health insurance ends and medical bills begin to pile up. The Close the Gap initiative is a multifaceted, comprehensive program that aims to support, educate and advocate for the need to close the health and wealth gap.

To provide further context to the national issue, the company has published the Aflac Care Index\*, a survey designed to help educate people about health and wealth disparities, a critical and mounting issue in the U.S. The Aflac Care Index found:

- Nearly two-thirds (65%) of Americans' savings are equivalent to or less than their health insurance out-ofpocket maximum.
- Nearly a quarter (24%) of insured Americans have \$0 in savings, and just under half (48%) have \$1,000 or less in savings.
- Two-thirds (67%) of insured Americans lack supplemental health insurance coverage to help cover that financial gap.

In addition to the Index, Aflac is introduced its first film, "The Park Bench," an animated short presented by Aflac that illustrates a real-life scenario many Americans experience when an unexpected medical event occurs. The film was produced by Carl Reed of Lion Forge Animation, written and directed by Academy Award® and Golden Globe® nominee Rob Edwards, with musical direction provided by Grammy® award-winning artist Nas.

Through the eyes of a young girl whose father has been diagnosed with sickle cell disease, the story highlights the resulting impact of a medical event on the family. "The Park Bench" film was named an official selection at Brand Storytelling 2022, a sanctioned event of the Sundance Film Festival, as well as a host of film festivals including the Cleveland International Film Festival and Animation Dingle.





Aflac announced in October 2021 its intent to give away \$1 million to individuals and organizations throughout 2022, including the first 20 CareGrants delivered in December 2021 to individuals who overcame or were undergoing unexpected medical events. The \$5,000 gifts were provided to help these individuals focus on their recovery by helping to alleviate some of the financial hardships associated with a medical event.

In February, Aflac expanded its CareGrants program to include communities greatly impacted by medical debt, as identified through data obtained via the Aflac Care Index. The first \$100,000 community CareGrant was provided to Appalachian Regional Heathcare System in Harlan, Kentucky. For more information on Close the Gap, visit Aflac.com/care.



CareGrant to Appalachian Regional Healthcare

Our work didn't stop there. We tested our ability to execute against our purpose strategy as an official sponsor of ESPN College GameDay with coaches Deion "Prime" Sanders and Nick Saban while also supporting a shared commitment to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, driving 1.6 billion earned media impressions in three weeks — a new Aflac record.



**Deion "Prime" Sanders** 

We extended our college sports legacy into basketball as an official NCAA March Madness partner with a basketball centric campaign, "Post-Pain Show."



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"Hot Duck Summer" launched as a social campaign gaining successful impressions throughout the summer. At year's end we measured awareness and knowledge at its highest levels since tracking began in 2019.

Outside of brand campaign work, we also made strategic shifts to help support our business in different ways. The Business to Constituent team was formed as a vertical within the Brand division and developed a multipronged strategy and tactical plan to build awareness, knowledge and connection with brokers, benefits decision-makers, producers and consumers at the worksite. Alongside the record amount of content delivered to the organization, the team was tasked with developing new insights for work against multicultural targets.

With a shift to remote work environments, the need to have virtual meeting and video production capabilities greatly increased. The Aflac Studio extended its skill set by creating the Aflac Pond, a full-service, in-house production studio with expanded video content capabilities. This served as an important tool to maintain the production quality and speed of our deliverables. The team produced its first broadcast TV spot, created the previously mentioned policyholder and employee testimonials, executed multiple photoshoots and partnered alongside other integrated marketing communication agencies.





#### Relevant Products + Expansive Distribution = Customers

Aflac's supplemental insurance policies pay cash benefits directly to the customer to help provide a layer of protection against income and asset loss associated with an illness or medical event. Policyholders can utilize these benefits to help cope with unexpected out-of-pocket medical expenses such as medication, copays and even household expenses. Our broad portfolio of both individual and group product solutions is designed to provide our policyholders with outstanding value and enable businesses of all sizes to offer their employees an affordable and comprehensive array of benefits solutions.

The COVID-19 pandemic heightened awareness of what people may be missing in their benefits portfolios. Aflac updated its existing BenExtend product to include several key benefits solutions in one product. BenExtend for Diseases® provides benefits related to COVID-19 or a number of other illnesses with coverage that follows the entire care journey, from testing to hospital confinement and recovery.

#### **Aflac U.S. Products**

Cancer\* Accident\* Disability Critical Illness\* Hospital Indemnity

Dental\*\* Vision\*\* Life (Term and Whole)

- \* Insurance products on the Consumer Markets platform
- \*\* Indemnity and network

#### **Cancer Insurance**

Aflac U.S.'s cancer insurance products provide a lump-sum benefit upon initial diagnosis of cancer and subsequent benefits for treatment received due to cancer. Aflac U.S. offers cancer insurance on an individual basis.

#### **Accident Insurance**

Aflac U.S. offers accident coverage on both an individual and group basis. These policies pay cash benefits in the event of a covered injury. The accident portion of the policy includes lump-sum benefits for accidental death, dismemberment and specific injuries as well as fixed benefits for hospital confinement. Additional benefits are also available for home modifications, wellness and increased benefits for injuries related to participation in an organized sporting activity.

#### **Disability Insurance**

Aflac U.S. offers short-term disability benefits on both an individual and group basis and long-term disability benefits on a group basis. The individual short-term disability product offers an Aflac Value Rider that pays a benefit, less claims, for every consecutive five-year term that the policy is in force.

#### Critical Illness Insurance

Aflac U.S. offers coverage for critical illness plans on both an individual and group basis. These policies are designed to pay cash benefits in the event of critical illnesses such as heart attack, stroke or cancer.

#### **Hospital Indemnity Insurance**

Aflac U.S. offers hospital indemnity coverage on both an individual and group basis. Hospital indemnity products provide policyholders fixed dollar benefits triggered by hospitalization due to accident or sickness. Indemnity benefits for inpatient and outpatient surgeries, as well as various other diagnostic events, are also available. Aflac U.S. also offers a lump sum rider for a range of critical illness events that can be added to its individual accident, short-term disability and hospital indemnity products.

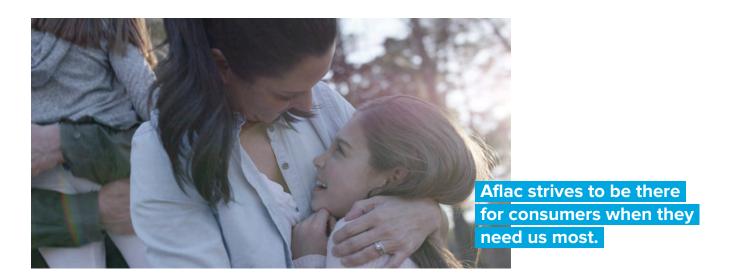
#### **Dental and Vision Insurance**

Aflac U.S. offers network dental and vision products on a group basis. Aflac U.S. offers fixed-benefit dental coverage on both an individual and group basis. Aflac U.S. offers Vision Now<sup>SM</sup>, an individually issued policy which provides benefits for serious eye health conditions and loss of sight as well as coverage for corrective eye materials and exam benefits.

#### Life (Term and Whole)

Aflac U.S. offers term- and whole-life policies on both an individual and group basis.





We continue to see a significant need for Aflac benefit solutions in the marketplace, and we are well positioned to capitalize on that opportunity. Health care costs continue to rise with minimal wage growth, and Aflac is here to help solve the significant challenge of coming up with cash for out-of-pocket expenses. Within the U.S. workforce of approximately 177 million workers, Aflac has access to less than one third of them, and the majority of our business is in the small business segment. It takes a broad distribution reach to capitalize on the market opportunity, and we intend to maintain our leadership position by growing the number of producers who work with Aflac and expanding our value proposition to support the evolving landscape.

In the second half of 2021, Aflac U.S. began seeing recovery in sales due, in part, to our efforts around stabilizing the career channel by equipping and training our agents on the latest virtual sales technology. Related to our Aflac broker channel, when looking at the 2015–2020 five-year compound annual growth rate, our Aflac broker channel sales outperformed the industry average according to an Eastbridge study.\*

In 2021, the Aflac U.S. broker channel realized pre-pandemic levels of sales activity. Aflac U.S. has expanded its value proposition with the acquisitions of Aflac Network Dental & Vision and Premier Life, Absence Management and Disability Solutions (PLADS). Aflac made these strategic decisions to meet the growing demand for these products in the marketplace. We also launched a fully digital direct channel to reach consumers beyond the typical worksite model. To complement our value expansion efforts, we continue to work to be where people want to buy insurance and believe we are well positioned to meet the needs of the 177 million workers in the U.S. workforce.

 Source: Eastbridge Consulting Group, Inc. "U.S. Voluntary/Worksite Sales Report. Carrier Results for 2020." Avon, CT: May 2021. Network dental & vision products continue to be the second most requested policies after health insurance, with over two-thirds of small businesses offering these products. As we move forward, we see a strong opportunity with our career channel to leverage Aflac's Network Dental & Vision in new and existing relationships while strengthening our position in the broker space as we remain focused on an increased market presence.

Our PLADS business increases our access to large employers, allowing Aflac to provide product enrollment, technology and administration solutions for premier clients' benefits. Most recently, Aflac was selected as the claims administrator for the State of Connecticut's paid leave program due to our premier absence management technology – and we will continue to explore additional opportunities in the market.

In November of 2020, Aflac announced its exclusive distribution alliance with Trupanion, Inc., a leader in the quickly growing market of medical insurance for cats and dogs. This alliance will leverage Aflac's strong brand and broad U.S. worksite distribution network, including its digital Consumer Markets channel, and Trupanion's expertise and leadership in pet insurance. This alliance will also combine Aflac's brand recognition and broad worksite and direct to consumer distribution in the U.S. with Trupanion's brand and strong reputation within the pet insurance industry. We also expect it to enhance sales opportunities by appealing to consumers who are seeking to be prepared for unexpected medical expenses. Throughout 2021, we prepared for the launch of Aflac Pet Insurance powered by Trupanion in 2022.



#### **Growth Strategy**

Our growth strategy remains consistent and is strongly aligned to the market opportunity. We continue to make strategic advancements to our business model and are pleased with the progress we have made.

#### **Technology Drives Value** and Efficiency

Our disciplined risk management and emphasis on improving operating efficiency helped us drive strong profitability in 2021. We continue to make broad-based investments

in digital enhancements and innovation within our U.S. platform, in response to rapidly changing market trends. We believe our platform investments will contribute to improved persistency and high customer experience and satisfaction levels. We have also accelerated our One Digital Aflac strategy to create a digital experience across the employee, customer and distribution lifecycles. Digital makes it easy for customers to buy from Aflac; for the distribution team to sell Aflac; for employees to work at Aflac; and for the Aflac promise to be fulfilled. We've also increased our agents' adoption of our Everwell 2.0<sup>SM</sup> enrollment platform, which is now being used by more than 550,000 businesses across the country.

#### **Aflac Awards, Recognition, Engagement** and Memberships 2021

Fortune's list of World's Most Admired Companies (21st year)



Bloomberg's Gender-Equality Index included Aflac Incorporated (2nd consecutive year)\*



**Dow Jones** Sustainability North America Index (8th year)

Dow Jones Sustainability Indices

Powered by the S&P Global CSA

Signatory of:

World's Most Ethical Companies by Ethisphere for the 16th consecutive year\*



Became a signatory of the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)





One of the first signatories of the Hispanic Promise, a pledge to hire, promote, retain and celebrate Hispanics in the workplace



Forbes list of America's Best **Employers** for Diversity



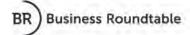
CEO Action for Diversity and Inclusion



The Civic 50 Points of Light (4th year)



**Business Roundtable** 



Latina Style 50 (22nd year)



In early 2022, Aflac was again included in the World's Most Ethical Companies by Ethisphere and Bloomberg's Gender-Equality Index, marking the 16th and 3rd consecutive years respectively.





### **Financial Highlights**

#### Aflac Incorporated (NYSE: AFL) **Investor Facts**

(as of 12/31/21)

The year 2021 marked the 39th consecutive year Aflac Incorporated increased its annual dividend. Including reinvested cash dividends, Aflac's total shareholder return increased 34.6% in 2021. This compares with total shareholder return of a 36.7% increase for the S&P Life and Health Index, a 28.7% increase in the S&P 500 and an 20.9% increase for the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

We have always managed our business with a long-term view in mind. If an investor bought 100 of our shares when Aflac was founded in 1955, it would have cost \$1,110. After twenty-nine stock dividends and splits, they would have 375,960 shares valued at nearly \$22 million and received \$496,267 in dividends.

**YEARS SINCE FOUNDING** 

66 vears

**Total** shareholder return

including reinvested dividends

YEARS **ON NYSE** 

vears

**OVER THE LAST** THREE YEARS

**37.9**%

BILLION **MARKET CAP** 

**S39** billion

**OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS** 

88.9%

CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF DIVIDEND **INCREASES** 

vears

**OVER THE LAST** 10 YEARS

245.3%

**SHAREHOLDER MIX** 

PERCENTAGE OF OUTSTANDING SHARES OWNED BY

69%

31%

**Institutional Investors** 

**Individual Investors** 



#### ANNUAL CASH DIVIDENDS PAID PER SHARE\*\*

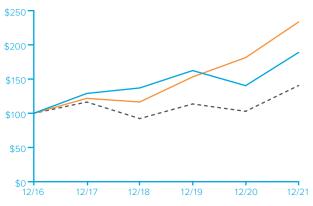
Aflac Incorporated has **increased its annual dividend for 39 consecutive years.** Total cash dividends paid in 2021 were 17.9% higher than in 2020.



\*\*Adjusted for stock splits

#### COMPARISON OF 5-YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN\*

Among Aflac Incorporated, the S&P 500 Index and the S&P Life & Health Insurance Index



\$100 invested on 12/31/16 in stock or index, including reinvestment of dividends. Fiscal year ending December 31.

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#### PRETAX ADJUSTED EARNINGS BY SEGMENT

(in dollars as of 12/31/21)



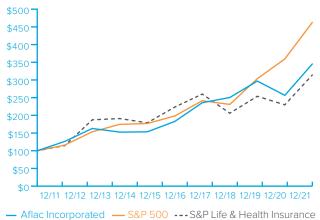
#### **NEW ANNUALIZED PREMIUM SALES BY SEGMENT**

(in dollars as of 12/31/21)

<b>72</b> %	28%
U.S.	Japan

#### COMPARISON OF 10-YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN\*

Among Aflac Incorporated, the S&P 500 Index and the S&P Life & Health Insurance Index



\$100 invested on 12/31/11 in stock or index, including reinvestment of dividends. Fiscal year ending December 31.

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### **Strong Capital Profile Supports Our Promise**

As part of our regular assessments, we pay close attention to our capital adequacy to ensure that levels remain strong, against even extreme economic scenarios. Aflac Incorporated's subsidiaries hold among the highest financial strength ratings in the industry. These important ratings reflect our ability to pay claims. We're proud that rating agencies continue to recognize the strength of our balance sheet.

Insurer Financial Strength Ratings*	AM Best	S&P	Moody's	JCR	R&I
Aflac Life Insurance Japan, Ltd.	<b>A</b> +	<b>A</b> +	Aa3	AA	AA-
Aflac of Columbus	<b>A</b> +	<b>A</b> +	Aa3	AA	AA-
Aflac of New York	<b>A</b> +	<b>A</b> +	-	-	-
Continental American Insurance Company	<b>A</b> +	-	-	-	-

<sup>\*</sup> As of 3/1/22; for both primary insurance subsidiaries: Aflac of Columbus and Aflac Life Insurance Japan, Ltd

For more information, visit investors.aflac.com.





For the Year (in millions, except for per share amounts)	2021		2020		2019		2018		2017
REVENUES									
Net earned premiums, principally supplemental health insurance	\$ 17,647	\$	18,622	\$	18,780	\$	18,677	\$	18,531
Net investment income	3,818		3,638		3,578		3,442		3,220
Net investment gains (losses)	468		(270)		(135)		(430)		(151
Other income	173		157		84		69		67
Total revenues	22,106		22,147		22,307		21,758		21,667
Benefits and expenses:									
Benefits and claims, net	10,576		11,796		11,942		12,000		12,181
Expenses	6,208		6,192		5,920		5,775		5,468
Total benefits and expenses	16,784		17,988		17,862		17,775		17,649
Pretax earnings	5,322		4,159		4,445		3,983		4,018
Income taxes	997		(619)		1,141		1,063		(586
Net earnings	\$ 4,325	\$	4,778	\$	3,304	\$	2,920	\$	4,604
SHARE AND PER-SHARE AMOUNTS									
Net earnings (basic)	\$ 6.42	\$	6.69	\$	4.45	\$	3.79	\$	5.81
Net earnings (diluted)	6.39		6.67		4.43		3.77		5.77
Items impacting net earnings									
Realized investment (gains) losses	\$ (0.68)	\$	0.32	\$	0.02	\$	0.38	\$	_
Other and non-recurring (income) loss	0.11		0.04		_		0.10		0.08
Income tax (benefit) expense on items excluded from adjusted earnings	0.12		(0.10)		_		(0.11)		(0.03
Tax reform adjustment	_		_		(0.01)		0.02		(2.42
Tax valuation allowance release	_		(1.97)		_		_		_
Cash dividends paid	1.32		1.12		1.08		1.04		0.87
Weighted-average common shares used for basic EPS (In thousands)	673,617	7	13,702	7	42,414	7	69,588	7	92,042
Weighted-average common shares used for diluted EPS (In thousands)	676,729	7	16,192	7	46,430	7	74,650	7	97,861





For the Year (in millions, except for per share amounts)	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
AT YEAR-END					
Assets:					
Investments and cash	\$142,978	\$149,753	\$138,091	\$126,243	\$123,659
Other	14,564	15,333	14,677	14,163	13,558
Total assets	\$157,542	\$165,086	\$152,768	\$140,406	\$137,217
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Policy liabilities	\$105,072	\$114,391	\$106,554	\$103,188	\$ 99,147
Income taxes	4,339	4,661	5,370	4,020	4,745
Notes payable and lease obligations	7,956	7,899	6,569	5,778	5,289
Other liabilities	6,922	4,576	5,316	3,958	3,438
Shareholders' equity	33,253	33,559	28,959	23,462	24,598
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$157,542	\$165,086	\$152,768	\$140,406	\$137,217
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA					
Stock price range: High	\$ 59.22	\$ 53.46	\$ 57.18	\$ 48.19	\$ 44.91
Low	42.96	23.07	44.28	41.41	33.25
Close	58.39	44.47	52.90	45.56	43.89
Yen/dollar exchange rate at year-end (yen)	¥ 115.02	¥ 103.50	¥ 109.56	¥ 111.00	¥ 113.00
Weighted-average yen/dollar exchange rate (yen)	109.79	106.86	109.07	110.39	112.16

#### **Key Operational Metrics**

	2021	2020	2019
AFLAC JAPAN			
Policies and riders in force*	38,537	39,064	39,559
Annualized premiums in force**	¥1,360,624	¥1,426,546	¥1,489,320
New annualized premiums**	¥ 54,764	¥ 50,852	¥ 79,697
AFLAC U.S.			
Policies and certificates in force*	13,090	13,145	13,437
Annualized premiums in force**	\$ 6,003	\$ 6,099	\$ 6,301
New annualized premiums**	\$ 1,278	\$ 1,093	\$ 1,580

<sup>\*</sup> In thousands

<sup>\*\*</sup> In millions





Recognizing the importance of tying our ESG goals to our business strategy, beginning in 2021 an ESG Modifier was introduced in the Management Incentive Plan for all officers across the Company's global operations, which included five specific critical path objectives, as reviewed by the Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability Committee (CSR&S). These five goals and related achievements appear below.

Achievement of all five objectives results in a +5% adjustment to the incentive; two or less objectives a -5% adjustment; or no adjustment for achieving 3 or 4 of the objectives.

#### ESG Modifier (new) **Achievements Advancement of Aflac Global** Aflac Incorporated became a signatory of Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI). Investment's responsible Principles for Responsible investing framework Investment ✓ Aflac Global Investments established specific ESG team and enhanced the governance process. Continues designing impact investing strategies. **Development of a framework** Developed a formal roadmap to achieve carbon neutrality and net zero targets by 2040 and 2050 as reviewed by the Corporate Social Responsibility and that both defines and sets Sustainability Committee. milestones to achieve carbon ✓ Conducted formal study to define Scope 3 emissions, including investments neutral and net zero emissions (Category 15). by 2040 and 2050, respectively **Achievement of the 2021** ✓ Achieved Aflac Japan's goal of at least 23% of manager or general manager positions filled by women. "Women in Leadership" objective in Japan and identification of √ \$725 million of incremental commitments in qualified investments related to social and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives. incremental future funding of investments that address economic mobility and social inequity ≥\$600 million ✓ In March 2021, Aflac Incorporated issued a sustainability bond: \$400 million in a Launch and closing on an inaugural Sustainability Bond senior unsecured note. that reinforces the Company's ✓ Allocated \$252 million (63%) of net proceeds within year one as reported in the Aflac Incorporated Sustainability Bond report. **ESG** strategy **Advancement of reporting and** ✓ Produced internal report addressing risks: business franchise, physical location and disaster recovery, and investments as reviewed by the disclosure framework Audit and Risk Committee and the Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability Committee. Published the 2020 TCFD Report.



#### **Workforce Diversity**

- As of December 31, 2021, women account for 56% of Aflac Japan employees, including part-time employees, and 33% of leadership roles. Women also held 23% of manager or general manager positions as part Aflac Japan's longer-term plan to increase this percentage to 30% by 2025.
- As of December 31, 2021, 49% of Aflac U.S. and the Company employees located in the U.S. were people of color and 66% were women. We also occupied 49% of leadership roles located in the U.S. and 28% of senior management roles. In 2021, 64% of new hires located in the U.S. were people of color and 76% were women.

### **Community Investment and Philanthropy**

- My Special Aflac Duck® is a "smart" robotic companion designed to help children cope with their cancer and sickle cell treatments. Aflac aims to put a My Special Aflac Duck in the hands of every child, age 3 and above, diagnosed with cancer in the U.S., Japan and Northern Ireland and has given My Special Aflac Ducks to over 13,000 children through 2021.
- Aflac and its employees and agents are responsible for:
  - 140,000 pediatric patients and their family members who have called Aflac Parents House a home-away-from-home while receiving treatment for serious illnesses, like cancer.
  - \$157 million in support of Aflac Cancer and Blood
    Disorders Center of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta,
    helping make it one of the top pediatric cancer
    programs in the United States by U.S. News and
    World Report.





Topic Goal	Progress to Date	Alignment
<ul> <li>Environment</li> <li>Develop an Aflac Incorporated framework that defines and sets milestones to achieve carbon neutral and net zero emissions by 2040 and 2050.</li> <li>Reduce Aflac Incorporated greenhouse gas Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions 75% by 2030 compared to a 2007 baseline.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In 2020, Aflac achieved carbon neutrality in our Scopes 1 and 2 GHG emissions by reducing emissions and purchasing renewable energy credits (RECs) and carbon offsets.</li> <li>Aflac Incorporated reduced combined Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions by more than 70% from 2007 to 2020.</li> </ul>	GRI SASB
Incorporating ESG Factors in Investment Management  Advancement of Aflac Global Investment's responsible investing framework  Launch and close on an inaugural Sustainability Bond that reinforces the Company's ESG strategy	<ul> <li>Aflac Incorporated became a signatory of Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI).</li> <li>Aflac Global Investments established specific ESG team and enhanced the governance process.</li> <li>Continues designing impact investing strategies.</li> <li>In March 2021, Aflac Incorporated issued a sustainability bond: \$400 million in a senior unsecure note.</li> <li>Allocated \$252 million (63%) of net proceeds within year one as reported in the Aflac Incorporated Sustainability Bond report.</li> </ul>	TCFD
Reporting Advancing our reporting and disclosure framework by publishing a formal climate risk report in compliance with Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) and Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) standards.	<ul> <li>Produced internal report addressing risks: business franchise, physical location and disaster recovery, and investments as reviewed by the Audit and Risk Committee and the Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability Committee.</li> <li>Published the 2020 TCFD Report.</li> </ul>	TCFD
<ul> <li>Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)</li> <li>Aflac Japan has a longer-term plan to increase women in management roles to 30% by 2025.</li> <li>Aflac U.S. goal is to increase diversity within senior management by 5% by 2026.</li> <li>Incremental future funding of investments that address economic mobility and social inequity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Achieved Aflac Japan's goal of at least 23% of manager or general manager positions filled with women.</li> <li>Aflac U.S. increased percentage of females and people of color in senior management to 28% and 27%, respectively.</li> <li>\$725 million of incremental commitments in qualified investments related to social and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives.</li> </ul>	Recruiting & Managing a Global, Diverse & Skilled Workforce
Philanthropy Aflac Incorporated aims to put a My Special Aflac Duck® in the hands of every child, age 3 and above, diagnosed with cancer in the U.S., Japan and Northern Ireland to help them cope with their cancer treatment. In 2022, this program will be extended to children with sickle cell disease, too.  Battling cancer is difficult enough, so we want to be there for those children who receive a diagnosis, just as we are for our policyholders when they need us most.	<ul> <li>Aflac has given My Special Aflac Ducks to over 13,000 children through 2021.</li> <li>Aflac and its employees and agents support:         <ul> <li>140,000 pediatric patients and their family members who have called Aflac Parents House a home-away-from-home while receiving treatment for serious illnesses, like cancer.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	3 COMPRESSION STATES



Topic Goal	Progress to Date	Alignment
Community Investment As the leader in cancer insurance, Aflac knows that to beat cancer, we must have research.	\$157 million in support of Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, helping make it one of the top pediatric cancer programs in the United States by U.S. News and World Report.	GRI
Policies Designed to Incentivize Responsible Behavior Everyone at Aflac plays a vital role in maintaining our strong ethical culture; therefore, we ensure each individual has the knowledge and the tools to succeed.	Code of Business Conduct and Ethics training is mandatory for all new employees, and annually for all of our teams across the globe, including the Aflac Incorporated Board of Directors. Failure to take the online training within a timely manner may lead to disciplinary action or termination. In 2021, 100% of all required personnel underwent training.	GRI
Corporate Governance Ensure data security and privacy	<ul> <li>In 2021, Aflac Global Security:</li> <li>Chartered a Data Protection and Privacy Subcommittee with cross functional representation to review emerging privacy regulations and integrate consumer privacy into business growth oppurtunities.</li> <li>Distributed business unit scorecards to senior leadership to provide a quarterly view of divisional performance against key security controls.</li> <li>Completed Cyber Incident Response Global Table Top Exercise to validate the Global Crisis Management Plan.</li> <li>Implemented Global GRC platform to expand integrated risk management capabilities.</li> <li>Conducted a Global Ransomware Preparedness Assessment to identify oppurtunities to further mature controls.</li> </ul>	8 SECON MINION AND TO COMMUNICATION OF THE PRINCE AND INCOMPANY AND INCO



### Governance



"The Aflac Way absolutely started with the founding of the company: the founders, their approach to business, and their approach to just life and decency. People want to do business with companies that do things the right way."

 Audrey Boone Tillman
 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL, AFLAC INCORPORATED

At Aflac Incorporated, we are committed to a strong governance strategy, founded on principles of integrity, transparency and trust. This includes a responsibility to conduct ourselves with the highest standards of ethical behavior towards our customers, shareholders, business partners and suppliers, government regulators and fellow employees. This commitment provides a solid framework for transparent and responsible corporate governance, which starts at the top of our corporate structure.

### Codes, policies and procedures that shape our corporate governance framework:

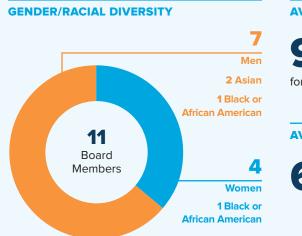
- ► Aflac Incorporated Code of Business Conduct and Ethics
- ► Aflac Political Activity Report and Political Action Committee
- ► Aflac Supplier Code of Conduct



Aflac Incorporated's Board of Directors (the "Board") includes 11 members with varied backgrounds, ethnicities, genders and experience who guide our strategy and decision making through participation on the following committees. These committees provide a core, values-based framework to manage the company in the best interest of our employees, customers, investors and communities.

Aflac Incorporated has established and maintains a robust corporate governance framework to meet the expectations of stakeholders through the appropriate oversight of the

operational execution of the holding company system. This framework is referred to as Aflac's "Global Group Governance." Aflac Incorporated's direct and indirect subsidiaries in each country operate pursuant to Global Group Governance and maintain management soundness in order to continue providing products and services that are valuable to customers and earn the trust of customers. Aflac's Global Group Governance framework ensures appropriate oversight of and organic cooperation between Aflac Incorporated's direct and indirect subsidiaries in accordance with Japanese and U.S. laws and regulations.



#### **AVERAGE TENURE**

9.8 years

AVERAGE AGE

66

**7** years

for independent directors

**INDEPENDENT** 

91%

#### Aflac Incorporated Global Governance & ESG







Our Board committees play critical ESG oversight and leadership roles through their efforts to identify, promote and monitor responsible and ethical corporate governance mechanisms, corporate social responsibility and sustainability goals, ESG-related compensation programs, and risk management policies that identify and assess climate-related risks.

#### Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability Committee

The Board's Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability (CSR&S) Committee is made up of independent directors and meets twice a year. CSR&S Committee members provide oversight of Company policies, procedures and practices with regards to corporate social responsibility (CSR) and sustainability. More specifically, the CSR&S Committee performs the following:

- Sets CSR/sustainability performance goals related to certain UN Sustainable Development Goals, environmental initiatives (including energy use, recycling, carbon emissions) and related health and safety matters, workplace diversity and inclusions efforts and philanthropic activities.
- Monitors implementation and performance towards attaining goals.
- Reviews the goals and objectives of the Company's environmental stewardship policy.
- Oversees preparation of and reviews the Company's annual Corporate Social Responsibility report.
- Oversees the integration of climate-related risks into organizational strategies, plans of action and management policies.

The CSR&S Committee coordinates with (a) the Finance and Investment Committee regarding guidance on CSR and sustainability factors relating to issuance and application of proceeds of sustainability bonds and other social and/or sustainability oriented debt of the Company and oversight of the investment process, (b) the Compensation Committee relating to incorporating CSR and sustainability factors into executive compensation programs, and (c) the Corporate Governance Committee to incorporate diversity, equity, and

inclusion efforts with regards to the Company's policies and principles relating to succession planning and management development. The Audit and Risk Committee oversees the Company's policies, process, and structure related to enterprise risk engagement and management, which includes ESG risks and opportunities. Through the CSR&S Committee, ESG-related risks are integrated into organizational strategy, plans of action, management policies, and performance objectives, including how progress is monitored against targets and goals. The CSR&S Committee periodically meets with the Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Department to consider direct company impacts on the environment and ensure continued efforts to reduce Aflac Incorporated's carbon footprint in areas such as waste reduction and energy conservation.

The ERM Department, in partnership with Internal Audit, conducts an annual enterprise-wide risk assessment. Along with other ESG risks, extreme or major climate risks are escalated to the Global Risk Committee and ultimately to the Board's Audit and Risk Committee.

Through this annual risk assessment, we use a risk scale to evaluate the materiality of all risks, considering the impact and probabilities of those identified. On the impact scale, risks are categorized as minor, moderate, adverse, major or extreme. The likelihood scale considers the occurrence of each risk by categorizing each risk as an event that occurs once every one to two years (frequent), once every two to five years (likely), once every five to 10 years (possible), once every 10-20 years (unlikely) or once in more than 20 years (rare). This process is used to ensure that risks judged to be major and/or extreme are elevated to the Board for guidance and direction to ensure that Aflac Incorporated's earnings, solvency and brand are protected.

The process requires that all business unit owners be interviewed to examine risks within and outside of their business units. The objective is to understand whether identified risks will have an impact on the organization's objectives. After the risks are identified, we assess the impact and likelihood of these risks to arrive at the residual risk. The risks are summarized by their overall score, with the largest number being the greatest risk. When assessing whether a risk will have a substantive and/or material impact, the Company uses a scale that considers likelihood of occurrence and impact on earnings, solvency and brand.



Aflac's strong reputation as a respected and ethical company is essential to our business objectives and core mission. At Aflac, our expectations for ethical behavior extend to everyone who works with us and forms the foundation for trusting relationships with our customers and stakeholders. These expectations are rooted in our Aflac Way values of Teamwork, Respect, Fairness, Honesty, Integrity and Responsibility, the same values upon which the Aflac co-founders built our Company more than 66 years ago.

Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics shows us how to take these values and apply them to our everyday business conduct. Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics includes the following:

- · Confidential Ethics Helpline
- · Non-Retaliation Policy
- Discrimination and Harassment Policies
- · Conflicts of Interest Policy
- Anti-Hedging Policy
- · Antitrust Law Policy
- Compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, Anti-Boycott laws and other applicable regulations

We encourage a "speak up" culture through our Safe to Say program, providing employees with a variety of ways to report issues, including EthicsPoint, a 24/7 toll-free number and web-based comprehensive confidential reporting mechanism for receiving and processing whistleblower reports and other ethics concerns. We routinely discuss the importance of our strong ethical foundation and we ensure all employees appreciate our Safe to Say philosophy where we encourage everyone to speak up and be heard.

We find that ethics and compliance training is essential to encouraging appropriate workplace behavior, setting expectations, demonstrating our organization's commitment, and informing employees of principles that may not be common knowledge. Providing relevant training to leaders and employees is a key factor in the long-term effectiveness of our ethics and compliance program. Simply put, everyone at Aflac plays a vital role in maintaining our strong ethical culture; therefore, we ensure each individual has the knowledge and the tools to succeed. Code of Business Conduct and Ethics training is mandatory for all new employees, and annually for all of our teams across

the globe, including the Board. Failure to take the online training within a timely manner may lead to disciplinary action or termination. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applies to everyone employed by the company and contains a special section for Chief Executive and Senior Financial Officers.

We understand that while awareness and training help establish a strong foundation, we must also ensure that our ethics and compliance program operates effectively in practice. We use many tools to gauge the health of our program including a routine ethics and culture survey. The anonymous survey provides invaluable information regarding employee awareness of our ethics and compliance principles. Our surveys confirm that we have a very strong "tone at the top" which is cascaded throughout the organization. Employees report feeling empowered to do the right thing and they know where to go to seek information or raise concerns without fear of retaliation.

At Aflac, we also expect our suppliers to adhere to our high level of ethical standards. We work with suppliers that are dedicated to conducting themselves with the utmost integrity, fairness and respect as defined in our Supplier Code of Conduct. For additional information on suppliers, please visit our Policies and Statements.

# Providing Customers with transparent, accurate and Up-to-date Information

We strive to address each policyholder's unique situation and set of needs through person-to-person consultations and the use of expanded technology opportunities. The expansion of digital capabilities accessible on our website and mobile device apps is one way we provide customers and potential customers with immediate access to up-to-date information regarding our products and services.

Our One Digital Aflac strategy uses technology across all areas of our company to make it easier for customers to buy from Aflac, our distribution teams to sell Aflac and our employees to successfully fulfill Aflac's promise to policyholders.



Other ways we have improved our customers' experience and access to information include:

- Voice recognition features implemented in our U.S. call centers that have improved communications and efficiency for our customers who have speech and/or sight difficulties
- Aflac Japan's Innovation Lab is a base to further accelerate
  the adoption of Fintech, which combines the latest
  digital technology and finance with the promotion of
  new businesses that lead to an increase in corporate
  value. Aflac Japan promotes data usage to better meet
  customer needs. For example, for customers who need
  follow-up regarding their current contract, Al estimates
  the means and time of contact and provides information
  to sales agents to provide the optimal after-sales service
  for customers.
- Aflac Japan introduced "Aflac online consultation" that enables online consultation from proposal to application. In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Aflac Japan has responded to the growing customer need to avoid face-to-face consultations. Aflac Japan is also working to resolve the challenges faced by customers living in remote areas and customers with nursing care and childcare needs, for whom it is difficult to meet in-person and provide insurance information, as has been conventionally done during insurance solicitation.
- Aflac Japan is improving customer convenience by providing and expanding the service of its site dedicated to policyholders "Aflac Yorisou Net", which allows customers to check contract details and perform various procedures.

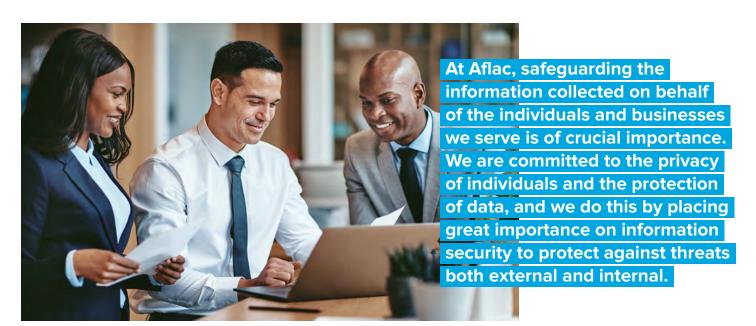
- Aflac Japan has also established through its subsidiary, Hatch Healthcare K.K, a community for cancer survivors called "tomosnote," in which survivors can exchange a wide variety of information to gain support necessary to lead a fulfilling life during and after treatment.
- Aflac Japan provides an "online medical consultation service" for all policyholders, where they can freely ask and consult with medical professionals, about illness and physical their condition.
- As is in the U.S., Aflac Japan provides Braille forms for the visually impaired and sign language translation services for hearing impaired customer convenience.
- In addition, Aflac Japan has established retail insurance locations for customers visits (Aflac Consulting Shops) across Japan, which provide face-to-face or online opportunities for customers to meet with Aflac representatives to address their insurance needs.

#### Reporting

In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission requirements, Aflac discloses all material legal proceedings, other than ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business, in our Annual Reports on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q.



# Protecting Our Customers and Data with Cybersecurity



#### **Governance**

This commitment begins at the top of Aflac. Our Board provides oversight of Aflac's Global Information Security Program (the Program) and has approval rights for our governing policy. Responsibility for the Program is vested in the office of the Global Chief Security Officer (GCSO). The GCSO updates the Board's Audit and Risk Committee quarterly on the state of the Program, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, current and evolving threats, and updates to the Program strategy.

The GCSO is supported by a team of risk management and security professionals whose responsibilities encompass the development, implementation, operation, maintenance, and continuous improvement of the Program. Aflac has a comprehensive set of information and cybersecurity policies and standards structured around the National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Frameworks (NIST

CSF). Policies are reviewed and approved annually to ensure the organization is up to date with changing cybersecurity and privacy regulations, as well as any changes to technology and industry best practices.

#### **Risk Management**

Aflac has a comprehensive risk management program that performs initial evaluations and ongoing monitoring of the information security and privacy risk associated with data usage, the sharing of Aflac information with third parties and the system configuration of critical applications and infrastructure. The team carries out an initial assessment and evaluates mitigating controls to determine a final risk rating. Compliance processes are established to escalate identified risks and to ensure transparency and proper accountability for risk treatments. Reassessment cadence is determined in alignment with the risk rating process.



#### **Compliance**

Aflac has processes in place to evaluate business practices against security and privacy policies and standards. We have a Cyber Security Assurance Program that regularly tests a comprehensive library of security controls that map to NIST-CSF. Additionally, we complete an annual SSAE 18 SOC 2 (Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements No. 18 Service Organization Control 2 report) examination with an independent external firm.

Cybersecurity and privacy continue to be an area of evolving focus for legislation and regulatory activity. The Company has a cross-functional team that tracks and monitors new and emerging legislation to ensure privacy and cybersecurity programs are evaluated and comply with regulatory requirements.

#### **Security Operations**

While Aflac has traditional systems and controls in place to ensure alignment with regulatory requirements and industry best practices, we constantly work to mature our security posture and keep pace with business change. Our layered defenses, which include the use of identity and access management systems, role based access, multifactor authentication, key and certificate management services, firewalls, as well as cloud, network and end-point security tools are implemented to ensure the protection and availability of information. Regular access reviews are performed, and records are maintained and audited.

Aflac also leverages a host of intrusion detection, prevention and data protection tools to safeguard our most sensitive information and assets. Across the program, continuous monitoring is in place to support our ability to detect and respond to internal and external anomalies. We have mature vulnerability scanning and patch management processes and provide detailed dashboard readouts on remediation activities to business leads on a quarterly basis.

Our team actively participates in multiple threat intelligence sharing consortiums that involve collaboration with our peers in the financial services and insurance industries, as well as local and federal law enforcement. The team also operates as a contributing member in multiple open source intelligence forums and groups to monitor environmental changes of note.

#### **Resiliency and Response**

Aflac's business resilience program is based on leading practices and industry standards, primarily ISO22301. The program implements controls and measures to prepare the Organization to manage disruptive events. It is a company-wide program that ensures Aflac employees,

customers, shareholders, business partners, information, assets, and business operations are adequately protected in the event of an unplanned business disruption. Resilience is accomplished through an integrated business continuity, disaster recovery, and incident/crisis management structure. In 2021 Aflac completed a successful annual cyber incident response table top exercise which included broad participation from global executives and tested our response to a global cyber event.

Our incident response team is staffed by skilled security and forensics professionals who enact a comprehensive Incident Response Framework. The framework consists of coordinated procedures and tasks that are executed to ensure timely and accurate resolution of security and privacy incidents. Aflac has a formal process to investigate and notify individuals and authorities, as required by law, in the event that personal information has been compromised.

# Security Awareness and Training

Aflac's cyber security awareness training program is designed to help employees, contractors and producers recognize information, cybersecurity, and privacy concerns and respond accordingly. Our program provides all personnel with the knowledge and skills to prevent, identify and escalate cybersecurity risks. In 2021 all employees, contractors and producers who had access to Aflac systems or data completed annual security and privacy training. In addition, role-based security training was required for individuals with elevated entitlements.

Aflac's security operations and threat intelligence teams partner closely with our awareness program to send all users monthly phishing exercises that are representative of actual threats we see in our environment. Performance metrics are tracked to provide a real-time view of the risks associated with phishing susceptibility. Additional training is required if users fail an exercise. In 2021, our average performance in phishing exercises far outpaced the performance of our industry peers, with over a 99% pass rate for employees and contractors.

Our security education approach extends beyond training and strives to embed security as a core part of Aflac's culture. We maintain strong executive support and have 130 Cyber Security Ambassadors throughout the organization who help to extend the reach of our awareness messaging. In 2021, we had more than 120 direct communications, portal stories, contest, panels and cyber events. For National Cyber Security Awareness Month, we hosted events attracting participation from over 1,600 individuals.





"We make it a priority to be transparent in what we do and how we operate.

I think you start with asking the question, 'What's the right thing to do?' When you ask that question first, the other things fall in line."

Brad Knox
 SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF FEDERAL RELATIONS

Aflac has a long history of participating in the democratic process; as an entity that is regulated at the federal and state levels, it's important that we engage with elected officials to help us keep the Aflac promise to our policyholders.

Read more about the Political Activity Report.



# **Investments**



#### Eric Kirsch

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND GLOBAL CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER; PRESIDENT OF AFLAC GLOBAL INVESTMENTS

#### **Aflac Global Investments**

Aflac Global Investments is made up of Aflac Incorporated's asset management subsidiaries responsible for investing approximately \$122 billion on behalf of our insurance subsidiaries in Japan and the U.S. This team contributes to Aflac's long-term success by seeking to maximize long-term returns and preservation of capital based on an investment foundation of strategic asset allocation and a conservative asset and liability management approach that focuses on making investments across a diversified portfolio of high-quality assets.

The Aflac Global Investments team now has more than 121 investment and support professionals in New York and Tokyo who work to find investment opportunities around the globe. The investment teams are organized around asset class specialists and have expertise in corporate credit, infrastructure, middle market loans, transitional real estate and derivatives, as well as a growing alternatives portfolio of private equity and real estate investments. We also leverage the capability of our External Manager Platform where our team identifies specialized strategies and third party asset managers that can meet our return and diversification standards. In

addition, our teams have a major presence in the U.S. and Japanese investment markets, matching investments against our policyholder liabilities denominated in both yen and dollars.

As we strive to source ESG-focused investments that provide acceptable risk-adjusted returns, this past year we committed to over \$3 billion in new Sustainable and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)-oriented investments. These commitments include new real estate loans dedicated to Qualified Opportunity Zones and Affordable Housing, a new strategic partnership focused on investing in sustainable infrastructure and a mix of social and sustainable public and private investments. Some of these investment opportunities will be directed to the proceeds of Aflac's inaugural Sustainability Bond issuance of \$400 million. Our journey continues as we further enhance and refine our Responsible Investing Framework, develop targets for reducing the carbon footprint of our portfolio, and expand investments in DEI-oriented strategies.

In 2021, NII increased 13% to

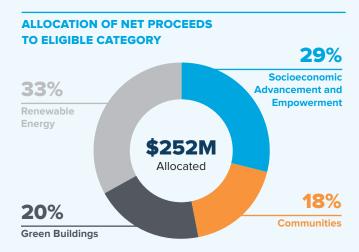
\$3.8B



#### **MARCH 2021**

# \$400 million

five-year sustainability bond to finance ESG initiatives like affordable housing.



## TABLE 1 - ALLOCATION BY ELIGIBLE ASSET CATEGORY

Eligible Category	(\$ millions)
Renewable Energy	83
Green Buildings	50
Socioeconomic Advancement and Empowerment	73
Communities	46
Total Allocation	252

Allocated amounts as of February 15, 2022. An "allocation" is defined when an investment is funded in cash or where there is a legally binding commitment to provide cash funding by the investment counterparty.

#### **Use of Proceeds and Impact**

Since the issuance on March 8, 2021, \$252 million, which represents 63% of the net proceeds, has been allocated to four Eligible Categories under the Framework: Renewable Energy, Green Buildings, Socioeconomic Advancement and Empowerment and Communities. While the Framework permits net proceeds to be attributed to investments in or financings of Eligible Sustainability Assets completed up to 36 months before the issuance of a Sustainability Bond, 81% of the investments were new investments. The balance of unallocated proceeds has been invested in cash and cash equivalents in compliance with the Framework.

NET PROCEEDS
ALLOCATED

63%

**NET PROCEEDS<sup>2</sup>** 

\$397M

In compliance with the Framework, net proceeds, which represent total proceeds less debt issuance cost, can be attributed to investments or financings of Eligible Sustainability Assets completed up to 36 months prior to the issuance of a Sustainability Bond. Aflac Incorporated has invested \$145 million of unallocated proceeds, along with unfunded committed proceeds, in cash and cash equivalents.

#### Signatory of:



In 2021, Aflac Incorporated became a signatory to the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), the global framework for incorporating ESG considerations into investment and ownership decisions. As a PRI signatory, we reinforce our commitment to incorporating ESG factors into our investment process.

Amount Allocated

To learn more about related policies and statements, please visit investors.aflac.com and click on the "Sustainability" tab.





"While ESG considerations have always played a role in our investment process, the opportunity to continue expanding their role is clear. We can invest capital and help mitigate climate change and improve society, while at the same time generating good investment returns. It's just a sound strategy that benefits our shareholders, customers and other stakeholders."

#### Brad Dyslin

DEPUTY GLOBAL CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER; SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR

During 2021, our portfolio benefited from strong investment markets. The increase in net investment income was primarily driven by favorable returns on our growing private equity portfolio and lower hedge costs. Our portfolio has had minimal losses reflecting the quality of our credit underwriting and strong risk management discipline. During the year, we completed a new Strategic Asset Allocation study which showed opportunities to defend NII with allocations to private credit and alternatives while maintaining appropriate risk and capital.

#### **Aflac Global Ventures**

Aflac Global Ventures (AGV) was established in 2016 with a mission to help Aflac Incorporated enhance its strategic and innovative focus globally and to enhance and defend long-term shareholder value. As part of Aflac's continued focus on growth, Aflac Global Ventures strives to pursue investment opportunities in digital and innovative technological solutions that simplify and enrich the sales and distribution process while providing an optimal and efficient customer servicing experience. Additionally, the cancer and broader healthcare and health insurance ecosystems in Japan and small business benefits in the U.S. are typical areas of interest. Aflac Global Ventures also continues to partner with Aflac Global Investments in seeking and investing in nascent technologies in the asset management space. Additionally, Aflac Global Ventures' \$400 million fund has investments across the globe in disruptive technologies with enhanced focus on properties in new and emerging markets such as Southeast Asia and India for growth and additional revenue. It has become the vehicle for international exploration leveraging our domain assets and expertise while focusing on advanced digital and ecosystem oriented opportunities.

In the context of rapidly changing social and individual needs, Aflac Global Ventures is actively engaged in incubating and building ecosystems in the cancer and elderly/nursing care space as well as developing innovative non-insurance products and services while constantly enhancing the customer test experience and delivering efficiencies throughout the value chain.

Since the fund's inception four years ago, AGV has seen some of the early direct investments complete follow-on rounds of capital raise and, in some cases, exit the portfolio via sale, resulting in modest gains.

In 2021, Aflac Global Ventures continued to partner with startups through the Aflac Ventures Lab, a 10-week accelerator program for startups. Aflac Ventures Lab provides an unparalleled opportunity for startup companies to work with Aflac's key business leaders and innovation teams to co-develop and customize solutions to accelerate innovation across the insurance value chain, including digital solutions that enhance the customer experience. In 2021, a number of startups successfully moved into a commercial operations phase with Aflac.

As part of its global strategy in 2021, Aflac Global Ventures placed a heightened focus on its incubated businesses in Japan designed to pursue digital and disruptive solutions and methods for experimentation and adaptation. This included concluding the acquisition of the primary business of an existing Aflac Global Ventures portfolio company. Additionally, Aflac Japan continues to explore opportunities for adding value to existing and future policyholders by offering better solutions for managing their health as they age.





# **Environment**

Aflac Incorporated's leadership in corporate responsibility is centered around limiting the Company's carbon footprint and helping make our communities, cities and planet more sustainable. We believe that environmentally and socially responsible business actions serve to enhance corporate reputation, improve talent recruitment and retention and attract new business.

The Board's Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability Committee leads our environmental initiatives according to the Aflac SmartGreen® philosophy.

Wisely choose, use and dispose of the resources we use each day and focus these actions in five categories:



**Business** operations

**Strategic sourcing and procurement** 

Facilities management

Waste management

**Employee engagement** 

Guided by the SmartGreen Philosophy, we identify and evaluate environmental risks, including climate change, based on financial impact and probability. Risk profiles are monitored and reported every three months to our Global Risk Committee (GRC) and its interdepartmental executives.

# Under its 2019 Environmental Management Declaration formalized in 2019, Aflac Japan committed to:

- · Environmentally friendly behaviors in its business
- Compliance with applicable laws and regulations related to the environment
- Promotion of environmental education and social contributions
- Ongoing promotion of improvements to the environment





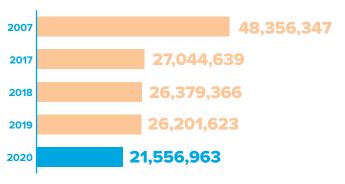
## Climate Risk Management

In 2020, Aflac achieved carbon neutrality in our Scopes 1 and 2 GHG emissions by reducing emissions and purchasing renewable energy credits (RECs) and carbon offsets. In addition, we have set the following climate goals:

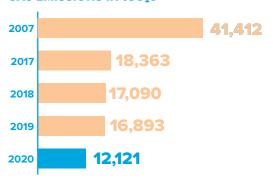
- Reducing absolute Scope 1 and 2 emissions 75% by 2030 from a 2007 baseline.
- Carbon neutrality in all Scopes by 2040 and net zero emissions by 2050.

Aflac Incorporated reduced combined Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions by more than 70% from 2007 to 2020.

## AFLAC INCORPORATED OFFICE BUILDINGS (OWNED) ELECTRICITY IN kWh



## AFLAC INCORPORATED SCOPES 1 AND 2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IN tCO<sub>2</sub>e



To learn more about Aflac Incorporated's Climate Change 2021 submission to CDP and 2020 TCFD report, click here.

Our emissions reduction strategies include:

# **Energy Conservation/ Efficiency and Green Buildings**

In 2020, Aflac U.S. reduced its total electricity consumption in our owned corporate real estate by 21% through conservation and efficiency initiatives. Since 2007, our conservation and efficiency efforts have reduced building electricity use by over 50% per square foot, saving us more than \$20 million.

Aflac U.S. has a decade-plus legacy of reducing electricity consumption in our owned real estate. We were the first insurance company in the U.S. to achieve ISO 50001:2011 Energy Management Systems certification and the only insurance company to achieve both ISO 50001:2011 Energy Management Systems and ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management certifications. We re-certified under ISO 50001:2011 in 2019 with zero nonconformance issues.

Aflac U.S. has reduced combined Scope 1 & 2 emissions by 33% in 2020 compared to 2019 and 74% compared to 2007 by taking steps to reduce environmental impact, such as the installation of a solar array, implementing more energy efficient HVAC and lighting systems, and implementing the ISO:50001 Energy Management System based on continual improvement.

Aflac Japan reduced emissions by 2.5% in 2020 compared to 2019 and 44.4% compared to 2007 by taking steps to reduce environmental impact, such as setting air conditioning at appropriate temperatures and encouraging the use of stairs when moving floors.

Aflac has a commitment to owning or leasing green buildings whenever feasible. We have one Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold-certified building in the U.S. and one in Japan. In 2017, we installed 500 solar panels on one of our Columbus, Georgia, buildings, and our data center, also in Columbus, Georgia, was the 10th data center in the U.S. to become Energy STAR®-certified in 2011.



#### **Renewable Energy**



Aflac is investing in smart
environmental solutions that
contribute to a sustainable
future. Aflac has recently
expanded its solar array with
an installation at the
Paul S. Amos campus.
The expansion is expected to
lower Aflac's greenhouse gas
emissions in Columbus, Ga.,
by more than 10%.

To reduce our carbon footprint, we installed a 1.3-megawatt solar array at our largest campus in Columbus, Ga.

#### Aflac Square in Chofu, Japan

Aflac Japan moved to 100% renewable electricity in Aflac Square, an Aflac Japan-owned building, in January 2022. Scope 1 and 2 emissions for Aflac Square building are expected to be zero\* after 2022. Third-party verification of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will be provided on a regular basis.

 Excluding GHG emissions from heavy oil A used as fuel for emergency generators (for use in disasters, approx. 4t-CO2e/year).

In 2020, Aflac U.S. purchased Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) that follow the Green-e Renewable Energy Standard for Canada and the United States (V3.4) to cover 100% of electricity used in buildings that Aflac U.S. owns.

#### **Offsets**

In 2020 and 2021, Aflac Japan purchased J-Credits to offset the  $CO_2$  emissions of Aflac Square until it switched to renewable energy sources in January 2022.

# Other Environmental Issues

# Waste Prevention and Reduction

The waste reduction and recycling strategy for Aflac U.S. diverted more than 1,800,000 pounds of paper waste from the landfill in 2021, and our recycling strategy diverted over 2,000,000 pounds of solid waste from the landfill for U.S.-owned properties. With more than half our U.S. employees working outside of our properties in 2021, the percentage of waste recycled increased from 80% to 92% and waste sent to landfills decreased from 223,980 pounds to 194,020 pounds. Our senior vice president of Shared Services and Greenbassador employee network strive to increase the amount of printed materials printed on Forest Stewardship Council- certified paper to 90% by 2025. About 62% of the waste generated by Aflac Japan's Aflac Square is recycled into recycled paper and other materials.



**POUNDS OF PAPER** 

1,803,935

**POUNDS OF CARDBOARD** 

91,843

**POUNDS OF ELECTRONICS** 

19,502

#### Aflac Japan Paperless Initiative

In 2020, Aflac Japan began a three-year paperless initiative to digitalize operations. By the end of June 2022, approximately 4,000 forms will be paperless, reducing paper consumption by approximately 80 million pieces of paper per year, which is 320 tons.

#### **Employee Engagement**

We have built several channels through which we engage our global workforce in helping us meet our environmental goals.

In October 2021, Aflac Japan participated in nature conservation activities of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and carried out forest conservation activities as a first step toward measures to address climate change in the future.

# Aflac U.S. implemented the following initiatives in 2021

 More than 55 employees in the U.S. – aka Aflac Greenbassadors – volunteer to support Aflac's environmental goals by coordinating events and offering program communication support to business departments. They also encourage employees to think green not just at work but also at home.

# Aflac Japan implemented the following initiatives in 2021 under its Environmental Management Promotion Committee

- The Environmental Management Promotion Council, consisting of members recruited from within the Company, planned and implemented a variety of environmental measures, including the implementation of environmental management seminars to raise the awareness of executives and employees, utilizing the knowledge and experience of each member.
- The Environmental Management Advocates were appointed at 19 locations across the country to promote environmental protection activities at each location.



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# **Social**

### **Human Capital Management**

We know doing the right thing is good for business, and we do that every day by investing first in our Aflac family. In both Japan and the United States, the Company strives to develop an engaged employee culture by supporting career development, emphasizing work/life balance, listening to our employees feedback and ideas, and ensuring we show our appreciation for their hard work. Our overarching human capital philosophy is, "If you take care of your employees, your employees will take care of the business."

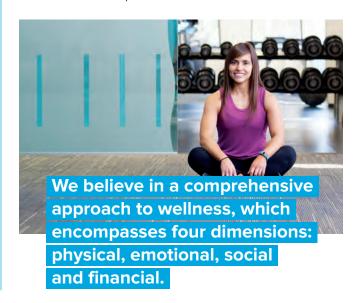
#### Workforce: Aflac U.S.

# **Employee Wellness and Work/Life Balance**

Our employees are central to everything we do, and Aflac is committed to fostering a safe and healthy environment that allows them to excel professionally and personally. Employee wellness is more than just an isolated program or initiative; moreover, it is purpose-driven and woven into the fabric of our company's values and the employee experience. We prioritize health and well-being across our organization, beginning with our employees and extending throughout their organizations, families, and larger community. We believe in a comprehensive approach to wellness, which encompasses four dimensions: physical, emotional, social, and financial. Each dimension is unique, but all four are key to employees' overall well-being. Our goal is to provide our employees with the resources, services, and tools that cover all four dimensions of employee wellness. This includes:

- A monthly health and wellness newsletter that covers all the latest happenings to support your health and well-being, including employee health benefits, current events, healthy living tips, and more.
- Annual biometric screenings that enable employees to track their health progress and find areas for continual improvement.
- Offering preventive screenings to identify and monitor health conditions such as cancers.
- Walking trails that are available on multiple campuses for employees to use to take a breath of fresh air and re-energize.
- Healthy activities and challenges that are incentivizing our employees to be more physically active.
- Two on-site childcare centers.

- Ergonomics Resources, including standing desks and chairs, to assist in creating the most effective and comfortable work environment.
- Onsite fitness centers that are available to most employees, along with fitness classes held throughout the year.
- Reduced memberships to private gym facilities throughout the U.S. to accommodate our remote employees.
- Multiple employee health care facilities, known as the Aflac Care Clinics, that offer sick care, health coaching, health assessments, and more.
- The Employee Assistance Program (EAP), which helps employees cope with some of life's struggles including substance abuse, family matters, marital concerns, as well as financial and legal problems.
- Financial coaching to help manage budgetary commitments, meet financial goals, protect against risks, save for contingencies or future needs like college or retirement and cope with financial shocks.





At Aflac, we understand that healthy employees are an integral piece of our success as an organization, and by focusing on our employees' well-being, we are creating business value, improving productivity, retaining talent, and more. Our commitment to wellness is just one way we strive to create a highly effective and engaged workplace. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, it became clear that our employees' well-being was even more critical and presented an opportunity for our company to augment our well-being offerings. In response to these challenges, Aflac worked to prioritize employee wellness by providing employees flexible work arrangements, placing more focus on employees' mental health, creating safe and responsible reopening plans based on CDC guidance, and more.

#### **Employee Appreciation**

Our core philosophy of caring for our employees is central to why Aflac places such an emphasis on engagement and appreciation. Throughout each year, the Company offers a variety of events and activities to celebrate our employees. For example, our Aflac Feathers program allows employees to recognize their peers and leaders by nominating them when they go above and beyond to uphold the seven commitments of the Aflac Way. By collecting points from these nominations, employees earn recognition and can redeem points for special items. Aflac employees also participate in an annual week-long traditional celebration and recognition of our employees — Employee Appreciation Week (EAW). In the U.S., EAW is held the first week of May, and includes a litany of daily activities such as daily drawings to games, entertainment, snacks and food, and community outreach opportunities. Every day of Employee Appreciation Week is designed to show employees how much Aflac appreciates them.

#### **Employee Engagement**

While celebrating our employees is important, it is not the only way to drive engagement. Aflac provides leaders with additional tools to acknowledge employees for extraordinary efforts. Other activities that drive engagement include our diversity council, volunteer opportunities in local communities where we operate and access to a variety of support resources including non-denominational faith leaders and a dedicated team of Employee Advocates, whose role is to be a support resource for employees.

In 2021, the overall employee engagement index score was 84%, which was 3 points lower than the 2019 Aflac score while still being 11 points higher than the external global benchmarks. This survey is conducted every two years.

## **Key Highlights**

OVERALL ENGAGEMENT SCORE FOR 2021

84%

▲ 11 points above the external benchmark

80%

**PARTICIPATION RATE** 

EMPLOYEES WHO FEEL PROUD TO BE PART OF AFLAC

EMPLOYEES WHO RARELY THINK ABOUT LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB AT ANOTHER COMPANY

89%

**71%** 

EQUIPPING FACTORS
FOR EMPLOYEES SCORE

EMPLOYEES WHO
BELIEVE THAT AFLAC
SHOWS A COMMITMENT
TO ETHICAL BUSINESS
DECISIONS AND
CONDUCT

80%

▲ 5 points above the external benchmark

89%

EMPLOYEES SATISFIED WITH AFLAC AS THEIR EMPLOYER

EMPLOYEES WHO FEEL THAT AFLAC'S MANAGEMENT IS EFFECTIVE

89%

84%

▲ 7 points higher than the external benchmark

Aflac is active in our local communities and at the national level. The U.S. business regularly partners with civic leaders and other organizations to help develop and inform public policy that assure fair laws and diverse representation that can lead to meaningful change.



#### **Talent Development**

At Aflac, we know our human capital is our greatest competitive advantage. Employee development is a core focus, with programs and offerings designed to support skill building and development of all our employees.

#### **Career Success Centers**

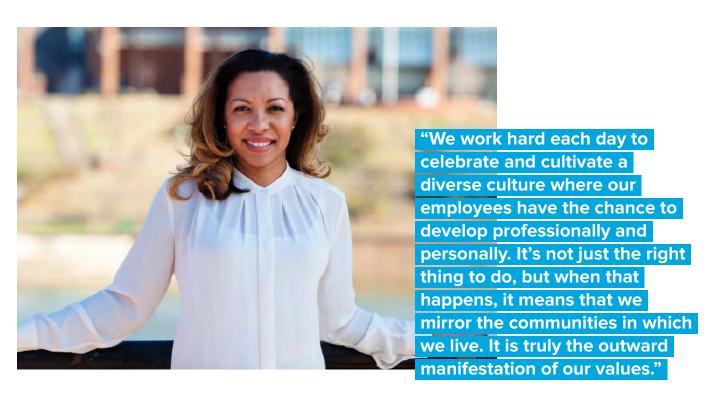
Aflac offers career support services to employees across the U.S. through its Career Success Centers. U.S. employees can meet with career consultants who provide mentoring, coaching, résumé writing support, mock interviews, career consultations, exam proctoring and talent assessments.

#### Mentoring

The mission of Aflac's mentoring program, TEACH, is to excite and empower employees to pursue self-development and provide an opportunity to tap into useful skills and experiences of others for growth and development. TEACH allows employees to "teach what they know and to learn what they don't."



TEACH mentors are leaders across the organization who volunteer for a six-month program to mentor employees. Mentors and mentees are "matched" for the program based on career alignment and development focus. The program offers organized activities and encourages the pairs to build a working relationship that goes beyond the length of the formal program.



Keyla Cabret-Lewis
DIRECTOR OF AFLAC DIVERSITY,
EQUITY AND INCLUSION



#### Workforce: Aflac Japan

# **Employee Wellness and Work/Life Management**

The Company encourages employees to keep a healthy mind and body. As part of our commitment, Aflac Japan provides many tools and resources such as walking campaigns, online seminars to improve health literacy, lifestyle-related improvement efforts such as smoking cessation support, promotion of cancer screening, establishment of employment support system, and other activities to help employees stay healthy.

As a result, Aflac Japan is certified as a Health and Productivity Management Organization by Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry for the fourth consecutive year. This certification is awarded for best practices in employee health management, strategically focused work style and development of a socially appreciative work environment.



Aflac Japan offers an on-site childcare center and provides support for different parenting stages: before prenatal, during childbirth/child care leave, and balancing work and parental responsibilities.

# **Employee Engagement, Training and Development**

We think it is important for Aflac Japan to strengthen employee engagement so that employees can be enthusiastic about their organization and their work and maximize their willingness to contribute. To that end, Aflac Japan conducts an employee engagement survey and implements improvements by leveraging a "plan, do, check, act" or (PDCA) cycle. According to the employee engagement survey conducted in 2021, Aflac Japan employees' total engagement score exceeds the Japan average. In addition, Aflac Japan adopted a new human resources management system to realize "an environment in which diverse human resources can work autonomously, utilize and maximize their strengths, and form their own careers." Aflac Japan provides employees with opportunities such as introductions for Career Development Plan (CDP), individual training, and human resources management training for all managers, as well as training through a variety of means including webinar and micro-learning to support the career development of employees. In addition, Aflac Japan is also developing a selective human resource development program to continue to strengthen the leadership pipeline.

#### Japan Work SMART

Aflac Japan promotes workstyle reform through its "Aflac Work SMART" initiative.

This initiative aims to maximize organization-wide performance by supporting employee work-life balance through the development of systems and supporting infrastructure that allow each employee to review their own workstyle and achieve a way of working not limited by "time" or "place."

#### The Aflac Work SMART acronym stands for:



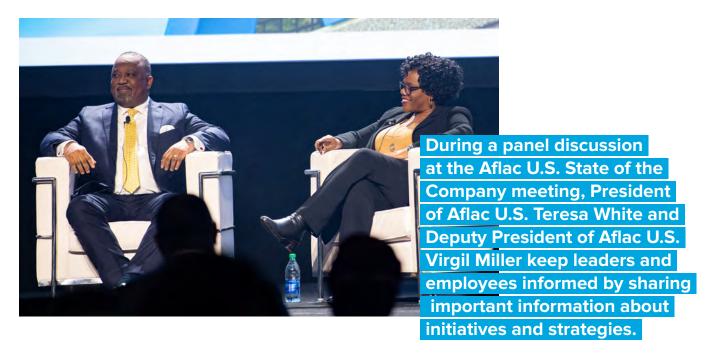












Realizing a better balance between work and home:

#### Flexible schedules

Aflac Japan offers every employee a flexible work schedule through utilization of shift work and flex-time, as well as paid days-off on an hourly basis. For those utilizing child or nursing care, Aflac Japan offers reduced working hour system where eligible employees can choose work hours from ten options with a combination of shift work.

Aflac Japan provides a working system and environment that enables every employee to work from home. The Company provided all employees with notebook PCs, tablets, and smartphones so that they can easily access Aflac Japan's internal systems from outside the office and work as if they were in the office while using the web conference system.

In order to maximize organizational results even as the impact of the COVID-19 continues, Aflac Japan has established Principles for Working with Corona" (i.e., working in the COVID-19 environment) to realize a hybrid work style that seeks to realize the best balance of on-site and remote work.

In 2021, the Work SMART initiative contributed to workstyle reform across the Company.

- By promoting work styles that are not limited by place, Aflac Japan was able to maintain stable business operations even though over 50% of employees were working remotely.
- Managers and employees took 87% of their annual paid leave.
- 100% of employees took their maternity or paternity leave, when applicable.

#### **Employee Appreciation**

Aflac Japan's Employee Appreciation Week is designed to celebrate and recognize the Company's greatest assets its - employees! To coincide with the anniversary of Aflac Japan's establishment, each November Aflac Japan holds its annual Employee Appreciation Week. From daily drawings to enjoying snacks, food and family events, Employee Appreciation Week is designed to show employees how much Aflac appreciates them each and every day.



#### **Our Workforce Diversity**

In 2001, Our Chairman & CEO, Dan Amos, led the cause to create the first Diversity Council at Aflac. Though time has passed, our commitment to diversity continues to this day with over nine employee-led councils globally. Though time has passed, our commitment continues to this day. Our employees are the bedrock of our company and we greatly benefit from their diverse backgrounds, experiences and ideas

Diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) has continued to be a key theme in the Aflac culture and is critical to our human capital strategy. In the aftermath of 2020, we encountered various societal challenges and to help us navigate those challenges, we developed a social justice committee aimed at supporting various social causes through corporate donations, representation in governmental affairs, and employee action in our communities. However, 2021 continued to be an area challenged in the social and political arena. It is during times like this that we lean on each other and recognize that we are stronger together. So in 2021, we expanded our DEI strategy and launched a global investments strategy that supports minority partners and identifies investments that drive DEI and support social justice. 74% of our donations impact underserved populations to include communities of color.

Our employees are the bedrock of our company and we greatly benefit from their diverse backgrounds, experiences and ideas. Ongoing efforts to advance fair representation in the workplace continued to drive positive change as we implemented mechanisms to better measure the representation of women and people of color in leadership at all levels. Recognizing that diversity and inclusion is a business imperative, in 2021, Aflac committed to employee (leadership) diversity goals with accountability.

At the highest levels of Aflac's leadership and throughout our organization, we are committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive workforce, just as we have for decades. Fostering diversity isn't only the right approach to take; it also makes good business sense. In order to accomplish our goals and serve the communities where we have a presence, we must surround ourselves with people who bring different perspectives to the table.

# Our workforce represents the communities we serve

Aflac is also mindful of the communities in which we operate, striving to be reflective of their diversity and actively working to mirror it. We recognize that our success is often defined by what we do each and every day when others aren't looking. It's how we treat all people. It's the opportunity we give to all people. It's about how we embrace diversity and encourage dialogue and inclusiveness. We are committed to doing even better and to continuing to make a difference.

Over the years, we have brought this same inclusive spirit to Japan where we have boosted our diversity promotion efforts by increasing the number of women in leadership positions.

At Aflac, our commitment goes beyond talking about diversity to actions that foster equity and inclusion. It is reflected in the makeup of our workforce, the equity of our pay policies and the initiatives we continually undertake to make every person feel welcomed and valued. There is no doubt that we are building a stronger company, but we recognize there is more that we can do. Still, we believe we are on the right path.







The Company's corporate culture reflects its commitment to diversity and inclusion at all levels of the Company. For example, at the end of 2021:

#### **Aflac Japan**

Aflac Japan's goal is to further increase the percentage of women in manager or general manager positions by 2025.

## EMPLOYEES WHO ARE WOMEN

**56**%

## WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP ROLES

33%

WOMEN IN MANAGER OR GENERAL MANAGER POSITIONS

23%

#### Aflac U.S.

Aflac U.S.'s goal is to increase diversity within senior management by 5% by 2026.

## EMPLOYEES WHO ARE WOMEN

66%

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP ROLES

49%

SENIOR MANAGEMENT WHO ARE WOMEN

28%

EMPLOYEES WHO ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR

PEOPLE OF COLOR IN LEADERSHIP ROLES

SENIOR MANAGEMENT WHO ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR

49%

30%

27%

# **Board of Directors**

WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR

64%

#### Aflac Heartful Services Co., Ltd.

- Established in 2009, Aflac Heartful Services Co., Ltd. (Aflac Heartful Services), a subsidiary of Aflac Japan, promotes the hiring of employees with disabilities.
- Aflac Heartful Services has established a barrier-free work environment and provides, among other things, specialized training, specially-trained supervisors and development opportunities to support those with disabilities.
- Of Aflac Heartful Services' 145 employees as of December 31, 2021, 116 have a disability.
- Aflac Heartful Services supports these employees with the assistance of advisors for long-term career support.

#### Diversity Council

- Both Aflac Japan and Aflac U.S. have created diversity councils that include employees from various levels that meet regularly to discuss activities and initiatives.
- The councils are designed to create avenues in which people can communicate and appreciate one another's differences.



#### **U.S. Employee Demographics**

**NEW HIRES** 

**76%** 

64% people of color

At Aflac, we know that Diversity, Equity and Inclusion goes beyond EEO-1, which is a U.S. requirement. Nonetheless, we know that many investors want to see this data. In the spirit of the transparency, we at Aflac Incorporated are making the most recent report available. We expect to continue posting future reports in the same way after filing with U.S. Department of Labor.

- The pay data is collected from all Aflac U.S. employees and does not include global information.
- The job categories in the EEO-1 report are not reflective of our workforce or compensation system. EEO-1 job groups encompass a broad range of grade levels, job titles, technical and non-technical jobs. For reference, Executive/ Senior Officials & Managers coordinates most closely to Aflac's definition of senior management. First/Mid Officials & Managers coordinates most closely with Aflac's

- people leaders; professional coordinates most closely with individual contributors; Technicians coordinates most closely to hourly workers; Sales workers coordinates most closely with Aflac's sales force; Administrative support coordinates most closely with specialist; Craft workers coordinates most closely with facilities consultants.
- Aflac is committed to global pay equity and uses ongoing analysis to ensure fair pay irrespective of gender or race/ethnicity. We will continue to perform pay equity assessments moving forward and close any identified gaps. Pay equity is defined as the average pay gap between employees of different genders or races/ ethnicities in the same or similar roles after accounting for legitimate business factors that can explain differences in pay such as location, time at grade level, tenure, education, experience, among other considerations.
- In 2021, 375 job titles held by both men and women at Aflac U.S. were reviewed, accounting for 3,675 employees.
   Among those positions, the salary ratio (compensation for women relative to men) was at par: 99.5%.

To learn more about the EEO-1 Report for Aflac U.S., click here.





#### **Aflac Japan Pay Equity**

Aflac Japan has reformed its human capital management system and starting in 2021. A new system for management was introduced and from 2022 a new system for general employees was established. Under the new system, jobs are assigned specific grades according to the respective position duties and responsibilities. Factors such as gender, age and race are not used in determining a job grade, and every job provides an equal opportunity for all employees. Aflac Japan's total reward system provides competitive market-based compensation to acquire and retain talent. Aflac Japan's Human Capital Management Policy Committee, which is led by the Aflac Japan president and consists of senior management, conducts annual monitoring of the Human Capital Management system for equity and fairness and evaluates job grades and compensation for consistency and adequacy.

#### **Developing an inclusive workforce**

Through its Women's Empowerment Program, Aflac Japan surpassed its goal of reaching 30% of women in leadership positions in 2020 (assistant manager or higher) one year ahead of schedule, and more progress is being made. Aflac Japan has now raised the bar and is on pace for a new target of 30% of manager or general manager positions to be filled by women by the end of 2025 and has achieved our target of 23% by the end of 2021 on schedule.

In Aflac U.S., there are a variety of offerings for women to grow in their development and careers. High potential senior level female leaders are selected to attend prestigious

development programs in their specific fields or in general leadership. Along with this, specific functional areas have created development programs designed to build the pipeline of female leadership deeper in the organization.

#### **Diversity Councils**

In both the U.S. and Japan, we have created diversity councils that include employees from various levels that meet each quarter to discuss activities and initiatives. The councils are designed to create avenues in which people can communicate and appreciate one another's differences.

#### **Heartful Services**

Established in 2009, Aflac Heartful Services Co., Ltd. (Aflac Heartful Services), a special subsidiary of Aflac Japan, promotes the hiring of employees with disabilities. Aflac Heartful Services has established a work environment and provides, among other things, specialized training, specially-trained supervisors and development opportunities to support those with disabilities. In addition, with or without a disability, it offers job assistance for those who have experienced pediatric cancer. In recognition of these efforts in promoting and stabilizing the employment of people with disabilities, Aflac Heartful Services has been certified by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW) under its "system for certifying outstanding small and medium-sized business operators regarding the employment of persons with disabilities (Monisu System)" in November 2021. Of Aflac Heartful Services' 145 employees as of December 31, 2021, 116 have a disability and five experienced pediatric cancer. Aflac Heartful Services supports these employees with the assistance of advisors for long-term career support.



#### **Philanthropy**

Caring for others is at the core of Aflac's culture, and 2021 was no exception. While supporting our customers every day, we still dedicated time and energy to making a difference in our communities.

#### Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center

Since 1995, the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta has become nationally renowned as one of the leading childhood cancer, hematology, and blood and marrow transplant programs in the United States. With innovative research programs and cutting-edge treatment options, the five-year survival rate for childhood cancer has improved dramatically, from 20% in 1965 to greater than 80% today. This worthwhile cause is very near and dear to the heart of the Aflac family, including the Aflac Foundation, Inc., our executives, employees and the field force, whose generous contributions help to provide a steady flow of funding for research. In total, Aflac's contributions to the Aflac Cancer Center have exceeded the \$157 million mark. This generosity has greatly contributed to the Aflac Cancer Center's success and distinction in research, which has earned the Aflac Cancer Center recognition as one of the top pediatric cancer programs in the United States by U.S. News and World Report. Aflac's commitment is not only positively impacting kids with childhood cancer, but also those with rare blood disorders, including sickle cell disease - a disease that is not widely known or understood.

The inspiration for Aflac's efforts to help address challenges brought on by sickle cell disease, in relation to larger disparities in pediatric health care, are largely centered on the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta: The Aflac Cancer Center is the most prolific provider of sickle cell disease care in the United States, caring for nearly 2,000 pediatric patients each year and regularly performing – blood and marrow transplants (BMTs). In 2020, it was rated No. 1 in the nation for total sickle cell disease discharges in 2020 with 2,000-plus total patient visits according to the Public Health Information System Data.



#### **Aflac Parents House**

A large part of being a well-respected and trusted company includes being a compassionate and socially responsible company. Aflac Japan recognizes that social responsibility is an essential element of our purpose. As a company, the Aflac Japan family cares deeply about our communities, and it is our privilege to help where we can. When a child is diagnosed with cancer or other serious medical conditions, he or she often must travel to Tokyo or Osaka from other parts of Japan to receive treatment, which is often an ongoing process. To help provide a level of assistance, the first Aflac Parents House, which was established in 2001 through a donation from Aflac Japan serves as a home-away-from-home where pediatric patients and their families can temporarily live together while they support their child's battle with cancer or numerous other serious illnesses. The Aflac Parents House is also utilized as a comprehensive support center for consultation and events related to pediatric cancer. When a child is diagnosed with cancer or other serious medical conditions, he or she often must travel to Tokyo or Osaka from other parts of Japan to receive treatment, which is often an ongoing process. To help provide a level of assistance, the first Aflac Parents House, which was established in 2001 through a donation from Aflac Japan serves as a home-awayfrom-home where pediatric patients and their families can temporarily live together while they support their child's battle with cancer or numerous other serious illnesses.



In memory of Jean Amos, who passed away in November 2019, Aflac Japan has renovated the Parents House and established the Amos Room with memorial donations from Aflac Japan executives, employees, group companies and sales agents.

In addition, many executives, employees, group companies, and sales agents support the operation of Parents House by donating hygiene products and daily necessities so that children and their families can stay in the building with peace of mind even as concerns over COVID-19 infection continue.



and events related to

pediatric cancer.

#### Cancer Awareness Classroom

Aflac recognizes the duty and responsibility that comes with being the pioneer and leading company for cancer insurance. As the pioneer of cancer insurance, consumers have placed their trust in our company and our products. We work hard each day to be good stewards of that trust. At Aflac Japan, for example, in cooperation with all 47 prefectures, we actively educate people about cancer prevention and the importance of early detection. For example, in the Tokyo suburb of Chofu City, where Aflac Japan has major operations, the Company cooperates with the local government to provide cancer education and developed cancer classes for all junior high schools in the city. In December 2021, Aflac Japan co-hosted a cancer screening awareness seminar with Chofu City on Aflac Japan's official YouTube channel, with the aim of spreading a correct understanding of cancer screening.







Aflac strives not only to provide peace of mind to our policyholders, but also compassionate help to our employees. With that in mind, in 2017, Aflac Japan pioneered a volunteer peer-based employee community called "All Ribbons" for employees who have experienced cancer. The name was chosen to reflect the wish of community members to support each other and their Aflac colleagues who have experienced various types of cancer. The All Ribbons group members provide support to fellow employees battling cancer and struggling to balance treatment and work. All Ribbons participants are provided with opportunities to share their unique experiences battling cancer, including tips for remaining balanced in their work life. Employee consulting services are also provided. In addition to these support activities, the All Ribbons group also hosts panel discussions which often take place at the "All Ribbons Café which is a meeting place for employees where cancer services information is available.

#### **Volunteering**

Aflac's steadfast philanthropic initiatives and volunteerism are grounded in "leaving our duckprints." In the U.S., employees and independent sales agents have donated more than \$157 million to support pediatric cancer research and treatment and the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center through 2021.

In Japan, we support those facing childhood cancer through initiatives such as the Aflac Parents House, where children being treated for diseases such as childhood cancer and their families can stay at a low price; scholarships for high school students who have lost their parents to cancer or who have experienced childhood cancer themselves; and supports the Gold Ribbon activities and more, including initiatives to improve the cancer screening rate in Japan.

#### My Special Aflac Duck®

In Japan and the U.S., Aflac Incorporated believes in doing good for future generations. That takes shape in many ways within the Aflac family, but most prominently in our dedication to children and families facing childhood cancer. We know it takes more than medicine to help children cope with cancer. That's why Aflac delivers *My Special Aflac Duck* free of charge to children in the U.S., Japan and Northern Ireland to assist them as they undergo cancer treatments. It's an investment – for the children, their families and their futures.

In addition to supporting the treatment and research of childhood cancer, Aflac wanted to do more. We wanted to give children with cancer something they could literally hold on to... something that would give them joy and help them on their journey. Aflac delivered on this commitment in 2018 with My Special Aflac Duck, our smart comforting companion that helps children feel less alone by using interactive technology during their cancer treatment. A compatible web-based app enables children to mirror their care routines, including medical play, lifelike movement and emotions to engage and help bring comfort to children during their cancer care journey. Ultimately, My Special Aflac Duck helps kids recognize that they're not alone in their lived experience; creates positive associations with the treatment regimens to inspire adherence both in and out of the home; and provides coping mechanisms anytime, anywhere, for anyone.

Each year, more than 15,000 children are diagnosed with cancer in the United States, and Aflac's goal is to gift each newly diagnosed child in the United States, age three and up, his or her very own *My Special Aflac Duck* completely free of charge. Through the Aflac Childhood Cancer Campaign, Aflac Cancer Center, and now, *My Special Aflac Duck*, Aflac is committed to providing support, hope, time and resources to children with cancer.



Sawyer Guillory was born with sickle cell disease and received his twin brother Saxton's bone marrow as his cure. Both were part of Aflac's pilot program in 2021 to provide a new version of *My Special Aflac Duck* to children with sickle cell disease.



The Guillory family is grateful that both of their sons, Saxton and Sawyer, are now healthy. About her twins and her family's experience, Shea Guillory said, "Saxton and Sawyer are two peas in a pod. They were born together; they were 'wombmates.' Sawyer was literally born with his cure. When they informed me that Sawyer had sickle cell anemia, I was devastated; I was at a loss for words. The doctors told me that we needed the best care for Saxton, which is how we came to the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Saxton was Sawyer's bone marrow transplant donor. He went through the surgery and the procedure with his brother. The level of care that my son received at this hospital it's hard to describe. It means so much to me. Sawyer and Saxton received a My Special Aflac Duck, and Sawyer named his duck 'Daxton' after his twin brother. I am in love and in awe with everything about the Aflac Duck. It helps to give kids a way to express themselves. It's a wonderful tool, and I think the more patients that have the opportunity to be able to use it, I think it would help them tremendously."

My Special Aflac Duck®, the caring robotic companion that has already helped more than 13,000 kids cope with cancer, is finding some new friends. In early 2022, Aflac U.S. expanded the reach of its award-winning *My Special Aflac Duck* program to include children with blood disorders such as sickle cell disease. Housed in custom packaging, these new duck accessories tailored especially to help children with blood disorders such as sickle cell cope with their unique care routines include a warm blanket, port-IV adapter and a new digital experience on the accompanying free app. Healthcare providers can visit myspecialaflacduck.com for more information and to request *My Special Aflac Ducks* for their pediatric patients with cancer and sickle cell disease.

In the U.S., more than

10,000 volunteer hours

were logged by 173 employees in 2021.

#### **Cancer Survivor Support**

Aflac Japan believes that society needs "open counseling spaces" that accept and mentally support the anxiety and loneliness of people who have experienced cancer so that they can feel like themselves. Aflac Japan supports this effort through donations.

#### Maggie's Tokyo

Provide a place where people who have experienced cancer, their families and friends can relax just by visiting us and regain their strength through nursing and psychological support.



#### **Gen-chan House**

Located in Kanazawa City, Ishikawa Prefecture, a place where people with cancer and their families can connect with people in the same situation and medical professionals.





In 2021, Aflac contributed \$400,000 to the American Red Cross: \$250,000 for Hurricane Ida relief and \$150,000 for Southern and Midwest Tornado relief.

#### **United Way**

Through employee, retiree, and corporate contributions, in 2021, Aflac donated more than \$1,283,792 to United Way to support local communities where employees work and live.





# **Appendix**

# ESG Reporting Index (GRI, SASB, TCFD and UN SDGs)

Disclosure Title/ Description	Reporting Requirements	Disclosure Information and/or Location	GRI Disclosure	SASB	TCFD	UN SDGs
GENERAL DISC	LOSURES					
Name of the organization	a. Name of the organization.	Aflac Incorporated	102-1			
Activities, brands, products, and services	<ul> <li>a. A description of the organization's activities.</li> <li>b. Primary brands, products, and services, including an explanation of any products or services that are banned in certain markets.</li> </ul>	About Aflac Incorporated, page 1 About Aflac, pages 7-21 2021 Form 10-K: Item 1. Business, pages 2-11	102-2	FN-IN-000.A FN-IN-410a.1 FN-IN-410b.1 FN-IN-410b.2		
Location of headquarters	Location of the organization's headquarters.	Aflac Worldwide Headquarters, 1932 Wynnton Road, Columbus, GA, U.S.	102-3			
Location of operations	Number of countries where the organization operates, and the names of countries where it has significant operations and/or that are relevant to the topics covered in the report.	About Aflac Incorporated, page 1 About Aflac, pages 7-21 2021 Form 10-K: Item 1. Business, pages 2-9	102-4			
Ownership and legal form	a. Nature of ownership and legal form.	2021 Form 10-K: Item 1. Business - Overview, page 2	102-5			
Markets served	a. Markets served, including: i. geographic locations where products and services are offered; ii. sectors served; iii. types of customers and beneficiaries.	About Aflac Incorporated, page 1 About Aflac, pages 7-21 2021 Form 10-K: Item 1. Business, pages 2-9	102-6			
Scale of the organization	a. Scale of the organization, including: i. total number of employees; ii. total number of operations; iii. net sales (for private sector organizations) or net revenues (for public sector organizations); iv. total capitalization (for private sector organizations) broken down in terms of debt and equity; v. quantity of products or services provided.	About Aflac, pages 7-21 Financial Highlights, pages 22-25 2021 Form 10-K: Item 1. Business - Human Capital, page 9	102-7			



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Information on employees and other workers	<ul> <li>a. Total number of employees by employment contract (permanent and temporary), by gender.</li> <li>b. Total number of employees by employment contract (permanent and temporary), by region.</li> <li>c. Total number of employees by employment type (full-time and part-time), by gender.</li> <li>d. Whether a significant portion of the organization's activities are performed by workers who are not employees. If applicable, a description of the nature and scale of work performed by workers who are not employees.</li> <li>e. Any significant variations in the numbers reported in Disclosures 102-8-a, 102-8-b, and 102-8-c(such as seasonal variations in the tourism or agricultural industries).</li> <li>f. An explanation of how the data have been compiled, including any assumptions made.</li> </ul>	About Aflac U.S. and Aflac Japan, page 7	102-8			
Supply chain	A description of the organization's supply chain, including its main elements as they relate to the organization's activities, primary brands, products, and services.	Aflac Supplier Information	102-9			
Significant changes to the organization and its supply chain	a. Significant changes to the organization's size, structure, ownership, or supply chain, including:  i. Changes in the location of, or changes in, operations, including facility openings, closings, and expansions;  ii. Changes in the share capital structure and other capital formation, maintenance, and alteration operations (for private sector organizations);  iii. Changes in the location of suppliers, the structure of the supply chain, or relationships with suppliers, including selection and termination.	Aflac Supplier Information	102-10			
Statement from senior decision- maker	A statement from the most senior decision-maker of the organization (such as CEO, chair, or equivalent senior position) about the relevance of sustainability to the organization and its strategy for addressing sustainability.	A Message from Daniel P. Amos, Aflac Incorporated Chairman and CEO, pages 2-3	102-14			
Key impacts, risks, and opportunities	A description of key impacts, risks, and opportunities.	2021 Form 10-K: Item 1A. Risk Factors, pages 13-27	102-15		2019 TCFD Report: Strategy and risk management, pages 4-10	
Values, principles, standards, and norms of behavior	A description of the organization's values, principles, standards, and norms of behavior.	The Aflac Way after cover, 2021 Business & Sustainability Report	102-16			



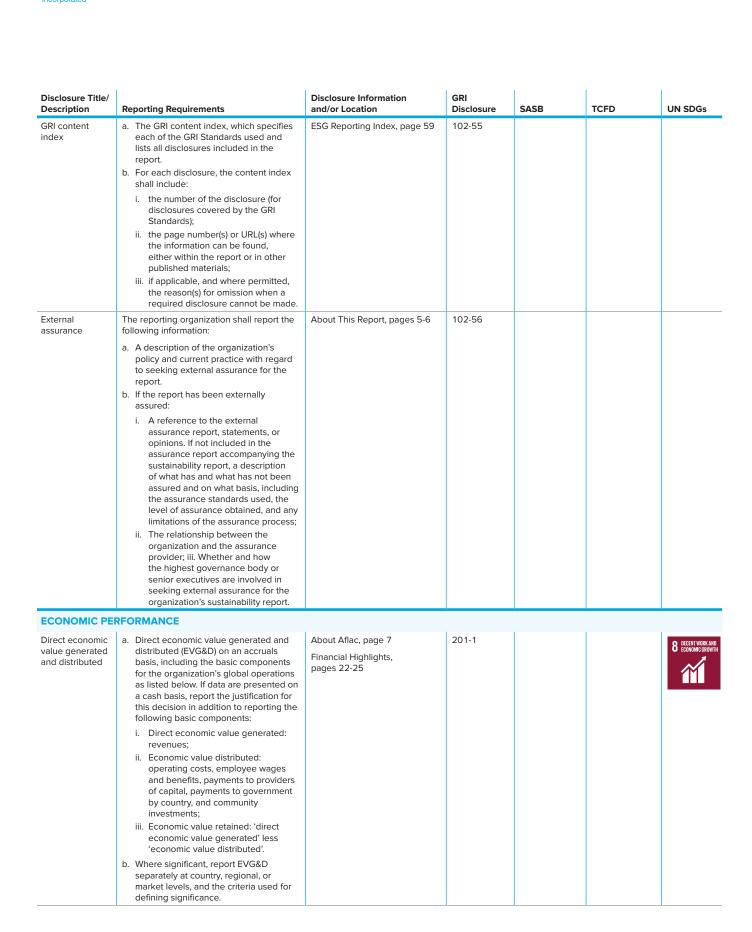
Disclosure Title/ Description	Reporting Requirements	Disclosure Information and/or Location	GRI Disclosure	SASB	TCFD	UN SDGs
Mechanisms for advice and concerns about ethics	a. A description of internal and external mechanisms for:     i. seeking advice about ethical and lawful behavior, and organizational integrity;     ii. reporting concerns about unethical or unlawful behavior, and organizational integrity.	Governance - Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability Committee, pages 32-34	102-17			
Governance structure	a. Governance structure of the organization, including committees of the highest governance body.     b. Committees responsible for decision-making on economic, environmental, and social topics.	Governance, pages 30-31 2021 Proxy Statement: Our Board and Committees, pages 12-20	102-18		2019 TCFD Report: Governance, page 2	
Composition of the highest governance body and its committees	a. Composition of the highest governance body and its committees by: i. executive or non-executive; ii. independence; iii. tenure on the governance body; iv. number of each individual's other significant positions and commitments, and the nature of the commitments; v. gender; vi. membership of under-represented social groups; vii. competencies relating to economic, environmental, and social topics; viii. stakeholder representation.	Governance, page 31  2021 Proxy Statement: Proxy Summary, pages ix-x; Board Composition, pages 2-8	102-22			
Chair of the highest governance body	a. Whether the chair of the highest governance body is also an executive officer in the organization.     b. If the chair is also an executive officer, describe his or her function within the organization's management and the reasons for this arrangement.	2021 Proxy Statement: Our Board and Committees - Board Leadership Structure, page 12	102-23			
Nominating and selecting the highest governance body	a. Nomination and selection processes for the highest governance body and its committees.  b. Criteria used for nominating and selecting highest governance body members, including whether and how:  i. stakeholders (including shareholders) are involved;  ii. diversity is considered;  iii. independence is considered;  iv. expertise and experience relating to economic, environmental, and social topics are considered.	2021 Proxy Statement: Board Composition - Director Nominating Process, pages 9-10	102-24			
Conflicts of interest	a. Processes for the highest governance body to ensure conflicts of interest are avoided and managed.  b. Whether conflicts of interest are disclosed to stakeholders, including, as a minimum:  i. Cross-board membership;  ii. Cross-shareholding with suppliers and other stakeholders;  iii. Existence of controlling shareholder;  iv. Related party disclosures.	Aflac Code of Business Conduct and Ethics 2021 Proxy Statement: Related Person Transactions, pages 64-65	102-25			



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Role of highest governance body in setting purpose, values, and strategy	Highest governance body's and senior executives' roles in the development, approval, and updating of the organization's purpose, value or mission statements, strategies, policies, and goals related to economic, environmental, and social topics.	Governance, pages 30-34	102-26		2019 TCFD Report: Governance, page 2	
Evaluating the highest governance body's performance	<ul> <li>a. Processes for evaluating the highest governance body's performance with respect to governance of economic, environmental, and social topics.</li> <li>b. Whether such evaluation is independent or not, and its frequency.</li> <li>c. Whether such evaluation is a self-assessment.</li> <li>d. Actions taken in response to evaluation of the highest governance body's performance with respect to governance of economic, environmental, and social topics, including, as a minimum, changes in membership and organizational practice.</li> </ul>	2021 Proxy Statement: Board Composition - Board Self-Evaluation, pages 10-11	102-28			
Identifying and managing economic, environmental, and social impacts	<ul> <li>a. Highest governance body's role in identifying and managing economic, environmental, and social topics and their impacts, risks, and opportunities – including its role in the implementation of due diligence processes.</li> <li>b. Whether stakeholder consultation is used to support the highest governance body's identification and management of economic, environmental, and social topics and their impacts, risks, and opportunities.</li> </ul>	Governance - Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability Committee, pages 32-34	102-29			
Effectiveness of risk management processes	Highest governance body's role in reviewing the effectiveness of the organization's risk management processes for economic, environmental, and social topics.	2021 Proxy Statement: Board Responsibilities - Enterprise- Wide Risk Oversight - Audit and Risk Committee, page 21 Governance - Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability Committee, pages 32-34	102-30			
Review of economic, environmental, and social topics	Frequency of the highest governance body's review of economic, environmental, and social topics and their impacts, risks, and opportunities.	Aflac Incorporated's Board Committees, page 31	102-31			
Highest governance body's role in sustainability reporting	The highest committee or position that formally reviews and approves the organization's sustainability report and ensures that all material topics are covered.	2021 Proxy Statement: Board Responsibilities - Commitment to Social Responsibility and Sustainability, page 23	102-32			
Communicating critical concerns	Process for communicating critical concerns to the highest governance body.	2021 Proxy Statement: Board Responsibilities - Communications with Directors, page 24	102-33			



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Remuneration policies	Remuneration policies for the highest governance body and senior executives for the following types of remuneration:	2021 Proxy Statement: Director Compensation, pages 24-26; Compensation Discussion and	102-35			
	<ul> <li>Fixed pay and variable pay, including performance-based pay, equity- based pay, bonuses, and deferred or vested shares;</li> </ul>	Analysis, pages 29-49				
	<li>ii. Sign-on bonuses or recruitment incentive payments;</li>					
	iii. Termination payments; iv. Clawbacks;					
	<ul> <li>Retirement benefits, including the difference between benefit schemes and contribution rates for the highest governance body, senior executives, and all other employees.</li> </ul>					
	b. How performance criteria in the remuneration policies relate to the highest governance body's and senior executives' objectives for economic, environmental, and social topics.					
Process for	a. Process for determining remuneration.	2021 Proxy Statement: Director	102-36			
determining remuneration	Whether remuneration consultants are involved in determining remuneration and whether they are independent of management.	Compensation, pages 24-26; Compensation Discussion and Analysis, pages 29-49				
	Any other relationships that the remuneration consultants have with the organization.					
Stakeholders'	a. How stakeholders' views are sought	2021 Proxy Statement: Board	102-37			
involvement in remuneration	and taken into account regarding remuneration.	Responsibilities - Shareholder Outreach, pages 23-24				
	<ul> <li>b. If applicable, the results of votes on remuneration policies and proposals.</li> </ul>					
Annual total compensation ratio	Ratio of the annual total compensation for the organization's highest-paid individual in each country of significant operations to the median annual total compensation for all employees (excluding the highest-paid individual) in the same country.	2021 Proxy Statement: CEO Pay Ratio, pages 60-61	102-38			
Reporting period	Reporting period for the information provided.	About This Report, pages 5-6	102-50			
Date of most recent report	If applicable, the date of the most recent previous report.	About This Report, pages 5-6	102-51			
Reporting cycle	a. Reporting cycle.	Annual	102-52			
Contact point for questions regarding the report	The contact point for questions regarding the report or its contents.	About This Report, pages 5-6	102-53			
Claims of reporting in accordance	The claim made by the organization, if it has prepared a report in accordance with the GRI Standards, either:	About This Report, pages 5-6	102-54			
with the GRI Standards	i. 'This report has been prepared in accordance with the GRI Standards:     Core option';     ii. 'This report has been prepared in					
	<ul><li>ii. 'This report has been prepared in accordance with the GRI Standards: Comprehensive option'.</li></ul>					





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Financial implications and other risks and opportunities due to climate change	a. Risks and opportunities posed by climate change that have the potential to generate substantive changes in operations, revenue, or expenditure, including:  i. a description of the risk or opportunity and its classification as either physical, regulatory, or other;  ii. a description of the impact associated with the risk or opportunity;  iii. the financial implications of the risk or opportunity before action is taken;  iv. the methods used to manage the risk or opportunity;  v. the costs of actions taken to manage the risk or opportunity.	2019 TCFD Report: Strategy and risk management, pages 4-10 Investments and Venture Capital, pages 36-38 2021 Form 10-K: Item 7: Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Investments, pages 51-55 2022 Sustainability Bond Report: Sustainability Bond Framework Summary, page 4	201-2	FN-IN-410a.1 FN-IN-410a.2 FN-IN-450a.3 FN-IN-410b.2	2019 TCFD Report: Strategy and risk management, pages 4-10	13 ACTION
Defined benefit plan obligations and other retirement plans	The reporting organization shall report the following information:  a. If the plan's liabilities are met by the organization's general resources, the estimated value of those liabilities.  b. If a separate fund exists to pay the plan's pension liabilities:  i. the extent to which the scheme's liabilities are estimated to be covered by the assets that have been set aside to meet them;  ii. the basis on which that estimate has been arrived at;  iii. when that estimate was made.  c. If a fund set up to pay the plan's pension liabilities is not fully covered, explain the strategy, if any, adopted by the employer to work towards full coverage, and the timescale, if any, by which the employer hopes to achieve full coverage.  d. Percentage of salary contributed by employee or employer.  e. Level of participation in retirement plans, such as participation in mandatory or voluntary schemes, regional, or country-based schemes, or those with financial impact.	Aflac Employee Benefits Guide	201-3			8 ECENT WORK AND ECHNOMIC GROWTH



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ENERGY						
Energy consumption within the organization	a. Total fuel consumption within the organization from non-renewable sources, in joules or multiples, and including fuel types used.      b. Total fuel consumption within the organization from renewable sources, in joules or multiples, and including fuel types used.      c. In joules, watt-hours or multiples, the total:      i. electricity consumption	Climate Risk Management, page 42	302-1			13 CLIMATE ACTION
	ii. heating consumption iii. cooling consumption iv. steam consumption					
	d. In joules, watt-hours or multiples, the total:  i. electricity sold  ii. heating sold  iii. cooling sold					
	<ul> <li>iv. steam sold</li> <li>e. Total energy consumption within the organization, in joules or multiples.</li> <li>f. Standards, methodologies, assumptions, and/or calculation tools used.</li> <li>g. Source of the conversion factors used.</li> </ul>					
Reduction of energy consumption	a. Amount of reductions in energy consumption achieved as a direct result of conservation and efficiency initiatives, in joules or multiples.  b. Types of energy included in the reductions; whether fuel, electricity, heating, cooling, steam, or all.  c. Basis for calculating reductions in energy consumption, such as base year or baseline, including the rationale for choosing it.  d. Standards, methodologies, assumptions,	Climate Risk Management - Energy Conservation/Efficiency and Green Buildings, page 42	302-4		2019 TCFD Report: Strategy and risk management - Corporate efforts to reduce operational GHG emissions, pages 8-9	13 CLIMATE ACTION
EMICCIONIC	and/or calculation tools used.					
EMISSIONS  Direct (Scope 1) GHG emissions	<ul> <li>a. Gross direct (Scope 1) GHG emissions in metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent.</li> <li>b. Gases included in the calculation; whether CO<sub>2</sub>, CH4, N2O, HFCs, PFCs, SF6, NF3, or all.</li> <li>c. Biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent.</li> <li>d. Base year for the calculation, if applicable, including: <ol> <li>i. the rationale for choosing it;</li> <li>ii. emissions in the base year;</li> <li>iii. the context for any significant changes in emissions that triggered recalculations of base year emissions.</li> </ol> </li> <li>e. Source of the emission factors and the global warming potential (GWP) rates used, or a reference to the GWP source.</li> </ul>	Climate Risk Management, page 42	305-1			13 CLIMATE ACTION
	Consolidation approach for emissions; whether equity share, financial control, or operational control.     Standards, methodologies, assumptions, and/or calculation tools used.					



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Energy indirect (Scope 2) GHG emissions	<ul> <li>a. Gross location-based energy indirect (Scope 2) GHG emissions in metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent.</li> <li>b. If applicable, gross market-based energy indirect (Scope 2) GHG emissions in metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent.</li> <li>c. If available, the gases included in the calculation; whether CO<sub>2</sub>, CH4, N2O, HFCs, PFCs, SF6, NF3, or all.</li> <li>d. Base year for the calculation, if applicable, including: <ol> <li>i. the rationale for choosing it;</li> <li>ii. emissions in the base year;</li> <li>iiii. the context for any significant changes in emissions that triggered recalculations of base year emissions.</li> </ol> </li> <li>e. Source of the emission factors and the global warming potential (GWP) rates used, or a reference to the GWP source.</li> <li>f. Consolidation approach for emissions; whether equity share, financial control, or operational control.</li> <li>g. Standards, methodologies, assumptions, and/or calculation tools used.</li> </ul>	Climate Risk Management, page 42	305-2			13 ACTION
Reduction of GHG emissions	<ul> <li>a. GHG emissions reduced as a direct result of reduction initiatives, in metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent.</li> <li>b. Gases included in the calculation; whether CO<sub>2</sub>, CH4, N2O, HFCs, PFCs, SF6, NF3, or all.</li> <li>c. Base year or baseline, including the rationale for choosing it.</li> <li>d. Scopes in which reductions took place; whether direct (Scope 1), energy indirect (Scope 2), and/or other indirect (Scope 3).</li> <li>e. Standards, methodologies, assumptions, and/or calculation tools used.</li> </ul>	Energy Conservation/Efficiency and Green Buildings, page 42	305-5	FN-IN-410b.1 FN-IN-410b.2	2019 TCFD Report: Strategy and risk management - Greenhouse gas reductions and goals, pages 9-10	13 cumare action



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WASTE						
Waste by type and disposal method	Total weight of hazardous waste, with a breakdown by the following disposal methods where applicable:     Reuse	Other Environmental Issues - Waste Prevention and Reduction, pages 43-44	306-2			12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
	ii. Recycling iii. Composting					
	iv. Recovery, including energy recovery     v. Incineration (mass burn)     vi. Deep well injection					
	vii. Landfill viii.On-site storage					
	ix. Other (to be specified by the organization)					
	total weight of non-hazardous waste, with a breakdown by the following disposal methods where applicable:					
	i. Reuse ii. Recycling					
	iii. Composting iv. Recovery, including energy recovery v. Incineration (mass burn) vi. Deep well injection					
	vii. Landfill viii.On-site storage ix. Other (to be specified by the					
	organization)  c. How the waste disposal method has					
	been determined:  i. Disposed of directly by the organization, or otherwise directly confirmed					
	ii. Information provided by the waste disposal contractor					
	iii. Organizational defaults of the waste disposal contractor					
EMPLOYMENT						
Benefits provided to full-time employees that are not provided	<ul> <li>Benefits which are standard for full-time employees of the organization but are not provided to temporary or part-time employees, by significant locations of operation. These include, as a minimum:</li> </ul>	Aflac Employee Benefits Guide	401-2			8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
to temporary or part-time employees	<ul> <li>i. life insurance;</li> <li>ii. health care;</li> <li>iii. disability and invalidity coverage;</li> <li>iv. parental leave;</li> </ul>					
	v. retirement provision; vi. stock ownership; vii. others.					
	b. The definition used for 'significant locations of operation'.					



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Parental leave	<ul> <li>a. Total number of employees that were entitled to parental leave, by gender.</li> <li>b. Total number of employees that took parental leave, by gender.</li> <li>c. Total number of employees that returned to work in the reporting period after parental leave ended, by gender.</li> <li>d. Total number of employees that returned to work after parental leave ended that were still employed 12 months after their return to work, by gender.</li> <li>e. Return to work and retention rates of employees that took parental leave, by gender.</li> </ul>	Aflac Employee Benefits Guide	401-3			8 DECENT WIDEN AND EDONOMIC GROWTH
Promotion of worker health	a. An explanation of how the organization facilitates workers' access to non-occupational medical and healthcare services, and the scope of access provided.  b. A description of any voluntary health promotion services and programs offered to workers to address major non-work-related health risks, including the specific health risks addressed, and how the organization facilitates workers' access to these services and programs.	Human Capital Management - Workforce: Aflac U.S Employee Wellness and Work/ Life Balance, page 45 Human Capital Management - Workforce: Aflac Japan - Employee Wellness and Work/ Life Management, page 48 2021 Form 10-K: Item 1. Business - Human Capital - Health and Wellness, page 10	403-6			3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BING —-//
TRAINING AND E	DUCATION					
Programs for upgrading employee skills and transition assistance programs	Type and scope of programs implemented and assistance provided to upgrade employee skills.     Transition assistance programs provided to facilitate continued employability and the management of career endings resulting from retirement or termination of employment.	Human Capital Management - Workforce: Aflac U.S Talent Development, page 47 Human Capital Management - Workforce: Aflac U.S Mentoring, page 47 Human Capital Management - Workforce: Aflac Japan - Employee Engagement, Training and Development, page 48  2021 Form 10-K: Item 1. Business - Human Capital, pages 9-10	404-2			8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
<b>DIVERSITY AN</b>	D EQUAL OPPORTUNITY					
Diversity of governance bodies and employees	<ul> <li>a. Percentage of individuals within the organization's governance bodies in each of the following diversity categories: <ol> <li>Gender;</li> <li>Age group: under 30 years old, 30-50 years old, over 50 years old;</li> <li>Other indicators of diversity where relevant (such as minority or vulnerable groups).</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Governance, page 31  Human Capital Management - Our Workforce Diversity, pages 50-52  2021 Form 10-K: Item 1.  Business - Human Capital - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, pages 10-11	405-1			5 GENGER EUGLITY
	<ul> <li>b. Percentage of employees per employee category in each of the following diversity categories:</li> <li>i. Gender;</li> <li>ii. Age group: under 30 years old, 30-50 years old, over 50 years old;</li> <li>iii. Other indicators of diversity where relevant (such as minority or vulnerable groups).</li> </ul>					



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Ratio of basic salary and remuneration of women to men	a. Ratio of the basic salary and remuneration of women to men for each employee category, by significant locations of operation.     b. The definition used for 'significant locations of operation'.	Human Capital Management - Our Workforce Diversity - Aflac 2020 EEO-1 pay disclosure, page 52	405-2			5 GENDER EQUALITY
SUPPLIER SOC	AL ASSESSMENT					
New suppliers that were screened using social criteria	Percentage of new suppliers that were screened using social criteria.	Aflac Supplier Information	414-1			
PUBLIC POLICY	,					
Political contributions	<ul> <li>a. Total monetary value of financial and inkind political contributions made directly and indirectly by the organization by country and recipient/beneficiary.</li> <li>b. If applicable, how the monetary value of in-kind contributions was estimated.</li> </ul>	Political Activity Report, page 37	415-1			
MARKETING AN	ND LABELING					
Incidents of non-compliance concerning marketing communications	<ul> <li>a. Total number of incidents of noncompliance with regulations and/or voluntary codes concerning marketing communications, including advertising, promotion, and sponsorship, by: <ol> <li>i. incidents of non-compliance with regulations resulting in a fine or penalty;</li> <li>ii. incidents of non-compliance with regulations resulting in a warning;</li> <li>iii. incidents of non-compliance with voluntary codes.</li> <li>b. If the organization has not identified any non-compliance with regulations and/or voluntary codes, a brief statement of this fact is sufficient.</li> </ol> </li></ul>	Providing Customers with Transparent, Accurate and Up-to-Date Information, page 33-34	417-3	FN-IN-270a.1 FN-IN-270a.4		
CUSTOMER PR	IVACY					
Substantiated complaints concerning breaches of customer privacy and losses of customer data	a. Total number of substantiated complaints received concerning breaches of customer privacy, categorized by: i. complaints received from outside parties and substantiated by the organization; ii. complaints from regulatory bodies. b. Total number of identified leaks, thefts, or losses of customer data. c. If the organization has not identified any substantiated complaints, a brief	Protecting Our Customers and Data with Cybersecurity, page 35	418-1			



## **Board of Directors**

Daniel P. Amos Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Aflac Incorporated	W. Paul Bowers Chairman, ret. President and Chief Executive Officer, Georgia Power Co.	Toshihiko Fukuzawa Deputy President, Representative Director, Chuo-Nittochi Group Co., Ltd., Chuo-Nittochi Co., Ltd.
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# **Executive Leadership**

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J. Todd Daniels Director, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Aflac Life Insurance Japan	Tohru Futami Director, Executive Vice President, Chief Transformation Officer, Chief Digital Information Officer, Aflac Life Insurance Japan	Yoko Kijima  Director, Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, Aflac Life Insurance Japan
Virgil R. Miller Deputy President, Aflac U.S.	Shigehiro Kuwabara Director, Vice Chairman, Aflac Life Insurance Japan	

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#### **Annual Meeting**

May 2, 2022, 10:00 a.m. ET

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Annual Reports, this Report, and Proxy Statements are posted **here** and SEC Filings, including form 10-K can be found **here**.

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