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# Chimera Appoints New Independent Board Member Susan Mills

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Chimera Investment Corporation (NYSE:CIM) (the “Company” or “Chimera”) announced today that Susan Mills has been elected to the Company’s Board of Directors as a Class I Director, effective November 13, 2023.

Ms. Mills is currently a Managing Director at Academy Securities (“Academy”), veteran-owned and operated investment bank with strengths in capital markets, asset management, public finance, geopolitical intel, fixed income and equity trading. Prior to that, she spent 36 years at Citigroup Global Markets (“Citi”) as the successor to Salomon Brothers.

“We are pleased to welcome Ms. Mills to our Board,” said Gerry Creagh, Chairman of the Board. “She has extraordinary expertise in the mortgage banking industry, and we believe Chimera will benefit greatly from her extensive experience and perspective.”

Debra Still, Chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee, added “The addition of Ms. Mills to our Board reflects our continued commitment to strengthening our corporate governance by having a diversity of backgrounds, experiences and expertise on our Board.”

During her time at Citi, Ms. Mills held various senior management positions in businesses related to North American Residential Mortgages, including contract finance related to whole loan transactions, securitization, warehouse lending and sourcing residential investment opportunities for Citi or their private credit clients. While at Citi, she was active in women’s mentoring and recruiting groups. She was on the board of Kingsbridge Heights Community Center for two years. Ms. Mills received a bachelor’s degree in Accounting from Long Island University.

Ms. Mills will stand for election at the Company’s 2024 shareholder meeting for the remaining two years of the Class I Director term. Ms. Mills will serve on the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Risk Committee of the Company’s Board of Directors.

## About Chimera

Chimera is a publicly traded real estate investment trust, or REIT, that is primarily engaged in the business of investing directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries, on a leveraged basis, in a diversified portfolio of mortgage assets, including residential mortgage loans, Agency RMBS, Non-Agency RMBS, Agency CMBS, and other real estate related securities.

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