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FORM 10-Q

Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2009

or

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Commission File Number: 1-9819

DYNEX CAPITAL, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

52-1549373
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

4991 Lake Brook Drive, Suite 100, Glen Allen, Virginia
(Address of principal executive offices)

23060-9245
(Zip Code)

(804) 217-5800
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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.

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Yes ☐ No ☒

On October 31, 2009, the registrant had 13,572,012 shares outstanding of common stock, \$0.01 par value, which is the registrant's only class of common stock.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

DYNEX CAPITAL, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED

BALANCE SHEETS

(amounts in thousands except share and per share data)

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
	(unaudited)	
ASSETS		
Agency MBS (including pledged Agency MBS of \$552,970 and \$300,277 at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively)	\$ 600,927	\$ 311,576
Securitized mortgage loans, net	225,731	243,827
Investment in joint venture	8,174	5,655
Other investments, net	8,439	12,735
	<u>843,271</u>	<u>573,793</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	21,749	24,335
Restricted cash	—	2,974
Other assets	7,526	6,089
	<u>\$ 872,546</u>	<u>\$ 607,191</u>
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Repurchase agreements	\$ 545,761	\$ 274,217
Securitization financing	148,184	178,165
Obligation under payment agreement	9,095	8,534
Other liabilities	5,745	5,866
	<u>708,785</u>	<u>466,782</u>
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 13)		
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share: 50,000,000 shares authorized, 9.5% Cumulative Convertible Series D; 4,221,539 shares issued and outstanding (\$43,218 aggregate liquidation preference)	41,749	41,749
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 13,572,012 and 12,169,762 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	136	122
Additional paid-in capital	376,659	366,817
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	7,999	(3,949)
Accumulated deficit	<u>(262,782)</u>	<u>(264,330)</u>
	<u>163,761</u>	<u>140,409</u>
	<u>\$ 872,546</u>	<u>\$ 607,191</u>

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

DYNEX CAPITAL, INC.
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS
OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)**
(amounts in thousands except share and per share data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Interest income:				
Investments	\$ 9,448	\$ 7,719	\$ 28,735	\$ 20,375
Cash and cash equivalents	4	158	13	659
	<u>9,452</u>	<u>7,877</u>	<u>28,748</u>	<u>21,034</u>
Interest expense	(2,855)	(5,090)	(11,226)	(13,325)
Net interest income	<u>6,597</u>	<u>2,787</u>	<u>17,522</u>	<u>7,709</u>
Provision for loan losses	<u>(248)</u>	<u>(449)</u>	<u>(566)</u>	<u>(796)</u>
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	6,349	2,338	16,956	6,913
Equity in income (loss) of joint venture	1,620	(3,462)	1,476	(5,153)
Gain on sale of investments, net	—	331	220	2,381
Fair value adjustments, net	(457)	1,461	(319)	5,519
Other income	29	3,862	193	6,954
General and administrative expenses:				
Compensation and benefits	(824)	(609)	(2,776)	(1,693)
Other general and administrative expenses	<u>(715)</u>	<u>(876)</u>	<u>(2,245)</u>	<u>(2,261)</u>
Net income	6,002	3,045	13,505	12,660
Preferred stock dividends	<u>(1,003)</u>	<u>(1,003)</u>	<u>(3,008)</u>	<u>(3,008)</u>
Net income to common shareholders	<u>\$ 4,999</u>	<u>\$ 2,042</u>	<u>\$ 10,497</u>	<u>\$ 9,652</u>
Weighted average common shares:				
Basic	13,552	12,170	12,908	12,165
Diluted	17,776	12,173	17,131	16,393
Net income per common share:				
Basic	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.81	\$ 0.79
Diluted	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.79	\$ 0.77
Dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.69	\$ 0.48

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

DYNEX CAPITAL, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (UNAUDITED)

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 and September 30, 2008
(amounts in thousands)

	Preferred Stock	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income	Accumulated Deficit	Total
Balance at December 31, 2008	\$ 41,749	\$ 122	\$ 366,817	\$ (3,949)	\$ (264,330)	\$ 140,409
Net income	—	—	—	—	13,505	13,505
Other comprehensive income:						
Change in market value of securities and other investments	—	—	—	11,461	—	11,461
Reclassification adjustment for joint venture's other-than-temporary impairment	—	—	—	707	—	707
Reclassification adjustment for gain on sale of investments, net included in net income	—	—	—	(220)	—	(220)
Total comprehensive income						25,453
Dividends on common stock	—	—	—	—	(8,949)	(8,949)
Dividends on preferred stock	—	—	—	—	(3,008)	(3,008)
Common stock issuance	—	14	9,759	—	—	9,773
Vesting of restricted stock	—	—	83	—	—	83
Balance at September 30, 2009	<u>\$ 41,749</u>	<u>\$ 136</u>	<u>\$ 376,659</u>	<u>\$ 7,999</u>	<u>\$ (262,782)</u>	<u>\$ 163,761</u>

	Preferred Stock	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income	Accumulated Deficit	Total
Balance at December 31, 2007	\$ 41,749	\$ 121	\$ 366,716	\$ 1,093	\$ (267,743)	\$ 141,936
Cumulative effect of adoption of SFAS 159	—	—	—	—	943	943
Net income	—	—	—	—	12,660	12,660
Other comprehensive income:						
Change in market value of securities and other investments	—	—	—	(4,753)	—	(4,753)
Reclassification adjustment for gain on sale of investments, net included in net income	—	—	—	(2,381)	—	(2,381)
Total comprehensive income						5,526
Dividends on common stock	—	—	—	—	(5,841)	(5,841)
Dividends on preferred stock	—	—	—	—	(3,008)	(3,008)
Stock option issuance	—	—	13	—	—	13
Grant and vesting of restricted stock	—	1	64	—	—	65
Balance at September 30, 2008	<u>\$ 41,749</u>	<u>\$ 122</u>	<u>\$ 366,793</u>	<u>\$ (6,041)</u>	<u>\$ (262,989)</u>	<u>\$ 139,634</u>

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

DYNEX CAPITAL, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS
OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)
(amounts in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 13,505	\$ 12,660
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Equity in (income) loss of joint venture	(1,476)	5,153
Provision for loan losses	566	796
Gain on sale of investments, net	(220)	(2,381)
Fair value adjustments, net	319	(5,519)
Amortization and depreciation	1,812	(1,694)
Stock based compensation expense (benefit)	426	(263)
Net change in other assets and other liabilities	(2,645)	(4,134)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>12,287</u>	<u>4,618</u>
Investing activities:		
Principal payments received on securitized mortgage loans	17,332	28,008
Purchases of Agency MBS	(364,575)	(343,941)
Purchases of other investments	—	(9,988)
Payments received on Agency MBS and other investments	86,448	21,171
Proceeds from sales of other investments	3,699	19,188
Proceeds from sales of Agency MBS	—	29,744
Other	(1,796)	(2,882)
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>(258,892)</u>	<u>(258,700)</u>
Financing activities:		
Net borrowings under repurchase agreements	271,544	261,207
Principal payments on securitization financing	(13,256)	(17,217)
Decrease in restricted cash	2,974	—
Redemption of securitization financing	(15,493)	—
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	9,884	—
Dividends paid	(11,634)	(8,849)
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>244,019</u>	<u>235,141</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(2,586)	(18,941)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	24,335	35,352
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 21,749</u>	<u>\$ 16,411</u>
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash financing activities:		
Dividends declared and unpaid	\$ 4,125	\$ 3,802

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

September 30, 2009

(amounts in thousands except share and per share data)

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10, Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) for complete financial statements. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Dynex Capital, Inc. and its qualified real estate investment trust (“REIT”) subsidiaries and its taxable REIT subsidiary (together, “Dynex” or the “Company”). All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

In the opinion of management, all significant adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals considered necessary for a fair presentation of the condensed consolidated financial statements, have been included. Operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any other interim periods or for the entire year ending December 31, 2009. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in the audited consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been omitted. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included herein should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, filed with the SEC.

Consolidation of Subsidiaries

The Company consolidates entities in which it owns more than 50% of the voting equity and control does not rest with others, and variable interest entities in which it is determined to be the primary beneficiary in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 810. The Company follows the equity method of accounting for investments with greater than 20% and less than a 50% interest in partnerships and corporate joint ventures or when it is able to influence the financial and operating policies of the investee but owns less than 50% of the voting equity.

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 revenue and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The most significant estimates used by management include but are not limited to allowance for loan losses, fair value measurements, other-than-temporary impairments, commitments and contingencies, and amortization of yield adjustments.

Federal Income Taxes

The Company believes it has complied with the requirements for qualification as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). As such, the Company believes that it qualifies as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, and that it generally will not be subject to federal income tax on the amount of its income or gain that is distributed as dividends to shareholders. The Company uses the calendar year for both tax and financial reporting purposes. There may be differences between taxable income and income computed in accordance with GAAP.

Investments

The Company's investments include Agency mortgage backed securities ("MBS"), securitized mortgage loans, investment in joint venture and other investments.

Agency MBS. Agency MBS are MBS issued or guaranteed by a federally chartered corporation, such as Federal National Mortgage Corporation, or Fannie Mae, or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, or Freddie Mac, or an agency of the U.S. government, such as Government National Mortgage Association, or Ginnie Mae. The Company's Agency MBS are comprised primarily of Hybrid Agency ARMs and Agency ARMs and, to a lesser extent, fixed-rate Agency MBS. Hybrid Agency ARMs are MBS collateralized by hybrid adjustable rate mortgage loans. Hybrid adjustable rate mortgage loans have a fixed-rate of interest for a specified period of typically three to ten years which then reset their interest rates at least annually to an increment over a specified interest rate index as further discussed below. Agency ARMs are MBS collateralized by adjustable rate mortgage loans, with interest rates that will adjust within twelve months to an increment over a specified interest rate index. Agency ARMs include Hybrid Agency ARMs that are past their fixed-rate periods or are within twelve months of their initial reset.

Interest rates on the adjustable rate mortgage loans collateralizing the Hybrid Agency ARMs or Agency ARMs are based on specific index rates, such as the one-year constant maturity treasury, or CMT rate, the London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR, the Federal Reserve U.S. 12-month cumulative average one-year CMT, or MTA, or the 11th District Cost of Funds Index, or COFI. These mortgage loans will typically have interim and lifetime caps on interest rate adjustments, or interest rate caps, limiting the amount that the rates on these mortgage loans may reset in any given period. Substantially all of the Company's Agency MBS are pledged as collateral against repurchase agreements. The Company's Agency MBS are classified as available-for-sale and are reported at fair value.

Securitized Mortgage Loans. Securitized mortgage loans consist of loans pledged to support the repayment of securitization financing bonds issued by the Company. Securitized mortgage loans are reported at amortized cost. An allowance has been established for currently existing estimated losses on such loans. Securitized mortgage loans can only be sold subject to the lien of the respective securitization financing indenture.

Allowance for Loan Losses. An allowance for loan losses has been estimated and established for currently existing and probable losses for mortgage loans that are considered impaired. Provisions made to increase the allowance are charged as a current period expense. Commercial mortgage loans are secured by income-producing real estate and are evaluated individually for impairment when the debt service coverage ratio on the mortgage loan is less than 1:1 or when the mortgage loan is delinquent. An allowance may be established for a particular impaired commercial mortgage loan. Commercial mortgage loans not evaluated for individual impairment or not deemed impaired are evaluated for a general allowance. Certain of the commercial mortgage loans are covered by mortgage loan guarantees that limit the Company's exposure on these mortgage loans. Single family mortgage loans are considered homogeneous and according are evaluated on a pool basis for a general allowance.

The Company considers various factors in determining its specific and general allowance requirements. Such factors considered include whether a loan is delinquent, the Company's historical experience with similar types of loans, historical cure rates of delinquent loans, and historical and anticipated loss severity of the mortgage loans as they are liquidated. The factors may differ by mortgage loan type (e.g., single-family versus commercial) and collateral type (e.g., multifamily versus office property). The allowance for loan losses is evaluated and adjusted periodically by management based on the actual and estimated timing and amount of probable credit losses, using the above factors, as well as industry loss experience.

In reviewing both general and specific allowance requirements for commercial mortgage loans, for loans secured by low-income housing tax credit ("LIHTC") properties, the Company considers the remaining life of the tax compliance period in its analysis. Because defaults on mortgage loan financings for these properties can result in the recapture of previously received tax credits for the borrower, the potential cost of this recapture provides an incentive to support the property during the compliance period, which has historically decreased the likelihood of defaults.

Investment in Joint Venture. The Company accounts for its investment in joint venture using the equity method as it does not exercise control over significant asset decisions such as buying, selling or financing nor is it the primary beneficiary under ASC 810. Under the equity method, the Company increases its investment for its proportionate share of net income and contributions to the joint venture and decreases its investment balance by recording its proportionate share of net loss and distributions.

The Company periodically reviews its investment in joint venture for other-than-temporary declines in market value. Any decline that is not expected to be recovered in the next twelve months is considered other-than-temporary, and an impairment charge is recorded as a reduction to the carrying value of the investment.

Other Investments. Other investments may include non-Agency MBS and equity securities, and unsecuritized single-family and commercial mortgage loans. The unsecuritized mortgage loans are carried at amortized cost. Non-Agency MBS and equity securities are considered available-for-sale and are reported at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses excluded from earnings and reported as accumulated other comprehensive income.

Repurchase Agreements

The Company uses repurchase agreements to finance certain of its investments. Under these repurchase agreements, the Company sells the securities to a lender and agrees to repurchase the same securities in the future for a price that is higher than the original sales price. The difference between the sales price that the Company receives and the repurchase price that the Company pays represents interest paid to the lender. Although structured as a sale and repurchase obligation, a repurchase agreement operates as a financing in accordance with the provision of ASC 860, “*Transfers and Servicing*”, under which the Company pledges its securities as collateral to secure a loan, which is equal in value to a specified percentage of the estimated fair value of the pledged collateral. The Company retains beneficial ownership of the pledged collateral. At the maturity of a repurchase agreement, the Company is required to repay the loan and concurrently receives back its pledged collateral from the lender or, with the consent of the lender, the Company may renew the agreement at the then prevailing financing rate. A repurchase agreement lender may require the Company to pledge additional collateral in the event the estimated fair value of the existing pledged collateral declines. Repurchase agreement financing is recourse to the Company and the assets pledged. All of the Company’s repurchase agreements are based on the September 1996 version of the Bond Market Association Master Repurchase Agreement, which provides that the lender is responsible for obtaining collateral valuations from a generally recognized source agreed to by both the Company and the lender, or the most recent closing quotation of such source.

Interest Income

Interest income is recognized when earned according to the terms of the underlying investment and when, in the opinion of management, it is collectible. The accrual of interest is discontinued when, in the opinion of management, the interest is not collectible in the normal course of business, when the mortgage loan is significantly past due, or when the primary servicer of the mortgage loan fails to advance the interest and/or principal due on the mortgage loan. For securities and other investments, the accrual of interest is discontinued when, in the opinion of management, it is probable that all amounts contractually due will not be collected. Mortgage loans are considered past due when the borrower fails to make a timely payment in accordance with the underlying loan agreement, inclusive of all applicable cure periods. All interest accrued but not collected for investments that are placed on non-accrual status or are charged-off is reversed against interest income. Interest on these investments is accounted for on the cash-basis or cost-recovery method, until qualifying for return to accrual status. Investments are returned to accrual status when all the principal and interest amounts contractually due are brought current and future payments are reasonably assured.

Amortization of Premiums/Discounts on Agency MBS

Premiums and discounts on investments and obligations are amortized into interest income or expense, respectively, over the life of the related investment or obligation using the effective yield method in accordance with ACS 310-10, *Receivables – Overall – Discounts and Premiums*.

Other-than-Temporary Impairments

The Company evaluates all securities in its investment portfolio for other-than-temporary impairments. A security is generally defined to be impaired if the carrying value of such security exceeds its estimated fair value. Under the provisions of ASC 320, a security is considered to be other-than-temporarily impaired if the present value of cash flows expected to be collected is less than the security's amortized cost basis (the difference being defined as the credit loss) or if the fair value of the security is less than the security's amortized cost basis and the investor intends, or more-likely-than-not will be required, to sell the security before recovery of the security's amortized cost basis. The charge to earnings is limited to the amount of credit loss if the investor does not intend, and it is more-likely-than-not that it will not be required, to sell the security before recovery of the security's amortized cost basis. Any remaining difference between fair value and amortized cost is recognized in other comprehensive income, net of applicable taxes. Otherwise, the entire difference between fair value and amortized cost is charged to earnings. In certain instances, as a result of the other-than-temporary impairment analysis, the recognition or accrual of interest will be discontinued and the security will be placed on non-accrual status. Securities normally are not placed on non-accrual status if the servicer continues to advance on the impaired mortgage loans in the security.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In June 2009, the FASB issued FASB ASC 105, *Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*, which establishes the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") as the sole source of authoritative generally accepted accounting principles. Rules and interpretive releases of the SEC under authority of federal securities laws are also sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. Pursuant to the provisions of FASB ASC 105, the Company has updated references to GAAP in its unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements issued for the period ended September 30, 2009. The Company adopted the requirements of ASC 105 in the third quarter of 2009. This adoption did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations, as it does not alter existing GAAP.

In April 2009, the FASB updated ASC 825, *Financial Instruments*, to require a public entity to provide disclosures about fair value of financial instruments in interim financial information. The Company began including these required disclosures in its notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements during the first quarter of 2009.

In May 2009, the FASB issued SFAS No. 165, *Subsequent Events* which is codified in FASB ASC 855, *Subsequent Events* ("ASC 855"). ASC 855 establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. The Company adopted ASC 855 in the second quarter of 2009. The adoption of ASC 855 did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In June 2009, the FASB issued SFAS No. 166, *Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets—an amendment of FASB Statement No. 140* ("SFAS No. 166"), which amends the derecognition guidance in SFAS No. 140, *Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities*, eliminates the concept of a "qualifying special-purpose entity" ("QSPE") and requires more information about transfers of financial assets, including securitization transactions as well as a company's continuing exposure to the risks related to transferred financial assets. SFAS No. 166 has not yet been codified and, in accordance with ASC 105, remains authoritative guidance until such time that it is integrated in the FASB ASC. SFAS No. 166 is effective for financial asset transfers occurring after the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2009 and early adoption is prohibited. Management is currently evaluating the impact adoption of SFAS No. 166 will have on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In June 2009, the FASB issued SFAS No. 167, *Amendments to FASB Interpretation No. 46(R)* ("SFAS No. 167"), which amends the consolidation guidance applicable to variable interest entities. The amendments will significantly affect the overall consolidation analysis under FASB ASC 810, *Consolidation* ("ASC 810") and changes the way entities account for securitizations and special purpose entities as a result of the elimination of the QSPE concept in

SFAS No.166. SFAS No. 167 has not yet been codified and, in accordance with ASC 105, remains authoritative guidance until such time that it is integrated in the FASB ASC. SFAS No. 167 is effective as of the beginning of the first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2009 and early adoption is prohibited. Management is currently evaluating the impact adoption of SFAS No. 167 will have on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In August 2009, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2009-05 *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (ASC 820): Measuring Liabilities at Fair Value* ("ASU 2009-05") which provides guidance on measuring the fair value of liabilities under FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* ("ASC 820"). ASU 2009-05 clarifies that the unadjusted quoted price for an identical liability, when traded as an asset in an active market is a Level 1 measurement for the liability and provides guidance on the valuation techniques to estimate fair value of a liability in the absence of a Level 1 measurement. ASU 2009-05 is effective for the first interim or annual reporting period beginning after its issuance. The adoption of ASU 2009-05 did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

FASB Accounting Standards Update 2009-12, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (ASC 820)—Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent)* amends ASC 820-10, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures—Overall*, to permit a reporting entity to measure the fair value of certain investments on the basis of the net asset value per share of the investment (or its equivalent). This Update also requires new disclosures, by major category of investments, about the attributes of investments within the scope of this amendment to the ASC. The guidance in this Update is effective for interim and annual periods ending after December 15, 2009. Management is currently evaluating the impact this Update will have on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 2 – NET INCOME PER COMMON SHARE

Net income per common share is presented on both a basic and diluted basis. Diluted net income per common share assumes the conversion of the convertible preferred stock into common stock using the two-class method, and stock options using the treasury stock method, but only if these items are dilutive. Each share of Series D preferred stock is convertible into one share of common stock. The following tables reconcile the numerator and denominator for both basic and diluted net income per common share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and September 30, 2008.

Three Months Ended September 30,				
	2009		2008	
	Income	Weighted-Average Common Shares	Income	Weighted-Average Common Shares
Net income	\$ 6,002		\$ 3,045	
Preferred stock dividends	(1,003)		(1,003)	
Net income to common shareholders	4,999	13,551,994	2,042	12,169,762
Effect of dilutive items	1,003	4,224,346	–	2,761
Diluted	<u>\$ 6,002</u>	<u>17,776,340</u>	<u>\$ 2,042</u>	<u>12,172,523</u>
Net income per common share:				
Basic		\$ 0.37		\$ 0.17
Diluted		<u>\$ 0.34</u>		<u>\$ 0.17</u>
Reconciliation of shares included in calculation of net income per common share due to dilutive effect:				
Net effect of dilutive:				
Convertible preferred stock	\$ 1,003	4,221,539	\$ –	–
Stock options	–	2,807	–	2,761
	<u>\$ 1,003</u>	<u>4,224,346</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>2,761</u>
Nine Months Ended September 30,				
	2009		2008	
	Income	Weighted-Average Common Shares	Income	Weighted-Average Common Shares
Net income	\$ 13,505		\$ 12,660	
Preferred stock dividends	(3,008)		(3,008)	
Net income to common shareholders	10,497	12,908,243	9,652	12,165,483
Effect of dilutive items	3,008	4,222,306	3,008	4,227,296
Diluted	<u>\$ 13,505</u>	<u>17,130,549</u>	<u>\$ 12,660</u>	<u>16,392,779</u>
Net income common per share:				
Basic		\$ 0.81		\$ 0.79
Diluted		<u>\$ 0.79</u>		<u>\$ 0.77</u>
Reconciliation of shares included in calculation of net income per common share due to dilutive effect:				
Net effect of dilutive:				
Convertible preferred stock	\$ 3,008	4,221,539	\$ 3,008	4,221,539
Stock options	–	767	–	5,757
	<u>\$ 3,008</u>	<u>4,222,306</u>	<u>\$ 3,008</u>	<u>4,227,296</u>

The following securities were excluded from the calculation of diluted net income per common share, as their inclusion would be anti-dilutive:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Shares issuable under stock option awards	70,000	85,000	70,000	50,000
Convertible preferred stock	—	4,221,539	—	—

NOTE 3 – AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES

The following table presents the components of the Company's investment in Agency MBS at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Principal/par value	\$ 576,573	\$ 307,548
Purchase premiums	12,993	3,585
Purchase discounts	(46)	(59)
Amortized cost	589,520	311,074
Gross unrealized gains	11,531	1,355
Gross unrealized losses	(124)	(853)
Fair value	<u>\$ 600,927</u>	<u>\$ 311,576</u>
Weighted average coupon	4.90%	5.06%
Weighted average months to reset	20	21

Principal/par value includes principal payments receivable on Agency MBS of \$2,789 and \$956 as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. As of September 30, 2009, the Company did not have any securities pending settlement. The Company's investment in Agency MBS, including principal receivable on the securities, is comprised of \$324,640 of Hybrid Agency ARMs, \$276,148 of Agency ARMs, and \$139 of fixed-rate Agency MBS. The Company received principal payments of \$85,675 on its portfolio of Agency MBS and purchased approximately \$364,575 of Agency MBS during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009. The purchases were financed using approximately \$334.0 million in repurchase agreements and \$30.6 million in equity capital.

NOTE 4 – SECURITIZED MORTGAGE LOANS, NET

The following table summarizes the components of securitized mortgage loans at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Securitized mortgage loans:		
Commercial mortgage loans	\$ 151,001	\$ 164,032
Single-family mortgage loans	63,887	70,607
	<u>214,888</u>	<u>234,639</u>
Funds held by trustees, including funds held for defeased loans	13,741	11,267
Accrued interest receivable	1,392	1,538
Unamortized discounts and premiums, net	(18)	90
Other	(241)	—
	<u>229,762</u>	<u>247,534</u>
Loans, at amortized cost		
Allowance for loan losses	(4,031)	(3,707)
	<u>\$ 225,731</u>	<u>\$ 243,827</u>

All of the securitized mortgage loans are encumbered by securitization financing bonds (see Note 9). The Company identified \$16,732 of securitized commercial mortgage loans and \$3,958 of securitized single-family mortgage loans as being impaired at September 30, 2009. For loans that were impaired at September 30, 2009, the Company recognized \$285 and \$882 of interest income on impaired securitized commercial mortgage loans and \$47 and \$147 on impaired single-family mortgage loans for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2009, respectively.

NOTE 5 – ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES

The allowance for loan losses is included in securitized mortgage loans, net as well as in other investments, net in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. The following table summarizes the aggregate activity for the allowance for loan losses for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2009 and September 30, 2008:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Allowance at beginning of period	\$ 4,016	\$ 3,066	\$ 3,707	\$ 2,721
Provision for loan losses	248	449	566	796
Charge-offs, net of recoveries	(138)	(3)	(147)	(5)
Allowance at end of period	<u>\$ 4,126</u>	<u>\$ 3,512</u>	<u>\$ 4,126</u>	<u>\$ 3,512</u>

The following table presents the components of the allowance for loan losses at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Securitized commercial mortgage loans	\$ 3,785	\$ 3,527
Securitized single-family mortgage loans	246	180
	<u>4,031</u>	<u>3,707</u>
Other mortgage loans	95	—
	<u>\$ 4,126</u>	<u>\$ 3,707</u>

The following table presents certain information on impaired single-family and commercial mortgage loans at December 31, 2008 and September 30, 2009:

	September 30, 2009		December 31, 2008	
	Commercial	Single-family	Commercial	Single-family
Investment in impaired loans	\$ 16,742	\$ 3,958	\$ 17,292	\$ 3,501
Allowance for loan losses	3,785	246	3,527	180
Investment in excess of allowance	<u>\$ 12,957</u>	<u>\$ 3,712</u>	<u>\$ 13,765</u>	<u>\$ 3,321</u>

NOTE 6 — INVESTMENT IN JOINT VENTURE

The Company, through a wholly-owned subsidiary, holds a 49.875% interest in a joint venture. The Company accounts for its investment in the joint venture using the equity method, under which it recognizes its proportionate share of the joint venture's earnings or loss and changes in accumulated other comprehensive income or loss.

The joint venture owns interests in commercial mortgage backed securities ("CMBS") and an investment in a payment agreement from the Company (see Note 10). The CMBS are considered available-for-sale and are carried at fair value by the joint venture. The payment agreement is a financial investment backed by commercial mortgage loans accounted for at fair value. Under the payment agreement, the Company owes the joint venture any amounts received on certain securitized mortgage loans in excess of payment on the associated securitization financing bonds outstanding. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, the joint venture received \$416 and \$1,217 of payments under this payment agreement compared to \$403 and \$1,207 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, respectively.

The Company recorded equity in the income of the joint venture of \$1,620 for the three months ended September 30, 2009 compared to a loss of \$3,462 for the three months ended September 30, 2008. The Company recorded an increase of \$445 for its share of the decrease in the accumulated other comprehensive loss of the joint venture for the three months ended September 30, 2009 compared to \$637 for the three months ended September 30, 2008. The Company recorded equity in the income of the joint venture of \$1,476, net of \$60 amortization expense, and an increase of \$1,042 for its share of the decrease in the accumulated other comprehensive loss of the joint venture for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 compared to equity in the loss of the joint venture of \$5,153 and an decrease of \$3,287 for its share of the increase in the accumulated other comprehensive loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

The following tables present the condensed results of operations for the joint venture for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and September 30, 2008 and the financial condition as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 of the joint venture.

Condensed Statements of Operations

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Interest income	\$ 622	\$ 903	\$ 1,870	\$ 3,392
Fair value adjustment	2,632	(1,584)	2,652	(5,846)
Other-than-temporary impairment	—	(6,073)	(1,417)	(7,277)
Other expense	(6)	(6)	(25)	(59)
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 3,248</u>	<u>\$ (6,760)</u>	<u>\$ 3,080</u>	<u>\$ (9,790)</u>

Condensed Balance Sheets

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Total assets	\$ 16,410	\$ 11,240
Total liabilities	\$ 21	\$ 21
Total members' capital	\$ 16,389	\$ 11,219

The other-than-temporary impairment of \$1,417 during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and \$7,277 for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was related to the joint venture's investment in subordinate CMBS.

NOTE 7 – OTHER INVESTMENTS

The following table summarizes the Company's other investments at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

	September 30, 2009		December 31, 2008	
	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Yield	Carrying Value	Weighted Average Yield
Non-Agency MBS	\$ 6,612	8.07%	\$ 6,959	8.02%
Equity securities of publicly traded companies	—		3,441	
	6,612		10,400	
Gross unrealized gains	490		802	
Gross unrealized losses	(990)		(1,335)	
	6,112		9,867	
Other mortgage loans, net	2,188		2,657	
Other	139		211	
	<u>\$ 8,439</u>		<u>\$ 12,735</u>	

Non-Agency MBS consist principally of fixed-rate securities collateralized by single-family residential mortgage loans originated in 1994.

The Company sold \$3,443 of equity securities during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 on which it recognized a gain of \$220.

Other mortgage loans are comprised principally of unsecuritized mortgage loans originated predominately between 1986 and 1997. Of the approximately 26 mortgage loans that make up the balance, one loan with an unpaid principal balance of \$483 was more than 60 days delinquent as of September 30, 2009, representing approximately 16% of the outstanding unpaid principal balance of the mortgage loans. An allowance for loan losses of \$95 has been recorded for this loan.

NOTE 8 – REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

The Company uses repurchase agreements, which are recourse to the Company, to finance certain of its investments. The following tables present the components of the Company's repurchase agreements by the type of securities collateralizing the repurchase agreement at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively.

	September 30, 2009		
Collateral Type	Balance	Weighted Average Rate	Fair Value of Collateral
Agency MBS	\$ 516,627	0.39%	\$ 552,970
Securitization financing bonds (see Note 9)	29,134	1.71%	41,732
	<u>\$ 545,761</u>	<u>0.46%</u>	<u>\$ 594,702</u>

Collateral Type	December 31, 2008		
	Balance	Weighted Average Rate	Fair Value of Collateral
Agency MBS	\$ 274,217	2.70%	\$ 300,277
Securitization financing bonds	—	—	—
	<u>\$ 274,217</u>	<u>2.70%</u>	<u>\$ 300,277</u>

At September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the repurchase agreements had the following original maturities:

Original Maturity	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
30 days or less	\$ 280,759	\$ 38,617
31 to 60 days	75,680	187,960
61 to 90 days	7,577	47,640
Greater than 90 days	181,745	—
	<u>\$ 545,761</u>	<u>\$ 274,217</u>

NOTE 9 – SECURITIZATION FINANCING

The Company, through limited-purpose finance subsidiaries, has issued bonds pursuant to indentures in the form of non-recourse securitization financing. Each series of securitization financing may consist of various classes of bonds, either at fixed or variable-rates of interest and having varying repayment terms. The Company, on occasion, may retain bonds or redeem bonds and hold such bonds outstanding for possible future resale or reissuance. Payments received on securitized mortgage loans and any reinvestment income earned thereon are used to make payments on the bonds.

The obligations under the securitization financings are payable solely from the securitized mortgage loans and are otherwise non-recourse to the Company. The stated maturity date for each class of bonds is generally calculated based on the final scheduled payment date of the underlying collateral pledged. The actual maturity of each class will be directly affected by the rate of principal prepayments on the related collateral. Each series is also subject to redemption at the Company's option according to specific terms of the respective indentures. As a result, the actual maturity of any class of a series of securitization financing is likely to occur earlier than its stated maturity.

The Company has three series of bonds remaining outstanding pursuant to three separate indentures. One series with a principal amount of \$25,079 at September 30, 2009, is collateralized by single-family mortgage loans with unpaid principal balances at September 30, 2009 of \$25,778 and additional overcollateralization of \$6,570. The two remaining series are fixed-rate with principal amounts of \$215 and \$123,741 at September 30, 2009, and are collateralized by commercial mortgage loans with unpaid principal balances at September 30, 2009 of \$19,982 and \$131,019, respectively.

In May 2009, the Company redeemed a securitization financing bond collateralized by commercial mortgage loans at its then par value of \$15,493 and financed the redemption with an \$11,039 repurchase agreement. At September 30, 2009, the par value of this bond is \$15,115 and the balance of the repurchase agreement is \$10,770. The bond is rated "AAA" and has a guaranty of payment by Fannie Mae. Because the redeemed bond is held by a subsidiary of the Company that is distinct from the bond's issuer, to which the bonds are a liability, the bond is eliminated in the consolidated financial statements but remains legally outstanding. The Company has the right to redeem the one remaining bond outstanding in this series with a par value of \$215 at September 30, 2009, but does not currently have any plans to call this bond. The Company also redeemed one additional securitization bond which has a par value of \$31,539 at September 30, 2009 and is rated "AAA." The bond, which is collateralized by single-family mortgage loans, was issued by the Company in 2002 and was redeemed in 2004. This bond is pledged as collateral to support repurchase agreement borrowings of \$18,364.

The components of securitization financing along with certain other information at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 are summarized as follows:

	September 30, 2009		December 31, 2008	
	Bonds Outstanding	Range of Interest Rates	Bonds Outstanding	Range of Interest Rates
Fixed-rate classes	\$ 123,956	6.7% - 8.8%	\$ 149,598	6.6% - 8.8%
Variable-rate classes	25,079	0.6%	28,186	1.7%
Accrued interest payable	854		1,008	
Unamortized net bond premium and deferred costs	(1,705)		(627)	
	<u>\$ 148,184</u>		<u>\$ 178,165</u>	
Range of stated maturities	2024-2027		2024-2027	
Estimated weighted average life	3.3 years		2.6 years	
Number of series	3		3	

The estimated weighted average life of the bonds increased as a result a decrease in the expected prepayment speed of the commercial mortgage loans collateralizing the bonds, which are the source of funds that are used to pay down the bonds. The extension of the estimated cash flows of the bond resulted in an adjustment to the amortization of the net bond premium and deferred costs of approximately \$789 during the nine months ended September 30, 2009. At September 30, 2009, the weighted-average coupon on the bonds outstanding was 6.9%. The average effective rate on the bonds was 6.5% and 6.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and for the year ended December 31, 2008, respectively. The variable-rate bonds pay interest based on one-month LIBOR plus 30 basis points.

NOTE 10 – OBLIGATION UNDER PAYMENT AGREEMENT

Obligation under payment agreement represents the fair value of estimated future payments due to the joint venture discussed in Note 6. The amounts paid under the payment agreement are based on amounts received monthly by the Company on certain securitized commercial mortgage loans pledged to one securitization trust after payment of the associated securitization financing bonds outstanding. At September 30, 2009, the securitized commercial mortgage loans had an unpaid principal balance, including defeased loans, of \$144,612, and the associated securitization financing bonds had an unpaid principal balance of \$123,741. The securitized commercial mortgage loans were originated principally in 1996 and 1997, and the securitization financing bonds were issued in 1997.

The present value of the payment agreement is determined based on the estimated future payments due to the joint venture discounted at a weighted average rate of 25%. The discount rate was derived based on management's estimate of the discount rate. Such estimate was derived based on yields observed by broker-dealers on recent sales of similar instruments (though from more recent vintages) and from the implied spread to similar maturity interest rate swaps using the price quoted for the lowest rated tranche of CMBX.1 from the CMBX index managed by Markit. The Markit CMBX index is a synthetic tradeable index referencing a basket of 25 commercial mortgage-backed securities. Factors which significantly impact the valuation of the payment agreement include the credit performance of the underlying securitized mortgage loans, estimated prepayments on the loans and the weighted average discount rate used on the cash flows. The significant assumptions used in calculating the estimated fair value of the obligation under payment agreement are presented in the following table with their respective values as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008.

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Discount rate	25.0%	36.5%
Annual loss rate	1.5%	0.8%
Prepayment speed ⁽¹⁾	20% CPY	100% CPY

⁽¹⁾ CPR with yield maintenance provision. 100% CPY assumes all loans prepay at expiration of their prepayment lock-out period and pay yield maintenance premium. 20% CPY assumes a CPR of 20% per annum on the pool upon expiration of the prepayment lock-out period.

The Company made payments to the joint venture of \$416 and \$1,217 for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2009, respectively, and \$403 and \$1,207, respectively, for the same periods in 2008 under the payment agreement. All of these payments were recorded as interest expense in the condensed financial statements.

NOTE 11 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Pursuant to ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, fair value is the exchange price in an orderly transaction, that is not a forced liquidation or distressed sale, between market participants to sell an asset or transfer a liability in the market in which the reporting entity would transact for the asset or liability, that is, the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability. The transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability is a hypothetical transaction at the measurement date, considered from the perspective of a market participant that holds the asset or liability. ASC 820 provides a consistent definition of fair value which focuses on exit price and prioritizes, within a measurement of fair value, the use of market-based inputs over entity-specific inputs. In addition, ASC 820 provides a framework for measuring fair value and establishes a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date.

The three levels of the valuation hierarchy established by ASC 820 are as follows:

- Level 1 — Inputs are unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date. The types of assets and liabilities carried at Level 1 fair value generally are equity securities listed in active markets.
- Level 2 — Inputs (other than quoted prices included in Level 1) are either directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability through correlation with market data at the measurement date and for the duration of the instrument's anticipated life. Fair valued assets and liabilities that are generally included in this category are Agency MBS, which are valued based on the average of multiple dealer quotes that are active in the Agency MBS market.
- Level 3 — Inputs reflect management's best estimate of what market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Consideration is given to the risk inherent in the valuation technique and the risk inherent in the inputs to the model. Generally, assets and liabilities carried at fair value and included in this category are non-Agency MBS, and the obligation under payment agreement liability.

The Company utilizes fair value measurements at various levels within the hierarchy established by ASC 820 for certain of its assets and liabilities. The following table presents the fair value of the Company's assets and liabilities at September 30, 2009, segregated by the hierarchy level of the fair value estimate:

	Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements			
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets:					
Agency MBS	\$ 600,927	\$ –	\$ 600,927	\$ –	
Non-Agency MBS	6,112	–	–	6,112	
Other	139	–	–	139	
Total assets carried at fair value	<u>\$ 607,178</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ 600,927</u>	<u>\$ 6,251</u>	
Liabilities:					
Obligation under payment agreement	\$ 9,095	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 9,095	
Total liabilities carried at fair value	<u>\$ 9,095</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ 9,095</u>	

The following tables present the reconciliations of the beginning and ending balances of the Level 3 fair value estimates for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2009:

Level 3 Fair Values				
	Other Investments		Total assets	Obligation under payment agreement
	Non-Agency MBS	Other		
Balance at June 30, 2009	\$ 5,813	\$ 158	\$ 5,971	\$ (8,555)
Total realized and unrealized gains (losses)				
Included in earnings	–	–	–	(540)
Included in other comprehensive income (loss)	383	(14)	369	–
Purchases, sales, issuances and other settlements, net	(84)	(5)	(89)	–
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3	–	–	–	–
Balance at September 30, 2009	<u>\$ 6,112</u>	<u>\$ 139</u>	<u>\$ 6,251</u>	<u>\$ (9,095)</u>

Level 3 Fair Values				
	Other Investments		Total assets	Obligation under payment agreement
	Non-Agency MBS	Other		
Balance at December 31, 2008	\$ 6,259	\$ 211	\$ 6,470	\$ (8,534)
Total realized and unrealized gains (losses)				
Included in earnings	–	–	–	(561)
Included in other comprehensive income (loss)	199	(31)	168	–
Purchases, sales, issuances and other settlements, net	(346)	(41)	(387)	–
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3	–	–	–	–
Balance at September 30, 2009	<u>\$ 6,112</u>	<u>\$ 139</u>	<u>\$ 6,251</u>	<u>\$ (9,095)</u>

There were no assets or liabilities which were measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis during the three or nine months ended September 30, 2009.

ASC 825-10, *Financial Instruments – Overall* requires the disclosure of the estimated fair value of financial instruments. The following table presents the recorded basis and estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

	September 30, 2009		December 31, 2008	
	Recorded Basis	Fair Value	Recorded Basis	Fair Value
Assets:				
Agency MBS	\$ 600,927	\$ 600,927	\$ 311,576	\$ 311,576
Securitized mortgage loans, net	225,731	194,436	243,827	201,252
Investment in joint venture	8,174	8,174	5,655	5,595
Other investments	8,439	8,234	12,735	12,358
Liabilities:				
Repurchase agreements	545,761	545,761	274,217	274,217
Securitization financing	148,184	133,294	178,165	153,370
Obligation under payment agreement	9,095	9,095	8,534	8,534

The following table presents certain information for Agency MBS and Non-Agency MBS that were in an unrealized loss position at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008.

	September 30, 2009		December 31, 2008	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss
Unrealized loss position for:				
Less than one year:				
Agency MBS	\$ 29,906	\$ 124	\$ 98,171	\$ 853
Non-Agency MBS	20	1	3,719	937
One year or more:				
Non-Agency MBS	4,346	989	598	355
	<u>\$ 34,272</u>	<u>\$ 1,114</u>	<u>\$ 102,488</u>	<u>\$ 2,145</u>

Based on the high credit quality of Agency MBS as well as the real or implicit guarantee by the federal government, the Company does not consider any of the current impairment on Agency MBS to be credit related. Declines in fair value resulting from increases in interest rates for short-duration Agency MBS are generally modest and are normally recovered in a short period of time as the coupon resets to a level more consistent with the current market.

The Company reviews the estimated future cash flows for its Non-Agency MBS to determine whether there has been an adverse change in the cash flows for which an other-than-temporary impairment would be required. Approximately, \$4,113 of the Non-Agency MBS in an unrealized loss position at September 30, 2009 are investment grade MBS that were originated during or prior to 1994. Based on the credit rating of these MBS and the seasoning of the mortgage loans collateralizing these bonds, the impairment of these MBS was not determined to be other-than-temporary at September 30, 2009. The estimated cash flows of the remaining Non-Agency MBS were reviewed based on the performance of the underlying mortgage loans collateralizing the MBS as well as projected loss and prepayment rates. Based on that review, there was not an adverse change in the timing or amount of estimated cash flows at September 30, 2009 and the decline in value from the Company's amortized cost basis was due to higher market discount rates.

NOTE 12 – PREFERRED AND COMMON STOCK

The following table presents the preferred and common dividends declared from January 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009:

Declaration Date	Record Date	Payment Date	Dividend per Share	
			Common	Preferred
March 20, 2009	March 31, 2009	April 30, 2009	0.2300	0.2375
June 16, 2009	June 30, 2009	July 31, 2009	0.2300	0.2375
September 15, 2009	September 30, 2009	October 30, 2009	0.2300	0.2375

Shelf Registration

On February 29, 2008, the Company filed a shelf registration statement on Form S-3, which became effective on April 17, 2008. The shelf registration permits the Company to sell up to \$1.0 billion of securities, including common stock, preferred stock, debt securities and warrants.

Controlled Equity Offering Program

The Company initiated a controlled equity offering program (“CEOP”) on March 16, 2009 by filing a prospectus supplement under its shelf registration. The CEOP allows the Company to offer and sell, from time to time through Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. (“Cantor”) as agent, up to 3,000,000 shares of its common stock in negotiated transactions or transactions that are deemed to be “at the market offerings”, as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, including sales made directly on the New York Stock Exchange or sales made to or through a market maker other than on an exchange.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the Company sold 1,392,250 shares of its common stock through the CEOP at an average price of \$7.10 per share, for which it received proceeds of \$9,884, net of sales commission paid to Cantor. After this transaction, 1,607,750 shares of the Company’s common stock remain available for offer and sale under the CEOP.

The following table presents the changes in the number of preferred and common shares outstanding during the nine months ended September 30, 2009:

	Preferred Series D	Common
December 31, 2008	4,221,539	12,169,762
Issuance of shares under the CEOP	-	1,392,250
Restricted shares granted (see Note 14)	-	10,000
September 30, 2009	<u>4,221,539</u>	<u>13,572,012</u>

NOTE 13 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company and its subsidiaries may be involved in certain litigation matters arising in the ordinary course of business from time to time. Although the ultimate outcome of these matters cannot be ascertained at this time, and the results of legal proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, the Company believes, based on current knowledge, that the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company’s financial position or results of operations. The following information relates to litigation not arising in the ordinary course of business.

As noted in prior filings, one of the Company's subsidiaries, GLS Capital, Inc. ("GLS"), and the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania are defendants in a class action lawsuit filed in 1997 in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania (the "Court of Common Pleas"). Class action status has been certified in this matter, but a motion to reconsider is pending. In June 2009, the Court of Common Pleas held a hearing on the status of the legal claims of the plaintiffs primarily as a result of an opinion issued in August 2008 by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in unrelated litigation which addressed many of the claims in this matter and which opinion was favorable to GLS relative to claims being made by the plaintiffs. As a result of that hearing, the Court of Common Pleas invited GLS to file a motion for summary judgment and scheduled argument on such motion for November 2009. The plaintiffs have not enumerated their damages in this matter, and the Company believes that the ultimate outcome of this litigation will not have a material impact on its financial condition, but may have a material impact on its reported results for a given year or period.

Dynex Capital, Inc. and Dynex Commercial, Inc. ("DCI"), a former affiliate of the Company and now known as DCI Commercial, Inc., are appellees (or respondents) in the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Judicial District of Texas at Dallas, related to the matter of Basic Capital Management et al. (collectively, "BCM" or the "Plaintiffs") versus DCI et al. as previously discussed by the Company in prior filings. There has been no material change in this litigation from what was disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 filed on March 16, 2009.

Dynex Capital, Inc., MERIT Securities Corporation, a subsidiary ("MERIT"), and the former president and current Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Dynex Capital, Inc., (together, "Defendants") are defendants in a putative class action complaint alleging violations of the federal securities laws in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York ("District Court") by the Teamsters Local 445 Freight Division Pension Fund ("Teamsters"), as previously discussed in prior filings. The complaint was filed on February 7, 2005 and a second amended complaint was originally filed on August 6, 2008. The second amended complaint seeks unspecified damages and alleges, among other things, misrepresentations in connection with the issuance of and subsequent reporting on certain securitization financing bonds issued by MERIT in 1998 and 1999. On October 19, 2009, the District Court substantially denied the Defendants' motion to dismiss the second amended complaint. The Company has evaluated the allegations made in the complaint and believes them to be without merit and intends to vigorously defend itself against them.

Although no assurance can be given with respect to the ultimate outcome of these matters, the Company believes the resolution of these matters will not have a material effect on its financial condition but could materially affect its reported results for a given year or period.

NOTE 14 – STOCK BASED COMPENSATION

Pursuant to the Company's 2009 Stock and Incentive Plan, as approved by the shareholders at the Company's 2009 annual shareholders' meeting (the "2009 Stock and Incentive Plan"), the Company may grant to eligible employees, directors or consultants or advisors to the Company stock based compensation, including stock options, stock appreciation rights ("SARs"), stock awards, dividend equivalent rights, performance shares, and stock units. A total of 2,500,000 shares of common stock is available for issuance pursuant to the 2009 Stock and Incentive Plan.

The Company also has a 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, as approved by the Company's shareholders at its 2005 annual shareholders' meeting (the "2004 Stock Incentive Plan") under which it made awards to its employees and directors prior to 2009. The 2004 Stock Incentive Plan covers only those awards made prior to 2009, and no new awards will be made under this plan.

On May 15, 2009, the Company granted 10,000 shares of restricted stock to its non-employee directors under the 2009 Stock and Incentive Plan. The awards vest, subject to exceptions for death, disability or retirement, on May 14, 2010. Subject to exceptions for death, disability or retirement, any directors that separate from the board prior to vesting forfeit their restricted stock. The fair value of the restricted stock on the grant date was \$7.47 per share for a total deferred compensation cost of \$75, which will be recognized in expense evenly over the vesting period.

The following table presents a summary of the activity for the SARs issued by the Company for the following periods:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2009		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009	
	Number of Shares	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Number of Shares	Weighted- Average Exercise Price
SARs outstanding at beginning of period	278,146	\$ 7.27	278,146	\$ 7.27
SARs granted	—	—	—	—
SARs forfeited or redeemed	—	—	—	—
SARs exercised	—	—	—	—
SARs outstanding at end of period	<u>278,146</u>	<u>\$ 7.27</u>	<u>278,146</u>	<u>\$ 7.27</u>
SARs vested and exercisable	<u>219,396</u>	<u>\$ 7.37</u>	<u>219,396</u>	<u>\$ 7.37</u>

The following table presents a summary of the activity for the stock options issued by the Company for the following periods:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2009		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009	
	Number of Shares	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Number of Shares	Weighted- Average Exercise Price
Options outstanding at beginning of period	95,000	\$ 8.59	110,000	\$ 8.55
Options granted	—	—	—	—
Options forfeited or redeemed	—	—	(15,000)	8.30
Options exercised	—	—	—	—
Options outstanding at end of period	<u>95,000</u>	<u>\$ 8.59</u>	<u>95,000</u>	<u>\$ 8.59</u>
Options vested and exercisable	<u>95,000</u>	<u>\$ 8.59</u>	<u>95,000</u>	<u>\$ 8.59</u>

The following table presents a summary of activity for the restricted stock issued by the Company for the following periods:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2009	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009
Restricted stock at beginning of period	32,500	30,000
Restricted stock granted	—	10,000
Restricted stock forfeited or redeemed	—	—
Restricted stock vested	—	(7,500)
Restricted stock outstanding at end of period	<u>32,500</u>	<u>32,500</u>

The Company recognized stock based compensation expense of \$76 and \$426 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, and a stock based compensation benefit of \$111 and \$263 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, respectively. The total remaining compensation cost related to non-vested awards was \$49 and \$63 at September 30, 2009 and September 30, 2008, respectively, and will be recognized as the awards vest.

As required by ASC 718, *Compensation-Stock Compensation*, stock options which may be settled only in shares of common stock have been treated as equity awards with their fair value measured at the grant date, and SARs which may be settled only in cash have been treated as liability awards with their fair value measured at the grant date and remeasured at the end of each reporting period. The fair value of SARs was estimated at September 30, 2009 using the Black-Scholes option valuation model based upon the assumptions in the table below.

	SARs Fair Value September 30, 2009
Expected volatility	25.36% - 32.98%
Weighted-average volatility	30.65%
Expected dividend yield	10.98% - 11.00%
Expected term (in months)	36
Risk-free rate	1.87%

NOTE 15 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

As of November 9, 2009, the date on which the Company issued these financial statements, management has evaluated events and transactions occurring subsequent to September 30, 2009 and has determined that there have been no significant events or transactions that provide additional evidence about conditions of the Company that existed as of the balance sheet date.

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

The following discussion and analysis is provided to increase understanding of, and should be read in conjunction with, our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and our audited Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008. In addition to current and historical information, the following discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements relate to our future business, financial condition or results of operations. For a description of certain factors that may have a significant impact on our future business, financial condition or results of operations, see “Forward-Looking Statements” at the end of this discussion and analysis.

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

We are a specialty finance company organized as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, which invests in mortgage loans and securities on a leveraged basis. We invest in residential mortgage-backed securities, or MBS, issued or guaranteed by a federally chartered corporation, such as Federal National Mortgage Corporation, or Fannie Mae, or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, or Freddie Mac, or an agency of the U.S. government, such as Government National Mortgage Association, or Ginnie Mae. MBS issued or guaranteed by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Ginnie Mae are commonly referred to as “Agency MBS”.

We also invest in securitized single-family residential and commercial mortgage loans, non-Agency mortgage-backed securities, or non-Agency MBS, and, through a joint venture, commercial mortgage-backed securities, or CMBS. Substantially all of these loans and securities, including those owned by the joint venture, consist of, or are secured by, first lien mortgages which were originated by us from 1992 to 1998. We are no longer originating loans.

Our primary investment activity for 2009 has been in Agency MBS. We have focused our investment strategy on Agency MBS as a result of attractive opportunities to invest in shorter-duration Agency MBS at excellent spreads to our financing costs. We have previously utilized uninvested cash, new equity capital, earnings and principal receipts from existing investments as the source of capital for our Agency MBS investments. The investment in Agency MBS subjects the Company to different risks, which typically include prepayment risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk. Our continued investment in Agency MBS is predicated on an evaluation of the risk adjusted returns available on Agency MBS compared to the risk adjusted returns on other uses of our capital. We may invest in non-

Agency MBS or CMBS depending on the nature and risks of the investment, its expected return and anticipated future economic and market conditions. Where economically beneficial to us, we may also invest additional capital in our securitized mortgage loan pools by purchasing, tendering for, or redeeming the associated securitization financing. Our strategic decisions regarding the allocation of capital to Agency MBS, non-Agency MBS, CMBS or securitized mortgage loans is based on a number of factors including, but not limited to, current market conditions, the liquidity of the investment, expected returns and anticipated risks. Our investment activities are covered by an investment policy which has been approved by our board of directors. A discussion of the risks associated with our investment portfolio is provided below in Item 3. "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk".

We have generally financed our investments through a combination of repurchase agreements, securitization financing, and equity capital. We employ leverage in order to increase the overall yield on our invested capital. Our primary source of income is net interest income, which is the excess of the interest income earned on our investments over the cost of financing these investments. We may occasionally sell investments prior to their maturity although our intention is generally to hold our investments on a long-term basis.

As a REIT, we are required to distribute to our shareholders as dividends on our preferred and common stock at least 90% of our taxable income, which is our income as calculated for income tax purposes after consideration of our tax net operating loss carryforwards ("NOLs"). The tax NOL at December 31, 2008 was approximately \$150.0 million. The dividend on our preferred stock is established by our articles of incorporation. Currently, we are expecting to pay our common shareholders a quarterly dividend of \$0.23 per share while utilizing our NOL to offset any distribution requirement for earnings in excess of this amount. In future periods, we may use our tax NOL to offset distribution requirements. The decision to utilize the NOL carryforward will be based on, among other things, our desire to retain our capital for reinvestment and to grow our book value per share versus paying a dividend to our common shareholders.

At September 30, 2009, we had total investments of approximately \$843.3 million. Our investments consisted of \$600.9 million of Agency MBS, \$65.0 million of securitized single-family residential mortgage loans and \$160.7 million of securitized commercial mortgage loans. We have an \$8.2 million investment in a joint venture which owns subordinate CMBS and cash. We also had \$6.1 million in non-Agency MBS and \$2.2 million of whole loans.

The Agency MBS is pledged as collateral to support \$516.6 million in repurchase agreement financing and the securitized single-family and commercial mortgage loans are pledged to support \$148.2 million in securitization financing. A securitization financing bond backed by single-family loans is pledged to support repurchase agreement financing of \$18.4 million at September 30, 2009. A securitization financing bond backed by multi-family commercial loans is pledged to support repurchase agreement financing of \$10.8 at September 30, 2009. A further discussion of our investments and financing activity is included under "Financial Condition" below.

With respect to our investment in Agency MBS, we invest in Hybrid Agency ARMs and Agency ARMs and, to a lesser extent, fixed-rate Agency MBS. Hybrid Agency ARMs are MBS collateralized by hybrid adjustable mortgage loans, which have a fixed-rate of interest for a specified period (typically three to ten years) and which then reset their interest rates at least annually to an increment over a specified interest rate index. Agency ARMs are MBS collateralized by adjustable rate mortgage loans which have interest rates that generally will adjust at least annually to an increment over a specified interest rate index. Agency ARMs may be collateralized by Hybrid Agency ARMs that are within twelve months of the end of their fixed-rate periods. At September 30, 2009, we had approximately \$324.6 million in Hybrid Agency ARMs, approximately \$276.1 million in Agency ARMs and \$0.1 million of fixed-rate Agency MBS.

The joint venture in which we have an investment owns the right to call certain CMBS at their current unpaid principal balance. Such CMBS had an outstanding balance of \$177.5 million at September 30, 2009, \$114.6 million of which are rated 'AAA' by two of the nationally recognized ratings agencies. These CMBS have a fixed rate of interest of 8.0% per annum. Recent market conditions have made it unfeasible to redeem these bonds. We and the joint venture continue to review options with respect to redeeming these bonds, and we believe that the joint venture may ultimately be able to economically redeem the AAA-rated tranches and refinance these bonds using either short-term recourse repurchase agreement financing or re-securitizing these bonds in a long-term non-recourse structure. The joint venture has recorded an asset of \$2.1 million in its financial statements as of September 30, 2009 for the estimated fair value of these redemption rights.

The joint venture, which was formed in September 2006, was originally intended to terminate on April 15, 2009, commensurate with the redemption of the CMBS discussed above. As the CMBS were not redeemed, the partnership remains in existence. We are currently working with our joint venture partner to determine what actions to take with regard to the joint venture. If the joint venture is terminated, we may purchase certain assets from the joint venture in connection with its termination.

Capmark Financial Group, Inc. and several of its subsidiaries, including Capmark Finance, Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection on October 25, 2009. Capmark Finance serves as primary and special servicer for all of our securitized commercial mortgage loans. In its capacity as primary and special servicer, Capmark Finance is required to perform the normal functions as a third-party servicer of commercial mortgage loans, and also to make advances to our securitization financing trusts on loans that may be delinquent as to payment (in lieu of the borrower making such payment) and in the case of loans in foreclosure, to make certain property protection advances including insurance and real estate taxes to protect the underlying real estate collateralizing the loan. In its bankruptcy filing, Capmark Financial Group and Capmark Finance indicated that it has adequate resources to continue to make such servicing advances. Should Capmark Finance be unable to make such payments, the master servicer would be required to make such advances. We are the master servicer on \$20.0 million of securitized mortgage loans and Bank of New York Asset Solutions is master servicer of \$131.0 million at September 30, 2009. Additionally, it is unclear as to whether the quality of the services provided by Capmark Finance in its role as primary servicer and special servicer to the securitization financing trusts will be impaired as a result of the bankruptcy filing. It is anticipated that Capmark Financial Group will sell its Capmark Finance subsidiary as a part of the bankruptcy process.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

The following table presents certain balance sheet items that had significant activity, which are discussed after the table.

<i>(amounts in thousands)</i>	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Agency MBS, at fair value	\$ 600,927	\$ 311,576
Securitized mortgage loans, net	225,731	243,827
Investment in joint venture	8,174	5,655
Other investments	8,439	12,735
Repurchase agreements	545,761	274,217
Securitization financing	148,184	178,165
Obligation under payment agreement	9,095	8,534
Shareholders' equity	163,761	140,409

Agency MBS

Our Agency MBS investments, which are classified as available-for-sale and carried at fair value, are comprised as follows:

<i>(amounts in thousands)</i>	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Agency MBS:		
Hybrid Agency ARMs	\$ 323,178	\$ 217,800
Agency ARMs	274,821	92,626
	<u>597,999</u>	<u>310,426</u>
Fixed-rate	139	194
	<u>598,138</u>	<u>310,620</u>
Principal receivable	2,789	956
	<u>\$ 600,927</u>	<u>\$ 311,576</u>

Agency MBS increased from \$311.6 million at December 31, 2008 to \$600.9 million at September 30, 2009 primarily as a result of our purchase of approximately \$364.6 million of Agency MBS. In addition, the fair value of the investment increased \$11.4 million during this same period. Partially offsetting these increases was the receipt of \$85.7 million of principal on the securities during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009. Approximately \$553.0 million of the Agency MBS are pledged to counterparties as security for repurchase agreement financing.

At September 30, 2009, our Agency MBS portfolio had a weighted average of 20 months remaining until the rates on the underlying loans collateralizing the Agency MBS reset. The weighted average coupon on our portfolio of Agency MBS was 4.9% as of September 30, 2009. The average quarterly constant prepayment rate ("CPR") realized on our Agency MBS portfolio was 22.1% for the third quarter of 2009, 19.9% for the second quarter of 2009, and 14.8% for the first quarter of 2009.

Securitized Mortgage Loans, Net

Securitized mortgage loans are comprised of loans secured by first deeds of trust on single-family residential and commercial properties. Our net basis in these loans at amortized cost, which includes accrued interest receivable, discounts, premiums, deferred costs, and allowance for loan losses, is presented in the following table by the type of property collateralizing the loan.

<i>(amounts in thousands)</i>	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Securitized mortgage loans, net:		
Commercial	\$ 160,715	\$ 171,963
Single-family	65,016	71,864
	<u>\$ 225,731</u>	<u>\$ 243,827</u>

Our securitized commercial mortgage loans are pledged to two securitization trusts, which were issued in 1993 and 1997, and have outstanding principal balances, including defeased loans, of \$20.0 million and \$144.6 million, respectively, at September 30, 2009. The decrease in the balance of these loans from December 31, 2008 to September 30, 2009 was primarily related to principal payments, net of amounts received on loans entering defeasance, of \$10.7 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2009, partially offset by \$0.1 million of net discount amortization. In addition, approximately \$0.3 million of allowances was provided for estimated loan losses during the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

Our securitized single-family mortgage loans are pledged to a securitization trust issued in 2002 using loans that were principally originated between 1992 and 1997. The decrease in the balance of these loans from December 31, 2008 to September 30, 2009 was primarily related to principal payments received on the loans of \$6.6 million, \$4.2 million of which were unscheduled, and the provision of approximately \$0.2 million for estimated loan losses during the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

Investment in Joint Venture

Investment in joint venture increased \$2.5 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 as a result of our interest in the net income of the joint venture of \$1.5 million and other comprehensive income of the joint venture of \$1.0 million. For further discussion of the net income of the joint venture, see "Results of Operations" under Item 2. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" below.

The joint venture owns various interests in subordinate CMBS. One of these interests was issued in 1998 and had a carrying value of \$3.3 million at September 30, 2009, and the other is the payment agreement issued by us with a carrying value of \$9.1 million. The payment agreement and subordinate CMBS had principal balances of \$20.9 million and \$17.8 million, respectively, at September 30, 2009. The joint venture also holds the redemption rights to the outstanding bonds of one of these trusts, which gives it the right to redeem those bonds at their par value. This right to redeem the bonds was valued at \$2.1 million at September 30, 2009. The joint venture also had cash and cash equivalents of \$1.9 million at September 30, 2009.

Other Investments

Our other investments are comprised of non-Agency MBS and equity securities, which are classified as available-for-sale and carried at fair value, and other loans and investments, which are stated at amortized cost, as follows:

<i>(amounts in thousands)</i>	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Non-Agency MBS	\$ 6,612	\$ 6,959
Equity securities of publicly traded companies	—	3,441
	<u>6,612</u>	<u>10,400</u>
Gross unrealized gains	490	802
Gross unrealized losses	<u>(990)</u>	<u>(1,335)</u>
	6,112	9,867
Other loans, net	2,188	2,657
Other	139	211
	<u>\$ 8,439</u>	<u>\$ 12,735</u>

Non-Agency MBS is primarily comprised of investment grade MBS issued by a subsidiary of the Company in 1994. The decline of \$0.3 million to \$6.6 million at September 30, 2009 was primarily related to the principal payments received on these securities during the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

The Company sold its investment in equity securities during the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The Company recognized a gain of approximately \$0.2 million and received proceeds of \$3.7 million on the sale.

Other loans, net is comprised primarily of seasoned residential and commercial mortgage loans and declined approximately \$0.5 million to \$2.2 million as of September 30, 2009 from \$2.7 million as of December 31, 2008. The decline is primarily related to the receipt of approximately \$0.4 million of principal on the mortgage loans and a \$0.1 million provision for loan losses.

Repurchase Agreements

Repurchase agreements increased to \$545.8 million at September 30, 2009 from \$274.2 million at December 31, 2008. The increase is primarily related to the growth in our investment in Agency MBS, which we finance with repurchase agreements.

We also entered into two repurchase agreements during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 to finance two securitization financing bonds. One of these repurchase agreements has a balance of \$18.4 million at September 30, 2009 and is collateralized by a securitization financing bond with a par value of \$31.5 million and an estimated fair value of \$26.6 million. The second repurchase agreement, which has a balance of \$10.8 million at September 30, 2009, was used to finance the redemption of a securitization financing bond with a par and estimated fair value of \$15.1 million at September 30, 2009.

Securitization Financing

Securitization financing consists of fixed and variable-rate bonds as set forth in the table below. The table includes the unpaid principal balance of the bonds outstanding, accrued interest payable, discounts, premiums and deferred costs at September 30, 2009.

<i>(amounts in thousands)</i>	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Securitization financing:		
Fixed-rate, secured by commercial mortgage loans	\$ 123,618	\$ 150,588
Variable-rate, secured by single-family mortgage loans	24,566	27,577
	<u>\$ 148,184</u>	<u>\$ 178,165</u>

The fixed-rate bonds were issued pursuant to two separate indentures (via two securitization trusts) and finance our securitized commercial mortgage loans, which are also fixed-rate. The fixed-rate bonds have a range of rates from 6.7% to 8.8% and a weighted average rate of 6.9% at September 30, 2009. Approximately \$15.5 million of the decrease in fixed-rate securitization financing was related to the Company's redemption of a senior bond issued by one of the securitization trusts. The bond was redeemed at its par value and was financed with a repurchase agreement with a balance of \$10.8 million at September 30, 2009, which is referred to in the repurchase agreement discussion above. The remainder of the decrease in fixed-rate bonds is primarily related to principal payments on the bonds of \$10.1 million and bond premium and deferred cost amortization of approximately \$1.2 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

Our securitized single-family mortgage loans are financed by variable-rate securitization financing bonds issued pursuant to a single indenture. The \$3.0 million decline in the balance from \$27.6 million as of December 31, 2008 to \$24.6 million as of September 30, 2009 is primarily related to principal payments on the bonds of \$3.1 million.

Obligation Under Payment Agreement

Obligation under payment agreement represents the fair value of estimated future payments due to the joint venture discussed in Note 6 and Note 10 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. The fair value of the obligation increased to \$9.1 million at September 30, 2009 from \$8.5 million at December 31, 2008. The change in value was recorded as an unfavorable fair value adjustment in the condensed consolidated statement of operations. The increase in value of the obligation under payment agreement was primarily related to a decrease in the discount rate used in calculating the fair value of the payment agreement, which was partially offset by a decrease in the estimated prepayment speed on the underlying securities collateralizing the payment agreement.

Shareholders' Equity

Shareholders' equity increased \$23.4 million from December 31, 2008 to \$163.8 million at September 30, 2009. The increase was primarily related to net income of \$13.5 million and an \$11.9 million improvement from an accumulated other comprehensive loss of \$3.9 million to accumulated other comprehensive income of \$8.0 million. The improvement in accumulated other comprehensive income was primarily related to an increase in the weighted average price on our Agency MBS portfolio from 101.6% of par as of December 31, 2008 to 104.2% of par at September 30, 2009.

We also sold 1.4 million shares of common stock under our Controlled Equity Offering Program ("CEOP") during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 at a weighted average price of \$7.10 per share. We received \$9.9 million for the sale of the stock, which resulted in a \$9.8 million increase in equity, after issuance costs.

The above increases were partially offset by common and preferred stock dividends of \$12.0 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

Supplemental Discussion of Investments

The table below summarizes by major category of our investment portfolio at September 30, 2009 our investment basis, associated financing, net invested capital (which is the difference between our investment basis and the associated financing as reported in our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements), net earnings and the estimated fair value of the net invested capital. Net invested capital represents the approximate allocation of our shareholders' capital by major investment category. Because our business model employs the use of leverage, our investment portfolio presented on a gross basis may not reflect the true commitment of our shareholders' equity capital to a particular investment category. Our capital allocation decisions are in large part determined based on risk adjusted returns for our capital available in the marketplace. Such risk-adjusted returns are based on the leveraged return on investment (i.e., return on equity or alternatively, return on invested capital). We present the information in the table below to show where our capital is allocated by investment category and the historical returns on that capital. We believe that the historical returns on our capital are a good indication of the success of our business model and our capital allocation decisions. We also believe that our shareholders view our actual capital allocations and returns on such capital as important in their understanding of our results, the risks in our business and the earnings potential of our business model.

In estimating the fair value of net invested capital presented in the last column of the table, where investments are carried at fair value in our consolidated condensed financial statements, estimated fair value of net invested capital is equal to the basis as presented in the consolidated condensed financial statements less the financing amount associated with that investment. For investments carried on an amortized cost basis (principally securitized mortgage loans), the estimated fair value of net invested capital is based on the present value of the projected cash flow from the investment, adjusted for the impact and assumed level of future prepayments and credit losses, less the projected principal and interest due on the associated financing. With respect to the joint venture, the estimated fair value for the CMBS held by the joint venture is based on the present value of the projected cash flow from the investment, adjusted for the impact and assumed level of future prepayments and credit losses, less the projected principal and interest due on the associated financing. In general, because of the uniqueness and age of these investments, an active secondary market does not currently exist so management makes assumptions as to market expectations of prepayment speeds, losses and discount rates. Therefore, if we actually were to have attempted to sell these investments at September 30, 2009, there can be no assurance that the amounts set forth in the table below could have been realized. In all cases, we believe that these valuation techniques are consistent with the methodologies used in our fair value disclosures included in Note 11 in the Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financials Statements as of and for the period ended September 30, 2009. We have provided a table below with the assumptions used in calculating the estimated fair value of our net invested capital.

Estimated Fair Value of Net Invested Capital

September 30, 2009
(amounts in thousands)

Investment	Investment basis	Financing ⁽¹⁾	Net invested capital	Net earnings Contribution ⁽²⁾	Estimated fair value of net invested capital
Agency MBS ⁽³⁾	\$ 600,927	\$ 516,627	\$ 84,300	\$ 4,881	\$ 84,300
Securitized mortgage loans: ⁽⁴⁾					
Single-family mortgage loans – 2002 Trust	65,016	42,930	22,086	540	15,123
Commercial mortgage loans – 1993 Trust	18,479	10,979	7,500	369	7,790
Commercial mortgage loans – 1997 Trust	142,236	132,504	9,732	351	–
	<u>225,731</u>	<u>186,413</u>	<u>39,318</u>	<u>1,260</u>	<u>22,913</u>
Investment in joint venture ⁽⁵⁾	<u>8,174</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>8,174</u>	<u>1,620</u>	<u>8,174</u>
Other investments: ⁽⁶⁾					
Non-Agency MBS	6,112	–	6,112	155	6,112
Other loans and investments	<u>2,327</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>2,327</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>2,122</u>
	<u>8,439</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>8,439</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>8,234</u>
Total	<u>\$ 843,271</u>	<u>\$ 703,040</u>	<u>\$ 140,231</u>	<u>\$ 7,965</u>	<u>\$ 123,621</u>

⁽¹⁾ Financing includes repurchase agreements and securitization financing issued to third parties. Financing for the 1997 Trust also includes the obligation under payment agreement, which at September 30, 2009 had a balance of \$9,095.

⁽²⁾ Equals third quarter 2009 net interest income after provision for loan losses for each of the captions (except the investment in joint venture which is equity in income of the venture).

⁽³⁾ Estimated fair values are based on a third-party pricing service and dealer quotes.

⁽⁴⁾ Estimated fair values are based on discounted cash flows using assumptions set forth in the table below, inclusive of amounts invested in unredeemed securitization financing bonds.

⁽⁵⁾ Estimated fair value for investment in joint venture represents our share of the fair value of the joint venture's assets valued using methodologies and assumptions consistent with note 4 above.

⁽⁶⁾ Estimated fair values are calculated as the net present value of expected future cash flows.

The following table summarizes the assumptions used in estimating fair value for our net invested capital in securitized mortgage loans and the cash flow related to those net investments during 2009.

Loan type	Fair Value Assumptions				YTD 2009 Cash Flows ⁽⁴⁾
	Approximate year of loan origination	Weighted-average prepayment speeds ⁽¹⁾	Projected annual losses ⁽²⁾	Weighted- average discount rate ⁽³⁾	
Single-family mortgage loans – 2002 Trust	1994	15% CPR	0.2%	11%	\$ 6,118
Commercial mortgage loans – 1993 Trust	1993	0% CPR	0.8%	10%	\$ 3,427
Commercial mortgage loans – 1997 Trust	1997	20% CPY ⁽⁵⁾	1.5%	25%	\$ –

⁽¹⁾ Assumed CPR speeds generally are governed by underlying pool characteristics. Loans currently delinquent in excess of 30 days are assumed to be liquidated in six months at a loss amount that is calculated for each loan based on its specific facts.

⁽²⁾ Management's estimate of losses that would be used by a third party in valuing these or similar assets.

⁽³⁾ Represents management's estimate of the market discount rate that would be used by a third party in valuing these or similar assets.

⁽⁴⁾ Represents total cash flows received on the investment including principal and interest. Cash flows from the Commercial mortgage loans – 1997 Trust are paid by the Company to the joint venture pursuant to the Obligation Under Payment Agreement.

⁽⁵⁾ CPR with yield maintenance provision. 20% CPY assumes a CPR of 20% per annum on the pool upon expiration of the prepayment lock-out period.

The following table presents the information included in the “Estimated Fair Value of Net Invested Capital” table by rating classification at September 30, 2009. These ratings are derived based on the rating of the asset in which such capital is invested. Investments in the unrated and non-investment grade classification primarily include other loans that are not rated but are substantially seasoned and performing loans. Securitization overcollateralization generally includes the excess of the securitized mortgage loan collateral pledged over the outstanding bonds issued by the securitization trust.

	September 30, 2009
(amounts in thousands)	
Investments by rating classification:	
Agency MBS	\$ 84,300
AAA rated non-Agency MBS	18,532
AA and A rated non-Agency MBS	364
Securitization overcollateralization	26,143
Investment in joint venture (principally non-investment grade CMBS)	8,174
Unrated and non-investment grade	2,718
Net invested capital	<u>\$ 140,231</u>

The following table reconciles net invested capital to shareholders' equity as presented on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2009:

(amounts in thousands)

	Book Value
Net invested capital	\$ 140,231
Cash and cash equivalents	21,749
Other assets and liabilities, net	1,781
	<u>\$ 163,761</u>

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
(amounts in thousands except per share information)	2009	2008	2009	2008
Interest income	\$ 9,452	\$ 7,877	\$ 28,748	\$ 21,034
Interest expense	(2,855)	(5,090)	(11,226)	(13,325)
Provision for loan losses	(248)	(449)	(566)	(796)
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	6,349	2,338	16,956	6,913
Equity in income (loss) of joint venture	1,620	(3,462)	1,476	(5,153)
Gain on sale of investments, net	—	331	220	2,381
Fair value adjustments, net	(457)	1,461	(319)	5,519
Other income	29	3,862	193	6,954
General and administrative expenses:				
Compensation and benefits	(824)	(609)	(2,776)	(1,693)
Other administrative and general expenses	(715)	(876)	(2,245)	(2,261)
Net income	6,002	3,045	13,505	12,660
Net income per common share:				
Basic	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.81	\$ 0.79
Diluted	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.79	\$ 0.77

Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 Compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2008

Interest Income

Interest income includes interest earned on the investment portfolio and also reflects the amortization of any related discounts, premiums and deferred costs. The following table presents the significant components of our interest income.

	Three Months Ended September 30,	
(amounts in thousands)	2009	2008
Interest income - Investments:		
Agency MBS	\$ 5,413	\$ 2,408
Securitized mortgage loans	3,832	5,037
Other investments	203	274
	9,448	7,719
Interest income – Cash and cash equivalents	4	158
	<u>\$ 9,452</u>	<u>\$ 7,877</u>

Interest Income – Agency MBS

Interest income on Agency MBS increased \$3.0 million to \$5.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 from \$2.4 million for the same period in 2008. The increase in interest income on Agency MBS is a result of a \$317.7 million increase in the average balance of Agency MBS to an average balance of \$531.3 million for the three-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to the same period in 2008 as a result of the purchase of additional securities. The average rate earned on Agency MBS decreased 32 basis points from 4.45% for the three months ended September 30, 2008 to 4.13% for the same period in 2009.

Interest Income – Securitized Mortgage Loans

The following table summarizes the detail of the interest income earned on securitized mortgage loans.

(amounts in thousands)	Three Months Ended September 30,					
	2009			2008		
	Interest Income	Net Amortization	Total Interest Income	Interest Income	Net Amortization	Total Interest Income
Securitized mortgage loans:						
Commercial	\$ 3,361	\$ (345)	\$ 3,016	\$ 3,767	\$ 77	\$ 3,844
Single-family	867	(51)	816	1,261	(68)	1,193
	<u>\$ 4,228</u>	<u>\$ (396)</u>	<u>\$ 3,832</u>	<u>\$ 5,028</u>	<u>\$ 9</u>	<u>\$ 5,037</u>

The majority of the decrease of \$0.8 million in interest income on securitized commercial mortgage loans is related to the lower average balance of the commercial mortgage loans outstanding in the third quarter of 2009 which decreased approximately \$15.9 million (8.8%) compared to the balance for the same period in 2008. The decrease in the average balance between the periods is primarily related to payments received of \$7.2 million, which includes both scheduled and unscheduled payments, during the period from July 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009. Amortization of net discounts decreased by \$0.4 million due to projections of later principal payments on commercial loans as it is expected that these loans will not prepay when their lockout periods expire.

Interest income on securitized single-family mortgage loans declined \$0.4 million to \$0.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009. The decline in interest income on single-family mortgage loans was related to the decrease in the average balance of the loans outstanding from the third quarter of 2008, which declined approximately \$10.4 million, or 13.7%, to \$66.0 million for the third quarter of 2009. Interest income on single-family mortgage loans also declined as a result of an approximately 131 basis point decrease in the average yield to 4.9% for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 compared to 6.2% for the same quarter in 2008. For a discussion of the reasons for the decrease in average yields, see the discussion under “Average Balances and Effective Interest Rates” below.

Interest Income – Cash and Cash Equivalents

Interest income on cash and cash equivalents decreased to \$4 thousand for the three months ended September 30, 2009 from \$0.2 million for the same period in 2008. This decrease is primarily the result of a decrease in the average rate that we earned on our cash and cash equivalents, which decreased to 0.05% for the third quarter of 2009 from 1.6% for the same period in 2008.

Interest Expense

The following table presents the significant components of interest expense.

<i>(amounts in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008
Interest expense:		
Securitization financing	\$ 1,769	\$ 3,276
Repurchase agreements	668	1,417
Obligation under payment agreement	416	402
Other	2	(5)
	<u>\$ 2,855</u>	<u>\$ 5,090</u>

Interest Expense – Securitization Financing

The following table summarizes the detail of the interest expense recorded on securitization financing bonds.

<i>(amounts in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended September 30,					
	2009			2008		
	Interest Expense	Net Amortization	Total Interest Expense	Interest Expense	Net Amortization	Total Interest Expense
Securitization financing:						
Secured by commercial mortgage loans	\$ 2,567	\$ (852)	\$ 1,715	\$ 3,131	\$ (156)	\$ 2,975
Secured by single-family mortgage loans	38	33	71	219	13	232
Other bond related costs	(17)	–	(17)	69	–	69
	<u>\$ 2,588</u>	<u>\$ (819)</u>	<u>\$ 1,769</u>	<u>\$ 3,419</u>	<u>\$ (143)</u>	<u>\$ 3,276</u>

Interest expense on commercial securitization financing decreased from \$3.0 million for the third quarter of 2008 to \$1.7 million for the same period in 2009. The majority of this \$1.3 million decrease is related to the \$32.2 million, or 20.6%, decrease in the average balance of securitization financing from \$156.2 million for the third quarter of 2008 to \$124.0 million for the third quarter of 2009. This decrease in the average balance was primarily the result of scheduled and unscheduled payments on the mortgage loans collateralizing these bonds and the redemption of a securitization financing bond with a balance of \$15.5 million during the second quarter of 2009, which is discussed further in “Financial Condition” above. The increase in net amortization for commercial mortgage loans to \$0.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 from \$0.2 million for the same period in 2008 resulted from a decrease in the estimated prepayment speed for those loans. Current and expected market conditions are expected to make it more difficult for commercial borrowers to refinance, which should slow unscheduled payments. In addition, securitization financing secured by commercial mortgage loans is fixed-rate and had a weighted average cost of 7.28% and 7.61% for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and September 30, 2008, respectively.

The interest expense on single-family securitization financing decreased from \$0.2 million for the third quarter of 2008 to \$0.1 million for the same period of 2009. This \$0.1 million decrease is related to the \$4.7 million, or 15.9%, decrease in the average balance of securitization financing from \$29.7 million for the third quarter of 2008 to \$25.0 million for the third quarter of 2009. This decrease in the average balance is primarily related to unscheduled payments on the mortgage loans collateralizing these bonds. In addition, the cost of securitization financing decreased from 3.44% for the three months ended September 30, 2008 to 1.15% for the same period in 2009. The financing is variable-rate based on the level of one-month LIBOR. Average one-month LIBOR for the three months ended September 30, 2009 was 0.27% compared to 2.62% for the same period in 2008.

Interest Expense – Repurchase Agreements

The following table summarizes the components of interest expense by the type of securities collateralizing the repurchase agreements.

(amounts in thousands)	Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008
Interest expense:		
Repurchase agreements collateralized by Agency MBS	\$ 531	\$ 1,394
Repurchase agreements collateralized by securitization financing bonds	137	23
	<u>\$ 668</u>	<u>\$ 1,417</u>

The \$0.9 million decrease in interest expense on repurchase agreements collateralized by Agency MBS to \$0.5 million for the third quarter of 2009 from \$1.4 million for the third quarter of 2008 was primarily related to a 232 basis point decrease in the average rate on the repurchase agreements to 0.43% for the third quarter of 2009 from 2.75% for the same period in 2008. The difficult conditions in the credit markets experienced by the entire financial industry during the third quarter of 2008 resulted in unfavorable LIBOR rates which negatively impacted the repurchase agreement financing we obtained at that time. This decrease in rate was partially offset by a \$284.0 million increase in the average balance of repurchase agreements outstanding for the third quarter of 2009 to \$485.9 million from \$201.9 million for the same period of 2008, in connection with our use of repurchase agreements to finance the additional purchases of Agency MBS.

Interest expense on repurchase agreements collateralized by securitization bonds increased \$0.1 million during the third quarter of 2009 as compared to the third quarter of 2008. This increase was due to a \$25.7 million increase in the average balance of repurchase agreement financing outstanding to \$29.3 million for the third quarter of 2009. The increase in balance was primarily related to financing the securitization bond that was redeemed during 2009. The effect of the increased balance on interest expense was partially offset by a 72 basis point decrease in the average rate on the repurchase agreements from 2.58% for the third quarter of 2008 to 1.86% for the same period in 2009.

Provision for Loan Losses

During the three months ended September 30, 2009, we added approximately \$0.2 million of reserves for estimated losses on our securitized mortgage loan portfolio. Approximately two-thirds of this amount was provided for estimated losses on our commercial mortgage loans, which includes \$8.4 million of delinquent loans. There were two newly delinquent commercial mortgage loans during the quarter, with an unpaid principal balance of \$1.6 million.

Equity in Income (Loss) of Joint Venture

Our interest in the operations of the joint venture, in which we hold a 49.875% interest, increased to income of \$1.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 from a loss of \$3.5 million for the same period in 2008. The joint venture had interest income of approximately \$0.6 million and \$0.9 million for the three month periods ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Equity in income of joint venture also includes a benefit of \$1.1 million that we recognized for our interest in the increase in the fair value of certain interests in CMBS, for which the joint venture elected the fair value option under ASC 825-10. The three months ended September 30, 2008 also included an other-than-temporary impairment charge of \$6.1 million it recognized on its interests in a CMBS and a \$1.6 million decrease in the estimated fair value of certain interests in CMBS, for which it elected the fair value option under ASC 825-10.

Fair Value Adjustments, Net

Fair value adjustments, net of \$0.5 million primarily resulted from an increase in the fair value of our obligation under payment agreement for the three months ended September 30, 2009. The obligation under payment agreement is valued by discounting the estimated future cash flows, and the increase in the fair value during the quarter primarily resulted from a decrease in the discount rate during the period. This increase was partially offset by a decrease in the estimated prepayment speed on the loans collateralizing the obligation under payment agreement. See Note 10 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for further discussion.

Other Income

Other income decreased \$3.8 million to less than \$0.1 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2009. Other income for the third quarter ended September 30, 2008, was primarily related to a \$3.4 million benefit we recognized during the quarter related to our release from an obligation to fund certain mortgage servicing payments. The servicer resigned effective July 1, 2008, which resulted in our release from the obligation to make further payments.

General and Administrative Expenses

Compensation and Benefits

Compensation and benefits expense increased by approximately \$0.2 million to \$0.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 from \$0.6 million for the same period in 2008. The increase was primarily related to an increase in stock based compensation expense due to an increase in the closing price of our common stock from \$8.20 at June 30, 2009 to \$8.43 at September 30, 2009, which resulted in a stock based compensation expense of \$0.1 million for the third quarter of 2009 compared to a stock based compensation benefit of \$0.1 million for the same quarter in 2008. This expense relates to the stock appreciation rights granted to employees in 2005 through 2007.

Other General and Administrative

Other general and administrative expenses was \$0.7 million for the third quarter of 2009 and decreased by \$0.2 million from the same period of 2008, primarily as a result of certain one-time costs associated with expanding our investment platform and the related infrastructure that were incurred in 2008.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008

Interest Income

The following table presents the significant components of our interest income.

<i>(amounts in thousands)</i>	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008
Interest income - Investments:		
Agency MBS	\$ 14,943	\$ 3,262
Securitized mortgage loans	13,138	16,020
Other investments	654	1,093
	28,735	20,375
Cash and cash equivalents	13	659
	<u>\$ 28,748</u>	<u>\$ 21,034</u>

The change in interest income on securitized mortgage loans and Agency MBS is examined in the discussion and tables that follow.

Interest Income – Agency MBS

Interest income on Agency MBS increased to \$14.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 from \$3.3 million for the same period in 2008. The interest income on Agency MBS is a result of a \$365.8 million increase in the average balance of Agency MBS to an average balance of \$464.4 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to the same period in 2008 as a result of the purchase of additional securities. Offsetting this increase was a decrease in the average rate earned on Agency MBS by 9 basis points from 4.39% for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 to 4.30% for the same period in 2009.

Interest Income – Securitized Mortgage Loans

The following table summarizes the detail of the interest income earned on securitized mortgage loans.

(amounts in thousands)	Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2009			2008		
	Interest Income	Net Amortization	Total Interest Income	Interest Income	Net Amortization	Total Interest Income
Securitized mortgage loans:						
Commercial	\$ 10,343	\$ (142)	\$ 10,201	\$ 11,628	\$ 295	\$ 11,923
Single-family	2,904	33	2,937	4,318	(221)	4,097
	<u>\$ 13,247</u>	<u>\$ (109)</u>	<u>\$ 13,138</u>	<u>\$ 15,946</u>	<u>\$ 74</u>	<u>\$ 16,020</u>

The majority of the decrease of \$1.7 million in interest income on securitized commercial mortgage loans is related to the lower average balance of the commercial mortgage loans outstanding for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009, which decreased approximately \$16.9 million, or 9.1%, compared to the average balance for the same period in 2008. The decrease in the average balance between the periods is primarily related to payments received of \$20.7 million, which includes both scheduled and unscheduled payments, during the period from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009. In addition, net amortization for commercial mortgage loans changed from an expense of \$0.3 million to a net amortization benefit of \$0.1 million. This change resulted from a decrease in the estimated prepayment speed for those loans. Current and expected market conditions are expected to make it more difficult for commercial borrowers to refinance, which should slow unscheduled payments.

Interest income on securitized single-family mortgage loans declined \$1.2 million to \$2.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The decline in interest income was related to the decrease in the average balance of the loans outstanding from the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008, which declined approximately \$12.9 million, or approximately 18.9%, to \$68.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. Interest income on single-family mortgage loans also declined as a result of an approximately 110 basis point decrease in the average yield on our single-family mortgage loan portfolio to 5.6% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 compared to 6.7% for the same period in 2008. For a discussion of the reasons for the decrease in average yields, see the discussion under “Average Balances and Effective Interest Rates” below.

Interest Income – Cash and Cash Equivalents

The decrease in interest income on cash and cash equivalents is primarily the result of a decrease in average rate that we earned on our cash and cash equivalents, which decreased to 0.05% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 from 2.2% for the same period in 2008.

Interest Expense

The following table presents the significant components of interest expense.

(amounts in thousands)	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008
Interest expense:		
Securitization financing	\$ 7,455	\$ 10,212
Repurchase agreements	2,561	1,897
Obligation under payment agreement	1,217	1,207
Other	(7)	9
	<u>\$ 11,226</u>	<u>\$ 13,325</u>

Interest Expense – Securitization Financing

The following table summarizes the detail of the interest expense recorded on securitization financing bonds.

(amounts in thousands)	Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2009			2008		
	Interest Expense	Net Amortization	Total Interest Expense	Interest Expense	Net Amortization	Total Interest Expense
Securitization financing:						
Secured by commercial mortgage loans	\$ 8,289	\$ (1,192)	\$ 7,097	\$ 9,873	\$ (830)	\$ 9,043
Secured by single-family mortgage loans	136	98	234	795	116	911
Other bond related costs	124	–	124	258	–	258
	<u>\$ 8,549</u>	<u>\$ (1,094)</u>	<u>\$ 7,455</u>	<u>\$ 10,926</u>	<u>\$ (714)</u>	<u>\$ 10,212</u>

Interest expense on commercial securitization financing decreased from \$9.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 to \$7.1 million for the same period in 2009. The majority of this \$1.9 million decrease is related to the \$27.5 million (16.9%) decrease in the average balance of securitization financing, from \$162.7 million in 2008 to \$135.2 million in 2009 related to the scheduled and unscheduled payments on the mortgage loans collateralizing these bonds and the redemption of a securitization financing bond with a balance of \$15.5 million during the period, which is discussed in more detail in the discussion of “Financial Condition” above. In addition, securitization financing secured by commercial mortgage loans is fixed-rate and had a weighted average cost of 7.19% and 7.46% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and September 30, 2008, respectively.

The interest expense on single-family securitization financing decreased from \$0.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 to \$0.2 million for the same period of 2009. This \$0.7 million decrease is related to the \$5.6 million (18.0%) decrease in the average balance of securitization financing, from \$31.4 million in 2008 to \$25.8 million in 2009 related to the prepayments on the mortgage loans collateralizing these bonds. In addition, the cost of financing decreased from 3.91% for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 to 1.23% for the same period in 2009. The financing is variable-rate based on one-month LIBOR which declined during the period.

Interest Expense – Repurchase Agreements

The following table summarizes the components of interest expense by the type of securities collateralizing the repurchase agreements.

(amounts in thousands)	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008
Interest expense:		
Repurchase agreements collateralized by Agency MBS	\$ 2,260	\$ 1,796
Repurchase agreements collateralized by securitization financing bonds	301	101
	<u>\$ 2,561</u>	<u>\$ 1,897</u>

The \$0.5 million increase in interest expense on repurchase agreements collateralized by Agency MBS to \$2.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 was primarily related to a \$335.7 million increase in the average balance of repurchase agreements outstanding for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 to \$423.4 million from \$87.6 million for the same period of 2008. This increase was partially offset by a 202 basis point decrease in the average rate on the repurchase agreements from 2.74% for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 to 0.72% for the same period in 2009.

Interest expense on repurchase agreements collateralized by securitization bonds increased \$0.2 million to \$0.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the same period in 2008. This increase was due to a \$15.0 million increase in the average balance outstanding to \$19.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The increase in balance was primarily related to financing the securitization bond that was redeemed during 2009 with a repurchase agreement. The effect of the increased balance on interest expense was partially offset by a 106 basis point decrease in the average rate on the repurchase agreements from 3.15% for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 to 2.09% for the same period in 2009.

Gain on Sale of Investments, Net

The \$0.2 million gain on sale of investments for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 is primarily related to the sale of our remaining investment in the equity securities of publicly traded companies during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 which generated proceeds of approximately \$3.7 million on securities in which we had a cost basis of approximately \$3.4 million. The gain of \$2.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 is primarily related to the sale of approximately \$10.0 million of equity securities during that period.

Provision for Loan Losses

During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, we added approximately \$0.6 million of reserves for estimated losses on our securitized mortgage loan portfolio. Approximately half of this amount was provided for estimated losses on our commercial mortgage loans, which includes \$8.4 million of loans delinquent for 30 or more days at September 30, 2009. We also provided approximately \$0.2 million for estimated losses on our portfolio of securitized single family mortgage loans.

Equity in Income (Loss) of Joint Venture

Our interest in the operations of the joint venture, in which we hold a 49.875% interest, improved from a loss of \$5.2 million to income of \$1.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2009, respectively. The joint venture had interest income of approximately \$1.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, which decreased by \$1.5 million from the same period in 2008 as a result of one of its subordinate CMBS no longer receiving interest payments. The subordinate CMBS stopped receiving interest payments due to an increase in the rates of the bonds senior to it in the same securitization. The joint venture's results were reduced by other-than-temporary impairment charges on its interest in CMBS of \$1.4 million and \$7.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Fair Value Adjustments, Net

Fair value adjustments, net decreased from a net favorable adjustment of \$5.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 to a net unfavorable adjustment of \$0.3 million for the same period in 2009. The fair value adjustment in 2008 primarily related to a decrease in the fair value of the obligation under payment agreement resulting from increases in the discount rates used in calculating its fair value during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, discount rates declined resulting in an increase in the fair value of the obligation under payment agreement and the recognition of the unfavorable fair value adjustment. The effect of the decline in discount rates during 2009 was partially offset by a reduction of expected loan prepayments based on current market conditions.

Other Income

Other income decreased \$6.8 million from \$7.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 to \$0.2 million for the same period in 2009. Other income for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 is primarily due to the recognition of \$2.7 million of income related to the redemption of a commercial securitization bond and a \$3.4 million benefit related to our release from an obligation to fund certain mortgage servicing payments. The obligation was related to payments we had been required to make to a former affiliate that was the servicer of manufactured housing loans that were originated by one of our subsidiaries in 1998 and 1999. The servicer resigned effective July 1, 2008, which resulted in our release from the obligation to make further payments.

General and Administrative Expenses

Compensation and Benefits

Compensation and benefits expense increased by approximately \$1.1 million to \$2.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 from \$1.7 million for the same period in 2008. The increase was related to an increase in stock based compensation expense due to an increase in the closing price of our common stock from \$7.85 at September 30, 2008 to \$8.43 at September 30, 2009, which resulted in a stock based compensation expense of \$0.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 compared to a stock based compensation benefit of \$0.3 million for the same period in 2008. The remaining increase in compensation and benefits is primarily related to the salary, bonus and benefits associated with hiring two additional executive officers during the second half 2008.

Other General and Administrative

Other general and administrative expenses decreased by less than \$0.1 million to \$2.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 from \$2.3 million for the same period in 2008. The decrease is primarily related to certain one-time costs associated with expanding our investment platform and the related infrastructure that were incurred in 2008.

Average Balances and Effective Interest Rates

The following table summarizes the average balances of interest-earning assets and their average effective yields, along with the average interest-bearing liabilities and the related average effective interest rates, for each of the periods presented. Assets that are on non-accrual status are excluded from the table below for each period presented.

	Three Months Ended September 30,			
	2009		2008	
	Average Balance ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Effective Yield/Rate ⁽³⁾	Average Balance ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Effective Yield/Rate ⁽³⁾
<i>(amounts in thousands, except for percentages)</i>				
Agency MBS				
Agency MBS	\$ 531,280	4.13%	\$ 213,574	4.45%
Repurchase agreements	485,924	(0.43%)	201,863	(2.75%)
Net interest spread		3.70%		1.70%
Securitized Mortgage Loans				
Securitized mortgage loans	\$ 231,004	7.13%	\$ 257,310	7.81%
Securitization financing ⁽⁴⁾	148,974	(6.25%)	185,882	(6.94%)
Repurchase agreements	29,312	(1.86%)	3,609	(2.58%)
Net interest spread		1.61%		0.95%
Other investments	\$ 9,009	8.98%	\$ 9,876	10.85%
Total				
Interest earning assets	\$ 771,293	5.09%	\$ 480,760	6.38%
Interest bearing liabilities	664,210	(1.80%)	391,354	(4.74%)
Net interest spread		3.29%		1.64%

(1) Average balances exclude unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities.

(2) Average balances exclude funds held by trustees except collateral received on defeased loans held by trustees.

(3) Certain income and expense items of a one-time nature are not annualized for the calculation of effective yields/rates. Examples of such one-time items include retrospective adjustments of discount and premium amortization arising from adjustments of effective interest rates.

(4) Effective rates are calculated excluding non-interest related securitization financing expenses.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 Compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2008

The overall yield on interest-earning assets, which excludes cash and cash equivalents, decreased to 5.09% for the three months ended September 30, 2009 from 6.38% for the same period in 2008. The overall cost of financing decreased from 4.74% for the three months ended September 30, 2008 to 1.80% for the same period in 2009. This resulted in an overall increase in net interest spread of 165 basis points to 3.29% from 1.64%. The reasons for the changes from 2008 to 2009 are discussed below by investment type.

Agency MBS

Net interest spread on Agency MBS improved to 3.70% for the three months ended September 30, 2009 from 1.70% for the same period in 2008 principally as a result of the decline in the cost of financing. The cost of repurchase agreement financing decreased by 232 basis points as short term interest rates declined (as evidenced by LIBOR's average decline of 235 basis points during the previous 12 months) resulting in an effective cost of 0.43% for the three months ended September 30, 2009 versus 2.75% for the same period in 2008. The yield on Agency MBS decreased to 4.13% for the third quarter of 2009 compared to 4.45% for the same period in 2008 as a result of our acquisition of Agency MBS with rates that were on average lower than those we held in the portfolio as of September 30, 2008 as well as the rate resets during the period on Agency ARMs.

Securitized Mortgage Loans

The net interest spread for the three months ended September 30, 2009 for securitized mortgage loans was 1.61% versus 0.95% for the same period in 2008. The increase in spread was a result of reduced financing costs and was partially offset by a decline in the effective rate on the loans. The yield on securitized mortgage loans decreased

from 7.81% for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 to 7.13% for the same period in 2009 as a result of a 131 basis points decrease in the average yield on our single-family mortgage loans for the three months ended September 30, 2009. The majority of our single-family mortgage loans (87% at September 30, 2009) are variable-rate, with indices based principally on LIBOR, and were resetting at lower rates between September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2009.

The cost of securitization financing decreased to 6.25% for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 from 6.94% for the same period in 2008. This decrease resulted from the purchase during March 2009 of a fixed-rate bond collateralized by commercial multi-family mortgage loans and a \$22.2 million reduction in the average balance of the higher yielding fixed-rate commercial securitization financing, as a result of principal payments between September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2009. Also, LIBOR rates on the variable-rate bond collateralized by single-family loans decreased 235 basis points during the last 12 months.

The average rate on our repurchase agreements that finance securitized mortgage loans declined along with LIBOR during the period. In addition, the average outstanding balance of these repurchase agreements increased \$25.7 million as the commercial loan-backed bond which was purchased in March 2009 was replaced with repurchase agreement financing.

Other Investments

The yield on other investments decreased by 187 basis points to 8.98% for the three months ended September 30, 2009 compared to the same period in 2008. This decrease in yield was primarily due to the prepayment of higher yielding loans and discontinuance of interest accrual on a commercial loan.

	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2009		2008	
(amounts in thousands, except for percentages)	Average Balance ^{(1) (2)}	Effective Yield/Rate ⁽³⁾	Average Balance ^{(1) (2)}	Effective Yield/Rate ⁽³⁾
Agency MBS				
Agency MBS	\$ 464,430	4.30%	\$ 98,658	4.39%
Repurchase agreements	423,360	(0.72%)	87,613	(2.74)%
Net interest spread		<u>3.58%</u>		<u>1.65%</u>
Securitized Mortgage Loans				
Securitized mortgage loans	\$ 237,274	7.38%	\$ 267,036	7.98%
Securitization financing ⁽⁴⁾	160,963	(6.24%)	194,144	(6.88%)
Repurchase agreements	19,232	(2.09%)	4,275	(3.15%)
Net interest spread		<u>1.59%</u>		<u>1.18%</u>
Other investments	\$ 9,262	<u>9.32%</u>	\$ 13,040	<u>11.27%</u>
Total				
Interest earning assets	\$ 710,966	5.39%	\$ 378,734	7.16%
Interest bearing liabilities	603,555	(2.23%)	286,032	(5.56%)
Net interest spread		<u>3.16%</u>		<u>1.60%</u>

(1) Average balances exclude unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities.

(2) Average balances exclude funds held by trustees except collateral received on defeased loans held by trustees.

(3) Certain income and expense items of a one-time nature are not annualized for the calculation of effective yields/rates. Examples of such one-time items include retrospective adjustments of discount and premium amortization arising from adjustments of effective interest rates.

(4) Effective rates are calculated excluding non-interest related securitization financing expenses.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008

The overall yield on interest-earning assets, which excludes cash and cash equivalents, decreased to 5.39% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 from 7.16% for the same period in 2008. The overall cost of financing decreased from 5.56% for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 to 2.23% for the same period in 2009. This resulted in an overall increase in net interest spread of 156 basis points. The reasons for the changes from 2008 to 2009 are discussed below by investment type.

Agency MBS

Net interest spread on Agency MBS improved to 3.58% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 from 1.65% for the same period in 2008 principally as a result of the decline in the cost of financing. The cost of repurchase agreement financing decreased by 202 basis points as short term interest rates declined (as evidenced by LIBOR's average decline of 235 basis points during the previous 12 months) resulting in an effective cost of 0.72% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 versus 2.74% for the same period in 2008. The yield on Agency MBS decreased to 4.30% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 compared to 4.39% for the same period in 2008 as a result of our acquisition of Agency MBS with rates that were on average lower than those we held in the portfolio as of September 30, 2008 as well as the rate resets during the period on Agency ARMs.

Securitized Mortgage Loans

The net interest spread for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 for securitized mortgage loans was 1.59% versus 1.18% for the same period in 2008. The increase in spread was a result of reduced financing costs and was partially offset by a decline in the effective rate on the loans. The yield on securitized mortgage loans decreased from 7.98% for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 to 7.38% for the corresponding period in 2009 primarily as a result of a 147 basis point decrease in the average yield on our single-family mortgage loans to 5.61% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The majority of our single-family mortgage loans (87% at September 30, 2009) are variable-rate and were resetting at lower rates between September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2009.

The cost of securitization financing decreased to 6.24% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 from 6.88% for the same period in 2008. This decrease resulted from the purchase in March 2009 of a fixed-rate bond collateralized by commercial multi-family mortgage loans and a \$19.3 million reduction in the average balance of the higher yielding fixed-rate commercial securitization financing, as a result of principal payments between September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2009. Also, LIBOR rates on the variable-rate bond collateralized by single-family loans decreased 247 basis points during the last 12 months.

The average rate on our repurchase agreements that finance our securitized mortgage loans declined along with LIBOR during the period. In addition, the average outstanding balance of these repurchase agreements increased \$15.2 million as the commercial loan-backed bond which was purchased in March 2009 was replaced with repurchase agreement financing.

Other Investments

The yield on other investments decreased 195 basis points to 9.32% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 compared to the same period in 2008. This decrease in yield was primarily due to the prepayment of higher yielding warehouse loans and discontinuance of interest accrual on an impaired commercial warehouse loan.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based in large part upon our condensed consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. We base these estimates and judgments on historical experience and assumptions believed to be reasonable under current facts and circumstances. Actual results, however, may differ from the estimated amounts we have recorded.

Our accounting policies that require significant management estimates, judgments or assumptions and are considered critical to our results of operations or financial position relate to consolidation of subsidiaries, securitization, fair value measurements, impairments, allowance for loan losses and amortization of premiums/discounts on Agency MBS. Our critical accounting policies are discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 under “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Critical Accounting Policies.” There have been no changes in our critical accounting policies as discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, except as discussed in “Use of Estimates” in Note 1 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

For a discussion of recently adopted accounting standards and recently issued accounting standards which are not yet effective and the impact, if any, on our financial statements, see “Recently Issued Accounting Standards” in Note 1 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

We have historically financed our investments and operations from a variety of sources, including a mix of collateral-based short-term financing sources such as repurchase agreements, collateral-based long-term financing sources such as securitization financing, equity capital, and net earnings.

As a REIT, we are required to distribute to our shareholders amounts equal to at least 90% of our REIT taxable income for each taxable year. We generally fund our dividend distributions through our cash flows from operations. If we make dividend distributions in excess of our operating cash flows during the period, whether for purposes of meeting our REIT distribution requirements or other strategic reasons, those distributions would generally be funded either through our existing cash balances or through the return of principal from our investments (either through repayment or sale). Alternatively, we have the ability to utilize our NOL carryforwards to offset taxable income and therefore our REIT distribution requirement, giving us the flexibility to reduce our REIT distribution requirements. This would allow us to retain capital and increase our book value per common share and also increase our liquidity by reducing or eliminating our dividend payout to common shareholders. We have paid a \$0.23 dividend on our common stock for each of the last five quarters. On several occasions that amount has exceeded our taxable income distribution requirement and was funded using our excess cash.

During the third quarter of 2009, we purchased \$103.6 million of Agency MBS using \$85.7 million in repurchase agreements and \$17.9 million in equity capital to finance the acquisitions. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, we purchased \$364.6 million of Agency MBS using \$334.0 million in repurchase agreements and \$30.6 million in equity capital to finance the acquisitions. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, we received principal payments on Agency MBS of \$36.8 million and \$85.7 million, respectively. We generally intend to hold our Agency MBS as a long-term investment, but we will occasionally sell these securities when market conditions warrant or to manage our interest-rate risks or liquidity needs.

We initiated a controlled equity offering program (“CEOP”) on March 16, 2009 by filing a prospectus supplement under our shelf registration. The CEOP allows us to offer and sell, from time to time through Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. (“Cantor”) as agent, up to 3,000,000 shares of our common stock in negotiated transactions or transactions that are deemed to be “at the market offerings”, as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, including sales made directly on the New York Stock Exchange or sales made to or through a market maker other than on an exchange. We intend to use any net proceeds from the CEOP to acquire additional investments consistent with our investment policy and for general corporate purposes which may include, among other things, repayment of maturing obligations, capital expenditures, and working capital.

During the third quarter of 2009, we sold 402,250 shares of our common stock through the CEOP at a weighted average price of \$8.27 per share, for which we received proceeds of \$3.2 million, net of a \$0.1 million sales commission paid to Cantor. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, we sold 1,392,250 shares of our common stock at a weighted average price of \$7.10 per share. As of September 30, 2009, there are 1,607,750 shares of our common stock remaining for offer and sale under the CEOP.

In deploying our capital, we typically utilize repurchase agreement financing which will subject us to liquidity risk driven by fluctuations in market values of the collateral pledged to support the repurchase agreement and the fact that repurchase agreements are uncommitted financings. We will attempt to mitigate liquidity risk by limiting the investments that we purchase to higher-credit quality investments, and by managing certain aspects of the investments such as potential market value changes from changes in interest rates, as much as possible. We will also seek to manage the ratio of our debt-to-equity in order to give us financial flexibility and allow us to better manage through periods of market volatility. Our operating policies provide that repurchase agreements used to finance Agency MBS will be in the range of five to nine times to our invested equity capital and non-Agency MBS will be in the range of one to four times our invested equity capital. Our current debt-to-equity ratio for Agency MBS at September 30, 2009 was approximately six times our invested equity capital. Our current debt-to-equity capital for non-Agency MBS was one times our invested equity capital at September 30, 2009. Our overall debt-to-equity ratio including securitization financing was approximately four and a half times our invested equity capital at September 30, 2009.

At the inception of the repurchase agreement, we post margin (i.e., collateral deposits in excess of the repurchase agreement financing) to the counterparty lender in order to support the amount of the financing and to give the lender a cushion against fluctuations in the value of the collateral pledged. The repurchase agreement lender can request that we post additional margin (or “margin calls”) in the event of a decline in value of the collateral pledged. If we fail to meet this margin call, the lender has the right to terminate the repurchase agreement and immediately sell the collateral. If the proceeds from the sale of the collateral are insufficient to repay the entire amount of the repurchase agreement outstanding, we would be required to repay any shortfall. All of our repurchase agreements provide that the lender is responsible for obtaining collateral valuations, but such collateral valuations must be from a generally recognized source agreed to by both us and the lender, or the most recent closing quotation of such source. Repurchase agreement borrowings generally will have a term of between one and three months and carry a rate of interest based on a spread to an index such as LIBOR. Our repurchase agreements are renewable at the discretion of our lenders and do not contain guaranteed roll-over terms. If we fail to repay the lender at maturity, the lender has the right to immediately sell the collateral and pursue us for any shortfall if the sales proceeds are inadequate to cover the repurchase agreement financing.

The use of repurchase agreements subjects us to counterparty risk. Our repurchase agreement lending counterparties are both foreign and domestic institutions, and we believe substantially all of these institutions have received some form of assistance from their respective federal government or central bank. To protect against unforeseen reductions in our borrowing capabilities, we maintain unused capacity under our existing repurchase agreement credit lines with multiple counterparties and an asset “cushion” comprised of cash and cash equivalents, unpledged Agency MBS and collateral in excess of margin requirements held by our counterparties, in order to meet potential margin calls or to repay lenders in the event the repurchase agreement financing is not renewed at maturity. In addition, at September 30, 2009, we had cash and unpledged Agency MBS of \$76.8 million. In addition to these measures, we manage our debt-to-equity ratio as discussed above. In the normal course of our business, we continually seek to obtain new repurchase agreement counterparties. Since the beginning of 2009, we have seen the amount of repurchase agreement availability increase and the terms improve, including the availability of extended repurchase agreement maturities, declining borrowing costs, and the extension of credit to non-Agency MBS.

As previously noted, securitization financing represents bonds issued that are recourse only to the assets pledged as collateral to support the financing and are not otherwise recourse to us. At September 30, 2009, we had \$148.2 million of securitization financing outstanding, most of which carries a fixed-rate of interest. The maturity of each class of securitization financing is directly affected by the rate of principal prepayments on the related collateral and is not subject to margin call risk and cannot otherwise be put to us. Each series is also subject to redemption at our option, according to specific terms of the respective indentures, generally on the earlier of a specified date or when the remaining balance of the bond equals 35% or less of the original principal balance of the bonds. At September 30, 2009, we had the right to redeem \$0.2 million in securitization financing, which carries a coupon of 8.82%.

We believe that we have adequate financial resources to meet our obligations, including margin calls, to fund dividends that we declare and to fund our operations. Should the global credit markets destabilize, causing market volatility in the prices of investments that we own or causing weakness in financial institutions similar to that seen in late 2008 through the middle of 2009, we may be subject to margin calls from fluctuating values of assets pledged to support repurchase agreement financing, or financial institutions may be unable or unwilling to renew such financing depending on the severity of the market volatility. In such an instance, we may be forced to liquidate investments in potentially unfavorable market conditions.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements. As of September 30, 2009, there have been no material changes to the off-balance sheet arrangements disclosed in “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Contractual Obligations. As of September 30, 2009, there have been no material changes outside the ordinary course of business to the contractual obligations disclosed in “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

In addition to current and historical information, this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are those that predict or describe future events or trends and that do not relate solely to historical matters. All statements contained in this Quarterly Report addressing the results of operations, our operating performance, events, or developments that we expect or anticipate will occur in the future, including, but not limited to, statements relating to investment strategies, net interest income growth, investment performance, earnings or earnings per share growth, and market share, as well as statements expressing optimism or pessimism about future operating results, are forward-looking statements. You can generally identify forward-looking statements as statements containing the words “will,” “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “estimate,” “assume,” “plan,” “continue,” “should,” “may” or other similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are based on our beliefs, assumptions and expectations of our future performance, taking into account all information currently available to us. These beliefs, assumptions and expectations are subject to risks and uncertainties and can change as a result of many possible events or factors, not all of which are known to us. If a change occurs, our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations may vary materially from those expressed in our forward-looking statements. The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to vary from our forward-looking statements:

- risks associated with investing in real estate assets, including changes in general economic and market conditions, including the ongoing volatility in the credit markets which impacts assets prices and the cost and availability of financing,
- our ability to borrow to continue to finance our assets,
- availability of suitable reinvestment opportunities,
- fluctuations in interest rates and the market value of our investments, particularly in response to changes in government policy,
- defaults by borrowers and/or guarantors of our investments,
- fluctuations in property capitalization rates and values of commercial real estate,

- uncertainty around government policy, and the impact of regulatory changes, the full impact of which is unknown at this time,
- defaults by third-party servicers,
- actual or expected changes in the rate of prepayments on our investments, particularly those that we own at a premium to their principal balance,
- other general competitive factors,
- our ability to maintain our qualification as a REIT for federal income tax purposes,
- our ability to maintain our exemption from registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended,
- the impact of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002,
- changes in government regulations affecting our business; and
- the impact of new accounting standards or changes in current accounting estimates and assumptions on our financial results.

These and other risks, uncertainties and factors, including those described in the other annual, quarterly and current reports that we file with the SEC, could cause our actual results to differ materially from those projected in any forward-looking statements we make. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which 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 are not obligated to, and do not intend to, update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

We are including this cautionary statement in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to make applicable and take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 for any forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf. Any forward-looking statements should be considered in context with the various disclosures made by us about our businesses in our public filings with the SEC, including without limitation the risk factors described above and those more specifically described in Item 1A. “Risk Factors” of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We seek to manage risks related to our investment strategy, including prepayment, reinvestment, market value, liquidity, credit and interest rate risks. We do not seek to avoid risk completely, but rather, we attempt to manage these risks while earning an acceptable risk-adjusted return for our shareholders. Below is a discussion of the current risks in our business model and investment strategy.

Prepayment and Reinvestment Risk

We are subject to prepayment risk from premiums paid on our investments and for discounts accepted on the issuance of securitization financing. In general, purchase premiums on our investments and discounts on securitization financing are amortized as a reduction in interest income or an increase in interest expense using the effective yield method under GAAP, adjusted for the actual and anticipated prepayment activity of the investment and/or securitization financing. An increase in the actual or expected rate of prepayment will typically accelerate the amortization of purchase premiums or issuance discounts, thereby reducing the yield/interest income earned on such assets or increasing the cost of such financing.

We are also subject to reinvestment risk as a result of the prepayment, repayment or sale of our investments. Yields on assets in which we invest now are generally lower than yields on existing assets that we may sell or which may be repaid, due to lower overall interest rates and more competition for these assets as investment assets. In some cases such as Agency MBS, yields are near historic lows. As a result, our interest income may decline in the future, resulting in lower earnings per share. In order to maintain our investment portfolio size and our earnings, we need to reinvest our capital into new interest-earning assets. If we are unable to find suitable reinvestment opportunities, interest income on our investment portfolio and investment cash flows could be negatively impacted.

Market Value Risk

Market value risk generally represents the risk of loss from the change in the value of a financial instrument due to fluctuations in interest rates and changes in the perceived risk in owning such financial instrument. Certain of our investments are classified as available for sale and as such they are reflected at fair value in our financial statements. Certain of our investments are carried at historical cost in accordance with GAAP. Regardless of whether an investment is carried at fair value in our financial statements, we will monitor the change in its market value. In particular, we will monitor changes in the value of investments which collateralize a repurchase agreement for liquidity management and other purposes. We attempt to manage this risk by managing our exposure to factors that can impact the market value of our investments such as changes in interest rates. We may also enter into derivative transactions, which would tend to increase in value when our investment portfolio decreases in value. At September 30, 2009, we had not entered into any such derivative transactions. See the analysis in “Tabular Presentation” below, which presents the estimated change in our portfolio given changes in market interest rates.

Liquidity Risk

We have liquidity risk principally from the use of recourse repurchase agreements to finance our ownership of securities. Repurchase agreement financing is uncommitted short-term financing which finances a longer-term asset and thus there is a mismatch between the maturity of the asset and of the associated financing. Repurchase agreements are recourse to both the assets pledged and to us. Generally such agreements will have an original term to maturity of between 30 and 90 days and carry a rate of interest based on a spread to an index such as LIBOR. Our repurchase agreements are renewable at the discretion of our lenders and, as such, do not contain guaranteed roll-over terms. If we fail to repay the lender at maturity, the lender has the right to immediately sell the collateral and pursue us for any shortfall if the sales proceeds are inadequate to cover the repurchase agreement financing. At the inception of the repurchase agreement, we post margin to the lender (i.e., collateral deposits in excess of the repurchase agreement financing) in order to support the amount of the financing and to give the lender a cushion against fluctuations in the value of the collateral pledged. The repurchase agreement lender can request that we post additional margin (or “margin calls”) in the event of a decline in value of the collateral pledged. Should the value of our securities pledged as collateral suddenly decrease, margin calls relating to our repurchase agreements could increase, causing an adverse change in our liquidity position. If we fail to meet this margin call, the lender has the right to terminate the repurchase agreement and immediately sell the collateral. If the proceeds from the sale of the collateral are insufficient to repay the entire amount of the repurchase agreement outstanding, we would be required to repay any shortfall. All of our repurchase agreements provide that the lender is responsible for obtaining collateral valuations, but such collateral valuations be from a generally recognized source agreed to by both us and the lender, or the most recent closing quotation of such source. Given the uncommitted nature of repurchase agreement financing and the varying collateral requirements with regard to collateral quality and amount, we cannot assume that we will always be able to roll over our repurchase agreements as they mature.

In order to attempt to mitigate liquidity risk, we typically pledge only Agency MBS and ‘AAA’-rated non-Agency securities to secure our outstanding repurchase agreements. Agency MBS generally are considered a highly liquid security and are generally less susceptible to extreme shifts in market value. We attempt to maintain an appropriate amount of cash and unpledged investments in order to meet margin calls on our repurchase agreements and to fund our on-going operations. See also “Liquidity and Capital Resources” in Item 2. “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” for further discussion.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that we will not receive all contractual amounts due on investments that we have purchased or funded as a result of a default by the borrower or guarantor and the resulting deficiency in proceeds from the liquidation of the collateral securing the obligation. All of our investments have credit risk in varying degrees.

Some of our investments including Agency MBS and certain securitized mortgage loans include guaranty of payment from third parties. For example, our Agency MBS have credit risk to the extent that Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac fail to remit payments on these MBS for which they have issued a guaranty of payment. In addition, certain of our securitized mortgage loans have “pool” guarantees by which certain parties provide guarantees of repayment on pools of loans up to a limited amount.

The following table presents information at September 30, 2009 with respect to our investments and the amounts guaranteed, if applicable.

Investment (amounts in thousands)	Amortized Cost Basis	Amount of Guaranty	Guarantor	Credit Rating of Guarantor ⁽¹⁾
With Guaranty of Payment				
Agency MBS	\$ 600,927	\$ 573,785	Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac	AAA
Securitized mortgage loans:				
Commercial	60,711	6,935	American International Group (“AIG”) ⁽²⁾	A3
Single-family	21,046	20,602	PMI/GEMICO “Pool” Insurance	Ba3/Baa2
Defeased commercial loans	13,588	13,593	Fully secured with cash	
Without Guaranty of Payment				
Securitized mortgage loans:				
Commercial	90,200	—		
Single-family	44,217	—		
Investment in joint venture	8,174	—		
Other investments	8,534	—		
	<u>847,397</u>	<u>614,915</u>		
Allowance for loan losses	<u>(4,126)</u>	<u>—</u>		
Total investments	<u>\$ 843,271</u>	<u>\$ 614,915</u>		

⁽¹⁾ Reflects lowest rating of the three nationally-recognized ratings agencies for the senior unsecured debt of the guarantor.

⁽²⁾ AIG, through its subsidiary AIG Retirement Services, Inc., will reimburse us for any loss on these loans as a pool up to the amount indicated.

Aside from guaranty of payment, we have also attempted to minimize our credit risk through the prudent underwriting of mortgage loans at their origination, investing in mortgage loans collateralized by multi-family low-income housing tax credit properties, the seasoning of the mortgage loans and the close monitoring of the performance of the servicers of the mortgage loans. Where we have retained credit risk, we provide an allowance for loan loss.

For our securitized mortgage loans, we have limited our credit risk through the securitization process and the issuance of securitization financing. The securitization process limits our credit risk from an economic point of view as the securitization financing is recourse only to the assets pledged. Therefore, our risk is limited to the difference between the amount of securitized mortgage loans pledged in excess of the amount of securitization financing outstanding. This difference is referred to as “overcollateralization.” For further information see “Supplemental Discussion of Investments” in Item 2. “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.”

The following table presents information with respect to securitized mortgage loans at September 30, 2009.

Investment Type ⁽¹⁾ (amounts in thousand except percentages)	Amortized Cost Basis of Loans	Excess of Loans UPB over Securitization Financing UPB	Current Loan- to-Value based on Original Appraised Value	Amortized Cost Basis of Delinquent Loans ⁽²⁾	Delinquency %
Commercial mortgage loans	\$ 160,715	\$ 40,637	47.9%	\$ 7,938	5.09%
Single-family mortgage loans	65,016	38,808	51.7%	5,494 ₍₃₎	8.32%

⁽¹⁾ The average seasoning in years for the commercial mortgage loans and the single-family mortgage loans are 13.2 years and 15.5 years, respectively, as of September 30, 2009.

⁽²⁾ Loans contractually delinquent by 30 or more days. No delinquent commercial loans have a guarantee of payment.

⁽³⁾ Of the \$5,494 of delinquent single-family loans, approximately \$1,786 are pool insured and, of the remaining \$3,708, \$1,118 of the loans made at least one payment within the 90 days prior to September 30, 2009.

Mortgage loans secured by low-income multifamily housing tax credit ("LIHTC") properties account for 86% of our securitized commercial loan portfolio. LIHTC properties are properties eligible for tax credits under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Section 42 of the Code provides tax credits to investors in projects to construct or substantially rehabilitate properties that provide housing for qualifying low-income families for as much as 90% of the eligible cost basis of the property. Failure by the borrower to comply with certain income and rental restrictions required by Section 42 or, more importantly, a default on a mortgage loan financing a Section 42 property during the Section 42 prescribed tax compliance period (generally 15 years from the date the property is placed in service) can result in the recapture of previously used tax credits from the borrower. The potential cost of tax credit recapture has historically provided an incentive to the property owner to support the property during the compliance period, including making debt service payments on the loan if necessary to keep the loan current. The following table shows the weighted average remaining compliance period of our portfolio of LIHTC commercial loans at September 30, 2009 as a percent of the total LIHTC commercial loan portfolio.

Months remaining to end of compliance period	As a Percent of Unpaid Principal Balance
Compliance period already exceeded	36.7%
Up to one year remaining	16.8
Between one and three years remaining	46.5
Between four and six years remaining	—
Total	100.0%

There were five delinquent LIHTC commercial mortgage loans with a total unpaid principal balance of \$8.4 million at September 30, 2009. Of the five loans, two loans with an unpaid principal balance of \$5.1 million were past their compliance period, and three loans with unpaid principal balances of \$0.5 million, \$1.2 million and \$1.7 million have compliance periods that will expire in 7 months, 9 months and 15 months, respectively. There were two delinquent LIHTC commercial mortgage loans at December 31, 2008.

Interest Rate Risk

Our investments on a leveraged basis subject us to interest rate risk. This risk arises from the difference in the timing of resets of interest rates on our investments versus the associated borrowings or differences in the indices on which the investments reset versus the borrowings. At any given time, our investments may consist of Hybrid Agency ARMs which have a fixed-rate of interest for an initial period, Agency ARMs or adjustable-rate mortgage loans which generally have interest rates which reset annually based on a spread to an index such as LIBOR and which are subject to interim and lifetime interest rate caps, and fixed-rate mortgage loans. Of our Agency ARMs and adjustable-rate loans, approximately 9% of these loans reset based upon the level of six month LIBOR, 81% reset based on the level of one-year LIBOR and 10% reset based on the level of one-year CMT. Periodic or lifetime

interest rate caps could limit the amount that the interest rate may reset. Generally the borrowings used to finance these assets will have interest rates resetting every 30 to 90 days and they will not have periodic or lifetime interest rate caps. Periodic caps on our investments range from 1-2% annually, and lifetime caps are generally 5%. In addition, certain of our securitized mortgage loans have a fixed-rate of interest and are financed with borrowings with interest rates that adjust monthly. During a period of rising short-term interest rates, the rates on our borrowings will reset higher on a more frequent basis than the interest rates on our investments, decreasing our net interest income earned and the corresponding cash flow on our investments. Conversely, net interest income may increase following a fall in short-term interest rates. This increase may be temporary as the yields on the adjustable-rate loans adjust to the new market conditions after a lag period. The net interest income may also be increased or decreased by the proceeds or costs of interest rate swap, cap or floor agreements, to the extent that we have entered into such agreements.

At September 30, 2009, the interest rates on our Agency MBS and securitized mortgage loans investments and the associated borrowings, if any, on these investments will prospectively reset based on the following time frames (not considering the impact of prepayments):

(amounts in thousands)	Investments		Borrowings	
	Amounts ⁽¹⁾	Percent	Amounts	Percent
Fixed-Rate Investments/Obligations	\$ 173,161	20.9%	\$ 132,172	18.8%
Adjustable-Rate Investments/Obligations:				
Less than 3 months	39,192	4.7	570,327	81.2
Greater than 3 months and less than 1 year	293,697	35.4	—	—
Greater than 1 year and less than 2 years	109,098	13.1	—	—
Greater than 2 years and less than 3 years	157,863	19.0	—	—
Greater than 3 years and less than 5 years	57,678	6.9	—	—
Total	\$ 830,689	100.0%	\$ 702,499	100.0%

⁽¹⁾ The investment amount represents the fair value of the related securities and amortized cost basis of the related loans, excluding any related allowance for loan losses.

At December 31, 2008, the interest rates on our investments and the associated borrowings, if any, on these investments were to reset based on the following time frames (not considering the impact of prepayments):

(amounts in thousands)	Investments		Borrowings	
	Amounts ⁽¹⁾	Percent	Amounts	Percent
Fixed-Rate Investments/Obligations	\$ 184,877	33.0%	\$ 159,121	34.5%
Adjustable-Rate Investments/Obligations:				
Less than 3 months	—	—	301,795	65.5
Greater than 3 months and less than 1 year	156,279	28.0	—	—
Greater than 1 year and less than 2 years	116,304	20.8	—	—
Greater than 2 years and less than 3 years	68,246	12.2	—	—
Greater than 3 years and less than 5 years	33,404	6.0	—	—
Total	\$ 559,110	100.0%	\$ 460,916	100.0%

⁽¹⁾ The investment amount represents the fair value of the related securities and amortized cost basis of the related loans, excluding any related allowance for loan losses.

Adjustable rate mortgage loans collateralize our Hybrid Agency and Agency ARM MBS portfolio. As discussed earlier, the interest rates on the adjustable rate mortgage loans are typically fixed for a predetermined period and then reset generally annually to an increment over a specified interest rate index. The following tables present information about the lifetime and interim interest rate caps on our Hybrid Agency and Agency ARM MBS portfolio as of September 30, 2009:

Lifetime Interest Rate Caps on ARM MBS	
	% of Total
9.0% to 10.0%	34.87%
10.1% to 11.0%	50.69%
11.1% to 12.0%	14.44%
	100.00%

Interim Interest Rate Caps on ARM MBS	
	% of Total
1.0%	1.36%
2.0%	34.09%
5.0%	64.55%
	100.00%

Interest rate caps impact a security's yield and its ability to reset to market interest rates.

In an effort to mitigate the interest-rate risk associated with the mismatch in the timing of the interest rate resets in our investments versus our borrowings, we may enter into derivative transactions such as interest rate swaps, which are intended to serve as hedges against future interest rate increases on our repurchase agreements, which rates are typically LIBOR based. In a rising rate environment, swaps generally result in interest savings, while in a declining interest rate environment, swaps would generally result in our paying the stated fixed-rate on the notional amount for each of the swap transactions, which could be higher than the market rate.

When measuring the sensitivity of our Agency MBS investments to changes in interest rates, we take into account both anticipated coupon resets and expected prepayments. In measuring our repricing gap (i.e., the weighted average time period until our Agency MBS are expected to prepay or reprice, less the weighted average time period for repurchase agreement liabilities to reprice (or "Repricing Gap")), we measure the difference between: (a) the weighted average months until the next coupon adjustment or projected prepayment on the Agency MBS investments; and (b) the months remaining until our repurchase agreements mature, applying the same projected prepayment rate and including the impact of derivative transactions, if any. A CPR, or constant prepayment rate, is applied in order to reflect, to a certain extent, the prepayment characteristics inherent in our interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities.

The following table presents information at September 30, 2009 about the repricing gap on our Agency MBS investments based on contractual maturities (i.e., 0% CPR), and applying a 15% CPR, 25% CPR and 35% CPR. This table does not assume reinvestment of any prepayments.

CPR	Estimated Months to Asset Reset or Expected Prepayment	Estimated Months to Liabilities Reset	Repricing Gap in Months
0% ⁽¹⁾	20 months	1 month	19 months
15%	17 months	1 month	16 months
25%	15 months	1 month	14 months
35%	13 months	1 month	12 months

⁽¹⁾ Reflects contractual maturities, which do not consider any prepayments.

TABULAR PRESENTATION

We monitor the aggregate cash flow, projected net interest income, and estimated market value of our investment portfolio under various interest rate assumptions. The table below presents the projected impact that immediate changes, or “shocks”, to the interest rate environment would have had on our annual projected net interest income and projected portfolio value for all of our interest rate-sensitive assets and liabilities if such an environment had existed as of September 30, 2009.

Basis Point Change in Interest Rates	Percentage change in projected net interest income	Percentage change in projected market value
+200	(23.34)%	(9.21)%
+100	(8.58)%	(3.86)%
0	—	—
-100	(5.86)%	2.08%
-200	(20.38)%	2.78%

The percentage change in projected net interest income equals the change that would occur in estimated net interest income for the next twenty-four months relative to the 0% change scenario if interest rates were to instantaneously shift, in parallel, to and remain at the stated level for the next twenty-four months.

The percentage change in projected market value equals the change in value of our assets that we carry at fair value rather than at historical amortized cost and any change in the value of any derivative instruments or hedges, such as interest rate swap agreements, in the event of an interest rate shift as described above.

The analysis above is heavily dependent upon the assumptions used in the model. The effect of changes in future interest rates beyond the forward LIBOR curve, the shape of the yield curve or the mix of our assets and liabilities may cause actual results to differ significantly from the modeled results. In addition, certain investments which we own provide a degree of “optionality.” The most significant option affecting the portfolio is the borrowers’ option to prepay the loans. The model applies CPR prepayment rate assumptions representing management’s estimate of prepayment activity on a projected basis for each collateral pool in the investment portfolio. For our Agency MBS investments, prepayment rates are adjusted based on modeled and management estimates for each of the rate scenarios set forth above. CPR assumptions for Agency MBS ranged from 46% CPR in the -200 basis point rate change scenario to 23% CPR for the +200 basis point rate change scenario. For all the other investments, the model applies the same prepayment rate assumptions for all five cases indicated above. The extent to which borrowers exercise their options to prepay may cause actual results to significantly differ from the modeled results. Furthermore, the projected results assume no additions or subtractions to our portfolio, and no change to our liability structure. Historically, there have been significant changes in our investment portfolio and the liabilities incurred by us in response to interest rate movements, as such changes are a tool by which we can mitigate interest rate risk in response to changed conditions. As a result of anticipated prepayments on assets in the investment portfolio, there are likely to be such changes in the future.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure controls and procedures.

Our management evaluated, with the participation of our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e), as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2009 to ensure that information required to be disclosed 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 and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in internal control over financial reporting.

Our management is also responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f). There were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2009 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

As discussed in Note 13 of the accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, we and certain of our subsidiaries are defendants in litigation. The following discussion is the current status of the litigation.

As noted in prior filings, one of our subsidiaries, GLS Capital, Inc. ("GLS"), and the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania are defendants in a class action lawsuit filed in 1997 in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania (the "Court of Common Pleas"). Class action status has been certified in this matter, but a motion to reconsider is pending. In June 2009, the Court of Common Pleas held a hearing on the status of the legal claims of the plaintiffs primarily as a result of an opinion issued in August 2008 by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in unrelated litigation which addressed many of the claims in this matter and which opinion was favorable to GLS relative to claims being made by the plaintiffs. As a result of that hearing, the Court of Common Pleas invited GLS to file a motion for summary judgment and scheduled argument on such motion for November, 2009. The plaintiffs have not enumerated their damages in this matter, and we believe that the ultimate outcome of this litigation will not have a material impact on our financial condition, but may have a material impact on its reported results for a given year or period.

Dynex Capital, Inc. and Dynex Commercial, Inc. ("DCI"), a former affiliate of the Company and now known as DCI Commercial, Inc., are appellees (or respondents) in the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Judicial District of Texas at Dallas, related to the matter of Basic Capital Management et al. (collectively, "BCM" or the "Plaintiffs") versus DCI et al. as previously discussed by the Company in prior filings. There has been no material change in this litigation since the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 filed on March 16, 2009.

Dynex Capital, Inc., MERIT Securities Corporation, a subsidiary ("MERIT"), and the former president and current Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Dynex Capital, Inc., (together, "Defendants") are defendants in a putative class action complaint alleging violations of the federal securities laws in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York ("District Court") by the Teamsters Local 445 Freight Division Pension Fund ("Teamsters"), as previously discussed in prior filings. The complaint was filed on February 7, 2005 and a second amended complaint was originally filed on August 6, 2008. The second amended complaint seeks unspecified damages and alleges, among other things, misrepresentations in connection with the issuance of and subsequent reporting on certain securitization financing bonds issued by MERIT in 1998 and 1999. On October 19, 2009, the District Court substantially denied the Defendants' motion to dismiss the second amended complaint. The Company has evaluated the allegations made in the complaint and believes them to be without merit and intends to vigorously defend itself against them.

Although no assurance can be given with respect to the ultimate outcome of these matters, the Company believes the resolution of these matters will not have a material effect on its financial condition but could materially affect its reported results for a given year or period.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes to the risk factors disclosed in Item 1A. “Risk Factors” of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008. The materialization of any risks and uncertainties identified in our Forward Looking Statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q together with those previously disclosed in the Annual Report on Form 10-K or those that are presently unforeseen could result in significant adverse effects on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. See Item 2. “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Forward Looking Statements” in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

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

None

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

None

Item 5. Other Information

None

Item 6. Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
3.1	Restated Articles of Incorporation, effective July 9, 2008 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Dynex's Current Report on Form 8-K filed July 11, 2008).
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws, effective March 26, 2008 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Dynex's Current Report on Form 8-K filed April 1, 2008).
10.6	Employment Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2009, between Dynex Capital, Inc. and Thomas B. Akin (filed herewith).
10.9	Dynex Capital, Inc. ROAE Bonus Program, as amended October 8, 2009 (filed herewith).
10.12	Employment Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2009, between Dynex Capital, Inc. and Byron L. Boston (filed herewith).
31.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).
31.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).
32.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).

SIGNATURES

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

DYNEX CAPITAL, INC.

Date: November 9, 2009

/s/ Thomas B. Akin

Thomas B. Akin
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: November 9, 2009

/s/ Stephen J. Benedetti

Stephen J. Benedetti
Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Thomas B. Akin, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Dynex Capital, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 9, 2009

/s/ Thomas B. Akin
Thomas B. Akin
Principal Executive Officer

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Stephen J. Benedetti, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Dynex Capital, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 9, 2009

/s/ Stephen J. Benedetti
Stephen J. Benedetti
Principal Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 906

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Dynex Capital, Inc. (the “Company”) for the quarter ended September 30, 2009, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), the undersigned, as the Principal Executive Officer of the Company and the Principal Financial Officer of the Company, respectively, certify, pursuant to and for purposes of 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to their knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 9, 2009

/s/ Thomas B. Akin

Thomas B. Akin
Principal Executive Officer

Date: November 9, 2009

/s/ Stephen J. Benedetti

Stephen J. Benedetti
Principal Financial Officer

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is entered into as of this 31st day of July, 2009 by and between Dynex Capital, Inc., a Virginia corporation (the "Company"), and Thomas B. Akin ("Executive").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Executive commenced employment with the Company on February 4, 2008;

WHEREAS, the Company desires to continue to employ and secure the exclusive services of Executive on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;
and

WHEREAS, Executive desires to accept such employment on such terms and conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants and promises contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the Company and Executive hereby agree as follows:

1. Agreement to Employ. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, the Company hereby agrees to continue to employ Executive, and Executive hereby accepts such continued employment with the Company.

2. Term; Position and Responsibilities; Location.

(a) Term of Employment. Unless Executive's employment shall sooner terminate pursuant to Section 7, the Company shall continue to employ Executive on the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement from the date first written above through February 5, 2010 (the "Employment Period").

(b) Position and Responsibilities. During the Employment Period, Executive shall serve as Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and shall have such duties and responsibilities as are customarily assigned to individuals serving in such position and such other duties consistent with Executive's title and position as the Board of Directors (or any committee thereof) of the Company (the Board or such committee referred to as the "Board") specifies from time to time (it being understood by the parties that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company is free, at any time and from time to time, to reorganize its business operations, and that Executive's duties and scope of responsibility may change in connection with such reorganization). Executive agrees that during his employment with the Company, Executive shall devote as much of his skill, knowledge, commercial efforts and business time as the Board shall reasonably require to

(c) the conscientious and good faith performance of his duties and responsibilities to the Company to the best of his ability.

(d) Location. During the Employment Period, Executive's services shall be performed primarily in the San Francisco, California metropolitan area. However, Executive may be required to travel in and outside of such area as the needs of the Company's business dictate. Executive will also work from time-to-time out of the Company's office in Richmond, Virginia.

3. Base Salary. During the Employment Period, the Company shall pay Executive a base salary at an annualized rate of \$300,000, payable in installments on the Company's regular payroll dates but not less frequently than monthly. The Board shall review Executive's base salary annually during the Employment Period and may increase (but not decrease) such base salary from time to time, based on its periodic review of Executive's performance in accordance with the Company's regular policies and procedures. The annual base salary payable to Executive from time to time under this Section 4 shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Base Salary." Until the Company and the Executive decide otherwise, the Base Salary shall be paid in shares of unrestricted common stock of the Company issued under the Company's stock incentive plan in effect at the time of payment, provided that the portion of the Base Salary attributable to payroll deductions and tax withholdings shall always be paid in cash. The number of shares of unrestricted common stock to be paid to the Executive shall be based on the fair market value of the common stock (as defined in the applicable stock incentive plan) on the applicable payroll date. Notwithstanding the above, all payments of Base Salary shall be paid in cash on any payroll date on which (i) the Company's stock incentive plan does not allow for the issuance of unrestricted common stock, or (ii) the Executive's ownership position in the Company exceeds amounts authorized by the Company's Articles of Incorporation or its Bylaws, as they both may be amended or restated from time to time, unless such ownership limits have been waived or revised by the Board of Directors specifically for the Executive, in which case Executive's ownership position cannot exceed the revised limits. All payments of Base Salary paid after the Executive's termination of employment under Section 7 shall be paid in cash.

4. Annual Incentive Compensation. The Company has established an annual bonus program based on the return on adjusted equity of the Company (the "ROAE Bonus"). The Company also has established a bonus pool for 2009 related to the capital raising activities of the Company (the "Capital Bonus Pool"). For the duration of this Agreement, the Executive will be eligible for the ROAE Bonus and will participate in the Capital Bonus Pool and any other bonus programs for executives. Eligibility and participation by the Executive in the bonus programs shall be subject to the terms of the bonus programs adopted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors.

5. Employee Benefits.

(a) General. During the Employment Period, Executive will be eligible to participate in the employee and executive benefit plans and programs maintained by the Company from time to time in which executives of the Company at

(b) Executive's grade level are eligible to participate, including to the extent maintained by the Company, life, medical, dental, accidental and disability insurance plans and retirement, deferred compensation and savings plans, in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof as in effect from time to time.

(c) Vacation. During the Employment Period, Executive shall be entitled to vacation on an annualized basis of four (4) weeks per year, without carry-over accumulation. Executive shall also be entitled to Company-designated holidays.

6. Expenses.

(a) Business Travel, Lodging. During the Employment Period, the Company will reimburse Executive for reasonable travel, lodging, meal and other reasonable expenses incurred by him in connection with the performance of his duties and responsibilities hereunder upon submission of evidence satisfactory to the Company of the incurrence and purpose of each such expense, provided that such expenses are permitted under the terms and conditions of the Company's business expense reimbursement policy.

7. Termination of Employment.

(a) Termination for Any Reason. Executive's employment may be terminated by the Company or the Executive for any reason. In the event that Executive's employment is terminated, no termination benefits shall be payable to or in respect of Executive except as provided in Section 7(c).

(b) Notice of Termination; Date of Termination.

(i) Notice of Termination. Any termination of Executive's employment by the Company or by Executive (other than as a result of Executive's death) shall be communicated by a written Notice of Termination addressed to the other party to this Agreement. A "Notice of Termination" shall mean a notice stating that Executive or the Company, as the case may be, is electing to terminate Executive's employment with the Company (and thereby terminating the Employment Period), stating the proposed effective date of such termination, indicating the specific provision of this Section 7 under which such termination is being effected and, if applicable, setting forth in reasonable detail the circumstances claimed to provide the basis for such termination.

(ii) Date of Termination. The term "Date of Termination" shall mean (i) if Executive's employment is terminated by his death, the date of his death, (ii) if Executive's employment is terminated by Executive, a date which is at least 30 days following the issuance of the Notice of Termination and (iv) if Executive's employment is terminated for any other reason, the effective date of termination specified in such Notice of Termination. The Employment Period shall expire on the Date of Termination.

(iii) Payments Upon Certain Terminations.

(iv) In the event of a termination of Executive's employment, the Company shall pay to Executive, within thirty (30) days of the Date of Termination, his Base Salary through the Date of Termination, to the extent not previously paid, reimbursement for any unreimbursed business expenses incurred by Executive prior to the Date of Termination that are subject to reimbursement pursuant to Section 7(a) and payment for vacation time accrued as of the Date of Termination but unused (the "Accrued Obligations"). In addition, in the event of any such termination of Executive's employment unless such termination was for Cause (as defined in Section 7(e) below), if Executive executes and delivers to the Company a Separation Agreement and General Release substantially in the form approved by the Company, Executive shall be entitled to the following payments and benefits:

(A) the portion of the ROAE Bonus for the calendar year of the Company during which Executive was employed that includes the Date of Termination, such portion to equal the product (such product, the "Pro-Rata ROAE Bonus") of the ROAE Bonus that would have been payable to Executive for such calendar year had Executive remained employed for the entire calendar year, determined based on the extent to which the Company actually achieves the performance goals for such year, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is equal to the number of days in such calendar year that precede the Date of Termination and the denominator of which is equal to 365, such amount to be payable to Executive at the time such bonus would otherwise have been paid under the terms of the ROAE Bonus program if the Executive was still employed (the "Bonus Payment Date");

(B) to the extent not already paid, the portion of the Capital Bonus Pool due the Executive under the terms of the Capital Bonus Pool for a Determination Date (as that term is defined in the Capital Bonus Pool governing document) that precedes the Date of Termination (the "Unpaid Capital Bonus") payable in cash on the Bonus Payment Date;

(C) to the extent any other incentive stock awards such as stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, or similar which were awarded to Executive during the Employment Period and which have not vested as of the Date of Termination, such incentive stock awards will immediately become 100% vested and exercisable and will be payable at the times and in the forms provided in the individual award agreements; and

Executive shall not have a duty to mitigate the costs to the Company under this Section 7(c)(i), nor shall any payments from the Company to Executive under items (A), (B) or (C) of this Section 7(c)(i) be reduced, offset or canceled by any compensation or fees earned by (whether or not paid currently) or offered to Executive by a subsequent employer or other Person (as defined in below) for which Executive performs services, including but not limited to consulting services.

Except as specifically set forth in this Section 7(c), no termination benefits shall be payable to or in respect of Executive's employment with the Company.

(c) For purposes of this Agreement, "Cause" means (i) a material breach by Executive of any provision of this Agreement; (ii) a material and willful violation by Executive of any of the Company Policies; (iii) the failure by Executive to reasonably and substantially perform the duties of his position (other than as a result of physical or mental illness or injury); (iv) Executive's willful misconduct or gross negligence that has caused or is reasonably expected to result in material injury to the business, reputation or prospects of the Company; (v) Executive's fraud or misappropriation of funds; or (vi) the commission by Executive of a felony or other serious crime involving moral turpitude; provided that in the case of any breach of clauses (i), (ii) or (iii) that is curable, no termination there under shall be effective unless the Company shall have given Executive notice of the event or events constituting Cause and Executive shall have failed to cure such event or events within thirty (30) business days after receipt of such notice.

8. Code Section 409A Compliance.

(a) The intent of the parties is that payments and benefits under this Agreement comply with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and applicable guidance thereunder ("Code Section 409A") or comply with an exemption from the application of Code Section 409A and, accordingly, all provisions of this Agreement shall be construed in a manner consistent with the requirements for avoiding taxes or penalties under Code Section 409A.

(b) Neither the Executive nor the Company shall take any action to accelerate or delay the payment of any monies and/or provision of any benefits in any matter which would not be in compliance with Code Section 409A.

(c) A termination of employment shall not be deemed to have occurred for purposes of any provision of this Agreement providing for the form or timing of payment of any amounts or benefits upon or following a termination of employment unless such termination is also a "separation from service" (within the meaning of Code Section 409A) and, for purposes of any such provision of this Agreement under which (and to the extent) deferred compensation subject to Code Section 409A is paid, references to a "termination" or "termination of employment" or like references shall mean separation from service. If the Executive is deemed on the date of separation from service with the Company to be a "specified employee", within the meaning of that term under Code Section 409A(a)(2)(B) and using the identification methodology selected by the Company from time to time, or if none, the default methodology, then with regard to any payment or benefit that is required to be delayed in compliance with Code Section 409A(a)(2)(B), such payment or benefit shall not be made or provided prior to the earlier of (i) the expiration of the six- month period measured from the date of the Executive's separation from service or (ii) the date of the Executive's death. In the case of benefits required to be delayed under Code Section 409A, however, the Executive may pay the cost of benefit coverage, and thereby obtain benefits, during

such six month delay period and then be reimbursed by the Company thereafter when delayed payments are made pursuant to the next sentence. On the first day of the seventh month following the date of the Executive's separation from service or, if earlier, on the date of the Executive's death, all payments delayed pursuant to this Section 8(c) (whether they would have otherwise been payable in a single sum or in installments in the absence of such delay) shall be paid or reimbursed to the Executive in a lump sum, and any remaining payments and benefits due under this Agreement shall be paid or provided in accordance with the normal payment dates specified for them herein.

(d) With regard to any provision herein that provides for reimbursement of expenses or in-kind benefits subject to Code Section 409A, except as permitted by Code Section 409A, (i) the right to reimbursement or in-kind benefits is not subject to liquidation or exchange for another benefit, and (ii) the amount of expenses eligible for reimbursement, or in-kind benefits, provided during any taxable year shall not affect the expenses eligible for reimbursement, or in-kind benefits to be provided, in any other taxable year, provided that the foregoing clause (ii) shall not be violated with regard to expenses reimbursed under any arrangement covered by Code Section 105(b) solely because such expenses are subject to a limit related to the period the arrangement is in effect. All reimbursements shall be reimbursed in accordance with the Company's reimbursement policies but in no event later than the calendar year following the calendar year in which the related expense is incurred.

(e) If under this Agreement, an amount is to be paid in two or more installments, for purposes of Code Section 409A, each installment shall be treated as a separate payment.

(f) When, if ever, a payment under this Agreement specifies a payment period with reference to a number of days (e.g., "payment shall be made within ten (10) days following the date of termination"), the actual date of payment within the specified period shall be within the sole discretion of the Company."

(g) Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Agreement, the Company shall not be liable to the Executive if any payment or benefit which is to be provided pursuant to this Agreement and which is considered deferred compensation subject to Code Section 409A otherwise fails to comply with, or be exempt from, the requirements of Code Section 409A.

9. Restrictive Covenants. Each of the Company and Executive agrees that the Executive will have a prominent role in the management of the business, and the development of the goodwill, of the Company, and will establish and develop relations and contacts with customers and counterparties of the Company, all of which constitute valuable goodwill of, and could be used by Executive to compete unfairly with, the Company. In addition, Executive recognizes that he will have access to and become familiar with or exposed to Confidential Information (as such term is defined below), in particular, trade secrets, proprietary information, customer lists, counterparty lists and other valuable business information of the Company pertaining or related to the speciality

10. finance industry, specifically as it relates to being a mortgage real estate investment trust (the "Business of the Company"). Executive agrees that Executive could cause grave harm to the Company if he, among other things, worked for the Company's competitors, solicited the Company's employees away from the Company, solicited the Company's customers or business counterparties upon the termination of Executive's employment with the Company, or misappropriated or divulged the Company's Confidential Information; and that as such, the Company has legitimate business interests in protecting its goodwill and Confidential Information; and, as such, these legitimate business interests justify the following restrictive covenants:

(a) Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Covenant.

(i) Executive acknowledges and agrees that the terms of this Agreement, including all addendums and attachments hereto, are confidential. Except as required by law or the requirements of any stock exchange, Executive agrees not to disclose any information contained in this Agreement to anyone, other than to Executive's lawyer, financial advisor or immediate family members. If Executive discloses any Information contained in this Agreement to his lawyer, financial advisor or immediate family members as permitted herein, Executive agrees to immediately tell each such individual that he or she must abide by the confidentiality restrictions contained herein and keep such information confidential as well.

(ii) Executive agrees that during his employment with the Company and thereafter, Executive will not, directly or indirectly (A) disclose any Confidential Information to any Person (other than, only with respect to the period that Executive is employed by the Company, to an employee or outside advisor of the Company who requires such information to perform his or her duties for the Company), or (B) use any Confidential Information for Executive's own benefit or the benefit of any third party. "Confidential Information" means confidential, proprietary or commercially sensitive information relating to (i) the Company or members of its management or boards or (ii) any third parties who do business with the Company. Confidential Information includes, without limitation, marketing plans, business plans, financial information and records, operation methods, personnel information, drawings, designs, information regarding product development, customer lists, or other commercial or business information and any other information not available to the public generally. The foregoing obligation shall not apply to any Confidential Information that has been previously disclosed to the public or is in the public domain (other than by reason of a breach of Executive's obligations to hold such Confidential Information confidential). If Executive is required or requested by a court or governmental agency to disclose Confidential Information, Executive must notify the Chief Operating Officer of the Company of such disclosure obligation or request no later than three (3) business days after Executive learns of such obligation or request, and permit the Company to take all lawful steps it deems appropriate to prevent or limit the required disclosure.

(b) Non-Competition Covenant. Executive agrees that during his employment with the Company, Executive shall devote as much of his skill, knowledge, commercial efforts and business time as the Board shall reasonably require to

(c) the conscientious and good faith performance of his duties and responsibilities to the Company to the best of his ability. The Company acknowledges that Executive is the managing general partner of Talkot Capital LLC and shall continue to function in that regard during his employment with the Company. Except for Talkot Capital, Executive shall not, directly or indirectly, be employed by, render services for, engage in business with or serve as an agent or consultant to any Person other than the Company. Executive further agrees that during his employment with the Company and for the period of one (1) year following any termination of his employment with the Company, Executive shall not, directly or indirectly, become employed by, render services for, engage in business with, serve as an agent or consultant to, or become a partner, member, principal, stockholder or other owner, or Board member of, any Person or entity that engages in the Business of the Company, provided that Executive shall be permitted to hold a ten percent (10%) or less interest in the equity or debt securities of any publicly traded company.

(d) Non-Solicitation of Employees. During the period of Executive's employment with the Company and for the one (1)-year period following the termination of his employment, Executive shall not, directly or indirectly, by himself or through any third party, whether on Executive's own behalf or on behalf of any other Person or entity, (i) solicit or induce or endeavor to solicit or induce, divert, employ or retain, (ii) interfere with the relationship of the Company with, or (iii) attempt to establish a business relationship of a nature that is competitive with the business of the Company with, any Person that is or was (during the last twelve (12) months of Executive's employment with the Company) an employee of the Company or engaged to provide services to it.

11. Work Product. Executive agrees that all of Executive's work product (created solely or jointly with others, and including any intellectual property or moral rights in such work product), given, disclosed, created, developed or prepared in connection with Executive's employment with the Company, whether ensuing during or after Executive's employment with the Company ("Work Product") shall exclusively vest in and be the sole and exclusive property of the Company and shall constitute "work made for hire" (as that term is defined under Section 101 of the U.S. Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101) with the Company being the person for whom the work was prepared. In the event that any such Work Product is deemed not to be a "work made for hire" or does not vest by operation of law in the Company, Executive hereby irrevocably assigns, transfers and conveys to the Company, exclusively and perpetually, all right, title and interest which Executive may have or acquire in and to such Work Product throughout the world, including without limitation any copyrights and patents, and the right to secure registrations, renewals, reissues, and extensions thereof. The Company or its designees shall have the exclusive right to make full and complete use of, and make changes to all Work Product without restrictions or liabilities of any kind, and Executive shall not have the right to use any such materials, other than within the legitimate scope and purpose of Executive's employment with the Company. Executive shall promptly disclose to the Company the creation or existence of any Work Product and shall take whatever additional lawful action may be necessary, and sign whatever documents the Company may require, in order to secure and vest in the Company or its designee all right, title and

12. interest in and to all Work Product and any intellectual property rights therein (including full cooperation in support of any Company applications for patents and copyright or trademark registrations).

13. Return of Company Property. In the event of termination of Executive's employment for any reason, Executive shall return to the Company all of the property of the Company and its Affiliates, including without limitation all materials or documents containing or pertaining to Confidential Information, and including without limitation, all computers (including laptops), cell phones, keys, PDAs, Blackberries, credit cards, facsimile machines, televisions, card access to any Company building, customer lists, computer disks, reports, files, e-mails, work papers, Work Product, documents, memoranda, records and software, computer access codes or disks and instructional manuals, internal policies, and other similar materials or documents which Executive used, received or prepared, helped prepare or supervised the preparation of in connection with Executive's employment with the Company. Executive agrees not to retain any copies, duplicates, reproductions or excerpts of such material or documents.

14. Compliance With Company Policies. During Executive's employment with the Company, Executive shall be governed by and be subject to, and Executive hereby agrees to comply with, all Company policies, procedures, codes, rules and regulations applicable to all employees and to executive officers of the Company, as they may be amended from time to time in the Company's sole discretion (collectively, the "Policies").

15. Injunctive Relief with Respect to Covenants: Forum, Venue and Jurisdiction. Executive acknowledges and agrees that a breach by Executive of any of Section of the Agreement is a material breach of this Agreement and that remedies at law may be inadequate to protect the Company in the event of such breach, and, without prejudice to any other legal or equitable rights and remedies otherwise available to the Company, Executive agrees to the granting of injunctive relief in the Company's favor in connection with any such breach or violation without proof of irreparable harm. Executive further agrees that if the Company is entitled to receive from Executive its attorneys' fees and costs to enforce the provisions of this Agreement. Executive further acknowledges and agrees that the Company's obligations to pay Executive any amount or provide Executive with any benefit or right pursuant to Section 7 is subject to Executive's compliance with Executive's obligations under Sections 8 through 10 inclusive, and that in the event of a breach by Executive of any of Section 8 through 10, the Company shall immediately cease paying such benefits and Executive shall be obligated to immediately repay to the Company all amounts theretofore paid to Executive pursuant to Section 7. In addition, if not repaid, the Company shall have the right to set off from any amounts otherwise due to Executive any amounts previously paid pursuant to Section 7(c) (other than the Accrued Obligations). Executive further agrees that the foregoing is appropriate for any such breach inasmuch as actual damages cannot be readily calculated, the amount is fair and reasonable under the circumstances, and the Company would suffer irreparable harm if any of these Sections were breached.

16. Assumption of Agreement. The Company shall require any Successor thereto, by agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Executive, to expressly assume and agree to perform this Agreement in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform it if no such succession had taken place. Failure of the Company to obtain such agreement prior to the effectiveness of any such succession shall be a breach of this Agreement and shall entitle Executive to compensation from the Company in the same amount and on the same terms as Executive would be entitled hereunder if the Company had terminated Executive's employment Without Cause as described in Section 7, except that for purposes of implementing the foregoing, the date on which any such succession becomes effective shall be deemed the Date of Termination.

17. Indemnification. The Company agrees both during and after the Employment Period to indemnify Executive to the fullest extent permitted by its Certificate of Incorporation (including payment of expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding) against actions or inactions of Executive during the Employment Period as an officer, director or employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates or as a fiduciary of any benefit plan of any of the foregoing. The Company also agrees to provide Executive with Directors and Officers insurance coverage both during and, with regard to matters occurring during the Employment Period, after the Employment Period. Such coverage shall be at a level at least equal to the level being maintained at such time for the then current officers and directors or, if then being maintained at a higher level with regard to any prior period activities for officers or directors during such prior period, such higher amount with regard to Executive's activities during such prior period.

18. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof. All prior correspondence and proposals (including but not limited to summaries of proposed terms) and all prior promises, representations, understandings, arrangements and agreements relating to such subject matter (including but not limited to those made to or with Executive by any other Person and those contained in any prior employment, consulting or similar agreement, including the Original Agreement, entered into by Executive and the Company or any predecessor thereto or Affiliate thereof) are merged herein and superseded hereby.

19. Survival. The following Sections shall survive the termination of Executive's employment with the Company and of this Agreement.

20. Miscellaneous.

(a) Binding Effect; Assignment. This Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the Company and its Successors and permitted assigns. This Agreement shall also be binding on and inure to the benefit of Executive and his heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives. This Agreement shall not be assignable by any party hereto without the prior written consent of the other parties hereto, provided, however, that the Company may effect such an assignment

(b) without prior written approval of Executive upon the transfer of all or substantially all of its business and/or assets (by whatever means), provided that the Successor to the Company shall expressly assume and agree to perform this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Section 14.

(c) Choice of Forum and Governing Law. The parties agree that: (i) any litigation involving any noncompliance with or breach of the Agreement, or regarding the interpretation, validity and/or enforceability of the Agreement, shall be filed and conducted in the state or federal courts in Richmond, Virginia; and (ii) the Agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with and governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, without regard for any conflict of law principles.

(d) Taxes. The Company may withhold from any payments made under this Agreement all applicable taxes, including but not limited to income, employment and social insurance taxes, as shall be required by law.

(e) Amendments. No provision of this Agreement may be modified, waived or discharged unless such modification, waiver or discharge is approved in writing by the Board or a Person authorized thereby and is agreed to in writing by Executive. No waiver by any party hereto at any time of any breach by any other party hereto of, or compliance with, any condition or provision of this Agreement to be performed by such other party shall be deemed a waiver of similar or dissimilar provisions or conditions at the same or at any prior or subsequent time. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be implied from any course of dealing between or among the parties hereto or from any failure by any party hereto to assert its rights hereunder on any occasion or series of occasions.

(f) Severability. In the event that any one or more of the provisions of this Agreement shall be or become invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not be affected thereby. In the event that one or more terms or provisions of this Agreement are deemed invalid or unenforceable by the laws of Virginia or any other state or jurisdiction in which it is to be enforced, by reason of being vague or unreasonable as to duration or geographic scope of activities restricted, or for any other reason, the provision in question shall be immediately amended or reformed to the extent necessary to make it valid and enforceable by the court of such jurisdiction charged with interpreting and/or enforcing such provision. Executive agrees and acknowledges that the provision in question, as so amended or reformed, shall be valid and enforceable as though the invalid or unenforceable portion had never been included herein.

(g) Notices. Any notice or other communication required or permitted to be delivered under this Agreement shall be (i) in writing, (ii) delivered personally, by courier service or by certified or registered mail, first-class postage prepaid and return receipt requested, (iii) deemed to have been received on the date of delivery or, if mailed, on the third business day after the mailing thereof, and (iv) addressed as follows (or to such other address as the party entitled to notice shall hereafter designate in accordance with the terms hereof):

(h) If to the Company, to it at:

Chief Operating Officer
Dynex Capital, Inc.
4991 Lake Brook Drive, Suite 100
Glen Allen, VA 23060

(A) If to Executive, to his residential address as currently on file with the Company.

(i) Voluntary Agreement; No Conflicts. Executive represents that he is entering into this Agreement voluntarily and that Executive's employment hereunder and compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement will not conflict with or result in the breach by Executive of any agreement to which he is a party or by which he or his properties or assets may be bound.

(j) Counterparts/Facsimile. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (including by facsimile), each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

(k) Headings. The section and other headings contained in this Agreement are for the convenience of the parties only and are not intended to be a part hereof or to affect the meaning or interpretation hereof.

(l) Certain other Definitions.

"Affiliate": with respect to any Person, means any other Person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls, is Controlled by, or is under common Control with the first Person, including but not limited to a Subsidiary of any such Person.

"Control" (including, with correlative meanings, the terms "Controlling", "Controlled by" and "under common Control with"): with respect to any Person, shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

"Person": any natural person, firm, partnership, limited liability company, association, corporation, company, trust, business trust, governmental authority or other entity.

"Subsidiary": with respect to any Person, each corporation or other Person in which the first Person owns or Controls, directly or indirectly, capital stock or other ownership interests representing fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the outstanding voting stock or other ownership interests of such corporation or other Person.

“Successor”: of a Person means a Person that succeeds to the first Person’s assets and liabilities by merger, liquidation, dissolution or otherwise by operation of law, or a Person to which all or substantially all the assets and/or business of the first Person are transferred.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has duly executed this Agreement by its authorized representatives, and Executive has hereunto set his hand, in each case effective as of the date first above written.

DYNEX CAPITAL, INC.

By: /s/ Barry Igdaloff

Its: Chairman of the Compensation Committee

Thomas B. Akin:

SIGNATURE /s/ Thomas B. Akin

DYNEX CAPITAL, INC.
PERFORMANCE BONUS FOR
RETURN ON ADJUSTED EQUITY

Thomas Akin, Chief Executive Officer, Byron Boston, Chief Investment Officer, and Stephen Benedetti, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer, (collectively, the “Participants”) will be eligible for an annual performance bonus based on the annual return on adjusted equity of the Company (the “ROAE Bonus”). Management, at its option, may also elect to compensate certain other members of senior management of the Company in accordance with the terms of this ROAE Bonus. The ROAE Bonus will be calculated on a calendar year basis.

Determination of the Bonus Amount

The ROAE Bonus amount earned for a calendar year will be determined individually for each of the Participants, and subject to an increase of up to 5% to the extent the ROAE Participant elects to receive payment of the ROAE Bonus amount in common stock of the Company (“Common Stock”), will be equal to the product of 100% of the Participant’s actual base salary paid for the relevant calendar year times the sum of (x) the product of 50% times the Reference Rate as calculated below and (y) the product of 50% times the percentage determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors earned by the Participant relative to certain qualitative objectives set for the Participant by the Compensation Committee.

The maximum ROAE Bonus amount earned for a calendar year will be 100% of the Participant’s actual base salary paid for the relevant calendar year; provided that if an ROAE Participant elects to receive payment of some or all of the ROAE Bonus amount in Common Stock, the portion of the ROAE Bonus amount paid in Common Stock will be increased by 5%.

Determination of Reference Rate

The Reference Rate for a calendar year will be determined based on the Company’s Return on Average Equity (“ROAE”) for the calendar year. ROAE will be determined as the Company’s net income for the calendar year, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, adjusted for any non-recurring extraordinary items as determined by the Compensation Committee in its sole discretion, and further adjusted by increasing net income by the Company’s bonus expense for the calendar year, then divided by average common shareholder equity excluding unrealized gains and losses, and then adjusted for any equity capital that is raised until such time the capital is deployed.

The ROAE will then be annualized for purposes of determining the Reference Rate below.

	Reference Rate
ROAE less than 6%	- %
ROAE 6% or greater and less than 8%	25%
ROAE 8% or greater and less than 10%	50%
ROAE 10% or greater and less than 12%	75%
ROAE 12% or greater	100%

Determination of Qualitative Objectives

Each Participant's qualitative objectives for a calendar year will be set by the Compensation Committee during the first ninety days of the year, and will include achievement of certain qualitative corporate goals during the year as well as individual goals; provided that qualitative objectives for calendar year 2009 will be set by the Compensation Committee during the first 180 days of the year.

Payment of the Bonus Amount

Amounts due to the Participants for the ROAE Bonus for any year will be paid concurrently with the filing of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for that year or March 15 of the year following the performance period, whichever is earlier (the "Payment Date"). In no event will the Payment Date be later than March 15.

Amounts due to the Participants for the ROAE Bonus for any year will be paid, at the election of the Participant, in cash, in Common Stock, or in a combination of cash and Common Stock. To the extent the Participant chooses to receive payment of all or a portion of the ROAE Bonus amount in Common Stock, the amount paid in Common Stock will be increased by 5%.

Any Common Stock granted as payment of all or any portion of the ROAE Bonus amount due to a Participant will be granted under and pursuant to the terms of the Company's 2009 Stock and Incentive Plan (the "2009 Plan"). Such Common Stock will be determined using the Fair Market Value (as defined in the 2009 Plan) of the Common Stock on the Payment Date.

Approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board on March 26, 2009.

Approved by the Board of Directors on March 30, 2009.

Amendment approved by the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors on October 8, 2009.

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is entered into as of this 31st day of July, 2009 by and between Dynex Capital, Inc., a Virginia corporation (the "Company"), and Byron Boston ("Executive").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Executive is currently employed by the Company;

WHEREAS, the Company desires to continue to employ and secure the exclusive services of Executive on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Executive desires to accept such employment on such terms and conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the Company and Executive hereby agree as follows:

1. Agreement to Employ. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, the Company hereby agrees to continue to employ Executive, and Executive hereby accepts such continued employment with the Company.

2. Term; Position and Responsibilities; Location.

(a) Term of Employment. Unless Executive's employment shall sooner terminate pursuant to Section 7, the Company shall continue to employ Executive on the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement from the date first written above through March 31, 2010. This Agreement shall be renewed automatically for successive additional terms of one (1) year each, unless either party should give the other written notice of non-renewal at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the initial term or any additional term, as the case may be. Any such notice of non-renewal from the Company shall be deemed to be a termination of Executive's employment without Cause pursuant to Section 7(b)(iv) below. The period during which Executive is employed with the Company under this Agreement shall be referred to as the "Employment Period."

(b) Position and Responsibilities. During the Employment Period, Executive shall serve as Chief Investment Officer ("CIO") and shall be responsible for managing the Company's investment portfolio and such other related duties and responsibilities as are customarily assigned to individuals serving in such position. The Company and Executive agree that during the Employment Period, Executive shall report directly to the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and shall devote as much of his skill, knowledge, commercial efforts and business time as the Company's Board of Directors ("Board") shall reasonably require for the conscientious and good faith performance of his duties and responsibilities for the Company to the best of his ability.

(c) Location. During the Employment Period, Executive's services shall be performed primarily in the Jacksonville, Florida metropolitan area.

3. Base Salary. During the Employment Period, the Company shall pay Executive a base salary at an annualized rate of \$275,000, payable in installments on the Company's regular payroll dates but not less frequently than monthly. The Board shall review Executive's base salary annually during the Employment Period and may increase (but not decrease) such base salary from time-to-time, based on its periodic review of Executive's performance in accordance with the Company's regular policies and procedures. The base salary amount payable to Executive for a full year under this Section 3 shall be referred to herein as the "Base Salary."

4. Annual Incentive Compensation. The Company has established an annual bonus program based on the return on adjusted equity of the Company (the "ROAE Bonus"). The Company also has established a bonus pool for 2009 related to the capital raising activities of the Company (the "Capital Bonus Pool"). For the duration of this Agreement, the Executive will be eligible for the ROAE Bonus and will participate in the Capital Bonus Pool. Amounts available to be paid to Executive under the ROAE Bonus and the Capital Bonus Pool, and the time and form of payment of such bonuses, will be determined by the respective bonus program documents, ratified and approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, outlining the terms of the ROAE Bonus and Capital Bonus Pools. The amount of the Capital Bonus Pool allocated to the Executive will be determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors on each Determination Date (as that term is defined in the Capital Bonus Pool governing document), subject to Section 7(d)(i)(D) below.

5. Employee Benefits.

(a) General. During the Employment Period, Executive will be eligible to participate in the employee and executive benefit plans and programs maintained by the Company from time-to-time in which executives of the Company are eligible to participate, including, to the extent maintained by the Company, life, medical, dental, accidental and disability insurance plans and retirement, deferred compensation and savings plans, in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof as in effect from time-to-time. Upon execution of this Agreement, Executive shall be immediately eligible to participate in the Company's existing 401(k) plan and the Company shall match Executive's contributions in accordance with the terms of that plan, provided that such matching does not violate any provisions of the 401(k) plan.

(b) Vacation. During the Employment Period, Executive shall be entitled to vacation on an annualized basis of four (4) weeks per year, without carry-over accumulation. Executive shall also be entitled to Company-designated holidays.

(c) Cellular Phones and Personal Data Assistants. During the Employment Period, the Company shall provide Executive with a cellular phone and a personal data assistant (e.g., Blackberry, iPhone, Treo, etc.) for his use, as well as pay for business-related usage fees. Executive shall submit a detailed bill in order to obtain reimbursement.

6. Expenses.

(a) Travel, Housing While Executive Maintains Permanent Residence in Jacksonville. So long as Executive maintains his permanent residence in Jacksonville, Florida, the Company will pay reasonable travel costs and lodging costs of the Executive while Executive is on business at the Company's corporate offices in Richmond, Virginia. Said reasonable costs shall include, but not be limited to, coach-class airfare, rental car (including gas) or lease car, lodging, and a food allowance of \$30 per business day that Executive is traveling to Richmond on Company business.

(b) Business Travel, Lodging. The Company will reimburse Executive for reasonable travel, lodging, meal and other reasonable expenses incurred by him in connection with the performance of his duties and responsibilities hereunder upon submission of related receipts or other evidence of the incurrence and purpose of each such expense consistent with the terms and conditions of the Company's business expense reimbursement policy.

(c) Agreement Review. The Company shall reimburse Executive for the attorneys' fees he incurred relating to the review and negotiation of this Agreement.

7. Termination of Employment The Board believes it is in the best interests of the Company to diminish the inevitable distraction of the Executive by virtue of the personal uncertainties and risks in the event the Executive terminates his employment for Good Reason (as defined herein) or is terminated by the Company without Cause (as defined herein) and to encourage the Executive's full attention and dedication to the Company currently, and to provide the Executive with compensation and benefits arrangements upon such termination which ensure that the compensation and benefits expectations of the Executive will be satisfied and which are competitive with those of other corporations. The Board has approved this Section 7 of the Agreement and authorized its inclusion in this Agreement on the Company's behalf to the Executive.

(a) Certain Definitions.

(i) "Change in Control" shall mean any of the following:

(A) The acquisition by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) (a "Person") of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 20% or more of either (A) the then outstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (B) the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); or

(B) Individuals who, as of the date hereof, constitute the Board (the "Incumbent Board") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the date hereof whose election, or nomination for election by the Company's shareholders, was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board; or

(C) Consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (a "Business Combination"), in each case, unless, following such Business Combination,

(1) the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners, respectively, of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, at least 80% of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, as the case may be, of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation a corporation which as a result of such transaction owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership, immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the case may be; or

(2) no Person (excluding any corporation resulting from such Business Combination or any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or such corporation resulting from such Business Combination) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 20% or more of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of such corporation except to the extent that such ownership existed prior to the Business Combination; or

(3) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement, or of the action of the Board, providing for such Business Combination; or

(D) Approval by the shareholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

(ii) "Date of Termination" means (i) if the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company for Cause, or by the Executive for Good Reason, the date of receipt of the Notice of Termination or any later date specified therein, as the case may be, (ii) if the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company other than for Cause or for Good Reason, the date on which the Company or the Executive notifies the other of such termination, as the case may be, and (iii) if the Executive's employment is terminated by reason of death or disability, the date of death of the Executive or the effective date of the disability, as the case may be.

(iii) The "Effective Date" shall mean the date on which an event occurs that gives rise to Good Reason for termination of the Executive's employment with the Company.

(b) Termination of Employment.

(i) Good Reason. Executive may terminate his employment during the Employment Period for Good Reason. In such event, the Company shall have the Termination Obligations in Section 7(d)(i) below. For the purposes of this Agreement, "Good Reason" shall mean any of the following:

(A) the assignment to the Executive of any duties inconsistent with the Executive's position (including status, office(s), title as CIO, and reporting requirements), authority, duties, and responsibilities as CIO as provided in Section 2(b) above, or any other action by the Company that results in a diminution in such position (including status, office(s), title as CIO, and reporting requirements), authority, duties and responsibilities as CIO as provided in Section 2(b) above, excluding for this purpose an isolated, insubstantial and inadvertent action not taken in bad faith and which is remedied by the Company within ten (10) days after receipt of notice thereof given by the Executive;

(B) any failure by the Company to provide the Executive with compensation and benefits that are not at least commensurate in all material respects with those provided to Executive immediately preceding the Effective Date, other than an isolated, insubstantial and inadvertent failure not occurring in bad faith and which is remedied by the Company within ten (10) days after receipt of notice thereof given by the Executive;

(C) the occurrence of a Change in Control; or

(D) any material breach of this Agreement by the Company.

(ii) Without Good Reason. Executive may terminate his employment during the Employment Period without Good Reason. In such event, the Company shall have the Termination Obligations in Section 7(d)(ii) below.

(iii) Cause. The Company may terminate the Executive's employment during the Employment Period for Cause. In such event, the Company shall have the Termination Obligations in Section 7(d)(ii) below. For purposes of this Agreement, "Cause" shall mean any of the following:

(A) the willful and continued failure of the Executive to perform substantially the Executive's duties with the Company (other than any such failure resulting from incapacity due to physical or mental illness), if, within 30 days of receiving a written demand for substantial performance from the Board or the Chief Executive Officer that specifically identifies the manner in which the Executive has not substantially performed his duties, the Executive shall have failed to cure such non-performance or to take measures to cure the non-performance, or

(B) the willful engaging by the Executive in gross misconduct that is materially and demonstrably injurious to the Company.

(C) the arrest of Executive of a felony.

For purposes of this provision, no act or failure to act, on the part of the Executive, shall be considered "willful" unless it is done, or omitted to be done, by the Executive in bad faith or without reasonable belief that the Executive's action or omission was in the best interests of the Company. Any act, or failure to act, based upon authority given pursuant to a resolution duly adopted by the Board or a committee thereof, or based upon the advice of counsel for the Company shall be conclusively presumed to be done, or omitted to be done, by the Executive in good faith and in the best interests of the Company. The cessation of employment of the Executive shall not be deemed to be for Cause unless and until there shall have been delivered to the Executive a copy of a resolution duly adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than three-quarters of the entire membership at a meeting of the Board called and held for such purpose (after reasonable notice is provided to the Executive and the Executive is given an opportunity, together with counsel, to be heard before the Board), finding that, in the good faith opinion of the Board, the Executive is guilty of conduct described in subparagraph (A) or (B) above, and specifying the particulars thereof in detail.

(iv) Without Cause. The Company may terminate Executive without Cause. In such event, the Company shall have the Termination Obligations in Section 7(d)(i) below.

(v) Death or Disability. Executive's employment shall automatically terminate on Executive's death and may be terminated by the Company due to his Disability. For the purposes of this Agreement, "Disability" shall mean a physical or mental disability that prevents Executive from performing his essential job functions as CIO for a continuous period of at least six (6) months. In such event, the Company shall have the Termination Obligations in Section 7(d)(ii) below.

(c) Notice of Termination. Any termination of Executive's employment by the Company for or without Cause, or by the Executive for or without Good Reason, shall be communicated by a Notice of Termination to the other party. For purposes of this Agreement, a "Notice of Termination" means a written notice which (i) indicates the specific termination provision in this Agreement relied upon, (ii) to the extent applicable, sets forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for termination of the Executive's employment under the provision so indicated and (iii) if the Date of Termination is other than the date of receipt of such notice (which date shall be not more than thirty days after the giving of such notice). The failure by the Company or the Executive to set forth in the Notice of Termination any fact or circumstance which contributes to a showing of Cause or Good Reason shall not waive any right of the Executive or the Company, respectively, hereunder or preclude the Executive or the Company, respectively, from asserting such fact or circumstance in enforcing the Executive's or the Company's rights hereunder.

(d) Company's Termination Obligations.

(i) Good Reason or Without Cause. If the Executive's employment is terminated by Executive for Good Reason, or by the Company without Cause, within 30 days after the Date of Termination, the Company shall pay to Executive, a lump sum payment in cash equal to the aggregate of the following amounts under (A) and (B) and provide the other benefits provided below:

(A) Executive's Base Salary through the Date of Termination, to the extent not previously paid, reimbursement for any unreimbursed business expenses incurred by executive prior to the Date of Termination that are subject to reimbursement under Section 6 above and payment of accrued, but unused vacation time as of the Date of Termination ("Accrued Obligations").

(B) an amount equal to the Executive's Base Salary on the day prior to the Date of Termination multiplied by 2.99.

(C) the portion of the ROAE Bonus for the calendar year of the Company during which Executive was employed that includes the Date of Termination, such portion to equal the product (such product, the "Pro-Rata ROAE Bonus") of the ROAE Bonus that would have been payable to Executive for such calendar year had Executive remained employed for the entire calendar year, determined based on the extent to which the Company achieves the performance goals for such year, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is equal to the number of days in such calendar year that precede the date of termination and the denominator of which is equal to 365, payable in cash at the time otherwise provided under the terms of the ROAE Bonus program.

(D) to the extent not already paid, the portion of the Capital Bonus Pool due the Executive under the terms of the Capital Bonus Pool with respect to any Determination Date (as that term is defined in the Capital Bonus Pool governing document) that precedes the Date of Termination or relates to an offering that commenced prior to the Date of Termination (the "Unpaid Capital Bonus") payable in cash on the Bonus Payment Date.

(E) to the extent any incentive stock awards, such as stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, dividend equivalent rights, or any other form of incentive stock compensation granted Executive shall have not vested, they shall immediately become fully (100%) vested and exercisable and shall be paid in accordance with their terms.

(F) continued coverage at the Company's expense under the Company's medical, dental, life insurance and disability policies or arrangements with respect to Executive and any of his dependents who were covered under such Company plans on the day prior to the Date of Termination for a period of one year following the Date of Termination; provided, however, that if Executive becomes reemployed with another employer and is eligible to receive comparable medical or other welfare benefits under another employer provided plan, the medical and other welfare benefits described herein shall be secondary to those provided under such other plan during such applicable period of eligibility provided that the costs of obtaining such medical and other welfare benefits is less than the cost of such benefits to Executive immediately prior to the Date of Termination.

(G) to the extent not theretofore paid or provided, the Company shall timely pay or provide to Executive any other amounts or benefits required to be paid or provided or which the Executive is eligible to receive under any plan, program, policy or practice or contract or agreement of the Company and its affiliated companies.

(ii) Without Good Reason, With Cause, Death, or Disability. If Executive's employment should terminate on his death, if the Company should terminate his employment for Cause or due to his Disability, or if he should terminate his employment without Good Reason during the Employment Period, the Company shall pay to Executive (or to his estate in the event of his death) the Accrued Obligations within thirty (30) days following the Date of Termination, provided that in the event of

Executive's death, payment is subject to production to the Company of such evidence or information in respect of Executive's estate as the Company may require. In addition, if Executive's employment should terminate on his death or because of his Disability during the Employment Period, the Company shall pay to Executive (or to his estate in the event of his death) the Pro-Rata ROAE Bonus and Unpaid Capital Bonus, if any, in one lump sum payment on the Bonus Payment Date for the calendar year of the Company that includes the Date of Termination.

(e) Non-exclusivity of Rights. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent or limit the Executive's continuing or future participation in any plan, program, policy or practice provided by the Company and for which the Executive may qualify, nor, shall anything herein limit or otherwise affect such rights as the Executive may have under any contract or agreement with the Company. Amounts which are vested benefits or which the Executive is otherwise entitled to receive under any plan, policy, practice or program of or any contract or agreement with the Company at or subsequent to the Date of Termination shall be payable in accordance with such plan, policy, practice or program or contract or agreement except as explicitly modified by this Agreement.

(f) Full Settlement. The Company's obligation to make the payments provided for in this Agreement and otherwise to perform its obligations hereunder shall not be affected by any set-off, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other claim, right or action which the Company may have against Executive or others. In no event shall Executive be obligated to seek other employment or take any other action by way of mitigation of the amounts payable to Executive under any of the provisions of this Agreement and such amounts shall not be reduced whether or not Executive obtains other employment. The Company agrees to pay as incurred, to the full extent permitted by law, all legal fees and expenses that the Executive may reasonably incur as a result of any contest (regardless of the outcome thereof) by the Company, Executive, or others of the validity or enforceability of, or liability under, any provision of this Agreement or any guaranty of performance thereof (including as a result of any contest by Executive about the amount of any payment pursuant to this Agreement), plus in each case interest on any delayed payment at the applicable Federal rate provided for in Section 7872(f)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

(g) Limitation on Benefits. It is the intention of the parties that payments to be made to the Executive pursuant to this Agreement and under any other plan, agreement or arrangement maintained by the Company shall not constitute "excess parachute payments" within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code and any regulations thereunder. If the independent accountants serving as auditors for the Company on the Effective Date (or any other accounting firm designated by the Company) determine that any payment or distribution by the Company to or for the benefit of the Executive (whether paid or payable or distributed or distributable pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or otherwise) would be nondeductible by the Company under Section 280G of the Code (and any successor provision) as amended from time to time, then the amounts payable or distributable under this Agreement will be reduced to the maximum amount which may be paid or distributed without causing such payments or distributions to be nondeductible. The determination shall take into account (a) whether the payments or distributions are "parachute payments" under Section 280G, (b) the amount of payments and distributions under this Agreement or any other plan, agreement or arrangement that constitute reasonable compensation, and (c) the present value of such payments and distributions determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations in effect from time to time. In the event any payments or benefits are to be reduced, the Company shall reduce or eliminate the payments to the Executive by first reducing or eliminating those payments or benefits which are payable in cash and then by reducing or eliminating those payments which are not payable in cash, in each case in reverse order beginning with payments or benefits which are to be paid or provided the farthest in time from the date of determination. Any reduction pursuant to the preceding sentence shall take precedence over the provisions of any other plan, arrangement or agreement governing the Executive's rights and entitlements to any benefits or compensation.

(h) Successors.

(i) This Section 7 of the Agreement is personal to the Executive and without the prior written consent of the Company shall not be assignable by the Executive otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution. This Section 7 of the Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Executive's legal representatives.

(ii) This Section 7 of the Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Company and its successors and assigns.

(iii) The Company will require any successor (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company to assume expressly and agree to perform this Agreement in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform it if no such succession had taken place.

8. Code Section 409A Compliance

(a) The intent of the parties is that payments and benefits under this Agreement comply with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable guidance thereunder ("Code Section 409A") or comply with an exemption from the application of Code Section 409A and, accordingly, all provisions of this Agreement shall be construed in a manner consistent with the requirements for avoiding taxes or penalties under Code Section 409A.

(b) Neither the Executive nor the Company shall take any action to accelerate or delay the payment of any monies and/or provision of any benefits in any matter which would not be in compliance with Code Section 409A.

(c) A termination of employment shall not be deemed to have occurred for purposes of any provision of this Agreement providing for the form or timing of payment of any amounts or benefits upon or following a termination of employment unless such termination is also a "separation from service" (within the meaning of Code Section 409A) and, for purposes of any such provision of this Agreement under which (and to the extent) deferred compensation subject to Code Section 409A is paid, references to a "termination" or "termination of employment" or like references shall mean separation from service. If the Executive is deemed on the date of separation from service with the Company to be a "specified employee", within the meaning of that term under Code Section 409A(a)(2)(B) and using the identification methodology selected by the Company from time to time, or if none, the default methodology, then with regard to any payment or benefit that is required to be delayed in compliance with Code Section 409A(a)(2)(B), such payment or benefit shall not be made or provided prior to the earlier of (i) the expiration of the six-month period measured from the date of the Executive's separation from service or (ii) the date of the Executive's death. In the case of benefits required to be delayed under Code Section 409A, however, the Executive may pay the cost of benefit coverage, and thereby obtain benefits, during such six month delay period and then be reimbursed by the Company thereafter when delayed payments are made pursuant to the next sentence. On the first day of the seventh month following the date of the Executive's separation from service or, if earlier, on the date of the Executive's death, all payments delayed pursuant to this Section 8(c) (whether they would have otherwise been payable in a single sum or in installments in the absence of such delay) shall be paid or reimbursed to the Executive in a lump sum, and any remaining payments and benefits due under this Agreement shall be paid or provided in accordance with the normal payment dates specified for them herein.

(d) With regard to any provision herein that provides for reimbursement of expenses or in-kind benefits subject to Code Section 409A, except as permitted by Code Section 409A, (i) the right to reimbursement or in-kind benefits is not subject to liquidation or exchange for another benefit, and (ii) the amount of expenses eligible for reimbursement, or in-kind benefits, provided during any taxable year shall not affect the expenses eligible for reimbursement, or in-kind benefits to be provided, in any other taxable year, provided that the foregoing clause (ii) shall not be violated with regard to expenses reimbursed under any arrangement covered by Code Section 105(b) solely because such expenses are subject to a limit related to the period the arrangement is in effect. All reimbursements shall be reimbursed in accordance with the Company's reimbursement policies but in no event later than the calendar year following the calendar year in which the related expense is incurred.

(e) If under this Agreement, an amount is to be paid in two or more installments, for purposes of Code Section 409A, each installment shall be treated as a separate payment.

(f) When, if ever, a payment under this Agreement specifies a payment period with reference to a number of days (e.g., “payment shall be made within ten (10) days following the date of termination”), the actual date of payment within the specified period shall be within the sole discretion of the Company.”

(g) Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Agreement, the Company shall not be liable to the Executive if any payment or benefit which is to be provided pursuant to this Agreement and which is considered deferred compensation subject to Code Section 409A otherwise fails to comply with, or be exempt from, the requirements of Code Section 409A.

9. Restrictive Covenants. The Company and Executive agree that Executive will have a prominent role in the management of the business, and the development of the goodwill of the Company, and will have access to and become familiar with or exposed to Confidential Information (as such term is defined below), in particular, trade secrets, proprietary information, and other valuable business information of the Company pertaining to the Company’s specialty finance business involving mortgage real estate investment trusts. Executive agrees that Executive could cause harm to the Company if he solicited the Company’s employees, customers, or business counterparties upon the termination of Executive’s employment away from the Company, or misappropriated or divulged the Company’s Confidential Information; and that as such, the Company has legitimate business interests in protecting its goodwill and Confidential Information; and, as such, these legitimate business interests justify the following restrictive covenants:

(a) Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Covenant.

(i) Executive acknowledges and agrees that the terms of this Agreement, including all addendums and attachments hereto, are confidential. Except as required by law or the requirements of any stock exchange, Executive agrees not to disclose any information contained in this Agreement to anyone, other than to Executive’s lawyer, financial advisor or immediate family members. If Executive discloses any Information contained in this Agreement to his lawyer, financial advisor or immediate family members as permitted herein, Executive agrees to immediately tell each such individual that he or she must abide by the confidentiality restrictions contained herein and keep such information confidential as well.

(ii) Executive agrees that during his employment with the Company and thereafter, Executive will not, directly or indirectly (A) disclose any Confidential Information to any Person (other than, only with respect to the period that Executive is employed by the Company, to an employee or outside advisor of the Company who requires such information to perform his or her duties for the Company), or (B) use any Confidential Information for Executive’s own benefit or the benefit of any third party. “Confidential Information” includes the Company’s marketing plans, business plans, financial information and records, operation methods, personnel information, drawings, designs, information regarding product development, customer lists, or other commercial or business information and any other information not available to the public generally. The foregoing obligation shall not apply to any Confidential Information that has been previously disclosed to the public, is in the public domain (other than by reason of a breach of Executive’s obligations to hold such Confidential Information confidential), or is otherwise known by Executive prior to his employment under this Agreement. In particular, Confidential Information will not include any knowledge of the Executive with respect to the general business of the Company including its investment in fixed income and similar securities and its organization as a real estate investment trust. If Executive is required or requested by a court or governmental agency to disclose Confidential Information, Executive must notify the Chief Operating Officer of the Company of such disclosure obligation or request no later than three (3) business days after Executive learns of such obligation or request, and permit the Company to take all lawful steps it deems appropriate to prevent or limit the required disclosure.

(b) Non-Competition Covenant. Executive agrees that during his employment with the Company, Executive shall devote as much of his skill, knowledge, commercial efforts and business time as the Board shall reasonably require to the conscientious and good faith performance of his duties and responsibilities to the Company to the best of his ability. Accordingly, Executive shall not, directly or indirectly, be employed by, render services for, engage in business with or serve as an agent or consultant to any Person other than the Company. Executive further agrees that during his employment with the Company and for a period of ninety (90) days following any termination of his employment with the Company, Executive shall not, directly or indirectly, provide investment services that compete with the Company’s principal sources of revenue at the time of the termination of the Company’s employment. Executive also shall be permitted to hold a ten percent (10%) or less interest in the equity or debt securities of any publicly traded company.

(c) Non-Solicitation of Employees. During the period of Executive’s employment with the Company and for the six (6)-month period following the termination of his employment, Executive shall not, directly or indirectly, by himself or through any third party, whether on Executive’s own behalf or on behalf of any other Person or entity, (i) solicit or induce or endeavor to solicit or induce, divert, employ or retain, (ii) interfere with the relationship of the Company with, or (iii) attempt to establish a business relationship of a nature that is competitive with the business of the Company with, any person that is or was (during the last thirty (30) days of Executive’s employment with the Company) an employee of the Company or engaged to provide services to it.

10. Work Product. Executive agrees that all of Executive’s work product (created solely or jointly with others, and including any intellectual property or moral rights in such work product), given, disclosed, created, developed or prepared in connection with Executive’s employment with the Company (“Work Product”) shall exclusively vest in and be the sole and exclusive property of the Company and shall constitute “work made for hire” (as that term is defined under Section 101 of the U.S. Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101) with the Company being the person for whom the work was prepared. In the event that any such Work Product is deemed not to be a “work made for hire” or does not vest by operation of law in the Company, Executive hereby irrevocably assigns, transfers and conveys to the Company, exclusively and perpetually, all right, title and interest which Executive may have or acquire in and to such Work Product throughout the world, including without limitation any copyrights and patents, and the right to secure registrations, renewals, reissues, and extensions thereof. The Company or its designees shall have the exclusive right to make full and complete use of, and make changes to all Work Product without restrictions or liabilities of any kind, and Executive shall not have the right to use any such materials, other than within the legitimate scope and purpose of Executive’s employment with the Company. Executive shall promptly disclose to the Company the creation or existence of any Work Product and shall take whatever additional lawful action may be necessary, and sign whatever documents the Company may require, in order to secure and vest in the Company or its designee all right, title and interest in and to all Work Product and any intellectual property rights therein (including full cooperation in support of any Company applications for patents and copyright or trademark registrations).

11. Return of Company Property. In the event of termination of Executive’s employment for any reason, Executive shall return to the Company all of the property of the Company and its Affiliates, including without limitation all Company materials or documents containing Confidential Information, and including without limitation, all computers (including laptops), cell phones, keys, PDAs, Blackberries, credit cards, facsimile machines, televisions, card access to any Company building, customer lists, computer disks, reports, files, e-mails, work papers, Work Product, documents, memoranda, records and software, computer access codes or disks and instructional manuals, internal policies, and other similar materials or documents which Executive used, received or prepared, helped prepare or supervised the preparation of in connection with Executive’s employment with the Company. Executive agrees not to retain any copies, duplicates, reproductions or excerpts of such material or documents.

12. Compliance With Company Policies. During Executive’s employment with the Company, Executive shall be governed by and be subject to, and Executive hereby agrees to comply with, all Company policies, procedures, codes, rules and regulations applicable to all employees and to executive officers of the Company, as they may be amended from time to time in the Company’s sole discretion (collectively, the “Policies”) provided however that such policies will be reasonably consistent with such policies of other comparable companies in terms of revenue, industry and/or market capitalization.

13. Injunctive Relief with Respect to Covenants: Forum, Venue and Jurisdiction. Executive acknowledges and agrees that in the event of any material breach by Executive of any of section of this Agreement that remedies at law may be inadequate to protect the Company, and, without prejudice to any other legal or equitable rights and remedies otherwise available to the Company, Executive agrees to the granting of injunctive relief in the Company’s favor in connection with any such breach or violation without proof of irreparable harm.

14. Assumption of Agreement. The Company shall require any Successor thereto, by agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Executive, to expressly assume and agree to perform this Agreement in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform it if no such succession had taken place. Failure of the Company to obtain such agreement prior to the effectiveness of any such succession shall be a material breach of this Agreement and shall entitle Executive to compensation from the Company in the same amount and on the same terms as Executive would be entitled hereunder if the Company had terminated Executive's employment without Cause as described in Section 7, except that for purposes of implementing the foregoing, the date on which any such succession becomes effective shall be deemed the Date of Termination.

15. Indemnification. The Company agrees both during and after the Employment Period to indemnify Executive to the fullest extent permitted by its Certificate of Incorporation (including payment of expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding) against actions or inactions of Executive during the Employment Period as an officer, director or employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates or as a fiduciary of any benefit plan of any of the foregoing. The Company also agrees to provide Executive with Directors and Officers insurance coverage both during and, with regard to matters occurring during the Employment Period, after the Employment Period. Such coverage shall be at a level at least equal to the level being maintained at such time for the then current officers and directors or, if then being maintained at a higher level with regard to any prior period activities for officers or directors during such prior period, such higher amount with regard to Executive's activities during such prior period.

16. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof. All prior correspondence and proposals (including but not limited to summaries of proposed terms) and all prior promises, representations, understandings, arrangements and agreements relating to such subject matter (including but not limited to those made to or with Executive by any other person and those contained in any prior employment, consulting or similar agreement entered into by Executive and the Company or any predecessor thereto or Affiliate thereof) are merged herein and superseded hereby.

17. Survival. The following Sections shall survive the termination of Executive's employment with the Company and of this Agreement.

18. Miscellaneous.

(a) Binding Effect; Assignment. This Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the Company and its Successors and permitted assigns. This Agreement shall also be binding on and inure to the benefit of Executive and his heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives. This Agreement shall not be assignable by any party hereto without the prior written consent of the other parties hereto.

(b) Choice of Forum and Governing Law. The parties agree that: (i) any litigation involving any noncompliance with or breach of the Agreement, or regarding the interpretation, validity and/or enforceability of the Agreement, shall be interpreted in accordance with and governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, without regard for any conflict of law principles.

(c) Taxes. The Company may withhold from any payments made under this Agreement all applicable taxes, including but not limited to income, employment and social insurance taxes, as shall be required by law.

(d) Amendments. No provision of this Agreement may be modified, waived or discharged unless such modification, waiver or discharge is approved in writing by the Board or a Person authorized thereby and is agreed to in writing by Executive. No waiver by any party hereto at any time of any breach by any other party hereto of, or compliance with, any condition or provision of this Agreement to be performed by such other party shall be deemed a waiver of similar or dissimilar provisions or conditions at the same or at any prior or subsequent time. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be implied from any course of dealing between or among the parties hereto or from any failure by any party hereto to assert its rights hereunder on any occasion or series of occasions.

(e) Severability. In the event that any one or more of the provisions of this Agreement shall be or become invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not be affected thereby. In the event that one or more terms or provisions of this Agreement are deemed invalid or unenforceable by the laws of Virginia or any other state or jurisdiction in which it is to be enforced, by reason of being vague or unreasonable as to duration or geographic scope of activities restricted, or for any other reason, the provision in question shall be immediately amended or reformed to the extent necessary to make it valid and enforceable by the court of such jurisdiction charged with interpreting and/or enforcing such provision. Executive agrees and acknowledges that the provision in question, as so amended or reformed, shall be valid and enforceable as though the invalid or unenforceable portion had never been included herein.

(f) Notices. Any notice or other communication required or permitted to be delivered under this Agreement shall be (i) in writing, (ii) delivered personally, by courier service or by certified or registered mail, first-class postage prepaid and return receipt requested, (iii) deemed to have been received on the date of delivery or, if mailed, on the third business day after the mailing thereof, and (iv) addressed as follows (or to such other address as the party entitled to notice shall hereafter designate in accordance with the terms hereof):

(A) If to the Company, to it at:

Chief Financial Officer
Dynex Capital, Inc.
4991 Lake Brook Drive, Suite 100
Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

(B) If to Executive, to his residential address as currently on file with the Company.

(g) Voluntary Agreement; No Conflicts. Executive represents that he is entering into this Agreement voluntarily and that Executive's employment hereunder and compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement will not conflict with or result in the breach by Executive of any agreement to which he is a party or by which he or his properties or assets may be bound.

(h) Counterparts/Facsimile. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (including by facsimile), each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

(i) Headings. The section and other headings contained in this Agreement are for the convenience of the parties only and are not intended to be a part hereof or to affect the meaning or interpretation hereof.

(j) Certain other Definitions.

"Affiliate": with respect to any Person, means any other Person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls, is Controlled by, or is under common Control with the first Person, including but not limited to a Subsidiary of any such Person.

“Control” (including, with correlative meanings, the terms “Controlling”, “Controlled by” and “under common Control with”): with respect to any Person, shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

“Person”: any natural person, firm, partnership, limited liability company, association, corporation, company, trust, business trust, governmental authority or other entity.

“Subsidiary”: with respect to any Person, each corporation or other Person in which the first Person owns or Controls, directly or indirectly, capital stock or other ownership interests representing fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the outstanding voting stock or other ownership interests of such corporation or other Person.

“Successor”: of a Person means a Person that succeeds to the first Person’s assets and liabilities by merger, liquidation, dissolution or otherwise by operation of law, or a Person to which all or substantially all the assets and/or business of the first Person are transferred.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has duly executed this Agreement by its authorized representatives, and Executive has hereunto set his hand, in each case effective as of the date first above written.

DYNEX CAPITAL, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas B. Akin

Its: Chief Executive Officer

BYRON BOSTON:

/s/ Byron Boston
SIGNATURE