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**Grey House Publishing announces the Spring 2019 Edition of
*Weiss Ratings' Guide to Life & Annuity Insurers***

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the Spring 2019 Edition of *Weiss Ratings' Guide to Life & Annuity Insurers*.

Published four times per year, *Weiss Ratings' Guide to Life & Annuity Insurers* provides independent, unbiased ratings on the financial strength of 1,000 life and annuity insurers, including companies providing life insurance, annuities, guaranteed investment contracts (GICs) and other pension products.

The Spring 2019 edition of this guide is divided into six main sections, preceded by an introductory section and followed by a thorough Appendix. Weiss' complete letter-grade rubric is detailed on the inside front cover—an easily accessible reference for users researching companies in this *Guide*.

The **Introductory** section begins by welcoming the user and laying out the mission statement, followed by a **"How To Use This Guide"** orientation to the book. The final components of this section are an explanation of the Financial Strength Ratings used in the book and a page of important warnings and cautions for the user to take into account when evaluating insurance providers.

- Section I, an **Index of Companies**, is comprised of an alphabetical listing of all rated and unrated U.S. life and annuity insurers, containing key rating factors and an investment portfolio analysis for all insurers. An explanation of each of the footnotes and stability factors appears at the end of this section.
- Section II, **Analysis of Largest Companies**, features summary analyses of all rated U.S. life and annuity insurers with capital in excess of \$25 million. These summaries are made up of several components and also contain graphs and charts to assist the user in understanding the data. Components of the analyses include: Financial Strength Rating, Major Rating Factors, Principal Business, and Principal Investments. Complete contact information is also listed.
- Sections III and IV both deal with **Recommended Companies**. These are U.S. life and annuity insurers that have been awarded a Financial Strength Rating between A+ and B+. Section III lists the companies alphabetically, while Section IV organizes them by state (in which companies are licensed to do business). In Section III, listings are accompanied by complete contact information and rating. Section IV listings include Domicile State and Total Assets.

- Section V contains a list of all **Rated and Unrated Life and Annuity Insurers**. Companies are ranked by Financial Strength Rating, and then listed alphabetically within each rating category.
- Section VI, **Rating Upgrades and Downgrades**, identifies those companies receiving a rating change since the previous edition of this publication. Each listing has a brief summary of the change and reason for the change.

The *Guide* ends with an Appendix containing four sections: an article about **State Guaranty Associations**, details about **Risk-Adjusted Capital**, a list of **Recent Industry Failures**, and a **Glossary** containing the most important terms used throughout the publication.

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Weiss Ratings' Guide to Life & Annuity Insurers presents the most comprehensive, accurate, and independent analyses and ratings of U.S. insurance providers in an accessible format, so users at any level can easily navigate through this incomparable resource. Since the *Guide* is published quarterly, the information and ratings react quickly to changes in the industry, and users can rest assured that all ratings are up to date. Whether the user is in the insurance industry, or is a consumer looking for information on his or her insurance company, or looking to change insurers, this *Guide* is the best and only source for unbiased and timely analyses.

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