UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 5, 2021

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland1-3379626-0630461(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)(Commission
File Number)(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

520 Madison Avenue, 32nd Fl

New York New York 10022

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 626-2300

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	CIM	New York Stock Exchange
8.00% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock	CIM PRA	New York Stock Exchange
8.00% Series B Cumulative Fixed-to-Floating Rate Redeemable Preferred Stock	CIM PRB	New York Stock Exchange
7.75% Series C Cumulative Fixed-to-Floating Rate Redeemable Preferred Stock	CIM PRC	New York Stock Exchange
8.00% Series D Cumulative Fixed-to-Floating Rate Redeemable Preferred Stock	CIM PRD	New York Stock Exchange

Registrant's Web site address: www.chimerareit.com

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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\square Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.42)	25)
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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).
Emerging growth company
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On May 5, 2021, the registrant issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2021. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

On May 5, 2021, the registrant posted supplemental financial information on the News & Events - Press Releases section of its website (www.chimerareit.com). A copy of the supplemental financial information is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this report and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press Release, dated May 5, 2021, issued by Chimera Investment Corporation
- 99.2 <u>Supplemental Financial Information for the quarter ended March 31, 2021</u>

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Chimera Investment Corporation

By: <u>/s/ Rob Colligan</u> Name: Rob Colligan

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 5, 2021



PRESS RELEASE

NYSE: CIM

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION REPORTS 1ST QUARTER 2021 EARNINGS

- 1ST QUARTER GAAP NET INCOME OF \$0.54 PER COMMON SHARE
- 1ST QUARTER CORE EARNINGS⁽¹⁾ OF \$0.36 PER COMMON SHARE
- GAAP BOOK VALUE OF \$11.44 PER COMMON SHARE
- BOARD INCREASED SECOND QUARTER DIVIDEND BY 10% TO \$0.33 PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK

NEW YORK - (BUSINESS WIRE) - Chimera Investment Corporation (NYSE:CIM) today announced its financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2021. The Company's GAAP net income for the first quarter was \$139 million, or \$0.54 per common share. Core earnings⁽¹⁾ for the first quarter ended March 31, 2021 was \$87 million, or \$0.36 per common share.

"This quarter we took many proactive steps towards portfolio optimization and the expansion of Chimera's core earnings. Through re-securitization activity, we lowered the financing cost and freed up capital for future accretive investments", said Mohit Marria, Chimera's CEO and Chief Investment Officer. "Securitization of our mortgage assets provides Chimera with low-cost, long-term, non-recourse financing. We expect the re-securitizations from this quarter to benefit our portfolio for a long period of time."

 $(1)\ Core\ earnings\ per\ adjusted\ diluted\ common\ share\ is\ a\ non-GAAP\ measure.\ See\ additional\ discussion\ on\ page\ 5.$

Other Information

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

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

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

(cinduled)		March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	317,489 \$	269,090
Non-Agency RMBS, at fair value (net of allowance for credit losses of \$54 thousand and \$180 thousand, respectively)		2,013,478	2,150,714
Agency RMBS, at fair value		86,354	90,738
Agency CMBS, at fair value		1,355,289	1,740,368
Loans held for investment, at fair value		12,808,012	13,112,129
Accrued interest receivable		77,562	81,158
Other assets		41,078	78,822
Total assets (1)	\$	16,699,262 \$	17,523,019
Liabilities:			
Secured financing agreements (\$5.7 billion and \$6.7 billion pledged as collateral, respectively)	\$	4,045,912 \$	4,636,847
Securitized debt, collateralized by Non-Agency RMBS (\$479 million and \$505 million pledged as collateral, respectively)		107,367	113,433
Securitized debt at fair value, collateralized by loans held for investment (\$12.1 billion and \$12.4 billion pledged as collateral, respectively)		8,734,372	8,711,677
Long term debt		51,772	51,623
Payable for investments purchased		76,534	106,169
Accrued interest payable		24,855	40,950
Dividends payable		77,355	77,213
Accounts payable and other liabilities		14,597	5,721
Total liabilities (1)	\$	13,132,764 \$	13,743,633
Stockholders' Equity:			
Preferred Stock, par value of \$0.01 per share, 100,000,000 shares authorized:			
8.00% Series A cumulative redeemable: 5,800,000 shares issued and outstanding, respectively (\$145,000 liquidation preference)	\$	58 \$	58
8.00% Series B cumulative redeemable: 13,000,000 shares issued and outstanding, respectively (\$325,000 liquidation preference)		130	130
7.75% Series C cumulative redeemable: 10,400,000 shares issued and outstanding, respectively (\$260,000 liquidation preference)		104	104
8.00% Series D cumulative redeemable: 8,000,000 shares issued and outstanding, respectively (\$200,000 liquidation preference)		80	80
Common stock: par value \$0.01 per share; 500,000,000 shares authorized, 230,553,340 and 230,556,760 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	l	2,306	2,306
Additional paid-in-capital		4,320,419	4,538,029
Accumulated other comprehensive income		493,651	558,096
Cumulative earnings		4,039,485	3,881,894
Cumulative distributions to stockholders		(5,289,735)	(5,201,311)
Total stockholders' equity	\$	3,566,498 \$	3,779,386

⁽¹⁾ The Company's consolidated statements of financial condition include assets of consolidated variable interest entities ("VIEs") that can only be used to settle obligations and liabilities of the VIE for which creditors do not have recourse to the primary beneficiary (Chimera Investment Corporation). As of March 31, 2021, and December 31, 2020, total assets of consolidated VIEs were \$11,736,522 and \$12,165,017, respectively, and total liabilities of consolidated VIEs were \$8,113,248 and \$8,063,110, respectively.

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

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

	For the Quarters Ended		
	N	Iarch 31, 2021	March 31, 2020
Net interest income:			
Interest income (1)	\$	243,127 \$	300,266
Interest expense (2)		108,066	142,083
Net interest income		135,061	158,183
Increase/(decrease) in provision for credit losses		(126)	6,314
Other investment gains (losses):			
Net unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives		_	201,000
Realized gains (losses) on terminations of interest rate swaps		_	(463,966)
Net realized gains (losses) on derivatives		_	(41,086)
Net gains (losses) on derivatives		_	(304,052)
Net unrealized gains (losses) on financial instruments at fair value		270,012	(260,887)
Net realized gains (losses) on sales of investments		37,796	75,854
Gains (losses) on extinguishment of debt		(237,137)	_
Total other gains (losses)		70,671	(489,085)
Other expenses:			
Compensation and benefits		13,439	12,934
General and administrative expenses		5,198	5,137
Servicing and asset manager fees		9,281	10,530
Transaction expenses		16,437	4,906
Total other expenses		44,355	33,507
Income (loss) before income taxes		161,503	(370,723)
Income taxes		3,912	32
Net income (loss)	\$	157,591 \$	(370,755)
Dividends on preferred stock		18,438	18,438
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	\$	139,153 \$	(389,193)
Net income (loss) per share available to common shareholders:			
Basic	\$	0.60 \$	(2.08)
Diluted	\$	0.54 \$	(2.08)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:			
Basic		230,567,231	187,018,602
Diluted		261,435,081	187,018,602

⁽¹⁾ Includes interest income of consolidated VIEs of \$158,100 and \$174,681 for the quarters ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

 $^{(2) \} Includes \ interest \ expense \ of \ consolidated \ VIEs \ of \$65,\!205 \ and \$64,\!629 \ for \ the \ quarters \ ended \ March \ 31, 2021 \ and \ 2020, \ respectively.$

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

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

	For the Quarters Ended		
	Mai	rch 31, 2021	March 31, 2020
Comprehensive income (loss):			
Net income (loss)	\$	157,591 \$	(370,755)
Other comprehensive income:			
Unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities, net		(38,652)	(199,204)
Reclassification adjustment for net realized losses (gains) included in net income		(25,793)	(6,641)
Other comprehensive income (loss)		(64,445)	(205,845)
Comprehensive income (loss) before preferred stock dividends	\$	93,146 \$	(576,600)
Dividends on preferred stock	\$	18,438 \$	18,438
Comprehensive income (loss) available to common stock shareholders	\$	74,708 \$	(595,038)

Core earnings

Core earnings is a non-GAAP measure and is defined as GAAP net income excluding unrealized gains on the aggregate portfolio, provision for credit losses, interest expense on long term debt, impairment losses, realized gains on sales of investments, realized gains or losses on futures, realized gains or losses on swap terminations, gain on deconsolidation, extinguishment of debt and expenses incurred in relation to securitizations. In addition, stock compensation expense charges incurred on awards to retirement eligible employees is reflected as an expense over a vesting period (36 months) rather than reported as an immediate expense.

As defined, core earnings include interest income and expense, as well as periodic cash settlements on interest rate swaps used to hedge interest rate risk and other expenses. Core earnings is inclusive of preferred dividend charges, compensation and benefits (adjusted for awards to retirement eligible employees), general and administrative expenses, servicing fees, as well as income tax expenses incurred during the period. Management believes that the presentation of core earnings provides investors with a useful measure but has important limitations. We believe core earnings as described above helps us evaluate our financial performance period over period without the impact of certain transactions but is of limited usefulness as an analytical tool. Therefore, core earnings should not be viewed in isolation and is not a substitute for net income or net income per basic share computed in accordance with GAAP. In addition, our methodology for calculating core earnings may differ from the methodologies employed by other REITs to calculate the same or similar supplemental performance measures, and accordingly, our reported core earnings may not be comparable to the core earnings reported by other REITs.

The following table provides GAAP measures of net income and net income per diluted share available to common stockholders for the periods presented and details with respect to reconciling the line items to core earnings and related per average diluted common share amounts. Core earnings is presented on an adjusted dilutive shares basis. The adjusted dilutive shares used for core earnings is a non-GAAP measure which includes the GAAP dilutive shares of 261 million, adjusted for the dilutive effect of approximately 20 million shares on warrants issued in second quarter of 2020. We exclude the dilutive effect of the warrants as the warrant holders do not participate in dividends. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation.

	For the Quarters Ended							
	Mai	rch 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	September 30, 2020	June 30, 2020	March 31, 2020		
			(dollars in	thousands, except per share d	ata)			
GAAP Net income available to common stockholders	\$	139,153 \$	128,797 \$	348,891 \$	(73,393) \$	(389,193)		
Adjustments:								
Interest expense on long term debt		1,076	1,197	1,495	4,391	_		
Increase (decrease) in provision for credit losses		(126)	13	(1,650)	(4,497)	6,314		
Net unrealized (gains) losses on derivatives		_	_	_	_	(201,000)		
Net unrealized (gains) losses on financial instruments at fair value		(270,012)	(61,379)	(260,766)	171,921	260,887		
Net realized (gains) losses on sales of investments		(37,796)	329	(65,041)	(26,380)	(75,854)		
(Gains) losses on extinguishment of debt		237,137	(919)	55,794	(459)	_		
Realized (gains) losses on terminations of interest rate swaps		_	_	_	_	463,966		
Net realized (gains) losses on Futures (1)		_	_	_	_	34,700		
Transaction expenses		16,437	3,827	1,624	4,710	4,906		
Stock Compensation expense for retirement eligible awards		661	(225)	(275)	(273)	1,189		
Core Earnings	\$	86,530 \$	71,640 \$	80,072 \$	76,020 \$	105,915		
GAAP net income per diluted common share	\$	0.54 \$	0.49 \$	1.32 \$	(0.37) \$	(2.08)		
Core earnings per adjusted diluted common share (2)	\$	0.36 \$	0.29 \$	0.33 \$	0.32 \$	0.56		

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

⁽²⁾ We note that core and taxable earnings will typically differ, and may materially differ, due to differences on realized gains and losses on investments and related hedges, credit loss recognition,

March 31, 2021

	Principal or Notional Value at Period-End (dollars in thousands)	Weighted Average Amortized Cost Basis	Weighted Average Fair Value	Weighted Average Coupon		Weighted Average Yield at Period-End (1)	
Non-Agency RMBS							
Senior	\$ 1,498,212 \$	50.29	80.26	4.5	%	17.1 %	
Subordinated	857,925	65.62	69.26	3.8	%	6.5 %	
Interest-only	4,850,934	4.74	4.47	1.6	%	14.7 %	
Agency RMBS							
Interest-only	1,199,688	9.52	7.20	1.6	%	1.1 %	
Agency CMBS							
Project loans	1,196,682	101.72	111.40	4.2	%	4.1 %	
Interest-only	1,114,212	1.79	1.99	0.6	%	7.8 %	

⁽¹⁾ Bond Equivalent Yield at period end.

December	ы,	2020

		Principal or ional Value at Period-End (dollars in thousands)	Weighted Average Amortized Cost Basis	Weighted Average Fair Value	Weighted Avera Coupon	ge V	Veighted Average Yield at Period-End ⁽¹⁾
Non-Agency RMBS							
Senior	\$	1,560,135 \$	50.65	\$ 81.90	4.5	%	16.9 %
Subordinated		905,674	62.46	67.43	3.8	%	6.3 %
Interest-only		5,628,240	4.43	4.66	1.5	%	16.2 %
Agency RMBS							
Interest-only		1,262,963	9.41	7.18	1.7	%	1.6 %
Agency CMBS							
Project loans		1,527,621	101.81	112.23	4.1	%	3.8 %
Interest-only		1,326,665	1.78	1.95	0.6	%	8.4 %
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⁽¹⁾ Bond Equivalent Yield at period end.

At March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the secured financing agreements collateralized by MBS and Loans held for investment had the following remaining maturities and borrowing rates.

March 31, 2021

December 31, 2020

	Principal (1)	Weighted Average Borrowing Rates		Principal (1)	Weighted Average Borrowing Rates	Range of Borrowing Rates
Overnight	\$ —	NA	NA	\$ _	NA	NA
1 to 29 days	1,460,163	1.46%	0.10% - 7.97%	1,521,134	0.38%	0.20% - 2.72%
30 to 59 days	315,543	2.03%	1.95% - 2.44%	481,257	4.35%	2.42% - 6.61%
60 to 89 days	314,203	2.37%	1.15% - 2.61%	352,684	2.78%	1.34% - 6.30%
90 to 119 days	431,222	3.28%	1.76% - 4.50%	301,994	7.97%	7.97% - 7.97%
120 to 180 days	370,538	2.06%	1.60% - 2.40%	595,900	5.29%	2.40% - 6.26%
180 days to 1 year	44,344	2.36%	2.36% - 2.36%	345,204	3.60%	3.25% - 4.50%
1 to 2 years	746,478	4.11%	2.86% - 4.38%	_	NA	NA
2 to 3 years	_	NA	NA	642,696	4.91%	1.65% - 7.00%
Greater than 3 years	363,421	5.56%	5.56% - 5.56%	395,978	5.56%	5.56% - 5.56%
Total	\$ 4,045,912	2.69%	- -	\$ 4,636,847	3.41%	_

⁽¹⁾ The values for secured financing agreements in the table above is net of \$4 million and \$8 million of deferred financing cost as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively.

The following table summarizes certain characteristics of our portfolio at March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
GAAP Leverage at period-end	3.6:1	3.6:1
GAAP Leverage at period-end (recourse)	1.1:1	1.2:1

	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	
Portfolio Composition	Amorti	zed Cost	Fair	Value	_
Non-Agency RMBS	10.3 %	10.2 %	12.4 %	12.6	%
Senior	5.0 %	5.0 %	7.4 %	7.5	%
Subordinated	3.8 %	3.6 %	3.7 %	3.6	%
Interest-only	1.5 %	1.6 %	1.3 %	1.5	%
Agency RMBS	0.8 %	0.7 %	0.5 %	0.5	%
Pass-through	— %	— %	— %	_ 9	%
Interest-only	0.8 %	0.7 %	0.5 %	0.5	%
Agency CMBS	8.2 %	10.0 %	8.3 %	10.2	%
Project loans	8.1 %	9.9 %	8.2 %	10.0	%
Interest-only	0.1 %	0.1 %	0.1 %	0.2	%
Loans held for investment	80.7 %	79.1 %	78.8 %	76.7	%
Fixed-rate percentage of portfolio	95.0 %	94.9 %	93.6 %	93.2	%
Adjustable-rate percentage of portfolio	5.0 %	5.1 %	6.4 %	6.8	%

Economic Net Interest Income

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

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

	GAAP Interest Income	GAAP Interest Expense	Net Realized (Gains) Losses on Interest Rate Swaps	Interest Expense on Long Term Debt	Economic Interest Expense	GAAP Net Interest Income	Net Realized Gains (Losses) on Interest Rate Swaps	Other (1)	Economic Net Interest Income
For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2021	\$ 243,127	\$ 108,066	\$ —	\$ (1,076)\$	106,990	\$ 135,061	s — s	1,065 \$	136,126
For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2020	\$ 236,156	\$ 120,285	\$ —	\$ (1,197) \$	119,088	\$ 115,871	s — s	1,177 \$	117,048
For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2020	\$ 247,905	\$ 124,557	\$ —	\$ (1,495) \$	123,062	\$ 123,348	s — s	1,487 \$	124,835
For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2020	\$ 245,922	\$ 129,256	\$ —	\$ (4,391) \$	124,865	\$ 116,666	s — s	4,358 \$	121,024
For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2020	\$ 300,266	\$ 142,083	\$ 6,385	s — \$	148,468	\$ 158,183	\$ (6,385) \$	(1,266) \$	150,532

⁽¹⁾ Primarily interest expense on Long term debt and interest income on cash and cash equivalents.

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

	For the Quarter Ended								
		March 31, 2021 (dollars in thousands)					arch 31, 2020 ars in thousands)	
		Average Balance	Interest	Average Yield/Cost		Average Balance	Interest	Average Yield/Cost	
Assets:									
Interest-earning assets (1):									
Agency RMBS	\$	116,517 \$	317	1.1 %	\$	4,652,843 \$	42,663	3.7 %	
Agency CMBS		1,360,895	26,607	7.8 %		2,204,435	20,698	3.8 %	
Non-Agency RMBS		1,577,137	55,800	14.2 %		1,883,781	61,014	13.0 %	
Loans held for investment		12,253,034	160,392	5.2 %		13,716,833	174,625	5.1 %	
Total	\$	15,307,583 \$	243,116	6.4 %	\$	22,457,892 \$	299,000	5.3 %	
Liabilities and stockholders' equity:					_				
Interest-bearing liabilities:									
Secured financing agreements collateralized by:									
Agency RMBS	\$	66,951 \$	149	0.9 %	\$	4,406,106 \$	27,114	2.5 %	
Agency CMBS		1,236,361	580	0.2 %		2,112,244	12,361	2.3 %	
Non-Agency RMBS		1,002,935	12,479	5.0 %		1,384,095	9,666	2.8 %	
Loans held for investment		2,253,811	24,216	4.3 %		3,852,347	32,890	3.4 %	
Securitized debt		8,588,423	69,566	3.2 %		8,079,597	66,437	3.3 %	
Total	\$	13,148,481 \$	106,990	3.3 %	\$	19,834,389 \$	148,468	3.0 %	
Economic net interest income/net interest rate spread		\$	136,126	3.1 %	_	\$	150,532	2.3 %	
Net interest-earning assets/net interest margin	\$	2,159,102	·	3.6 %	S	2,623,503		2.7 %	
Ave merest earning assessment merest margin	ψ	2,137,102		3.0 70	9	2,023,303		2.7 70	
Ratio of interest-earning assets to interest bearing liabilities		1.16				1.13			

⁽¹⁾ Interest-earning assets at amortized cost

The table below shows our Net Income and Economic Net Interest Income as a percentage of average stockholders' equity and Core Earnings as a percentage of average common stockholders' equity. Return on average equity is defined as our GAAP net income (loss) as a percentage of average equity. Average equity is defined as the average of our beginning and ending stockholders' equity balance for the period reported. Economic Net Interest Income and Core Earnings are non-GAAP measures as defined in previous sections

	Return on Average Equity	Economic Net Interest Income/Average Equity *	Core Earnings/Average Common Equity
		(Ratios have been annualized	1)
For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2021	17.16 %	14.82 %	12.62 %
For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2020	15.76 %	12.53 %	10.21 %
For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2020	41.43 %	14.08 %	12.24 %
For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2020	(6.62)%	14.58 %	12.72 %
For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2020	(41.21)%	16.73 %	15.88 %

^{*} Includes effect of realized losses on interest rate swaps and excludes long term debt expense.

⁽²⁾ Interest includes net cash paid/received on swaps

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

For the Quarters Ended (dollars in thousands)

		(uc	mais in mousanus)		
Accretable Discount (Net of Premiums)	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	September 30, 2020	June 30, 2020	March 31, 2020
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 409,690 \$	422,981 \$	410,447 \$	438,232 \$	494,255
Accretion of discount	(24,023)	(21,281)	(20,045)	(22,508)	(24,784)
Purchases	_	758	2,096	_	(4,336)
Sales and deconsolidation	(41,651)	98	_	(23,425)	438
Transfers from/(to) credit reserve, net	14,546	7,134	30,483	18,148	(27,341)
Balance, end of period	\$ 358,562 \$	409,690 \$	422,981 \$	410,447 \$	438,232

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FINANCIAL SUPPLEMENT

1st Quarter 2021

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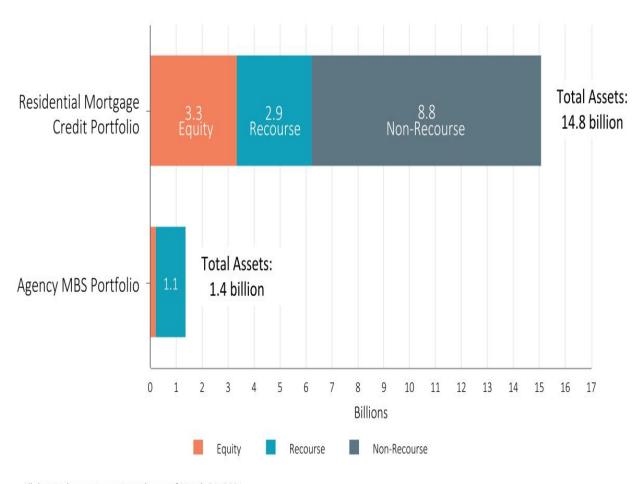
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PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

94% of Chimera's equity capital is allocated to mortgage credit

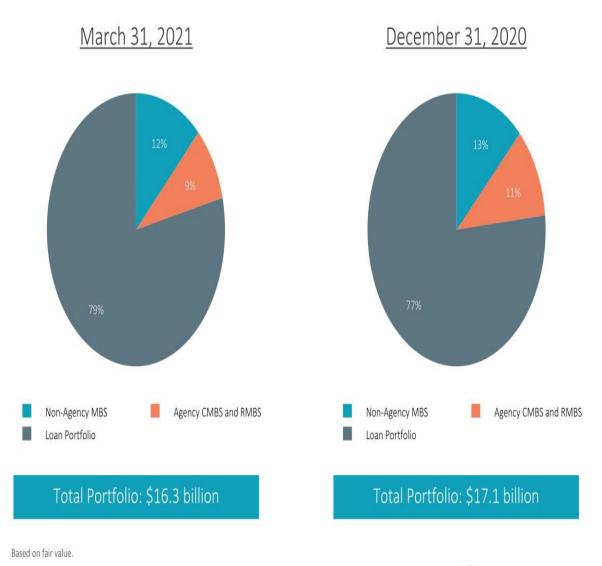


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GAAP ASSET ALLOCATION

Chimera continues to focus on its Residential Credit portfolios



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GAAP FINANCING SOURCES

Chimera optimized its Non-Agency funding by reducing borrowing rates and increasing non-recourse debt

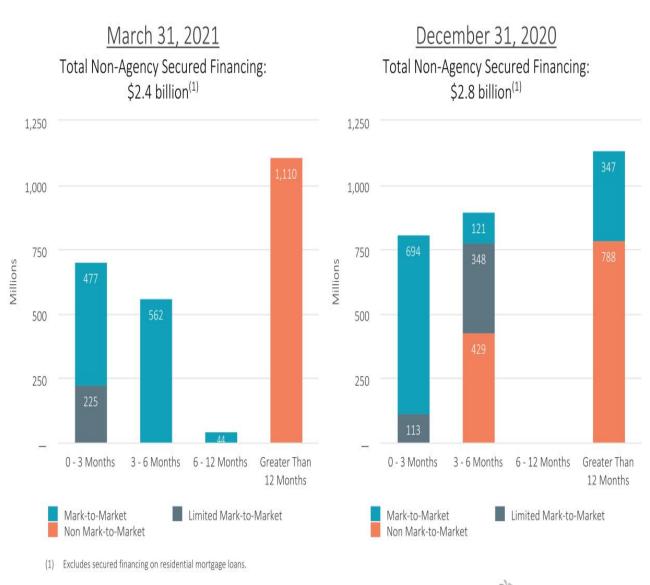


(1) Includes secured financing of retained tranches from loan securitizations that are eliminated in consolidation.



NON-AGENCY FINANCING

Chimera continues to focus on longer term and non-markto-market financing for its non-agency portfolio



NET INVESTMENT ANALYSIS

Strong net interest spread resulting from a reduction in financing cost

	RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE CREDIT PORTFOLIO	AGENCY PORTFOLIO ⁽¹⁾	TOTAL PORTFOLIO
GROSS ASSET YIELD:	6.3%	7.3%	6.4%
FINANCING COSTS	3.6%	0.2%	3.3%
NET INTEREST SPREAD:	2.7%	7.1%	3.1%
NET INTEREST MARGIN:	3.2%	7.1%	3.6%

All data as of March 31, 2021



⁽¹⁾ Includes \$14 million of additional income received from prepayment penalties. Gross Asset Yield is approximately 3.5% excluding these items.

NET ASSET BREAKDOWN

Chimera invests in RMBS securities and securities created through the CIM Sponsored securitizations. Loans are financed through Financing Trusts.

Investments	Chimera Subsidiaries	Securitization Trusts ⁽¹⁾	Financing Trusts	Total
Non-Agency RMBS, at fair value	\$ 1,534,936	\$ 478,542	\$ - \$	2,013,478
Agency RMBS, at fair value	86,354	_	_	86,354
Agency CMBS, at fair value	1,355,289	_	_	1,355,289
Residential Mortgage Loans	_	12,141,001	667,011	12,808,012
Total Invested Assets	\$ 2,976,579	\$ 12,619,543	\$ 667,011 \$	16,263,133
Securitized Debt (Non-Recourse), collateralized by:				
Non-Agency RMBS	\$ -	\$ 107,367	\$ - \$	107,367
Residential Mortgage Loans	-	8,734,372	-	8,734,372
Total Securitized Debt (Non-recourse)	\$ _	\$ 8,841,739	\$ - \$	8,841,739
Invested Assets less Securitized Debt	\$ 2,976,579	\$ 3,777,804	\$ 667,011 \$	7,421,394
Secured Financing Agreements (Recourse):				
Non-Agency RMBS	\$ 743,772	\$ 117,332	\$ - \$	861,104
Agency RMBS	64,952	-	-	64,952
Agency CMBS	1,076,498	-	_	1,076,498
Residential Mortgage Loans	_	1,557,351	486,007	2,043,358
Total Secured Financing Agreements	\$ 1,885,222	\$ 1,674,683	\$ 486,007 \$	4,045,912
Net Assets	\$ 1,091,357	\$ 2,103,121	\$ 181,004 \$	3,375,482

All data as of March 31, 2021



^{\$} in thousands

⁽¹⁾ Includes \$950 million of loans account for as secured borrowings and \$749 million of securitized debt (non-recourse).

SECURITIZATION ACTIVITY

Chimera achieved higher advance rates on new securitizations while reducing securitized debt expense

\$2.3 Billion Loan Securitization with a Weighted Average Coupon of 6.3%

	Deal Name	Securitized Debt (UPB)	Average Yield	
Legacy Deal	CIM 2016-1,2,3	\$1,694,026	5.2%	
2021 Securitization	CIM 2021-R1, NR1	\$1,946,674	2.0%	
	Net Impact	\$252,648	(3.2)%	

\$1.7 Billion Loan Securitization with a Weighted Average Coupon of 6.8%

	Deal Name	Securitized Debt (UPB)	Average Yield
Legacy Deal	CIM 2017-3,4 & 2018-NR1	\$1,218,555	4.2%
2021 Securitization	CIM 2021-R2, NR2	\$1,452,948	2.2%
	Net Impact	\$234,393	(2.0)%

^{*}All secured financing on retained tranches from 2021 securitizations is Non-Mark-to-Market with a weighted average maturity of 17 months

All data as of securitization closing date.

\$ in thousands



CONSOLIDATED LOAN SECURITIZATIONS

VINTAGE	DEAL	TOTAL ORIGINAL FACE	TOTAL OF TRANCHES SOLD	TOTAL OF TRANCHES RETAINED	TOTAL REMAINING FACE	REMAINING FACE OF TRANCHES SOLD	REMAINING FACE OF TRANCHES RETAINED
2021	CIM 2021-R2	\$1,497,213	\$1,272,631	\$224,582	\$1,497,213	\$1,272,631	\$224,582
2021	CIM 2021-NR2	240,425	180,318	60,107	240,425	180,318	60,107
2021	CIM 2021-R1	2,098,584	1,783,797	314,787	2,064,937	1,749,578	315,359
2021	CIM 2021-NR1	232,682	162,877	69,805	227,299	157,862	69,437
2020	CIM 2020-NR1 ⁽¹⁾	131,860	84,165	47,695	128,042	80,629	47,413
2020	CIM 2020-R7 ⁽²⁾	653,192	562,023	91,169	618,510	527,338	91,172
2020	CIM 2020-R6	418,390	334,151	84,239	393,125	308,816	84,309
2020	CIM 2020-R5	338,416	257,027	81,389	284,910	203,277	81,633
2020	CIM 2020-R4	276,316	207,237	69,079	257,634	188,454	69,180
2020	CIM 2020-R3	438,228	328,670	109,558	389,016	279,490	109,526
2020	CIM 2020-R2	492,347	351,926	140,421	436,245	361,707	74,538
2020	CIM 2020-R1	390,761	317,608	73,153	354,123	281,236	72,887
2019	CIM 2019-R5	315,039	252,224	62,815	258,531	195,871	62,660
2019	CIM 2019-R4	320,802	200,000	120,802	269,484	205,323	64,161
2019	CIM 2019-R3 ⁽²⁾	342,633	291,237	51,396	273,184	221,548	51,636
2019	CIM 2019-R2	464,327	358,172	106,155	402,870	297,839	105,031
2019	CIM 2019-R1	371,762	297,409	74,353	317,787	243,748	74,039
2018	CIM 2018-R6 ⁽¹⁾	478,251	334,775	143,476	331,266	189,980	141,286
2018	CIM 2018-R5 ⁽¹⁾	380,194	266,136	114,058	250,253	138,891	111,362
2018	CIM 2018-R4 ⁽¹⁾	387,222	271,056	116,166	277,354	163,031	114,323
2018	CIM 2018-R3	181,073	146,669	34,404	111,521	78,103	33,418
2018	CIM 2018-R2 ⁽¹⁾	380,292	266,204	114,088	245,840	132,706	113,134
2018	CIM 2018-R1 ⁽¹⁾	169,032	140,297	28,735	117,202	88,573	28,629
2017	CMLTI 2017-RP2 ⁽¹⁾	421,329	341,276	80,053	284,851	245,149	39,702
2017	CIM 2017-7	512,446	341,062	171,384	332,615	175,249	157,366
2017	CIM 2017-6 ⁽¹⁾	782,725	626,179	156,546	471,219	322,173	149,046
2017	CIM 2017-5 ⁽¹⁾	377,034	75,407	301,627	241,961	171,671	70,290
2017	CIM 2017-1 ⁽¹⁾	526,267	368,387	157,880	283,252	187,954	95,298
2016	CIM 2016-FRE1 ⁽¹⁾	185,811	115,165	70,646	102,435	41,360	61,075
2012	CSMC 2012-CIM3	329,886	305,804	24,082	43,662	34,258	9,404
2008	PHHMC 2008-CIM1	619,710	549,142	70,568	14,791	10,792	3,999
	TOTAL	\$14,754,249	\$11,389,031	\$3,365,218	\$11,521,557	\$8,735,555	\$2,786,002

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⁽¹⁾ Currently callable or callable during 2021

⁽²⁾ Accounted for as a secured borrowing



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