

# CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION RELEASES 2ND QUARTER 2017 EARNINGS

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- » GAAP EARNINGS OF \$0.56 PER COMMON SHARE
- » CORE EARNINGS<sup>(1)</sup> OF \$0.60 PER COMMON SHARE
- » GAAP BOOK VALUE OF \$16.54 PER COMMON SHARE
- » ADDED \$1 BILLION OF RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Chimera Investment Corporation, Inc. (NYSE:CIM) today announced its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2017. The Company's second quarter 2017 GAAP net income was \$105.6 million or \$0.56 per common share. Core earnings<sup>(1)</sup> for the second quarter of 2017 was \$112.1 million or \$0.60 per common share. Economic return on book value for the quarter was 5.2%<sup>(2)</sup>. This quarter the Company purchased approximately \$377 million in loans and committed to purchase an additional \$620 million which will bring loan purchases for the year to \$5.1 billion. The Company sponsored one mortgage loan securitization for \$377 million and incurred \$1.3 million in securitization deal related expenses.

"Chimera remains prudent in growing its portfolio, investing an additional \$1 billion in residential mortgage loans" said Matthew Lambiase, Chimera's CEO and President. "Chimera is focused on producing stable earnings and dividends while protecting book value."

(1) Core earnings is a non-GAAP measure. See additional discussion on page 5.

(2) Economic return on book value is based on the change in GAAP book value per common share for the quarter plus the quarterly dividend declared per common share.

Note: All per common share amounts presented on a diluted basis.

## Other Information

Chimera Investment Corporation is a publicly traded real estate investment trust, or REIT, that is primarily engaged in real estate finance. We were incorporated in Maryland on June 01, 2007 and commenced operations on November 21, 2007. We invest, either directly or indirectly through our subsidiaries, in RMBS, residential mortgage loans, Agency CMBS, commercial mortgage loans, real estate-related securities and various other asset classes. We have elected and believe that we are organized and have operated in a manner that enables us to be taxed as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code.

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

(dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

	June 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
<b>Assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 168,743	\$ 177,714
Non-Agency RMBS, at fair value	3,111,827	3,330,063
Agency MBS, at fair value	3,994,670	4,167,754
Loans held for investment, at fair value	13,261,360	8,753,653
Accrued interest receivable	98,079	79,697
Other assets	168,883	166,350
Derivatives, at fair value, net	14,907	9,677
<b>Total assets <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 20,818,469</b>	<b>\$ 16,684,908</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Repurchase agreements (\$7.6 billion and \$7.0 billion, MBS pledged as collateral, respectively)	\$ 6,254,153	\$ 5,600,903
Securitized debt, collateralized by Non-Agency RMBS (\$1.7 billion and \$1.8 billion pledged as collateral, respectively)	264,866	334,124
Securitized debt at fair value, collateralized by loans held for investment (\$12.7 billion and \$8.8 billion pledged as collateral, respectively)	9,511,229	6,941,097
Payable for investments purchased	1,046,720	520,532
Accrued interest payable	54,853	48,670
Dividends payable	94,809	97,005
Accounts payable and other liabilities	13,445	16,694
Derivatives, at fair value	1,707	2,350
<b>Total liabilities <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 17,241,782</b>	<b>\$ 13,561,375</b>
<b>Stockholders' Equity:</b>		
Preferred Stock, par value of \$0.01 per share, 100,000,000 shares authorized:		
8.00% Series A cumulative redeemable: 5,800,000 shares issued and outstanding, respectively (\$145,000 liquidation preference)	\$ 58	\$ 58
8.00% Series B cumulative redeemable: 13,000,000 and 0 shares issued and outstanding, respectively (\$325,000 liquidation preference)	130	—
Common stock: par value \$0.01 per share; 300,000,000 shares authorized, 187,779,367 and 187,739,634 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	1,878	1,877
Additional paid-in-capital	3,824,680	3,508,779
Accumulated other comprehensive income	780,283	718,106
Cumulative earnings	2,721,008	2,443,184
Cumulative distributions to stockholders	(3,751,350 )	(3,548,471 )
<b>Total stockholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 3,576,687</b>	<b>\$ 3,123,533</b>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 20,818,469</b>	<b>\$ 16,684,908</b>

(1) The Company's consolidated statements of financial condition include assets of consolidated variable interest entities ("VIEs") that can only be used to settle obligations and liabilities of the VIE for which creditors do not have recourse to the primary beneficiary (Chimera Investment Corporation). As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, total assets of consolidated VIEs were \$14,555,718 and \$10,761,954, respectively, and total liabilities of consolidated VIEs were \$9,814,130 and \$7,302,905, respectively.

**Net Income**

(dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

(unaudited)

For the Quarters Ended

For the Six Months Ended

	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016
<b>Net interest income:</b>				
Interest income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 288,644	\$ 221,096	\$ 539,988	\$ 422,293
Interest expense <sup>(2)</sup>	137,955	83,227	248,186	146,208
Net interest income	150,689	137,869	291,802	276,085
<b>Other-than-temporary impairments:</b>				
Total other-than-temporary impairment losses	(749 )	(3,139 )	(3,462 )	(7,562 )
Portion of loss recognized in other comprehensive income	(12,760 )	(17,816 )	(28,748 )	(24,071 )
Net other-than-temporary credit impairment losses	(13,509 )	(20,955 )	(32,210 )	(31,633 )
<b>Other investment gains (losses):</b>				
Net unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives	5,802	22,100	10,698	(79,010 )
Realized gains (losses) on terminations of interest rate swaps	(16,143 )	(60,158 )	(16,143 )	(60,616 )
Net realized gains (losses) on derivatives	(11,481 )	(9,697 )	(20,839 )	(44,666 )
<b>Net gains (losses) on derivatives</b>	<b>(21,822 )</b>	<b>(47,755 )</b>	<b>(26,284 )</b>	<b>(184,292 )</b>
Net unrealized gains (losses) on financial instruments at fair value	67,762	30,347	140,005	47,218
Net realized gains (losses) on sales of investments	4,541	6,631	9,708	3,956
Gains (losses) on extinguishment of debt	(48,014 )	—	(48,014 )	(1,766 )
Total other gains (losses)	2,467	(10,777 )	75,415	(134,884 )
<b>Other income:</b>				
Other income	—	—	—	95,000
Total other income	—	—	—	95,000
<b>Other expenses:</b>				
Compensation and benefits	7,671	6,954	15,227	12,176
General and administrative expenses	4,585	4,238	8,625	8,741
Servicing fees	10,890	7,773	20,478	13,351
Deal expenses	1,345	13,022	12,698	13,022
Total other expenses	24,491	31,987	57,028	47,290
<b>Income (loss) before income taxes</b>	<b>115,156</b>	<b>74,150</b>	<b>277,979</b>	<b>157,278</b>
Income taxes	139	23	155	52
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 115,017</b>	<b>\$ 74,127</b>	<b>\$ 277,824</b>	<b>\$ 157,226</b>
<b>Dividend on preferred stock</b>				
	9,400	—	14,683	—
<b>Net income (loss) available to common shareholders</b>				
	\$ 105,617	\$ 74,127	\$ 263,141	\$ 157,226
<b>Net income (loss) per share available to common shareholders:</b>				
Basic	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.39	\$ 1.40	\$ 0.84
Diluted	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.39	\$ 1.40	\$ 0.84
<b>Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:</b>				
Basic	187,779,406	187,729,765	187,770,626	187,726,618
Diluted	188,142,551	187,925,046	188,169,093	187,882,614

**Dividends declared per share of common stock**      \$      0.50      \$      0.48      \$      1.00      \$      1.46

(1) Includes interest income of consolidated VIEs of \$234,437 and \$160,885 for the quarters ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively and interest income of consolidated VIEs of \$427,426 and \$292,865 for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 respectively.

(2) Includes interest expense of consolidated VIEs of \$105,723 and \$58,772 for the quarters ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively and interest expense of consolidated VIEs of \$188,407 and \$98,022 for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 respectively.

## CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

(Unaudited)

	For the Quarters Ended		For the Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016
<b>Comprehensive income (loss):</b>				
Net income (loss)	\$ 115,017	\$ 74,127	\$ 277,824	\$ 157,226
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>				
Unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities, net	41,655	53,015	37,744	112,423
Reclassification adjustment for net losses included in net income for other-than-temporary credit impairment losses	13,509	20,955	32,210	31,633
Reclassification adjustment for net realized losses (gains) included in net income	(2,591 )	(9,062 )	(7,777 )	(10,674 )
Other comprehensive income (loss)	52,573	64,908	62,177	133,382
<b>Comprehensive income (loss) before preferred stock dividends</b>	<b>\$ 167,590</b>	<b>\$ 139,035</b>	<b>\$ 340,001</b>	<b>\$ 290,608</b>
Dividends on preferred stock	\$ 9,400	\$ —	\$ 14,683	\$ —
<b>Comprehensive income (loss) available to common stock shareholders</b>	<b>\$ 158,190</b>	<b>\$ 139,035</b>	<b>\$ 325,318</b>	<b>\$ 290,608</b>

### Core earnings

Core earnings is a non-GAAP measure and is defined as GAAP net income excluding unrealized gains on the aggregate portfolio, impairment losses, realized gains on sales of investments, realized gains or losses on futures, realized gains or losses on swap terminations, gain on deconsolidation, extinguishment of debt and certain other non-recurring gains or losses. As defined, core earnings include interest income and expense as well as realized losses on interest rate swaps used to hedge interest rate risk. Management believes that the presentation of core earnings is useful to investors because it can provide a useful measure of comparability to our other REIT peers, but has important limitations. We believe core earnings as described above helps evaluate our financial performance without the impact of certain transactions but is of limited usefulness as an analytical tool. Therefore, core earnings should not be viewed in isolation and is not a substitute for net income or net income per basic share computed in accordance with GAAP.

The following table provides GAAP measures of net income and net income per basic share available to common stockholders for the periods presented and details with respect to reconciling the line items to core earnings and related per average basic common share amounts:

	For the Quarters Ended				
	June 30, 2017	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	September 30, 2016	June 30, 2016
	(dollars in thousands, except per share data)				
<b>GAAP Net income available to common stockholders</b>	<b>\$ 105,617</b>	<b>\$ 157,524</b>	<b>\$ 219,454</b>	<b>\$ 172,817</b>	<b>\$ 74,127</b>
Adjustments:					
Net other-than-temporary credit impairment losses	13,509	18,701	14,780	11,574	20,955
Net unrealized (gains) losses on derivatives	(5,802 )	(4,896 )	(101,475 )	(27,628 )	(22,100 )
Net unrealized (gains) losses on financial instruments at fair value	(67,762 )	(72,243 )	20,664	(32,999 )	(30,347 )
Net realized (gains) losses on sales of investments	(4,541 )	(5,167 )	(11,121 )	(3,079 )	(6,631 )
(Gains) losses on extinguishment of debt	48,014	—	(1,334 )	45	—
Realized (gains) losses on terminations of interest rate swaps	16,143	—	—	—	60,158
Net realized (gains) losses on Futures <sup>(1)</sup>	6,914	2,084	(19,628 )	7,823	(635 )
Core Earnings	<b>\$ 112,092</b>	<b>\$ 96,003</b>	<b>\$ 121,340</b>	<b>\$ 128,553</b>	<b>\$ 95,527</b>
GAAP net income per basic common share	<b>\$ 0.56</b>	<b>\$ 0.84</b>	<b>\$ 1.17</b>	<b>\$ 0.92</b>	<b>\$ 0.39</b>
Core earnings per basic common share <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>\$ 0.60</b>	<b>\$ 0.51</b>	<b>\$ 0.65</b>	<b>\$ 0.68</b>	<b>\$ 0.51</b>

(1) Included in net realized gains (losses) on derivatives in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

(2) We note that core and taxable earnings will typically differ, and may materially differ, due to differences on realized gains and losses on investments and related hedges, credit loss recognition, timing differences in premium amortization, accretion of discounts, equity compensation and other items.

The following tables provide a summary of the Company's MBS portfolio at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

	Principal or Notional Value at Period-End (dollars in thousands)	Weighted Average Amortized Cost Basis	Weighted Average Fair Value	Weighted Average Coupon	Weighted Average Yield at Period-End (1)
Non-Agency RMBS					
Senior	\$ 2,919,136	\$ 54.86	\$ 80.61	4.5 %	16.2 %
Senior, interest-only	5,140,383	5.38	4.27	1.4 %	10.7 %
Subordinated	646,779	70.17	81.69	3.7 %	9.1 %
Subordinated, interest-only	258,908	5.13	4.19	1.1 %	11.1 %
Agency MBS					
Residential pass-through	2,376,069	105.76	104.61	3.8 %	2.9 %
Commercial pass-through	1,366,273	102.65	101.38	3.6 %	3.1 %
Interest-only	3,262,811	3.98	3.80	0.8 %	3.4 %

December 31, 2016

	Principal or Notional Value at Period-End (dollars in thousands)	Weighted Average Amortized Cost Basis	Weighted Average Fair Value	Weighted Average Coupon	Weighted Average Yield at Period-End (1)
Non-Agency RMBS					
Senior	\$ 3,190,947	\$ 55.76	\$ 78.69	4.3 %	15.5 %
Senior, interest-only	5,648,339	5.18	4.49	1.5 %	11.7 %
Subordinated	673,259	70.83	82.21	3.8 %	9.2 %
Subordinated, interest-only	266,927	5.20	4.50	1.1 %	13.5 %
Agency MBS					
Residential pass-through	2,594,570	105.78	104.29	3.9 %	3.0 %
Commercial pass-through	1,331,543	102.64	98.91	3.6 %	2.9 %
Interest-only	3,356,491	4.53	4.31	0.8 %	3.5 %

(1) Bond Equivalent Yield at period end.

At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the repurchase agreements collateralized by MBS had the following remaining maturities.

	June 30, 2017	December 31, 2016		
	(dollars in thousands)			
Overnight	\$	—	\$	—
1 to 29 days		4,194,962		2,947,604
30 to 59 days		714,705		958,956
60 to 89 days		367,734		407,625
90 to 119 days		220,797		559,533
Greater than or equal to 120 days		755,955		727,185
Total	\$	6,254,153	\$	5,600,903

The following table summarizes certain characteristics of our portfolio at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

	For the Quarter Ended		For the Year Ended	
	June 30, 2017		December 31, 2016	
Interest earning assets at period-end <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	20,367,857	\$	16,251,470
Interest bearing liabilities at period-end	\$	16,030,248	\$	12,876,124
GAAP Leverage at period-end		4.5:1		4.1:1
GAAP Leverage at period-end (recourse)		1.7:1		1.8:1
Portfolio Composition, at amortized cost				
Non-Agency RMBS		6.9 %		9.0 %
Senior		3.0 %		3.9 %
Senior, interest only		1.4 %		1.9 %
Subordinated		2.4 %		3.1 %
Subordinated, interest only		0.1 %		0.1 %
RMBS transferred to consolidated VIEs		5.4 %		7.6 %
Agency MBS		21.0 %		27.7 %
Residential		13.0 %		17.8 %
Commercial		7.3 %		8.9 %
Interest-only		0.7 %		1.0 %
Loans held for investment		66.7 %		55.7 %
Fixed-rate percentage of portfolio		88.3 %		88.4 %
Adjustable-rate percentage of portfolio		11.7 %		11.6 %
Annualized yield on average interest earning assets for the periods ended		6.2 %		6.4 %
Annualized cost of funds on average borrowed funds for the periods ended <sup>(2)</sup>		3.5 %		3.0 %

(1) Excludes cash and cash equivalents.

(2) Includes the effect of realized losses on interest rate swaps.

### ***Economic Net Interest Income***

Our "Economic net interest income" is a non-GAAP financial measure, that equals interest income, less interest expense and realized losses on our interest rate swaps. Realized losses on our interest rate swaps are the periodic net settlement payments made or received. For the purpose of computing economic net interest income and ratios relating to cost of funds measures throughout this section, interest expense includes net payments on our interest rate swaps, which is presented as a part of Realized gains (losses) on derivatives in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income. Interest rate swaps are used to manage the increase in interest paid on repurchase agreements in a rising rate environment. Presenting the net contractual interest payments on interest rate swaps with the interest paid on interest-bearing liabilities reflects our total contractual interest payments. We believe this presentation is useful to investors because it depicts the economic value of our investment strategy by showing actual interest expense and net interest income. Where indicated, interest expense, including interest payments on interest rate swaps, is referred to as economic interest expense. Where indicated, net interest income reflecting interest payments on interest rate swaps, is referred to as economic net interest income.

The following table reconciles the GAAP and non-GAAP measurements reflected in the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

			Net			Net		
			Realized			Realized		
			Losses			Losses		
			on			on		
			Interest	Economic	GAAP Net	Interest		Economic
	GAAP	GAAP	Rate	Interest	Interest	Rate	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	Net
	Interest	Interest	Swaps	Expense	Income	Swaps		Interest
	Income	Expense						Income
For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2017	\$ 288,644	\$ 137,955	\$ 3,486	\$ 141,441	\$ 150,689	\$ (3,486 )	\$ (350 )	\$ 146,853
For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2017	\$ 251,344	\$ 110,231	\$ 4,106	\$ 114,337	\$ 141,113	\$ (4,106 )	\$ (519 )	\$ 136,488
For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2016	\$ 260,823	\$ 106,737	\$ 4,151	\$ 110,888	\$ 154,086	\$ (4,151 )	\$ 40	\$ 149,975
For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2016	\$ 250,953	\$ 94,911	\$ 4,595	\$ 99,506	\$ 156,042	\$ (4,595 )	\$ (105 )	\$ 151,342
For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2016	\$ 221,096	\$ 83,227	\$ 8,141	\$ 91,368	\$ 137,869	\$ (8,141 )	\$ (367 )	\$ 129,361

(1) Primarily interest income on cash and cash equivalents.

The table below shows our average earning assets held, interest earned on assets, yield on average interest earning assets, average debt balance, economic interest expense, economic average cost of funds, economic net interest income, and net interest rate spread for the periods presented.



**For the Quarters Ended**

	June 30, 2017			June 30, 2016		
	(dollars in thousands)			(dollars in thousands)		
	Average Balance	Interest	Average Yield/Cost	Average Balance	Interest	Average Yield/Cost
<b>Assets:</b>						
<b><i>Interest-earning assets <sup>(1)</sup>:</i></b>						
Agency MBS	\$ 3,661,335	\$ 24,289	2.7 %	\$ 4,882,776	\$ 29,376	2.4 %
Non-Agency RMBS	1,335,643	29,567	8.9 %	1,432,834	30,469	8.5 %
Non-Agency RMBS transferred to consolidated VIEs	1,069,509	58,486	21.9 %	1,346,840	62,889	18.7 %
Residential mortgage loans held for investment	12,391,023	175,952	5.7 %	6,625,810	97,994	5.9 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,457,510</b>	<b>\$ 288,294</b>	<b>6.2 %</b>	<b>\$ 14,288,260</b>	<b>\$ 220,728</b>	<b>6.2 %</b>
<b>Liabilities and stockholders' equity:</b>						
<b><i>Interest-bearing liabilities:</i></b>						
Repurchase agreements collateralized by:						
Agency MBS <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 3,156,501	\$ 12,190	1.5 %	\$ 4,612,205	\$ 15,795	1.4 %
Non-Agency RMBS	725,698	5,229	2.9 %	693,126	5,168	3.0 %
Re-Remic repurchase agreements	387,493	3,573	3.7 %	686,606	6,701	3.9 %
RMBS from loan securitizations	1,823,189	14,726	3.2 %	872,023	4,932	2.3 %
Securitized debt, collateralized by Non-Agency RMBS	284,127	5,563	7.8 %	458,350	5,922	5.2 %
Securitized debt, collateralized by loans	9,700,805	100,160	4.1 %	5,664,470	52,849	3.7 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 16,077,813</b>	<b>\$ 141,441</b>	<b>3.5 %</b>	<b>\$ 12,986,780</b>	<b>\$ 91,367</b>	<b>2.8 %</b>
<b>Economic net interest income/net interest rate spread</b>						
		\$ 146,853	2.7 %		\$ 129,361	3.4 %
<b>Net interest-earning assets/net interest margin</b>						
	\$ 2,379,697		3.2 %	\$ 1,301,480		3.6 %
<b>Ratio of interest-earning assets to interest bearing liabilities</b>						
		1.15			1.10	

(1) Interest-earning assets at amortized cost

(2) Interest includes cash paid on swaps

The table below shows our Net Income, Economic Net Interest Income and Core Earnings, each as a percentage of average equity. Return on average equity is defined as our GAAP net income (loss) as a percentage of average equity. Average equity is defined as the average of Company's beginning and ending equity balance for the period reported. Economic Net Interest Income is a non-GAAP financial measure, that equals interest income, less interest expense and realized losses on our interest rate swaps. Core Earnings is a non-GAAP measure as defined in previous section.

## Economic Net

Return on                      Interest Income/  
Average Equity              Average Equity \*        Core Earnings/  
Average Equity

(Ratios have been annualized)

For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2017	12.98 %	16.57 %	12.65 %
For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2017	19.63 %	16.46 %	11.57 %
For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2016	28.82 %	19.48 %	15.76 %
For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2016	23.04 %	20.18 %	17.14 %
For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2016	10.09 %	17.61 %	13.00 %

\* Includes effect of realized losses on interest rate swaps.

The following table presents changes to Accretable Discount (net of premiums) as it pertains to our Non-Agency RMBS portfolio, excluding premiums on IOs, during the previous five quarters.

Accretable Discount (Net of Premiums)	For the Quarters Ended				
	June 30, 2017	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	September 30, 2016	June 30, 2016
	(dollars in thousands)				
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 648,659	\$ 683,648	\$ 733,060	\$ 769,764	\$ 778,847
Accretion of discount	(42,625 )	(43,715 )	(44,427 )	(44,455 )	(42,297 )
Purchases	(108 )	(3,642 )	(33,987 )	8,959	(1,001 )
Sales and deconsolidation	212	(7,303 )	(2,138 )	(14,386 )	(20,590 )
Transfers from/(to) credit reserve, net	21,586	19,671	31,140	13,178	54,805
Balance, end of period	\$ 627,724	\$ 648,659	\$ 683,648	\$ 733,060	\$ 769,764

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