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x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF
1934
FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

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 001-13709

ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MARYLAND	52-2059785
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1299 Ocean Avenue, Second Floor, Santa Monica, California	90401
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (310) 255-4493

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all 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 (§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, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) 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

At November 3, 2015, the registrant had 100,355,287 shares of common stock issued and 100,105,195 shares outstanding.

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Part I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Consolidated Financial Statements

ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014 (audited)
ASSETS		
Agency MBS:		
Agency MBS pledged to counterparties at fair value	\$5,748,443	\$6,650,143
Agency MBS at fair value	150,122	343,734
Paydowns receivable	36,511	29,486
	\$5,935,076	\$7,023,363
Non-Agency MBS at fair value (including \$545,861 and \$155,311 pledged to counterparties at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively)		
Residential mortgage loans held-for-investment ⁽¹⁾	650,922	199,710
Residential real estate	690,958	-
Cash and cash equivalents	14,366	12,871
Restricted cash	2,914	14,989
Interest and dividends receivable	36,991	16,099
Derivative instruments at fair value	19,134	19,115
Prepaid expenses and other	4,114	9,792
Total Assets:	2,739	2,396
	\$7,357,214	\$7,298,335
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Accrued interest payable	\$9,901	\$17,606
Repurchase agreements	5,831,045	6,370,740
Asset-backed securities issued by securitization trusts ⁽¹⁾	640,283	-
Junior subordinated notes	37,380	37,380
Derivative instruments at fair value	62,607	45,259
Dividends payable on Series A Preferred Stock	1,035	1,035
Dividends payable on Series B Preferred Stock	394	394
Dividends payable on Series C Preferred Stock	203	-
Dividends payable on common stock	15,294	15,396
Accrued expenses and other	40,353	29,084

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Total Liabilities:	\$6,638,495	\$6,516,894
Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock: par value \$0.01 per share; liquidating preference \$25.00 per share (\$25,241 and \$25,241, respectively); 1,010 and 1,010 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively	\$23,924	\$23,924
Stockholders' Equity:		
Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock: par value \$0.01 per share; liquidating preference \$25.00 per share (\$47,984 and \$47,984, respectively); 1,919 and 1,919 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively	\$46,537	\$46,537
Series C Cumulative Preferred Stock: par value \$0.01 per share; liquidating preference \$25.00 per share (\$10,820 and \$0, respectively); 433 and 0 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively	10,012	-
Common Stock: par value \$0.01 per share; authorized 200,000 shares, 101,959 shares issued and 101,461 shares outstanding at September 30, 2015 and 109,972 shares issued and 109,234 shares outstanding at December 31, 2014, respectively	1,020	1,100
Additional paid-in capital	993,056	1,033,015
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) consisting of unrealized gains and losses	21,939	(14,981)
Accumulated deficit	(377,769)	(308,154)
Total Stockholders' Equity:	\$694,795	\$757,517
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity:	\$7,357,214	\$7,298,335

(1) The consolidated balance sheets include assets of consolidated variable interest entities (“VIEs”) that can only be used to settle obligations and liabilities of the VIEs for which creditors do not have recourse to the Company. At September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, total assets of the consolidated VIEs were \$693 million and \$0, respectively, and total liabilities were \$642 million and \$0, respectively. Please refer to Note 4, “Variable Interest Entities,” for further discussion.

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2015	2014	September 30, 2015	2014
Interest and other income:				
Interest-Agency MBS	\$24,572	\$37,057	\$82,624	\$122,850
Interest-Non-Agency MBS	8,078	-	18,110	2
Interest-residential mortgage loans	4,120	-	5,308	-
Income-rental properties	399	197	1,178	268
Other interest income	11	10	31	31
	37,180	37,264	107,251	123,151
Interest Expense:				
Interest expense on repurchase agreements	8,167	19,024	22,256	72,238
Interest expense on asset-backed securities	3,729	-	4,804	-
Interest expense on junior subordinated notes	323	318	957	947
	12,219	19,342	28,017	73,185
Net operating income	24,961	17,922	79,234	49,966
Provision for loan losses	70	-	140	-
Net operating income after provision for loan losses	24,891	17,922	79,094	49,966
Operating Expenses:				
Management fee to related party	(2,167)	(2,609)	(6,684)	(8,248)
General and administrative expenses	(1,356)	(888)	(3,869)	(5,739)
Total operating expenses	(3,523)	(3,497)	(10,553)	(13,987)
Other (Loss) Income:				
(Loss) on sales of Agency MBS	-	(5,617)	-	(4,022)
(Loss) on sales of Non-Agency MBS	-	-	(76)	-
(Loss) gain on interest rate swaps, net	(50,965)	10,947	(92,378)	9,568
Gain (loss) on derivatives-TBA Agency MBS, net	10,345	(413)	12,297	1,164
(Loss) gain on derivatives-Eurodollar Futures Contracts	(2,569)	111	(6,639)	111
Recovery on Non-Agency MBS	7	37	13	108
Total other (loss) income	(43,182)	5,065	(86,783)	6,929
Net (loss) income	\$(21,814)	\$19,490	\$(18,242)	\$42,908
Dividend on Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock	(1,035)	(1,035)	(3,105)	(3,105)
Dividend on Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock	(394)	(394)	(1,182)	(1,182)
Dividend on Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock	(203)	-	(514)	-
Net (loss) income to common stockholders	\$(23,446)	\$18,061	\$(23,043)	\$38,621
Basic (loss) earnings per common share	\$(0.23)	\$0.15	\$(0.22)	\$0.30
Diluted (loss) earnings per common share	\$(0.23)	\$0.15	\$(0.22)	\$0.30
Basic weighted average number of shares outstanding	102,431	121,061	104,611	128,174

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Diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding	106,780	125,192	108,879	132,254
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See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
Net (loss) income	\$(21,814)	\$19,490	\$(18,242)	\$42,908
Available-for-sale Agency MBS, fair value adjustment	9,213	(13,616)	15,237	62,171
Reclassification adjustment for gain on sales of Agency MBS included in net income	-	5,617	-	4,022
Available-for-sale Non-Agency MBS, fair value adjustment	(792)	(9)	4,089	(67)
Reclassification adjustment for loss on sales of Non-Agency MBS included in net income	-	-	76	-
Unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives	4,540	987	15,929	(73,959)
Reclassification adjustment for interest expense on swap agreements included in net income	535	13,382	1,589	53,372
Other comprehensive income	13,496	6,361	36,920	45,539
Comprehensive (loss) income	\$(8,318)	\$25,851	\$18,678	\$88,447

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

(unaudited)

	Series A	Series C	Common	Series A Preferred Stock	Series C Preferred Stock	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Accum. Other Income (Loss)	Accum. Other Income (Loss)	Accum. Other Income (Loss)	Accum. (Deficit)	Total
	Shares Outstanding	Shares Outstanding	Shares Outstanding	Par Value	Par Value	Par Value	Capital	Agency MBS	Non-Agency MBS	Derivatives		
Balance, December 31, 2014	1,919	-	109,234	\$46,537	\$-	\$1,100	\$1,033,015	\$31,596	5	\$(46,582)	\$(308,154)	\$757,431
Issuance of Series C Preferred Stock		353			8,085							8,085
Issuance of common stock			83			1	424					425
Redemption of common stock			(3,798)			(46)	(19,609)					(19,655)
Change in comprehensive income, fair value												
Adjustments												
Reclassifications								23,803	2,160	6,632		32,595
Loss on securities repurchased											(16,307)	(16,307)
Issuance of retirement			(362)				(1,900)					(1,900)
Amortization of purchased stock							24					24
Dividend declared - \$0.063 per Series A Preferred share											(1,035)	(1,035)
Dividend declared - \$0.025 per Series C Preferred share											(394)	(394)
Dividend declared - \$0.0889 per Series A Preferred share											(111)	(111)
Dividend declared - \$0.025 per Series C Preferred share											(15,828)	(15,828)

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Common share												
Balance, March 31,	1,919	353	105,157	\$46,537	\$8,085	\$1,055	\$1,011,954	\$55,399	2,165	\$(39,950)	\$(341,829)	\$743
Balance of Series C Preferred Stock		68		-	1,637							1,637
Balance of common			50			1	225					226
Redemption of common stock			(2,213)			(26)	(11,420)					(11,446)
Change in comprehensive income (loss), fair value adjustments and reclassifications								(17,779)	2,797	5,811		(9,171)
Net income											19,878	19,878
Stocks repurchased during retirement			(50)				(249)					(249)
Issuance of restricted stock							24					24
Dividend declared - \$0.9063 per Series C preferred share											(1,035)	(1,035)
Dividend declared - \$0.6625 per Series C preferred share											(394)	(394)
Dividend declared - \$0.65625 per Series C preferred share											(197)	(197)
Dividend declared - \$0.65625 per Series C preferred share											(15,449)	(15,449)
Balance, June 30,	1,919	421	102,944	\$46,537	\$9,722	\$1,030	\$1,000,534	\$37,620	4,962	\$(34,139)	\$(339,026)	\$727
Balance of Series C Preferred Stock		12		-	290							290
Balance of common			36			1	199					200
Redemption of common stock			(1,021)			(11)	(5,175)					(5,186)
Change in comprehensive income (loss), fair value adjustments and reclassifications								9,213	(792)	5,075		13,496
Net loss											(21,814)	(21,814)
Stocks repurchased during retirement			(498)				(2,526)					(2,526)
Issuance of restricted stock							24					24
Dividend declared - \$0.9063 per Series C preferred share											(1,035)	(1,035)

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2015	2014	September 30, 2015	2014
Operating Activities:				
Net (loss) income	\$(21,814)	\$ 19,490	\$(18,242)	\$ 42,908
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Amortization of premium (Agency MBS)	12,594	11,768	36,714	33,382
Amortization/accretion of purchase discounts (Non-Agency MBS)	461	-	(606)	-
Accretion of discount (residential mortgage loans)	(63)	-	(84)	-
Provision for loan losses	70	-	140	-
Depreciation on rental properties	110	85	330	149
Loss on sales of Agency MBS	-	5,617	-	4,022
Loss on sales of Non-Agency MBS	-	-	76	-
Amortization of restricted stock	24	24	73	72
Recovery on Non-Agency MBS	(7)	(37)	(13)	(108)
Periodic net settlements on interest rate swaps, net of amortization	(9,991)	(5,643)	(30,439)	(6,644)
Loss (gain) on interest rate swaps, net	50,965	(10,947)	92,378	(9,568)
(Gain) loss on derivatives, net of derivative income - TBA				
Agency MBS	(10,345)	413	(12,297)	(1,164)
Loss (gain) on derivatives - Eurodollar Futures Contracts	2,569	(111)	6,639	(111)
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
Decrease (increase) in interest receivable	1,435	1,672	(19)	3,240
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses and other	270	304	(342)	(161)
(Increase) decrease in restricted cash	(14,718)	7,845	(27,532)	(1,302)
(Decrease) in accrued interest payable	(7,030)	(6,097)	(6,236)	(8,053)
Increase in accrued expenses	11,454	945	11,968	2,931
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 15,984	\$ 25,328	\$ 52,508	\$ 59,593
Investing Activities:				
Available-for-sale Agency MBS:				
Proceeds from sales	-	304,248	-	501,951
Purchases	-	(92,803)	-	(430,779)
Principal payments	399,335	421,311	1,066,810	1,102,849
Available-for-sale Non-Agency MBS:				
Proceeds from sales	-	-	15,734	-
Purchases	(72,301)	-	(490,537)	-

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Principal payments	15,864	-	30,335	-
Residential mortgage loans held for investment:				
Purchases	(25,490)	-	(50,853)	-
Principal payments	160	-	164	-
Residential properties purchases	(61)	(2,026)	(1,825)	(12,511)
Net cash provided by investing activities	\$317,507	\$630,730	\$569,828	\$1,161,510
Financing Activities:				
Borrowings from repurchase agreements	\$8,992,246	\$8,593,002	\$24,415,578	\$26,303,067
Repayments on repurchase agreements	(9,297,179)	(9,161,502)	(24,955,273)	(27,333,067)
Net settlements on TBS Agency MBS commitments	8,821	96	9,316	800
Settlements on terminated interest rate swaps	(22,659)	(36,987)	(22,659)	(36,987)
Common stock repurchased net of proceeds from common stock issued	(7,513)	(31,688)	(40,113)	(109,458)
Proceeds on Series C Preferred Stock issued	290	-	10,012	-
Series A Preferred stock dividends paid	(1,035)	(1,035)	(3,105)	(3,105)
Series B Preferred stock dividends paid	(394)	(394)	(1,182)	(1,182)
Series C Preferred stock dividends paid	(201)	-	(312)	-
Common stock dividends paid	(15,448)	(17,332)	(46,673)	(47,137)
Net cash (used in) financing activities	\$(343,072)	\$(655,840)	\$(634,411)	\$(1,227,069)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$(9,581)	\$218	\$(12,075)	\$(5,966)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	12,495	1,184	14,989	7,368
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$2,914	\$1,402	\$2,914	\$1,402
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information:				
Cash paid for interest	\$26,980	\$41,311	\$62,412	\$98,110
Common stock repurchased	\$7,712	\$31,987	\$44,041	\$110,404
Change in payable for MBS purchased	\$26,701	\$-	\$2,076	\$-
See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.				

ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As used in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, “Company,” “we,” “us,” “our,” and “Anworth” refer to Anworth Mortgage Asset Corporation.

NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Our Company

We were incorporated in Maryland on October 20, 1997 and commenced operations on March 17, 1998. Our principal business is to invest in, finance and manage a leveraged portfolio of residential mortgage-backed securities and residential mortgage loans which presently include the following types of investments.

- Agency mortgage-backed securities, or Agency MBS, which include residential mortgage pass-through certificates and collateralized mortgage obligations, or CMOs, which are securities representing interests in pools of mortgage loans secured by residential property in which the principal and interest payments are guaranteed by a government-sponsored enterprise, or GSE, such as the Federal National Mortgage Association, or Fannie Mae, or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, or Freddie Mac.
- Non-agency mortgage-backed securities, or Non-Agency MBS, which are securities issued by companies that are not guaranteed by federally sponsored enterprises and that are secured primarily by first-lien residential mortgage loans.
- Residential mortgage loans through consolidated securitization trusts. We finance our residential mortgage loans through asset-backed securities, or ABS, issued by the consolidated securitization trusts. The ABS which are sold to unaffiliated third parties are non-recourse financing. The difference in the amount of the loans and the amount of the ABS represents our retained net interest in the securitization trusts.

Our principal business objective is to generate net income for distribution to our stockholders primarily based upon the spread between the interest income on our mortgage assets and our borrowing costs to finance our acquisition of those assets.

We have elected to be taxed as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code. As long as we retain our REIT status, we generally will not be subject to federal or state income taxes to the extent that we distribute our income to our stockholders, and we routinely distribute to our stockholders substantially all of the income generated from our operations. In order to qualify as a REIT, we must meet various ongoing requirements under the tax law, including requirements relating to the composition of our assets, the nature of our gross income, minimum distribution requirements and requirements relating to the ownership of our stock. We believe that we have met all of these requirements and that we will continue to qualify as a REIT.

Our Manager

We are externally managed and advised by Anworth Management, LLC, or our Manager. Our Manager is supervised and directed by our board of directors. Our day-to-day operations are being conducted by our Manager through the authority delegated to it under a Management Agreement with our Manager (which we refer to as the “Management Agreement”) and pursuant to the policies established by our board of directors.

Our Manager will also perform such other services and activities relating to our assets and operations as may be appropriate. In exchange for services provided, our Manager receives a management fee paid monthly in arrears in an amount equal to one-twelfth of 1.20% of our Equity (as defined in the Management Agreement).

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles utilized in the United States of America, or GAAP. The preparation of 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 liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Material estimates that are susceptible to change relate to the determination of the fair value of investments and derivatives, cash flow projections and credit performance for Non-Agency MBS and residential mortgage loans held-for-investment, amortization of security and loan premiums, accretion of security and loan discounts and accounting for derivative activities. Actual results could materially differ from these estimates. In the opinion of management, all material adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included.

Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of all subsidiaries. Significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. The interim financial information in the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. Our consolidated financial statements also include the consolidation of certain securitization trusts that meet the definition of a variable interest entity, or VIE, because the Company has been deemed to be the primary beneficiary of the securitization trusts. These securitization trusts hold pools of residential mortgage loans and issue series of ABS payable from the cash flows generated by the underlying pools of residential mortgage loans. These securitizations are non-recourse financing for the residential mortgage loans held-for-investment. Generally, a portion of the ABS issued by the securitization trusts are sold to unaffiliated third parties and the balance is purchased by the Company. The Company classifies the underlying residential mortgage loans owned by the securitization trusts as residential mortgage loans held-for-investment in its consolidated balance sheets. The ABS issued to third parties are recorded as liabilities on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. The Company records interest income on the residential mortgage loans held-for-investment and interest expense on the ABS issued to third parties in the Company's consolidated statements of operations. The Company eliminates all intercompany balances and transactions between itself and the consolidated securitization trusts. The Company records the initial underlying assets and liabilities of the consolidated securitization trusts at their fair value upon consolidation into the Company and, as such, no gain or loss is recorded upon consolidation. See Note 4, "Variable Interest Entities," for additional information regarding the impact of consolidation of securitization trusts.

The consolidated securitization trusts are VIEs because the securitization trusts do not have equity that meets the definition of U.S. GAAP equity at risk. In determining if a securitization trust should be consolidated, the Company evaluates (in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, Accounting Standards Codification, or ASC, 810-10) whether it has both (i) the power to direct the activities of the securitization trust that most significantly impact its economic performance and (ii) the right to receive benefits from the securitization trust or the obligation to absorb losses of the securitization trust that could be significant. The Company determined that it is the primary beneficiary of certain securitization trusts because it has certain delinquency and default oversight rights on residential mortgage loans. In addition, the Company owns the most subordinated class of ABS issued by the securitization trusts and has the obligation to absorb losses and right to receive benefits from the securitization trusts that could potentially be significant to the securitization trusts. The Company assesses modifications, if any, to VIEs on an ongoing basis to determine if a significant reconsideration event has occurred that would change the Company's initial consolidation assessment.

The following is a summary of our significant accounting policies:

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. The carrying amount of cash equivalents approximates their fair value. Restricted cash includes cash pledged as collateral to counterparties on various derivative transactions.

Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS)

Agency MBS are securities that are obligations (including principal and interest) guaranteed by the U.S. government, such as Ginnie Mae, or guaranteed by federally sponsored enterprises, such as Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. Our investment-grade Agency MBS portfolio is invested primarily in fixed-rate and adjustable-rate mortgage-backed pass-through certificates and hybrid adjustable-rate MBS. Hybrid adjustable-rate MBS have an initial interest rate that is fixed for a certain period, usually one to ten years, and then adjusts annually for the remainder of the term of the asset. We structure our investment portfolio to be diversified with a variety of prepayment characteristics, investing in

mortgage assets with prepayment penalties, investing in certain mortgage security structures that have prepayment protections and purchasing mortgage assets at a premium and at a discount. A portion of our portfolio consists of Non-Agency MBS. Our principal business objective is to generate net income for distribution to our stockholders primarily based upon the spread between the interest income on our mortgage assets and our borrowing costs to finance our acquisition of those assets.

We classify our MBS as either trading investments, available-for-sale investments or held-to-maturity investments. Our management determines the appropriate classification of the securities at the time they are acquired and evaluates the appropriateness of such classifications at each balance sheet date. We currently classify all of our MBS as available-for-sale. All assets that are classified as available-for-sale are carried at fair value and unrealized gains or losses are generally included in "Other comprehensive income (loss)" as a component of stockholders' equity. Losses that are credit-related on securities classified as available-for-sale, which are determined by management to be other-than-temporary in nature, are reclassified from "Other comprehensive income" to income (loss).

The most significant source of our revenue is derived from our investments in MBS. Interest income on Agency MBS is accrued based on the actual coupon rate and the outstanding principal amount of the underlying mortgages. Premiums and discounts are amortized or accreted into interest income over the estimated lives of the securities using the effective interest yield method, adjusted

for the effects of actual and estimated prepayments based on ASC 320-10. Our policy for estimating prepayment speeds for calculating the effective yield is to evaluate historical performance, street consensus prepayment speeds and current market conditions. If our estimate of prepayments is materially incorrect, as compared to the aforementioned references, we may be required to make an adjustment to the amortization or accretion of premiums and discounts that would have an impact on future income, which could be material and adverse.

A majority of our Non-Agency MBS are accounted for under ASC 310-30, "Loans and Debt Securities Acquired with Credit Deterioration." A debt security accounted for under ASC 310-30 is initially recorded at its purchase price (fair value). The amount of expected cash flows that exceed the initial investment represents the market yield adjustment (accretable yield), which is recognized as interest income on a level yield basis over the life of the security. The excess of total contractual cash flows over the cash flows expected at its origination is considered to be the non-accretable difference. We must periodically reassess the expected cash flows of loans accounted for under ASC 310-30 along with the cash flows received. A significant increase in expected cash flows must be accounted for as an increase in the rate of accretion over the remaining life of the security. Conversely, if expected cash flows decrease, an other-than-temporary impairment must be recognized as a charge to earnings. Adjustments to the fair value of Non-Agency MBS, accounted for as available-for-sale securities, are recorded in "Accumulated other comprehensive income," or AOCI. The determination as to whether impairment and accretable yield exists is based on cash flow projections related to the securities. As a result, the timing and amount of impairment and accretable yield constitutes a material estimate that is susceptible to significant change.

Interest income on the Non-Agency MBS that were purchased at a discount to par value and were rated below AA at the time of purchase is recognized based on the security's effective interest rate. The effective interest rate on these securities is based on the projected cash flows from each security, which are estimated based on our observation of current information and events and include assumptions related to interest rates, prepayment rates, and the timing and amount of credit losses. On at least a quarterly basis, we review and, if appropriate, make adjustments to our cash flow projections based on input and analysis received from external sources, internal models, and our judgment about interest rates, prepayment rates, the timing and amount of credit losses, and other factors. Changes in cash flows from those originally projected, or from those estimated at the last evaluation, may result in a prospective change in the yield/interest income recognized on such securities. Actual maturities of the available-for-sale securities are affected by the contractual lives of the associated mortgage collateral, periodic payments of principal, and prepayments of principal. Therefore actual maturities of available-for-sale securities are generally shorter than stated contractual maturities. Stated contractual maturities are generally greater than ten years. There can be no assurance that our assumptions used to estimate future cash flows or the current period's yield for each asset would not change in the near term, and the change could be material.

Based on the projected cash flows from our Non-Agency MBS purchased at a discount to par value, a portion of the purchase discount may be designated as a non-accretable difference and, therefore, not accreted into interest income. The amount designated as a non-accretable difference may be adjusted over time, based on the actual performance of the security, its underlying collateral, actual and projected cash flow from such collateral, economic conditions, and other factors. If the performance of a security with a non-accretable difference is more favorable than forecasted, a portion of the amount designated as a non-accretable difference may be accreted into interest income prospectively. Conversely, if the performance of a security with a non-accretable difference is less favorable than forecasted, an impairment charge and write-down of such security to a new cost basis results.

Securities transactions are recorded on the date the securities are purchased or sold. Realized gains or losses from securities transactions are determined based on the specific identified cost of the securities.

The following table shows the gross unrealized losses and fair value of those individual securities in our MBS portfolio that have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014,

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aggregated by investment category and length of time (dollar amounts in thousands):

September 30, 2015

Description	Less Than 12 Months			12 Months or More			Total		
	Number	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Number	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Number	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
Agency MBS	79	\$485,860	\$ (2,688)	355	\$2,187,987	\$ (28,054)	434	\$2,673,847	\$ (30,742)
Non-Agency MBS	37	\$202,052	\$ (2,380)	-	\$-	\$-	37	\$202,052	\$ (2,380)

December 31, 2014

Description	Less Than 12 Months			12 Months or More			Total		
	Number	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Number	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Number	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
Agency MBS	91	\$348,783	\$ (1,792)	361	\$3,032,057	\$ (53,820)	452	\$3,380,840	\$ (55,612)
Non-Agency MBS	7	\$45,988	\$ (63)	0	0	0	7	\$45,988	\$ (63)

We do not consider those Agency MBS that have been in a continuous loss position for 12 months or more to be other-than-temporarily impaired. The unrealized losses on our investments in Agency MBS were caused by fluctuations in interest rates. We purchased the Agency MBS primarily at a premium relative to their face value and the contractual cash flows of those investments are guaranteed by the U.S. government or government-sponsored agencies. Since September 2008, the government-sponsored agencies have been in the conservatorship of the U.S. government. At September 30, 2015, we did not expect to sell the Agency MBS at a price less than the amortized cost basis of our investments. Because the decline in market value of the Agency MBS is attributable to changes in interest rates and not the credit quality of the Agency MBS in our portfolio, and because we did not have the intent to sell these investments nor is it more likely than not that we will be required to sell these investments before recovery of their amortized cost basis, which may be at maturity, we do not consider these investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired at September 30, 2015.

Residential Mortgage Loans Held-for-Investment

Residential mortgage loans held-for-investment are residential mortgage loans held by consolidated securitization trusts. Residential mortgage loans held-for-investment are carried at unpaid principal balances net of any premiums or discounts and allowance for loan losses. We expect that we will be required to continue to consolidate the securitization trusts that hold the residential mortgage loans.

We establish an allowance for residential loan losses based on our estimate of credit losses. These estimates for the allowance for loan losses require consideration of various observable inputs including, but not limited to, historical loss experience, delinquency status, borrower credit scores, geographic concentrations and loan-to-value ratios, and are adjusted for current economic conditions as deemed necessary by our management. Many of these factors are subjective and cannot be reduced to a mathematical formula. In addition, since we have not incurred any direct losses on our portfolio, we review national historical credit performance information from external sources to assist in our analysis. Changes in our estimates can significantly impact the allowance for loan losses and provision expense. The allowance reflects management's best estimate of the credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio at the balance sheet date. It is also possible that we will experience credit losses that are different from our current estimates or that the time of those losses may differ from our estimates.

We recognize interest income from residential mortgage loans on an accrual basis. Any related premium or discount is amortized into interest income using the effective interest method over the weighted average life of these loans. Coupon interest is recognized as revenue when earned and deemed collectable or until a loan becomes more than 90 days past due, at which point the loan is placed on non-accrual status. Interest previously accrued for loans that have

been placed on non-accrual status is reversed against interest income in the period the loan is placed in non-accrual status. Residential loans delinquent more than 90 days or in foreclosure are characterized as delinquent. Cash principal and interest that are advanced from servicers after a loan becomes greater than 90 days past due are recorded as a liability due to the servicer. When a delinquent loan previously placed on non-accrual status has cured, meaning all delinquent principal and interest have been remitted by the borrower, the loan is placed back on accrual status. Alternatively, non-accrual loans may be placed back on accrual status if restructured and after the loan is considered re-performing. A restructured loan is considered re-performing when the loan has been current for at least 12 months.

Residential Properties

Residential properties are stated at cost and consist of land, buildings and improvements, including other costs incurred during their acquisition, possession and renovation. Residential properties purchased that are not subject to an existing lease are treated as asset acquisitions and, as such, are recorded at their purchase price, including acquisition and renovation costs, all of which are allocated to land and building based upon their relative fair values at the date of acquisition. Residential properties acquired either subject to an existing lease or as part of a portfolio level transaction are treated as a business combination under ASC 805, Business Combinations, and, as such, are recorded at fair value, allocated to land, building and the existing lease, if applicable, based upon their relative fair values at the date of acquisition, with acquisition fees and other costs expensed as incurred.

Building depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. We will generally use a 27.5 year estimated life with no salvage value. We will incur costs to prepare our acquired properties to be leased. These costs will be capitalized and allocated to building costs. Costs related to the restoration, renovation, or improvement of our properties that improve and extend their useful lives are capitalized and depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Expenditures for ordinary repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Costs incurred by us to lease the properties will be capitalized and amortized over the life of the lease. Escrow deposits include refundable and non-refundable cash and earnest money on deposit with independent third parties for property purchases.

Repurchase Agreements

We finance the acquisition of MBS primarily through the use of repurchase agreements. Under these repurchase agreements, we sell securities to a lender and agree to repurchase the same securities in the future for a price that is higher than the original sales price. The difference between the sale price that we receive and the repurchase price that we pay represents interest paid to the lender. Although structured as a sale and repurchase obligation, a repurchase agreement operates as a financing under which we pledge our securities and accrued interest as collateral to secure a loan which is equal in value to a specified percentage of the estimated fair value of the pledged collateral. We retain beneficial ownership of the pledged collateral. Upon the maturity of a repurchase agreement, we are required to repay the loan and concurrently receive back our pledged collateral from the lender or, with the consent of the lender, we may renew such agreement at the then-prevailing financing rate. These repurchase agreements may require us to pledge additional assets to the lender in the event the estimated fair value of the existing pledged collateral declines.

Asset-Backed Securities Issued by Securitization Trusts

Asset-backed securities issued by the securitization trusts are recorded at principal balances net of unamortized premiums or discounts. This long-term debt is collateralized only by the assets held in the trusts and is otherwise non-recourse to the Company.

Derivative Financial Instruments

Risk Management

We primarily use short-term (less than or equal to 12 months) repurchase agreements to finance the purchase of MBS. These obligations expose us to variability in interest payments due to changes in interest rates. We continuously monitor changes in interest rate exposures and evaluate various opportunities to mitigate this risk. Our objective is to limit the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows. The principal instruments we use to achieve this are interest rate swaps and Eurodollar Futures Contracts. Interest rate swaps effectively convert a percentage of our repurchase agreements to fixed-rate obligations over a period of up to ten years. Under interest rate swaps, we agree to pay an amount equal to a specified fixed rate of interest times a notional principal amount and to receive in return an amount equal to a specified variable-rate of interest times a notional amount, generally based on the London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR. The notional amounts are not exchanged. We do not issue or hold the interest rate swaps and the Eurodollar Futures Contracts for speculative purposes. See Note 14 for more information on the Eurodollar Futures Contracts.

We also enter into To-Be-Announced, or TBA, Agency MBS as either a means of investing in and financing Agency MBS or as a means of disposing of or reducing our exposure to agency securities. Pursuant to TBA contracts, we agree to purchase or sell, for future delivery, Agency MBS with certain principal and interest terms and certain types of collateral, but the particular Agency MBS to be delivered are not identified until shortly before the TBA settlement date. We also may choose, prior to settlement, to move the settlement of these MBS out to a later date by entering into

an offsetting short or long position (referred to as a “pair off”), net settling the paired off positions for cash, and simultaneously purchasing a similar TBA contract for a later settlement date. This transaction is commonly referred to as a “dollar roll.” The Agency MBS purchased or sold for a forward settlement date are typically priced at a discount to agency securities for settlement in the current month. This difference (or discount) is referred to as the “price drop.” The price drop represents compensation to us for foregoing net interest margin (interest income less repurchase agreement financing cost). TBA Agency MBS are accounted for as derivative instruments since they do not meet the exemption allowed for a “regular way” security trade under ASC 815, as either the TBA contracts do not settle in the shortest period of time possible or we cannot assess that it is probable at inception that we will take physical delivery of the security or that we will not settle on a net basis.

Accounting for Derivatives and Hedging Activities

We account for derivative instruments in accordance with ASC 815, which requires recognition of all derivatives as either assets or liabilities and measurement of those instruments at fair value, which is typically based on values obtained from large financial institutions who are market makers for these types of instruments. The accounting for changes in the fair value of derivative instruments depends on whether the instruments are designated and qualify as hedges in accordance with ASC 815. Changes in fair value related to derivatives not designated as hedges are recorded in our consolidated statements of operations as “Gain (loss) on derivatives” and specifically identified as either relating to interest rate swaps, Eurodollar Futures Contracts or TBA Agency MBS.

For a derivative to qualify for hedge accounting, we must anticipate that the hedge will be highly “effective” as defined by ASC 815-10. A hedge of the variability of cash flows that are to be received or paid in connection with a recognized asset or liability is known as a “cash flow” hedge. Changes in the fair value of a derivative that is highly effective and that is designated as a cash flow hedge, to the extent the hedge is effective, are recorded in AOCI and reclassified to income when the forecasted transaction affects income (e.g. when periodic settlement interest payments are due on repurchase agreements). Hedge ineffectiveness, if any, is recorded in current period income.

When we discontinue hedge accounting, the gain or loss on the derivative remains in AOCI and is reclassified into income when the forecasted transaction affects income. In all situations where hedge accounting is discontinued and the derivative remains outstanding, we carry the derivative at its fair value on our balance sheet, recognizing changes in fair value in current period income. All of our swaps had historically been accounted for as cash flow hedges under ASC 815. After August 22, 2014, none of our swaps were designated for hedge accounting. As a result of discontinuing hedge accounting for our swaps, changes in the fair value of these swaps are recorded in “Gain (loss) on interest rate swaps, net” in our consolidated statements of operations rather than in AOCI. Also, net interest paid or received on these swaps which was previously recognized in interest expense, is instead recognized in “Gain (loss) on interest rate swaps, net.” These continue to be reported as assets or liabilities on our consolidated balance sheets at their fair value.

As long as the forecasted transactions that were being hedged (i.e. rollovers of our repurchase agreement borrowings) are still expected to occur, the balance in AOCI from the activity in these swaps through the dates of de-designation will remain in AOCI and be recognized in our consolidated statements of operations as “interest expense” over the remaining term of these swaps.

For purposes of the consolidated statements of cash flows, cash flows hedges were classified with the cash flows from the hedged item. Cash flows from derivatives that are not hedges are classified according to the underlying nature or purpose of the derivative transaction.

For more details on the amounts and other qualitative information on all our derivative transactions, see Note 14. For more information on the fair value of our derivative instruments, see Note 8.

Credit Risk

At September 30, 2015, we have attempted to limit our exposure to credit losses on our Agency MBS by purchasing securities primarily through Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae. The payment of principal and interest on the Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae MBS are guaranteed by those respective enterprises. In September 2008, both Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae were placed in the conservatorship of the U.S. government. While it is the intent that the conservatorship will help stabilize Freddie Mac’s and Fannie Mae’s overall financial position, there can be no assurance that it will succeed or that, if necessary, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae will be able to satisfy its guarantees of Agency MBS. There have also been concerns as to what the U.S. government will do regarding winding down the operations of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae. There have also been concerns over the past few years regarding the credit standing of Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, and U.S. sovereign debt. We do not know what effect any future ratings of Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae and U.S. sovereign debt may ultimately have on the U.S. economy, the value of our securities, or the ability of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae to satisfy its guarantees of Agency MBS, if necessary.

Our adjustable-rate MBS are subject to periodic and lifetime interest rate caps. Periodic caps can limit the amount an interest rate can increase during any given period. Some adjustable-rate MBS subject to periodic payment caps may result in a portion of the interest being deferred and added to the principal outstanding.

We also invest in Non-Agency MBS, which are securities that are secured by pools of residential mortgages which are not issued by government-sponsored enterprises and are not guaranteed by any agency of the U.S. government or any federally chartered corporation. Such investments carry a risk that the borrower on the underlying mortgage may default on their obligation to make full and timely payments of principal and interest.

Other-than-temporary losses on our available-for-sale MBS, as measured by the amount of decline in estimated fair value attributable to credit losses that are considered to be other-than-temporary, are charged against income, resulting in an adjustment of the cost basis of such securities. Based on the criteria in ASC 320-10, the determination of whether a security is other-than-temporarily impaired, or OTTI, involves judgments and assumptions based on both subjective and objective factors. When a security is impaired, an OTTI is considered to have occurred if (i) we intend to sell the security, (ii) it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis or (iii) we do not expect to recover its amortized cost basis (i.e., there is a credit-related loss). The following are among, but not all of, the factors considered in determining whether and to what extent an OTTI exists and the portion that is related to credit loss: (i) the expected cash flow from the investment; (ii) whether there has been an other-than-temporary deterioration of the credit quality of the underlying mortgages; (iii) the credit protection available to the related mortgage pool for MBS; (iv) any other market information available, including analysts' assessments and statements, public statements and filings made by the debtor or counterparty; (v) management's internal analysis of the security, considering all

known relevant information at the time of assessment; and (vi) the magnitude and duration of historical decline in market prices. Because management's assessments are based on factual information as well as subjective information available at the time of assessment, the determination as to whether an other-than-temporary decline exists and, if so, the amount considered impaired, is also subjective and therefore constitutes material estimates that are susceptible to significant change.

We also own residential mortgage loans held-for-investment. As the majority of these loans (the senior tranches of the securitization trusts) are collateral for the asset-backed securities issued by the trusts, our potential credit risk is on the subordinated tranches that we own, as these tranches would be the first ones to absorb any losses resulting from defaults by the borrowers on the underlying mortgage loans.

For all interest rate swaps entered into on or before September 9, 2013, we are exposed to credit losses in the event of non-performance by counterparties to interest rate swap agreements. In order to limit this risk, our practice was to only enter into swaps with large financial institution counterparties who were market makers for these types of instruments, limit our exposure on each swap to a single counterparty under our defined guidelines and either pay or receive collateral to or from each counterparty on a periodic basis to cover the net fair market position of the swaps held with that counterparty. For all swaps entered into on or after September 9, 2013, all swap participants are required by rules of the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, or CFTC, under authority granted to it pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, or the Dodd-Frank Act, to clear swaps through a registered derivatives clearing organization, or "swap execution facility," through standardized documents under which each swap counterparty transfers its position to another entity whereby a central clearinghouse effectively becomes the counterparty on each side of the swap. Both the swap execution facility and the central clearinghouse could require greater initial and periodic margin (collateral) requirements and additional transaction fees. It is the intent of the Dodd-Frank Act that the clearing of swaps in this manner is designed to avoid concentration of risk in any single entity by spreading and centralizing the risk in the clearinghouse and its members.

Income Taxes

We have elected to be taxed as a REIT and to comply with the provisions of the Code with respect thereto. Accordingly, we will not be subject to federal income tax to the extent that our distributions to our stockholders satisfy the REIT requirements and that certain asset, income and stock ownership tests are met.

We have no unrecognized tax benefits and do not anticipate any increase in unrecognized benefits during 2015 relative to any tax positions taken prior to January 1, 2015. Should the accrual of any interest or penalties relative to unrecognized tax benefits be necessary, it is our policy to record such accruals in our income taxes accounts; and no such accruals existed at September 30, 2015. We file REIT U.S. federal and California income tax returns. These returns are generally open to examination by the IRS and the California Franchise Tax Board for all years after 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock

We classify our Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, or Series B Preferred Stock, on our balance sheets using the guidance in ASC 480-10-S99. The Series B Preferred Stock contains certain fundamental change provisions that allow the holder to redeem the preferred stock for cash only if certain events occur, such as a change in control. As redemption under these circumstances is not solely within our control, we have classified the Series B Preferred Stock as temporary equity.

We have analyzed whether the conversion features in the Series B Preferred Stock should be bifurcated under the guidance in ASC 815-10 and have determined that bifurcation is not necessary.

Stock-Based Expense

In accordance with ASC 718-10, any expense relating to share-based payment transactions is recognized in the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Restricted stock is expensed over the vesting period (see Note 13).

Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share, or EPS, is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS assumes the conversion, exercise or issuance of all potential common stock equivalents (which includes stock options and convertible preferred stock) and the adding back of the Series B Preferred Stock dividends unless the effect is to reduce a loss or increase the income per share.

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The computation of EPS for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 is as follows (amounts in thousands, except per share data):

	Net (Loss) Income		
	Available to	Earnings	
	Common	Average	per
	Stockholders	Shares	Share
For the three months ended September 30, 2015			
Basic EPS	\$ (23,446)	102,431	\$ (0.23)
Effect of dilutive securities	-	4,349	-
Diluted EPS	\$ (23,446)	106,780	\$ (0.23)
For the three months ended September 30, 2014			
Basic EPS	\$ 18,061	121,061	\$ 0.15
Effect of dilutive securities	394	4,131	-
Diluted EPS	\$ 18,455	125,192	\$ 0.15
	Net (Loss) Income		
	Available to	Earnings	
	Common	Average	per
	Stockholders	Shares	Share
For the nine months ended September 30, 2015			
Basic EPS	\$ (23,043)	104,611	\$ (0.22)
Effect of dilutive securities	-	4,268	-
Diluted EPS	\$ (23,043)	108,879	\$ (0.22)
For the nine months ended September 30, 2014			
Basic EPS	\$ 38,621	128,174	\$ 0.30
Effect of dilutive securities	1,182	4,080	-
Diluted EPS	\$ 39,803	132,254	\$ 0.30

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, options to purchase 0 and 5,000 shares of common stock, respectively, were outstanding and not included in the computation of diluted EPS as their exercise price and option expense exceeded the average stock price for those respective periods.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

In accordance with ASC 220-10-55-2, total comprehensive income is divided into net income and other comprehensive income, which includes unrealized gains and losses on marketable securities classified as available-for-sale, and unrealized gains and losses on derivative financial instruments that qualify for cash flow hedge accounting under ASC 815-10. In accordance with ASU 2013-02, we have identified, in our consolidated statements of comprehensive income, items that are reclassified and included in our consolidated statements of operations.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of 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 liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could materially differ from those estimates.

RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In May 2014, the FASB issued a new standard on revenue recognition, ASU No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)." This new standard will replace more than 200 ad hoc pronouncements on revenue recognition. This ASU requires companies to recognize revenue in a way that shows the transfer of goods or services to customers in amounts that reflect the payment that a company expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services. To do that, companies will now have to go through a five-step process: (1) tie the contract to a customer; (2) identify the contract's performance obligations; (3) determine the transaction price; (4) connect the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract; and (5) recognize revenue when (or as) a company satisfies the performance obligation. This ASU only affects an entity that either enters into contracts with customers to transfer goods or services or enters into contracts for the transfer of nonfinancial assets, unless those contracts are within other standards (for example, insurance contracts or lease contracts). This ASU is effective for a public entity for the financial statements

beginning with the quarter ending March 31, 2018. We do not believe that this ASU will have a material impact on our financial statements.

In November 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-16, “Determining Whether the Host Contract in a Hybrid Financial Instrument Issued in the Form of a Share is More Akin to Debt or Equity – a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force.” U.S. GAAP defines a “hybrid” financial instrument as consisting of a host contract and an embedded derivative (for example, convertible, redeemable preferred stock). An entity must bifurcate (account for separately as a derivative) an embedded derivative from a hybrid financial instrument if the embedded derivative (1) is not clearly and closely related to the host contract and (2) meets the definition of a derivative as a freestanding instrument. To determine whether an embedded derivative is clearly and closely related to the host contract, an entity must first determine whether the terms and features in a hybrid financial instrument are debt-like versus equity-like, and then weigh the terms and features based on relevant facts and circumstances to ultimately determine the nature of the host contract. This ASU will become effective for our financial statements beginning with the quarter ending March 31, 2016. We do not believe this ASU will have a material impact on our financial statements.

In January 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-01, “Simplifying Income Statement Presentation by Eliminating the Concept of Extraordinary Items.” Currently, an event or transaction that is unusual and occurs infrequently must be separately classified and presented as an extraordinary item net of tax after income from continuing operations. Entities are also required to disclose income taxes and earnings per share data for each extraordinary item if the amounts are not already disclosed on the face of the income statements. By removing the concept of extraordinary items from U.S. GAAP, this ASU removes the uncertainty and disparity in practice involved in identifying, presenting and disclosing extraordinary items. This ASU will become effective for our financial statements beginning with the quarter ending March 31, 2016. We do not believe that this ASU will have a material impact on our financial statements.

On February 18, 2015, the FASB issued an ASU regarding guidance on consolidations, ASU No. 2015-02, “Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendment to the Consolidation Analysis.” This new standard changes consolidation analysis by placing more emphasis on risk of loss when determining a controlling financial interest and outlining the conditions under which a decision maker or service provider may have to consolidate the entity for which it provides the service. As such, we believe that entities for which decision making rights are conveyed through contractual arrangement are less likely to be consolidated. This ASU will become effective for our financial statements beginning with the quarter ending March 31, 2016. We do not believe that this ASU will have a material effect on our financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, “Interest-Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30), Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs.” This ASU requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability. This ASU will be effective for our financial statements beginning with the quarter ending March 31, 2016. We do not believe this ASU will have a material impact on our financial statements.

NOTE 2. RESTRICTED CASH

This includes cash pledged as collateral for interest rate swaps and Eurodollar Futures Contracts. Restricted cash is carried at cost, which approximates fair value. Prior period balances have been reclassified from “Other assets” for comparative purposes. The following represents the Company’s restricted cash balances at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 (in thousands):

	September 30,	December 31,
	2015	2014
Restricted cash - swap margin calls	\$ 30,273	\$ 13,142
Restricted cash - Eurodollar Futures Contracts	6,718	2,957
	\$ 36,991	\$ 16,099

NOTE 3. MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (MBS)

The following tables summarize our Agency MBS and Non-Agency MBS, classified as available-for-sale, at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, which are carried at their fair value (amounts in thousands):

September 30, 2015

By Agency	Ginnie Mae	Freddie Mac	Fannie Mae	Total		
				Agency MBS	Non-Agency MBS	Total MBS
Amortized cost	\$10,466	\$2,433,193	\$3,408,073	\$5,851,732	\$ 646,598	\$6,498,330
Paydowns receivable ⁽¹⁾	-	36,511	-	36,511	155	36,666
Unrealized gains	5	18,431	59,139	77,575	6,549	84,124
Unrealized losses	(115)	(16,532)	(14,095)	(30,742)	(2,380)	(33,122)
Fair value	\$10,356	\$2,471,603	\$3,453,117	\$5,935,076	\$ 650,922	\$6,585,998

By Security Type	ARMs	Hybrids	20-Year		Total Agency MBS	Non-Agency MBS	Total MBS
			15-Year Fixed-Rate	30-Year Fixed-Rate			
Amortized cost	\$2,163,482	\$2,580,410	\$ 920,208	\$ 187,632	\$5,851,732	\$ 646,598	\$6,498,330
Paydowns receivable ⁽¹⁾	13,534	22,977	-	-	36,511	155	36,666
Unrealized gains	55,492	9,074	4,144	8,865	77,575	6,549	84,124
Unrealized losses	(5,286)	(20,877)	(4,579)	-	(30,742)	(2,380)	(33,122)
Fair value	\$2,227,222	\$2,591,584	\$ 919,773	\$ 196,497	\$5,935,076	\$ 650,922	\$6,585,998

(1) Paydowns receivable on Agency MBS are generated when the Company receives notice from Freddie Mac of prepayments but does not receive the actual cash with respect to such prepayments until the 15th day of the following month.

December 31, 2014

By Agency	Ginnie Mae	Freddie Mac	Fannie Mae	Total		
				Agency MBS	Non-Agency MBS	Total MBS

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Amortized cost	\$ 11,823	\$ 2,889,128	\$ 4,061,330	\$ 6,962,281	\$ 199,705	\$ 7,161,986
Paydowns receivable ⁽¹⁾	-	29,486	-	29,486	-	29,486
Unrealized gains	32	21,534	65,642	87,208	68	87,276
Unrealized losses	(155)	(31,558)	(23,899)	(55,612)	(63)	(55,675)
Fair value	\$ 11,700	\$ 2,908,590	\$ 4,103,073	\$ 7,023,363	\$ 199,710	\$ 7,223,073

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By Security Type	ARMs	Hybrids	15-Year		30-Year		Total	Non-Agency	Total
			Fixed-Rate	Fixed-Rate	Agency	MBS	MBS	MBS	
Amortized cost	\$ 1,779,031	\$ 3,914,431	\$ 1,048,991	\$ 219,828	\$ 6,962,281	\$ 199,705	\$ 7,161,986		
Paydowns receivable ⁽¹⁾	2,769	26,717	-	-	29,486	-	29,486		
Unrealized gains	51,827	21,290	3,782	10,309	87,208	68	87,276		
Unrealized losses	(5,027)	(40,632)	(9,953)	-	(55,612)	(63)	(55,675)		
Fair value	\$ 1,828,600	\$ 3,921,806	\$ 1,042,820	\$ 230,137	\$ 7,023,363	\$ 199,710	\$ 7,223,073		

(1) Paydowns receivable on Agency MBS are generated when the Company receives notice from Freddie Mac of prepayments but does not receive the actual cash with respect to such prepayments until the 15th day of the following month.

The following table presents information regarding the estimates of the contractually required principal payments, cash flows expected to be collected and estimated fair value of the Non-Agency MBS held at carrying value acquired by the Company for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and cumulatively at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	For the Three Months		
	Ended	At	At
	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(in thousands)		
Non-Agency MBS acquired with credit deterioration:			
Contractually required principal	\$ 98,626	\$ 603,280	\$ 148,197
Contractual principal not expected to be collected (non-accretable yield)	(39,632)	(175,666)	(18,123)
Expected cash flows to be collected	58,994	427,614	130,074
Market yield adjustment	15,078	45,643	(17,160)
Unrealized (loss) gain, net	(603)	3,465	5
Fair value	73,469	476,722	112,919
Fair value of other Non-Agency MBS (no credit deterioration)	8,381	174,200	86,791
Total fair value of Non-Agency MBS	\$ 81,850	\$ 650,922	\$ 199,710

The following table presents the change for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 of the components of the Company's purchase discount on the Non-Agency MBS acquired with credit deterioration between the amount designated as the market yield adjustment and the non-accretable difference:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
	Market Yield	Non- Accretable	Market Yield	Non- Accretable
Balance, beginning of period	\$30,565	\$(136,034)	\$(18,528)	\$(18,123)
Accretion of discount	(703)	-	483	-
Purchases	15,781	(39,632)	61,840	(157,543)
Sales	-	-	1,848	-
Reclass adjustments for other-than-temporary impairments	-	-	-	-

Transfer from (to)	-	-	-	-
Balance, end of period	\$45,643	\$(175,666)	\$45,643	\$(175,666)

NOTE 4. VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITIES

As discussed in Note 1, “Summary of Significant Accounting Policies,” we have determined that we are the primary beneficiary of certain securitization trusts. The following table presents a summary of the assets and liabilities of our consolidated securitization trusts as of September 30, 2015. Intercompany balances have been eliminated for purposes of this presentation.

	September 30, 2015 (in thousands)
Residential mortgage loans held-for-investment	\$ 690,958
Accrued interest receivable	2,235
Total assets	\$ 693,193
Accrued interest payable	\$ 2,050
Asset-backed securities issued by securitization trusts	640,283
Total liabilities	\$ 642,333

Our risk with respect to each investment in a securitization trust is limited to our direct ownership in the securitization trust. We own all of the subordinate classes of the trusts (Class B-1 through B-5). The residential mortgage loans held by the consolidated securitization trusts are held solely to satisfy the liabilities of the securitization trusts, and the investors in the securitization trusts have no recourse to the general credit of the Company for the ABS issued by the securitization trusts. The assets of a consolidated securitization trust can only be used to satisfy the obligations of that trust. ABS are not paid down according to any schedule but rather as payments are made on the underlying mortgages. The final distribution dates for the two trusts are May 2045 and August 2045,

respectively. We are not contractually required and have not provided any additional financial support to the securitization trusts for the period ended September 30, 2015.

Residential Mortgage Loans Held by Consolidated Securitization Trusts

Residential mortgage loans held by consolidated securitization trusts are carried at unpaid principal balances net of any premiums or discounts and allowances for loan losses. The residential mortgage loans are secured by first liens on the underlying residential properties.

The following table details the carrying value for residential mortgage loans held-for-investment at September 30, 2015:

	September 30, 2015 (in thousands)
Principal balance	\$ 680,919
Paydowns receivable	83
Unamortized premium net of discount	10,096
Allowance for loan losses	(140)
Carrying value	\$ 690,958

The following table details various portfolio characteristics of the residential mortgage loans held-for-investment at September 30, 2015:

	September 30, 2015 (dollar amounts in thousands)	
Portfolio Characteristics:		
Number of loans	948	
Current principal balance	\$ 680,919	
Average loan balance	\$ 718	
Net weighted average coupon rate	3.94	%
Weighted average maturity (years)	29.5	
Weighted average FICO score	761	
Current Performance:		
Current	\$ 680,090	
30 days delinquent	829	
60 days delinquent	-	
90+ days delinquent	-	
Bankruptcy/foreclosure	-	

Total	\$ 680,919
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The following table summarizes the geographic concentrations of residential mortgage loans held-for-investment at September 30, 2015 based on principal balance outstanding:

State	Percent
California	48.7 %
Florida	5.7
Other states (none greater than 5%)	45.6
Total	100.0 %

Allowance for Loan Losses on Residential Mortgage Loans Held by Consolidated Securitization Trusts

As discussed in Note 1, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," the Company establishes and maintains an allowance for loan losses on residential mortgage loans held by consolidated securitization trusts based on the Company's estimate of credit losses.

The following table summarizes the activity in the allowance for loan losses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015
	(in thousands)	
Balance at beginning of period	\$(70)	\$ -
Additions	(70)	(140)
Charge-offs, net	-	-
Reduction in (provision) for loan losses	-	-
Balance at end of period	\$(140)	\$ (140)

Asset-Backed Securities Issued by Securitization Trusts

Asset-backed securities issued by securitization trusts are recorded at principal balances net of unamortized premiums and discounts. Asset-backed securities issued by securitization trusts are issued in various tranches and have a principal balance of \$640.3 million at September 30, 2015. The investors in the asset-backed securities are not affiliated with the Company and have no recourse to the general credit of the Company.

NOTE 5. RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

At September 30, 2015, we owned 88 single-family residential properties which are all located in Southeastern Florida and are carried at a total cost, net of accumulated depreciation, of approximately \$14.4 million. At December 31, 2014, we owned 79 properties at a net cost of approximately \$12.9 million. The income from these properties is included in our consolidated statements of operations as "Income on rental properties." The expenses on these properties are included in our consolidated statements of operations in "Other expense" and the details are included in Note 16.

NOTE 6. REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

We have entered into repurchase agreements with large financial institutions to finance most of our MBS. The repurchase agreements are short-term borrowings that are secured by the market value of our MBS and bear fixed interest rates that have historically been based upon LIBOR.

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At September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the repurchase agreements had the following balances (dollar amounts in thousands), weighted average interest rates and remaining weighted average maturities:

September 30, 2015

	Agency MBS		Non-Agency MBS		Total MBS		
	Weighted		Weighted				Weighted
	Average		Average				Average
	Interest		Interest				Interest
	Balance	Rate	Balance	Rate	Balance	Rate	
Overnight	\$7,000	0.45 %	\$-	-	\$7,000	0.45 %	
Less than 30 days	2,890,000	0.42	419,045	1.77	3,309,045	0.59	
30 days to 90 days	2,515,000	0.49	-	-	2,515,000	0.49	
Over 90 days to less than 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1 year to 2 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Demand	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	\$5,412,000	0.45 %	\$419,045	1.77 %	\$5,831,045	0.54 %	
Weighted average maturity	30 days		14 days		29 days		
Weighted average interest rate after adjusting for interest rate swaps					1.18 %		
Weighted average maturity after adjusting for interest rate swaps					687 days		
MBS pledged as collateral under the repurchase agreements and swap agreements	\$5,748,443		\$545,861		\$6,298,304		

December 31, 2014

	Agency MBS		Non-Agency MBS		Total MBS		
	Weighted		Weighted				Weighted
	Average		Average				Average
	Interest		Interest				Interest
	Balance	Rate	Balance	Rate	Balance	Rate	

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Overnight	\$-	-	%	\$-	-	%	\$-	-	%
Less than 30 days	2,395,000	0.32		115,740	1.82		2,510,740	0.39	
30 days to 90 days	3,860,000	0.35		-	-		3,860,000	0.35	
Over 90 days to less than 1 year	-	-		-	-		-	-	
1 year to 2 years	-	-		-	-		-	-	
Demand	-	-		-	-		-	-	
	\$6,255,000	0.34	%	\$115,740	1.82	%	\$6,370,740	0.37	%
Weighted average maturity	38 days			13 days			37 days		
Weighted average interest rate after									
adjusting for interest rate swaps							1.06	%	
Weighted average maturity after									
adjusting									
for interest rate swaps							767 days		
MBS pledged as collateral under the									
repurchase agreements and swap									
agreements	\$6,650,143			\$155,311			\$6,805,454		

For additional information about repurchase agreements, see the section in Note 1 entitled "Repurchase Agreements."

The following tables present information about certain assets and liabilities that are subject to master netting arrangements (or similar agreements) only in the event of default on a contract. See Notes 1, 8 and 14 for more information on the Company's interest rate swaps (both items that were hedges and also for de-designated swaps) and other derivative instruments.

September 30, 2015 (in thousands)	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets or Liabilities	Gross Amounts Offset in the Balance Sheets	Net Amounts of	Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Balance Sheets ⁽¹⁾		
			Assets or Liabilities Presented in the Balance Sheets	Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral Received	Net Amounts
Derivative assets at fair value ⁽²⁾	\$4,114	\$ -	\$4,114	\$(4,114)	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$4,114	\$ -	\$4,114	\$(4,114)	\$ -	\$ -
Repurchase Agreements ⁽³⁾	\$5,831,045	\$ -	\$5,831,045	\$(5,831,045)	\$ -	\$ -
Derivative liabilities at fair value ⁽²⁾	62,607	-	62,607	(62,607)	-	-
Total	\$5,893,652	\$ -	\$5,893,652	\$(5,893,652)	\$ -	\$ -

December 31, 2014 (in thousands)	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets or Liabilities	Gross Amounts Offset in the Balance Sheets	Net Amounts of	Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Balance Sheets ⁽¹⁾		
			Assets or Liabilities Presented in the Balance Sheets	Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral Received	Net Amounts
Derivative assets at fair value ⁽²⁾	\$9,792	\$ -	\$9,792	\$(9,792)	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$9,792	\$ -	\$9,792	\$(9,792)	\$ -	\$ -
Repurchase Agreements ⁽³⁾	\$6,370,740	\$ -	\$6,370,740	\$(6,370,740)	\$ -	\$ -
Derivative liabilities at fair value ⁽²⁾	45,259	-	45,259	(45,259)	-	-
Total	\$6,415,999	\$ -	\$6,415,999	\$(6,415,999)	\$ -	\$ -

- (1) Amounts presented are limited to collateral pledged sufficient to reduce the related net amount to zero in accordance with ASU No. 2011-11, as amended by ASU No. 2013-01.
- (2) At September 30, 2015, we had pledged approximately \$59.5 million in Agency MBS as collateral and paid another approximately \$30.3 million on swap margin calls (included in "Restricted cash") on our swap derivatives, which were approximately \$78 thousand in derivative assets and approximately \$58.1 million in derivative liabilities at September 30, 2015. At December 31, 2014, we had pledged approximately \$54 million in Agency MBS as collateral and paid another approximately \$13 million on swap margin calls on our swap derivatives, which were approximately \$8.7 million in derivative assets and approximately \$43.6 million in derivative liabilities at December 31, 2014.
- (3) At September 30, 2015, we had pledged approximately \$5.75 billion in Agency MBS and approximately \$546 million in Non-Agency MBS as collateral on our repurchase agreements. At December 31, 2014, we had pledged \$6.65 billion in Agency MBS and approximately \$155 million in Non-Agency MBS as collateral on our repurchase agreements.

NOTE 7. JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES

On March 15, 2005, we issued \$37,380,000 of junior subordinated notes to a newly-formed statutory trust, Anworth Capital Trust I, organized by us under Delaware law. The trust issued \$36,250,000 in trust preferred securities to unrelated third party investors. Both the notes and the trust preferred securities require quarterly payments and bear interest at the prevailing three-month LIBOR rate plus 3.10%, reset quarterly. The first interest payments were made on June 30, 2005. Both the notes and the trust preferred securities will mature in 2035 and are currently redeemable, at our option, in whole or in part, without penalty. We used the net proceeds of this private placement to invest in Agency MBS. We have reviewed the structure of the transaction under ASC 810-10 and concluded that Anworth Capital Trust I does not meet the requirements for consolidation. As of the date of this filing, we have not redeemed any of the notes or trust preferred securities.

NOTE 8. FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

As defined in ASC 820-10, fair value is the price that would be received from the sale of an asset or paid to transfer or settle a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants in the principal (or most advantageous) market for the asset or liability. ASC 820-10 establishes a fair value hierarchy that ranks the quality and reliability of the information used to determine fair values. Financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the three following categories:

Level 1: Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data. This includes those financial instruments that are valued using models or other valuation methodologies where substantially all of the assumptions are observable in the marketplace, can be derived from observable market data or are supported by observable levels at which transactions are executed in the marketplace. We consider the inputs utilized to fair value our Agency MBS to be Level 2. Management bases the fair value for these investments primarily on third party bid price indications provided by dealers who make markets in these instruments. The Agency MBS market is primarily an over-the-counter market. As such, there are no standard, public market quotations or published trading data for individual MBS securities. As our portfolio consists of hundreds of similar, but distinct, securities that have each been traded with only one broker counterparty, we generally seek to have each Agency MBS security priced by one broker. The prices received are non-binding offers to trade, but are indicative quotations of the market value of our securities as of the market close on the last day of each quarter. The brokers receive trading data from several traders that participate in the active markets for these securities and directly observe numerous trades of securities similar to the securities owned by us. Given the volume of market activity for Agency MBS, it is our belief that the broker pricing accurately reflects market information for actual, contemporaneous transactions. We do not adjust quotes or prices we obtain from brokers and pricing services. In the limited instances where valuations are received on a security from multiple brokers, we use the median value of the prices received to determine fair value. To validate the prices we obtain, to ensure our fair value determinations are consistent with ASC 820, and to ensure that we properly classify these securities in the fair value hierarchy, we evaluate the pricing information we receive taking into account factors such as coupon, prepayment experience, fixed/adjustable rate, coupon index, time to reset and issuing agency, among other factors. Based on these factors, broker prices are compared to prices of similar securities provided by other brokers. If we determine (based on such a comparison and our market knowledge and expertise) that a security is priced significantly differently than similar securities, the broker is contacted and requested to revisit their valuation of the security. If a broker refuses to reconsider its valuation, we will request pricing from another broker and use the median value of the prices received to determine fair value. If we are unable to receive a valuation from another broker, the price received from an independent third party pricing service will be used, if it is determined (based on our market knowledge and expertise) to be more reliable than the broker pricing. However, the fair value reported may not be indicative of the amounts that could be realized in an actual market exchange.

Our derivative assets and derivative liabilities include interest rate swaps (in which we pay a fixed-rate of interest and receive a variable-rate of interest that is based on LIBOR), TBA Agency MBS and Eurodollar Futures Contracts. The fair value of both the derivatives and the swaps are reported to us independently from dealers who are large financial institutions and are market makers for these types of instruments. The LIBOR swap rate is observable at commonly quoted intervals over the full term of the swaps and therefore is considered a Level 2 item. The fair value of the derivative instruments' assets and liabilities are the estimated amounts the Company would either receive or pay to terminate these agreements at the reporting date, taking into account current interest rates and the Company's credit worthiness. For more information on all of our swaps and other derivative instruments, see Note 1 and Note 14.

In determining the fair value of our Non-Agency MBS, our management considers a number of observable market data points, including prices obtained from well-known major financial brokers that make markets in these

instruments, pricing from independent pricing services, and timely trading activity in the marketplace. Our management reviews these inputs in the valuation of our Non-Agency MBS. We understand that in order to determine the fair market value of a security, market participants not only consider the characteristics of the type of security and its underlying collateral but also take into consideration the historical performance data of the underlying collateral of that security, including loan delinquency, loan losses and credit enhancement. In addition, we also collect and consider current market intelligence on all major markets, including benchmark security evaluations and bid list results from various sources.

Our MBS are valued using various market data points as described above, which management considers to be directly or indirectly observable parameters. Accordingly, our MBS are classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data. This is comprised of financial instruments whose fair value is estimated based on internally developed models or methodologies utilizing significant inputs that are generally less readily observable from objective sources.

In determining the appropriate levels, we perform a detailed analysis of the assets and liabilities that are subject to ASC 820-10. At each reporting period, all assets and liabilities for which the fair value measurement is based on significant unobservable inputs are classified as Level 3.

At September 30, 2015, fair value measurements on a recurring basis were as follows (in thousands):

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Agency MBS ⁽¹⁾	\$ -	\$5,935,076	\$ -	\$5,935,076
Non-Agency MBS ⁽¹⁾	\$ -	\$650,922	\$ -	\$650,922
Derivative instruments ⁽²⁾	\$ -	\$4,114	\$ -	\$4,114
Liabilities:				
Derivative instruments ⁽²⁾	\$ -	\$62,607	\$ -	\$62,607

(1)For more detail about the fair value of our MBS by agency and type of security, see Note 3.

(2)Derivative instruments include discontinued hedges under ASC 815-10. For more detail about our derivative instruments, see Note 1 and Note 14.

At December 31, 2014, fair value measurements on a recurring basis were as follows (in thousands):

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Agency MBS ⁽¹⁾	\$ -	\$7,023,363	\$ -	\$7,023,363
Non-Agency MBS ⁽¹⁾	\$ -	\$199,710	\$ -	\$199,710
Derivative instruments ⁽²⁾	\$ -	\$9,792	\$ -	\$9,792
Liabilities:				
Derivative instruments ⁽²⁾	\$ -	\$45,259	\$ -	\$45,259

(1)For more detail about the fair value of our MBS by agency and type of security, see Note 3.

(2)Derivative instruments include discontinued hedges under ASC 815-10. For more detail about our derivative instruments, see Note 1 and Note 14.

At September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, escrow deposits, interest receivable, repurchase agreements and interest payable are reflected in our consolidated financial statements at cost, which approximate fair value because of the nature and short term of these instruments.

Junior subordinated notes are variable-rate debt and, as we believe the spread would be consistent with the expectations of market participants as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the carrying value approximates fair value.

The following table presents the carrying value and estimated fair value of the Company's financial instruments that are not carried at fair value on the consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 (dollar amounts in thousands):

September 30, 2015

		December 31, 2014	
	Carrying	Estimated	Estimated
	Value	Fair	Fair
		Value	Value
Financial Assets:			
Residential mortgage loans held-for-investment	\$690,958	\$690,522	\$ - \$ -
Financial Liabilities:			
Asset-backed securities issued by securitization trust	\$640,283	\$638,455	\$ - \$ -

The residential mortgage loans held-for-investment are carried at unpaid principal balances net of any premiums or discounts and allowances for loan losses. Asset-backed securities issued by securitization trusts are carried at principal balances net of unamortized premiums or discounts. For both of these items, fair values are obtained by an independent broker and are considered Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

NOTE 9. INCOME TAXES

We have elected to be taxed as a REIT and to comply with the provisions of the Code with respect thereto. Accordingly, we will not be subject to federal or state income taxes to the extent that our distributions to stockholders satisfy the REIT requirements and that certain asset, gross income and stock ownership tests are met. We believe that we currently meet all REIT requirements regarding the ownership of our common stock and the distribution of our taxable net income. Therefore, we believe that we continue to qualify as a REIT under the provisions of the Code.

NOTE 10. SERIES B CUMULATIVE CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK

Our Series B Preferred Stock has a par value of \$0.01 per share and a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share plus accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared). The holders of our Series B Preferred Stock must receive dividends at a rate of 6.25% per year on the \$25.00 liquidation preference before holders of our common stock are entitled to receive any dividends. Our Series B Preferred Stock is senior to our common stock and on parity with our 8.625% Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock, or Series A Preferred Stock, and our 7.625% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, or Series C Preferred Stock, with respect to the payment of distributions and amounts, upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up. So long as any shares of our Series B Preferred Stock remain outstanding, we will not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares of our Series B Preferred Stock outstanding at the time, authorize or create, or increase the authorized or issued amount of, any class or series of capital stock ranking senior to our Series B Preferred Stock with respect to the payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up.

Our Series B Preferred Stock has no maturity date, is not redeemable and is convertible at the then-current conversion rate into shares of our common stock per \$25.00 liquidation preference. The conversion rate is adjusted in any fiscal quarter in which the cash dividends paid to common stockholders results in an annualized common stock dividend yield that is greater than 6.25%. The conversion ratio is also subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain specific events, such as a change in control. Our Series B Preferred Stock is convertible into shares of our common stock at the option of the holder(s) of Series B Preferred Stock at any time at the then-prevailing conversion rate. On or after January 25, 2012, we may, at our option, under certain circumstances, convert each share of Series B Preferred Stock into a number of shares of our common stock at the then-prevailing conversion rate. We may exercise this conversion option only if our common stock price equals or exceeds 130% of the then-prevailing conversion price of our Series B Preferred Stock for at least twenty (20) trading days in a period of thirty (30) consecutive trading days (including the last trading day of such period) ending on the trading day immediately prior to our issuance of a press release announcing the exercise of the conversion option. During the three months ended September 30, 2015, we have not, at our option, converted any shares of Series B Preferred Stock. Our Series B Preferred Stock contains certain fundamental change provisions that allow the holder to redeem our Series B Preferred Stock for cash if certain events occur, such as a change in control. Our Series B Preferred Stock generally does not have voting rights, except if dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock are in arrears for six or more quarterly periods (whether or not consecutive). Under such circumstances, the holders of our Series B Preferred Stock, together with the holders of our Series A Preferred Stock and our Series C Preferred Stock, would be entitled to elect two additional directors to our board of directors to serve until all unpaid dividends have been paid or declared and set aside for payment. In addition, certain material and adverse changes to the terms of our Series B Preferred Stock may not be taken without the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock and Series A Preferred Stock voting together as a single class. Through September 30, 2015, we have declared and set aside for payment the required dividends for our Series B Preferred Stock.

NOTE 11. PUBLIC OFFERINGS AND CAPITAL STOCK

At September 30, 2015, our authorized capital included 200,000,000 shares of common stock, of which 101,958,917 shares were issued and 101,461,487 shares were outstanding.

At September 30, 2015, our authorized capital included 20,000,000 shares of \$0.01 par value preferred stock, of which 5,150,000 shares had been designated 8.625% Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock (liquidation preference \$25.00 per share), or Series A Preferred Stock, 3,150,000 shares had been designated 6.25% Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (liquidation preference \$25.00 per share), or Series B Preferred Stock, and 5,000,000 shares had been

designated 7.625% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (liquidation preference \$25.00 per share), or Series C Preferred Stock. The Series A Preferred Stock has no maturity date and we are not required to redeem it at any time. We may redeem the Series A Preferred Stock for cash, at our option, in whole or from time to time in part, at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends, if any, to the redemption date. To date, we have not redeemed any shares of our Series A Preferred Stock. The undesignated shares of preferred stock may be issued in one or more classes or series with such distinctive designations, rights and preferences as determined by our board of directors. At September 30, 2015, there were 1,919,378 shares of Series A Preferred Stock issued and outstanding, 1,009,640 shares of Series B Preferred Stock issued and outstanding and 432,816 shares of Series C Preferred Stock issued and outstanding.

On January 27, 2015, we completed a public offering of 300,000 shares of our Series C Preferred Stock at a public offering price of \$24.50 per share and received net proceeds of approximately \$7 million. The shares were sold pursuant to the Company's effective shelf registration statement on Form S-3. The Series C Preferred Stock has no maturity date and is not subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption. On or after January 27, 2020, we may, at our option, redeem the Series C Preferred Stock for cash, in whole or from time to time in part, at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share plus accrued and unpaid dividends, if any, to the redemption date.

On March 3, 2015, we entered into an At Market Issuance Sales Agreement (the “MLV Sales Agreement”) with MLV & Co. LLC (“MLV”), pursuant to which we may offer and sell from time to time through MLV, as our agent, up to \$200,000,000 aggregate amount of our common stock, Series B Preferred Stock and Series C Preferred Stock, in such amounts as we may specify by notice to MLV, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the MLV Sales Agreement. During the three months ended September 30, 2015, we issued an aggregate of 12,002 shares of our Series C Preferred Stock under the MLV Sales Agreement at a weighted average price of \$24.45 per share, which provided net proceeds to us of \$290 thousand, net of sales commissions. MLV received aggregate commissions of approximately \$3 thousand, which represents an average commission of approximately 1.0% on the gross sales price per share. At September 30, 2015, there was approximately \$196.8 million available for sale and issuance under the MLV Sales Agreement.

On October 3, 2011, we announced that our board of directors had authorized a share repurchase program which permits us to acquire up to 2,000,000 shares of our common stock. The shares are expected to be acquired at prevailing prices through open market transactions. The manner, price, number and timing of share repurchases will be subject to market conditions and applicable SEC rules. Our board of directors also authorized the Company to purchase an amount of our common stock up to the amount of common stock sold through our 2012 Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan. Subsequently, our board of directors authorized the Company to acquire the following additional amounts of shares on the following dates: 5,000,000 shares on December 13, 2013; 10,000,000 shares on March 14, 2014; 10,000,000 shares on May 22, 2014; 10,000,000 shares on October 17, 2014; and 5,000,000 shares on June 18, 2015. During the three months ended September 30, 2015, we repurchased an aggregate of 1,518,438 shares of common stock at a weighted average price of \$5.07 per share under our share repurchase program.

Our Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan allows stockholders and non-stockholders to purchase shares of our common stock and to reinvest dividends therefrom to acquire additional shares of our common stock. On March 13, 2015, we filed a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC registering up to 16,397,203 shares of our common stock for our 2015 Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan, or the 2015 DRP Plan. During the three months ended September 30, 2015, we issued an aggregate of 35,890 shares of our common stock at a weighted average price of \$5.01 per share under the 2015 DRP Plan, resulting in proceeds to us of approximately \$180 thousand.

On March 20, 2013, we filed a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC, and on April 5, 2013 we filed a pre-effective amendment thereto with the SEC, offering up to \$544,727,778 of our capital stock. The registration statement was declared effective on April 8, 2013. At September 30, 2015, approximately \$534.5 million of our capital stock was available for future issuance under the registration statement.

On August 5, 2014, we filed a registration statement on Form S-8 with the SEC to register an aggregate of up to 2,000,000 shares of our common stock to be issued pursuant to the Anworth Mortgage Asset Corporation 2014 Equity Compensation Plan, or the 2014 Equity Plan.

NOTE 12. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Management Agreement and Externalization

Effective as of December 31, 2011, we entered into the Management Agreement with our Manager, pursuant to which our day-to-day operations are being conducted by our Manager. Our Manager is supervised and directed by our board of directors and is responsible for (i) the selection, purchase and sale of our investment portfolio; (ii) our financing

and hedging activities; and (iii) providing us with management services. Our Manager will also perform such other services and activities relating to our assets and operations as may be appropriate. In exchange for services provided, our Manager receives a management fee, paid monthly in arrears, in an amount equal to one-twelfth of 1.20% of our Equity (as defined in the Management Agreement).

On the effective date of the Management Agreement, the employment agreements with our executives were terminated, our employees became employees of our Manager, and we took such other actions as we believed were reasonably necessary to implement the Management Agreement and externalize our management function.

A trust controlled by Mr. Lloyd McAdams, our Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, and Ms. Heather U. Baines, an Executive Vice President of our Manager, beneficially owns 50% of the outstanding membership interests of our Manager; Mr. Joseph E. McAdams, the Chief Investment Officer of our Manager, beneficially owns 45% of the outstanding membership interests of our Manager; and Mr. Thad M. Brown, our Chief Financial Officer, beneficially owns 5% of the outstanding membership interests of our Manager.

The Management Agreement may only be terminated without cause, as defined in the agreement, after the expiration of any annual renewal term. We are required to provide 180-days' prior notice of non-renewal of the Management Agreement and must pay a termination fee on the last day of any automatic renewal term equal to three times the average annual management fee earned by our Manager during the prior 24-month period immediately preceding the most recently completed month prior to the effective date of termination. We may only not renew the Management Agreement with or without cause with the consent of the majority of our independent directors. These provisions make it difficult to terminate the Management Agreement and increase the effective cost to us of not renewing the Management Agreement.

Certain of our former officers were previously granted restricted stock and other equity awards (see Note 13), including dividend equivalent rights, in connection with their service to us, and certain of our former officers had agreements under which they would receive payments if the Company is subject to a change in control (discussed later in this Note 12). In connection with the Externalization, certain of the agreements under which our officers were granted equity awards and would be paid payments in the event of a change in control were modified so that such agreements will continue with respect to our former officers and employees after they became officers and employees of our Manager. In addition, as officers and employees of our Manager, they will continue to be eligible to receive equity awards under equity compensation plans in effect now or in the future.

Messrs. Lloyd McAdams, Joseph E. McAdams, Charles J. Siegel, John T. Hillman and Ms. Heather U. Baines and others are officers and employees of PIA Farmland, Inc. and its external manager, PIA, where they devote a portion of their time. PIA Farmland, Inc., a privately-held real estate investment trust investing in U.S. farmland properties to lease to independent farm operators, was incorporated in February 2013 and acquired its first farm property in October 2013. These officers and employees are under no contractual obligations to PIA Farmland, Inc., its external manager, PIA, or to Anworth or its external manager, Anworth Management, LLC, as to their time commitment. Mr. Steven Koomar, the Chief Executive Officer of PIA Farmland, Inc., has no involvement with either Anworth or its external manager, Anworth Management, LLC.

Change in Control and Arbitration Agreements

On June 27, 2006, we entered into Change in Control and Arbitration Agreements with each of Mr. Thad M. Brown, our Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Charles J. Siegel, our then Senior Vice President-Finance, Ms. Bistra Pashamova, our then Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager, and Mr. Evangelos Karagiannis, our then Vice President and Portfolio Manager, as well as certain of our other officers. In connection with the Externalization, we amended these agreements to provide that should a change in control (as defined in the amended agreements) occur, each of these officers will receive certain severance and other benefits valued as of December 31, 2011. Under the amended agreements, in the event that a change in control occurs, each of these officers will receive a lump sum payment equal to (i) 12 months annual base salary in effect on December 31, 2011, plus (ii) the average annual incentive compensation received for the two complete fiscal years prior December 31, 2011, plus (iii) the average annual bonus received for the two complete fiscal years prior to December 31, 2011, as well as other benefits. The amended Change in Control and Arbitration Agreements also provide for accelerated vesting of equity awards granted to these officers upon a change in control.

Agreements with Pacific Income Advisers, Inc.

On January 26, 2012, we entered into a sublease agreement that became effective on July 1, 2012 with PIA, a company owned by trusts controlled in part by Mr. Lloyd McAdams, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. Under the sublease agreement, we lease, on a pass-through basis, 7,300 square feet of office space from PIA at the same location and pay rent at an annual rate equal to PIA's obligation, which is currently \$63.52 per square foot. The base monthly rental for us is \$38,646.15, which will be increased by 3% per annum on July 1, 2016. The sublease

agreement runs through September 30, 2022 unless earlier terminated pursuant to the master lease. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, we expensed \$127 thousand and \$378 thousand, respectively, in rent and related expenses to PIA under this sublease agreement, which is included in “other expenses” on our statements of operations. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, we expensed \$126 thousand and \$377 thousand, respectively, in rent and related expenses to PIA under this sublease agreement.

At September 30, 2015, the future minimum lease commitment is as follows (in whole dollars):

							Total
Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Thereafter	Commitment
Commitment	\$115,938	\$470,720	\$484,852	\$499,398	\$514,374	\$1,352,380	\$3,437,662

On July 25, 2008, we entered into an administrative services agreement with PIA, which was amended and restated on August 20, 2010. Under this agreement, PIA provides administrative services and equipment to us including human resources, operational support and information technology, and we pay an annual fee of 5 basis points on the first \$225 million of stockholders’ equity and 1.00 basis point thereafter (paid quarterly in arrears) for those services. The administrative services agreement had an initial term of one year and renews for successive one-year terms thereafter unless either party gives notice of termination no less than 30

days before the expiration of the then-current annual term. We may also terminate the administrative services agreement upon 30 days prior written notice for any reason and immediately if there is a material breach by PIA. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, we paid fees of \$40 thousand and \$123 thousand, respectively, to PIA in connection with this agreement. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, we paid fees of \$49 thousand and \$152 thousand, respectively, to PIA in connection with this agreement.

NOTE 13. EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN

2014 Equity Compensation Plan

At our 2014 annual meeting of stockholders held on May 22, 2014, our stockholders approved the adoption of the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan, or the 2014 Equity Plan, which replaced the Anworth Mortgage Asset Corporation 2004 Equity Compensation Plan, or the 2004 Plan, due to its expiration. We filed a registration statement on Form S-8 on August 5, 2014 to register up to an aggregate of 2,000,000 shares of our common stock to be issued pursuant to the 2014 Plan. The 2014 Plan decreased the aggregate share reserve from 3,500,000 shares that were available under the 2004 Plan to 2,000,000 shares of our registered common stock available under the 2014 Plan. The 2014 Plan authorizes our board of directors, or a committee of our board of directors, to grant Dividend Equivalent Rights, or DERs, or phantom shares, which qualify as performance-based awards under Section 162(m) of the Code. Unlike the 2004 Equity Plan, however, the 2014 Equity Plan does not provide for automatic increases in the aggregate share reserve or the number of shares remaining available for grant and only provides for the granting of DERs or phantom shares. During the three months ended September 30, 2015, we issued 8,000 restricted stock units with associated grants of 8,000 DERs under the 2014 Plan.

Certain of our former officers have previously been granted restricted stock and other equity incentive awards, including DERs, in connection with their service to us. In connection with the Externalization, certain of the agreements under which our former officers have been granted equity awards were modified so that such agreements will continue with respect to our former officers after they became officers and employees of our Manager. As a result, these awards and any future grants will be accounted for as non-employee awards. In addition, as officers and employees of our Manager, they will continue to be eligible to receive equity incentive awards under equity incentive plans in effect now or in the future.

In October 2005, our board of directors approved the grant of an aggregate of 200,780 shares of restricted stock to various officers under the 2004 Equity Compensation Plan. The restricted stock vests 10% per year on each anniversary date for a ten-year period and shall also vest immediately upon the death of the grantee or upon the grantee reaching age 65. We amortize the restricted stock over the vesting period, which is the lesser of ten years or the remaining number of years to age 65. Upon the expiration of the 2004 Plan, this grant is now being accounted for under the 2014 Plan.

In October 2006, our board of directors approved a grant of an aggregate of 197,362 shares of performance-based restricted stock to various officers under the 2004 Plan. Upon the expiration of the 2004 Plan, this grant is now being accounted for under the 2014 Plan.

We recognize the expense related to restricted stock over the ten-year vesting period. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, we expensed approximately \$24 thousand and \$73 thousand, respectively, related to these restricted stock grants. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, we expensed approximately \$24 thousand and \$72 thousand, respectively, related to these restricted stock grants.

Under the Anworth Mortgage Asset Corporation 2007 Dividend Equivalent Rights Plan, or the 2007 DER Plan, a dividend equivalent right, or DER, is a right to receive amounts equal in value to the dividend distributions paid on a

share of our common stock. DERs are paid in either cash or shares of our common stock, whichever is specified by our Compensation Committee at the time of grant, at such times as dividends are paid on shares of our common stock during the period between the date a DER is issued and the date the DER expires or earlier terminates. These DERs are not attached to any stock and only have the right to receive the same cash distribution per common share distributed to our common stockholders during the term of the grant. All of these grants have a five-year term from the date of the grant. During the three and nine ended months September 30, 2015, we paid or accrued \$94 thousand and \$265 thousand, respectively, related to DERs granted. During the three and nine ended months September 30, 2014, we paid or accrued \$80 thousand and \$243 thousand, respectively, related to DERs granted.

NOTE 14. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

The table below presents the fair value of our derivative instruments as well as their classification in our consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

Derivative Instruments	Balance Sheet Location	September	December
		30,	31,
		2015	2014
		(in thousands)	
De-designated interest rate swaps	Derivative Assets	\$78	\$ 8,738
TBA Agency MBS	Derivative Assets	4,036	1,054
		\$4,114	\$ 9,792
De-designated interest rate swaps	Derivative Liabilities	\$58,137	\$ 43,565
Eurodollar Futures Contracts	Derivative Liabilities	4,470	1,694
		\$62,607	\$ 45,259

Interest Rate Swap Agreements

At September 30, 2015, we were a counterparty to interest rate swaps, which are derivative instruments as defined by ASC 815-10, with an aggregate notional amount of \$3.846 billion and a weighted average maturity of approximately 3 years. We utilize interest rate swaps to manage interest rate risk relating to our repurchase agreements and do not anticipate entering into derivative transactions for speculative or trading purposes. In accordance with the swap agreements, we will pay a fixed-rate of interest during the term of the swap agreements (ranging from 0.501% to 3.06%) and receive a payment that varies with the three-month LIBOR rate.

During the three months ended September 30, 2015, we added 12 new swap agreements with an aggregate notional amount of \$1.145 billion and terminated 8 swap agreements with an aggregate notional amount of \$645 million.

At September 30, 2015, the amount in AOCI relating to interest rate swaps was approximately \$29.1 million. The estimated net amount of the existing losses that were reported in AOCI at September 30, 2015 that is expected to be reclassified into earnings within the next twelve months is approximately \$10.6 million.

At September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, our swaps had the following notional amounts (dollar amounts in thousands), weighted average fixed rates and remaining terms (in months):

Maturity	September 30, 2015			December 31, 2014		
	Notional Amount	Weighted Average Fixed Rate	Remaining Term in Months	Notional Amount	Weighted Average Fixed Rate	Remaining Term in Months
Less than 12 months	\$400,000	0.67 %	10	\$-	- %	-

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1 year to 2 years	1,175,000	0.87	17	550,000	0.80	20
2 years to 3 years	915,000	1.14	30	795,000	1.03	31
3 years to 5 years	656,000	1.36	44	1,080,000	1.48	46
5 years to 7 years	430,000	2.39	73	555,000	2.35	72
7 years to 10 years	270,000	2.67	93	350,000	2.93	100
	\$3,846,000	1.30	% 35	\$3,330,000	1.56	% 48

Swap Agreements by Counterparty

	September 30,	December 31,
	2015	2014
	(in thousands)	
Chicago Mercantile Exchange ⁽¹⁾	\$1,871,000	\$780,000
Deutsche Bank Securities	565,000	665,000
JPMorgan Securities	525,000	625,000
ING Financial Markets LLC	450,000	650,000
Nomura Securities International	200,000	200,000
Bank of New York	120,000	120,000
RBS Greenwich Capital	115,000	215,000
Credit Suisse	-	75,000
	\$3,846,000	\$3,330,000

(1) For all swap agreements entered into after September 9, 2013, the counterparty will be the Chicago Mercantile Exchange regardless of who the trading party is. See the section entitled “Derivative Financial Instruments – Interest Rate Risk Management” in Note 1 for additional details.

Eurodollar Futures Contracts

Each Eurodollar Futures Contract embodies \$1 million of notional value and is effective for a term of approximately three months. We do not designate these contracts as hedges for accounting purposes. As a result, realized and unrealized changes in fair value are recognized in earnings in the period in which the changes occur.

At September 30, 2015, we had 5,350 Eurodollar Futures Contracts representing \$5.35 billion in notional amount. The cash held by the broker on the Eurodollar Futures Contracts was approximately \$6.7 million, which is included in “Restricted cash,” and there was a derivative liability of approximately \$4.5 million. For the three months ended September 30, 2015, we had losses on Eurodollar Futures Contracts of approximately \$2.6 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we had losses on Eurodollar Futures Contracts of approximately \$6.6 million. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, we had a gain of approximately \$111 thousand and \$111 thousand, respectively, on Eurodollar Futures Contracts.

At December 31, 2014, we had 5,500 Eurodollar Futures Contracts representing \$5.5 billion in notional amount. The cash held by the broker on the Eurodollar Futures Contracts was \$2.96 million, which is included in “other assets,” and there was a derivative liability of approximately \$1.7 million.

TBA Agency MBS

We also enter into TBA contracts and will recognize a gain or loss on the sale of the contracts or dollar roll income. See the section in Note 1 on “Derivative Financial Instruments – TBA Agency MBS” for more information on TBA Agency MBS. During the three months ended September 30, 2015, we recognized a gain on derivatives-TBA Agency MBS (including derivative income) of approximately \$10.3 million. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we recognized a gain on derivatives-TBA Agency MBS (including derivative income) of approximately \$12.3

million. During the three months ended September 30, 2014, we recognized a loss (net of derivative income) of approximately \$413 thousand in TBA Agency MBS. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we recognized a gain (net of derivative income) of approximately \$1.2 million in TBA Agency MBS. The types of securities involved in these TBA contracts are Fannie Mae 15-year fixed-rate securities with coupons ranging from 2.5% to 3.0%. At September 30, 2015, the notional amount of the TBA Agency MBS was approximately \$690 million.

For more information on our accounting policies, the objectives and risk exposures relating to derivatives and hedging agreements, see the section on “Derivative Financial Instruments” in Note 1. For more information on the fair value of our swap agreements, see Note 8.

NOTE 15. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Lease Commitment and Administrative Services Commitment — We sublease office space and use administrative services from PIA as more fully described in Note 12.

NOTE 16. OTHER EXPENSES

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
	(in thousands)			
Legal and professional fees	\$ 139	\$(218)	\$469	\$2,423
Printing and stockholder communications	12	15	160	584
Directors and Officers insurance	124	129	375	374
DERs expense	94	80	265	243
Amortization of restricted stock	24	24	73	72
Software implementation and maintenance	85	80	248	234
Administrative service fees	40	49	123	152
Rent	127	126	378	377
Stock exchange and filing fees	40	46	122	136
Custodian and clearing fees	65	70	195	215
Sarbanes-Oxley consulting fees	30	25	85	76
Commissions - Eurodollar Futures Contracts	15	-	15	-
Board of directors fees and expenses	97	105	254	265
Securities data services	93	34	252	100
Leasing commissions on rental properties	21	59	49	69
Other expenses on rental properties	146	83	365	103
Depreciation expense on residential properties	110	85	329	149
Property taxes on residential properties	45	45	157	45
Recovery on Lehman receivable	-	-	(192)	-
Other	49	51	147	122
Total of other expenses	\$1,356	\$888	\$3,869	\$5,739

NOTE 17. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

When we pay any cash dividend during any quarterly fiscal period to all or substantially all of our common stockholders in an amount that results in an annualized common stock dividend yield that is greater than 6.25% (the dividend yield on our Series B Preferred Stock), the conversion rate on our Series B Preferred Stock is adjusted based on a formula specified in the Articles Supplementary Establishing and Fixing the Rights and Preferences of the Series B Preferred Stock. This conversion rate of our Series B Preferred Stock increased effective October 1, 2015 from 4.3274 shares of our common stock to 4.3942 shares of our common stock using the following information: (1) the average of the closing price of our common stock for the ten (10) consecutive trading day period was \$5.12 and (2) the annualized common stock dividend yield was 11.7233%.

From October 1, 2015 through November 3, 2015, we issued an aggregate of 46,472 shares of common stock at a weighted average price of \$4.85 per share under the 2015 Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan, resulting in proceeds to us of approximately \$226 thousand.

From October 1, 2015 through November 3, 2015, we had repurchased an aggregate of 1,402,764 shares of our common stock at a weighted average price of \$4.91 per share under our share repurchase program.

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

As used in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, "Company," "we," "us," "our," and "Anworth" refer to Anworth Mortgage Asset Corporation.

You should read the following discussion and analysis in conjunction with the unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto contained in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. The information contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q is not a complete description of our business or the risks associated with an investment in our stock. We urge you to carefully review and consider the various disclosures made by us in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and in our other reports filed with the SEC, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the 1933 Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and, as such, may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Forward-looking statements are those that predict or describe future events or trends and that do not relate solely to historical matters. You can generally identify forward-looking statements as statements containing the words "may," "will," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "assume," similar expressions. You should not rely on our forward-looking statements because the matters they describe are subject to assumptions, known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other unpredictable factors, many of which are beyond our control. Therefore, our actual results could differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, some of which are listed under the section "Risk Factors," Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

Statements regarding the following subjects, among others, may be forward-looking: changes in interest rates; changes in the market value of our mortgage-backed securities; changes in the yield curve; the availability of mortgage-backed securities for purchase; increases in the prepayment rates on the mortgage loans securing our mortgage-backed securities; our ability to use borrowings to finance our assets and, if available, the terms of any financing; risks associated with investing in mortgage-related assets; changes in business conditions and the general economy, including the consequences of actions by the U.S. government and other foreign governments to address the global financial crisis; implementation of or changes in government regulations affecting our business; our ability to maintain our qualification as a real estate investment trust for federal income tax purposes; our ability to maintain an exemption from the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; risks associated with our home rental business; and our Manager's ability to manage our growth. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. New risks and uncertainties arise over time and it is not possible to predict those events or how they may affect us. Except as required by law, we do not intend to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Our Business

We were incorporated in Maryland on October 20, 1997 and we commenced operations on March 17, 1998. Our principal business is to invest in, finance and manage a leveraged portfolio of residential mortgage-backed securities and residential mortgage loans which presently include the following types of investments.

- Agency mortgage-backed securities, or Agency MBS, which include residential mortgage pass-through certificates and collateralized mortgage obligations, or CMOs, which are securities representing interests in pools of mortgage loans secured by residential property in which the principal and interest payments are guaranteed by a government-sponsored enterprise, or GSE, such as the Federal National Mortgage Association, or Fannie Mae, or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, or Freddie Mac.

- Non-agency mortgage-backed securities, or Non-Agency MBS, which are securities issued by companies that are not guaranteed by federally sponsored enterprises and that are secured primarily by first-lien residential mortgage loans.
- Residential mortgage loans through consolidated securitization trusts. We finance our residential mortgage loans through asset-backed securities, or ABS, issued by the consolidated securitization trusts. The ABS which are sold to unaffiliated third parties are non-recourse financing. The difference in the amount of the loans and the amount of the ABS represents our net interest in the securitization trusts.

Our principal business objective is to generate net income for distribution to our stockholders primarily based upon the spread between the interest income on our mortgage assets and our borrowing costs to finance our acquisition of those assets.

We have elected to be taxed as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code. As long as we retain our REIT status, we generally will not be subject to federal or state income taxes to the extent that we distribute our income to our stockholders, and we routinely distribute to our stockholders substantially all of the income generated

from our operations. In order to qualify as a REIT, we must meet various ongoing requirements under the tax law, including requirements relating to the composition of our assets, the nature of our gross income, minimum distribution requirements and requirements relating to the ownership of our stock. We believe that we have met all of these requirements and that we will continue to qualify as a REIT.

We generally view our target investments as being influenced primarily by either interest rate risk or credit risk. Our Agency MBS are sensitive to changes in interest rates and related prepayment speeds. Our Non-Agency MBS and residential mortgage loans held-for-investment are sensitive to both interest rate risk and credit risk.

The assets which we allocate to Agency MBS are also allocated to one of two subcategories:

- (1) Agency MBS which have a fixed interest rate during the life of the mortgages; and
- (2) Agency MBS whose interest rates will change or adjust to current market levels at varying times.

We believe our hybrid investment model allows us to allocate assets across various sectors within the residential mortgage market with a focus on security selection and implementation of a relative value investment approach. Our asset allocation process takes into account the opportunities in the marketplace, cost of financing and cost of hedging interest rate, prepayment credit and other portfolio risks. As a result, our asset allocation reflects management's opportunistic approach to investing in the marketplace.

The table below provides the asset allocation among our Agency MBS, Non-Agency MBS and residential mortgage loans held-for-investment at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 (dollar amounts in thousands):

	September 30,		December 31,	
	2015 Dollar Amount	Percentage	2014 Dollar Amount	Percentage
Agency MBS	\$5,935,076	81.56 %	\$7,023,363	97.24 %
Non-Agency MBS	650,922	8.94	199,710	2.76
Residential mortgage loans held-for-investment	690,958	9.50	-	-
Total MBS:	\$7,276,956	100.00 %	\$7,223,073	100.00 %

As we develop more of our hybrid investment model, these percentages will change. As our investment portfolio allocation shifts, our annualized yields and cost of financing shift. As previously discussed, our investment decisions are not driven solely by annualized yields but also by taking into account the uncertainty of faster or slower prepayments, extension risk and credit-related events.

Our MBS Portfolio

At September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, our total assets, the fair value of our MBS portfolio (which consists primarily of Agency MBS and Non-Agency MBS) and its allocation were approximately as follows:

September 30,	December 31,
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2015 2014
(dollar amounts in
thousands)

Total assets	\$7,357,214		\$7,298,335	
Fair value of MBS	\$6,585,998		\$7,223,073	
Adjustable-rate Agency MBS (less than 1 year reset)	34	%	25	%
Adjustable-rate Agency MBS (1-2 year reset)	11		13	
Adjustable-rate Agency MBS (2-3 year reset)	2		11	
Adjustable-rate Agency MBS (3-4 year reset)	6		4	
Adjustable-rate Agency MBS (4-5 year reset)	10		7	
Adjustable-rate Agency MBS (5-7 year reset)	3		11	
Adjustable-rate Agency MBS (>7 year reset)	7		9	
15-year fixed-rate Agency MBS	14		14	
20-year and 30-year fixed-rate Agency MBS	3		3	
Non-Agency MBS	10		3	
Total MBS	100	%	100	%

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Results of Operations

Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 as Compared to September 30, 2014

For the three months ended September 30, 2015, our net loss to common stockholders was \$23.5 million, or \$(0.23) per diluted share, based on a weighted average of 106.8 million fully diluted shares outstanding. This includes a net loss of \$21.8 million minus the payment of preferred dividends of \$1.6 million. For the three months ended September 30, 2014, our net income available to common stockholders was \$18.1 million, or \$0.15 per diluted share, based on a weighted average of 125.2 million fully diluted shares outstanding. This included net income of \$19.5 million minus the payment of preferred dividends of \$1.4 million.

Net operating income for the three months ended September 30, 2015 totaled \$25 million, or 50.1% of gross income, as compared to \$17.9 million, or 36.6% of gross income, for the three months ended September 30, 2014. Net operating income is comprised of the interest income earned on mortgage investments (net of premium amortization expense) and other income less interest expense from borrowings. Interest and other income, net of premium amortization expense, for the three months ended September 30, 2015 was \$37.2 million, as compared to \$37.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, a decrease of 0.23%, due primarily to a decrease in the weighted average MBS outstanding, from \$7.65 billion during the three months ended September 30, 2014 to approximately \$6.58 billion during the three months ended September 30, 2015, and an increase in premium amortization expense of \$0.8 million, partially offset by an increase in the weighted average coupons on MBS, from 2.553% during the three months ended September 30, 2014 to 2.751% for the three months ended September 30, 2015, income on residential mortgage loans of approximately \$4.1 million and an increase in income on residential properties of \$202 thousand. Interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2015 was approximately \$12.2 million, as compared to approximately \$19.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, a decrease of approximately 36.8%, which resulted primarily from a decrease in the average borrowings outstanding, from \$6.9 billion at September 30, 2014 to \$5.96 billion at September 30, 2015, and approximately \$10.5 million in net payments on interest rate swaps being included in gain on interest rate swaps rather than in interest expense (due to their de-designation as cash flow hedges), partially offset by an increase in the weighted average interest rates, after giving effect to the swap agreements, from 1.09% at September 30, 2014 to 1.21% at September 30, 2015 and interest expense on asset-backed securities issued by securitization trusts of approximately \$3.7 million. We did not have any asset-backed securities issued by securitization trusts for the three months ended September 30, 2014.

The results of our operations are affected by a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control, and primarily depend on, among other things, the level of our net operating income, the market value of our MBS, the supply of, and demand for, MBS in the marketplace, and the terms and availability of financing. Our net operating income varies primarily as a result from changes in interest rates, the slope of the yield curve (the differential between long-term and short-term interest rates), borrowing costs (our interest expense) and prepayment speeds on our MBS portfolios, the behavior of which involves various risks and uncertainties. Interest rates and prepayment speeds, as measured by the constant prepayment rate, vary according to the type of investment, conditions in the financial markets, competition and other factors, none of which can be predicted with any certainty. With respect to our business operations, increases in interest rates, in general, may, over time, cause: (i) the interest expense associated with our borrowings, which are primarily comprised of repurchase agreements, to increase; (ii) the value of our MBS portfolios and, correspondingly, our stockholders' equity to decline; (iii) coupons on our MBS to reset, although on a delayed basis, to higher interest rates; (iv) prepayments on our MBS portfolios to slow, thereby slowing the amortization of our MBS purchase premiums; and (v) the value of our interest rate swap agreements and, correspondingly, our stockholders' equity to increase. Conversely, decreases in interest rates, in general, may, over time, cause: (i) prepayments on our MBS portfolios to increase, thereby accelerating the amortization of our MBS purchase premiums; (ii) the interest expense associated with our borrowings to decrease; (iii) the value of our MBS portfolios and, correspondingly, our stockholders' equity to increase; (iv) the value of our interest rate swap agreements and, correspondingly, our

stockholders' equity to decrease; and (v) coupons on our MBS to reset, although on a delayed basis, to lower interest rates. In addition, our borrowing costs and credit lines are further affected by the type of collateral pledged and general conditions in the credit markets.

During the three months ended September 30, 2015, premium amortization expense increased \$0.8 million, or 7.0%, to \$12.6 million from \$11.8 million during the three months ended September 30, 2014 due primarily to an increase in both actual prepayments and future prepayment assumptions, on average, for the period. Realized prepayments increased from the third quarter of 2014 to the third quarter of 2015. The primary driver of realized prepayments is the relative difference between the new mortgage rate and borrowers' current mortgage rates or expected future mortgage rates, as is the case with adjustable-rate mortgages. The increase in realized prepayments during 2015 was due primarily to mortgage rates being lower, on average, during the third quarter of 2015 as compared to the third quarter of 2014. The prepayment rate assumptions used in our projection of long-term CPR percentages are based primarily on historical prepayment rates on our MBS assets as well as assumptions about future mortgage rates and their expected impact on future prepayments. Based upon current actual prepayments and expected future mortgage rates and their impact on future prepayments, we do not expect the trend of increasing actual prepayments seen from 2014 to 2015 to continue significantly.

The following table shows the approximate CPR of our Agency MBS and Non-Agency MBS for each of the following quarters:

Portfolio	2015			2014		
	First	Second	Third	First	Second	Third
Agency MBS and Non-Agency MBS	14%	19%	21%	12%	14%	18%

During the three months ended September 30, 2015, we did not sell any MBS. During the three months ended September 30, 2014, we received proceeds of approximately \$304 million from the sales of Agency MBS and recognized a loss of approximately \$5.6 million. We had no set plan to sell these securities nor were we required to do so. During the three months ended September 30, 2015, we had a loss on interest rate swaps of approximately \$51 million due primarily to approximately \$10.5 million in net cash settlements, approximately \$4.5 million in AOCI amortization and the difference of approximately \$36 million in the change in fair value of the swaps. During the three months ended September 30, 2014, there was a gain on interest rate swaps of approximately \$10.9 million. During the three months ended September 30, 2015, we recognized a gain of approximately \$10.3 million on the TBA Agency MBS as compared to a loss of approximately \$413 thousand during the three months ended September 30, 2014. Also during the three months ended September 30, 2015, we had a loss of approximately \$2.6 million on our Eurodollar Futures Contracts. During the three months ended September 30, 2014, we had a gain on our Eurodollar Futures Contracts of approximately \$111 thousand..

Total operating expenses were approximately \$3.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015, as compared to approximately \$3.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014. For the three months ended September 30, 2015, we incurred management fees of approximately \$2.2 million, as compared to management fees of approximately \$2.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, due primarily to management fees being calculated as a percentage of stockholders' equity (excluding accumulated other comprehensive income), which decreased as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2014. "Other expenses" increased \$468 thousand as detailed in Note 16 to the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 as Compared to September 30, 2014

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, our net loss to common stockholders was \$23 million, or \$(0.22) per diluted share, based on a weighted average of 108.9 million fully diluted shares outstanding. This includes a net loss of \$18.2 million minus the payment of preferred dividends of \$4.8 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, our net income available to common stockholders was \$38.6 million, or \$0.30 per diluted share, based on a weighted average of 132.3 million fully diluted shares outstanding. This included net income of \$42.9 million minus the payment of preferred dividends of \$4.3 million.

Net operating income for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 totaled \$79.2 million, or 55% of gross income, as compared to approximately \$50 million, or 31.9% of gross income, for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. Interest and other income, net of premium amortization expense, for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was \$107.3 million, as compared to \$123.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, a decrease of 12.9%, due primarily to a decrease in the weighted average MBS outstanding, from \$8.14 billion during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 to approximately \$6.83 billion during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, and an increase in premium amortization expense of \$3.3 million, partially offset by an increase in the weighted average coupons on MBS, from 2.57% during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 to 2.69% during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, income on residential properties increased by \$910 thousand and interest on residential

mortgage loans was approximately \$5.3 million. Interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was approximately \$28 million, as compared to approximately \$73.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, a decrease of approximately 61.7%, which resulted primarily from approximately \$32 million in net payments on interest rate swaps being included in loss on interest rate swaps rather than in interest expense (due to their de-designation as cash flow hedges), a decrease in the weighted average interest rates, after giving effect to the swap agreements, from 1.32% at September 30, 2014 to 1.11% at September 30, 2015, and a decrease in the average borrowings outstanding, from \$7.3 billion at September 30, 2014 to \$6.18 billion at September 30, 2015, partially offset by interest on asset-backed securities issued by securitization trusts of approximately \$4.8 million.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, premium amortization expense increased \$3.3 million, or 10%, to \$36.7 million from \$33.4 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 due primarily to an increase in both actual prepayments and future prepayment assumptions, on average, for the period. The decrease in the balance of unamortized purchase premium was due primarily to a decrease in Agency MBS assets.

During the nine month ended September 30, 2015, we did not sell any Agency MBS. During the nine month ended September 30, 2014, we received proceeds of approximately \$502 million from the sales of Agency MBS and recognized a net loss of approximately \$4 million.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we also had a loss on interest rate swaps recognized in our consolidated statements of operations of approximately \$92.4 million, consisting primarily of \$32 million in net cash settlements, approximately

\$17 million in AOCI amortization and the difference of a \$43 million loss in the change in fair value (see the section entitled “Accounting for Derivative and Hedging Activities” in Note 1 to the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements for additional information). During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we had a gain on interest rate swaps of approximately \$9.6 million due primarily to the change in fair value of the swaps. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we had a gain on the sale of TBA Agency MBS of approximately \$12.3 million as compared to a net gain of approximately \$1.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. Also during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we had a loss of approximately \$6.6 million on our Eurodollar Futures Contracts. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we had a gain on our Eurodollar Futures Contracts of \$111 thousand.

Total operating expenses were approximately \$10.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, as compared to approximately \$14 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we incurred management fees of approximately \$6.7 million, as compared to management fees of approximately \$8.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, due primarily to management fees being calculated as a percentage of stockholders’ equity (excluding accumulated other comprehensive income), which decreased as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2014. “Other expenses” decreased \$1.9 million due primarily to expenses incurred in legal and printing costs in 2014 for the proxy solicitation contest, partially offset by an increase in expenses related to the Company’s residential properties, which did not commence operations until April 2014.

Financial Condition

MBS Portfolio

At September 30, 2015, we held agency mortgage assets which had an amortized cost of approximately \$5.85 billion, consisting primarily of \$4.74 billion of adjustable-rate MBS and \$1.11 billion of fixed-rate MBS. This amount represents an approximately 16% decrease from the \$6.96 billion held at December 31, 2014. Of the adjustable-rate Agency MBS owned by us, approximately 46% were adjustable-rate pass-through certificates which had coupons that reset within one year. The remaining 54% consisted of hybrid adjustable-rate Agency MBS that have an initial interest rate that is fixed for a certain period, usually one to ten years, and thereafter adjust annually for the remainder of the term of the loan. At September 30, 2015, our Non-Agency MBS had an amortized cost of approximately \$646.6 million and a fair value of approximately \$650.9 million. At December 31, 2014, our Non-Agency MBS had an amortized cost and a fair value of approximately \$199.7 million.

The following table presents a schedule of the fair value of our MBS owned at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, classified by type of issuer (dollar amounts in thousands):

	September 30, 2015		December 31, 2014		
	Fair	Portfolio	Fair	Portfolio	
Agency	Value	Percentage	Value	Percentage	
Fannie Mae (FNM)	\$3,453,117	52.4	% \$4,103,073	56.8	%
Freddie Mac (FHLMC)	2,471,603	37.5	2,908,590	40.3	
Ginnie Mae (GNMA)	10,356	0.2	11,700	0.1	
Non-Agency MBS	650,922	9.9	199,710	2.8	
Total MBS	\$6,585,998	100.0	% \$7,223,073	100.0	%

The following table classifies the fair value of our MBS owned at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 by type of interest rate index (dollar amounts in thousands):

Index	September 30, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	Fair Value	Portfolio Percentage	Fair Value	Portfolio Percentage
Agency MBS:				
One-month LIBOR	\$908	-	% \$1,098	-
Six-month LIBOR	39,013	0.6	42,994	0.6
One-year LIBOR	4,594,564	69.8	5,495,253	76.1
Six-month certificate of deposit	710	-	888	-
Six-month constant maturity treasury	127	-	170	-
One-year constant maturity treasury	172,606	2.5	196,752	2.7
Cost of Funds Index	10,878	0.2	13,251	0.2
15-year fixed-rate	919,773	14.0	1,042,820	14.4
20-year and 30-year fixed-rate	196,497	3.0	230,137	3.2
Total Agency MBS	\$5,935,076	90.1	% \$7,023,363	97.2
Non-Agency MBS	650,922	9.9	199,710	2.8
Total MBS	\$6,585,998	100.0	% \$7,223,073	100.0

The fair values indicated do not include interest earned but not yet paid. With respect to our hybrid adjustable-rate Agency MBS, the fair value of these securities appears on the line associated with the index based on which the security will eventually reset once the initial fixed interest rate period has expired. The fair value of our MBS is reported to us independently from dealers who are major financial institutions and are considered to be market makers for these types of instruments. For more detail on the fair value of our MBS, see Note 8 to the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Agency MBS

The weighted average coupons and average amortized costs of our Agency MBS at September 30, 2015, June 30, 2015, March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 were as follows:

	September 30, 2015	June 30, 2015	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Agency MBS Portfolio:				
Weighted Average Coupon:				
Adjustable-rate Agency MBS	2.59	% 2.54	% 2.54	% 2.53
Hybrid adjustable-rate Agency MBS	2.39	2.45	2.48	2.53
15-year fixed-rate Agency MBS	2.64	2.64	2.64	2.65
20-year and 30-year fixed-rate Agency MBS	4.33	4.34	4.35	4.37
Total Agency MBS	2.57	% 2.57	% 2.58	% 2.61
Average Amortized Cost:				

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Adjustable-rate Agency MBS	103.19	%	103.07%	103.03%	102.88	%
Hybrid adjustable-rate Agency MBS	103.47		103.50	103.51	103.57	
15-year fixed-rate Agency MBS	102.98		103.00	102.99	103.05	
20-year and 30-year fixed-rate Agency MBS	103.15		103.14	103.11	103.13	
Total Agency MBS	103.28	%	103.27%	103.27%	103.30	%
Current yield on Agency MBS (weighted average coupon						

divided by average amortized cost) 2.49 % 2.49 % 2.50 % 2.53 %

At September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the unamortized net premium paid for our Agency MBS was approximately \$185.7 million and \$222.4 million, respectively.

Non-Agency MBS

Non-Agency MBS yields are based on our estimate of the timing and amount of future cash flows and our cost basis. Our cash flow estimates for these investments are based on our observations of current information and events and include assumptions related to interest rates, prepayment rates and the timing and amount of credit losses and other factors.

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Total repurchase agreements outstanding	\$5,831,045	\$6,135,978	\$6,284,037	\$6,370,740
Average repurchase agreements outstanding	\$5,959,365	\$6,232,184	\$6,337,812	\$6,469,942
Maximum monthly amount during the quarter	\$6,010,046	\$6,249,679	\$6,310,761	\$6,467,509
Average interest rate on outstanding repurchase agreements	0.54	% 0.46	% 0.41	% 0.37
Average days to maturity	29 days	29 days	37 days	37 days
Average interest rate after adjusting for interest rate swaps	1.18	% 1.15	% 1.10	% 1.06
Weighted average maturity after adjusting for interest rate swaps	687 days	691 days	729 days	767 days

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At September 30, 2015, the repurchase agreements had the following balances (dollar amounts in thousands), weighted average interest rates and remaining weighted average maturities:

	Agency MBS		Non-Agency MBS		Total MBS	
	Weighted	Weighted	Weighted	Weighted	Weighted	Weighted
	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average
	Interest	Interest	Interest	Interest	Interest	Interest
	Balance	Rate	Balance	Rate	Balance	Rate
Overnight	\$7,000	0.45 %	\$-	-	\$7,000	0.45 %
Less than 30 days	2,890,000	0.42	419,045	1.77	3,309,045	0.59
30 days to 90 days	2,515,000	0.49	-	-	2,515,000	0.49
Over 90 days to less than 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year to 2 years	-	-	-	-	-	-
Demand	-	-	-	-	-	-
	\$5,412,000	0.45 %	\$419,045	1.77 %	\$5,831,045	0.54 %
Weighted average maturity	30 days		14 days		29 days	
Weighted average interest rate after adjusting for interest rate swaps					1.18 %	
Weighted average maturity after adjusting for interest rate swaps					687 days	
MBS pledged as collateral under the repurchase agreements and swap agreements	\$5,748,443		\$545,861		\$6,298,304	

At September 30, 2015, the current yield on our Agency MBS was 2.49%. At December 31, 2014, the current yield on our Agency MBS was 2.53%. This decline was due primarily to the decline in the weighted average coupon. As portions of our portfolio reset, and as older assets mature or payoff and are replaced with newer lower-yielding assets, the weighted average coupon will continue to decline. As noted in the trend above, the weighted average coupon on our Agency MBS had declined by an average of approximately 1 basis point per quarter. For the three months ended September 30, 2015, the weighted average coupon for our total Agency MBS remained the same. One of the factors that also impacts the reported yield on our MBS portfolio is the actual prepayment rate on the underlying mortgages. We analyze our MBS and the extent to which prepayments impact the yield. When the rate of prepayments exceeds expectations, we amortize the premiums paid on mortgage assets over a shorter time period, resulting in a reduced yield to maturity on our mortgage assets. Conversely, if actual prepayments are less than the assumed CPR, the premium would be amortized over a longer time period, resulting in a higher yield to maturity.

The balance of the amounts of repurchase agreements outstanding and the balances for the averages on the repurchase agreements outstanding have been declining due to the Company's repurchases of its common stock, which is the basis for the leveraging of the repurchase agreements.

The average interest rate on outstanding repurchase agreements after adjusting for all interest rate swaps increased from 1.06% at December 31, 2014 to 1.18% at September 30, 2015, due primarily to the increase in the average interest rate on repurchase agreements, from 0.37% at December 31, 2014 to 0.54% at September 30, 2015. The weighted average term to next rate adjustment after adjusting for all interest rate swaps decreased from 767 days at December 31, 2014 to 687 days at September 30, 2015 due primarily to the decrease in average maturity of swap agreements as shown in the table on the following page.

At September 30, 2015, the balance of our Non-Agency MBS was \$650.9 million. At December 31, 2014, the balance of our Non-Agency MBS was \$199.7 million. The weighted average coupon on the Non-Agency MBS increased from 2.95% at December 31, 2014 to 4.96% at September 30, 2015, due primarily to the acquisition of more fixed-rate securities at higher coupons.

Residential Mortgage Loans Held-for-Investment

At September 30, 2015, we owned all of the subordinated pieces of certain securitization trusts. The underlying mortgage loans held in the securitization trusts (classified as residential mortgage loans held-for-investment) and the related financing (asset-backed securities issued by the securitization trusts) are consolidated on our consolidated balance sheets and are carried at cost. See Note 4 to the unaudited consolidated financial statements for more information regarding consolidation of the securitization trusts. See Note 8 to the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements for more information regarding the fair value of these investments and their related financing.

Residential Properties Portfolio

At September 30, 2015, we owned 88 single-family residential properties which are all located in Southeastern Florida and are carried at a total cost, net of accumulated depreciation, of approximately \$14.4 million. At December 31, 2014, we owned 79 single-family residential properties that were carried at a total cost, net of accumulated depreciation, of approximately \$12.9 million.

Hedging Strategies

As we intend to hedge our exposure to rising rates on funds borrowed to finance our investments in securities, we periodically enter into derivative transactions (primarily in the form of interest rate swaps). We designate interest rate swaps as cash flow hedges for tax purposes. To the extent that we enter into hedging transactions to reduce our interest rate risk on indebtedness incurred to acquire or carry real estate assets, any income or gain from the disposition of hedging transactions should be qualifying income under the REIT rules for purposes of the 95% gross income test. To qualify for this exclusion, the hedging transaction must be clearly identified as such before the close of the day on which it was acquired, originated or entered into. The transaction must hedge indebtedness incurred or to be incurred by us to acquire or carry real estate assets.

As part of our asset/liability management policy, we may enter into hedging agreements such as interest rate caps, floors or swaps. These agreements are entered into to try to reduce interest rate risk and are designed to provide us with income and capital appreciation in the event of certain changes in interest rates. We review the need for hedging agreements on a regular basis consistent with our capital investment policy. Swaps are derivative instruments as defined by ASC 815-10. We do not anticipate entering into derivative transactions for speculative or trading purposes. In accordance with the swap agreements, we pay a fixed-rate of interest during the term of the swaps and we receive a payment that varies with the three-month LIBOR rate.

The following table pertains to all of our swaps at September 30, 2015, June 30, 2015, March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively:

	September 30, 2015	June 30, 2015	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Aggregate notional amount of swap agreements	\$3.846 billion	\$3.346 billion	\$3.330 billion	\$3.330 billion
Average maturity of swap agreements	3 years	3.5 years	3.75 years	4.0 years
Weighted average fixed rate paid on swap agreements	1.30 %	1.56 %	1.56 %	1.56 %
Aggregate notional amount of Eurodollars Futures Contracts	\$5.35 billion	\$5.35 billion	\$5.30 billion	\$5.50 billion

Swap agreements and Eurodollar Futures Contracts are used to provide protection from increases in interest rates having a negative impact on the market value of our portfolio that could result in our lenders requiring additional collateral for our repurchase agreement borrowings. An increase or decrease in the notional value of these agreements or contracts usually provides an increase or decrease in protection to our portfolio's change in value due to interest rate changes. However, there are other methods that can also lessen our portfolio's change in value due to interest rate

increases. Among them are acquiring mortgages that are inherently less sensitive to interest rate changes and borrowings using long-term agreements.

After August 22, 2014, none of our swaps were designated for hedge accounting. For both terminated swaps and the de-designated swaps, as long as there is the probability that the forecasted transactions that were being hedged (i.e., rollovers of our repurchase agreement borrowings) are still expected to occur, the amount of the gain or loss in AOCI remains in AOCI and is amortized over the remaining term of the swaps. At September 30, 2015, the net unrealized loss in AOCI on the swaps was approximately \$29.1 million as compared to an unrealized loss of approximately \$47 million at December 31, 2014.

Each Eurodollar Futures Contract embodies \$1 million of notional value. We do not designate these contracts as hedges for accounting purposes. As a result, realized and unrealized changes in fair value are recognized in earnings in the period in which the changes occur.

At September 30, 2015, we had 5,350 Eurodollar Futures Contracts representing \$5.35 billion in notional amount. The effective term of these contracts is three months. The cash held by the broker on the Eurodollar Futures Contracts was approximately \$6.7 million, which is included in "Restricted cash," and there was a derivative liability of approximately \$4.5 million.

At December 31, 2014, we had 5,500 Eurodollar Futures Contracts representing \$5.5 billion in notional amount. The effective term of these contracts was three months. The cash held by the broker on the Eurodollar Futures Contracts was \$2.96 million, which was included in "Restricted cash," and there was a derivative liability of approximately \$1.7 million

At September 30, 2015, we had approximately \$690 million in notional amount of TBA Agency MBS. At December 31, 2014, we had approximately \$690 million in notional amount of TBA Agency MBS.

For more information on the amounts, policies, objectives and other qualitative data on our derivatives, see Notes 1, 8 and 14 to the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary source of funds consists of repurchase agreements which totaled \$5.83 billion at September 30, 2015. As collateral for the repurchase agreements and swaps, we had pledged approximately \$5.75 billion in Agency MBS and approximately \$547 million in Non-Agency MBS. Our other significant source of funds for the three months ended September 30, 2015 consisted of payments of principal from our Agency MBS portfolio in the amount of approximately \$399.3 million.

For the three months ended September 30, 2015, there was a net decrease in cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$9.6 million. This consisted of the following components:

- Net cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended September 30, 2015 was approximately \$16 million. This is comprised primarily of a net loss of approximately \$21.8 million and adding back the following non-cash items: a loss on swaps of approximately \$51 million; the amortization of premiums and discounts on Agency MBS of approximately \$12.6 million; accretion of discount on Non-Agency MBS of approximately \$461 thousand; depreciation on rental properties of approximately \$110 thousand; provision for loan losses of \$70 thousand; amortization of restricted stock of \$24 thousand; and loss on Eurodollar Futures Contracts of approximately \$2.6 million, partially offset by periodic net settlements on swaps of approximately \$10 million; a gain on TBA Agency MBS net of derivative income of approximately \$10.3 million; accretion of discount on residential mortgage loans of \$63 thousand; and recovery on Non-Agency MBS of approximately \$7 thousand. Net cash provided by operating activities also included an increase in accrued expenses of approximately \$11.5 million; a decrease in interest receivable of approximately \$1.4 million; a decrease in accrued interest payable of approximately \$7 million; a decrease in prepaid expense and other assets of approximately \$270 thousand; and an increase in restricted cash of approximately \$14.7 million;
- Net cash provided by investing activities for the three months ended September 30, 2015 was approximately \$317.5 million, which consisted of \$399.3 million from principal payments on Agency MBS; principal payments on residential mortgage loans held-for-investment of \$160 thousand; and principal payments on Non-Agency MBS of approximately \$15.9 million, partially offset by purchases of Non-Agency MBS of approximately \$72.3 million; purchases of residential mortgage loans held-for-investment of approximately \$25.5 million; and purchases of residential properties of approximately \$61 thousand; and
- Net cash used in financing activities for the three months ended September 30, 2015 was approximately \$343.1 million. This consisted of borrowings on repurchase agreements of approximately \$8.992 billion, offset by repayments on repurchase agreements of approximately \$9.297 billion; net settlements on TBA Agency MBS of approximately \$8.8 million; the termination of de-designated swaps of approximately \$22.7 million; common stock repurchased of approximately \$7.5 million, net of proceeds from common stock issued; dividends paid of approximately \$15.4 million on common stock; and dividends paid of approximately \$1.6 million on preferred stock, less proceeds on sales of shares of Series C Preferred Stock of \$0.3 million.

Relative to our MBS portfolio at September 30, 2015, all of our repurchase agreements were fixed-rate term repurchase agreements with original maturities ranging from 1 day to 97 days. At September 30, 2015, we had borrowed funds under repurchase agreements with 24 different financial institutions. As the repurchase agreements mature, we enter into new repurchase agreements to take their place. Because we borrow money based on the fair value of our MBS and because increases in short-term interest rates or increasing market concern about the liquidity or value of our MBS can negatively impact the valuation of MBS, our borrowing ability could be reduced and lenders

may initiate margin calls in the event short-term interest rates increase or the value of our MBS declines for other reasons. Typically, most margin calls by lenders arise each month due to prepayments. The value of the MBS pledged is reduced by an amount equal to any prepaid principal in order to reestablish the required ratio of borrowing to collateral value. The pledging of additional collateral is usually done on the same day or the following day. We had adequate cash flow, liquid assets and unpledged collateral with which to meet our margin requirements during the three months ended September 30, 2015, but there can be no assurance we will have adequate cash flow, liquid assets and unpledged collateral with which to meet our margin requirements in the future.

At September 30, 2015, our leverage (excluding the asset-backed securities issued by securitization trusts) on capital (including all preferred stock and junior subordinated notes) decreased from 7.78x at December 31, 2014 to 7.71x at September 30, 2015.

In the future, we expect that our primary sources of funds will continue to consist of borrowed funds under repurchase agreement transactions and monthly payments of principal and interest on our MBS portfolios. Our liquid assets generally consist of unpledged MBS, cash and cash equivalents. A large negative change in the market value of our MBS might reduce our liquidity, requiring us to sell assets with the likely result of realized losses upon sale.

During the three months ended September 30, 2015, we raised approximately \$180 thousand in capital under our 2015 Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.

On January 27, 2015, we completed a public offering of 300,000 shares of our Series C Preferred Stock at a public offering price of \$24.50 per share and received net proceeds of approximately \$7 million. The shares were sold pursuant to the Company's effective shelf registration statement on Form S-3. The Series C Preferred Stock has no maturity date and is not subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption. On or after January 27, 2020, we may, at our option, redeem the Series C Preferred Stock for cash, in whole or from time to time in part, at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share plus accrued and unpaid dividends, if any, to the redemption date. To date, we have not redeemed any shares of our Series C Preferred Stock.

During the three months ended September 30, 2015, we issued an aggregate of 12,002 shares of our Series C Preferred Stock under the MLV Sales Agreement at a weighted average price of \$24.45 per share, which provided net proceeds to us of \$290 thousand, net of sales commissions. The sales agent received aggregate commissions of approximately \$3 thousand, which represents an average commission of approximately 1.0% on the gross sales price per share. At September 30, 2015, there was approximately \$196.8 million available for sale and issuance under the MLV Sales Agreement.

On October 3, 2011, we announced that our board of directors had authorized a share repurchase program which permits us to acquire up to 2,000,000 shares of our common stock. The shares are expected to be acquired at prevailing prices through open market transactions. The manner, price, number and timing of share repurchases will be subject to market conditions and applicable SEC rules. Our board of directors also authorized the Company to purchase an amount of our common stock up to the amount of common stock sold through our 2012 Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan. Subsequently, our board of directors authorized the Company to acquire the following additional amounts of shares on the following dates: 5,000,000 shares on December 13, 2013; 10,000,000 shares on March 14, 2014; 10,000,000 shares on May 22, 2014; 10,000,000 shares on October 17, 2014; and 5,000,000 shares on June 18, 2015. During the three months ended September 30, 2015, we repurchased an aggregate of 1,518,438 shares at a weighted average price of \$5.07 per share under our share repurchase program.

Disclosure of Contractual Obligations

During the three months ended September 30, 2015, there were no material changes outside the normal course of business to the contractual obligations identified in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

Stockholders' Equity

We use available-for-sale treatment for our MBS, which are carried on our balance sheets at fair value rather than historical cost. Based upon this treatment, our total equity base at September 30, 2015 was approximately \$694.8 million. Common stockholders' equity was approximately \$634.7 million, or a book value of \$6.26 per share. Common stockholders' equity serves as the basis for how book value per common share is calculated.

Under our available-for-sale accounting treatment, unrealized fluctuations in fair values of assets are assessed to determine whether they are other-than-temporary. To the extent we determine that these unrealized fluctuations are

temporary, they do not impact GAAP income or taxable income but rather are reflected on our balance sheets by changing the carrying value of the assets and reflecting the change in stockholders' equity under "accumulated other comprehensive income, unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities."

As a result of this mark-to-market accounting treatment, our book value and book value per share are likely to fluctuate far more than if we used historical amortized cost accounting on all of our assets. As a result, comparisons with some companies that use historical cost accounting for all of their balance sheets may not be meaningful.

Unrealized changes in the fair value of MBS have one significant and direct effect on our potential earnings and dividends: positive mark-to-market changes will increase our equity base and allow us to increase our borrowing capacity, while negative changes will tend to reduce borrowing capacity under our capital investment policy. A very large negative change in the net market value of our MBS might reduce our liquidity, requiring us to sell assets with the likely result of realized losses upon sale. "Accumulated other comprehensive income, unrealized gain" on available-for-sale Agency MBS was approximately \$46.8 million, or 0.83% of the amortized cost of our Agency MBS, at September 30, 2015. This, along with "accumulated other comprehensive loss, derivatives" of approximately \$29.1 million and "accumulated other comprehensive income, unrealized gain on available-for-sale

Non-Agency MBS” of approximately \$4.2 million, constitutes the total “accumulated other comprehensive income” of approximately \$21.9 million.

Non-GAAP Measure

The following table represents our common stockholders’ equity with and without accumulated other comprehensive income, or AOCI, which are non-GAAP financial measures, at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, which are reconciled to the nearest comparable GAAP financial measure, which is “total stockholders’ equity.” The Company’s management believes that these financial measures, when considered together with our GAAP financial measures, provide information that is useful to investors in understanding the differences between our common stockholders’ equity including AOCI and our common stockholders’ equity without AOCI and the effect of each on our book value per share. We believe that common stockholders’ equity without AOCI is a relevant measure to provide to investors because AOCI fluctuates on a quarterly and yearly basis based upon changes in fair market values on our securities and swap agreements. Showing common stockholders’ equity without AOCI allows investors to evaluate how our common stockholders’ equity has changed exclusive of the changes in AOCI. These financial measures should not be used as a substitute in assessing the Company’s financial condition at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. An analysis of any non-GAAP financial measure should be used in conjunction with results presented in accordance with GAAP.

	September 30,	December 31,
	2015	2014
	(in thousands)	
Common stockholders’ equity without AOCI	\$612,735	\$ 723,197
AOCI – unrealized income (loss)	21,939	(14,981)
Common stockholders’ equity	634,674	708,216
Series A Preferred Stock liquidation value	47,984	47,984
Series B Preferred Stock liquidation value	25,241	25,241
Series C Preferred Stock liquidation value	10,820	-
Less: Series B Preferred Stock proceeds from issuance	(23,924)	(23,924)
Total stockholders’ equity per balance sheets	\$694,795	\$ 757,517
Common shares outstanding	101,461	109,234
Per Share Amounts:		
Common stockholders’ equity without AOCI	\$6.04	\$ 6.62
AOCI	0.22	(0.14)
Common stockholders’ equity	\$6.26	\$ 6.48

The primary reasons for the decrease in common stockholder’s equity without AOCI, from approximately \$723 million at December 31, 2014 to approximately \$613 million at September 30, 2015, were our repurchases of our common stock of approximately \$41 million, common stock dividends paid of approximately \$46 million preferred stock dividends paid of approximately \$5 million and the net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 of approximately \$18 million.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Management has the obligation to ensure that its policies and methodologies are in accordance with GAAP. Management has reviewed and evaluated its critical accounting policies and believes them to be appropriate.

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions in certain circumstances that affect amounts reported in the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements. In preparing these unaudited consolidated financial statements, management has made its best estimates and judgments on the basis of information then readily available to it of certain amounts included in the unaudited consolidated financial statements, giving due consideration to materiality. Application of these accounting policies involves the exercise of judgment and use of assumptions as to future uncertainties and, as a result, actual results could differ materially and adversely from these estimates.

Our accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements. Management believes the more significant of our accounting policies are the following:

Revenue Recognition

The most significant source of our revenue is derived from our investments in MBS. We reflect income using the effective yield method which, through amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts at an effective yield, recognizes periodic income over the

estimated life of the investment on a constant yield basis, as adjusted for actual prepayment activity and estimated prepayments. Management believes our revenue recognition policies are appropriate to reflect the substance of the underlying transactions.

Interest income on our Agency MBS is accrued based on the actual coupon rate and the outstanding principal amounts of the underlying mortgages. Premiums and discounts are amortized or accreted into interest income over the expected lives of the securities using the effective interest yield method, adjusted for the effects of actual prepayments and estimated prepayments based on ASC 320-10.

Our policy for estimating prepayment speeds for calculating the effective yield is to evaluate historical performance, street consensus prepayment speeds and current market conditions. If our estimate of prepayments is incorrect, we may be required to make an adjustment to the amortization or accretion of premiums and discounts that would have an impact on future income, which could be material and adverse.

For a majority of the Non-Agency MBS purchased at a discount, these are accounted for under ASC 310-30, "Loans and Debt Securities Acquired with Credit Deterioration" (ASC 310-30). A debt security accounted for under ASC 310-30 is initially recorded at its purchase price (fair value). The amount of expected cash flows that exceed the initial investment represents the market yield adjustment, which is recognized as interest income on a level yield basis over the life of the security. The excess of total contractual principal over the cash flows expected at its origination is considered to be non-accretable yield. The Company must periodically reassess the expected cash flows of loans accounted for under ASC 310-30 along with the cash flows received. A significant increase in expected cash flows must be accounted for as an increase in the rate of accretion over the remaining life of the security. Conversely, if expected cash flows decrease, an other-than-temporary impairment must be recognized as a charge to earnings. Adjustments to the fair value of Non-Agency MBS, accounted for as available-for-sale securities, are recorded in "accumulated other comprehensive income," or AOCI. The determination as to whether impairment and market yield adjustment exists is based on cash flow projections related to the securities. As a result, the timing and amount of impairment and market yield adjustment constitutes a material estimate that is susceptible to significant change.

Valuation and Classification of Investment Securities

We carry our investment securities on our balance sheet at fair value. The fair values of our Agency MBS are generally based on third party bid price indications provided by certain dealers who make markets in such securities. If, in the opinion of management, one or more securities prices reported to us are not reliable or unavailable, management reviews the fair value based on characteristics of the security it receives from the issuer and available market information. The fair values reported reflect estimates and may not necessarily be indicative of the amounts we could realize in a current market exchange. We review various factors (i.e., expected cash flows, changes in interest rates, credit protection, etc.) in determining whether and to what extent an other-than-temporary impairment exists. To the extent that unrealized losses on our Agency MBS are attributable to changes in interest rates and not credit quality, and because we did not have the intent at September 30, 2015 to sell these investments, nor is it not more likely than not that we will be required to sell these investments before recovery of their amortized cost bases, which may be at maturity, we do not consider these investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired. Losses (that are related to credit quality) on securities classified as available-for-sale, which are determined by management to be other-than-temporary in nature, are reclassified from "accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)" to current-period income (loss). For more detail on the fair value of our securities, see Note 7 to the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements.

In determining the fair value of our Non-Agency MBS, management considers a number of observable market data points, including prices obtained from well-known major financial brokers that make markets in these instruments, pricing from independent pricing services, and timely trading activity in the marketplace. Management reviews these

inputs in the valuation of our Non-Agency MBS. We understand that in order to determine the fair market value of a security, market participants not only consider the characteristics of the type of security and its underlying collateral but also take into consideration the historical performance data of the underlying collateral of that security including loan delinquency, loan losses and credit enhancement. In addition, we also collect and consider current market intelligence on all major markets, including benchmark security evaluations and bid list results from various sources.

Our MBS are valued using various market data points as described above, which management considers to be directly or indirectly observable parameters. Accordingly, our MBS are classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy

Residential Mortgage Loans Held-for-Investment

Residential mortgage loans held-for-investment are carried at unpaid principal balance net of any allowance for loan losses. These estimates for the allowance for loan losses require consideration of various observable inputs including, but not limited to, historical loss experience, delinquency status, borrower credit scores, geographic concentrations and loan-to-value ratios, and are adjusted for current economic conditions as deemed necessary by management. Many of these factors are subjective and cannot be

reduced to a mathematical formula. In addition, since we have not incurred any direct losses on our portfolio, we review national historical credit performance information from external sources to assist in our analysis. Changes in our estimates can significantly impact the allowance for loan losses and provision expense. The allowance reflects management's best estimate of the credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio at the balance sheet date. It is also possible that we will experience credit losses that are different from our current estimates or that the time of those losses may differ from our estimates.

Accounting for Derivatives and Hedging Activities

In accordance with ASC 815, we recognize all derivatives as either assets or liabilities and we measure these investments at fair value. Changes in fair value for derivatives not designated as hedges are recorded in our consolidated statements of operations as "gain (loss) on derivatives."

In accordance with ASC 815-10, a derivative that is designated as a hedge is recognized as an asset/liability and measured at estimated fair value. In order for our interest rate swap agreements to qualify for hedge accounting, upon entering into the swap agreement, we must anticipate that the hedge will be highly "effective," as defined by ASC 815-10.

Prior to March 18, 2014 and August 22, 2014, when we de-designated our swaps from hedge accounting, on the date we entered into a derivative contract, we designated the derivative as a hedge of the variability of cash flows that are to be received or paid in connection with a recognized asset or liability (a "cash flow" hedge). Changes in the fair value of a derivative that were highly effective and that are designated and qualify as a cash flow hedge, to the extent that the hedge is effective, were recorded in "other comprehensive income" and reclassified to income when the forecasted transaction affected income (e.g., when periodic settlement interest payments were due on repurchase agreements). The swap agreements were carried on our balance sheets at their fair value based on values obtained from large financial institutions who were market makers for these types of instruments. Hedge ineffectiveness, if any, was recorded in current-period income.

We formally assessed, both at the hedge's inception and on an ongoing basis, whether the derivatives that were used in hedging transactions were highly effective in offsetting changes in the cash flows of hedged items and whether those derivatives were expected to remain highly effective in future periods. If it was determined that a derivative was not (or ceased to be) highly effective as a hedge, we discontinued hedge accounting.

When we discontinued hedge accounting, the gain or loss on the derivative remained in "accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)" and is reclassified into income when the forecasted transaction affects income. In all situations in which hedge accounting is discontinued and the derivative remains outstanding, we carry the derivative at its fair value on our balance sheets, recognizing changes in the fair value in current-period income. At September 30, 2015, none of our derivative instruments were designated as hedges.

For purposes of the cash flow statement, cash flows from derivative instruments were classified with the cash flows from the hedged item. Cash flows from derivatives that are not hedges are classified according to the underlying nature or purpose of the derivative. For more detail on our derivative instruments, see Notes 1, 8 and 14 to the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Income Taxes

Our financial results do not reflect provisions for current or deferred income taxes. Management believes that we have and intend to continue to operate in a manner that will allow us to be taxed as a REIT and, as a result, management does not expect to pay substantial, if any, corporate level taxes. Many of these requirements, however, are highly

technical and complex. If we were to fail to meet these requirements, we would be subject to federal income tax.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

A description of recent accounting pronouncements, the date adoption is required and the impact on our unaudited consolidated financial statements is contained in Note 1 to the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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Government Activity

Developments Concerning Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac

Payments on the Agency MBS in which we invest are guaranteed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Since 2008, these agencies have been under the conservatorship of the U.S. government. Over the past few years, separate legislation has been introduced in both houses of the U.S. Congress to wind-down both of these agencies. None of these bills have garnered enough support for a vote. It is currently unknown if, and when, any of these bills would become law and, if they did, what impact that would have on housing finance in general and what the impact would be on the existing securities guaranteed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, as well as the impact on the pricing, supply, liquidity and value of the MBS in which we invest.

In March 2015, Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn (R-Tennessee) introduced a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives to put the profits of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac into escrow until reform of these entities is achieved.

Actions of the Federal Reserve

In September 2012, the Fed Open Market Committee of the Federal Reserve, or FOMC, announced an open-ended program to purchase an additional \$40 billion of Agency MBS per month until economic conditions (primarily the unemployment rate) improved. This program, combined with the then-existing Fed bond-buying program of Treasury securities, was to increase the Federal Reserve's holdings by \$85 billion per month. At its meeting in October 2014, the Federal Reserve ended its monthly purchases of Agency MBS and Treasury securities. At its September 2015 meeting, the FOMC maintained the Fed Funds rate at its current level and stated that it will be appropriate to raise interest rates when it sees further improvement in the labor market and it is reasonably confident that inflation will move back to the Federal Reserve's optimal inflation target of 2%. Further comments by the Federal Reserve Chairperson Janet Yellen indicated that a rate hike could still occur before the 2015 year-end.

Other Recent Activity

During 2013 and 2014, Congress passed several interim measures to provide temporary funding to the U.S. government and temporarily increase the debt ceiling. On February 12, 2014, Congress passed a bill, which was signed into law by President Obama, suspending the debt ceiling until March 2015. On September 30, 2015, Congress passed an appropriations bill that will fund government operations through mid-December 2015. In March 2015, the U.S. government technically reached its debt ceiling at \$18.1 trillion. The Congressional Budget Office estimated that extraordinary measures taken by the U.S. Treasury Department will only last through November 2015 and that Congress will have to reach an agreement before then to avoid a debt rating downgrade. A failure by the U.S. government to reach agreement on future budgets and debt ceilings, reduce its budget deficit or a future downgrade of U.S. sovereign debt and government-sponsored agencies debt could have a material adverse effect on the U.S. economy and the global economy. These events could have a material adverse effect on our borrowing costs, the availability of financing and the liquidity and valuation of securities in general and also on the securities in our portfolio.

In 2010, the Group of Governors and Heads of Supervisors of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, the oversight body of the Basel Committee, published its capital standards for major banking institutions (Basel III). Under these standards, when fully phased-in on January 1, 2019, banking institutions will be required to maintain heightened capital ratio requirements. As of September 2013, the majority of participating nations had formally adopted most provisions of Basel III, with implementations generally beginning on January 1, 2014. It is unclear how the adoption of Basel III will affect our business at this time; however, increased capital requirements for banks could

adversely affect our borrowing costs, availability of financing and the lending capacity of banks which, in turn, would affect the availability of MBS that we could acquire.

Over the past few years, U.S. and British banking authorities assessed fines on several major financial institutions for LIBOR manipulation. LIBOR is an unregulated rate based on estimates that lenders submitted to the British Bankers' Association, a trade group that compiled the information and published daily the LIBOR rate. On February 1, 2014, the administration of LIBOR was transferred from the BBA to the IBA following authorization by the Financial Conduct Authority (the United Kingdom regulators). In October 2014, the IBA proposed a package of measures designed to make LIBOR more accurate and less susceptible to manipulation, including defining which trades can be used to calculate bank borrowing costs and to ensure the calculation of LIBOR is based on actual trades as opposed to estimates. This proposal is facing difficulty gaining acceptance amongst both banking organizations and U.S. and European regulators. At this time, we do not know what changes, if any, will be made by the IBA. The calculation of LIBOR under the IBA is the average of the interest rates that some of the world's leading banks charge each other for short-term loans. It is unclear at this time how this change will affect the interest rates that repurchase agreement counterparties charge on borrowings in general and how they could specifically affect our borrowing agreements.

Although the U.S. government and other foreign governments have taken various actions intended to protect their respective economies, their respective housing and mortgage markets, their banking systems and financial institutions, we continue to operate under very difficult market conditions. There can be no assurance that these various actions will have a beneficial impact on the global financial markets and, more specifically, the market for the securities we currently own in our portfolio. We cannot predict what, if any, impact these actions or future actions by either the U.S. government or foreign governments could have on our business, results of operations and financial conditions. These events may impact the availability of financing, borrowing costs and the liquidity and valuation of securities in general and also on the securities in our portfolio.

Subsequent Events

When we pay any cash dividend during any quarterly fiscal period to all or substantially all of our common stockholders in an amount that results in an annualized common stock dividend yield that is greater than 6.25% (the dividend yield on our Series B Preferred Stock), the conversion rate on our Series B Preferred Stock is adjusted based on a formula specified in the Articles Supplementary Establishing and Fixing the Rights and Preferences of the Series B Preferred Stock. This conversion rate on our Series B Preferred Stock increased effective October 1, 2015 from 4.3274 shares of our common stock to 4.3942 shares of our common stock using the following information: (1) the average of the closing price of our common stock for the ten (10) consecutive trading day period was \$5.12 and (2) the annualized common stock dividend yield was 11.7233%.

From October 1, 2015 through November 3, 2015, we issued an aggregate of 46,472 shares of common stock at a weighted average price of \$4.85 per share under the 2015 Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan, resulting in proceeds to us of approximately \$226 thousand.

From October 1, 2015 through November 3, 2015, we had repurchased an aggregate of 1,402,764 shares of our common stock at a weighted average price of \$4.91 per share under our share repurchase program.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We seek to manage the interest rate, market value, liquidity, prepayment and credit risks inherent in all financial instruments in a prudent manner designed to insure our longevity while, at the same time, seeking to provide an opportunity for stockholders to realize attractive total rates of return through ownership of our common stock. While we do not seek to avoid risk completely, we do seek, to the best of our ability, to assume risk that can be quantified from historical experience, to actively manage that risk, to earn sufficient returns to justify taking those risks and to maintain capital levels consistent with the risks we undertake.

Interest Rate Risk

We primarily invest in adjustable-rate, hybrid adjustable-rate and fixed-rate mortgage assets. Hybrid mortgages are ARMs that have a fixed interest rate for an initial period of time (typically three years or greater) and then convert to an adjustable-rate for the remaining loan term. Our debt obligations are generally repurchase agreements of limited duration that are periodically refinanced at current market rates.

ARMs are typically subject to periodic and lifetime interest rate caps that limit the amount an ARM interest rate can change during any given period. ARMs are also typically subject to a minimum interest rate payable. Our borrowings are not subject to similar restrictions. Hence, in a period of increasing interest rates, interest rates on our borrowings could increase without limitation, while the interest rates on our mortgage assets could be limited. This problem would be magnified to the extent we acquire mortgage assets that are not fully indexed. Further, some ARM assets may be

subject to periodic payment caps that result in some portion of the interest being deferred and added to the principal outstanding. These factors could lower our net operating income or cause a net loss during periods of rising interest rates, which would negatively impact our liquidity, net income and our ability to make distributions to stockholders.

We fund the purchase of a substantial portion of our ARM assets with borrowings that have interest rates based on indices and repricing terms similar to, but of shorter maturities than, the interest rate indices and repricing terms of our mortgage assets. Thus, we anticipate that in most cases the interest rate indices and repricing terms of our mortgage assets and our funding sources will not be identical, thereby creating an interest rate mismatch between assets and liabilities. During periods of changing interest rates, such interest rate mismatches could negatively impact our net operating income, dividend yield and the market price of our common stock.

Most of our adjustable-rate assets are based on the one-year constant maturity treasury rate and the one-year LIBOR rate and our debt obligations are generally based on LIBOR. These indices generally move in the same direction, but there can be no assurance that this will continue to occur.

Our ARM assets and borrowings reset at various different dates for the specific asset or obligation. In general, the repricing of our debt obligations occurs more quickly than on our assets. Therefore, on average, our cost of funds may rise or fall more quickly than does our earnings rate on the assets.

Further, our net income may vary somewhat as the spread between one-month interest rates and six- and twelve-month interest rates varies.

At September 30, 2015, our MBS and the related borrowings will prospectively reprice based on the following time frames (dollar amounts in thousands):

	Investments ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		Borrowings		
	Amount	Percentage of Total Investments	Amount	Percentage of Total Borrowings	
Agency MBS Portfolio:					
Investment Type/Rate Reset Dates:					
15-year fixed-rate investments	\$919,773	14.0	% \$-	-	%
20-year and 30-year fixed-rate investments	196,497	3.0	-	-	
Adjustable-Rate Investments/Obligations:					
Less than 3 months	611,884	9.3	5,412,000	92.8	
Greater than 3 months and less than 1 year	1,608,718	24.4	-	-	
Greater than 1 year and less than 2 years	712,325	10.8	-	-	
Greater than 2 years and less than 3 years	145,873	2.2	-	-	
Greater than 3 years and less than 4 years	432,655	6.6	-	-	
Greater than 4 years and less than 5 years	666,193	10.1	-	-	
Greater than 5 years and less than 7 years	180,998	2.7	-	-	
Greater than 7 years	460,160	7.0	-	-	
Non-Agency MBS Portfolio:					
Floating-rate MBS (less than 3 months) ⁽³⁾	41,878	0.6	419,045	7.2	
Hybrid MBS	41,815	0.6	-	-	
Fixed-rate MBS	567,074	8.7	-	-	
Paydowns receivable	155	-	-	-	
Total MBS Portfolio	\$6,585,843	100.0	% \$5,831,045	100.0	%

(1) Based on when they contractually reprice and does not consider the effect of any prepayments.

(2) We assume that if the repricing of the investment is beyond 3 months but less than 4 months, it is included in the "Less than 3 months" category.

(3) Floating-rate Non-Agency MBS are based on 1-month LIBOR.

At December 31, 2014, our MBS and the related borrowings will prospectively reprice based on the following time frames (dollar amounts in thousands):

	Investments ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		Borrowings		
	Amount	Percentage of Total Investments	Amount	Percentage of Total Borrowings	
Agency MBS Portfolio:					
Investment Type/Rate Reset Dates:					
15-year fixed-rate investments	\$1,042,820	14.4	% \$-	-	%
20-year and 30-year fixed-rate investments	230,137	3.2	-	-	
Adjustable-Rate Investments/Obligations:					
Less than 3 months	570,045	7.9	6,255,000	98.2	
Greater than 3 months and less than 1 year	1,258,553	17.4	-	-	
Greater than 1 year and less than 2 years	951,325	13.2	-	-	
Greater than 2 years and less than 3 years	791,649	11.0	-	-	
Greater than 3 years and less than 4 years	254,491	3.5	-	-	
Greater than 4 years and less than 5 years	496,154	6.9	-	-	
Greater than 5 years and less than 7 years	810,394	11.2	-	-	
Greater than 7 years	617,795	8.5	-	-	
Non-Agency MBS Portfolio:					
Floating-rate MBS (less than 3 months) ⁽³⁾	35,796	0.5	115,740	1.8	
Hybrid MBS	40,589	0.6	-	-	
Fixed-rate MBS	123,325	1.7	-	-	
Total MBS Portfolio	\$7,223,073	100.0	% \$6,370,740	100.0	%

(1)Based on when they contractually reprice and does not consider the effect of any prepayments.

(2)We assume that if the repricing of the investment is beyond 3 months but less than 4 months, it is included in the “Less than 3 months” category.

(3)Floating-rate Non-Agency MBS are based on 1-month LIBOR.

Market Risk

Market Value Risk

All of our MBS are classified as available-for-sale assets. As such, they are reflected at fair value (i.e., market value) with the periodic adjustment to fair value (that is not considered to be an other-than-temporary impairment) reflected as part of “accumulated other comprehensive income” that is included in the equity section of our balance sheet. The market value of our assets can fluctuate due to changes in interest rates and other factors. At September 30, 2015, the fair value adjustment of our MBS reflected in AOCI increased to a positive adjustment (other comprehensive income) of approximately \$51 million from a positive adjustment (other comprehensive income) at December 31, 2014 of approximately \$31.6 million.

Real Estate Risk

Non-Agency MBS and residential property values are subject to volatility and may be affected adversely by a number of factors including national, regional and local economic conditions; 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. Decreases in property values reduce the value of the collateral for mortgage loans and the potential proceeds available to borrowers to repay the loans, which could cause us to suffer losses on our Non-Agency MBS investments.

Liquidity Risk

Our primary liquidity risk arises from financing long-maturity MBS with short-term debt. The interest rates on our borrowings generally adjust more frequently than the interest rates on our adjustable-rate MBS. For example, at September 30, 2015, our Agency MBS had a weighted average term to next rate adjustment of approximately 29 months while our borrowings had a weighted average term to next rate adjustment of 30 days. After adjusting for interest rate swap transactions, the weighted average term to next rate adjustment was 687 days. Accordingly, in a period of rising interest rates, our borrowing costs will usually increase faster than our interest earnings from MBS. As a result, we could experience a decrease in net income or a net loss during these periods. Our assets that are pledged to secure short-term borrowings are high-quality liquid assets. As a result, we have been able to roll over our short-term borrowings as they mature. There can be no assurance that we will always be able to roll over our short-term debt.

During the past few years, there have been continuing liquidity and credit concerns surrounding the mortgage markets and the general global economy. While the U.S. government and other foreign governments have taken various actions to address these concerns, there are also concerns about the ability of the U.S. government to meet the obligations of the Budget Control Act of 2011 and to reduce its budget deficit and about possible future rating downgrades of U.S. sovereign debt and government-sponsored agency debt. During 2013 and 2014, Congress passed several interim measures to provide temporary funding to the U.S. government and temporarily increase the debt ceiling. On February 12, 2014, Congress passed a bill, which was signed into law by President Obama, suspending the debt ceiling until March 2015. On September 30, 2015, the U.S. Congress passed an appropriations bill that will fund government operations through mid-December 2015. In March 2015, the U.S. government technically reached its debt ceiling at \$18.1 trillion. The Congressional Budget Office estimated that extraordinary measures taken by the U.S. Treasury Department will only last through November 2015 and that Congress will have to reach an agreement before then to avoid a debt rating downgrade. A failure by the U.S. government to reach agreement on future budgets and debt ceilings, reduce its budget deficit or a future downgrade of U.S. sovereign debt and government-sponsored agencies debt could have a material adverse effect on the U.S. economy and the global economy. These events could have a material adverse effect on our borrowing costs, the availability of financing and the liquidity and valuation of securities in general and the securities in our portfolio. As a result, there continues to be concerns about the potential impact on product availability, liquidity, interest rates and changes in the yield curve. While we have been able to meet all of our liquidity needs to date, there are still concerns in the mortgage sector about the availability of financing generally.

At September 30, 2015, we had unrestricted cash of approximately \$2.9 million, \$150.1 million in unpledged Agency MBS and \$105 million in unpledged Non-Agency MBS available to meet margin calls on short-term borrowings that could be caused by asset value declines or changes in lender collateralization requirements.

Prepayment Risk

Prepayments are the full or partial repayment of principal prior to the original term to maturity of a mortgage loan and typically occur due to refinancing of mortgage loans. Prepayment rates on mortgage-related securities and mortgage loans vary from time to time and may cause changes in the amount of our net operating income. Prepayments of ARM loans usually can be expected to increase when mortgage interest rates fall below the then-current interest rates on such loans and decrease when mortgage interest rates exceed the then-current interest rate on such loans, although such effects are not entirely predictable. Prepayment rates may also be affected by the conditions in the housing and financial markets, general economic conditions and the relative interest rates on fixed-rate loans and ARM loans underlying MBS. The purchase prices of our mortgage-related investments are generally based upon assumptions regarding the expected amounts and rates of prepayments. Where slow prepayment assumptions are made, we may pay a premium for our mortgage-related investments. To the extent such assumptions differ from the actual amounts of prepayments, we could experience reduced earnings or losses. The total prepayment of any of our mortgage-related investments purchased at a premium by us would result in the immediate write-off of any remaining capitalized premium amount and a reduction of our net operating income by such amount. In addition, in the event that we are unable to acquire new mortgage-related investments to replace the prepaid mortgage-related investments, our financial condition, cash flows and results of operations could be harmed.

We often purchase mortgage-related assets that have a higher interest rate than the market interest rate at the time. In exchange for this higher interest rate, we must pay a premium over par value to acquire these assets. In accordance with accounting rules, we amortize this premium over the term of the mortgage-related investments. As we receive repayments of mortgage principal, we amortize the premium balances as a reduction to our income. If the mortgage loans underlying mortgage-related investments were prepaid at a faster rate than we anticipate, we would amortize the premium at a faster rate. This would reduce our income.

Credit Risk

We review credit risk and other risks of loss associated with each of our potential investments. In addition, we may diversify our portfolio of mortgage-related assets to avoid undue geographic, insurer, industry and certain other types of concentrations. We believe that our investment strategy will generally keep our risk of credit losses low to moderate. However, we retain the risk of potential credit losses on all of the loans underlying our Non-Agency MBS. On investments in Non-Agency MBS that are collateralized by non-performing loans, there is a high expectation of losses on these loans. Resolution of the loans typically comes from loan modifications, short sales and foreclosures. With respect to these Non-Agency MBS, our investments are senior in the credit structure and credit support contained in these MBS deal structures provides a level of protection from losses. We seek to manage the remaining credit risk through our pre-acquisition due diligence process and by factoring assumed credit losses into the purchase prices we pay for Non-Agency MBS. In addition, with respect to any particular target investment, we evaluate relative valuation, supply and demand trends, the shape of yield curves, prepayment rates, delinquency and default rates, recovery of various sectors and vintage of collateral. Nevertheless, unanticipated credit losses could adversely affect our operating results.

We retain the risk of potential credit losses on all of our residential mortgage loans held-for-investment. We seek to manage this risk by reviewing key loan credit metrics including, but not limited to, payment status, current loan-to-value ratios, current borrower credit scores and debt yields. These characteristics assist us in determining the likelihood and severity of loan loss as well as

prepayment and extension expectations. We then perform structural analysis under multiple scenarios to establish likely cash flow profiles and credit enhancement levels relative to collateral performance projections. This analysis allows us to quantify our opinions of credit quality and fundamental value, which are key drivers of portfolio management decisions.

General

Many assumptions are made to present the information in the tables below and, as such, there can be no assurance that assumed events will occur, or that other events that could affect the outcomes will not occur; therefore, the tables below and all related disclosures constitute forward-looking statements.

The analyses presented utilize assumptions and estimates based on management's judgment and experience. Furthermore, future sales, acquisitions and restructuring could materially change the interest rate risk profile for us. The tables quantify the potential changes in net income and portfolio value should interest rates immediately change (are "shocked") and remain at the new level for the next twelve months. The results of interest rate shocks of plus and minus 100 and 200 basis points are presented. The cash flows from our MBS portfolio for each rate shock scenario are projected, based on a variety of assumptions including prepayment speeds, time until coupon reset, yield on future acquisitions, slope of the yield curve and size of the portfolio. Assumptions made on the interest rate-sensitive liabilities, which are repurchase agreements, include anticipated interest rates (no negative rates are utilized), collateral requirements as a percent of the repurchase agreement and amount of borrowing. Assumptions made in calculating the impact on net asset value of interest rate shocks include projected changes in U.S. Treasury interest rates, prepayment rates and the yield spread of mortgage assets relative to prevailing U.S. Treasury interest rates.

Tabular Presentation

The information presented in the table below projects the impact of instantaneous parallel shifts in interest rates on our annual projected net income (relative to the unchanged interest rate scenario), and the impact of the same instantaneous parallel shifts on our projected MBS portfolio value (the value of our assets, including the value of any derivative instruments or hedges, such as interest rate swap agreements). These projections are based on investments in place at September 30, 2015 and include all of our interest rate sensitive assets, liabilities and hedges, such as interest rate swap agreements.

Change in Interest Rates	Percentage Change in Projected Net Operating Income	Percentage Change in Projected Portfolio Value
-2%	-92%	-2.6%
-1%	-56%	-0.8%
0%	0%	0%
1%	-6%	-0.3%
2%	-23%	-1.6%

The information presented in the table below projects the impact of the same sudden changes in interest rates on our annual projected net income and projected MBS portfolio value compared to the base case used in the table above, and the only difference is that it excludes the effect of the interest rate swap agreements on both net operating income and portfolio value. As of September 30, 2015, the aggregate notional amount of our interest rate swap agreements was \$3.846 billion and the weighted average maturity was 3 years.

Change in Interest Rates	Percentage Change in Projected Net Operating Income	Percentage Change in Projected Portfolio Value
-2%	-21%	0.8%
-1%	15%	0.9%
0%	0%	0%
1%	1%	-2.0%
2%	-69%	-5.0%

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act) that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules, regulations and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow for timely decisions regarding required

disclosure. In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives and management is required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures.

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness in design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Based on such evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of such period, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in the timely and accurate recording, processing, summarizing and reporting of information required to be disclosed by us in our reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules, regulations and forms. Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are also effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during our last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

We are currently not a party to any material pending legal proceedings.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

There have been no material changes during the last fiscal quarter with regard to the risk factors described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2015.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.

None.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information.

(a) Additional Disclosures. None.

(b) Stockholder Nominations. There have been no material changes to the procedures by which stockholders may recommend nominees to our board of directors during the quarter ended September 30, 2015. Please see the discussion of our procedures in our most recent proxy statement filed with the SEC on March 12, 2015 as DEF 14A.

Item 6. Exhibits.

The following exhibits are either filed herewith or incorporated herein by reference:

Exhibit

Number Description

- 1.1 At Market Issuance Sales Agreement, dated March 3, 2015, among Anworth and Anworth Management, LLC and MLV & Co. LLC (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 6, 2015)
- 3.1 Amended Articles of Incorporation of Anworth (incorporated by reference from our Registration Statement on Form S-11, Registration No. 333-38641, which became effective under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on March 12, 1998)
- 3.2 Articles of Amendment to Amended Articles of Incorporation (incorporated by reference from our Definitive Proxy Statement filed, pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, with the SEC on May 14, 2003)
- 3.3 Articles of Amendment to Amended Articles of Incorporation (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 28, 2008)
- 3.4 Amended Bylaws of the Company (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 13, 2009)
- 3.5 Amendment of Bylaws of the Company (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 1, 2014)
- 3.6 Articles Supplementary for Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 3, 2004)
- 3.7 Articles Supplementary for Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 21, 2005)
- 3.8 Articles Supplementary for Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 30, 2007)

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- 3.9 Articles Supplementary for Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 21, 2007)
- 3.10 Articles Supplementary for Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference from our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on January 23, 2015)
- 3.11 Articles Supplementary for Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 6, 2015)
- 3.12 Amended Asset Acquisition Policy (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 24, 2015)
- 4.1 Specimen Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference from our Registration Statement on Form S-11, Registration No. 333-38641, which became effective under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on March 12, 1998)
- 4.2 Specimen Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January November 3, 2004)
- 4.3 Specimen Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 30,2007)
- 4.4 Specimen Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference from our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on January 23, 2015)
- 4.5 Specimen Anworth Capital Trust I Floating Rate Preferred Stock Certificate (liquidation amount \$1,000 per Preferred Security) (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 16, 2005)
- 4.6 Specimen Anworth Capital Trust I Floating Rate Common Stock Certificate (liquidation amount \$1,000 per Common Security) (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 16, 2005)
- 4.7 Specimen Floating Rate Junior Subordinated Note Due 2035 (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 16, 2005)

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- 4.8 Junior Subordinated Indenture dated as of March 15, 2005 between Anworth and JPMorgan Chase Bank (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 16, 2005)
- 10.1* 2014 Equity Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference from our Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the SEC on August 5, 2014)
- 10.2* 2007 Dividend Equivalent Rights Plan (incorporated by reference from our Definitive Proxy Statement filed, pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, with the SEC on April 26, 2007)
- 10.3* 2012 Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan (incorporated by reference from our Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-180093, which became effective under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on March 14, 2012)
- 10.4* 2015 Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan (incorporated by reference from our Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-202739, which became effective under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on March 25, 2015)
- 10.5 Termination Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2011, between Anworth and Lloyd McAdams, with respect to the Employment Agreement, dated as of January 1, 2002, between Anworth and Lloyd McAdams, as amended (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 3, 2012)
- 10.6 Termination Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2011, between Anworth and Heather U. Baines, with respect to the Employment Agreement, dated as of January 1, 2002, between Anworth and Heather U. Baines, as amended (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 3, 2012)
- 10.7 Termination Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2011, between Anworth and Joseph E. McAdams, with respect to the Employment Agreement, dated as of January 1, 2002, between Anworth and Joseph E. McAdams, as amended (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 3, 2012)
- 10.8 Purchase Agreement dated as of March 15, 2005, by and among Anworth, Anworth Capital Trust I, TABERNA Preferred Funding I, Ltd., and Merrill Lynch International (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 16, 2005)

- 10.9 Second Amended and Restated Trust Agreement dated as of September 26, 2005 by and among Anworth, JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Chase Bank USA, National Association, Lloyd McAdams, Joseph McAdams, Thad Brown and the several Holders, as defined therein (incorporated by reference from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, as filed with the SEC on March 16, 2006)
- 10.10* Change in Control and Arbitration Agreement, dated June 27, 2006, between Anworth and Thad M. Brown (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 28, 2006), as amended by Amendment to Anworth Mortgage Asset Corporation Change in Control and Arbitration Agreement, effective December 31, 2011, between Anworth and Thad M. Brown (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 3, 2012)
- 10.11 Amended and Restated Administrative Services Agreement dated August 20, 2010, between Anworth and PIA (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 20, 2010)
- 10.12 Management Agreement dated as of December 31, 2011 by and between Anworth and Anworth Management, LLC (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 3, 2012)
- 10.13 Sublease dated as of January 26, 2012, between Anworth and PIA (incorporated by reference from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2012, as filed with the SEC on August 6, 2012)
- 31.1 Certification of the Principal Executive Officer, as required by Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
- 31.2 Certification of the Principal Financial Officer, as required by Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
- 32.1 Certifications of the Principal Executive Officer provided pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.2 Certifications of the Principal Financial Officer provided pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

101 XBRL Instance Document

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Exhibit

Number Description

101	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101	XBRL Taxonomy Definition Linkbase Document
101	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document
101	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

*Represents a management contract or compensatory plan, contract or arrangement in which any director or any of the named executives participates.

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.

ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CORPORATION

Dated: November 4, 2015 /S/ JOSEPH LLOYD MCADAMS
Joseph Lloyd McAdams
Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer
(Chief Executive Officer)

Dated: November 4, 2015 /s/ THAD M. BROWN
Thad M. Brown
Chief Financial Officer
(Chief Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)