UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

[X] QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED: SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

OR

[ ] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM _______________ TO _________________

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: 1-13447

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

MARYLAND (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	26-0630461 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, SUITE 2902
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
(Address of principal executive offices)

10036
(Zip Code)

(646) 454-3759
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days:

Yes ☑ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (Section 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes ☐ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "accelerated filer," "large accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer ☑ Accelerated filer ☐ Non-accelerated filer ☐ Smaller reporting company ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes ☐ No ☑

APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS:

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the last practicable date:

Class	Outstanding at November 6, 2009
Common Stock, $.01 par value	670,323,926

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION
FORM 10-Q
TABLE OF CONTENTS

Part I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Consolidated Financial Statements:

Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition at September 30, 2009 (Unaudited) and December 31, 2008 (Derived from the audited consolidated statements of financial condition at December 31, 2008) 1

Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the Quarters and Nine Months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 (Unaudited) 2

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity for the Nine Months ended September 30, 2009 (Unaudited) 3

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Nine Months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 (Unaudited) 4

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) 6

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations 22

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk 48

Item 4. Controls and Procedures 53

Part II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings 54

Item 1A. Risk Factors 54

Item 6. Exhibits 55

SIGNATURES 56

CERTIFICATIONS 57

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
(dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Assets:	(Unaudited)	(1)
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 21,023	$ 27,480
Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities, at fair value	1,996,460	613,105
Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities, at fair value	1,823,308	242,362
Securitized loans held for investment, net of allowance for loan losses of $3.0 million and $1.6 million, respectively	498,915	583,346
Accrued interest receivable	29,444	9,951
Other assets	330	1,257
Total assets	$ 4,369,480	$ 1,477,501
Liabilities:		
Repurchase agreements	1,444,243	-
Repurchase agreements with affiliates	153,076	562,119
Securitized debt	414,339	488,743
Payable for investments purchased	73,460	-
Accrued interest payable	3,199	2,465
Dividends payable	80,311	7,040
Accounts payable and other liabilities	752	387
Investment management fees payable to affiliate	9,071	2,292
Total liabilites	$ 2,178,451	$ 1,063,046
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 13)		
Stockholders' Equity:		
Common stock: par value $0.01 per share; 1,000,000,000 shares authorized, 670,324,854 and 177,198,212 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	$ 6,693	$ 1,760
Additional paid-in-capital	2,290,328	831,966
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(53,322)	(266,668)
Accumulated deficit	(52,670)	(152,603)
Total stockholders' equity	$ 2,191,029	$ 414,455
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	$ 4,369,480	$ 1,477,501

(1) Derived from the audited consolidated statements of financial condition at December 31, 2008.
See notes to consolidated financial statements.

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)
(dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)
(Unaudited)

	For the Quarter Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Net Interest Income:				
Interest income	$ 104,690	$ 23,458	$ 197,774	$ 81,603
Interest expense	9,197	15,543	26,552	49,590
Net interest income	95,493	7,915	171,222	32,013
Other-than-temporary impairments:				
Total other-than-temporary credit impairment losses	(6,209)	-	(14,784)	-
Non-credit portion of loss recognized in other comprehensive income	4,024	-	6,104	-
Net other-than-temporary impairment losses	(2,185)	-	(8,680)	-
Other gains (losses):				
Unrealized gains on interest rate swaps	-	10,065	-	4,156
Realized gains (losses) on sales of investments, net	74,508	(113,130)	87,456	(144,304)
Realized losses on principal write-downs	(61)	-	(61)	-
Realized losses on terminations of interest rate swaps	-	(10,460)	-	(10,337)
Total other gains (losses)	74,447	(113,525)	87,395	(150,485)
Net investment income (expense)	167,755	(105,610)	249,937	(118,472)
Other expenses:				
Management fee	8,649	1,681	17,188	6,136
Provision for loan losses	47	(563)	1,410	600
General and administrative expenses	1,057	816	2,823	3,372
Total other expenses	9,753	1,934	21,421	10,108
Income (loss) before income taxes	158,002	(107,544)	228,516	(128,580)
Income taxes	-	12	1	15
Net income (loss)	**$ 158,002**	**$ (107,556)**	**$ 228,515**	**$ (128,595)**
Net income (loss) per share-basic and diluted	$ 0.24	$ (2.76)	$ 0.51	$ (3.30)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding-basic and diluted	670,324,864	38,992,893	452,016,981	38,994,357
Comprehensive income (loss):				
Net income (loss)	$ 158,002	$ (107,556)	$ 228,515	$ (128,595)
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities	238,969	(146,456)	292,061	(282,611)
Reclassification adjustment for net losses included in net income for other-than-temporary impairments	2,185	-	8,680	-
Reclassification adjustment for realized (gains) losses included in net income	(74,447)	113,130	(87,395)	144,304
Other comprehensive income (loss):	166,707	(33,326)	213,346	(138,307)
Comprehensive income (loss)	$ 324,709	$ (140,882)	$ 441,861	$ (266,902)

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

	Common Stock Par Value	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Accumulated Deficit	Total
Balance, December 31, 2008	$ 1,760	$ 831,966	$ (266,668)	$ (152,603)	$ 414,455
Net income	-	-	-	228,515	228,515
Other comprehensive income	-	-	213,346	-	213,346
Proceeds from common stock offerings	4,635	1,368,259	-	-	1,372,894
Proceeds from common stock offerings to affiliate	297	89,782	-	-	90,079
Proceeds from restricted stock grants	1	321	-	-	322
Common dividends declared, $0.26 per share	-	-	-	(128,582)	(128,582)
Balance, September 30, 2009	$ 6,693	$ 2,290,328	$ (53,322)	$ (52,670)	$ 2,191,029

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW
(dollars in thousands)
(Unaudited)

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008
Cash Flows From Operating Activites:		
Net income (loss)	$ 228,515	$ (128,595)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activites:		
Accretion of investment discounts	(38,539)	(25)
Unrealized gain on interest rate swaps	-	(4,156)
Realized (gain) loss on sale of investments	(87,456)	144,304
Realized losses on principal write-downs	61	-
Other-than-temporary credit impairments	8,680	-
Provision for loan losses	1,410	600
Restricted stock grants	322	1,289
Changes in operating assets:		
Increase in accrued interest receivable	(19,493)	(3,874)
Decrease in other assets	927	106
Changes in operating liabilities:		
Increase in accounts payable and other liabilities	365	584
Increase in investment management fee payable to affiliate	6,779	-
Increase in accrued interest payable	734	2,165
Net cash provided by operating activities	$ 102,305	$ 12,398
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Mortgage-Backed Securities portfolio:		
Purchases	$ (4,505,426)	$ (1,229,280)
Sales	1,627,996	567,455
Principal payments	321,095	144,519
Loans held for investment portfolio:		
Purchases	-	(735,271)
Sales	-	90,733
Principal payments	-	23,115
Securitized loans:		
Principal payments	82,090	27,549
Purchases	-	(111)
Reverse repurchase agreements	-	265,000
Restricted cash	-	1,350
Net cash used in investing activities	$ (2,474,245)	$ (844,941)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from repurchase agreements	$ 52,976,287	$ 49,177,282
Payments on repurchase agreements	(51,941,087)	(48,828,209)
Net proceeds from common stock offerings	1,372,894	(277)
Net proceeds from common stock offerings to affiliates	90,079	-
Proceeds from collateralized mortgage debt borrowings	-	526,217
Payments on collateralized mortgage debt borrowings	(77,379)	(25,529)
Dividends paid	(55,311)	(16,800)
Net cash provided by financing activities	$ 2,365,483	$ 832,684
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	$ (6,457)	$ 141
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	27,480	6,026
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	$ 21,023	$ 6,167

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW
(dollars in thousands)
(Unaudited)

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	**2008**
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Interest paid	$ 25,958	$ 47,425
Taxes paid	$ -	$ 33
Non cash investing activities:		
Payable for investments purchased	$ 73,460	$ 146,824
Net change in unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities	$ 213,346	$ (138,307)
Non cash financing activities:		
Common dividends declared, not yet paid	$ 80,311	$ 6,048

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

1. Organization

Chimera Investment Corporation ("Company") was organized in Maryland on June 1, 2007. The Company commenced operations on November 21, 2007 when it completed its initial public offering. The Company has elected to be taxed as a real estate investment trust ("REIT"), under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. As long as the Company qualifies as a REIT, the Company will generally not be subject to U.S. federal or state corporate taxes on its income to the extent that the Company distributes at least 90% of its taxable net income to its stockholders. In July 2008, the Company formed Chimera Securities Holdings, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary. In June 2009, the Company formed Chimera Asset Holding LLC and Chimera Holding LLC, both wholly-owned subsidiaries. Chimera Securities Holdings LLC, Chimera Asset Holding LLC and Chimera Holding, LLC are qualified REIT subsidiaries. Annaly Capital Management, Inc. ("Annaly") owns approximately 6.7% of the Company's common shares. The Company is managed by Fixed Income Discount Advisory Company ("FIDAC"), an investment advisor registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). FIDAC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Annaly.

2. Summary of the Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10, Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X for interim financial statements. Accordingly, they may not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The consolidated financial statements are unaudited; however, in the opinion of the Company's management, all adjustments consisting only of normal recurring accruals, necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows have been included. These unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008. The nature of the Company's business is such that the results of any interim period are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Chimera Securities Holdings, LLC, Chimera Asset Holding LLC and Chimera Holding LLC. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

(b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and money market funds with original maturities less than 90 days.

(c) Non-Agency and Agency Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities

The Company invests in residential mortgage-backed securities ("RMBS") representing interests in obligations backed by pools of mortgage loans. The Company classifies its investment securities as either "trading," "available-for-sale," or "held-to-maturity." The Company holds its RMBS as available-for-sale, records investments at estimated fair value as described in Note 5 of these consolidated financial statements, and unrealized gains and losses are included in other comprehensive income (loss) in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). From time to time, as part of the overall management of its portfolio, the Company may sell any of its RMBS investments and recognize a realized gain or loss as a component of earnings in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) utilizing the specific identification method.

Interest income on RMBS is computed on the remaining principal balance of the investment security. Premiums or discounts on investment securities that are guaranteed as to principal and/or interest repayment as is with agencies of the U.S. Government or federally chartered corporations such as Ginnie Mae, Freddie Mac, or Fannie Mae ("Agency RMBS") are recognized over the life of the investment using the effective interest method. Premiums or discounts amortization/accretion on non-Agency RMBS is recognized in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 325, *Investment-Other, Beneficial Interests in Securitized Financial Assets, Subsequent Measurement*. For non-Agency RMBS, the Company estimates at the time of purchase expected future cash flows, prepayment speeds, credit losses, loss severity, and loss timing based on the Company's observation of available market data, its experience, and the collective judgment of its management team to determine the effective interest rate on the RMBS. Not less than quarterly, the Company reevaluates, and if necessary, makes adjustments to its analysis utilizing internal models, external market research and sources in conjunction with its view on performance in the non-Agency RMBS sector. Changes to the Company's assumptions subsequent to the purchase date may increase or decrease the amortization/accretion of premiums and discounts which affects interest income. Changes to assumptions that decrease expected future cash flows may result in other-than-temporary impairment.

Fair value of RMBS is determined utilizing a pricing model that incorporates such factors as coupon, prepayment speeds, weighted average life, collateral composition, borrower characteristics, expected interest rates, life caps, periodic caps, reset dates, collateral seasoning, expected losses, expected default severity, credit enhancement, and other pertinent factors. The Company validates the fair value determined by the pricing model with quotes provided by independent dealers and/or pricing services. Material differences and the impact of the differences between the fair values determined by the Company and third party sources are disclosed in Note 5 of the consolidated financial statements.

If the fair value of an investment security is less than its amortized cost at the date of the consolidated statement of financial condition, the Company analyzes the investment security for other-than-temporary impairment. Management evaluates the Company's RMBS for other-than-temporary impairment at least on a quarterly basis, and more frequently when economic or market concerns warrant such evaluation. Consideration is given to (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been lower than carrying value, (2) the intent of the Company to sell the investment prior to recovery in fair value (3) whether the Company will be more likely than not required to sell the investment before the expected recovery in fair value, (4) and the expected future cash flows of the investment in relation to its amortized cost. Unrealized losses on assets that are considered other-than-temporary impairments are recognized in income and the cost basis of the assets are adjusted.

(d) Securitized Loans Held for Investment

The Company's securitized residential mortgage loans are comprised of fixed-rate and variable-rate loans. The Company purchases pools of residential mortgage loans through a select group of originators. Mortgage loans are designated as held for investment, recorded on trade date, and are carried at their principal balance outstanding, plus any premiums or discounts, less allowances for loan losses. Interest income on loans held for investment is recognized over the life of the investment using the effective interest method. Income recognition is suspended for loans when, in the opinion of management, a full recovery of income and principal becomes doubtful. Income recognition is resumed when the loan becomes contractually current and performance is demonstrated to be resumed. The Company estimates fair value of securitized loans as described in Note 5 of these consolidated financial statements.

(e) Allowance for Loan Losses

The Company has established an allowance for loan losses at a level that management believes is adequate based on an evaluation of known and inherent risks related to the Company's loan portfolio. The estimate is based on a variety of factors including current economic conditions, industry loss experience, the loan originator's loss experience, credit quality trends, loan portfolio composition, delinquency trends, national and local economic trends, national unemployment data, changes in housing appreciation or depreciation and whether specific geographic areas where the Company has significant loan concentrations are experiencing adverse economic conditions and events such as natural disasters that may affect the local economy or property values. Upon purchase of the pools of loans, the Company obtained written representations and warranties from the sellers that the Company could be reimbursed for the value of the loan if the loan fails to meet the agreed upon origination standards. While the Company has little history of its own to establish loan trends, delinquency trends of the originators and the current market conditions aid in determining the allowance for loan losses. The Company also performed due diligence procedures on a sample of loans that met its criteria during the purchase process. The Company has created an unallocated provision for possible loan losses estimated as a percentage of the remaining principal on the loans. Management's estimate is based on historical experience of similarly underwritten pools.

When the Company determines it is probable that specific contractually due amounts are uncollectible, the amount is considered impaired. Where impairment is indicated, a valuation write-off is measured based upon the excess of the recorded investment over the net fair value of the collateral, reduced by selling costs. Any deficiency between the carrying amount of an asset and the net sales price of repossessed collateral is charged to the allowance for loan losses.

(f) Repurchase Agreements

The Company may finance the acquisition of its investment securities through the use of repurchase agreements. Repurchase agreements are treated as collateralized financing transactions and are carried at their contractual amounts, including accrued interest, as specified in the respective agreements.

(g) Securitized Debt

The Company has issued securitized debt to finance a portion of its residential mortgage loan portfolio. The securitizations are collateralized by residential adjustable or fixed rate mortgage loans or RMBS that have been placed in a trust and pay interest and principal payments to the debt holders of that securitization. The Company's securitizations, which are accounted for as financings, are recorded as an asset called "Securitized loans held for investment" on the consolidated statements of financial condition and the corresponding debt as "Securitized debt" in the consolidated statements of financial condition. The Company estimates fair value of securitized debt as described in Note 5 to these consolidated financial statements.

(h) Fair Value Disclosure

A complete discussion of the methodology utilized by the Company to fair value its financial instruments is included in Note 5 to these consolidated financial statements.

(i) Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activity

The Company may hedge interest rate risk through the use of derivative financial instruments such as interest rate swaps. If the Company hedges using interest rate swaps it accounts for these instruments as free-standing derivatives. Accordingly, they are carried at fair value with realized and unrealized gains and losses recognized in earnings.

The Company accounts for derivative financial instruments by recognizing all derivatives as either assets or liabilities in the consolidated statements of financial condition and measuring those instruments at fair value. Additionally, the fair value adjustments affect either other comprehensive income (loss) in stockholders' equity until the hedged item is recognized in earnings depending on whether the derivative instrument qualifies as a hedge for accounting purposes and, if so, the nature of the hedging activity.

(j) Credit Risk

The Company retains the risk of potential credit losses on all of the non-Agency residential mortgage loans it owns as well as the residential mortgage loans which collateralize the RMBS it owns. The Company attempts to mitigate the risk of potential credit losses through its due diligence in the asset selection process.

(k) Mortgage Loan Sales and Securitizations

The Company periodically enters into transactions in which it sells financial assets, such as RMBS, mortgage loans and other assets. It may also securitize and re-securitize financial assets. These transactions are accounted for as either a "sale" and the loans held for investment are removed from the consolidated statements of financial condition or as a "financing" and are classified as "Securitized loans held for investment" on the Company's consolidated statements of financial condition, depending upon the structure of the securitization transaction. In these securitizations and re-securitizations the Company sometimes retains or acquires senior or subordinated interests in the securitized or re-securitized assets. Gains and losses on such securitizations or re-securitizations are recognized using a financial components approach that focuses on control. Under this approach, after a transfer of financial assets, an entity recognizes the financial and servicing assets it controls and the liabilities it has incurred, derecognizes financial assets when control has been surrendered, and derecognizes liabilities when extinguished.

The Company determines the gain or loss on sale of mortgage loans by allocating the carrying value of the underlying mortgage loans between securities or loans sold and the interests retained based on their fair values, as disclosed in Note 5 to these consolidated financial statements. The gain or loss on sale is the difference between the cash proceeds from the sale and the amount allocated to the securities or loans sold, net of transaction costs.

(l) Income Taxes

The Company qualifies to be taxed as a REIT, and therefore it generally will not be subject to corporate, federal, or state income tax to the extent that qualifying distributions are made to stockholders and the REIT requirements, including certain asset, income, distribution and stock ownership tests are met. If the Company failed to qualify as a REIT and did not qualify for certain statutory relief provisions, the Company would be subject to federal, state and local income taxes and may be precluded from qualifying as a REIT for the subsequent four taxable years following the year in which the REIT qualification was lost.

(m) Net Income (Loss) per Share

The Company calculates basic net income (loss) per share by dividing net income (loss) for the period by the weighted-average shares of its common stock outstanding for that period. Diluted net income (loss) per share takes into account the effect of dilutive instruments, such as stock options, but uses the average share price for the period in determining the number of incremental shares that are to be added to the weighted average number of shares outstanding. The Company had no potentially dilutive securities outstanding during the periods presented.

(n) Stock-Based Compensation

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation using fair value based methods which require the Company to measure the fair value of the equity instrument using the stock prices and other measurement assumptions as of the earlier of either the date at which a performance commitment by the counterparty is reached or the date at which the counterparty's performance is complete. Compensation expense related to grants of stock and stock options is recognized over the vesting period of such grants based on the estimated fair value on the grant date.

(o) Use of Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(p) Recent Accounting Pronouncements

General Principles

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (ASC 105)

In September 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") updated *The Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* ("Codification") which revises the framework for selecting the accounting principles to be used in the preparation of financial statements that are presented in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"). The objective of the standard is to establish the FASB ASC as the source of authoritative accounting principles recognized by the FASB. Codification is effective for the Company for this September 30, 2009 Form 10-Q. In adopting the Codification, all non-grandfathered, non-SEC accounting literature not included in the Codification is superseded and deemed non-authoritative. Codification requires any references within the Company's consolidated financial statements be modified from FASB issues to ASC. However, in accordance with the FASB Accounting Standards Codification Notice to Constituents (v 2.0), the Company will not reference specific sections of the ASC but will use broad topic references.

The Company's recent accounting pronouncements section has been reformatted to reflect the same organizational structure as the ASC. Broad topic references will be updated with pending content as it is released.

Assets

Investments in Debt and Equity Securities (ASC 320)

New guidance was provided to make impairment guidance more operational and to improve the presentation and disclosure of other-than-temporary impairments ("OTTI") on debt and equity securities, as well as beneficial interests in securitized financial assets, in financial statements. This was result of the SEC mark-to-market study mandated under the EESA. The SEC's recommendation was to "evaluate the need for modifications (or the elimination) of current OTTI guidance to provide for a more uniform system of impairment testing standards for financial instruments." The new guidance revises the OTTI evaluation methodology. Previously, the analytical focus was on whether the entity had the "intent and ability to retain its investment in the debt security for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value." Now the focus is on whether the entity has the "intent to sell the debt security or, more likely than not, will be required to sell the debt security before recovery of its amortized cost basis." Further, the security is analyzed for credit losses (the difference between the present value of cash flows expected to be collected and the amortized cost basis). If the company does not intend to sell the debt security, nor will it be required to sell the debt security prior to its anticipated recovery, the credit loss, if any, will be recognized in the statement of earnings, while the balance of impairment related to other factors will be recognized in Other Comprehensive Income ("OCI"). If the company intends to sell the security, or more likely than not will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis, the full OTTI will be recognized in the statement of earnings. This guidance became effective for the Company on June 30, 2009. The adoption of this standard did not result in a cumulative effect adjustment to retained earnings in the period of adoption but changed the manner that the Company evaluates investment securities for other-than-temporary impairments.

Other-than-temporary impairment has occurred if there has been an adverse change in future estimated cash flows and its impact reflected in current earnings. The determination cannot be overcome by management judgment of the probability of collecting all cash flows previously projected.   The objective of other-than-temporary impairment analysis is to determine whether it is probable that the holder will realize some portion of the unrealized loss on an impaired security. Factors to consider when making other-than-temporary impairment decision include information about past events, current conditions, reasonable and supportable forecasts, remaining payment terms, financial condition of the issuer, expected defaults, value of underlying collateral, industry analysis, sector credit rating, credit enhancement, and financial condition of the guarantor. The Company's non-Agency RMBS investments fall under this guidance and as such, the Company assesses each security for other-than-temporary impairments based on estimated future cash flows. This guidance became effective for the Company on December 31, 2008.

Broad Transactions

Consolidation (ASC 810)

On January 1, 2009, FASB amended the guidance concerning non-controlling interests in consolidated financial statements, which requires the Company to make certain changes to the presentation of its consolidated financial statements. This guidance requires the Company to classify non-controlling interests (previously referred to as "minority interest") as part of consolidated net income and to include the accumulated amount of non-controlling interests as part of stockholders' equity. Similarly, in its presentation of stockholders' equity, the Company distinguishes between equity amounts attributable to controlling interest and amounts attributable to the non-controlling interests – previously classified as minority interest outside of stockholders' equity. For the quarter ended September 30, 2009, the Company does not have any consolidated noncontrolling interests. In addition to these financial reporting changes, this guidance provides for significant changes in accounting related to non-controlling interests; specifically, increases and decreases in its controlling financial interests in consolidated subsidiaries will be reported in equity similar to treasury stock transactions. If a change in ownership of a consolidated subsidiary results in loss of control and deconsolidation, any retained ownership interests are re-measured with the gain or loss reported in net earnings.

FASB amended the consolidation standards in June 2009 by issuing SFAS No. 167, *Amendments to FASB Interpretation No 46(R)* . This standard has an effective date of January 1, 2010. This standard has not yet been incorporated into the ASC. While this remains non-authoritative until incorporated into the ASC, this standard removes the Qualified Special Purpose Entity (QSPE) exemption from the Variable Interest Entity (VIE) consolidation guidance and therefore may have a material effect on the consolidation of the Company's securitized assets.

Derivatives and Hedging (ASC 815)

Effective January 1, 2009 and adopted by the Company prospectively, the FASB issued additional guidance attempting to improve the transparency of financial reporting by mandating the provision of additional information about how derivative and hedging activities affect an entity's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. This guidance changed the disclosure requirements for derivative instruments and hedging activities by requiring enhanced disclosure about (1) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (2) how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for, and (3) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. To adhere to this guidance, qualitative disclosures about objectives and strategies for using derivatives, quantitative disclosures about fair value amounts, gains and losses on derivative instruments, and disclosures about credit-risk-related contingent features in derivative agreements must be made. This disclosure framework is intended to better convey the purpose of derivative use in terms of the risks that an entity is intending to manage.

Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (ASC 820)

In response to the deterioration of the credit markets, FASB issued guidance clarifying how Fair Value Measurements should be applied when valuing securities in markets that are not active. The guidance provides an illustrative example, utilizing management's internal cash flow and discount rate assumptions when relevant observable data do not exist. It further clarifies how observable market information and market quotes should be considered when measuring fair value in an inactive market. It reaffirms the notion of fair value as an exit price as of the measurement date and that fair value analysis is a transactional process and should not be broadly applied to a group of assets. The guidance was effective June 30, 2009. The implementation this guidance did not have a material effect on the fair value of the Company's assets as the Company continued the methodologies used in previous quarters to value assets as defined under the original Fair Value standards.

In October 2008 the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (the "EESA") was signed into law. Section 133 of the EESA mandated that the SEC conduct a study on mark-to-market accounting standards. The SEC provided its study to the U.S. Congress on December 30, 2008. Part of the recommendations within the study indicated that "fair value requirements should be improved through development of application and best practices guidance for determining fair value in illiquid or inactive markets". As a result of this study and the recommendations therein, on April 9, 2009, the FASB issued additional guidance for determining fair value when the volume and level of activity for the asset or liability have significantly decreased when compared with normal market activity for the asset or liability (or similar assets or liabilities). The guidance gives specific factors to evaluate if there has been a decrease in normal market activity and if so, provides a methodology to analyze transactions or quoted prices and make necessary adjustments to fair value. The objective is to determine the point within a range of fair value estimates that is most representative of fair value under current market conditions. This guidance became effective for the Company on June 30, 2009 and had no material impact on the fair valuation of the investment securities owned by the Company.

In August 2009, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2009-05, *Measuring Liabilities at Fair Value,* regarding the fair value measurement of liabilities. The standards update states that a quoted price for the identical liability when traded as an asset in an active market is a Level 1 fair value measurement. If the value must be adjusted for factors specific to the liability, then the adjustment to the quoted price of the asset shall render the fair value measurement of the liability a lower level measurement. This standards update was effective for the Company on October 1, 2009 and has no material effect on the fair valuation of the Company's liabilities.

Financial Instruments (ASC 825)

On April 9, 2009, the FASB issued guidance which requires disclosures about fair value of financial instruments for interim reporting periods as well as in annual financial statements. The effective date of this guidance was for interim reporting periods ending after June 15, 2009 with early adoption permitted for periods ending after March 15, 2009. The adoption did not have any impact on financial reporting as all financial instruments are currently reported at fair value in both interim and annual periods.

Subsequent Events (ASC 855)

General standards governing accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before the financial statements are issued or are available to be issued were established in May 2009. ASC 855 provides guidance on the period after the balance sheet date during which management of a reporting entity should evaluate events or transactions that may occur for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements, the circumstances under which an entity should recognize events or transactions occurring after the balance sheet date in its financial statements and the disclosures that an entity should make about events or transactions occurring after the balance sheet date. The Company evaluated subsequent events through November 6, 2009.

Transfers and Servicing (ASC 860)

In February 2008, FASB issued guidance addressing whether transactions where assets purchased from a particular counterparty and financed through a repurchase agreement with the same counterparty can be considered and accounted for as separate transactions, or are required to be considered "linked" transactions and may be considered derivatives. This guidance requires purchases and subsequent financing through repurchase agreements be considered linked transactions unless all of the following conditions apply: (1) the initial purchase and the use of repurchase agreements to finance the purchase are not contractually contingent upon each other; (2) the repurchase financing entered into between the parties provides full recourse to the transferee and the repurchase price is fixed; (3) the financial assets are readily obtainable in the market; and (4) the financial instrument and the repurchase agreement are not coterminous. This guidance was effective for the Company on January 1, 2009 and the implementation did not have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements of the Company.

The accounting standards governing the transfer and servicing of financial assets were amended in June 2009, to be effective beginning January 1, 2010. This amendment will update the existing standard and eliminate the concept of a Qualified Special Purpose Entity ("QSPE"); clarify the surrendering of control to effect sale treatment; and modify the financial components approach – limiting the circumstances in which a financial asset or portion thereof should be derecognized when the transferor maintains continuing involvement. It defines the term "Participating Interest". Under this standard update, the transferor must recognize and initially measure at fair value all assets obtained and liabilities incurred as a result of a transfer, including any retained beneficial interest. At this time, the Company continues to evaluate the effect of this update on future financial reporting.

3. Mortgage-Backed Securities

The following table represents the Company's available-for-sale RMBS portfolio as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, at fair value.

	September 30, 2009		December 31, 2008	
	Non-Agency RMBS	Agency RMBS	Non-Agency RMBS	Agency RMBS
	(dollars in thousands)			
Principal value	$ 3,809,666	$ 1,740,406	$ 899,456	$ 233,976
Unamortized premium	2,677	61,104	2,105	6,350
Unamortized discount	(1,740,734)	(29)	(19,753)	-
Gross unrealized gain	130,632	23,319	5,665	2,036
Gross unrealized loss	(205,781)	(1,492)	(274,368)	-
Fair value	$ 1,996,460	$ 1,823,308	$ 613,105	$ 242,362

The following table presents the gross unrealized losses and estimated fair value of the Company's RMBS by length of time that such securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008.

September 30, 2009 (dollars in thousands)

	Unrealized Loss Position For:					
	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or More		Total	
RMBS	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
Non-Agency	$ 342,939	$ (78,611)	$ 543,159	$ (140,703)	$ 886,098	$ (219,314)
Agency	4,300	(1,492)	-	-	4,300	(1,492)
Total	$ 347,239	$ (80,103)	$ 543,159	$ (140,703)	$ 890,398	$ (220,806)

December 31, 2008 (dollars in thousands)

	Unrealized Loss Position For:					
	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or More		Total	
RMBS	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
Non-Agency	$ 855,467	$ (274,368)	$ -	$ -	$ 855,467	$ (274,368)
Agency	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	$ 855,467	$ (274,368)	$ -	$ -	$ 855,467	$ (274,368)

The Company recorded a $2.2 million other-than-temporary impairment during the quarter on investments where the expected future cash flows of certain subordinated non-Agency RMBS were less than their amortized cost basis requiring credit impairment. The OTTI charge was attributed to ten subordinate securities with an aggregate amortized cost prior to the impairment of $12.3 million. Seven of the ten subordinate securities belong to one non-Agency pool that has recorded one 30-day delinquency on the assets collateralizing the pool from its inception. All securities for which OTTI impairment was recorded during the period are cash flowing as expected.

Actual maturities of mortgage-backed securities are generally shorter than stated contractual maturities. Actual maturities of the Company's RMBS are affected by the contractual lives of the underlying mortgages, periodic payments of principal and prepayments of principal. The following tables summarize the Company's RMBS at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 according to their estimated weighted-average life classifications:

September 30, 2009 (dollars in thousands)

	Non-Agency RMBS		Agency RMBS	
Weighted Average Life	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost
Less than one year	$ 443,313	$ 411,658	$ 2,536	$ 2,470
Greater than one year and less than five years	1,283,237	1,354,241	598,162	584,945
Greater than five years	269,910	305,710	1,222,610	1,214,066
Total	$ 1,996,460	$ 2,071,609	$ 1,823,308	$ 1,801,481

December 31, 2008 (dollars in thousands)

	Non-Agency RMBS		Agency RMBS	
Weighted Average Life	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost
Less than one year	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Greater than one year and less than five years	525,801	735,508	242,362	240,326
Greater than five years	87,304	146,300	-	-
Total	$ 613,105	$ 881,808	$ 242,362	$ 240,326

The weighted-average lives of the mortgage-backed securities at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 in the tables above are based on data provided through dealer quotes, assuming constant prepayment rates to the balloon or reset date for each security. The prepayment model considers current yield, forward yield, steepness of the curve, current mortgage rates, mortgage rates of the outstanding loan, loan age, margin and volatility.

The RMBS portfolio has the following characteristics at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008.

September 30, 2009	Non-Agency RMBS	Agency RMBS	Secured Loans
Weighted average cost basis	$54.38	$103.51	$101.01
Weighted average fair value (1)	$52.41	$104.76	$101.01
Weighted average coupon	5.39%	5.51%	6.11%
Fixed-rate percentage of portfolio	26.67%	28.78%	3.50%
Adjustable-rate percentage of portfolio	35.48%	0.00%	4.70%
Weighted average 3 month CPR at period-end (2)	17.34%	15.27%	20.98%

December 31, 2008	Non-Agency RMBS	Agency RMBS	Secured Loans
Weighted average cost basis	$98.01	$102.71	$101.03
Weighted average fair value (1)	$68.16	$103.58	$101.03
Weighted average coupon	5.97%	6.69%	5.95%
Fixed-rate percentage of portfolio	1.30%	13.70%	15.00%
Adjustable-rate percentage of portfolio	51.20%	0.00%	18.80%
Weighted average 3 month CPR at period-end (2)	12.50%	14.50%	7.80%

(1) Secured loans are carried at amortized cost.
(2) Represents the estimated percentage of principal that will be prepaid over the next three months based on historical principal paydowns.

The non-Agency RMBS portfolio is subject to credit risk. The Company seeks to mitigate credit risk through its asset selection process. The investment securities contained in this portion of the portfolio have the following collateral characteristics at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008.

		September 30, 2009			December 31, 2008	
Number of securities in portfolio		179.0			30.0	
Weighted average loan age in months		29.7			22.1	
Weighted average amortized loan to value		73.8	%		74.2	%
Weighted average FICO		715.6			717.5	
Weighted average loan balance (in thousands)		429.0			394.3	
Weighted average percentage owner occupied		83.0	%		77.8	%
Weighted average percentage single family residence		60.5	%		54.8	%
Weighted average current credit enhancement		20.8	%		25.4	%
Weighted average geographic concentration	CA	57.7	%	CA	53.0	%
	FL	13.4	%	FL	10.6	%
	NY	4.6	%	AZ	8.2	%
	MD	4.0	%	NV	5.6	%
	NJ	3.5	%	NJ	4.1	%

On July 30, 2009, the Company transferred $1.5 billion in principal value of its RMBS to the JPMRT 2009-7 Trust in a re-securitization transaction. In this transaction, the Company sold $166.3 million of AAA-rated fixed and floating rate bonds to third party investors and realized a gain on the sale of approximately $7.3 million. The Company retained $690.6 million of AAA-rated bonds, $665.5 million in subordinated bonds and the owner trust certificate. The subordinated bonds and the owner trust certificate provide credit support to the AAA-rated bonds. The bonds issued by the trust are collateralized by RMBS that have been transferred to the JPMRT 2009-7 Trust. Subsequent to the closing date of this re-securitization and prior to September 30, 2009, the Company sold an additional $589.7 million of the AAA-rated bonds and realized a gain on the sale of approximately $59.4 million.

On September 30, 2009, the Company transferred $1.7 billion in principal value of its RMBS to the CMSC 2009-12R Trust in a re-securitization transaction. In this transaction, the Company sold $260.6 million of AAA-rated fixed and floating rate bonds to third party investors and realized a gain on sale of approximately $5.2 million. The Company retained $655.0 million of AAA-rated bonds, $815.1 million in subordinated bonds and the owner trust certificate. The subordinated bonds and the owner trust certificate provide credit support to the AAA-rated bonds. The bonds issued by the trust are collateralized by RMBS that have been transferred to the CSMC 2009-12R Trust.

During the quarter ended September 30, 2009, the Company sold RMBS with a carrying value of $32.1 million for realized gains of $2.4 million. During the quarter ended September 30, 2008, the Company sold RMBS with a carrying value of $432.6 million for realized losses of approximately $113.1 million and terminated interest rate swaps with a notional value of $983.4 million, for realized losses of approximately $10.5 million. During the quarter ended June 30, 2009, the Company sold RMBS with a carrying value of $84.6 million for realized gains of $9.3 million.

4. Securitized Loans Held for Investment

The following table represents the Company's securitized residential mortgage loans classified as held for investment at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008. At September 30, 2009, approximately 57% of the Company's securitized loans are adjustable rate mortgage loans and 43% are fixed rate mortgage loans. All of the adjustable rate loans held for investment are hybrid adjustable rate mortgages ("ARMs"). Hybrid ARMs are mortgages that have interest rates that are fixed for an initial period (typically three, five, seven or ten years) and thereafter reset at regular intervals subject to interest rate caps. The loans held for investment are carried at their principal balance outstanding less an allowance for loan losses:

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
	(dollars in thousands)	
Securitized mortgage loans, at principal balance	$ 501,946	$ 584,967
Less: allowance for loan losses	3,031	1,621
Securitized loans held for investment	$ 498,915	$ 583,346

The following table summarizes the changes in the allowance for loan losses for the securitized mortgage loan portfolio during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and September 30, 2008:

	September 30, 2009	September 30, 2008
	(dollars in thousands)	
Balance, beginning of period	$ 1,621	$ 81
Provision for loan losses	1,410	600
Charge-offs	-	-
Balance, end of period	$ 3,031	$ 681

On a quarterly basis, the Company evaluates the adequacy of its allowance for loan losses. The Company's allowance for loan losses for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 was $3.0 million, representing 61 basis points of the principal balance of the Company's securitized mortgage loan portfolio. The Company's allowance for loan losses was $0.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, representing 12 basis points of the principal balance of the Company's securitized loan portfolio. At September 30, 2009, 0.60% of the securitized loans held for investment were greater than 60 days delinquent and 1.37% were in some stage of foreclosure. As of December 31, 2008, 0.12% of the securitized loans held for investment were greater than 60 days delinquent and no loans were in foreclosure.

5. Fair Value Measurements

ASC 820 *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, establishes a three-level valuation hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurement and enhances disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. The valuation hierarchy is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. The three levels are defined as follows:

Level 1 – inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets and liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 – inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level 3 – inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to fair value.

The following discussion describes the methodologies utilized by the Company to fair value its financial instruments by instrument class.

Short-term Instruments

The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, accrued interest receivable, dividends payable, accounts payable, and accrued interest payable generally approximates estimated fair value due to the short term nature of these financial instruments.

Non-Agency and Agency RMBS

The Company determines the fair value of its investment securities utilizing a pricing model that incorporates such factors as coupon, prepayment speeds, weighted average life, collateral composition, borrower characteristics, expected interest rates, life caps, periodic caps, reset dates, collateral seasoning, expected losses, expected default severity, credit enhancement, and other pertinent factors. Management reviews the fair values generated by the model to determine whether prices are reflective of the current market. Management performs a validation of the fair value calculated by the pricing model by comparing its results to independent prices provided by dealers in the securities and/or third party pricing services.

During times of market dislocation, as has been experienced for some time, the observability of prices and inputs can be reduced for certain instruments. If dealers or independent pricing services are unable to provide a price for an asset, or if the price provided by them is deemed unreliable by the Company, then the asset will be valued at its fair value as determined in good faith by the Company. In addition, validating third party pricing for the Company's investments may be more subjective as fewer participants may be willing to provide this service to the Company. Illiquid investments typically experience greater price volatility as a ready market does not exist. As fair value is not an entity specific measure and is a market based approach which considers the value of an asset or liability from the perspective of a market participant, observability of prices and inputs can vary significantly from period to period. A condition such as this can cause instruments to be reclassified from Level 1 to Level 2 or Level 2 to Level 3 when the Company is unable to obtain third party pricing verification.

If at the valuation date, the fair value of an investment security is less than its amortized cost at the date of the consolidated statement of financial condition, the Company analyzes the investment security for other-than-temporary impairment. Management evaluates the Company's RMBS for other-than-temporary impairment at least on a quarterly basis, and more frequently when economic or market concerns warrant such evaluation. Consideration is given to (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been lower than carrying value, (2) the intent of the Company to sell the investment prior to recovery in fair value (3) whether the Company will be more likely than not required to sell the investment before the expected recovery, (4) and the expected future cash flows of the investment in relation to its amortized cost. Unrealized losses on assets that are considered other-than-temporary impairments are recognized in earnings and the cost basis of the assets are adjusted.

At September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company has classified its RMBS as "Level 2". The Company's financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value on a recurring basis are valued at September 30, 2009 as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
		(dollars in thousands)	
Assets:			
Non-Agency mortgage-backed securities	$ -	$ 1,996,460	$ -
Agency mortgage-backed securities	$ -	$ 1,823,308	$ -

As of the quarter ended September 30, 2009, the Company was able to obtain third party pricing verification for all assets classified as Level 2. The classification of assets and liabilities by level remains unchanged at September 30, 2009, when compared to the previous quarter. In the aggregate, the Company's fair valuation of RMBS investments were 0.78% higher than the aggregated dealer marks.

Securitized Loans Held for Investment

The Company records securitized loans held for investment when it securitizes loans and records the transaction as a "financing." The Company carries securitized loans held for investment at principal value, plus premiums or discounts paid, less an allowance for loan losses. The Company fair values its securitized loans held for investment by estimating future cash flows of the underlying assets. The Company models each underlying asset by considering, among other items, the structure of the underlying security, coupon, servicer, actual and expected defaults, actual and expected default severities, reset indices, and prepayment speeds in conjunction with market research for similar collateral performance and management's expectations of general economic conditions in the sector and greater economy.

Repurchase Agreements

The Company records repurchase agreements at their contractual amounts including accrued interest payable. Repurchase agreements are collateralized financing transactions utilized by the Company to acquire investment securities. Due to the short term nature of these financial instruments, the Company estimated the fair value of these repurchase agreements to be the contractual obligation plus accrued interest payable at maturity.

Securitized Debt

The Company records securitized debt for certificates or notes sold in securitization or re-securitization transactions treated as "financings" pursuant to ASC 860. The Company carries securitized debt at the principal balance outstanding on non-retained notes associated with its securitized loans held for investment plus premiums or discounts recorded with the sale of the notes to third parties. The premiums or discounts associated with the sale of the notes or certificates are amortized over the life of the instrument. The Company estimates the fair value of securitized debt by estimating the future cash flows associated with underlying assets collateralizing the secured debt outstanding. The Company models each underlying asset by considering, among other items, the structure of the underlying security, coupon, servicer, actual and expected defaults, actual and expected default severities, reset indices, and prepayment speeds in conjunction with market research for similar collateral performance and management's expectations of general economic conditions in the sector and greater economy.

The following table presents the carrying value and estimated fair value of the Company's financial instruments at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

	September 30, 2009		December 31, 2008	
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
	(dollars in thousands)			
Non-Agency RMBS	$ 2,071,609	$ 1,996,460	$ 881,808	$ 613,105
Agency RMBS	1,801,480	1,823,308	240,326	242,362
Securitized loans held for investment	498,915	496,892	583,346	577,893
Repurchase agreements	1,597,319	1,598,780	562,119	562,164
Securitized debt	414,339	433,418	488,743	510,796

Any changes to the valuation methodology are reviewed by management to ensure the changes are appropriate. As markets and products develop and the pricing for certain products becomes more transparent, the Company will continue to refine its valuation methodologies. The methods used may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Company believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies, or assumptions, to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date. The Company uses inputs that are current as of the measurement date, which may include periods of market dislocation, during which price transparency may be reduced.

6. Repurchase Agreements

The Company had outstanding $1.6 billion and $562.1 million of repurchase agreements with weighted average borrowing rates of 0.57% and 1.43% and weighted average remaining maturities of 16 and 2 days as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. At September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, RMBS pledged as collateral under these repurchase agreements had an estimated fair value of $1.6 billion and $680.8 million, respectively. The interest rates of these repurchase agreements are generally indexed to the one-month LIBOR rate and re-price accordingly.

At September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the repurchase agreements collateralized by RMBS had the following remaining maturities:

	September 30, 2009		December 31, 2008	
	(dollars in thousands)			
Overnight	$ 153,076	(1)	$ -	
1-30 days	1,444,243		562,119	(1)
30 to 59 days	-		-	
60 to 89 days	-		-	
90 to 119 days	-		-	
Greater than or equal to 120 days	-		-	
Total	$ 1,597,319		$ 562,119	

(1) Repurchase agreements with affiliate.

At September 30, 2009, the Company did not have an amount at risk greater than 10% of its equity with any counterparty. At December 31, 2008 the Company had an amount at risk of approximately 29% of its equity with Annaly, an affiliate.

7. Securitized Debt

All of the company's securitized debt is collateralized by residential mortgage loans. For financial reporting purposes, the Company's securitized debt is accounted for as a financing. Thus, the residential mortgage loans held as collateral are recorded in the assets of the Company as securitized loans held for investment and the securitized debt is recorded as a liability in the statements of financial condition.

The following table presents the estimated principal repayment schedule of the securitized debt held by the Company outstanding at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
	(dollars in thousands)	
Within One Year	$ 4,054	$ 65,561
One to Three Years	8,929	112,745
Three to Five Years	10,110	85,955
Greater Than or Equal to Five Years	410,325	246,535
Total	$ 433,418	$ 510,796

Maturities of the Company's securitized debt are dependent upon cash flows received from the underlying loans. The estimate of their repayment is based on scheduled principal payments on the underlying loans. This estimate will differ from actual amounts to the extent prepayments and/or loan losses are experienced.

As of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company had no off balance sheet credit risk.

At September 30, 2009, the Company's securitized debt collateralized by residential mortgage loans had a principal balance of $414.3 million. The debt matures between the years 2015 and 2038. At September 30, 2009, the debt carried a weighted average cost of financing equal to 5.63%, that is secured by residential mortgage loans of which approximately 43% of the remaining principal balance pays a fixed rate of 6.33% and 57% of the remaining principal balance pays a variable rate of 5.64%. At December 31, 2008, securitized debt collateralized by residential mortgage loans had a principal balance of $488.7 million. At December 31, 2008, the debt carried a weighted average cost of financing equal to 5.55%, of which approximately 44% of the remaining principal balance is a fixed rate at 6.32% and 56% of the remaining principal balance at a variable rate of 5.65%.

8. Common Stock

On September 24, 2009, the Company adopted a dividend reinvestment and share purchase plan ("DRSPP"). The DRSPP provides holders of record of the Company 's common stock an opportunity to automatically reinvest all or a portion of their cash distributions received on common stock in additional shares of its common stock as well as to make optional cash payments to purchase shares of its common stock. Persons who are not already stockholders may also purchase the Company's common stock under the plan through optional cash payments. The DRSPP is administered by the Administrator, The Bank of New York Mellon. To date there have been no transactions under the DRSPP.

On May 27, 2009, the Company announced the sale of 168,000,000 shares of common stock at $3.22 per share for estimated proceeds, less the underwriters' discount and offering expenses, of $519.3 million. Immediately following the sale of these shares Annaly purchased 4,724,017 shares at the same price per share as the public offering, for proceeds of approximately $15.2 million. In addition, on June 1, 2009 the underwriters exercised the option to purchase up to an additional 25,200,000 shares of common stock to cover over-allotments for proceeds, less the underwriters' discount, of approximately $77.9 million. These sales were completed on June 2, 2009. In all, the Company raised net proceeds of approximately $612.4 million in these offerings.

On May 22, 2009, the Company filed an amendment to its Articles of Incorporation. The Company's Articles of Incorporation previously allowed the Company to issue up to a total of 550,000,000 shares of capital stock, par value $0.01 per share. As of May 22, 2009, the Company had 472,401,769 shares of common stock issued and outstanding. To retain the ability to issue additional shares of capital stock, the Company has increased the number of shares it is authorized to issue to 1,100,000,000 shares consisting of 1,000,000,000 shares of common stock, $0.01 par value per common share, and 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, $0.01 par value per preferred share.

On April 15, 2009, the Company announced the sale of 235,000,000 shares of common stock at $3.00 per share for estimated proceeds, less the underwriters' discount and offering expenses, of $674.8 million. Immediately following the sale of these shares Annaly purchased 24,955,752 shares at the same price per share as the public offering, for proceeds of approximately $74.9 million. In addition, on April 16, 2009 the underwriters exercised the option to purchase up to an additional 35,250,000 shares of common stock to cover over-allotments for proceeds, less the underwriters' discount, of approximately $101.3 million. These sales were completed on April 21, 2009. In all, the Company raised net proceeds of approximately $850.9 in these offerings.

On October 24, 2008, the Company announced the sale of 110,000,000 shares of common stock at $2.25 per share for estimated proceeds, less the underwriters' discount and offering expenses, of $237.9 million. Immediately following the sale of these shares, Annaly purchased 11,681,415 shares at the same price per share as the public offering, for proceeds of approximately $26.3 million. In addition, on October 28, 2008 the underwriters exercised the option to purchase up to an additional 16,500,000 shares of common stock to cover over-allotments for proceeds, less the underwriters' discount, of approximately $35.8 million. These sales were completed on October 29, 2008. In all, the Company's raised net proceeds of approximately $299.9 million.

There was no preferred stock issued or outstanding as of September 30, 2009 or December 31, 2008.

During the quarter ended September 30, 2009, the Company declared dividends to common shareholders totaling $80.3 million or $0.12 per share, which were paid on October 30, 2009. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the Company declared dividends to common shareholders totaling $128.6 million or $0.26 per share.

9. Long Term Incentive Plan

The Company has adopted a long term stock incentive plan to provide incentives to its independent directors and employees of FIDAC and its affiliates, to stimulate their efforts towards the Company's continued success, long-term growth and profitability and to attract, reward and retain personnel and other service providers. The incentive plan authorizes the Compensation Committee of the board of directors to grant awards, including incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options, restricted shares and other types of incentive awards. The specific award granted to each individual was based upon, in part, the individual's position within FIDAC, the individual's position within the Company, his or her contribution to the Company's performance, market practices, as well as the recommendations of FIDAC. The incentive plan authorizes the granting of options or other awards for an aggregate of the greater of 8.0% of the outstanding shares of the Company's common stock up to a ceiling of 53,625,988 shares.

On January 2, 2008, the Company granted restricted stock awards in the amount of 1,301,000 shares to FIDAC's employees and the Company's independent directors. The awards to the independent directors vested on the date of grant and the awards to FIDAC's employees vest quarterly over a period of 10 years. Of these shares, as of September 30, 2009, 237,575 shares have vested and 21,007 shares were forfeited or cancelled. During the three months ended September 30, 2009, 32,225 shares vested and 928 shares were forfeited. There have been no incentive awards granted since January 2, 2008.

As of September 30, 2009, there was $19.4 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested share-based compensation arrangements granted under the long term incentive plan. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 8.0 years. The total fair value of shares vested during the quarter ended September 30, 2009 was $123,100.

10. Income Taxes

As a REIT, the Company is not subject to Federal income tax to the extent that it makes qualifying distributions to its stockholders, and provided it satisfies on a continuing basis, through actual investment and operating results, the REIT requirements including certain asset, income, distribution and stock ownership tests. Most states recognize REIT status as well. During the quarter ended September 30, 2009, the Company recorded no income tax expense related to state and federal tax liabilities on undistributed income. During the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company recorded $12,431 in income tax expense related to state and federal tax liabilities on undistributed income.

In general, common stock cash dividends declared by the Company will be considered ordinary income to stockholders for income tax purposes. From time to time, a portion of the Company's dividends may be characterized as capital gains or return of capital. During the quarter ended September 30, 2009 the Company estimates that all income distributed in the form of dividends will be characterized as ordinary income. For the quarter ended September 30, 2008, all income distributed in the form of dividends was characterized as ordinary income.

11. Credit Risk and Interest Rate Risk

The Company's primary components of market risk are credit risk and interest rate risk. The Company is subject to credit risk in connection with its investments in residential mortgage loans and credit sensitive mortgage-backed securities. When the Company assumes credit risk, it attempts to minimize interest rate risk through asset selection, hedging and matching the income earned on mortgage assets with the cost of related liabilities. The Company is subject to interest rate risk, primarily in connection with its investments in fixed-rate and adjustable-rate mortgage-backed securities, residential mortgage loans, and borrowings under repurchase agreements. The Company attempts to minimize credit risk through due diligence and asset selection. The Company's strategy is to purchase loans underwritten to agreed-upon specifications of selected originators in an effort to mitigate credit risk. The Company has established a whole loan target market including prime borrowers with FICO scores generally greater than 650, Alt-A documentation, geographic diversification, owner-occupied property, and moderate loan to value ratio. These factors are considered to be important indicators of credit risk.

12. Management Agreement and Related Party Transactions

The Company has entered into a management agreement with FIDAC, which provides for an initial term through December 31, 2010 with an automatic one-year extension option and subject to certain termination rights. The Company pays FIDAC a quarterly management fee equal to 1.75% per annum of the gross Stockholders' Equity (as defined in the management agreement) of the Company. Management fees accrued and subsequently paid to FIDAC for the quarter ending September 30, 2009 and 2008 were $8.6 million and $1.7 million, respectively.

On October 13, 2008, the Company and FIDAC amended the management agreement to reduce the base management fee from 1.75% per annum to 1.50% per annum of the Company's stockholders' equity and provide that the incentive fees may be in cash or shares of the Company's common stock, at the election of the Company's board of directors.

On October 19, 2008, the Company and FIDAC further amended the management agreement to provide that the incentive fee be eliminated in its entirety and FIDAC receive only the management fee of 1.50% per annum of the Company's stockholders' equity. From the Company's inception to termination of the incentive fee in October 2008, the Company had not paid incentive fees.

The Company is obligated to reimburse FIDAC for its costs incurred under the management agreement. In addition, the management agreement permits FIDAC to require the Company to pay for its pro rata portion of rent, telephone, utilities, office furniture, equipment, machinery and other office, internal and overhead expenses that FIDAC incurred in the operation of the Company. These expenses are allocated between FIDAC and the Company based on the ratio of the Company's proportion of gross assets compared to all remaining gross assets managed by FIDAC as calculated at each quarter end. FIDAC and the Company will modify this allocation methodology, subject to the Company's board of directors' approval if the allocation becomes inequitable (i.e., if the Company becomes very highly leveraged compared to FIDAC's other funds and accounts). FIDAC has waived its right to request reimbursement from the Company of these expenses until such time as it determines to rescind that waiver.

During the quarter ended September 30, 2009, 32,225 shares of restricted stock issued by the Company to FIDAC's employees vested, as discussed in Note 9.

In March 2008, the Company entered into a Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association standard preprinted form Master Repurchase Agreement with Annaly. This standard agreement does not contain any sort of liquidity, net worth or other similar types of positive or negative covenants. Rather, the agreement contains covenants that require the buyer and seller of securities to deliver collateral or securities, and similar covenants which are customary in the form Master Repurchase Agreement. As of September 30, 2009, the Company was financing $153.1 million under this agreement at a weighted average rate of 1.74%. At December 31, 2008, the Company was financing $562.1 million under this agreement at a weighted average rate of 1.43%. The Company has been in compliance with all covenants of this agreement since it entered into this agreement.

13. Commitments and Contingencies

From time to time, the Company may become involved in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. Management is not aware of any reported or unreported contingencies at September 30, 2009.

14. Subsequent Events

There were no material recognized or unrecognized subsequent events through November 6, 2009, the date our consolidated financial statements were available to be released.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

We make forward-looking statements in this report that are subject to risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements include information about possible or assumed future results of our business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations, plans and objectives. When we use the words ''believe,'' ''expect,'' ''anticipate,'' ''estimate,'' ''plan,'' ''continue,'' ''intend,'' ''should,'' ''may,'' ''would,'' ''will'' or similar expressions, we intend to identify forward-looking statements. Statements regarding the following subjects, among others, are forward-looking by their nature:

· our business and investment strategy;

· our projected financial and operating results;

· our ability to maintain existing financing arrangements, obtain future financing arrangements and the terms of such arrangements;

· general volatility of the securities markets in which we invest;

· the implementation, timing and impact of, and changes to, various government programs, including the US Department of the Treasury's plan to buy Agency residential mortgage-backed securities, the Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility and the Public-Private Investment Program;

· our expected investments;

· changes in the value of our investments;

· interest rate mismatches between our mortgage-backed securities and our borrowings used to fund such purchases;

· changes in interest rates and mortgage prepayment rates;

· effects of interest rate caps on our adjustable-rate mortgage-backed securities;

· rates of default or decreased recovery rates on our investments;

· prepayments of the mortgage and other loans underlying our mortgage-backed or other asset-backed securities;

· the degree to which our hedging strategies may or may not protect us from interest rate volatility;

· impact of and changes in governmental regulations, tax law and rates, accounting guidance, and similar matters;

· availability of investment opportunities in real estate-related and other securities;

\ · availability of qualified personnel;

· estimates relating to our ability to make distributions to our stockholders in the future;

· our understanding of our competition; and

· market trends in our industry, interest rates, the debt securities markets or the general economy.

The forward-looking statements are based on our beliefs, assumptions and expectations of our future performance, taking into account all information currently available to us. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. These beliefs, assumptions and expectations can change as a result of many possible events or factors, not all of which are known to us. Some of these factors are described under the caption ''Risk Factors'' in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. If a change occurs, our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations may vary materially from those expressed in our forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made. New risks and uncertainties arise from time to time, and it is impossible for us to predict those events or how they may affect us. Except as required by law, we are not obligated to, and do not intend to, update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Executive Summary

We are a specialty finance company that invests in residential mortgage-backed securities, or RMBS, residential mortgage loans, real estate related securities and various other asset classes. We are externally managed by Fixed Income Discount Advisory Company, which we refer to as FIDAC. FIDAC is a fixed-income investment management company specializing in managing investments in Agency RMBS, which are mortgage pass-through certificates, collateralized mortgage obligations, or CMOs, and other mortgage-backed securities representing interests in or obligations backed by pools of mortgage loans issued or guaranteed by the Federal National Mortgage Association, or Fannie Mae, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, or Freddie Mac, and the Government National Mortgage Association, or Ginnie Mae.

We have elected and intend to qualify to be taxed as a REIT for federal income tax purposes commencing with our taxable year ending on December 31, 2007. Our targeted asset classes and the principal investments we expect to make in each are as follows:

- RMBS, consisting of:
  - Non-Agency RMBS, including investment-grade and non-investment grade classes, including the BB-rated, B-rated and non-rated classes
  - Agency RMBS
- Whole mortgage loans, consisting of:
  - Prime mortgage loans
  - Jumbo prime mortgage loans
  - Alt-A mortgage loans
- Asset Backed Securities, or ABS, consisting of:
  - Commercial mortgage-backed securities, or CMBS
  - Debt and equity tranches of collateralized debt obligations, or CDOs
  - Consumer and non-consumer ABS, including investment-grade and non-investment grade classes, including the BB-rated, B-rated and non-rated classes

We completed our initial public offering on November 21, 2007. In that offering and in a concurrent private offering we raised net proceeds of approximately $533.6 million. We completed a second public offering and second private offering on October 29, 2008. In these offerings we raised net proceeds of approximately $301.0 million. During the second quarter 2009, we completed a third public offering and third private offering on April 21, 2009, and a fourth public offering and fourth private offering June 2, 2009. In these offerings, we raised net proceeds of approximately $851.0 million and $612.4 million, respectively, and we have completed investing these proceeds.

Our objective is to provide attractive risk-adjusted returns to our investors over the long-term, primarily through dividends and secondarily through capital appreciation. We intend to achieve this objective by investing in a broad class of financial assets to construct an investment portfolio that is designed to achieve attractive risk-adjusted returns and that is structured to comply with the various federal income tax requirements for REIT status and to maintain our exemption from the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the 1940 Act.

Since we commenced operations in November 2007, we have focused our investment activities on acquiring non-Agency RMBS and on purchasing residential mortgage loans that have been originated by select high-quality originators, including the retail lending operations of leading commercial banks. Our investment portfolio is weighted toward non-Agency RMBS. We expect that over the near term our investment portfolio will continue to be weighted toward RMBS, subject to maintaining our REIT qualification and our 1940 Act exemption. In addition, we have engaged in and depending on market conditions, anticipate continuing to engage in transactions with residential mortgage lending operations of leading commercial banks and other high-quality originators in which we identify and re-underwrite residential mortgage loans owned by such entities, and rather than purchasing and securitizing such residential mortgage loans ourselves, we and the originator would structure the securitization and we would purchase the resulting mezzanine and subordinate non-Agency RMBS. We may also engage in similar transactions with non-Agency RMBS in which we would acquire AAA-rated non-Agency RMBS and re-securitize those securities. We would sell some or all of the resulting AAA-rated RMBS and retain some of the AAA-rated RMBS and other subordinate bonds and interests.

Our investment strategy is intended to take advantage of opportunities in the current interest rate and credit environment. We will adjust our strategy to changing market conditions by shifting our asset allocations across these various asset classes as interest rate and credit cycles change over time. We believe that our strategy, combined with FIDAC's experience, will enable us to pay dividends and achieve capital appreciation throughout changing market cycles. We expect to take a long-term view of assets and liabilities, and our reported earnings and mark-to-market valuations at the end of a financial reporting period will not significantly impact our objective of providing attractive risk-adjusted returns to our stockholders over the long-term.

We use leverage to seek to increase our potential returns and to fund the acquisition of our assets. Our income is generated primarily by the difference, or net spread, between the income we earn on our assets and the cost of our borrowings. We expect to finance our investments using a variety of financing sources including repurchase agreements, warehouse facilities, securitizations, commercial paper and term financing CDOs. We may manage our debt by utilizing interest rate hedges, such as interest rate swaps, to reduce the effect of interest rate fluctuations related to our debt.

Recent Developments

We commenced operations in November 2007 in the midst of challenging market conditions which affected the cost and availability of financing from the facilities with which we expected to finance our investments. These instruments included repurchase agreements, warehouse facilities, securitizations, asset-backed commercial paper, ("ABCP"), and term CDOs. The liquidity crisis which commenced in August 2007 affected each of these sources—and their individual providers—to different degrees; some sources generally became unavailable, some remained available but at a high cost, and some were largely unaffected. For example, in the repurchase agreement market, non-Agency RMBS became harder to finance, depending on the type of assets collateralizing the RMBS. The amount, term and margin requirements associated with these types of financings were also impacted. At that time, warehouse facilities to finance whole loan prime residential mortgages were generally available from major banks, but at significantly higher cost and had greater margin requirements than previously offered. It was also extremely difficult to term finance whole loans through securitization or bonds issued by a CDO structure. Financing using ABCP froze as issuers became unable to place (or roll) their securities, which resulted, in some instances, in forced sales of mortgage-backed securities, or MBS, and other securities which further negatively impacted the market value of these assets.

Although the credit markets had been undergoing much turbulence, as we started ramping up our portfolio in late 2007, we noted a slight easing. We entered into a number of repurchase agreements we could use to finance RMBS. In January 2008, we entered into two whole mortgage loan repurchase agreements. As we began to see the availability of financing, we were also seeing better underwriting standards used to originate new mortgages. We commenced buying and financing RMBS and also entered into agreements to purchase whole mortgage loans. We purchased high credit quality assets which we believed we would be readily able to finance.

Beginning in mid-February 2008, credit markets experienced a dramatic and sudden adverse change. The severity of the limitation on liquidity was largely unanticipated by the markets. Credit once again froze, and in the mortgage market, valuations of non-Agency RMBS and whole mortgage loans came under severe pressure. This credit crisis began in early February 2008, when a heavily leveraged investor announced that it had to de-lever and liquidate a portfolio of approximately $30 billion of non-Agency RMBS. Prices of these types of securities dropped dramatically, and lenders started lowering the prices on non-Agency RMBS that they held as collateral to secure the loans they had extended. The subsequent failure in March 2008 of Bear Stearns & Co. worsened the crisis. As the year progressed, deterioration in the fair value of our assets continued, we received and met margin calls under our repurchase agreements, which resulted in our obtaining additional funding from third parties, including from Annaly Capital Management, Inc. ("Annaly"), an affiliate, and taking other steps to increase our liquidity.

The challenges of the first half of 2008 have continued throughout 2008 and so far into 2009, as financing difficulties have severely pressured liquidity and asset values. In September 2008, Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., a major investment bank, experienced a major liquidity crisis and failed. Securities trading remains limited and mortgage securities financing markets remain challenging as the industry continues to report negative news. This dislocation in the non-Agency mortgage sector has made it difficult for us to obtain short-term financing on favorable terms. As a result, we have completed loan securitizations in order to obtain long-term financing and terminated our un-utilized whole loan repurchase agreements in order to avoid paying non-usage fees under those agreements. In addition, we have continued to seek funding from Annaly. Under these circumstances, we expect to take actions intended to protect our liquidity, which may include reducing borrowings and disposing of assets as well as raising capital.

During this period of market dislocation, fiscal and monetary policymakers have established new liquidity facilities for primary dealers and commercial banks, reduced short-term interest rates, and passed legislation that is intended to address the challenges of mortgage borrowers and lenders. This legislation, the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, seeks to forestall home foreclosures for distressed borrowers and assist communities with foreclosure problems.

Subsequent to June 30, 2008, there were increased market concerns about Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae's ability to withstand future credit losses associated with securities held in their investment portfolios, and on which they provide guarantees, without the direct support of the federal government. In September 2008 Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were placed into the conservatorship of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, or FHFA, their federal regulator, pursuant to its powers under The Federal Housing Finance Regulatory Reform Act of 2008, a part of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008. As the conservator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the FHFA controls and directs the operations of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and may (1) take over the assets of and operate Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac with all the powers of the shareholders, the directors, and the officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and conduct all business of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac; (2) collect all obligations and money due to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac; (3) perform all functions of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac which are consistent with the conservator's appointment; (4) preserve and conserve the assets and property of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac; and (5) contract for assistance in fulfilling any function, activity, action or duty of the conservator. A primary focus of this new legislation is to increase the availability of mortgage financing by allowing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to continue to grow their guarantee business without limit, while limiting net purchases of mortgage-backed securities to a modest amount through the end of 2009. It is currently planned for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to reduce gradually their mortgage-backed securities portfolios beginning in 2010.

In addition to FHFA becoming the conservator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, (i) the U.S. Department of Treasury and FHFA have entered into preferred stock purchase agreements between the U.S. Department of Treasury, or the Treasury, and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac pursuant to which the Treasury will ensure that each of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac maintains a positive net worth; (ii) the Treasury has established a new secured lending credit facility which will be available to Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Federal Home Loan Banks, which is intended to serve as a liquidity backstop, which will be available until December 2009; and (iii) the Treasury has initiated a temporary program to purchase RMBS issued by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Although the Treasury has committed capital to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, there can be no assurance that these actions will be adequate for their needs. If these actions are inadequate, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac could continue to suffer losses and could fail to honor their guarantees and other obligations. The future roles of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac could be significantly reduced and the nature of their guarantees could be considerably diminished. Any changes to the nature of the guarantees provided by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac could redefine what constitutes Mortgage-Backed Securities and could have broad adverse market implications.

Given the highly fluid and evolving nature of these events, it is unclear how our business will be impacted. Based upon the further activity of the U.S. government or market response to developments at Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, our business could be adversely impacted.

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, or EESA, was enacted in October 2008. The EESA provides the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury with the authority to establish a Troubled Asset Relief Program, or TARP, to purchase from financial institutions up to $700 billion of equity or preferred securities, residential or commercial mortgages and any securities, obligations, or other instruments that are based on or related to such mortgages, that in each case was originated or issued on or before March 14, 2008, as well as any other financial instrument that the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, determines the purchase of which is necessary to promote financial market stability, upon transmittal of such determination, in writing, to the appropriate committees of the U.S. Congress. The EESA also provides for a program that would allow companies to insure their troubled assets.

The U.S. Government, Federal Reserve and other governmental and regulatory bodies have taken or are considering taking other actions to address the financial crisis. The Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility, or TALF, was first announced by the Treasury on November 25, 2008, and has been expanded in size and scope since its initial announcement. Under the TALF, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or the FRBNY, provides non-recourse loans to borrowers to fund their purchase of eligible assets, which currently includes certain ABS but not RMBS or CMBS. On March 23, 2009, the U.S. Treasury announced preliminary plans to expand the TALF to include non-Agency RMBS and CMBS. On May 1, 2009, the Federal Reserve provided more of the details as to how TALF is to be expanded to newly issued CMBS and explained that beginning in June 2009, up to $100 billion of TALF loans will be available to finance purchases of CMBS created on or after January 1, 2009. In addition to the ability of newly issued CMBS to become collateral under the TALF, on May 19, 2009, the Federal Reserve provided details on the types of legacy CMBS that is eligible to become collateral under the TALF. To become eligible collateral under the TALF, the legacy CMBS must issued before January 1, 2009 and must be senior in payment priority to all other interests in the underlying pool of commercial mortgages meet certain other criteria designed to protect the Federal Reserve and the U.S. Treasury from credit risk. Both newly issued CMBS and legacy CMBS must have at least two triple-A ratings from DBRS, Fitch Ratings, Moody's Investors Service, Realpoint, or Standard Poor's and must not have a rating below triple-A from any of these rating agencies to become eligible collateral under the TALF. To date, neither the FRBNY nor the U.S. Treasury has announced how the TALF will be expanded to cover non-Agency RMBS.

In addition, on March 23, 2009, the U.S. Treasury, in conjunction with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or FDIC, and the Federal Reserve, announced the establishment of the Public-Private Investment Program, or PPIP. The PPIP is designed to encourage the transfer of certain illiquid legacy real estate-related assets off of the balance sheets of financial institutions, restarting the market for these assets and supporting the flow of credit and other capital into the broader economy. The PPIP is expected to be $500 billion to $1 trillion in size and has two primary components: the Legacy Securities Program and the Legacy Loan Program. Under the Legacy Securities Program, Legacy Securities Public-Private Investment Funds, or PPIFs, will be established to purchase from financial institutions certain non-Agency RMBS and CMBS that were originally rated in the highest rating category by one or more of the nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. Under the Legacy Loan Program, Legacy Loan PPIFs will be established to purchase troubled loans (including residential and commercial mortgage loans) from insured depository institutions.

As these programs are still in early stages of development, it is not possible for us to predict how these programs will impact our business. Although these aggressive steps are intended to protect and support the US housing and mortgage market, we continue to operate under very difficult market conditions. As a result, there can be no assurance that the EESA, the TARP, the TALF, PPIP or other policy initiatives will have a beneficial impact on the financial markets, including current extreme levels of volatility. We cannot predict whether or when such actions may occur or what impact, if any, such actions could have on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Trends

We expect the results of our operations to be affected by various factors, many of which are beyond our control. Our results of operations will primarily depend on, among other things, the level of our net interest income, the market value of our assets, and the supply of and demand for such assets. Our net interest income, which reflects the amortization of purchase premiums and accretion of discounts, varies primarily as a result of changes in interest rates, borrowing costs, and prepayment speeds, which is a measurement of how quickly borrowers pay down the unpaid principal balance on their mortgage loans.

Prepayment Speeds. Prepayment speeds, as reflected by the Constant Prepayment Rate, or CPR, vary according to interest rates, the type of investment, conditions in financial markets, competition and other factors, none of which can be predicted with any certainty. In general, when interest rates rise, it is relatively less attractive for borrowers to refinance their mortgage loans, and as a result, prepayment speeds tend to decrease. When interest rates fall, prepayment speeds tend to increase. For mortgage loan and RMBS investments purchased at a premium, as prepayment speeds increase, the amount of income we earn decreases because the purchase premium we paid for the bonds amortizes faster than expected. Conversely, decreases in prepayment speeds result in increased income and can extend the period over which we amortize the purchase premium. For mortgage loan and RMBS investments purchased at a discount, as prepayment speeds increase, the amount of income we earn increases because of the acceleration of the accretion of the discount into interest income. Conversely, decreases in prepayment speeds result in decreased income and can extend the period over which we accrete the purchase discount into interest income.

Rising Interest Rate Environment. As indicated above, as interest rates rise, prepayment speeds generally decrease, increasing our net interest income. Rising interest rates, however, increase our financing costs which may result in a net negative impact on our net interest income. In addition, if we acquire Agency and non-Agency RMBS collateralized by monthly reset adjustable-rate mortgages, or ARMs, and three- and five-year hybrid ARMs, such interest rate increases could result in decreases in our net investment income, as there could be a timing mismatch between the interest rate reset dates on our RMBS portfolio and the financing costs of these investments. Monthly reset ARMs are ARMs on which coupon rates reset monthly based on indices such as the one-month London Interbank Offering Rate, or LIBOR. Hybrid ARMs are mortgages that have interest rates that are fixed for an initial period (typically three, five, seven or ten years) and thereafter reset at regular intervals subject to interest rate caps.

With respect to our floating rate investments, such interest rate increases should result in increases in our net investment income because our floating rate assets are greater in amount than the related floating rate liabilities. Similarly, such an increase in interest rates should generally result in an increase in our net investment income on fixed-rate investments made by us because our fixed-rate assets would be greater in amount than our fixed-rate liabilities. We expect, however, that our fixed-rate assets would decline in value in a rising interest rate environment and that our net interest spreads on fixed rate assets could decline in a rising interest rate environment to the extent such assets are financed with floating rate debt.

Falling Interest Rate Environment. As interest rates fall, prepayment speeds generally increase, decreasing our net interest income. Falling interest rates, however, decrease our financing costs which may result in a net positive impact on our net interest income. In addition, if we acquire Agency and non-Agency RMBS collateralized by monthly reset adjustable-rate mortgages, or ARMs, and three- and five-year hybrid ARMs, such interest rate decreases could result in increases in our net investment income, as there could be a timing mismatch between the interest rate reset dates on our RMBS portfolio and the financing costs of these investments. Monthly reset ARMs are ARMs on which coupon rates reset monthly based on indices such as the one-month London Interbank Offering Rate, or LIBOR. Hybrid ARMs are mortgages that have interest rates that are fixed for an initial period (typically three, five, seven or ten years) and thereafter reset at regular intervals subject to interest rate caps.

With respect to our floating rate investments, such interest rate decreases may result in decreases in our net investment income because our floating rate assets may be greater in amount than the related floating rate liabilities. Similarly, such a decrease in interest rates should generally result in an increase in our net investment income on fixed-rate investments made by us because our fixed-rate assets would be greater in amount than our fixed-rate liabilities. We expect, however, that our fixed-rate assets would increase in value in a falling interest rate environment and that our net interest spreads on fixed rate assets could increase in a falling interest rate environment to the extent such assets are financed with floating rate debt.

Credit Risk. One of our strategic focuses is acquiring assets which we believe to be of high credit quality. We believe this strategy will generally keep our credit losses and financing costs low. We retain the risk of potential credit losses on all of the residential mortgage loans we hold in our portfolio. Additionally, some of our investments in RMBS may be qualifying interests for purposes of maintaining our exemption from the 1940 Act because we retain a 100% ownership interest in the underlying loans. If we purchase all classes of these securitizations, we have the credit exposure on the underlying loans. Prior to the purchase of these securities, we conduct a due diligence process that allows us to remove loans that do not meet our credit standards based on loan-to-value ratios, borrowers' credit scores, income and asset documentation and other criteria that we believe to be important indications of credit risk.

Size of Investment Portfolio. The size of our investment portfolio, as measured by the aggregate unpaid principal balance of our mortgage loans and aggregate principal balance of our mortgage related securities and the other assets we own is also a key revenue driver. Generally, as the size of our investment portfolio grows, the amount of interest income we receive increases. The larger investment portfolio, however, drives increased expenses as we incur additional interest expense to finance the purchase of our assets.

Since changes in interest rates may significantly affect our activities, our operating results depend, in large part, upon our ability to effectively manage interest rate risks and prepayment risks while maintaining our status as a REIT.

Current Environment. The current weakness in the broader mortgage markets could adversely affect one or more of our potential lenders or any of our lenders and could cause one or more of our potential lenders or any of our lenders to be unwilling or unable to provide us with financing or require us to post additional collateral. In general, this could potentially increase our financing costs and reduce our liquidity or require us to sell assets at an inopportune time. We expect to use a number of sources to finance our investments, including repurchase agreements, warehouse facilities, securitizations, asset-backed commercial paper and term CDOs. Current market conditions have affected the cost and availability of financing from each of these sources and their individual providers to different degrees; some sources generally are unavailable, some are available but at a high cost, and some are largely unaffected. For example, in the repurchase agreement market, borrowers have been affected differently depending on the type of security they are financing. Non-Agency RMBS have been harder to finance, depending on the type of assets collateralizing the RMBS. The amount, term and margin requirements associated with these types of financings have been negatively impacted.

Currently, warehouse facilities to finance whole loan prime residential mortgages are generally available from major banks, but at significantly higher cost and have greater margin requirements than previously offered. Many major banks that offer warehouse facilities have also reduced the amount of capital available to new entrants and consequently the size of those facilities offered now are smaller than those previously available. We decided to terminate our two whole loan repurchase agreements in order to avoid paying non-usage fees under those agreements.

It is currently a challenging market to term finance whole loans through securitization or bonds issued by a CDO structure. The highly rated senior bonds in these securitizations and CDO structures currently have liquidity, but at much wider spreads than issues priced in recent history. The junior subordinate tranches of these structures currently have few buyers and current market conditions have forced issuers to retain these lower rated bonds rather than sell them.

Certain issuers of ABCP have been unable to place (or roll) their securities, which has resulted, in some instances, in forced sales of MBS and other securities which has further negatively impacted the market value of these assets. These market conditions are fluid and likely to change over time. As a result, the execution of our investment strategy may be dictated by the cost and availability of financing from these different sources.

If one or more major market participants fails or otherwise experiences a major liquidity crisis, as was the case for Bear Stearns & Co. in March 2008, and Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. in September 2008, it could negatively impact the marketability of all fixed income securities and this could negatively impact the value of the securities we acquire, thus reducing our net book value. Furthermore, if many of our potential lenders or any of our lenders are unwilling or unable to provide us with financing, we could be forced to sell our securities or residential mortgage loans at an inopportune time when prices are depressed.

As described above, there has been significant government action in the capital markets. However, there can be no assurance that the government's actions with respect to Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, the EESA, the TARP, the TALF, the PPIP or other policy initiatives will have a beneficial impact on the financial markets, including current extreme levels of volatility. To the extent the market does not respond favorably to these actions, or these actions do not function as intended, our business may not receive the anticipated positive impact from them. In addition, the U.S. Government, Federal Reserve and other governmental and regulatory bodies have taken or are considering taking other actions to address the financial crisis. We cannot predict whether or when such actions may occur or what impact, if any, such actions could have on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

In the current market, it may be difficult or impossible to obtain third party pricing on the investments we purchase. In addition, validating third party pricing for our investments may be more subjective as fewer participants may be willing to provide this service to us. Moreover, the current market is more illiquid than in recent history for some of the investments we purchase. Illiquid investments typically experience greater price volatility as a ready market does not exist. As volatility increases or liquidity decreases we may have greater difficulty financing our investments which may negatively impact our earnings and the execution of our investment strategy.

Critical Accounting Policies

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, or GAAP. These accounting principles may require us to make some complex and subjective decisions and assessments. Our most critical accounting policies will involve decisions and assessments that could affect our reported assets and liabilities, as well as our reported revenues and expenses. We believe that all of the decisions and assessments upon which our consolidated financial statements are based will be reasonable at the time made and based upon information available to us at that time. At each quarter end, we calculate estimated fair value of the investment portfolio using a pricing model. We validate our pricing model by obtaining independent pricing on all of our assets and performing a verification of those sources to our own internal estimate of fair value. The following are our most critical accounting policies:

Mortgage Loan Sales and Securitizations

We periodically enter into transactions in which we sell financial assets, such as RMBS, mortgage loans and other assets. We also securitize and re-securitize financial assets. These transactions are recorded as either a "sale" and the loans held for investment are removed from the consolidated statements of financial condition or as a "financing" and are classified as "Securitized loans held for investment" on our consolidated statements of financial condition, depending upon the structure of the securitization transaction. In these securitizations and re-securitizations we sometimes retain or acquire senior or subordinated interests in the securitized or re-securitized assets. Gains and losses on such securitizations or re-securitizations are recognized using a financial components approach that focuses on control. Under this approach, after a transfer of financial assets, an entity recognizes the financial and servicing assets it controls and the liabilities it has incurred, derecognizes financial assets when control has been surrendered, and derecognizes liabilities when extinguished.

We determine the gain or loss on sale of mortgage loans by allocating the carrying value of the underlying mortgage between securities or loans sold and the interests retained based on their fair values. The gain or loss on sale is the difference between the cash proceeds from the sale and the amount allocated to the securities or loans sold.

Valuation of Investments

Fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and establishes a three-level valuation hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurement and enhances disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. The valuation hierarchy is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. The three levels are defined as follows:

Level 1 – inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets and liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 – inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level 3 – inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to overall fair value.

Non-Agency and Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities are valued using a pricing model. The MBS pricing model incorporates such factors as coupons, prepayment speeds, spread to the Treasury and swap curves, convexity, duration, periodic and life caps, and credit enhancement. Management reviews the fair values determined by the pricing model and compares its results to dealer quotes received on each investment to validate the reasonableness of the valuations indicated by the pricing models. The dealer quotes incorporate common market pricing methods, including a spread measurement to the Treasury curve or interest rate swap curve as well as underlying characteristics of the particular security including coupon, periodic and life caps, rate reset period, issuer, additional credit support and expected life of the security.

Although we utilize a pricing model to compute the fair value of the securities in our portfolio, we validate our fair values by seeking indications of fair value from third-party dealers and/or pricing services. The variability of fair value among dealers and pricing services can be wide at this time as full liquidity for the non-Agency market has yet to return. In addition, there are fewer participants in the RMBS sector available to fair value investments. In the aggregate, our internal valuations of the securities on which we received dealer marks were 0.78% higher than the aggregated dealer marks.

Any changes to the valuation methodology are reviewed by management to ensure the changes are appropriate. As markets and products develop and the pricing for certain products becomes more transparent, we continue to refine our valuation methodologies. The methods used by us may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while we believe our valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies, or assumptions, to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date. We use inputs that are current as of the measurement date, which may include periods of market dislocation, during which price transparency may be reduced. This condition could cause our financial instruments to be reclassified from Level 2 to Level 3.

Other-than-Temporary Impairments

FASB issued new guidance to improve the presentation and disclosure of other-than-temporary impairments ("OTTI") on debt and equity securities. We analyze our non-Agency RMBS portfolio as these investments fall under this new guidance. The security is analyzed for credit loss (the difference between the present value of cash flows expected to be collected and the amortized cost basis). If we do not intend to sell nor are required to sell the debt security prior to its anticipated recovery, the credit loss, if any, is recognized in the statement of earnings, while the balance of impairment related to other factors is recognized in Other Comprehensive Income ("OCI"). If we intend to sell the debt security, or will be required to sell the security before its anticipated recovery, the full OTTI is recognized in the statement of earnings. Other-than-temporary impairment has occurred if there has been an adverse change in future estimated cash flow and its impact reflected in current earnings. The determination cannot be overcome by management judgment of the probability of collecting all cash flows previously projected.

Securitized Loans Held for Investment

Our securitized residential mortgage loans are comprised of fixed-rate and variable-rate loans. We purchase pools of residential mortgage loans through a select group of originators. Mortgage loans are designated as held for investment, recorded on trade date, and are carried at their principal balance outstanding, plus any premiums or discounts which are amortized or accreted over the estimated life of the loan, less allowances for loan losses.

Non-Agency and Agency Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities

We invest in RMBS representing interests in obligations backed by pools of mortgage loans and carry those securities at fair value estimated using a pricing model. Management reviews the fair values generated by the model to determine whether prices are reflective of the current market. Management performs a validation of the fair value calculated by the pricing model by comparing its results to independent prices provided by dealers in the securities and/or third party pricing services. If dealers or independent pricing services are unable to provide a price for an asset, or if the price provided by them is deemed unreliable by FIDAC, then the asset will be valued at its fair value as determined in good faith by FIDAC. In the current market, it may be difficult or impossible to obtain third party pricing on certain of our investments. In addition, validating third party pricing for our investments may be more subjective as fewer participants may be willing to provide this service to us. Moreover, the current market is more illiquid than in recent history for some of the investments we own. Illiquid investments typically experience greater price volatility as a ready market does not exist. As volatility increases or liquidity decreases, we may have greater difficulty financing its investments which may negatively impact its earnings and the execution of its investment strategy.

Our investment securities are classified as either trading investments, available-for-sale investments or held-to-maturity investments. We intend to hold our RMBS as available-for-sale and as such may sell any of our RMBS as part of our overall management of our portfolio. All assets classified as available-for-sale are reported at estimated fair value, with unrealized gains and losses included in other comprehensive income.

When the fair value of an available-for-sale security is less than its amortized cost for an extended period or there is a significant decline in value, we consider whether there is other-than-temporary impairment in the value of the security. If, based on our analysis, a credit portion of other-than-temporary impairment exists, the cost basis of the security is written down to the then-current fair value, and the unrealized loss is transferred from accumulated other comprehensive loss as an immediate reduction of current earnings (as if the loss had been realized in the period of other-than-temporary impairment). The determination of other-than-temporary impairment is a subjective process, and different judgments and assumptions could affect the timing of loss realization.

We consider the following factors when determining other-than-temporary impairment for a security:

- the length of time and the extent to which the market value has been less than the amortized cost;
- and the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer;
- the credit quality and cash flow performance of the security; and
- whether we will be more likely than not required to sell the investment before the expected recovery.

The determination of other-than-temporary impairment is made at least quarterly. If we determine an impairment to be other than temporary we will realize a loss which will negatively impact current income.

RMBS transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains and losses from sales of RMBS are determined based on the specific identification method and recorded as a gain (loss) on sale of investments in the statement of operations. Accretion of discounts or amortization of premiums on available-for-sale securities and mortgage loans is computed using the effective interest yield method and is included as a component of interest income in the statement of operations.

Interest Income

Interest income on RMBS and loans held for investment is recognized over the life of the investment using the effective interest method. Income recognition is suspended for loans when, in the opinion of management, a full recovery of income and principal becomes doubtful. Income recognition is resumed when the loan becomes contractually current and performance is demonstrated to be resumed.

Accounting For Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities

Our policies permit us to enter into derivative contracts, including interest rate swaps and interest rate caps, as a means of mitigating our interest rate risk. We intend to use interest rate derivative instruments to mitigate interest rate risk rather than to enhance returns. If we hedge using interest rate swaps we account for these instruments as free-standing derivatives. Accordingly, they are carried at fair value with realized and unrealized gains and losses recognized in earnings.

We recognize all derivatives as either assets or liabilities in the statement of financial condition and measure those instruments at fair value. Additionally, the fair value adjustments will affect either other comprehensive income in stockholders' equity until the hedged item is recognized in earnings or net income depending on whether the derivative instrument qualifies as a hedge for accounting purposes and, if so, the nature of the hedging activity.

The FASB issued additional guidance that attempts to improve the transparency of financial reporting by providing additional information about how derivative and hedging activities affect an entity's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. This guidance requires the disclosure requirements for derivative instruments and hedging activities by requiring enhanced disclosure about (1) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (2) how derivative instruments and related hedged items, and (3) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect the entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows.

In the normal course of business, we may use a variety of derivative financial instruments to economically manage, or hedge, interest rate risk. These derivative financial instruments must be effective in reducing our interest rate risk exposure in order to qualify for hedge accounting. When the terms of an underlying transaction are modified, or when the underlying hedged item ceases to exist, all changes in the fair value of the instrument are included in net income for each period until the derivative instrument matures or is settled. Any derivative instrument used for risk management that does not meet the hedging criteria is carried at fair value with the changes in value included in net income.

Derivatives will be used for economic hedging purposes rather than speculation. We will rely on quotations from third parties to determine fair values. If our hedging activities do not achieve our desired results, our reported earnings may be adversely affected.

Allowance for Probable Credit Losses

We have established an allowance for loan losses at a level that management believes is adequate based on an evaluation of known and inherent probable losses related to our loan portfolio. The estimate is based on a variety of factors including current economic conditions, industry loss experience, the loan originator's loss experience, credit quality trends, loan portfolio composition, delinquency trends, national and local economic trends, national unemployment data, changes in housing appreciation or depreciation and whether specific geographic areas where we have significant loan concentrations are experiencing adverse economic conditions and events such as natural disasters that may affect the local economy or property values. Upon purchase of the pools of loans, we obtained written representations and warranties from the sellers that we could be reimbursed for the value of the loan if the loan fails to meet the agreed upon origination standards. While we have little history of its own to establish loan trends, delinquency trends of the originators and the current market conditions aid in determining the allowance for loan losses. We also performed due diligence procedures on a sample of loans that met its criteria during the purchase process. We have created an unallocated provision for probable loan losses estimated as a percentage of the remaining principal on the loans. Management's estimate is based on historical experience of similarly underwritten pools.

When we determine it is probable that specific contractually due amounts are uncollectible, the amount is considered impaired. Where impairment is indicated, a valuation write-off is measured based upon the excess of the recorded investment over the net fair value of the collateral, reduced by selling costs. Any deficiency between the carrying amount of an asset and the net sales price of repossessed collateral is charged to the allowance for loan losses.

Income Taxes

We have elected and intend to qualify to be taxed as a REIT. Therefore we will generally not be subject to corporate federal or state income tax to the extent that we make qualifying distributions to our stockholders, and provided we satisfy on a continuing basis, through actual investment and operating results, the REIT requirements including certain asset, income, distribution and stock ownership tests.

If we fail to qualify as a REIT, and do not qualify for certain statutory relief provisions, we will be subject to federal, state and local income taxes and may be precluded from qualifying as a REIT for the subsequent four taxable years following the year in which we lost our REIT qualification. Accordingly, our failure to qualify as a REIT could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations and amounts available for distribution to our stockholders.

The dividends paid deduction of a REIT for qualifying dividends to its stockholders is computed using our taxable income as opposed to net income reported on the consolidated financial statements. Taxable income, generally, will differ from net income reported on the consolidated financial statements because the determination of taxable income is based on tax provisions and not financial accounting principles.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements
General Principles

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (ASC 105)
In September 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) updated *The Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (Codification)* which revises the framework for selecting the accounting principles to be used in the preparation of financial statements that are presented in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The objective of the standard is to establish the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) as the source of authoritative accounting principles recognized by the FASB. Codification is effective for the Company for this September 30, 2009 Form 10-Q. In adopting the Codification, all non-grandfathered, non-SEC accounting literature not included in the Codification is superseded and deemed non-authoritative. Codification requires any references within the Company's consolidated financial statements be modified from FASB issues to ASC. However, in accordance with the FASB Accounting Standards Codification Notice to Constituents (v 2.0), the Company will not reference specific sections of the ASC but will use broad topic references.

The Company's recent accounting pronouncements section has been reformatted to reflect the same organizational structure as the ASC. Broad topic references will be updated with pending content as it is released.

Assets

Investments in Debt and Equity Securities (ASC 320)

New guidance was provided to make impairment guidance more operational and to improve the presentation and disclosure of other-than-temporary impairments ("OTTI") on debt and equity securities, as well as beneficial interests in securitized financial assets, in financial statements. This was as a result of the SEC mark-to-market study mandated under the EESA. The SEC's recommendation was to "evaluate the need for modifications (or the elimination) of current OTTI guidance to provide for a more uniform system of impairment testing standards for financial instruments." The new guidance revises the OTTI evaluation methodology. Previously the analytical focus was on whether the entity had the "intent and ability to retain its investment in the debt security for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value."   Now the focus is on whether the entity has the "intent to sell the debt security or, more likely than not, will be required to sell the debt security before recovery of its amortized cost basis." Further, the security is analyzed for credit loss (the difference between the present value of cash flows expected to be collected and the amortized cost basis). If the company does not intend to sell the debt security, nor will be required to sell the debt security prior to recovery of its amortized cost basis, the credit loss, if any, will be recognized in the statement of earnings, while the balance of impairment related to other factors will be recognized in Other Comprehensive Income ("OCI"). If the company intends to sell the security, or will be required to sell the security before its anticipated recovery, the full OTTI will be recognized in the statement of earnings. This guidance became effective for the Company on June 30, 2009. The adoption of this standard did not result in a cumulative effect adjustment to retained earnings in the period of adoption but changed the manner that the Company evaluates investment securities for other-than-temporary impairments.

Other-than-temporary impairment has occurred if there has been an adverse change in future estimated cash flows and its impact reflected in current earnings. The determination cannot be overcome by management judgment of the probability of collecting all cash flows previously projected.   The objective of other-than-temporary impairment analysis is to determine whether it is probable that the holder will realize some portion of the unrealized loss on an impaired security. Factors to consider when making other-than-temporary impairment decision include information about past events, current conditions, reasonable and supportable forecasts, remaining payment terms, financial condition of the issuer, expected defaults, value of underlying collateral, industry analysis, sector credit rating, credit enhancement, and financial condition of guarantor. The Company's non-Agency RMBS investments fall under this guidance and as such, the Company assesses each security for other-than-temporary impairments based on estimated future cash flows. This guidance became effective for the Company on December 31, 2008.

Broad Transactions

Consolidation (ASC 810)

On January 1, 2009, FASB amended the guidance concerning, non-controlling interests in consolidated financial statements, which requires the Company to make certain changes to the presentation of its consolidated financial statements. This guidance requires the Company to classify non-controlling interests (previously referred to as "minority interest") as part of consolidated net income and to include the accumulated amount of non-controlling interests as part of stockholders' equity. Similarly, in its presentation of stockholders' equity, the Company distinguishes between equity amounts attributable to controlling interest and amounts attributable to the non-controlling interests – previously classified as minority interest outside of stockholders' equity. For the quarter ended September 30, 2009, the Company does not have any consolidated non-controlling interests. In addition to these financial reporting changes, this guidance provides for significant changes in accounting related to non-controlling interests; specifically, increases and decreases in its controlling financial interests in consolidated subsidiaries will be reported in equity similar to treasury stock transactions. If a change in ownership of a consolidated subsidiary results in loss of control and deconsolidation, any retained ownership interests are re-measured with the gain or loss reported in net earnings.

FASB amended the consolidation standards in June, 2009 by issuing FAS 167, *Amendment to FASB Interpretation No 46(R)* . This standard had an effective date of January 1, 2010. It has not, as yet been incorporated into the ASC. While this remains non-authoritative until incorporated in the ASC, removes the Qualified Special Purpose Entity (QSPE) exemption from the Variable Interest Entity (VIE) consolidation guidance and therefore will have a material effect on the consolidation of the Company's securitized assets.

Derivatives and Hedging (ASC 815)

Effective January 1, 2009 and adopted by the Company prospectively, the FASB issued additional guidance attempting to improve the transparency of financial reporting by mandating the provision of additional information about how derivative and hedging activities affect an entity's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. This guidance changed the disclosure requirements for derivative instruments and hedging activities by requiring enhanced disclosure about (1) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (2) how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for, and (3) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. To adhere to this guidance, qualitative disclosures about objectives and strategies for using derivatives, quantitative disclosures about fair value amounts, gains and losses on derivative instruments, and disclosures about credit-risk-related contingent features in derivative agreements must be made. This disclosure framework is intended to better convey the purpose of derivative use in terms of the risks that an entity is intending to manage. While the Company discontinued hedge accounting the adoption of this guidance increases footnote disclosure if the Company engages in hedging activities

Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (ASC 820)

In response to the deterioration of the credit markets, FASB issued guidance clarifying how Fair Value Measurements should be applied when valuing securities in markets that are not active. The guidance provides an illustrative example, utilizing management's internal cash flow and discount rate assumptions when relevant observable data do not exist. It further clarifies how observable market information and market quotes should be considered when measuring fair value in an inactive market. It reaffirms the notion of fair value as an exit price as of the measurement date and that fair value analysis is a transactional process and should not be broadly applied to a group of assets. The guidance was effective upon issuance including prior periods for which financial statements had not been issued. The implementation this guidance did not have a material effect on the fair value of the Company's assets as the Company continued the methodologies used in previous quarters to value assets as defined under the original Fair Value standards.

In October 2008 the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (the "EESA") was signed into law. Section 133 of the EESA mandated that the SEC conduct a study on mark-to-market accounting standards. The SEC provided its study to the U.S. Congress on December 30, 2008. Part of the recommendations within the study indicated that "fair value requirements should be improved through development of application and best practices guidance for determining fair value in illiquid or inactive markets". As a result of this study and the recommendations therein, on April 9, 2009, the FASB issued additional guidance for determining fair value when the volume and level of activity for the asset or liability have significantly decreased when compared with normal market activity for the asset or liability (or similar assets or liabilities). The guidance gives specific factors to evaluate if there has been a decrease in normal market activity and if so, provides a methodology to analyze transactions or quoted prices and make necessary adjustments to fair value. The objective is to determine the point within a range of fair value estimates that is most representative of fair value under current market conditions. This guidance became effective for the Company on June 30, 2009 and had no material impact on the fair valuation of the investment securities owned by the Company.

In August 2009, FASB provided further guidance Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2009-05, "Measuring Liabilities at Fair Value" regarding the fair value measurement of liabilities. The guidance states that a quoted price for the identical liability when traded as an asset in an active market is a Level 1 fair value measurement. If the value must be adjusted for factors specific to the liability, then the adjustment to the quoted price of the asset shall render the fair value measurement of the liability a lower level measurement. This guidance is effective for the Company on October 1, 2009 and has no material effect on the fair valuation of the Company's liabilities.

Financial Instruments (ASC 825)

On April 9, 2009, the FASB issued guidance which requires disclosures about fair value of financial instruments for interim reporting periods as well as in annual financial statements. The effective date of this guidance is for interim reporting periods ending after June 15, 2009 with early adoption permitted for periods ending after March 15, 2009. The adoption did not have any impact on financial reporting as all financial instruments are currently reported at fair value in both interim and annual periods.

Subsequent Events (ASC 855)

In May 2009, the FASB established general standards governing accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before the financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. ASC 855 also provides guidance on the period after the balance sheet date during which management of a reporting entity should evaluate events or transactions that may occur for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements, the circumstances under which an entity should recognize events or transactions occurring after the balance sheet date in its financial statements and the disclosures that an entity should make about events or transactions occurring after the balance sheet date. The Company adopted effective June 30, 2009, and adoption had no impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements. The Company evaluated subsequent events through November 6, 2009.

Transfers and Servicing (ASC 860)

In February 2008 FASB issued guidance addressing whether transactions where assets purchased from a particular counterparty and financed through a repurchase agreement with the same counterparty can be considered and accounted for as separate transactions, or are required to be considered "linked" transactions and may be considered derivatives. This guidance requires purchases and subsequent financing through repurchase agreements be considered linked transactions unless all of the following conditions apply: (1) the initial purchase and the use of repurchase agreements to finance the purchase are not contractually contingent upon each other; (2) the repurchase financing entered into between the parties provides full recourse to the transferee and the repurchase price is fixed; (3) the financial assets are readily obtainable in the market; and (4) the financial instrument and the repurchase agreement are not coterminous. This guidance was effective for the Company on January 1, 2009 and the implementation did not have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements of the Company.

The accounting standards governing the transfer and servicing of financial assets were amended in June 2009, to be effective beginning January 1, 2010. This amendment will update the existing standard and eliminate the concept of a Qualified Special Purpose Entity ("QSPE"); clarify the surrendering of control to effect sale treatment; and modify the financial components approach – limiting the circumstances in which a financial asset or portion thereof should be derecognized when the transferor maintains continuing involvement. It defines the term "Participating Interest". Under this standard update, the transferor must recognize and initially measure at fair value all assets obtained and liabilities incurred as a result of a transfer, including any retained beneficial interest. At this time, the Company continues to evaluate the effect of this update on future financial reporting.

Financial Condition

At September 30, 2009, our portfolio consisted of $2.0 billion of non-Agency RMBS, $1.8 billion of Agency RMBS and $498.9 million of securitized mortgage loans.

The following table summarizes certain characteristics of our portfolio at the quarters ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 and quarter ended June 30, 2009.

	For the Quarters Ended September 30, 2009	September 30, 2008	June 30, 2009
	(dollars in thousands)		
Interest earning assets at period-end	$ 4,318,683	$ 1,357,392	$ 4,166,730
Interest bearing liabilities at period-end	$ 2,011,658	$ 1,120,345	$ 1,943,413
Leverage at period-end	0.9:1	4.6:1	1.0:1
Portfolio Composition:			
Non-Agency MBS	63.0 %	60.4 %	55.5 %
Agency MBS	28.8 %	-	34.5 %
Loans collateralizing secured debt	8.2 %	39.6 %	10.0 %
Fixed-rate percentage of portfolio	59.0 %	18.5 %	59.7 %
Adjustable-rate percentage of portfolio	41.0 %	81.6 %	40.3 %
Annualized yield on average earning assets during the period	7.71 %	5.35 %	6.83 %
Annualized cost of funds on average borrowed funds during the period	1.67 %	4.64 %	2.40 %

The following tables summarize certain characteristics of each asset class in our portfolio at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

September 30, 2009	Non-Agency RMBS	Agency RMBS	Secured Loans
Weighted average cost basis	$54.38	$103.51	$101.01
Weighted average fair value (1)	$52.41	$104.76	$101.01
Weighted average coupon	5.39%	5.51%	6.11%
Fixed-rate percentage of portfolio	26.67%	28.78%	3.50%
Adjustable-rate percentage of portfolio	35.48%	0.00%	4.70%
Weighted average 3 month CPR at period-end (2)	17.34%	15.27%	20.98%

December 31, 2008	Non-Agency RMBS	Agency RMBS	Secured Loans
Weighted average cost basis	$98.01	$102.71	$101.03
Weighted average fair value (1)	$68.16	$103.58	$101.03
Weighted average coupon	5.97%	6.69%	5.95%
Fixed-rate percentage of portfolio	1.30%	13.70%	15.00%
Adjustable-rate percentage of portfolio	51.20%	0.00%	18.80%
Weighted average 3 month CPR at period-end (2)	12.50%	14.50%	7.80%

(1) Secured loans are carried at amortized cost.
(2) Represents the estimated percentage of principal that will be prepaid over the next three months based on historical principal paydowns.

The table below summarizes our RMBS investments at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

	September 30, 2009 Non-Agency RMBS	Agency RMBS	December 31, 2008 Non-Agency RMBS	Agency RMBS
		(dollars in thousands)		
Principal value	$ 3,809,666	$ 1,740,406	$ 899,456	$ 233,976
Unamortized premium	2,677	61,104	2,105	6,350
Unamortized discount	(1,740,734)	(29)	(19,753)	-
Gross unrealized gain	130,632	23,319	5,665	2,036
Gross unrealized loss	(205,781)	(1,492)	(274,368)	-
Fair value	$ 1,996,460	$ 1,823,308	$ 613,105	$ 242,362

As of September 30, 2009, the RMBS in our portfolio were purchased at a net discount to their par value. Our RMBS had a weighted average amortized cost of 69.8% and 99.0% at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively.

Actual maturities of RMBS are generally shorter than stated contractual maturities, as they are affected by the contractual lives of the underlying mortgages, periodic payments of principal, and prepayments of principal. The remaining stated contractual final maturity of the mortgage loans underlying our portfolio of RMBS ranges up to 37 years, but the expected maturity is subject to change based on the prepayments of the underlying loans. As of September 30, 2009, the average final contractual maturity of the RMBS portfolio is 29 years, and as of December 31, 2008, it was 30 years. The estimated weighted average months to maturity of the RMBS in the tables below are based upon our prepayment expectations, which are based on both proprietary and subscription-based financial models. Our prepayment projections consider current and expected trends in interest rates, interest rate volatility, steepness of the yield curve, the mortgage rate of the outstanding loan, time to reset and the spread margin of the reset.

The constant prepayment rate, or CPR, attempts to predict the percentage of principal that will be prepaid over a period of time. We calculate average CPR on a quarterly basis based on historical principal paydowns. As interest rates rise, the rate of re-financings typically declines, which we expect may result in lower rates of prepayment and, as a result, a lower portfolio CPR. Conversely, as interest rates fall, the rate of re-financings typically increases, which we expect may result in higher rates of prepayment and, as a result, a higher portfolio CPR.

After the reset date, interest rates on our hybrid adjustable rate RMBS securities adjust annually based on spreads over various LIBOR and Treasury indices. These interest rates are subject to caps that limit the amount the applicable interest rate can increase during any year, known as periodic cap, and through the maturity of the applicable security, known as a lifetime cap. The weighted average periodic cap for the portfolio is an increase of 0.7% and the weighted average maximum lifetime increases and decreases for the portfolio are 7.7%.

The following tables summarize our RMBS according to their estimated weighted average life classifications at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

	September 30, 2009 (dollars in thousands)			
	Non-Agency RMBS		Agency RMBS	
Weighted Average Life	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost
Less than one year	$ 443,313	$ 411,658	$ 2,536	$ 2,470
Greater than one year and less than five years	1,283,237	1,354,241	598,162	584,945
Greater than five years	269,910	305,710	1,222,610	1,214,066
Total	$ 1,996,460	$ 2,071,609	$ 1,823,308	$ 1,801,481

	December 31, 2008 (dollars in thousands)			
	Non-Agency RMBS		Agency RMBS	
Weighted Average Life	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost
Less than one year	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Greater than one year and less than five years	525,801	735,508	242,362	240,326
Greater than five years	87,304	146,300	-	-
Total	$ 613,105	$ 881,808	$ 242,362	$ 240,326

On July 30, 2009, we transferred $1.5 billion in principal value of its RMBS to the JPMRT 2009-7 Trust in a re-securitization transaction. In this transaction, we sold $166.3 million of AAA-rated fixed and floating rate bonds to third party investors and realized a gain on the sale of approximately $7.3 million. We retained $690.6 million of AAA-rated bonds, $665.5 million in subordinated bonds and the owner trust certificate. The subordinated bonds and the owner trust certificate provide credit support to the AAA-rated bonds. The bonds issued by the trust are collateralized by RMBS that have been transferred to the JPMRT 2009-7 Trust. Subsequent to the closing date of this re-securitization and prior to September 30, 2009, we sold an additional $589.7 million of the AAA-rated bonds and realized a gain on the sale of approximately $59.4 million.

On September 30, 2009, we transferred $1.7 billion in principal value of its RMBS to the CMSC 2009-12R Trust in a re-securitization transaction. In this transaction, we sold $260.6 million of AAA-rated fixed and floating rate bonds to third party investors and realized a gain on sale of approximately $5.2 million. We retained $655.0 million of AAA-rated bonds, $815.1 million in subordinated bonds and the owner trust certificate. The subordinated bonds and the owner trust certificate provide credit support to the AAA-rated bonds. The bonds issued by the trust are collateralized by RMBS that have been transferred to the CSMC 2009-12R Trust.

Results of Operations for the Quarters and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 and 2008.

Net Income/Loss Summary

Our net income for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 was $158.0 million, or $0.24 per share. Our net income was generated primarily by interest income on our portfolio and realized gains on sales of investments. Our net loss for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 was $107.6 million, or $2.76 per share. We attribute the increase in our net income per share for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 as compared to September 30, 2008 to the realized gain on sales of investments and an increase in interest income. Our loss for the third quarter 2008 consisted primarily of realized losses on sales of assets.

Our net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 was $228.5 million, or $0.51 per share. Our net income was generated primarily by interest income on our portfolio and realized gains on sales of investments. Our net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was $128.6 million or $3.30 per share. We attribute the net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 primarily to realized losses on sales of investments.

The table below presents the net income/loss summary for the quarters and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

Net Income/Loss Summary
(dollars in thousands, except for share and per share data)
(Unaudited)

	For the Quarter Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Net Interest Income:				
Interest income	$ 104,690	$ 23,458	$ 197,774	$ 81,603
Interest expense	9,197	15,543	26,552	49,590
Net interest income	95,493	7,915	171,222	32,013
Other-than-temporary impairments:				
Total other-than-temporary credit impairment losses	(6,209)	-	(14,784)	-
Non-credit portion of loss recognized in other comprehensive income	4,024	-	6,104	-
Net other-than-temporary impairment losses	(2,185)	-	(8,680)	-
Other gains (losses):				
Unrealized gains on interest rate swaps	-	10,065	-	4,156
Realized gains (losses) on sales of investments, net	74,508	(113,130)	87,456	(144,304)
Realized losses on principal write-downs	(61)	-	(61)	-
Realized losses on terminations of interest rate swaps	-	(10,460)	-	(10,337)
Total other gains (losses)	74,447	(113,525)	87,395	(150,485)
Net investment income (expense)	167,755	(105,610)	249,937	(118,472)
Other expenses:				
Management fee	8,649	1,681	17,188	6,136
Provision for loan losses	47	(563)	1,410	600
General and administrative expenses	1,057	816	2,823	3,372
Total other expenses	9,753	1,934	21,421	10,108
Income (loss) before income taxes	158,002	(107,544)	228,516	(128,580)
Income taxes	-	12	1	15
Net income (loss)	**$ 158,002**	**$ (107,556)**	**$ 228,515**	**$ (128,595)**
Net income (loss) per share-basic and diluted	$ 0.24	$ (2.76)	$ 0.51	$ (3.30)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding-basic and diluted	670,324,864	38,992,893	452,016,981	38,994,357
Comprehensive income (loss):				
Net income (loss)	$ 158,002	$ (107,556)	$ 228,515	$ (128,595)
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities	238,969	(146,456)	292,061	(282,611)
Reclassification adjustment for net losses included in net income for other-than-temporary impairments	2,185	-	8,680	-
Reclassification adjustment for realized (gains) losses included in net income	(74,447)	113,130	(87,395)	144,304
Other comprehensive income (loss):	166,707	(33,326)	213,346	(138,307)
Comprehensive income (loss)	$ 324,709	$ (140,882)	$ 441,861	$ (266,902)

Interest Income and Average Earning Asset Yield

We had average earning assets of $5.4 billion and $1.8 billion for the quarters ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, and $3.7 billion and $1.7 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Our interest income was $104.7 million and $23.5 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 and $197.8 million and $81.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Our interest income increase resulted from the increase in our interest earning assets which followed our 2009 secondary offerings. The annualized yield on our portfolio was 7.71% and 5.35% for the quarters ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 and 7.20% and 6.03% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The increase in the annualized yield is attributed to the purchase of higher yielding assets with the proceeds from our 2009 secondary offerings.

Interest Expense and the Cost of Funds

We had average borrowed funds of $2.2 billion and $1.3 billion and total interest expense of $9.2 million and $15.5 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. We had average borrowed funds of $1.5 billion and $1.4 billion and total interest expense of $26.6 million and $49.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Our annualized cost of funds was 1.67% and 4.64% for the quarters ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, and 2.29% and 4.82% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The decline in interest expense is related to a decrease in the borrowing rates for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the quarter ended September 30, 2008, the decrease in borrowed funds, and the termination of interest rate swaps.

The table below shows our average borrowed funds, interest expense, average cost of funds, average one-month LIBOR, average six-month LIBOR, average one-month LIBOR relative to average six-month LIBOR, and average cost of funds relative to average one- and six- month LIBOR for the quarters ended September 30, 2009, June 30, 2009, and March 31, 2009, year ended December 31, 2008, the quarters ended December 31, 2008, and September 30, 2008.

Average Cost of Funds

	Average Borrowed Funds	Interest Expense	Average Cost of Funds	Average One-Month LIBOR	Average Six-Month LIBOR	Average One-Month LIBOR Relative to Average Six-Month LIBOR	Average Cost of Funds Relative to Average One-Month LIBOR	Average Cost of Funds Relative to Average Six-Month LIBOR
	(Ratios have been annualized, dollars in thousands)							
For the quarter ended September 30, 2009	$ 2,207,441	$ 9,197	1.67%	0.27%	0.84%	-0.57%	1.40%	0.83%
For the quarter ended June 30, 2009	$ 1,386,535	$ 8,313	2.40%	0.37%	1.39%	-1.02%	2.03%	1.01%
For the quarter ended March 31, 2009	$ 1,038,460	$ 9,042	3.48%	0.46%	1.74%	-1.28%	3.02%	1.74%
For the year ended December 31, 2008	$ 1,304,873	$ 60,544	4.64%	2.68%	3.06%	-0.38%	1.96%	1.58%
For the quarter ended December 31, 2008	$ 1,105,239	$ 10,954	3.96%	2.23%	2.94%	-0.71%	1.73%	1.02%
For the quarter ended September 30, 2008	$ 1,339,531	$ 15,543	4.64%	2.62%	3.19%	-0.57%	2.02%	1.45%

Net Interest Income

Our net interest income, which equals interest income less interest expense, totaled $95.5 million and $7.9 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, and $171.2 million and $32.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Our net interest spread, which equals the yield on our average assets for the period less the average cost of funds for the period, was 6.04% and 0.71% for the quarters ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 and 4.91% and 1.21% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. We attribute the increase in net interest income and net interest spread to the decline in the interest rates at which we borrow funds and the purchase of higher yielding assets following our 2009 secondary offerings.

The table below shows our average assets held, total interest earned on assets, yield on average interest earning assets, average balance of repurchase agreements, interest expense, average cost of funds, net interest income, and net interest rate spread for the quarter ended September 30, 2009, June 30, 2009, and March 31, 2009, the year ended December 31, 2008, the quarters ended December 31, 2008, and September 31, 2008.

	Net Interest Income					
	Average Earning Assets Held	Interest Earned on Assets	Yield on Average Interest Earning Assets	Average Debt Balance	Interest Expense	Average Cost of Funds
	(Ratios have been annualized, dollars in thousands)					
For the quarter ended September 30, 2009	$ 5,433,321	$ 104,690	7.71 %	$ 2,207,441	$ 9,197	1.67 %
For the quarter ended June 30, 2009	$ 3,812,897	$ 65,077	6.83 %	$ 1,386,535	$ 8,313	2.40 %
For the quarter ended March 31, 2009	$ 1,739,767	$ 28,007	6.44 %	$ 1,038,460	$ 9,042	3.48 %
For the year ended December 31, 2008	$ 1,711,705	$ 105,259	5.96 %	$ 1,304,873	$ 60,544	4.64 %
For the quarter ended December 31, 2008	$ 1,621,205	$ 23,656	5.74 %	$ 1,105,239	$ 10,954	3.96 %
For the quarter ended September 30, 2008	$ 1,751,748	$ 23,458	5.35 %	$ 1,339,531	$ 15,543	4.64 %

Gains and Losses on Sales of Assets

During the quarter ended September 30, 2009, we sold assets with a carrying value of $924.5 million which resulted in a net gain of approximately $74.5 million. For the quarter ended September 30, 2008, we sold assets with a carrying value of $432.6 million and terminated $983.4 million in interest rate swaps, which resulted in net realized losses of approximately $113.1 million and $10.5 million, respectively.

Management Fee and General and Administrative Expenses

We paid FIDAC a management fee of $8.7 million and $1.7 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, and $17.2 million and $6.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The management fee is based on stockholder's equity and the increase in the management fee for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 resulted from a full quarter of increased equity due to the completion of two secondary offerings of common stock during the last quarter.

General and administrative (or G&A) expenses, including the provision for loan losses, were $1.1 million and $253 thousand for the quarters ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 and $4.2 million and $4.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.   G&A expenses increased during the period due primarily to an increase in the investment management fees.

Total expenses as a percentage of average total assets were 0.91% and 0.46% for the quarters ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 and 0.97% and 0.75% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The increase in total expenses as a percentage of average total assets is the result of an increase in investment management fees at September 30, 2009.

Currently, FIDAC has waived its right to require us to pay our pro rata portion of rent, telephone, utilities, office furniture, equipment, machinery and other office, internal and overhead expenses of FIDAC and its affiliates required for our operations.

The table below shows our total management fee and G&A expenses as compared to average total assets and average equity for the quarters ended September 30, 2009, June 30, 2009, March 31, 2009, for the year ended December 31, 2008, the quarters ended December 31, 2008, September 30, 2008.

Management Fees and G&A Expenses and Operating Expense Ratios

	Total Management Fee and G&A Expenses	Management Fee and G&A Expenses/Total Assets	Management Fee and G&A Expenses/Average Equity
	(Ratios have been annualized, dollars in thousands)		
For the quarter ended September 30, 2009	$ 9,753	0.91 %	1.89 %
For the quarter ended June 30, 2009	$ 7,946	1.08 %	2.67 %
For the quarter ended March 31, 2009	$ 3,722	0.94 %	3.51 %
For the year ended December 31, 2008	$ 14,027	0.85 %	3.50 %
For the quarter ended December 31, 2008	$ 3,918	1.10 %	4.78 %
For the quarter ended September 30, 2008	$ 1,934	0.46 %	2.46 %

Net Income (Loss) and Return on Average Equity

Our net income was $158.0 million and $228.5 million for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively. Our net loss was $107.6 million and $128.6 million for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2008. The table below shows our net interest income, gain (loss) on sale of assets and other OTTI charges, unrealized gains (loss) on interest rate swaps, total expenses, income tax, each as a percentage of average equity, and the return on average equity for the quarter ended September 30, 2009, June 30, 2009, and March 31, 2009, the year ended December 31, 2008, the quarters ended December 31, 2008, and September 31, 2008. Our return on average equity increased from (136.88%) for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 to 30.55% for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 primarily due to realized gains on sales of investments.

Components of Return on Average Equity

	Net Interest Income/Average Equity	Realized Gain (Loss) on Sales and OTTI/Average Equity	Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Interest Rate Swaps/Average Equity	Total Expenses/ Average Equity	Income Tax/Average Equity	Return on Average Equity
			(Ratios have been annualized)			
For the quarter ended September 30, 2009	18.47%	13.97%	0.00%	-1.89%	0.00%	30.55%
For the quarter ended June 30, 2009	19.08%	0.95%	0.00%	-2.67%	0.00%	17.36%
For the quarter ended March 31, 2009	17.91%	3.42%	0.00%	-3.51%	0.00%	17.82%
For the year ended December 31, 2008	11.17%	-38.64%	1.04%	-3.50%	0.00%	-29.93%
For the quarter ended December 31, 2008	15.50%	0.00%	0.00%	-4.78%	0.00%	10.72%
For the quarter ended September 30, 2008	10.07%	-157.28%	12.81%	-2.46%	-0.02%	-136.88%

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity measures our ability to meet cash requirements, including ongoing commitments to repay our borrowings, fund and maintain RMBS, mortgage loans and other assets, pay dividends and other general business needs. Our principal sources of capital and funds for additional investments primarily include earnings from our investments, borrowings under securitizations and re-securitizations, repurchase agreements and other financing facilities, and proceeds from equity offerings. We expect these sources of financing will be sufficient to meet our short-term liquidity needs.

We expect to continue to borrow funds in the form of repurchase agreements and, subject to market conditions, other types of financing. The terms of the repurchase transaction borrowings under our master repurchase agreements generally conform to the terms in the standard master repurchase agreement as published by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, or SIFMA, as to repayment, margin requirements and the segregation of all securities we have initially sold under the repurchase transaction. In addition, each lender typically requires that we include supplemental terms and conditions to the standard master repurchase agreement. Typical supplemental terms and conditions include changes to the margin maintenance requirements, required haircuts, and purchase price maintenance requirements, requirements that all controversies related to the repurchase agreement be litigated in a particular jurisdiction and cross default provisions. These provisions will differ for each of our lenders and will not be determined until we engage in a specific repurchase transaction.

For our short-term (one year or less) and long-term liquidity, which include investing and compliance with collateralization requirements under our repurchase agreements (if the pledged collateral decreases in value or in the event of margin calls created by prepayments of the pledged collateral), we also rely on the cash flow from investments, primarily monthly principal and interest payments to be received on our RMBS and whole mortgage loans, cash flow from the sale of securities as well as any primary securities offerings authorized by our board of directors.

Based on our current portfolio, leverage ratio and available borrowing arrangements, we believe our assets will be sufficient to enable us to meet anticipated short-term (one year or less) liquidity requirements such as to fund our investment activities, pay fees under our management agreement, fund our distributions to stockholders and pay general corporate expenses. However, a decline in the value of our collateral or an increase in prepayment rates substantially above our expectations could cause a temporary liquidity shortfall due to the timing of the necessary margin calls on the financing arrangements and the actual receipt of the cash related to principal paydowns. If our cash resources are at any time insufficient to satisfy our liquidity requirements, we may have to sell debt or additional equity securities in a common stock offering. If required, the sale of RMBS or whole mortgage loans at prices lower than their carrying value would result in losses and reduced income.

Our ability to meet our long-term (greater than one year) liquidity and capital resource requirements will be subject to obtaining additional debt financing and equity capital. Subject to our maintaining our qualification as a REIT as well as market conditions, we expect to use a number of sources to finance our investments, including repurchase agreements, warehouse facilities, securitization, commercial paper and term financing CDOs. Such financing will depend on market conditions for capital raises and for the investment of any proceeds. If we are unable to renew, replace or expand our sources of financing on substantially similar terms, it may have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations. Upon liquidation, holders of our debt securities and shares of preferred stock and lenders with respect to other borrowings will receive a distribution of our available assets prior to the holders of our common stock.

We held cash and cash equivalents of approximately $21.0 million and $27.5 million at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. Our cash and cash equivalents declined as we utilized cash balances to repay short term repurchase agreements.

Our operating activities provided net cash of approximately $64.1 million and used net cash of $3.2 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2009 and 2008. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, our operating activities provided net cash of $102.3 million and $12.4 million, respectively.

Our investing activities used net cash of $85.4 million and provided net cash of $258.7 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 and used net cash of $2.5 billion and $844.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. During the quarter ended September 30, 2009 we utilized cash to purchase $1.3 billion in RMBS and which were offset by proceeds from asset sales that provided approximately $995.0 million as compared to the purchase of $700 thousand of RMBS offset by RMBS sales that provided approximately $319.4 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2008.

Our financing activities provided net cash of $29.2 billion and utilized $299.2 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Our financing activities provided net cash of $2.4 billion and $832.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. We expect to continue to borrow funds in the form of repurchase agreements as well as other types of financing. As of September 30, 2009, we had $153.1 million outstanding under our repurchase agreement with Annaly collateralized by our RMBS with weighted average borrowing rates of 1.74% and weighted average remaining maturities of 1 day. The RMBS pledged as collateral under the repurchase agreement with Annaly had an estimated fair value of $216.9 million at September 30, 2009. The interest rates of the repurchase agreement with Annaly are generally indexed to the one-month LIBOR rate and re-price accordingly.

At September 30, 2009 and 2008, the repurchase agreements for RMBS had the following remaining maturities:

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
	(dollars in thousands)	
Overnight	$ 153,076(1)	$ -
1-30 days	1,444,243	562,119(1)
30 to 59 days	-	-
60 to 89 days	-	-
90 to 119 days	-	-
Greater than or equal to 120 days	-	-
Total	$ 1,597,319	$ 562,119

(1) Repurchase agreements with affiliates.

Increases in short-term interest rates could negatively affect the valuation of our mortgage-related assets, which could limit our borrowing ability or cause our lenders to initiate margin calls. Amounts due upon maturity of our repurchase agreements will be funded primarily through the rollover/reissuance of repurchase agreements and monthly principal and interest payments received on our mortgage-backed securities.

For our short-term (one year or less) and long-term liquidity, which includes investing and compliance with collateralization requirements under our repurchase agreements (if the pledged collateral decreases in value or in the event of margin calls created by prepayments of the pledged collateral), we also rely on the cash flow from investments, primarily monthly principal and interest payments to be received on our RMBS and whole mortgage loans, cash flow from the sale of securities as well as any primary securities offerings authorized by our board of directors.

Based on our current portfolio, leverage ratio and available borrowing arrangements, we believe our assets will be sufficient to enable us to meet anticipated short-term (one year or less) liquidity requirements such as to fund our investment activities, pay fees under our management agreement, fund our distributions to stockholders and pay general corporate expenses. However, an increase in prepayment rates substantially above our expectations could cause a temporary liquidity shortfall due to the timing of the necessary margin calls on the financing arrangements and the actual receipt of the cash related to principal paydowns. If our cash resources are at any time insufficient to satisfy our liquidity requirements, we may have to sell investments or issue debt or additional equity securities in a common stock offering. If required, the sale of RMBS or whole mortgage loans at prices lower than their carrying value would result in losses and reduced income.

Our ability to meet our long-term (greater than one year) liquidity and capital resource requirements will be subject to obtaining additional debt financing and equity capital. Subject to our maintaining our qualification as a REIT, we expect to use a number of sources to finance our investments, including repurchase agreements, warehouse facilities, securitizations, commercial paper and term financing CDOs. Such financing will depend on market conditions for capital raises and for the investment of any proceeds. If we are unable to renew, replace or expand our sources of financing on substantially similar terms, it may have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations. Upon liquidation, holders of our debt securities, if any, and shares of preferred stock, if any, and lenders with respect to other borrowings will receive a distribution of our available assets prior to the holders of our common stock.

We are not required by our investment guidelines to maintain any specific debt-to-equity ratio as we believe the appropriate leverage for the particular assets we are financing depends on the credit quality and risk of those assets. However, our master repurchase agreements may require us to maintain certain debt-to-equity ratios. At September 30, 2009, our total debt was approximately $2.0 billion which represented a debt-to-equity ratio of 0.9:1.

At September 30, 2009, we had no material commitments for capital expenditures.

Stockholders' Equity

During the quarter ended September 30, 2009, we declared dividends to common shareholders totaling $80.3 million, or $0.12 per share, all of which were paid on October 30, 2009. During the year ended December 31, 2008, we declared dividends to common shareholders totaling $28.9 million, or $0.62 per share.

On September 24, 2009, we adopted a dividend reinvestment and share purchase plan, or DRSPP The DRSPP provides holders of record of our common stock an opportunity to automatically reinvest all or a portion of their cash distributions received on common stock in additional shares of our common stock as well as to make optional cash payments to purchase shares of our common stock. Persons who are not already stockholders may also purchase our common stock under the plan through optional cash payments. The DRSPP is administered by the Administrator, The Bank of New York Mellon. To date there have been no transactions under the DRSPP.

There was no preferred stock issued or outstanding as of September 30, 2009 or December 31, 2008.

Related Party Transactions

Management Agreement

On November 15, 2007, we entered into a management agreement with FIDAC, pursuant to which FIDAC is entitled to receive a management fee and, in certain circumstances, a termination fee and reimbursement of certain expenses as described in the management agreement. Such fees and expenses do not have fixed and determinable payments. The management fee is payable quarterly in arrears in an amount equal to 1.50% per annum, calculated quarterly, of our stockholders' equity (as defined in the management agreement). FIDAC uses the proceeds from its management fee in part to pay compensation to its officers and employees who, notwithstanding that certain of them also are our officers, receive no cash compensation directly from us. The management fee will be reduced, but not below zero, by our proportionate share of any CDO management fees FIDAC receives in connection with the CDOs in which we invest, based on the percentage of equity we hold in such CDOs.

Financing Arrangements with Annaly

In March 2008, we entered into a RMBS repurchase agreement with Annaly. This agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants contained in such agreements. As of September 30, 2009, we had $153.1 million outstanding under the agreement with a weighted average borrowing rate of 1.74%. We have been in compliance with all covenants of this agreement since we entered into this agreement.

Restricted Stock Grants

During the quarter ended September 30, 2009, 32,225 shares of restricted stock we had awarded to our Manager's employees vested and 932 shares were forfeited or cancelled. We did not grant any incentive awards during the quarter ended September 30, 2009.

At September 30, 2009 there are approximately 1.1 million unvested shares of restricted stock issued to employees of FIDAC. For the quarter ended September 30, 2009, compensation expense less general and administrative costs associated with the amortization of the fair value of the restricted stock totaled $112,465.

Contractual Obligations and Commitments

The following table summarizes our contractual obligations at September 30, 2009.

Contractual Obligations	Within One Year	One to Three Years	Three to Five Years	Greater Than or Equal to Five Years	Total
			(dollars in thousands)		
Repurchase agreements for RMBS (1)	$ 1,597,319	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,597,319
Securitized debt	4,054	8,929	10,110	410,325	433,418
Interest expense on RMBS repurchase agreements (2)	321	-	-	-	321
Interest expense on securitized debt (2)	23,722	46,664	46,672	371,686	488,744
Total	$ 1,625,416	$ 55,593	$ 56,782	$ 782,011	$ 2,519,802

(1) Repurchase agreements with affiliates for $153.1 million are included in balance.
(2) Interest is based on variable rates in effect as of September 30, 2009.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. Further, we have not guaranteed any obligations of unconsolidated entities nor do we have any commitment or intent to provide funding to any such entities. As such, we are not materially exposed to any market, credit, liquidity or financing risk that could arise if we had engaged in such relationships.

Dividends

To qualify as a REIT, we must pay annual dividends to our stockholders of at least 90% of our taxable income, determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid and excluding any net capital gains. We intend to pay regular quarterly dividends to our stockholders. Before we pay any dividend, whether for U.S. federal income tax purposes or otherwise, which would only be paid out of available cash to the extent permitted under our warehouse and repurchase facilities, we must first meet both our operating requirements and scheduled debt service on our warehouse lines and other debt payable.

Inflation

Virtually all of our assets and liabilities are interest rate sensitive in nature. As a result, interest rates and other factors influence our performance far more so than does inflation. Changes in interest rates do not necessarily correlate with inflation rates or changes in inflation rates. Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP and our distributions will be determined by our board of directors consistent with our obligation to distribute to our stockholders at least 90% of our REIT taxable income on an annual basis in order to maintain our REIT qualification; in each case, our activities and balance sheet are measured with reference to historical cost and/or fair market value without considering inflation.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The primary components of our market risk are related to credit risk, interest rate risk, prepayment risk, market value risk and real estate risk. While we do not seek to avoid risk completely, we believe the risk can be quantified from historical experience and we seek to actively manage that risk, to earn sufficient compensation to justify taking those risks and to maintain capital levels consistent with the risks we undertake.

Credit Risk

We are subject to credit risk in connection with our investments and face more credit risk on assets we own which are rated below ''AAA''. The credit risk related to these investments pertains to the ability and willingness of the borrowers to pay, which is assessed before credit is granted or renewed and periodically reviewed throughout the loan or security term. We believe that residual loan credit quality is primarily determined by the borrowers' credit profiles and loan characteristics. FIDAC uses a comprehensive credit review process. FIDAC's analysis of loans includes borrower profiles, as well as valuation and appraisal data. FIDAC uses compensating factors such as liquid assets, low loan to value ratios and job stability in evaluating loans. FIDAC's resources include a proprietary portfolio management system, as well as third party software systems. FIDAC utilizes a third party due diligence firm to perform an independent underwriting review to insure compliance with existing guidelines. FIDAC selects loans for review predicated on risk-based criteria such as loan-to-value, borrower's credit score(s) and loan size. FIDAC also outsources underwriting services to review higher risk loans, either due to borrower credit profiles or collateral valuation issues. In addition to statistical sampling techniques, FIDAC creates adverse credit and valuation samples, which we individually review. FIDAC rejects loans that fail to conform to our standards. FIDAC accepts only those loans which meet our underwriting criteria. Once we own a loan, FIDAC's surveillance process includes ongoing analysis through our proprietary data warehouse and servicer files. Additionally, the non-Agency RMBS and other ABS which we acquire for our portfolio are reviewed by FIDAC to ensure that they satisfy our risk based criteria. FIDAC's review of non-Agency RMBS and other ABS includes utilizing its proprietary portfolio management system. FIDAC's review of non-Agency RMBS and other ABS is based on quantitative and qualitative analysis of the risk-adjusted returns on non-Agency RMBS and other ABS present.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is highly sensitive to many factors, including governmental monetary and tax policies, domestic and international economic and political considerations and other factors beyond our control. We are subject to interest rate risk in connection with our investments and our related debt obligations, which are generally repurchase agreements, warehouse facilities, securitization, commercial paper and term financing CDOs. Our repurchase agreements and warehouse facilities may be of limited duration that are periodically refinanced at current market rates. We intend to mitigate this risk through utilization of derivative contracts, primarily interest rate swap agreements.

Interest Rate Effect on Net Interest Income

Our operating results depend, in large part, on differences between the income from our investments and our borrowing costs. Most of our warehouse facilities and repurchase agreements provide financing based on a floating rate of interest calculated on a fixed spread over LIBOR. The fixed spread varies depending on the type of underlying asset which collateralizes the financing. Accordingly, the portion of our portfolio which consists of floating interest rate assets will be match-funded utilizing our expected sources of short-term financing, while our fixed interest rate assets will not be match-funded. During periods of rising interest rates, the borrowing costs associated with our investments tend to increase while the income earned on our fixed interest rate investments may remain substantially unchanged. This will result in a narrowing of the net interest spread between the related assets and borrowings and may even result in losses. Further, during this portion of the interest rate and credit cycles, defaults could increase and result in credit losses to us, which could adversely affect our liquidity and operating results. Such delinquencies or defaults could also have an adverse effect on the spread between interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. Hedging techniques are partly based on assumed levels of prepayments of our fixed-rate and hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage loans and RMBS. If prepayments are slower or faster than assumed, the life of the mortgage loans and RMBS will be longer or shorter, which would reduce the effectiveness of any hedging strategies we may use and may cause losses on such transactions. Hedging strategies involving the use of derivative securities are highly complex and may produce volatile returns.

Interest Rate Effects on Fair Value

Another component of interest rate risk is the effect changes in interest rates will have on the fair value of the assets we acquire. We face the risk that the fair value of our assets will increase or decrease at different rates than that of our liabilities, including our hedging instruments. We primarily assess our interest rate risk by estimating the duration of our assets and the duration of our liabilities. Duration essentially measures the market price volatility of financial instruments as interest rates change. We generally calculate duration using various financial models and empirical data. Different models and methodologies can produce different duration numbers for the same securities.

It is important to note that the impact of changing interest rates on fair value can change significantly when interest rates change beyond 100 basis points from current levels. Therefore, the volatility in the fair value of our assets could increase significantly when interest rates change beyond 100 basis points. In addition, other factors impact the fair value of our interest rate-sensitive investments and hedging instruments, such as the shape of the yield curve, market expectations as to future interest rate changes and other market conditions. Accordingly, in the event of changes in actual interest rates, the change in the fair value of our assets would likely differ from that shown above and such difference might be material and adverse to our stockholders.

Interest Rate Cap Risk

We also invest in adjustable-rate mortgage loans and RMBS. These are mortgages or RMBS in which the underlying mortgages are typically subject to periodic and lifetime interest rate caps and floors, which limit the amount by which the security's interest yield may change during any given period. However, our borrowing costs pursuant to our financing agreements will not be subject to similar restrictions. Therefore, in a period of increasing interest rates, interest rate costs on our borrowings could increase without limitation by caps, while the interest-rate yields on our adjustable-rate mortgage loans and RMBS would effectively be limited. This problem will be magnified to the extent we acquire adjustable-rate RMBS that are not based on mortgages which are fully indexed. In addition, the mortgages or the underlying mortgages in an RMBS may be subject to periodic payment caps that result in some portion of the interest being deferred and added to the principal outstanding. This could result in our receipt of less cash income on our adjustable-rate mortgages or RMBS than we need in order to pay the interest cost on our related borrowings. These factors could lower our net interest income or cause a net loss during periods of rising interest rates, which would harm our financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

Interest Rate Mismatch Risk

We fund a substantial portion of our acquisitions of hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages and RMBS with borrowings that, after the effect of hedging, have interest rates based on indices and re-pricing terms similar to, but of somewhat shorter maturities than, the interest rate indices and re-pricing terms of the mortgages and RMBS. Thus, in most cases the interest rate indices and re-pricing terms of our mortgage assets and our funding sources will not be identical, thereby creating an interest rate mismatch between assets and liabilities. Therefore, our cost of funds would likely rise or fall more quickly than would our earnings rate on assets. During periods of changing interest rates, such interest rate mismatches could negatively impact our financial condition, cash flows and results of operations. To mitigate interest rate mismatches, we may utilize the hedging strategies discussed above. Our analysis of risks is based on FIDAC's experience, estimates, models and assumptions. These analyses rely on models which utilize estimates of fair value and interest rate sensitivity. Actual economic conditions or implementation of investment decisions by our management may produce results that differ significantly from the estimates and assumptions used in our models and the projected results shown in this Form 10-Q.

Our profitability and the value of our portfolio (including interest rate swaps) may be adversely affected during any period as a result of changing interest rates. The following table quantifies the potential changes in net interest income, portfolio value should interest rates go up or down 25, 50, and 75 basis points, assuming the yield curves of the rate shocks will be parallel to each other and the current yield curve. All changes in income and value are measured as percentage changes from the projected net interest income and portfolio value at the base interest rate scenario. The base interest rate scenario assumes interest rates at September 30, 2009 and various estimates regarding prepayment and all activities are made at each level of rate shock. Actual results could differ significantly from these estimates.

Change in Interest Rate	Projected Percentage Change in Net Interest Income %	Projected Percentage Change in Portfolio Value %
-75 Basis Points	11.57%	3.31%
-50 Basis Points	8.62%	2.21%
-25 Basis Points	5.71%	1.10%
Base Interest Rate	-	-
+25 Basis Points	-1.61%	-1.10%
+50 Basis Points	-2.64%	-2.20%
+75 Basis Points	-3.66%	-3.31%

Prepayment Risk

As we receive prepayments of principal on these investments, premiums paid on such investments will be amortized against interest income. In general, an increase in prepayment rates will accelerate the amortization of purchase premiums, thereby reducing the interest income earned on the investments. Conversely, discounts on such investments are accreted into interest income. In general, an increase in prepayment rates will accelerate the accretion of purchase discounts, thereby increasing the interest income earned on the investments.

Extension Risk

FIDAC computes the projected weighted-average life of our investments based on assumptions regarding the rate at which the borrowers will prepay the underlying mortgages. In general, when fixed-rate or hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage loans or RMBS are acquired with borrowings, we may, but are not required to, enter into an interest rate swap agreement or other hedging instrument that effectively fixes our borrowing costs for a period close to the anticipated average life of the fixed-rate portion of the related assets. This strategy is designed to protect us from rising interest rates because the borrowing costs are fixed for the duration of the fixed-rate portion of the related assets. However, if prepayment rates decrease in a rising interest rate environment, the life of the fixed-rate portion of the related assets could extend beyond the term of the swap agreement or other hedging instrument. This could have a negative impact on our results from operations, as borrowing costs would no longer be fixed after the end of the hedging instrument while the income earned on the hybrid adjustable-rate assets would remain fixed. This situation may also cause the market value of our hybrid adjustable-rate assets to decline, with little or no offsetting gain from the related hedging transactions. In extreme situations, we may be forced to sell assets to maintain adequate liquidity, which could cause us to incur losses.

Market Risk

Market Value Risk

Our available-for-sale securities are reflected at their estimated fair value with unrealized gains and losses excluded from earnings and reported in other comprehensive income. The estimated fair value of these securities fluctuates primarily due to changes in interest rates, prepayment speeds, market liquidity, credit quality, and other factors. Generally, in a rising interest rate environment, the estimated fair value of these securities would be expected to decrease; conversely, in a decreasing interest rate environment, the estimated fair value of these securities would be expected to increase. As market volatility increases or liquidity decreases, the fair value of our investments may be adversely impacted. If we are unable to readily obtain independent pricing to validate our estimated fair value of securities in the portfolio, the fair value gains or losses recorded in other comprehensive income may be adversely affected.

Real Estate Market Risk

We own assets secured by real property and may own real property directly in the future. Residential property values are subject to volatility and may be affected adversely by a number of factors, including, but not limited to, national, regional and local economic conditions (which may be adversely affected by industry slowdowns and other factors); local real estate conditions (such as an oversupply of housing); changes or continued weakness in specific industry segments; construction quality, age and design; demographic factors; and retroactive changes to building or similar codes. In addition, decreases in property values reduce the value of the collateral and the potential proceeds available to a borrower to repay our loans, which could also cause us to suffer losses.

Risk Management

To the extent consistent with maintaining our REIT status, we seek to manage risk exposure to protect our portfolio of residential mortgage loans, RMBS, and other assets and related debt against the effects of major interest rate changes. We generally seek to manage our risk by:

- monitoring and adjusting, if necessary, the reset index and interest rate related to our RMBS and our financings;
- attempting to structure our financing agreements to have a range of different maturities, terms, amortizations and interest rate adjustment periods;
- using derivatives, financial futures, swaps, options, caps, floors and forward sales to adjust the interest rate sensitivity of our investments and our borrowings;
- using securitization financing to lower average cost of funds relative to short-term financing vehicles further allowing us to receive the benefit of attractive terms for an extended period of time in contrast to short term financing and maturity dates of the investments included in the securitization; and
- actively managing, on an aggregate basis, the interest rate indices, interest rate adjustment periods, and gross reset margins of our investments and the interest rate indices and adjustment periods of our financings.

Our efforts to manage our assets and liabilities are concerned with the timing and magnitude of the re-pricing of assets and liabilities. We attempt to control risks associated with interest rate movements. Methods for evaluating interest rate risk include an analysis of our interest rate sensitivity "gap", which is the difference between interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities maturing or re-pricing within a given time period. A gap is considered positive when the amount of interest-rate sensitive assets exceeds the amount of interest-rate sensitive liabilities. A gap is considered negative when the amount of interest-rate sensitive liabilities exceeds interest-rate sensitive assets. During a period of rising interest rates, a negative gap would tend to adversely affect net interest income, while a positive gap would tend to result in an increase in net interest income. During a period of falling interest rates, a negative gap would tend to result in an increase in net interest income, while a positive gap would tend to affect net interest income adversely. Because different types of assets and liabilities with the same or similar maturities may react differently to changes in overall market rates or conditions, changes in interest rates may affect net interest income positively or negatively even if an institution were perfectly matched in each maturity category.

The following table sets forth the estimated maturity or re-pricing of our interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities at September 30, 2009. The amounts of assets and liabilities shown within a particular period were determined in accordance with the contractual terms of the assets and liabilities, except adjustable-rate loans, and securities are included in the period in which their interest rates are first scheduled to adjust and not in the period in which they mature and does include the effect of the interest rate swaps. The interest rate sensitivity of our assets and liabilities in the table could vary substantially if based on actual prepayment experience.

	Within 3 Months	3-12 Months	1 Year to 3 Years	Greater than 3 Years	Total
Rate sensitive assets	$ 3,906,846	$ 94,434	$ 1,349,548	$ 696,373	$ 6,047,201
Cash equivalents	21,023	-	-	-	21,023
Total rate sensitive assets	3,927,869	94,434	1,349,548	696,373	6,068,224
Rate sensitive liabilities, with the the effect of swaps	1,597,319	-	-	433,418	2,030,737
Interest rate sensitivity gap	$ 2,330,550	$ 94,434	$ 1,349,548	$ 262,955	$ 4,037,487
Cumulative rate sensitivity gap	$ 2,330,550	$ 2,424,984	$ 3,774,532	$ 4,037,487	$ 4,037,487
Cumulative interest rate sensitivity gap as a percentage of total rate sensitive assets	38%	40%	62%	67%	

Our analysis of risks is based on FIDAC's experience, estimates, models and assumptions. These analyses rely on models which utilize estimates of fair value and interest rate sensitivity. Actual economic conditions or implementation of investment decisions by FIDAC may produce results that differ significantly from the estimates and assumptions used in our models and the projected results shown in the above tables and in this report. These analyses contain certain forward-looking statements and are subject to the safe harbor statement set forth under the heading, "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements."

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer, or CEO, and Chief Financial Officer, or CFO, reviewed and evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report. Based on that review and evaluation, the CEO and CFO have concluded that our current disclosure controls and procedures, as designed and implemented, (1) were effective in ensuring that information regarding the Company and its subsidiaries is made known to our management, including our CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and (2) were effective in providing reasonable assurance that information the Company must disclose in its periodic reports under the Securities Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods prescribed by the SEC's rules and forms.

Changes in Internal Controls

There have been no changes in our "internal control over financial reporting" (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act) that occurred during the period covered by this quarterly report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

From time to time, we may be involved in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial statements.

Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes to the risk factors disclosed in Item 1A – Risk Factors of our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 and our subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. The materialization of any risks and uncertainties identified in our forward looking statements contained in this report together with those previously disclosed in the Form 10-K or subsequent Form 10-Qs or those that are presently unforeseen could result in significant adverse effects on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. See Item 2. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q.

Item 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibits:

The exhibits required by this item are set forth on the Exhibit Index attached hereto.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	Articles of Amendment and Restatement of Chimera Investment Corporation (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Amendment No. 1 to Form S-11 (File No. 333-145525) filed on September 27, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference)
3.2	Articles of Amendment of Chimera Investment Corporation (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Report on Form 8-5 filed on May 28, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference)
3.3	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Chimera Investment Corporation (filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Amendment No. 2 to Form S-11 (File No. 333-145525) filed on November 5, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference)
4.1	Specimen Common Stock Certificate of Chimera Investment Corporation (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Amendment No. 1 to Form S-11 (File No. 333-145525) filed on September 27, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference)
31.1	Certification of Matthew Lambiase, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Registrant, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Certification of A. Alexandra Denahan, Chief Financial Officer of the Registrant, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Certification of Matthew Lambiase, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Registrant, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2	Certification of A. Alexandra Denahan, Chief Financial Officer of the Registrant, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of New York, State of New York.

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION

By: /s/ Matthew Lambiase
Matthew Lambiase
Chief Executive Officer and President
November 6, 2009

By: /s/ A. Alexandra Denahan
A. Alexandra Denahan
Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)
November 6, 2009

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Matthew Lambiase, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Chimera Investment Corporation;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) for the registrant and have:

   a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

   b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

   c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

   d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

   a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

   b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 6, 2009
/s/ Matthew Lambiase
Matthew Lambiase
Chief Executive Officer and President (Principal Executive Officer)

CERTIFICATIONS

I, A. Alexandra Denahan, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Chimera Investment Corporation;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) for the registrant and have:

   a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

   b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

   c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

   d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

   a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

   b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 6, 2009
/s/ A. Alexandra Denahan
A. Alexandra Denahan
Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION
1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS
SUITE 2902
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10036

CERTIFICATION

PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE

SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002, 10 U.S.C. SECTION 1350

In connection with the quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Chimera Investment Corporation (the "Company") for the period ended September 30, 2009 to be filed with Securities and Exchange Commission on or about the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Matthew Lambiase, President, and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company at the dates of, and for the periods covered by, the Report.

It is not intended that this statement be deemed to be filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

/s/ Matthew Lambiase

Matthew Lambiase
Chief Executive Officer and President

November 6, 2009

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION
1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS
SUITE 2902
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10036

CERTIFICATION

PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE

SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002, 10 U.S.C. SECTION 1350

In connection with the quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Chimera Investment Corporation (the “Company”) for the period ended September 30, 2009 to be filed with Securities and Exchange Commission on or about the date hereof (the “Report”), I, A. Alexandra Denahan, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary of the Company, certify, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company at the dates of, and for the periods covered by, the Report.

It is not intended that this statement be deemed to be filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

/s/ A. Alexandra Denahan
A. Alexandra Denahan
Chief Financial Officer
November 6, 2009