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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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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, 2013

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 001-32216

**NEW YORK MORTGAGE TRUST, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Maryland** **47-0934168**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer

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Incorporation or Organization) Identification No.)

**275 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10016**

(Address of Principal Executive Office) (Zip Code)

**(212) 792-0107**

(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 definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer   Accelerated Filer   Non-Accelerated Filer   Smaller Reporting Company

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

Yes      No

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, outstanding on November 1, 2013 was 63,754,730.



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**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements****NEW YORK MORTGAGE TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

(Dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)

|                                                                                                                                 | <b>September<br/>30,</b> | <b>December<br/>31,</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                 | 2013                     | 2012                    |
|                                                                                                                                 | (unaudited)              |                         |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                                                                                                   |                          |                         |
| Investment securities available for sale, at fair value (including pledged securities of \$867,297 and \$954,656, respectively) | \$936,140                | \$1,034,711             |
| Investment securities available for sale, at fair value held in securitization trusts                                           | 86,714                   | 71,159                  |
| Residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts (net)                                                                  | 170,306                  | 187,229                 |
| Distressed residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts (net)                                                       | 254,895                  | 60,459                  |
| Multi-family loans held in securitization trusts, at fair value                                                                 | 6,668,608                | 5,442,906               |
| Derivative assets                                                                                                               | 194,433                  | 246,129                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                                                                       | 20,509                   | 31,777                  |
| Receivables and other assets                                                                                                    | 118,441                  | 86,031                  |
| <b>Total Assets <sup>(1)</sup></b>                                                                                              | <b>\$8,450,046</b>       | <b>\$7,160,401</b>      |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>                                                                                     |                          |                         |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                                                                                                             |                          |                         |
| Financing arrangements, portfolio investments                                                                                   | \$794,181                | \$889,134               |
| Residential collateralized debt obligations                                                                                     | 164,775                  | 180,979                 |
| Multi-family collateralized debt obligations, at fair value                                                                     | 6,472,278                | 5,319,573               |
| Securitized debt                                                                                                                | 254,042                  | 117,591                 |
| Derivative liabilities                                                                                                          | 5,613                    | 5,542                   |
| Payable for securities purchased                                                                                                | 186,062                  | 245,931                 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities (including \$418 and \$211 to related parties, respectively)                             | 50,412                   | 34,645                  |
| Subordinated debentures                                                                                                         | 45,000                   | 45,000                  |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                    |                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Total liabilities</b> <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 7,972,363          | 6,838,395          |
| <b>Commitments and Contingencies</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                    |                    |
| <b>Stockholders' Equity:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                    |                    |
| Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 7.75% Series B cumulative redeemable, \$25 liquidation preference per share, 3,450,000 shares authorized, 3,000,000 and 0 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively | 72,397             | -                  |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 400,000,000 shares authorized, 63,754,730 and 49,575,331 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively                                                                     | 638                | 496                |
| Additional paid-in capital                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 403,420            | 355,006            |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 7,144              | 18,088             |
| Accumulated deficit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | (5,916 )           | (51,584 )          |
| Total stockholders' equity                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 477,683            | 322,006            |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>\$8,450,046</b> | <b>\$7,160,401</b> |

(1) Our condensed consolidated balance sheets include assets and liabilities of consolidated variable interest entities ("VIEs") as the Company is the primary beneficiary of these VIEs. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, assets of consolidated VIEs totaled \$7,222,065 and \$5,786,569, respectively, and the liabilities of consolidated VIEs totaled \$6,915,904 and \$5,636,650, respectively. See Note 7 for further discussion.

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**NEW YORK MORTGAGE TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

(Dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)

(unaudited)

|                                                                                             | <b>For the Three<br/>Months</b> |              | <b>For the Nine<br/>Months</b> |               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
|                                                                                             | Ended September<br>30,          |              | Ended September<br>30,         |               |
|                                                                                             | <b>2013</b>                     | <b>2012</b>  | <b>2013</b>                    | <b>2012</b>   |
| <b>INTEREST INCOME:</b>                                                                     |                                 |              |                                |               |
| Investment securities and other                                                             | \$ 11,149                       | \$ 6,365     | \$ 32,923                      | \$ 16,748     |
| Multi-family loans held in securitization trusts                                            | 61,179                          | 36,075       | 160,981                        | 67,079        |
| Residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts                                    | 1,120                           | 1,429        | 3,655                          | 4,201         |
| Distressed residential mortgage loans                                                       | 3,421                           | -            | 7,410                          | -             |
| Total interest income                                                                       | 76,869                          | 43,869       | 204,969                        | 88,028        |
| <b>INTEREST EXPENSE:</b>                                                                    |                                 |              |                                |               |
| Investment securities and other                                                             | 1,598                           | 931          | 5,045                          | 1,883         |
| Multi-family collateralized debt obligations                                                | 56,199                          | 33,374       | 148,107                        | 62,489        |
| Residential collateralized debt obligations                                                 | 281                             | 321          | 857                            | 1,012         |
| Securitized debt                                                                            | 2,981                           | 639          | 7,177                          | 916           |
| Subordinated debentures                                                                     | 473                             | 483          | 1,408                          | 1,482         |
| Total interest expense                                                                      | 61,532                          | 35,748       | 162,594                        | 67,782        |
| <b>NET INTEREST INCOME</b>                                                                  | <b>15,337</b>                   | <b>8,121</b> | <b>42,375</b>                  | <b>20,246</b> |
| <b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):</b>                                                              |                                 |              |                                |               |
| Provision for loan losses                                                                   | (238 )                          | (247 )       | (905 )                         | (536 )        |
| Impairment loss on investment securities                                                    | (225 )                          | -            | (225 )                         | -             |
| Realized gain (loss) on investment securities and related hedges, net                       | 3,319                           | 5,036        | (8,334 )                       | 5,637         |
| Realized gain on distressed residential mortgage loans                                      | 486                             | -            | 1,057                          | -             |
| Unrealized (loss) gain on investment securities and related hedges, net                     | (1,498 )                        | (1,876 )     | 3,014                          | (2,577 )      |
| Unrealized gain on multi-family loans and debt held in securitization trusts, net           | 6,338                           | 762          | 22,370                         | 4,990         |
| Other income (loss) (including \$96, \$0, \$156 and \$0 from related parties, respectively) | 160                             | (63 )        | 507                            | 670           |
| Total other income                                                                          | 8,342                           | 3,612        | 17,484                         | 8,184         |

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|                                                                                                                      |                  |                 |                  |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Management fees (including \$747, \$236, \$2,068 and \$561 to related parties, respectively)                         | 2,213            | 1,772           | 5,455            | 3,987            |
| Expenses related to distressed residential mortgage loans                                                            | 1,051            | -               | 2,533            | -                |
| Other general and administrative expenses (including \$135, \$152, \$504 and \$468 to related parties, respectively) | 1,818            | 1,450           | 5,672            | 4,586            |
| Total general, administrative and other expenses                                                                     | 5,082            | 3,222           | 13,660           | 8,573            |
| <b>INCOME FROM OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAXES</b>                                                                    | <b>18,597</b>    | <b>8,511</b>    | <b>46,199</b>    | <b>19,857</b>    |
| Income tax expense                                                                                                   | 211              | 598             | 531              | 1,065            |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                                                                                                    | <b>18,386</b>    | <b>7,913</b>    | <b>45,668</b>    | <b>18,792</b>    |
| Net (loss) income attributable to noncontrolling interest                                                            | -                | -               | -                | (97 )            |
| Preferred stock dividends                                                                                            | (1,453 )         | -               | (2,115 )         | -                |
| <b>NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS</b>                                                                | <b>\$ 16,933</b> | <b>\$ 7,913</b> | <b>\$ 43,553</b> | <b>\$ 18,889</b> |
| Basic income per common share                                                                                        | \$0.27           | \$0.30          | \$0.76           | \$1.01           |
| Diluted income per common share                                                                                      | \$0.27           | \$0.30          | \$0.76           | \$1.01           |
| Dividends declared per common share                                                                                  | \$0.27           | \$0.27          | \$0.81           | \$0.79           |
| Weighted average shares outstanding-basic                                                                            | 63,755           | 26,541          | 57,493           | 18,629           |
| Weighted average shares outstanding-diluted                                                                          | 63,755           | 26,541          | 57,493           | 18,629           |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**NEW YORK MORTGAGE TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

(Dollar amounts in thousands)

(unaudited)

|                                                                                           | <b>For the Three<br/>Months Ended</b> |             | <b>For the Nine<br/>Months Ended</b> |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                                           | September 30,                         |             | September 30,                        |             |
|                                                                                           | <b>2013</b>                           | <b>2012</b> | <b>2013</b>                          | <b>2012</b> |
| NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS                                            | \$16,933                              | \$7,913     | \$43,553                             | \$18,889    |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)                                                         |                                       |             |                                      |             |
| Increase (decrease) in net unrealized gain on available for sale securities               | 6,048                                 | 4,225       | (14,281)                             | 8,679       |
| (Decrease) increase in fair value of derivative instruments utilized for cash flow hedges | (1,561 )                              | (1,792 )    | 3,337                                | (1,619 )    |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)                                                         | 4,487                                 | 2,433       | (10,944)                             | 7,060       |
| COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS                                  | \$21,420                              | \$10,346    | \$32,609                             | \$25,949    |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**NEW YORK MORTGAGE TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

(Dollar amounts in thousands)

(unaudited)

|                                                                                   |                  |               | <b>Additional</b> |                    | <b>Accumulated</b>   |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|
|                                                                                   | <b>Preferred</b> | <b>Common</b> | <b>Paid-In</b>    | <b>Accumulated</b> | <b>Other</b>         | <b>Total</b> |
|                                                                                   | <b>Stock</b>     | <b>Stock</b>  | <b>Capital</b>    | <b>Deficit</b>     | <b>Comprehensive</b> |              |
|                                                                                   |                  |               |                   |                    | <b>Income</b>        |              |
| Balance, December 31, 2012                                                        | \$ -             | \$ 496        | \$ 355,006        | \$ (51,584         | ) \$ 18,088          | \$ 322,006   |
| Net income                                                                        | -                | -             | -                 | 45,668             | -                    | 45,668       |
| Common stock issuance, net                                                        | -                | 142           | 98,447            | -                  | -                    | 98,589       |
| Preferred stock issuance, net                                                     | 72,397           | -             | -                 | -                  | -                    | 72,397       |
| Dividends declared on common stock                                                | -                | -             | (47,918 )         | -                  | -                    | (47,918 )    |
| Dividends declared on preferred stock                                             | -                | -             | (2,115 )          | -                  | -                    | (2,115 )     |
| Decrease in net unrealized gain on<br>available for sale securities               | -                | -             | -                 | -                  | (14,281 )            | (14,281 )    |
| Increase in fair value of derivative<br>instruments utilized for cash flow hedges | -                | -             | -                 | -                  | 3,337                | 3,337        |
| Balance, September 30, 2013                                                       | \$ 72,397        | \$ 638        | \$ 403,420        | \$ (5,916          | ) \$ 7,144           | \$ 477,683   |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**NEW YORK MORTGAGE TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(Dollar amounts in thousands)

(unaudited)

|                                                                                               | For the Nine Months<br>Ended |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
|                                                                                               | September 30,<br>2013        | 2012       |
| <b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>                                                  |                              |            |
| Net income                                                                                    | \$45,668                     | \$18,792   |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:             |                              |            |
| Net amortization                                                                              | 13,077                       | 6,587      |
| Realized loss (gain) on investment securities and related hedges, net                         | 8,334                        | (5,637 )   |
| Realized gain on distressed residential mortgage loans                                        | (1,057 )                     | -          |
| Unrealized (gain) loss on investment securities and related hedges, net                       | (3,014 )                     | 2,577      |
| Unrealized gain on loans and debt held in multi-family securitization trusts                  | (22,370 )                    | (4,990 )   |
| Impairment loss on investment securities                                                      | 225                          | -          |
| Net decrease in loans held for sale                                                           | 338                          | 958        |
| Provision for loan losses                                                                     | 905                          | 536        |
| Income from investments in limited partnership and limited liability company                  | (445 )                       | (664 )     |
| Distributions of income from investments in limited partnership and limited liability company | 402                          | 148        |
| Amortization of stock based compensation, net                                                 | 708                          | 618        |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:                                                  |                              |            |
| Receivables and other assets                                                                  | (8,163 )                     | (19,200 )  |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities                                                        | 10,484                       | 16,087     |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                                                     | 45,092                       | 15,812     |
| <b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>                                                  |                              |            |
| Restricted cash                                                                               | 5,185                        | (14,288 )  |
| Proceeds from sales of investment securities                                                  | 1,254                        | 50,578     |
| Purchases of investment securities                                                            | (60,476 )                    | (596,156 ) |
| Proceeds from mortgage loans held for investment                                              | 21                           | 3,318      |
| Return of capital from investments in limited partnership and limited liability company       | 2,967                        | 9,042      |
| Purchases of other assets                                                                     | (39 )                        | -          |
| Funding of first mortgage loan                                                                | (6,500 )                     | -          |
| Funding of mezzanine debt and equity investments                                              | (16,788 )                    | -          |
| Net (payments) receipts on other derivative instruments settled during the period             | (9,357 )                     | 7,067      |
| Principal repayments received on residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts     | 16,007                       | 11,882     |
| Principal repayments received on distressed residential mortgage loans                        | 5,526                        | -          |
| Principal repayments received on multi-family loans held in securitization trusts             | 59,341                       | 17,907     |
| Principal paydowns on investment securities - available for sale                              | 104,896                      | 23,504     |
| Purchases of distressed residential mortgage loans                                            | (206,384 )                   | -          |

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|                                                                     |            |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Purchases of investments held in multi-family securitization trusts | (41,235 )  | (80,959 )  |
| Net cash used in investing activities                               | (145,582 ) | (568,105 ) |

**Cash Flows from Financing Activities:**

|                                                               |                  |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| (Payments to) proceeds from financing arrangements, net       | (94,953 )        | 467,502         |
| Common stock issuance                                         | 98,172           | 128,340         |
| Preferred stock issuance                                      | 72,637           | -               |
| Costs associated with common stock and preferred stock issued | (531 )           | (744 )          |
| Dividends paid on common stock                                | (44,088 )        | (13,112 )       |
| Dividends paid on preferred stock                             | (662 )           | -               |
| Payments made on residential collateralized debt obligations  | (16,268 )        | (12,292 )       |
| Payments made on multi-family collateralized debt obligations | (59,367 )        | (17,907 )       |
| Capital distributed to noncontrolling interest                | -                | (932 )          |
| Proceeds from securitized debt                                | 136,589          | 25,996          |
| Payments made on securitized debt                             | (2,307 )         | (105 )          |
| Net cash provided by financing activities                     | 89,222           | 576,746         |
| <b>Net (Decrease) Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>   | <b>(11,268 )</b> | <b>24,453</b>   |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Period</b>        | <b>31,777</b>    | <b>16,586</b>   |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Period</b>              | <b>\$20,509</b>  | <b>\$41,039</b> |

**Supplemental Disclosures:**

|                            |           |          |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Cash paid for interest     | \$192,751 | \$69,477 |
| Cash paid for income taxes | \$444     | \$757    |

**Non-Cash Investment Activities:**

|                                                                   |             |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Purchase of investment securities not yet settled                 | \$186,062   | \$201,516   |
| Consolidation of multi-family loans held in securitization trusts | \$1,700,865 | \$3,808,556 |
| Consolidation of multi-family collateralized debt obligations     | \$1,659,630 | \$3,727,742 |

**Non-Cash Financing Activities:**

|                                                                       |          |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Dividends declared on common stock to be paid in subsequent period    | \$17,214 | \$9,192 |
| Dividends declared on preferred stock to be paid in subsequent period | \$1,453  | \$-     |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

## **NEW YORK MORTGAGE TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

### **NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**September 30, 2013**

(unaudited)

#### **1. Organization**

New York Mortgage Trust, Inc., together with its consolidated subsidiaries ("NYMT," the "Company," "we," "our" and "us"), a real estate investment trust, or REIT, in the business of acquiring, investing in, financing and managing primarily mortgage-related assets and, to a lesser extent, financial assets. Our objective is to manage a portfolio of investments that will deliver stable distributions to our stockholders over diverse economic conditions. We intend to achieve this objective through a combination of net interest margin and net realized capital gains from our investment portfolio. Our portfolio includes investments in mortgage-related and financial assets, including Agency RMBS, consisting of fixed-rate, adjustable-rate and hybrid adjustable-rate RMBS, Agency IOs, consisting of interest only and inverse interest only RMBS that represent the right to the interest component of the cash flow from a pool of mortgage loans, multi-family CMBS and residential mortgage loans, including loans sourced from distressed markets.

The Company conducts its business through the parent company, NYMT, and several subsidiaries, including special purpose subsidiaries established for residential loan and CMBS securitization purposes, taxable REIT subsidiaries ("TRSs") and qualified REIT subsidiaries ("QRSs"). The Company consolidates all of its subsidiaries under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("GAAP").

The Company is organized and conducts its operations to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. As such, the Company will generally not be subject to federal income tax on that portion of its income that is distributed to stockholders if it distributes at least 90% of its REIT taxable income to its stockholders by the due date of its federal income tax return and complies with various other requirements.

#### **2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Definitions* – The following defines certain of the commonly used terms in these financial statements: "RMBS" refers to residential adjustable-rate, hybrid adjustable-rate, fixed-rate, interest only and inverse interest only and principal only mortgage-backed securities; "Agency RMBS" refers to RMBS representing interests in or obligations backed by pools of mortgage loans issued or guaranteed by a federally chartered corporation ("GSE"), such as the Federal National

Mortgage Association (“Fannie Mae”) or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“Freddie Mac”), or an agency of the U.S. government, such as the Government National Mortgage Association (“Ginnie Mae”); “non-Agency RMBS” refers to RMBS backed by prime jumbo and Alternative A-paper (“Alt-A”) mortgage loans; “Agency IO” refers to an IO that represents the right to the interest component of the cash flow from a pool of residential mortgage loans issued or guaranteed by a GSE, or an agency of the U.S. government; “IOs” refers collectively to interest only and inverse interest only mortgage-backed securities that represent the right to the interest component of the cash flow from a pool of mortgage loans; “POs” refers to mortgage-backed securities that represent the right to the principal component of the cash flow from a pool of mortgage loans; “ARMs” refers to adjustable-rate residential mortgage loans “multi-family CMBS” refers to commercial mortgage-backed securities backed by commercial mortgage loans on multi-family properties, as well as IO or PO securities that represent the right to a specific component of the cash flow from a pool of commercial mortgage loans; and “CLO” refers to collateralized loan obligations.

*Basis of Presentation* – The accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2012 has been derived from audited financial statements. The accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2013, the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, the accompanying condensed consolidated statement of stockholders’ equity for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 are unaudited. In our opinion, all adjustments (which include only normal recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly the Company’s financial position, results of operations and cash flows have been made. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted in accordance with Article 10 of Regulation S-X and the instructions to Form 10-Q. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). The results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the full year.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Reclassifications* – Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements to conform to current period presentation.

*Principles of Consolidation and Variable Interest Entities* – The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company include the accounts of all its subsidiaries which are majority-owned, controlled by the Company or a variable interest entity (“VIE”) where the Company is the primary beneficiary. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

A VIE is an entity that lacks one or more of the characteristics of a voting interest entity. A VIE is defined as an entity in which equity investors do not have the characteristics of a controlling financial interest or do not have sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support from other parties. The Company consolidates a VIE when it is the primary beneficiary of such VIE. As primary beneficiary, it has both the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the economic performance of the VIE and a right to receive benefits or absorb losses of the entity that could be potentially significant to the VIE. The Company is required to reconsider its evaluation of whether to consolidate a VIE each reporting period, based upon changes in the facts and circumstances pertaining to the VIE.

*Investment Securities Available for Sale* – The Company's investment securities, where the fair value option has not been elected and which are reported at fair value with unrealized gains and losses reported in Other Comprehensive Income (“OCI”), include Agency RMBS, non-Agency RMBS and CLOs. Our investment securities are classified as available for sale securities. Realized gains and losses recorded on the sale of investment securities available for sale are based on the specific identification method and included in realized gain (loss) on investment securities and related hedges in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. Purchase premiums or discounts on investment securities are amortized or accreted to interest income over the estimated life of the investment securities using the effective yield method. Adjustments to amortization are made for actual prepayment activity.

The Company accounts for debt securities that are of high credit quality (generally those rated AA or better by a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization, or NRSRO), at date of acquisition in accordance with ASC 320-10. The Company accounts for debt securities that are not of high credit quality (i.e., those whose risk of loss is less than remote) or securities that can be contractually prepaid such that we would not recover our initial investment at the date of acquisition in accordance with ASC 325-40. The Company considers credit ratings, the underlying credit risk and other market factors in determining whether the debt securities are of high credit quality; however, securities

rated lower than AA or an equivalent rating are not considered of high credit quality and are accounted for in accordance with ASC 325-40. If ratings are inconsistent among NRSROs, the Company uses the lower rating in determining whether the securities are of high credit quality.

The Company assesses its impaired securities on at least a quarterly basis and designates such impairments as either “temporary” or “other-than-temporary” by applying the guidance prescribed in ASC Topic 320-10. When the fair value of an investment security is less than its amortized cost as of the reporting balance sheet date, the security is considered impaired. If the Company intends to sell an impaired security, or it is more likely than not that it will be required to sell the impaired security before its anticipated recovery, then it must recognize an other-than-temporary impairment through earnings equal to the entire difference between the investment’s amortized cost and its fair value as of the balance sheet date. If the Company does not expect to sell an other-than-temporarily impaired security, only the portion of the other-than-temporary impairment related to credit losses is recognized through earnings with the remainder recognized as a component of other comprehensive income (loss) on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. Impairments recognized through other comprehensive income (loss) do not impact earnings. Following the recognition of an other-than-temporary impairment through earnings, a new cost basis is established for the security, which may not be adjusted for subsequent recoveries in fair value through earnings. However, other-than-temporary impairments recognized through earnings may be accreted back to the amortized cost basis of the security on a prospective basis through interest income. The determination as to whether an other-than-temporary impairment exists and, if so, the amount considered other-than-temporarily impaired is subjective, as such determinations are based on both factual and subjective information available at the time of assessment. As a result, the timing and amount of other-than-temporary impairments constitute material estimates that are susceptible to significant change.

The Company's investment securities available for sale also include its investment in a wholly owned account referred to as our Agency IO portfolio. These investments primarily include Agency IOs. The Company has elected the fair value option for these investment securities, which also measures unrealized gains and losses through earnings in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations, as the Company believes this accounting treatment more accurately and consistently reflects its results of operations. The Agency IO portfolio also includes derivative investments not designated as hedging instruments for accounting purposes, with unrealized gains and losses recognized through earnings in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations.

*Investment Securities Available for Sale Held in Securitization Trusts* – The Company's investment securities available for sale held in securitization trusts are comprised of multi-family CMBS consisting of first loss tranche PO securities, a first loss floating rate security and certain IOs issued from four Freddie Mac-sponsored multi-family K-Series securitizations. These securities are reported at fair value with unrealized gains and losses reported in OCI. Realized gains and losses recorded on the sale of investment securities available for sale held in securitization trusts are based on the specific identification method and included in realized gain (loss) on sale of securities and related hedges in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. Purchase premiums or discounts are amortized or accreted to interest income over the estimated life of the investment securities using the effective yield method.

*Residential Mortgage Loans Held in Securitization Trusts* – Residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts are comprised of certain ARM loans transferred to Consolidated VIEs that have been securitized into sequentially rated classes of beneficial interests. The Company accounted for these securitization trusts as financings which are consolidated into the Company's financial statements. Residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts are carried at their unpaid principal balances, net of unamortized premium or discount, unamortized loan origination costs and allowance for loan losses. Interest income is accrued and recognized as revenue when earned according to the terms of the mortgage loans and when, in the opinion of management, it is collectible. The accrual of interest on loans is discontinued when, in management's opinion, the interest is not collectible in the normal course of business, but in no case when payment becomes greater than 90 days delinquent. Loans return to accrual status when principal and interest become current and are anticipated to be fully collectible.

We establish an allowance for loan losses based on management's judgment and estimate of credit losses inherent in our portfolio of residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts. Estimation involves the consideration of various credit-related factors, including but not limited to, macro-economic conditions, current housing market conditions, loan-to-value ratios, delinquency status, historical credit loss severity rates, purchased mortgage insurance, the borrower's current economic condition and other factors deemed to warrant consideration. Additionally, we look at the balance of any delinquent loan and compare that to the current value of the collateralizing property. We utilize various home valuation methodologies including appraisals, broker pricing opinions, internet-based property data services to review comparable properties in the same area or consult with a realtor in the property's area.

*Acquired Distressed Residential Mortgage Loans* – Distressed residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts and distressed residential mortgage loans are comprised of pools of fixed and adjustable rate residential mortgage loans acquired by the Company at a discount (that is due, in part, to credit quality of the borrower). Distressed

residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts are distressed residential mortgage loans transferred to Consolidated VIEs that have been securitized into beneficial interests. The Company accounted for these securitization trusts as financings which are consolidated into the Company's financial statements.

The Company considers the purchase price for the acquired distressed residential mortgage loans, including acquired distressed residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts, to be at fair value at the date of acquisition. These acquired distressed residential mortgage loans were initially recorded at fair value with no allowance for loan losses.

Acquired distressed residential mortgage loans that have evidence of deteriorated credit quality at acquisition are accounted for under ASC Subtopic 310-30, "Loans and Debt Securities Acquired with Deteriorated Credit Quality" ("ASC 310-30"). Under ASC 310-30, the acquired loans may be aggregated and accounted for as a pool of loans if the loans being aggregated have common risk characteristics. A pool is accounted for as a single asset with a single composite interest rate and an aggregate expectation of cash flows. Once a pool is assembled, it is treated as if it was one loan for purposes of applying the accounting guidance. The Company applied pool accounting on distressed residential mortgage loans acquired in 2013; distressed residential mortgage loans acquired prior to 2013 are accounted for individually (i.e., not in pools).

Under ASC 310-30, the excess of cash flows expected to be collected over the carrying amount of the loans, referred to as the “accretable yield,” is accreted into interest income over the life of the loans in each pool or individually using a level yield methodology. Accordingly, our acquired distressed residential mortgage loans accounted for under ASC 310-30 are not subject to classification as nonaccrual classification in the same manner as our residential mortgage loans that were not distressed when acquired by us. Rather, interest income on acquired distressed residential mortgage loans relates to the accretable yield recognized at the pool level or on an individual loan basis, and not to contractual interest payments received at the loan level. The difference between contractually required principal and interest payments and the cash flows expected to be collected, referred to as the “nonaccretable difference,” includes estimates of both the impact of prepayments and expected credit losses over the life of the individual loan, or the pool (for loans grouped into a pool).

The Company monitors actual cash collections against its expectations, and revised cash flow expectations are prepared as necessary. A decrease in expected cash flows in subsequent periods may indicate that the loan pool or individual loan, as applicable, is impaired thus requiring the establishment of an allowance for loan losses by a charge to the provision for loan losses. An increase in expected cash flows in subsequent periods initially reduces any previously established allowance for loan losses by the increase in the present value of cash flows expected to be collected, and results in a recalculation of the amount of accretable yield for the loan pool. The adjustment of accretable yield due to an increase in expected cash flows is accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate. The additional cash flows expected to be collected are reclassified from the nonaccretable difference to the accretable yield, and the amount of periodic accretion is adjusted accordingly over the remaining life of the loans in the pool or individual loan, as applicable.

An acquired distressed residential mortgage loan may be resolved either through receipt of payment (in full or in part) from the borrower, the sale of the loan to a third party, or foreclosure of the collateral. For acquired distressed residential mortgage loans held in pools, in the event of a sale of the loan, a gain or loss on sale is recognized and reported based on the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the distressed residential mortgage loan. In the case of a foreclosure, an individual loan is removed from the pool at the fair value of the underlying collateral less costs to sell. For loans satisfied by payment in full, the loan is removed from the pool. The Company uses the specific allocation method for the removal of loans as the estimated cash flows and related carrying amount for each individual loan are known. In these cases, the remaining accretable yield is unaffected and any material change in remaining effective yield caused by the removal of the loan from the pool is addressed by the re-assessment of the estimate of cash flows for the pool prospectively. Acquired distressed residential mortgage loans subject to modification are not removed from the pool even if those loans would otherwise be considered troubled debt restructurings because the pool, and not the individual loan, represents the unit of account.

For individual loans not accounted for in pools that are sold or satisfied by payment in full, a gain or loss on sale is recognized and reported based on the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the distressed residential mortgage loan. In the case of a foreclosure, the loss is recognized if the carrying value exceeds the fair value of the collateral (less costs to sell). A gain is not recognized if the fair value of collateral (less costs to sell) exceeds the carrying value.

*Multi-Family Loans Held in Securitization Trusts* – Multi-family loans held in securitization trusts are comprised of multi-family mortgage loans held in five Freddie Mac-sponsored multi-family K-Series securitizations (the “Consolidated K-Series”) as of September 30, 2013 and four Freddie Mac-sponsored multi-family K-Series securitizations as of December 31, 2012. Based on a number of factors, we determined that we were the primary beneficiary of each VIE within the Consolidated K-Series, met the criteria for consolidation and, accordingly, have consolidated these Freddie Mac-sponsored multi-family K-Series securitizations, including their assets, liabilities, interest income and expense in our accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements. The Company has elected the fair value option on each of the assets and liabilities held within the Consolidated K-Series, which requires that changes in valuations in the assets and liabilities of the Consolidated K-Series be reflected in the Company's accompanying condensed consolidated statement of operations, as the Company believes this accounting treatment more accurately and consistently reflects its results of operations.

Interest income is accrued and recognized as revenue when earned according to the terms of the mortgage loans and when, in the opinion of management, it is collectible. The accrual of interest on loans is discontinued when, in management's opinion, the interest is not collectible in the normal course of business, but in no case when payment becomes greater than 90 days delinquent. Loans return to accrual status when principal and interest become current and are anticipated to be fully collectible.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents* – Cash and cash equivalents include amounts due from banks and overnight deposits. The Company maintains its cash and cash equivalents in highly rated financial institutions, and at times these balances exceed insurable amounts.

*Receivables and Other Assets* – Receivables and other assets as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 include restricted cash held by third parties of \$41.4 million and \$46.5 million, respectively. Included in restricted cash is \$22.3 million and \$25.8 million held in our Agency IO portfolio to be used for trading purposes and \$11.9 million and \$19.8 million held by counterparties as collateral for hedging instruments as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. Interest receivable on multi-family loans held in securitization trusts is also included in the amounts of \$24.4 million and \$18.3 million as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

*Financing Arrangements, Portfolio Investments* – The Company finances the majority of its agency securities purchases using repurchase agreements. Under a repurchase agreement, an asset is sold to a counterparty to be repurchased at a future date at a predetermined price, which represents the original sales price plus interest. The Company accounts for these repurchase agreements as financings under Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 860, *Transfers and Servicing*. Under ASC 860, for these transactions to be treated as financings, they must be separate transactions and not linked. If the Company finances the purchase of its Agency securities with repurchase agreements with the same counterparty from which the securities are purchased and both transactions are entered into contemporaneously or in contemplation of each other, the transactions are presumed under GAAP to be part of the same arrangement, or a “Linked Transaction,” unless certain criteria are met. None of the Company’s repurchase agreements are accounted for as linked transactions because they met the applicable criteria in accordance with ASC 860-10-40.

*Residential Collateralized Debt Obligations (“Residential CDOs”)* – We use Residential CDOs to permanently finance our residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts. For financial reporting purposes, the ARM loans held as collateral are recorded as assets of the Company and the Residential CDOs are recorded as the Company’s debt. The Company has completed four residential mortgage loan securitizations since inception; the first three were accounted for as a permanent financing while the fourth was accounted for as a sale and accordingly, is not included in the Company’s accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements.

*Multi-Family Collateralized Debt Obligations (“Multi-Family CDOs”)* – We consolidated the Consolidated K-Series including their debt, referred to as Multi-Family CDOs, in our accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements. The Multi-Family CDOs permanently finance the multi-family mortgage loans held in the Consolidated K-Series securitizations. For financial reporting purposes, the loans held as collateral are recorded as assets of the Company and the Multi-Family CDOs are recorded as the Company’s debt. We refer to both the Residential CDOs and Multi-Family CDOs as CDOs in this report.

*Securitized Debt* –Securitized Debt represents third-party liabilities of Consolidated VIEs and excludes liabilities of the VIEs acquired by the Company that are eliminated on consolidation. The Company has entered into several financing transactions that resulted in the Company consolidating as VIEs the special purpose entities (the “SPEs”) that were created to facilitate the transactions and to which underlying assets in connection with the financing were transferred. The Company engaged in these transactions primarily to obtained permanent or longer term financing on a portion of its multi-family CMBS and distressed residential mortgage loans.

Costs related to issuance of securitized debt which include underwriting, rating agency, legal, accounting and other fees are reflected as deferred charges. Such costs are included on the Company’s accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets in receivables and other assets in the amount of \$3.7 million and \$2.6 million as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. These deferred charges are amortized as an adjustment to interest expense using the effective interest method.

*Derivative Financial Instruments* – The Company has developed risk management programs and processes, which include investments in derivative financial instruments designed to manage interest rate and prepayment risk associated with its securities investment activities.

Derivative instruments contain an element of risk in the event that the counterparties may be unable to meet the terms of such agreements. The Company minimizes its risk exposure by limiting the counterparties with which it enters into contracts to banks and investment banks that meet established credit and capital guidelines.

The Company invests in To-Be-Announced securities (“TBAs”) through its Agency IO portfolio. TBAs are forward-settling purchases and sales of Agency RMBS where the underlying pools of mortgage loans are “To-Be-Announced.” Pursuant to these TBA transactions, we agree to purchase or sell, for future settlement, Agency RMBS with certain principal and interest terms and certain types of underlying collateral, but the particular Agency RMBS to be delivered is not identified until shortly before the TBA settlement date. For TBA contracts that we have entered into, we have not asserted that physical settlement is probable; therefore, we have not designated these forward commitments as hedging instruments. Realized and unrealized gains and losses associated with these TBAs are recognized through earnings as other income (expense) in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations.

For derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as a cash flow hedge, the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative instrument is reported as a component of OCI and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings. The remaining gain or loss on the derivative instruments in excess of the cumulative change in the present value of future cash flows of the hedged item, if any, is recognized in current earnings during the period of change.

For instruments that are not designated or qualify as a cash flow hedge, such as our use of U.S. Treasury securities or financial futures and options on financial futures contracts, any realized and unrealized gains and losses associated with these instruments are recognized through earnings as other income (expense) in the accompanying condensed consolidated statement of operations.

*Termination of Hedging Relationships* – The Company employs risk management monitoring procedures to ensure that the designated hedging relationships are demonstrating, and are expected to continue to demonstrate, a high level of effectiveness. Hedge accounting is discontinued on a prospective basis if it is determined that the hedging relationship is no longer highly effective or expected to be highly effective in offsetting changes in fair value of the hedged item.

Additionally, the Company may elect to un-designate a hedge relationship during an interim period and re-designate upon the rebalancing of a hedge profile and the corresponding hedge relationship. When hedge accounting is discontinued, the Company continues to carry the derivative instruments at fair value with changes recorded in current earnings.

*Revenue Recognition* – Interest income on our investment securities and on our mortgage loans is accrued based on the outstanding principal balance and their contractual terms. Premiums and discounts associated with investment securities and mortgage loans at the time of purchase or origination are amortized into interest income over the life of such securities using the effective yield method. Adjustments to amortization are made for actual prepayment activity.

Interest income on our credit sensitive securities, such as our CLOs and certain of our CMBS that were purchased at a discount to par value, is recognized based on the security's effective interest rate. The effective interest rate on these securities is based on management's estimate from each security of the projected cash flows, which are estimated based on the Company's assumptions related to fluctuations in interest rates, prepayment speeds and the timing and amount of credit losses. On at least a quarterly basis, the Company reviews and, if appropriate, makes adjustments to its cash flow projections based on input and analysis received from external sources, internal models, and its judgment about interest rates, prepayment rates, the timing and amount of credit losses, and other factors. Changes in cash flows from those originally projected, or from those estimated at the last evaluation, may result in a prospective change in the yield/interest income recognized on these securities.

Based on the projected cash flows from the Company's first loss principal only multi-family CMBS purchased at a discount to par value, a portion of the purchase discount is designated as non-accretable purchase discount or credit reserve, which partially mitigates the Company's risk of loss on the mortgages collateralizing such multi-family CMBS, and is not expected to be accreted into interest income. The amount designated as a credit reserve may be adjusted over time, based on the actual performance of the security, its underlying collateral, actual and projected cash flow from such collateral, economic conditions and other factors. If the performance of a security with a credit reserve is more favorable than forecasted, a portion of the amount designated as credit reserve may be accreted into interest income over time. Conversely, if the performance of a security with a credit reserve is less favorable than forecasted, the amount designated as credit reserve may be increased, or impairment charges and write-downs of such securities to a new cost basis could result.

With respect to interest rate swaps that have not been designated as hedges, any net payments under, or fluctuations in the fair value of, such swaps will be recognized in current earnings.

See “*Distressed Residential Mortgage Loans Held in Securitization Trust and Distressed Residential Mortgage Loans*” for a description of our revenue recognition policy for acquired distressed residential mortgage loans.

*Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)* – Other comprehensive income (loss) is comprised primarily of income (loss) from changes in value of the Company’s available for sale securities, and the impact of deferred gains or losses on changes in the fair value of derivative contracts hedging future cash flows.

*Employee Benefits Plans* – The Company sponsors a defined contribution plan (the “Plan”) for all eligible domestic employees. The Plan qualifies as a deferred salary arrangement under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Internal Revenue Code”). The Company made no contributions to the Plan for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012.

*Stock Based Compensation* – Compensation expense for equity based awards and stock issued for services are recognized over the vesting period of such awards and services based upon the fair value of the stock at the grant date.

*Income Taxes* – The Company operates in such a manner as to qualify as a REIT under the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Requirements for qualification as a REIT include various restrictions on ownership of the Company’s stock, requirements concerning distribution of taxable income and certain restrictions on the nature of assets and sources of income. A REIT must distribute at least 90% of its taxable income to its stockholders, of which 85% plus any undistributed amounts from the prior year must be distributed within the taxable year in order to avoid the imposition of an excise tax. Distribution of the remaining balance may extend until timely filing of the Company’s tax return in the subsequent taxable year. Qualifying distributions of taxable income are deductible by a REIT in computing taxable income.

Certain activities of the Company are conducted through TRSs and therefore are subject to federal and various state and local income taxes. Accordingly, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

ASC 740, *Income Taxes*, provides guidance for how uncertain tax positions should be recognized, measured, presented, and disclosed in the financial statements. ASC 740 requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Company's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. In situations involving uncertain tax positions related to income tax matters, we do not recognize benefits unless it is more likely than not that they will be sustained. ASC 740 was applied to all open taxable years as of the effective date. Management's determinations regarding ASC 740 may be subject to review and adjustment at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, an ongoing analysis of tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof. The Company will recognize interest and penalties, if any, related to uncertain tax positions as income tax expense.

*Earnings Per Share* – Basic earnings per share excludes dilution and is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock or resulted in the issuance of common stock that then shared in the earnings of the Company.

*Segment Reporting* – ASC 280, *Segment Reporting*, is the authoritative guidance for the way public entities report information about operating segments in their annual financial statements. We are a REIT focused on the business of acquiring, investing in, financing and managing primarily mortgage-related assets and currently operate in only one reportable segment.

*Summary of Recent Accounting Pronouncements*

*Balance Sheet (ASC 210)*

In January 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2013-01, *Clarifying the Scope of Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities (ASC 210), Balance Sheet*. The update addresses implementation issues about ASU 2011-11 and applies to derivatives accounted for in accordance with ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, including bifurcated embedded derivatives, repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements, and securities borrowing and securities lending transactions that are either offset in accordance with ASC 210 or ASC 815 or subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement or similar agreement. The guidance was effective January 1, 2013 and was applied retrospectively. The adoption of ASU 2013-01 had an effect on our disclosures but did not have an effect on our accompanying condensed consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

*Comprehensive Income (ASC 220)*

In February 2013, the FASB issued ASU No. 2013-02, *Reporting of Amounts Reclassified Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income*. ASU No. 2013-02 requires registrants to provide information about the amounts reclassified out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (“AOCI”) by component. In addition, an entity is required to present significant amounts reclassified out of AOCI by the respective line items of net income. ASU No. 2013-02 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2012. The impact of these amendments are reflected beginning with the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2013. As the new standard does not change the current requirements for reporting net income or other comprehensive income in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements, our condensed consolidated financial position and results of operations were not impacted.

*Derivatives and Hedging (ASC 815)*

In July 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-10, *Inclusion of the Fed Funds Effective Swap Rate (or Overnight Index Swap Rate) as a Benchmark Interest Rate for Hedge Accounting Purposes* (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force) (“ASU 2013-10”). The amendments of this ASU apply to all entities that elect to apply hedge accounting of the benchmark interest rate under Derivatives and Hedging (FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 815). ASU 2013-10 permits the Federal Funds Effective Rate (also referred to as the Overnight Index Swap Rate, or OIS) to be used as a U.S. benchmark interest rate for hedge accounting purposes in addition to the interest rates on direct Treasury obligations of the U.S. government and London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”). ASU 2013-10 was effective prospectively for qualifying new or redesignated hedging relationships entered into on or after July 17, 2013.

The Company's adoption of ASU 2103-10 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

**3. Investment Securities Available For Sale**

Investment securities available for sale consist of the following as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 (dollar amounts in thousands):

**September 30, 2013:**

|                           | <b>Amortized</b> | <b>Unrealized</b> | <b>Unrealized</b> | <b>Carrying</b> |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|                           | <b>Cost</b>      | <b>Gains</b>      | <b>Losses</b>     | <b>Value</b>    |
| Agency RMBS:              |                  |                   |                   |                 |
| Agency ARMs               |                  |                   |                   |                 |
| Freddie Mac               | \$ 68,178        | \$ 62             | \$ (1,811 )       | \$ 66,429       |
| Fannie Mae                | 133,477          | 62                | (2,939 )          | 130,600         |
| Ginnie Mae                | 18,187           | —                 | (212 )            | 17,975          |
| Total Agency ARMs         | 219,842          | 124               | (4,962 )          | 215,004         |
| Agency Fixed Rate         |                  |                   |                   |                 |
| Freddie Mac               | 68,497           | —                 | (1,819 )          | 66,678          |
| Fannie Mae                | 510,980          | —                 | (17,075 )         | 493,905         |
| Total Agency Fixed Rate   | 579,477          | —                 | (18,894 )         | 560,583         |
| Agency IOs <sup>(1)</sup> |                  |                   |                   |                 |
| Freddie Mac               | 39,942           | 90                | (4,998 )          | 35,034          |
| Fannie Mae                | 61,317           | 925               | (5,390 )          | 56,852          |
| Ginnie Mae                | 35,105           | 693               | (2,010 )          | 33,788          |
| Total Agency IOs          | 136,364          | 1,708             | (12,398 )         | 125,674         |
| Total Agency RMBS         | 935,683          | 1,832             | (36,254 )         | 901,261         |
| Non-Agency RMBS           | 2,542            | 116               | (233 )            | 2,425           |
| CLOs                      | 17,014           | 15,440            | —                 | 32,454          |
| Total                     | \$ 955,239       | \$ 17,388         | \$ (36,487 )      | \$ 936,140      |

**December 31, 2012:**

|              | <b>Amortized</b> | <b>Unrealized</b> | <b>Unrealized</b> | <b>Carrying</b> |
|--------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|              | <b>Cost</b>      | <b>Gains</b>      | <b>Losses</b>     | <b>Value</b>    |
| Agency RMBS: |                  |                   |                   |                 |

Agency ARMs

|                   |          |        |        |            |
|-------------------|----------|--------|--------|------------|
| Freddie Mac       | \$80,106 | \$ 341 | \$ (83 | ) \$80,364 |
| Fannie Mae        | 169,020  | 659    | (118   | ) 169,561  |
| Ginnie Mae        | 24,127   | —      | (129   | ) 23,998   |
| Total Agency ARMs | 273,253  | 1,000  | (330   | ) 273,923  |

Agency Fixed Rate

|                         |         |       |        |           |
|-------------------------|---------|-------|--------|-----------|
| Freddie Mac             | 49,899  | 24    | (162   | ) 49,761  |
| Fannie Mae              | 578,300 | 1,166 | (1,283 | ) 578,183 |
| Total Agency Fixed Rate | 628,199 | 1,190 | (1,445 | ) 627,944 |

Agency IOs <sup>(1)</sup>

|                  |         |       |         |          |
|------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|
| Freddie Mac      | 38,025  | 92    | (3,217  | ) 34,900 |
| Fannie Mae       | 40,858  | 656   | (5,266  | ) 36,248 |
| Ginnie Mae       | 30,530  | 738   | (3,044  | ) 28,224 |
| Total Agency IOs | 109,413 | 1,486 | (11,527 | ) 99,372 |

|                   |             |           |            |               |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| Total Agency RMBS | 1,010,865   | 3,676     | (13,302    | ) 1,001,239   |
| Non-Agency RMBS   | 3,291       | —         | (604       | ) 2,687       |
| CLOs              | 13,495      | 17,290    | —          | 30,785        |
| Total             | \$1,027,651 | \$ 20,966 | \$ (13,906 | ) \$1,034,711 |

<sup>(1)</sup> Included in investment securities available for sale are Agency IOs. Agency IOs are measured at fair value through earnings.

Investment securities available for sale held in securitization trusts consist of the following as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 (dollar amounts in thousands):

**September 30, 2013:**

|       | <b>Amortized</b> | <b>Unrealized</b> | <b>Unrealized</b> | <b>Carrying</b> |
|-------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|       | <b>Cost</b>      | <b>Gains</b>      | <b>Losses</b>     | <b>Value</b>    |
| CMBS  | \$ 72,754        | \$ 14,030         | \$ (70 )          | \$ 86,714       |
| Total | \$ 72,754        | \$ 14,030         | \$ (70 )          | \$ 86,714       |

**December 31, 2012:**

|       | <b>Amortized</b> | <b>Unrealized</b> | <b>Unrealized</b> | <b>Carrying</b> |
|-------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|       | <b>Cost</b>      | <b>Gains</b>      | <b>Losses</b>     | <b>Value</b>    |
| CMBS  | \$ 68,426        | \$ 3,006          | \$ (273 )         | \$ 71,159       |
| Total | \$ 68,426        | \$ 3,006          | \$ (273 )         | \$ 71,159       |

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company received total proceeds of \$0 and approximately \$1.3 million, respectively, realizing \$0 and approximately \$0.1 million, respectively, of net gains (losses) from the sale of investment securities available for sale. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company received total proceeds of \$49.4 and approximately \$50.6 million, respectively, realizing approximately \$1.6 million and approximately \$0.5 million, respectively, of net gains from the sale of investment securities available for sale.

Actual maturities of our available for sale securities are generally shorter than stated contractual maturities (which range up to 30 years), as they are affected by the contractual lives of the underlying mortgages, periodic payments and prepayments of principal. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, based on management's estimates, the weighted average life of the Company's available for sale securities portfolio was approximately 4.28 and 4.83 years, respectively.

The following tables set forth the stated reset periods of our investment securities available for sale as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 (dollar amounts in thousands):

| <b>September 30, 2013</b> | <b>Less than</b> | <b>More than</b> | <b>More than</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|

**6 Months 6 Months 24  
To 24  
Months**

**Carrying Carrying Carrying Carrying**

|                 | <b>Value</b> | <b>Value</b> | <b>Value</b> | <b>Value</b> |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Agency RMBS     | \$ 100,365   | \$ 8,152     | \$ 792,744   | \$ 901,261   |
| Non-Agency RMBS | 2,425        | —            | —            | 2,425        |
| CLOs            | 32,454       | —            | —            | 32,454       |
| Total           | \$ 135,244   | \$ 8,152     | \$ 792,744   | \$ 936,140   |

**December 31, 2012**

| <b>Less<br/>than<br/>6 Months</b> | <b>More<br/>than<br/>6 Months<br/>To 24<br/>Months</b> | <b>More<br/>than<br/>24<br/>Months</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------|
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------|

**Carrying Carrying Carrying Carrying**

|                 | <b>Value</b> | <b>Value</b> | <b>Value</b> | <b>Value</b> |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Agency RMBS     | \$ 91,633    | \$ 15,559    | \$ 894,047   | \$ 1,001,239 |
| Non-Agency RMBS | 2,687        | —            | —            | 2,687        |
| CLOs            | 30,785       | —            | —            | 30,785       |
| Total           | \$ 125,105   | \$ 15,559    | \$ 894,047   | \$ 1,034,711 |

The following tables set forth the stated reset periods of our investment securities available for sale held in securitization trusts as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 (dollar amounts in thousands):

| September 30, 2013 | Less<br>than<br>6 Months | More<br>than<br>6 Months<br>To 24<br>Months | More<br>than<br>24<br>Months | Total             |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
|                    | Carrying<br>Value        | Carrying<br>Value                           | Carrying<br>Value            | Carrying<br>Value |
| CMBS               | \$ 26,594                | \$ —                                        | \$ 60,120                    | \$ 86,714         |
| Total              | \$ 26,594                | \$ —                                        | \$ 60,120                    | \$ 86,714         |

| December 31, 2012 | Less<br>than<br>6 Months | More<br>than<br>6 Months<br>To 24<br>Months | More<br>than<br>24<br>Months | Total             |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
|                   | Carrying<br>Value        | Carrying<br>Value                           | Carrying<br>Value            | Carrying<br>Value |
| CMBS              | \$ 22,215                | \$ —                                        | \$ 48,944                    | \$ 71,159         |
| Total             | \$ 22,215                | \$ —                                        | \$ 48,944                    | \$ 71,159         |

The following tables present the Company's investment securities available for sale in an unrealized loss position reported through OCI, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 (dollar amounts in thousands):

| September 30, 2013 | Less than 12 Months |                     | Greater than 12 months |                     | Total             |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|                    | Carrying<br>Value   | Gross<br>Unrealized | Carrying<br>Value      | Gross<br>Unrealized | Carrying<br>Value | Gross<br>Unrealized |

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|                 | <b>Losses</b> |              | <b>Losses</b> |             | <b>Losses</b> |              |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Agency RMBS     | \$706,340     | \$ (22,577 ) | \$52,977      | \$ (1,279 ) | \$759,317     | \$ (23,856 ) |
| Non-Agency RMBS | —             | —            | 1,099         | (233 )      | 1,099         | (233 )       |
| Total           | \$706,340     | \$ (22,577 ) | \$54,076      | \$ (1,512 ) | \$760,416     | \$ (24,089 ) |

| <b>December 31, 2012</b> | <b>Less than 12 Months</b> |                          | <b>Greater than 12 months</b> |                          | <b>Total</b>    |                          |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
|                          | <b>Gross</b>               |                          | <b>Gross</b>                  |                          | <b>Gross</b>    |                          |
|                          | <b>Carrying</b>            |                          | <b>Carrying</b>               |                          | <b>Carrying</b> |                          |
|                          | <b>Value</b>               | <b>Unrealized Losses</b> | <b>Value</b>                  | <b>Unrealized Losses</b> | <b>Value</b>    | <b>Unrealized Losses</b> |
| Agency RMBS              | \$513,731                  | \$ (1,749 )              | \$6,158                       | \$ (26 )                 | \$519,889       | \$ (1,775 )              |
| Non-Agency RMBS          | —                          | —                        | 2,687                         | (604 )                   | 2,687           | (604 )                   |
| Total                    | \$513,731                  | \$ (1,749 )              | \$8,845                       | \$ (630 )                | \$522,576       | \$ (2,379 )              |

The following tables present the Company's investment securities available for sale held in securitization trusts in an unrealized loss position reported through OCI, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 (dollar amounts in thousands):

| <b>September 30, 2013</b> | <b>Less than 12 Months</b> |                          | <b>Greater than 12 months</b> |                          | <b>Total</b>    |                          |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
|                           | <b>Gross</b>               |                          | <b>Gross</b>                  |                          | <b>Gross</b>    |                          |
|                           | <b>Carrying</b>            |                          | <b>Carrying</b>               |                          | <b>Carrying</b> |                          |
|                           | <b>Value</b>               | <b>Unrealized Losses</b> | <b>Value</b>                  | <b>Unrealized Losses</b> | <b>Value</b>    | <b>Unrealized Losses</b> |
| CMBS                      | \$4,555                    | \$ (70 )                 | \$ —                          | \$ —                     | \$4,555         | \$ (70 )                 |
| Total                     | \$4,555                    | \$ (70 )                 | \$ —                          | \$ —                     | \$4,555         | \$ (70 )                 |

| December 31, 2012 | Less than 12 Months |         |   | Greater than 12 months |    |   | Total      |         |   |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------|---|------------------------|----|---|------------|---------|---|
|                   | Gross               |         |   | Gross                  |    |   | Gross      |         |   |
|                   | Carrying            |         |   | Carrying               |    |   | Carrying   |         |   |
|                   | Unrealized          |         |   | Unrealized             |    |   | Unrealized |         |   |
|                   | Value               |         |   | Value                  |    |   | Value      |         |   |
|                   | Losses              |         |   | Losses                 |    |   | Losses     |         |   |
| CMBS              | \$16,357            | \$ (273 | ) | \$ —                   | \$ | — | \$16,357   | \$ (273 | ) |
| Total             | \$16,357            | \$ (273 | ) | \$ —                   | \$ | — | \$16,357   | \$ (273 | ) |

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company recognized \$0.2 million other-than-temporary impairment through earnings. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company did not have unrealized losses in investment securities that were deemed other-than-temporary.

#### 4. Residential Mortgage Loans Held in Securitization Trusts (Net) and Real Estate Owned

Residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts (net) consist of the following as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                  | September<br>30,<br>2013 | December<br>31,<br>2012 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mortgage loans principal amount  | \$ 172,378               | \$ 189,009              |
| Deferred origination costs – net | 1,097                    | 1,198                   |
| Reserve for loan losses          | (3,169 )                 | (2,978 )                |
| Total                            | \$ 170,306               | \$ 187,229              |

*Allowance for Loan Losses* - The following table presents the activity in the Company's allowance for loan losses on residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2013 2012 |         |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Balance at beginning of period | \$2,978                                            | \$3,331 |
| Provisions for loan losses     | 568                                                | 568     |

|                               |         |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Transfer to real estate owned | (268 )  | (898 )  |
| Charge-offs                   | (109 )  | (127 )  |
| Balance at the end of period  | \$3,169 | \$2,874 |

On an ongoing basis, the Company evaluates the adequacy of its allowance for loan losses. The Company's allowance for loan losses as of September 30, 2013 was \$3.2 million, representing 184 basis points of the outstanding principal balance of residential loans held in securitization trusts as of September 30, 2013, as compared to 158 basis points as of December 31, 2012. As part of the Company's allowance for loan loss adequacy analysis, management will assess an overall level of allowances while also assessing credit losses inherent in each non-performing residential mortgage loan held in securitization trusts. These estimates involve the consideration of various credit related factors, including but not limited to, current housing market conditions, current loan to value ratios, delinquency status, the borrower's current economic and credit status and other relevant factors.

*Real Estate Owned* – The following table presents the activity in the Company's real estate owned held in residential securitization trusts for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                                            | <b>Nine Months<br/>Ended<br/>September 30,<br/>2013    2012</b> |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Balance at beginning of period                             | \$732                                                           | \$454   |
| Write downs                                                | (209)                                                           | (20 )   |
| Transfer from mortgage loans held in securitization trusts | 621                                                             | 1,569   |
| Disposal                                                   | (374)                                                           | (1,081) |
| Balance at the end of period                               | \$770                                                           | \$922   |

Real estate owned held in residential securitization trusts are included in receivables and other assets on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets and write downs are included in provision for loan losses in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations for reporting purposes.

All of the Company's mortgage loans and real estate owned held in residential securitization trusts are pledged as collateral for the Residential CDOs issued by the Company.

### **Delinquency Status of Our Residential Mortgage Loans Held in Securitization Trusts**

As of September 30, 2013, we had 35 delinquent loans with an aggregate principal amount outstanding of approximately \$19.2 million categorized as Residential Mortgage Loans Held in Securitization Trusts (net). Of the \$19.2 million in delinquent loans, \$11.7 million, or 61%, are under some form of temporary modified payment plan. The table below shows delinquencies in our portfolio of residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts, including real estate owned ("REO") through foreclosure, as of September 30, 2013 (dollar amounts in thousands):

#### **September 30, 2013**

| <b>Days Late</b>                      | <b>Number of</b>  | <b>Total</b>     | <b>% of</b>      |   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---|
|                                       | <b>Delinquent</b> | <b>Unpaid</b>    | <b>Loan</b>      |   |
|                                       | <b>Loans</b>      | <b>Principal</b> | <b>Portfolio</b> |   |
| 30 - 60                               | 2                 | \$ 478           | 0.27             | % |
| 61 - 90                               | 2                 | \$ 537           | 0.31             | % |
| 90 +                                  | 31                | \$ 18,159        | 10.44            | % |
| Real estate owned through foreclosure | 3                 | \$ 1,633         | 0.94             | % |

As of December 31, 2012, we had 35 delinquent loans with an aggregate principal amount outstanding of approximately \$19.5 million categorized as Residential Mortgage Loans Held in Securitization Trusts (net). Of the \$19.5 million in delinquent loans, \$15.2 million, or 78%, were under some form of modified payment plan. The table below shows delinquencies in our portfolio of residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts, including REO through foreclosure, as of December 31, 2012 (dollar amounts in thousands):

#### **December 31, 2012**

| <b>Days Late</b> | <b>Number of</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>% of</b> |  |
|------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|--|
|                  |                  |              | <b>Loan</b> |  |

|                                       | <b>Delinquent</b> | <b>Unpaid</b>    | <b>Portfolio</b> |   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---|
|                                       | <b>Loans</b>      | <b>Principal</b> |                  |   |
| 30 - 60                               | 3                 | \$ 751           | 0.39             | % |
| 61 - 90                               | —                 | \$ —             | —                | % |
| 90 +                                  | 32                | \$ 18,762        | 9.85             | % |
| Real estate owned through foreclosure | 4                 | \$ 1,421         | 0.75             | % |

The geographic concentrations of credit risk exceeding 5% of the total loan balances in our residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts and real estate owned held in residential securitization trusts as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 are as follows:

|               | <b>September<br/>30,<br/>2013</b> | <b>December<br/>31,<br/>2012</b> |      |   |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------|---|
| New York      | 36.4                              | %                                | 37.8 | % |
| Massachusetts | 24.7                              | %                                | 25.2 | % |
| New Jersey    | 10.2                              | %                                | 9.5  | % |
| Florida       | 5.6                               | %                                | 5.1  | % |
| Connecticut   | 5.4                               | %                                | 5.0  | % |

## 5. Distressed Residential Mortgage Loans

As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the carrying value of the Company's distressed residential mortgage loans, including distressed residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts amounts to approximately \$258.3 million and \$60.5 million, respectively. Distressed residential mortgage loans with a carrying value amounting to approximately \$3.4 million are included in receivables and other assets in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2013.

The Company considers its purchase price for the distressed residential mortgage loans, including distressed residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts, to be at fair value at the date of acquisition. The Company only establishes an allowance for loan losses subsequent to acquisition.

The following table presents information regarding the estimates of the contractually required payments, the cash flows expected to be collected, and the estimated fair value of the distressed residential mortgage loans acquired during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                               | <b>September 30,</b> |         |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------|
|                                               | <b>2013</b>          |         |
| Contractually required principal and interest | \$                   | 341,486 |
| Non-accretable yield                          | (35,502              | )       |
| Expected cash flows to be collected           | 305,984              |         |
| Accretable yield                              | (99,600              | )       |
| Fair value at the date of acquisition         | \$                   | 206,384 |

The following table details activity in accretable yield for the distressed residential mortgage loans, including distressed residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts, for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 (dollar amounts in thousands):

**September  
30,  
2013**

|                                         |            |   |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|---|
| Balance at beginning of period          | \$ 92,122  |   |
| Acquisitions                            | 99,600     |   |
| Additions                               | —          |   |
| Disposals                               | (2,858     | ) |
| Accretion                               | (7,410     | ) |
| Impairment                              | (128       | ) |
| Balance at end of period <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 181,326 |   |

Accretable yield is the excess of the distressed residential mortgage loans' cash flows expected to be collected over <sup>(1)</sup>the purchase price. The cash flows expected to be collected represents the Company's estimate, at acquisition, of the amount and timing of undiscounted principal and interest cash flows.

There were no distressed residential mortgage loans held in securitization trust or distressed residential mortgage loans as of September 30, 2012.

The geographic concentrations of credit risk exceeding 5% of the unpaid principal balance in our distressed residential mortgage loans, including distressed residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively, are as follows:

|            | <b>September<br/>30,<br/><br/>2013</b> |   | <b>December<br/>31,<br/><br/>2012</b> |   |
|------------|----------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| California | 14.7                                   | % | 24.1                                  | % |
| New York   | 7.8                                    | % | 3.9                                   | % |
| Florida    | 7.6                                    | % | 6.5                                   | % |
| Texas      | 6.7                                    | % | 7.0                                   | % |
| Maryland   | 3.2                                    | % | 5.5                                   | % |

The Company's distressed residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts are pledged as collateral for certain of the Securitized Debt issued by the Company (see Note 7).

## 6. Multi-Family Loans Held in Securitization Trusts

The Company has elected the fair value option on the assets and liabilities held within the Consolidated K-Series, which requires that changes in valuations in the assets and liabilities of the Consolidated K-Series be reflected in the Company's statements of operations. Our investment in the Consolidated K-Series is limited to the multi-family CMBS comprised of first loss tranche PO securities and/or certain IOs issued by certain K-Series securitizations with an aggregate net carrying value of \$196.3 million and \$123.3 million at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively (*see Note 7*).

The condensed consolidated balance sheets of the Consolidated K-Series at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively, are as follows (dollar amounts in thousands):

| <b>Balance Sheets</b>                            | <b>September<br/>30,<br/><br/>2013</b> | <b>December<br/>31,<br/><br/>2012</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                                    |                                        |                                       |
| Multi-family loans held in securitization trusts | \$6,668,608                            | \$5,442,906                           |
| Receivables                                      | 24,396                                 | 18,342                                |
| Total Assets                                     | \$6,693,004                            | \$5,461,248                           |

**Liabilities and Equity**

|                              |             |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Multi-family CDOs            | \$6,472,278 | \$5,319,573 |
| Accrued expenses             | 23,942      | 18,022      |
| Total Liabilities            | 6,496,220   | 5,337,595   |
| Equity                       | 196,784     | 123,653     |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | \$6,693,004 | \$5,461,248 |

The multi-family loans held in securitization trusts had unpaid principal balance of approximately \$6.4 billion and \$4.9 billion at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. The multi-family CDOs had unpaid principal balance of approximately \$6.4 billion and \$4.9 billion at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

The condensed consolidated statements of operations of the Consolidated K-Series for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, is as follows (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                                                              | <b>Three<br/>Months<br/><br/>Ended<br/><br/>September<br/>30,<br/><br/>2013</b> | <b>Nine<br/>Months<br/><br/>Ended<br/><br/>September<br/>30,<br/><br/>2013</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Statements of Operations</b>                                              |                                                                                 |                                                                                |
| Interest income                                                              | \$ 61,179                                                                       | \$ 160,981                                                                     |
| Interest expense                                                             | 56,199                                                                          | 148,107                                                                        |
| Net interest income                                                          | 4,980                                                                           | 12,874                                                                         |
| Unrealized gain on multi-family loans and debt held in securitization trusts | 6,338                                                                           | 22,370                                                                         |
| Net Income                                                                   | \$ 11,318                                                                       | \$ 35,244                                                                      |

|                                                                              | Three<br>Months  | Nine<br>Months   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                                              | Ended            | Ended            |
| Statements of Operations                                                     | September<br>30, | September<br>30, |
|                                                                              | 2012             | 2012             |
| Interest income                                                              | \$ 36,075        | \$ 67,079        |
| Interest expense                                                             | 33,374           | 62,489           |
| Net interest income                                                          | 2,701            | 4,590            |
| Unrealized gain on multi-family loans and debt held in securitization trusts | 762              | 4,990            |
| Net Income                                                                   | \$ 3,463         | \$ 9,580         |

The geographic concentrations of credit risk exceeding 5% of the total loan balances related to our CMBS investments included in investment securities available for sale and Multi-family loans held in securitization trusts as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively, are as follows:

|            | September<br>30, | December<br>31, |
|------------|------------------|-----------------|
|            | 2013             | 2012            |
| Texas      | 13.7 %           | 14.0 %          |
| California | 12.7 %           | 13.6 %          |
| Florida    | 6.9 %            | 7.4 %           |
| New York   | 6.6 %            | 6.8 %           |
| Georgia    | 5.4 %            | 5.4 %           |
| Washington | 5.0 %            | 5.0 %           |

## 7. Use of Special Purpose Entities and Variable Interest Entities

A Special Purpose Entity (“SPE”) is an entity designed to fulfill a specific limited need of the company that organized it. SPEs are often used to facilitate transactions that involve securitizing financial assets or re-securitizing previously securitized financial assets. The objective of such transactions may include obtaining non-recourse financing, obtaining liquidity or refinancing the underlying securitized financial assets on improved terms. Securitization involves transferring assets to an SPE to convert all or a portion of those assets into cash before they would have been realized in the normal course of business through the SPE’s issuance of debt or equity instruments. Investors in an SPE usually have recourse only to the assets in the SPE and depending on the overall structure of the transaction, may benefit from various forms of credit enhancement, such as over-collateralization in the form of excess assets in the SPE, priority with respect to receipt of cash flows relative to holders of other debt or equity instruments issued by the SPE, or a line of credit or other form of liquidity agreement that is designed with the objective of ensuring that

investors receive principal and/or interest cash flow on the investment in accordance with the terms of their investment agreement.

The Company has evaluated its CMBS investments in nine Freddie Mac-sponsored K-Series securitizations to determine whether they are VIEs. In addition, the Company also evaluated its financings transactions, such as its Residential CDOs completed in 2005, its multi-family CMBS re-securitization transaction completed in May 2012, its collateralized recourse financing transaction completed in November 2012 and its distressed residential mortgage loan securitization transactions completed in December 2012, July 2013 and September 2013 (collectively, the “Financing VIEs”) and concluded that the entities created to facilitate each of the transactions are VIEs.

The Company then completed an analysis of whether the Financing VIEs should be consolidated by the Company, based on consideration of its involvement in each of the Financing VIEs, including the design and purpose of the SPE, and whether its involvement reflected a controlling financial interest that resulted in the Company being deemed the primary beneficiary of the Financing VIEs. In determining whether the Company would be considered the primary beneficiary, the following factors were assessed:

whether the Company has both the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the economic performance of the VIE; and

whether the Company has a right to receive benefits or absorb losses of the entity that could be potentially significant to the VIE.

The Company has determined that it has a variable interest in the Consolidated K-Series for which it is the primary beneficiary and has a controlling financial interest and, accordingly, has consolidated their assets, liabilities, income and expenses in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements (*see Notes 2 and 6*).

Also, based on its evaluation of the factors discussed above, including its involvement in the purpose and design of the entity, the Company determined that the Financing VIEs met the criteria for consolidation and, accordingly, consolidated the Financing VIEs created to facilitate these transactions.

The following table presents a summary of the assets and liabilities of these VIEs. Intercompany balances have been eliminated for purposes of this presentation.

Assets and Liabilities of Consolidated VIEs as of September 30, 2013 (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                                                                       | <b>Financing VIEs</b>                                    |                                                        |                                                             | <b>Non-financing VIEs</b>                       |                          |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
|                                                                                       | <b>Multi-family CMBS re-securitization<sup>(1)</sup></b> | <b>Collateralized Recourse Financing<sup>(2)</sup></b> | <b>Distressed Residential Mortgage Loan Securitizations</b> | <b>Residential Mortgage Loan Securitization</b> | <b>Multi-family CMBS</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Investment securities available for sale, at fair value held in securitization trusts | \$27,433                                                 | \$ 59,281                                              | \$ –                                                        | \$ –                                            | \$–                      | \$86,714     |
| Residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts (net)                        | –                                                        | –                                                      | –                                                           | 170,306                                         | –                        | 170,306      |
| Distressed residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts (net)             | –                                                        | –                                                      | 254,895                                                     | –                                               | –                        | 254,895      |
| Multi-family loans held in securitization trusts, at fair value                       | 1,244,195                                                | 2,440,283                                              | –                                                           | –                                               | 2,984,130                | 6,668,608    |
| Receivables and other assets                                                          | 5,126                                                    | 11,293                                                 | 14,136                                                      | 1,425                                           | 9,562                    | 41,542       |

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| Total assets                                                | \$ 1,276,754 | \$ 2,510,857 | \$ 269,031 | \$ 171,731 | \$ 2,993,692 | \$ 7,222,065 |
| Residential collateralized debt obligations                 | \$—          | \$—          | \$—        | \$ 164,775 | \$—          | \$ 164,775   |
| Multi-family collateralized debt obligations, at fair value | 1,208,333    | 2,362,718    | —          | —          | 2,901,227    | 6,472,278    |
| Securitized debt                                            | 27,148       | 52,000       | 174,894    | —          | —            | 254,042      |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities                      | 4,504        | 10,323       | 658        | 16         | 9,308        | 24,809       |
| Total liabilities                                           | \$ 1,239,985 | \$ 2,425,041 | \$ 175,552 | \$ 164,791 | \$ 2,910,535 | \$ 6,915,904 |

(1) The Company classified the multi-family CMBS issued by two K-Series securitizations and held by the Financing VIE as available for sale securities as the purpose is not to trade these securities. The Financing VIE consolidated the other K-Series securitization that issued certain of the multi-family CMBS owned by the Company, including its assets, liabilities, interest income and expense, in its financial statements, as based on a number of factors, the Company determined that it was the primary beneficiary and has a controlling financial interest in this particular K-Series securitization (*see Note 6*).

(2) The multi-family CMBS serving as collateral under the collateralized recourse financing are comprised of securities issued from four separate Freddie Mac-sponsored multifamily K-Series securitizations. The Financing VIE classified the multi-family CMBS issued by the two K-Series securitizations and held by the Financing VIE as available for sale securities as the purpose is not to trade these securities. The Financing VIE consolidated two of the K-Series securitizations, including its assets, liabilities, interest income and expense, in its financial statements as based on a number of factors, the Company determined that it was the primary beneficiary and has a controlling financial interest in such K-Series securitizations (*see Note 6*).

Assets and Liabilities of Consolidated VIEs as of December 31, 2012 (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                                                                       | Financing VIEs                                     |                                                  |                                                     | Non-financing VIEs                       |                   |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
|                                                                                       | Multi-family CMBS re-securitization <sup>(1)</sup> | Collateralized Recourse Financing <sup>(2)</sup> | Distressed Residential Mortgage Loan Securitization | Residential Mortgage Loan Securitization | Multi-family CMBS | Total       |
| Investment securities available for sale, at fair value held in securitization trusts | \$22,611                                           | \$ 48,548                                        | \$ –                                                | \$ –                                     | \$–               | \$71,159    |
| Residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts (net)                        | –                                                  | –                                                | –                                                   | 187,229                                  | –                 | 187,229     |
| Distressed residential mortgage loans held in securitization trust (net)              | –                                                  | –                                                | 60,459                                              | –                                        | –                 | 60,459      |
| Multi-family loans held in securitization trusts, at fair value                       | 1,335,862                                          | 2,610,276                                        | –                                                   | –                                        | 1,496,768         | 5,442,906   |
| Receivables and other assets                                                          | 5,372                                              | 11,797                                           | 3,187                                               | 1,425                                    | 3,035             | 24,816      |
| Total assets                                                                          | \$1,363,845                                        | \$ 2,670,621                                     | \$ 63,646                                           | \$ 188,654                               | \$1,499,803       | \$5,786,569 |
| Residential collateralized debt obligations                                           | \$–                                                | \$ –                                             | \$ –                                                | \$ 180,979                               | \$–               | \$180,979   |
| Multi-family collateralized debt obligations, at fair value                           | 1,306,760                                          | 2,547,015                                        | –                                                   | –                                        | 1,465,798         | 5,319,573   |
| Securitized debt                                                                      | 26,891                                             | 52,000                                           | 38,700                                              | –                                        | –                 | 117,591     |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities                                                | 4,706                                              | 10,609                                           | 259                                                 | 15                                       | 2,918             | 18,507      |
| Total liabilities                                                                     | \$1,338,357                                        | \$ 2,609,624                                     | \$ 38,959                                           | \$ 180,994                               | \$1,468,716       | \$5,636,650 |

The Company classified the multi-family CMBS issued by two K-Series securitizations and held by the Financing VIE as available for sale securities as the purpose is not to trade these securities. The Financing VIE consolidated the other K-Series securitization that issued certain of the multi-family CMBS owned by the Company, including its assets, liabilities, interest income and expense, in its financial statements, as based on a number of factors, the Company determined that it was the primary beneficiary and has a controlling financial interest in this particular K-Series securitization (*see Note 6*).

The multi-family CMBS serving as collateral under the collateralized recourse financing are comprised of securities issued from four separate Freddie Mac-sponsored multifamily K-Series securitizations. The Financing VIE classified the multi-family CMBS issued by two K-Series securitizations and held by the Financing VIE as (2)available for sale securities as the purpose is not to trade these securities. The Financing VIE consolidated two of the K-Series securitizations, including its assets, liabilities, interest income and expense, in its financial statements as based on a number of factors, the Company determined that it was the primary beneficiary and has a controlling financial interest in such K-Series securitizations (*see Note 6*).

The following table summarizes the Company's securitized debt collateralized by multi-family CMBS and distressed residential mortgage loans (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                                                                      | <b>Multi-family<br/>CMBS</b>     | <b>Collateralized<br/>Recurse<br/>Financing</b> | <b>Distressed<br/>Residential Mortgage<br/>Loan Securitization</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                      | <b>Re-securitization<br/>(1)</b> | <b>(2)</b>                                      | <b>(3)</b>                                                         |
| Original Face amount of Notes issued by the VIE and purchased by 3rd party investors | \$ 35,000                        | \$ 52,000                                       | \$176,970                                                          |
| Principal Amount at September 30, 2013                                               | \$ 34,585                        | \$ 52,000                                       | \$174,894                                                          |
| Principal Amount at December 31, 2012                                                | \$ 35,000                        | \$ 52,000                                       | \$38,700                                                           |
| Carrying Value at September 30, 2013 <sup>(4)</sup>                                  | \$ 27,148                        | \$ 52,000                                       | \$174,894                                                          |
| Carrying Value at December 31, 2012 <sup>(4)</sup>                                   | \$ 26,891                        | \$ 52,000                                       | \$38,700                                                           |
| Pass-through rate of Notes issued                                                    | 5.35                             | One-month<br>% LIBOR plus<br>6.50%              | 4.25% - 4.85%                                                      |

The Company engaged in the re-securitization transaction primarily for the purpose of obtaining non-recourse financing on a portion of its multi-family CMBS portfolio. As a result of engaging in this transaction, the Company remains economically exposed to the first loss position on the underlying multi-family CMBS transferred to the Consolidated VIE. The holders of the Note have no recourse to the general credit of the Company, but the Company <sup>(1)</sup>does have the obligation, under certain circumstances, to repurchase assets upon the breach of certain representations and warranties. The third party note holders will be entitled to receive all distributions of principal and interest from the multi-family CMBS pledged to secure the note until it is fully retired, which is expected to occur by January 2022. The Company will then receive all remaining cash flow, if any, through its retained ownership.

The Company, through a wholly-owned subsidiary, entered into a CMBS Master Repurchase Agreement with a three-year term for the purpose of financing a portion of its multi-family CMBS portfolio. In connection with the transaction, the Company agreed to guarantee the due and punctual payment of its wholly-owned subsidiary's <sup>(2)</sup>obligations under the CMBS Master Repurchase Agreement. The financing under the CMBS Master Repurchase Agreement is scheduled to mature in November 2015 and is subject to margin calls to the extent the market value of the multi-family CMBS declines, in which case the Company would be required to either post additional collateral to cover such decrease or repay a portion of the outstanding financing in cash.

<sup>(3)</sup>The Company engaged in these transactions for the purpose of financing distressed residential mortgage loans acquired by the Company. The distressed residential mortgage loans serving as collateral for the financing are comprised of performing, re-performing and to a lesser extent non-performing, fixed and adjustable-rate, fully-amortizing, interest only and balloon, seasoned mortgage loans secured by first liens on one to four family properties. Two of the four securitization transactions provide for a revolving period of one to two years from the date of the respective financing ("Revolving Period") where no principal payments will be made on the note. All cash proceeds generated by the distressed residential mortgage loans and received by the respective securitization trust during the Revolving Period, after payment of interest on the note, reserve amounts and certain other transaction expenses, will be available for the purchase by the trust of additional mortgage loans that satisfy certain eligibility

criteria.

(4) Classified as securitized debt in the liability section of the Company's accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The following table presents contractual maturity information about the Financing VIEs' securitized debt as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively:

| <b>Scheduled Maturity (principal amount)</b> | <b>September<br/>30, 2013</b> | <b>December<br/>31, 2012</b> |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>(Dollar amount in thousands)</i>          |                               |                              |
| Less than 24 months                          | \$ —                          | \$ —                         |
| Over 24 months to 36 months                  | 226,894                       | 90,700                       |
| Over 36 months                               | 34,585                        | 35,000                       |
| Total                                        | 261,479                       | 125,700                      |
| Discount                                     | (7,437 )                      | (8,109 )                     |
| Carrying value                               | \$ 254,042                    | \$ 117,591                   |

There is no guarantee that the Company will receive any cash flows from these securitization trusts.

*Residential Mortgage Loan Securitization Transaction*

The Company has completed four residential mortgage loan securitizations (other than the distressed residential mortgage loan securitizations discussed above) since inception, the first three were accounted for as permanent financings and have been included in the Company's accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements.

*Multi-family CMBS not subject to Financing VIEs*

Two of the nine Freddie Mac-sponsored multi-family K-Series securitizations included in the Consolidated K-Series are not subject to any Financing VIE as of September 30, 2013. One of the eight Freddie Mac-sponsored multi-family K-Series securitizations included in the Consolidated K-Series was not subject to any Financing VIE as of December 31, 2012.

*Unconsolidated VIEs*

The Company has evaluated its CMBS investments in four Freddie Mac-sponsored K-Series securitizations and eight mezzanine, debt or equity investments to determine whether they are VIEs and should be consolidated by the Company. Based on a number of factors, the Company determined that it doesn't have a controlling financial interest and is not the primary beneficiary of these VIEs. Our maximum loss exposure on the CMBS investments and mezzanine, debt or equity investments is approximately \$105.9 million and \$74.9 million at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

**8. Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities**

The Company enters into derivative instruments to manage its interest rate risk exposure. These derivative instruments include interest rate swaps, swaptions and futures. The Company may also purchase or short TBAs and U.S. Treasury securities, purchase put or call options on U.S. Treasury futures or invest in other types of mortgage derivative securities.

The following table presents the fair value of derivative instruments that were not designated as hedging instruments and their location in our accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

| <b>Derivatives Not Designated</b> |                               | <b>September</b> | <b>December</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>as Hedging Instruments</b>     |                               | <b>30,</b>       | <b>31,</b>      |
|                                   | <b>Balance Sheet Location</b> | <b>2013</b>      | <b>2012</b>     |
| TBA securities <sup>(1)</sup>     | Derivative assets             | \$ 191,480       | \$ 244,789      |
| U.S. Treasury futures             | Derivative assets             | —                | 676             |
| Swaptions                         | Derivative assets             | 1,343            | 597             |
| Options on U.S. Treasury futures  | Derivative assets             | 17               | 59              |
| Interest rate swap futures        | Derivative assets             | —                | 8               |
| U.S. Treasury futures             | Derivative liabilities        | 1,559            | —               |
| Eurodollar futures                | Derivative liabilities        | 1,893            | 3,798           |
| Interest rate swap futures        | Derivative liabilities        | 2,161            | —               |

Open TBA purchases and sales involving the same counterparty, same underlying deliverable and the same settlement date are reflected in our accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements on a net <sup>(1)</sup> basis. TBA sales amounting to \$42.2 million and \$245.6 million have been netted against TBA purchases and are included in payable for securities purchased in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

The tables below summarize the activity of derivative instruments not designated as hedges for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

| <b>Notional Amount For the Nine Months Ended<br/>September 30, 2013</b> |                                  |                  |                                                   |                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Derivatives Not Designated<br/>as Hedging Instruments</b>            | <b>December<br/>31,<br/>2012</b> | <b>Additions</b> | <b>Settlement,<br/>Expiration<br/>or Exercise</b> | <b>September<br/>30,<br/>2013</b> |
| TBA securities                                                          | \$ 234,000                       | \$ 2,030,000     | \$(2,079,000)                                     | \$ 185,000                        |
| U.S. Treasury futures                                                   | (172,100 )                       | 735,100          | (647,400 )                                        | (84,400 )                         |
| Interest rate swap futures                                              | (13,000 )                        | 263,700          | (413,800 )                                        | (163,100 )                        |
| Short sales of Eurodollar futures                                       | (2,852,000)                      | 2,781,000        | (2,800,000)                                       | (2,871,000)                       |
| Options on U.S. Treasury futures                                        | 70,000                           | 250,000          | (310,000 )                                        | 10,000                            |
| Swaptions                                                               | 100,000                          | —                | —                                                 | 100,000                           |

| <b>Notional Amount For the Nine Months Ended<br/>September 30, 2012</b> |                                  |                  |                                                   |                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Derivatives Not Designated<br/>as Hedging Instruments</b>            | <b>December<br/>31,<br/>2011</b> | <b>Additions</b> | <b>Settlement,<br/>Expiration<br/>or Exercise</b> | <b>September<br/>30,<br/>2012</b> |
| TBA securities                                                          | \$ 202,000                       | \$ 2,218,000     | \$(2,228,000)                                     | \$ 192,000                        |
| U.S. Treasury futures                                                   | (92,800 )                        | 771,100          | (812,700 )                                        | (134,400 )                        |
| Short sales of Eurodollar futures                                       | (2,422,000)                      | 1,296,000        | (1,361,000)                                       | (2,487,000)                       |
| Options on U.S. Treasury futures                                        | 199,500                          | 1,001,500        | (1,036,000)                                       | 165,000                           |
| Swaptions                                                               | —                                | 70,000           | —                                                 | 70,000                            |

The TBAs in our Agency IO portfolio are accounted for at fair value with both realized and unrealized gains and losses included in other income (expense) in our accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. The use of TBAs exposes the Company to market value risk, as the market value of the securities that the Company is required to purchase pursuant to a TBA transaction may decline below the agreed-upon purchase price. Conversely, the market value of the securities that the Company is required to sell pursuant to a TBA transaction may increase above the agreed upon sale price. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, we recorded net realized losses of \$5.4 million and \$15.8 million, respectively, and net unrealized gain of \$6.4 million and \$5.0 million respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, we recorded net realized gains of \$5.6 million and \$14.0 million, respectively, and net unrealized gains of \$1.3 million and \$1.4 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2013, our accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet includes TBA-related liabilities, net of \$186.1 million included in payable for securities purchased.

The Eurodollar futures in our Agency IO portfolio are accounted for at fair value with both realized and unrealized gains and losses included in other income (expense) in our accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, we recorded net realized losses of \$1.1 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, and net unrealized loss of \$32,000 and unrealized gains \$1.9 million in our Eurodollar futures contracts. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, we recorded net realized losses of \$0.1 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, and net unrealized losses of \$1.3 million and \$2.1 million, respectively, in our Eurodollar futures contracts. The Eurodollar futures consist of 2,871 contracts with expiration dates ranging between December 2013 and June 2015.

The U.S. Treasury futures and options in our Agency IO portfolio are accounted for at fair value with both realized and unrealized gains and losses included in other income (expense) in our accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, we recorded net realized gains of \$9.8 million and \$10.5 million, respectively, and net unrealized losses of \$11.1 million and \$4.3 million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, we recorded net realized losses of \$2.1 million and \$7.9 million, respectively, and unrealized gains of \$45,000 and \$0.2 million, respectively.

Swaptions are accounted for at fair value with both realized and unrealized gains and losses included in other income (expense) in our accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. We recorded realized gains of \$0 for each of the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, we recorded unrealized losses of \$0.3 million and unrealized gains of \$1.1 million, respectively. For the each of the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, we recorded unrealized losses of \$0.2 million.

The following table presents the fair value of derivative instruments designated as hedging instruments and their location in the Company's accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

| <b>Derivatives Designated<br/>as Hedging Instruments</b> | <b>Balance Sheet Location</b> | <b>September<br/>30,<br/>2013</b> | <b>December<br/>31,<br/>2012</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                          |                               |                                   |                                  |
| Interest Rate Swaps                                      | Derivative assets             | \$ 1,593                          | \$ —                             |
| Interest Rate Swaps                                      | Derivative liabilities        | —                                 | 1,744                            |

The Company has netting arrangements by counterparty with respect to its interest rate swaps. Contracts in a liability position of \$0.2 million have been netted against the asset position of \$1.8 million and contracts in an asset position of \$0.1 million have been netted against the liability position of \$1.8 million in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

The following table presents the impact of the Company's derivative instruments on the Company's accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

| <b>Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments</b>                      | <b>Nine Months<br/>Ended<br/>September 30,<br/>2013      2012</b> |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                                                           |                                                                   |           |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for derivative instruments: |                                                                   |           |
| Balance at beginning of the period                                        | \$(1,744)                                                         | \$(304 )  |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate swaps                             | 3,337                                                             | (1,619)   |
| Balance at end of the period                                              | \$1,593                                                           | \$(1,923) |

The Company estimates that over the next 12 months, approximately \$1.6 million of the net unrealized gains on the interest rate swaps will be reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) into earnings.

The following table details the impact of the Company's interest rate swaps included in interest expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                        | <b>Three<br/>Months<br/>Ended</b> |             | <b>Nine Months<br/>Ended</b> |             |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|
|                                        | <b>September<br/>30,</b>          |             | <b>September<br/>30,</b>     |             |
|                                        | <b>2013</b>                       | <b>2012</b> | <b>2013</b>                  | <b>2012</b> |
| Interest Rate Swaps:                   |                                   |             |                              |             |
| Interest expense-investment securities | \$432                             | \$167       | \$1,291                      | \$359       |

The Company's interest rate swaps are designated as cash flow hedges against the benchmark interest rate risk associated with its short term repurchase agreements. There were no costs incurred at the inception of our interest rate swaps, under which the Company agrees to pay a fixed rate of interest and receive a variable interest rate based on one month LIBOR, on the notional amount of the interest rate swaps.

The Company documents its objectives and strategies, as they relate to its hedging activities, and upon entering into hedging transactions, documents the relationship between the hedging instrument and the hedged liability contemporaneously. The Company assesses, both at inception of a hedge and on an on-going basis, whether or not the hedge is "highly effective" when using the matched term basis.

The Company discontinues hedge accounting on a prospective basis and recognizes changes in the fair value through earnings when: (i) it is determined that the derivative is no longer effective in offsetting cash flows of a hedged item (including forecasted transactions); (ii) it is no longer probable that the forecasted transaction will occur; or (iii) it is determined that designating the derivative as a hedge is no longer appropriate. The Company's derivative instruments are carried on the Company's balance sheets at fair value, as assets, if their fair value is positive, or as liabilities, if their fair value is negative. For the Company's derivative instruments that are designated as "cash flow hedges," changes in their fair value are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), provided that the hedges are effective. A change in fair value for any ineffective amount of the Company's derivative instruments would be recognized in earnings. The Company has not recognized any change in the value of its existing derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges through earnings as a result of ineffectiveness of any of its hedges.

The following table presents information about the Company's interest rate swaps as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

| Maturity<br>(1)                | September 30, 2013 |                     |                  | December 31, 2012  |                     |                  |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
|                                | Notional<br>Amount | Weighted<br>Average |                  | Notional<br>Amount | Weighted<br>Average |                  |
|                                |                    | Fixed<br>Pay        | Interest<br>Rate |                    | Fixed<br>Pay        | Interest<br>Rate |
| Within<br>30 Days              | \$—                | —                   | %                | \$8,380            | 2.93                | %                |
| Over 30<br>days to 3<br>months | —                  | —                   | —                | —                  | —                   | —                |

|                             |           |      |             |        |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------|-------------|--------|
| Over 3 months to 6 months   | —         | —    | —           | —      |
| Over 6 months to 12 months  | —         | —    | —           | —      |
| Over 12 months to 24 months | —         | —    | —           | —      |
| Over 24 months to 36 months | 135,000   | 0.45 | 135,000     | 0.45   |
| Over 36 months to 48 months | —         | —    | —           | —      |
| Over 48 months to 60 months | 215,000   | 0.83 | 215,000     | 0.83   |
| Total                       | \$350,000 | 0.69 | % \$358,380 | 0.74 % |

(1) The Company enters into interest rate swap transactions whereby the Company pays a fixed rate of interest and receives one month LIBOR.

*Interest Rate Swaps, Futures Contracts and TBAs* - The use of derivatives exposes the Company to counterparty credit risks in the event of a default by a counterparty. If a counterparty defaults under the applicable derivative agreement, the Company may be unable to collect payments to which it is entitled under its derivative agreements, and may have difficulty collecting the assets it pledged as collateral against such derivatives. The Company currently has in place with all counterparties bi-lateral margin agreements requiring a party to post collateral to the Company for any valuation deficit. This arrangement is intended to limit the Company's exposure to losses in the event of a counterparty default.

The Company is required to pledge assets under a bilateral margin arrangement, including either cash or Agency RMBS, as collateral for its interest rate swaps, futures contracts and TBAs, whose collateral requirements vary by counterparty and change over time based on the market value, notional amount, and remaining term of the agreement. In the event the Company is unable to meet a margin call under one of its agreements, thereby causing an event of default or triggering an early termination event under one of its agreements, the counterparty to such agreement may have the option to terminate all of such counterparty's outstanding transactions with the Company. In addition, under this scenario, any close-out amount due to the counterparty upon termination of the counterparty's transactions would be immediately payable by the Company pursuant to the applicable agreement. The Company believes it was in compliance with all margin requirements under its agreements as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012. The Company had \$11.9 million and \$19.8 million of restricted cash related to margin posted for its agreements as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. The restricted cash held by third parties is included in receivables and other assets in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

## 9. Financing Arrangements, Portfolio Investments

The Company has entered into repurchase agreements with third party financial institutions to finance its investment portfolio. The repurchase agreements are short-term borrowings that bear interest rates typically based on a spread to LIBOR, and are secured by the securities which they finance. At September 30, 2013, the Company had repurchase agreements with an outstanding balance of \$794.2 million and a weighted average interest rate of 0.52%. As of December 31, 2012, the Company had repurchase agreements with an outstanding balance of \$889.1 million and a weighted average interest rate of 0.54%. At September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, securities pledged by the Company as collateral for repurchase agreements had estimated fair values of \$876.7 million and \$954.7 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2013, the average days to maturity for all repurchase agreements are 47 days. The Company's accrued interest payable on outstanding repurchase agreements at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 amounts to \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, and is included in accrued expenses and other liabilities on the Company's accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The follow table summarizes outstanding repurchase agreement borrowings secured by portfolio investments as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

### Repurchase Agreements by Counterparty

| Counterparty Name            | September<br>30,<br>2013 | December<br>31,<br>2012 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Barclays Capital Inc.        | \$ 43,018                | \$ 114,276              |
| Cantor Fitzgerald Securities | 20,525                   | 27,835                  |

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|                                                            |                   |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Credit Suisse First Boston LLC                             | 81,888            | 98,915            |
| Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.                              | —                 | 97,767            |
| KGS-Alpha Capital Markets, L.P.                            | 74,216            | —                 |
| Jefferies & Company, Inc.                                  | 50,706            | 55,537            |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.                                  | 124,454           | 121,155           |
| Mizuho Securities USA Inc.                                 | 61,520            | 72,527            |
| Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC                                   | 73,036            | 81,263            |
| RBC Capital Markets Corporation                            | 72,080            | 46,155            |
| South Street Securities LLC                                | 105,524           | 32,718            |
| Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.                                     | 87,214            | 140,986           |
| <b>Total Financing Arrangements, Portfolio Investments</b> | <b>\$ 794,181</b> | <b>\$ 889,134</b> |

The following table presents contractual maturity information about the Company's outstanding repurchase agreements as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 (dollar amounts in thousands):

| <b>Contractual Maturity</b> | <b>September 30, 2013</b> | <b>December 31, 2012</b> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Overnight                   | \$ —                      | \$ —                     |
| Within 30 days              | 591,655                   | 765,593                  |
| Over 30 days to 90 days     | 22,786                    | 123,541                  |
| Over 90 days                | 179,740                   | —                        |
| Demand                      | —                         | —                        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$ 794,181</b>         | <b>\$ 889,134</b>        |

The following table presents detailed information about the Company's assets pledged as collateral pursuant to its borrowings under repurchase agreements as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                              | <b>September 30, 2013</b>    |                           |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|                              | <b>Outstanding</b>           | <b>Fair Value of</b>      | <b>Amortized Cost</b>        |
|                              | <b>Repurchase Agreements</b> | <b>Collateral Pledged</b> | <b>Of Collateral Pledged</b> |
| Agency RMBS                  |                              |                           |                              |
| Agency ARMs                  | \$201,365                    | \$ 214,324                | \$ 219,156                   |
| Agency Fixed Rate            | 492,287                      | 527,134                   | 544,930                      |
| Agency IOs                   | 85,572                       | 111,320                   | 120,474                      |
| CMBS                         | 6,557                        | 9,429                     | 9,913                        |
| CLOs                         | 8,400                        | 14,519                    | 8,361                        |
| Balance at end of the period | \$794,181                    | \$ 876,726                | \$ 902,834                   |

|  | <b>December 31, 2012</b>     |                           |                              |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | <b>Outstanding</b>           | <b>Fair Value of</b>      | <b>Amortized Cost</b>        |
|  | <b>Repurchase Agreements</b> | <b>Collateral Pledged</b> | <b>Of Collateral Pledged</b> |

**Agreement Pledged Of  
Collateral**

|                              | <b>Pledged</b> |            |            |
|------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| Agency RMBS                  |                |            |            |
| Agency ARMs                  | \$240,440      | \$ 253,841 | \$ 253,281 |
| Agency Fixed Rate            | 566,037        | 597,620    | 597,769    |
| Agency IOs                   | 74,707         | 90,250     | 100,076    |
| CLOs                         | 7,950          | 12,945     | 6,877      |
| Balance at end of the period | \$889,134      | \$ 954,656 | \$ 958,003 |

As of September 30, 2013, the outstanding balance under our repurchase agreements was funded at an advance rate of 92.2% that implies an average haircut of 7.8%. The weighted average “haircut” related to our repurchase agreement financing for our Agency RMBS (excluding Agency IOs), Agency IOs, CMBS and CLOs was approximately 5%, 25%, 30% and 35%, respectively, for a total weighted average “haircut” of 7.8%. The amount at risk for each of the counterparties is as follows: Barclays Capital Inc.: \$3.5 million; Cantor Fitzgerald Securities: \$6.9 million; Credit Suisse First Boston LLC: \$4.8 million; KGS–Alpha Capital Markets LP \$6.6 million; Jefferies & Company, Inc.: \$5.5 million; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.: \$28.3 million; Mizuho Securities USA Inc: \$4.3 million; Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC: \$2.8 million; RBC Capital Markets Corporation: \$5.3 million; South Street Securities LLC: \$7.6 million; and Wells Fargo N.A.: \$6.8 million.

In the event we are unable to obtain sufficient short-term financing through repurchase agreements or otherwise, or our lenders start to require additional collateral, we may have to liquidate our investment securities at a disadvantageous time, which could result in losses. Any losses resulting from the disposition of our investment securities in this manner could have a material adverse effect on our operating results and net profitability. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company’s only exposure where the amount at risk was in excess of 5% of Stockholders’ Equity was to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. at 5.9% and 5.7%, respectively.

As of September 30, 2013, the Company had \$20.5 million in cash and \$68.8 million in unencumbered investment securities to meet additional haircut or market valuation requirements, including \$50.9 million of RMBS, of which \$48.5 million are Agency RMBS. The \$20.5 million of cash, the \$50.9 million in RMBS, and the \$22.3 million held in overnight deposits in our Agency IO portfolio (included in restricted cash that is available to meet margin calls as it relates to our Agency IO portfolio repurchase agreements), which collectively represent 11.8% of our financing arrangements, portfolio investments, are liquid and could be monetized to pay down or collateralize the liability immediately.

#### **10. Residential Collateralized Debt Obligations**

The Company's Residential CDOs, which are recorded as liabilities on the Company's balance sheets, are secured by ARM loans pledged as collateral, which are recorded as assets of the Company. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company had Residential CDOs outstanding of \$164.8 million and \$181.0 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the current weighted average interest rate on these CDOs was 0.56% and 0.59%, respectively. The Residential CDOs are collateralized by ARM loans with a principal balance of \$172.4 million and \$189.0 million at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

#### **11. Multi-Family Collateralized Debt Obligations**

The Company's Multi-Family CDOs, which represent the CDOs issued by the Consolidated K-Series and are recorded as liabilities on the Company's balance sheets, are secured by multi-family mortgage loans pledged as collateral, which are recorded as assets of the Company. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively, the current weighted average interest rate on these CDOs was 4.45% and 4.59%. The Multi-Family CDOs are collateralized by multi-family mortgage loans with a carrying value of \$6.7 billion and \$5.4 billion at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. The Company had a net investment in the Consolidated K-Series of \$196.3 million and \$123.3 million as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively (*see Note 6*).

#### **12. Subordinated Debentures**

Subordinated debentures are trust preferred securities that are fully guaranteed by the Company with respect to distributions and amounts payable upon liquidation, redemption or repayment. The following table summarizes the key details of the Company's subordinated debentures as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                               | <b>NYM<br/>Preferred<br/>Trust I</b>                                | <b>NYM<br/>Preferred<br/>Trust II</b>                               |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Principal value of trust preferred securities | \$ 25,000                                                           | \$ 20,000                                                           |
| Interest rate                                 | Three<br>month<br>LIBOR<br>plus<br>3.75%,<br>resetting<br>quarterly | Three<br>month<br>LIBOR<br>plus<br>3.95%,<br>resetting<br>quarterly |
| Scheduled maturity                            | March<br>2035                                                       | October<br>2035                                                     |

As of November 7, 2013, the Company has not been notified, and is not aware, of any event of default under the covenants for the subordinated debentures.

### 13. Commitments and Contingencies

*Loans Sold to Third Parties* – The Company sold its mortgage lending business in March 2007. In the normal course of business, the Company is obligated to repurchase loans based on violations of representations and warranties in the loan sale agreements. The Company did not repurchase any loans during the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

*Outstanding Litigation* – The Company is at times subject to various legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. As of September 30, 2013, the Company does not believe that any of its current legal proceedings, individually or in the aggregate, will have a material adverse effect on the Company's operations, financial condition or cash flows.

#### 14. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company has established and documented processes for determining fair values. Fair value is based upon quoted market prices, where available. If listed prices or quotes are not available, then fair value is based upon internally developed models that primarily use inputs that are market-based or independently-sourced market parameters, including interest rate yield curves.

A financial instrument's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The three levels of valuation hierarchy are defined as follows:

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

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

*Level 3* - inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The following describes the valuation methodologies used for the Company's financial instruments measured at fair value, as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy.

- Investment Securities Available for Sale (RMBS)* – Fair value for the RMBS in our portfolio are valued using a third-party pricing service or are based on quoted prices provided by dealers who make markets in similar financial instruments. The dealers will incorporate common market pricing methods, including a spread measurement to the Treasury curve or interest rate swap curve as well as underlying characteristics of the particular security including coupon, periodic and life caps, collateral type, rate reset period and seasoning or age of the security. If quoted prices for a security are not reasonably available from a dealer, the security will be re-classified as a Level 3 security and, as a result, management will determine the fair value based on characteristics of the security that the Company receives from the issuer and based on available market information. Management reviews all prices used in determining valuation to ensure they represent current market conditions. This review includes surveying similar market transactions, comparisons to interest pricing models as well as offerings of like securities by dealers. The Company's investment securities that are comprised of RMBS are valued based upon readily observable market parameters and are classified as Level 2 fair values.
- a.

- Investment Securities Available for Sale Held in Securitization Trust (CMBS)*– As the Company’s CMBS investments are comprised of securities for which there are not substantially similar securities that trade frequently, the Company classifies these securities as Level 3 fair values. Fair value of the Company’s CMBS investments is based on an internal valuation model that considers expected cash flows from the underlying loans and yields required by market participants. The significant unobservable inputs used in the measurement of these investments are projected losses of certain identified loans within the pool of loans and a discount rate. The discount rate used in determining fair value incorporates default rate, loss severity and current market interest rates. The discount rate ranges from 5.1% to 17.0%. Significant increases or decreases in these inputs would result in a significantly lower or higher fair value measurement.
- b.

- Multi-Family Loans Held in Securitization Trusts* – Multi-family loans held in securitization trusts are recorded at fair value and classified as Level 3 fair values. Fair value is based on an internal valuation model that considers expected cash flows from the underlying loans and yields required by market participants. The significant unobservable inputs used in the measurement of these investments are discount rates. The discount rate used in determining fair value incorporates default rate, loss severity and current market interest rates. The discount rate ranges from 3.3% to 6.3%. Significant increases or decreases in these inputs would result in a significantly lower or higher fair value measurement.
- c.

- Investment Securities Available for Sale (CLO)* – The fair value of the CLO notes are valued using a third-party pricing service or are based on quoted prices provided by dealers who make markets in similar financial instruments. The Company classifies these securities as Level 2 fair values.
- d.

*Derivative Instruments* – The fair value of interest rate swaps, swaptions, options and TBAs are based on dealer quotes. The fair value of futures are based on exchange-traded prices. The Company's derivatives are classified as Level 1 or Level 2 fair values.

*Multi-Family CDOs* – The fair value of Multi-Family CDOs is based on contractual cash payments and yields expected by market participants. Fair value is determined using a third-party pricing service.

The Company does not have any claims to the assets (other than the security represented by our first loss piece) or obligations for the liabilities of the Consolidated K-Series. We have elected the fair value option for both multi-family loans held in securitization trusts and the related multi-family CDOs. The net fair value of our investment in the Consolidated K-Series which represents the difference between the carrying values of multi-family loans held in securitization trusts less the carrying value of multi-family CDOs approximates the fair value of the underlying securities owned by us.

The following table presents the Company's financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively, on the Company's accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                                                        | <b>Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis</b> |                |                |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|                                                                        | <b>at September 30, 2013</b>                       |                |                |              |
|                                                                        | <b>Level 1</b>                                     | <b>Level 2</b> | <b>Level 3</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>Assets carried at fair value:</b>                                   |                                                    |                |                |              |
| Investment securities available for sale:                              |                                                    |                |                |              |
| Agency RMBS                                                            | \$—                                                | \$901,261      | \$—            | \$901,261    |
| Non-Agency RMBS                                                        | —                                                  | 2,425          | —              | 2,425        |
| CLOs                                                                   | —                                                  | 32,454         | —              | 32,454       |
| Investment securities available for sale held in securitization trust: |                                                    |                |                |              |
| CMBS                                                                   | —                                                  | —              | 86,714         | 86,714       |
| Multi-family loans held in securitization trusts                       | —                                                  | —              | 6,668,608      | 6,668,608    |
| Derivative assets:                                                     |                                                    |                |                |              |
| Interest rate swaps                                                    | —                                                  | 1,593          | —              | 1,593        |
| TBA securities                                                         | —                                                  | 191,480        | —              | 191,480      |
| Options on U.S. Treasury futures                                       | —                                                  | 17             | —              | 17           |
| Swaptions                                                              | —                                                  | 1,343          | —              | 1,343        |
| Total                                                                  | \$—                                                | \$1,130,573    | \$6,755,322    | \$7,885,895  |
| <b>Liabilities carried at fair value:</b>                              |                                                    |                |                |              |
| Multi-family collateralized debt obligations                           | \$—                                                | \$—            | \$6,472,278    | \$6,472,278  |
| Derivative liabilities:                                                |                                                    |                |                |              |
| Interest rate swap futures                                             | 2,161                                              | —              | —              | 2,161        |
| U.S. Treasury futures                                                  | 1,559                                              | —              | —              | 1,559        |

|                    |         |     |             |             |
|--------------------|---------|-----|-------------|-------------|
| Eurodollar futures | 1,893   | —   | —           | 1,893       |
| Total              | \$5,613 | \$— | \$6,472,278 | \$6,477,891 |

**Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis  
at December 31, 2012**

**Level 1      Level 2      Level 3      Total**

**Assets carried at fair value:**

Investment securities available for sale:

|             |     |             |     |             |
|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|
| Agency RMBS | \$— | \$1,001,239 | \$— | \$1,001,239 |
|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|

|                 |   |       |   |       |
|-----------------|---|-------|---|-------|
| Non-Agency RMBS | — | 2,687 | — | 2,687 |
|-----------------|---|-------|---|-------|

|      |   |        |   |        |
|------|---|--------|---|--------|
| CLOs | — | 30,785 | — | 30,785 |
|------|---|--------|---|--------|

Investment securities available for sale held in securitization trust:

|      |   |   |        |        |
|------|---|---|--------|--------|
| CMBS | — | — | 71,159 | 71,159 |
|------|---|---|--------|--------|

|                                                  |   |   |           |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| Multi-family loans held in securitization trusts | — | — | 5,442,906 | 5,442,906 |
|--------------------------------------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|

Derivative assets:

|                |   |         |   |         |
|----------------|---|---------|---|---------|
| TBA securities | — | 244,789 | — | 244,789 |
|----------------|---|---------|---|---------|

|                                  |   |    |   |    |
|----------------------------------|---|----|---|----|
| Options on U.S. Treasury futures | — | 59 | — | 59 |
|----------------------------------|---|----|---|----|

|                       |     |   |   |     |
|-----------------------|-----|---|---|-----|
| U.S. Treasury Futures | 676 | — | — | 676 |
|-----------------------|-----|---|---|-----|

|                            |   |   |   |   |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Interest rate swap futures | 8 | — | — | 8 |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|

|           |   |     |   |     |
|-----------|---|-----|---|-----|
| Swaptions | — | 597 | — | 597 |
|-----------|---|-----|---|-----|

|       |       |             |             |             |
|-------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total | \$684 | \$1,280,156 | \$5,514,065 | \$6,794,905 |
|-------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|

**Liabilities carried at fair value:**

|                                              |     |     |             |             |
|----------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------|-------------|
| Multi-family collateralized debt obligations | \$— | \$— | \$5,319,573 | \$5,319,573 |
|----------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------|-------------|

Derivative liabilities:

|                     |   |       |   |       |
|---------------------|---|-------|---|-------|
| Interest rate swaps | — | 1,744 | — | 1,744 |
|---------------------|---|-------|---|-------|

|                    |       |   |   |       |
|--------------------|-------|---|---|-------|
| Eurodollar futures | 3,798 | — | — | 3,798 |
|--------------------|-------|---|---|-------|

|       |         |         |             |             |
|-------|---------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Total | \$3,798 | \$1,744 | \$5,319,573 | \$5,325,115 |
|-------|---------|---------|-------------|-------------|

The following table details changes in valuation for the Level 3 assets for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively (amounts in thousands):

**Level 3 Assets:**

|                                        | <b>Nine Months Ended<br/>September 30,</b> |             |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                        | <b>2013</b>                                | <b>2012</b> |
| Balance at beginning of period         | \$5,514,065                                | \$41,185    |
| Total losses and gains (unrealized)    |                                            |             |
| Included in earnings <sup>(1)</sup>    | (411,494 )                                 | 162,659     |
| Included in other comprehensive income | 11,227                                     | 766         |
| Purchases                              | 1,700,865                                  | 2,668,983   |
| Paydowns                               | (59,341 )                                  | (17,907 )   |
| Transfers <sup>(2)</sup>               | —                                          | 1,118,043   |

|                              |             |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Balance at the end of period | \$6,755,322 | \$3,973,729 |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|

- (1) Amounts included in interest income from multi-family loans held in securitization trusts and unrealized gain on multi-family loans and debt held in securitization trusts, net.
- Based on a number of factors, we determined that we were the primary beneficiary of a K-Series securitization as
- (2) of January 4, 2012 and have consolidated its assets, liabilities, interest income and expense in our accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements.

The following table details changes in valuation for the Level 3 liabilities for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

**Level 3 Liabilities:**

|                                        | <b>Nine Months Ended<br/>September 30,</b> |             |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                        | <b>2013</b>                                | <b>2012</b> |
| Balance at beginning of period         | \$5,319,573                                | \$—         |
| Total losses and gains (unrealized)    |                                            |             |
| Included in earnings <sup>(1)</sup>    | (447,558 )                                 | 152,639     |
| Included in other comprehensive income | —                                          | —           |
| Purchases                              | 1,659,630                                  | 2,609,851   |
| Paydowns                               | (59,367 )                                  | (17,907 )   |
| Transfers <sup>(2)</sup>               | —                                          | 1,117,891   |
| Balance at the end of period           | \$6,472,278                                | \$3,862,474 |

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts included in interest expense on multi-family collateralized debt obligations and unrealized gain on multi-family loans and debt held in securitization trusts, net.

Based on a number of factors, we determined that we were the primary beneficiary of a K-Series securitization as

<sup>(2)</sup> of January 4, 2012 and have consolidated its assets, liabilities, interest income and expense in our accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements.

The following table details the changes in unrealized gains (losses) included in earnings for our Level 3 assets and liabilities for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                                                                | <b>Nine Months Ended<br/>September 30,</b> |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                                                | <b>2013</b>                                | <b>2012</b> |
| Change in unrealized gains (losses) – assets                                   | \$(377,169)                                | \$179,034   |
| Change in unrealized gains (losses) – liabilities                              | 399,539                                    | (174,044)   |
| Net change in unrealized gains included in earnings for assets and liabilities | \$22,370                                   | \$4,990     |

Any changes to the valuation methodology are reviewed by management to ensure the changes are appropriate. As markets and products develop and the pricing for certain products becomes more transparent, the Company continues to refine its valuation methodologies. The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not

be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Company believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies, or assumptions, to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date. The Company uses inputs that are current as of each reporting date, which may include periods of market dislocation, during which time price transparency may be reduced. This condition could cause the Company's financial instruments to be reclassified from Level 2 to Level 3 in future periods.

The following table presents assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively, on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets (dollar amounts in thousands):

| <b>Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis</b>                   |                |                |                |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>at September 30, 2013</b>                                                    |                |                |                |              |
|                                                                                 | <b>Level 1</b> | <b>Level 2</b> | <b>Level 3</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts – impaired loans (net) | \$—            | \$—            | \$7,998        | \$7,998      |
| Real estate owned held in residential securitization trusts                     | —              | —              | 770            | 770          |

| <b>Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis</b>                   |                |                |                |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>at December 31, 2012</b>                                                     |                |                |                |              |
|                                                                                 | <b>Level 1</b> | <b>Level 2</b> | <b>Level 3</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts – impaired loans (net) | \$—            | \$—            | \$5,059        | \$5,059      |
| Real estate owned held in residential securitization trusts                     | —              | —              | 732            | 732          |

The following table presents gains (losses) incurred for assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, on the Company's accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                                                                 | <b>Three<br/>Months<br/>Ended<br/>September<br/>30,<br/>2013</b> |   | <b>2012</b> |  | <b>Nine Months<br/>Ended<br/>September<br/>30,<br/>2013</b> |  | <b>2012</b> |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-------------|--|-------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------|--|
| Residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts – impaired loans (net) | \$(39                                                            | ) | \$(269)     |  | \$(568)                                                     |  | \$(568)     |  |
| Real estate owned held in residential securitization trusts                     | (199)                                                            |   | 22          |  | (209)                                                       |  | 32          |  |

*Residential Mortgage Loans Held in Securitization Trusts – Impaired Loans (net)* – Impaired residential mortgage loans held in the securitization trusts are recorded at amortized cost less specific loan loss reserves. Impaired loan value is based on management's estimate of the net realizable value taking into consideration local market conditions of the property, updated appraisal values of the property and estimated expenses required to remediate the impaired loan.

*Real Estate Owned Held in Residential Securitization Trusts* – Real estate owned held in the residential securitization trusts are recorded at net realizable value. Any subsequent adjustment will result in the reduction in carrying value with the corresponding amount charged to earnings. Net realizable value is based on an estimate of disposal taking into consideration local market conditions of the property, updated appraisal values of the property and estimated expenses required to sell the property.

The following table presents the carrying value and estimated fair value of the Company's financial instruments as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                                                                       |              | September 30, 2013 |            | December 31, 2012 |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
|                                                                                       | Fair Value   | Carrying           | Estimated  | Carrying          | Estimated  |
|                                                                                       | Hierarchy    | Value              | Fair Value | Value             | Fair Value |
|                                                                                       | Level        |                    |            |                   |            |
| <b>Financial Assets:</b>                                                              |              |                    |            |                   |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                             | Level 1      | \$20,509           | \$20,509   | \$31,777          | \$31,777   |
| Investment securities available for sale                                              | Level 2      | 936,140            | 936,140    | 1,034,711         | 1,034,711  |
| Investment securities available for sale, at fair value held in securitization trusts | Level 3      | 86,714             | 86,714     | 71,159            | 71,159     |
| Residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts (net)                        | Level 3      | 170,306            | 155,838    | 187,229           | 165,919    |
| Distressed residential mortgage loans (net) <sup>(1)</sup>                            | Level 3      | 258,288            | 258,356    | 60,459            | 60,459     |
| Multi-family loans held in securitization trusts                                      | Level 3      | 6,668,608          | 6,668,608  | 5,442,906         | 5,442,906  |
| Derivative assets                                                                     | Level 1 or 2 | 194,433            | 194,433    | 246,129           | 246,129    |
| Mortgage loans held for sale (net) <sup>(2)</sup>                                     | Level 3      | 2,498              | 2,560      | 2,837             | 2,837      |
| First mortgage loan <sup>(2)</sup>                                                    | Level 3      | 8,293              | 8,142      | —                 | —          |
| Mezzanine, debt and equity investments <sup>(2)</sup>                                 | Level 3      | 12,361             | 12,595     | 5,297             | 5,297      |
| <b>Financial Liabilities:</b>                                                         |              |                    |            |                   |            |
| Financing arrangements, portfolio investments                                         | Level 2      | \$794,181          | \$794,181  | \$889,134         | \$889,134  |
| Residential collateralized debt obligations                                           | Level 3      | 164,775            | 156,929    | 180,979           | 160,506    |
| Multi-family collateralized debt obligations                                          | Level 3      | 6,472,278          | 6,472,278  | 5,319,573         | 5,319,573  |
| Securitized debt                                                                      | Level 3      | 254,042            | 255,798    | 117,591           | 118,402    |
| Derivative liabilities                                                                | Level 1 or 2 | 5,613              | 5,613      | 5,542             | 5,542      |
| Payable for securities purchased                                                      | Level 1      | 186,062            | 186,062    | 245,931           | 245,931    |
| Subordinated debentures                                                               | Level 3      | 45,000             | 38,557     | 45,000            | 34,108     |

Includes distressed residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts with a carrying value amounting to approximately \$254.9 million and \$60.5 million at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

<sup>(1)</sup> Distressed residential mortgage loans with a carrying value amounting to approximately \$3.4 million and \$0 are included in receivables and other assets in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

<sup>(2)</sup> Included in receivables and other assets in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

In addition to the methodology to determine the fair value of the Company's financial assets and liabilities reported at fair value on a recurring basis and non-recurring basis, as previously described, the following methods and assumptions were used by the Company in arriving at the fair value of the Company's other financial instruments in the preceding table:

a. *Cash and cash equivalents* – Estimated fair value approximates the carrying value of such assets.

*Residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts (net)* – Residential mortgage loans held in the securitization trusts are recorded at amortized cost. Fair value is estimated using pricing models and taking into consideration the aggregated characteristics of groups of loans such as, but not limited to, collateral type, index, interest rate, margin, length of fixed-rate period, life cap, periodic cap, underwriting standards, age and credit estimated using the estimated market prices for similar types of loans.

*Distressed residential mortgage loans (net)* – Fair value is estimated using pricing models taking into consideration current interest rates, loan amount, payment status and property type, and forecasts of future interest rates, home prices and property values, prepayment speeds, default and loss severities.

*Mortgage loans held for sale (net)* – The fair value of mortgage loans held for sale (net) are estimated by the Company based on the price that would be received if the loans were sold as whole loans taking into consideration the aggregated characteristics of the loans such as, but not limited to, collateral type, index, interest rate, margin, length of fixed interest rate period, life time cap, periodic cap, underwriting standards, age and credit.

*First mortgage loan and mezzanine, debt and equity investments* – Estimated fair value is determined by both market comparable pricing and discounted cash flows. The discounted cash flows are based on the underlying contractual cash flows and estimated changes in market yields. The fair value also reflects consideration of changes in credit risk since the origination or time of initial investment.

- f. Financing arrangements* – The fair value of these financing arrangements approximates cost as they are short term in nature and generally mature in 30 days.
- g. Residential collateralized debt obligations* – The fair value of these CDOs is based on discounted cash flows as well as market pricing on comparable obligations.
- h. Securitized debt* – The fair value of securitized debt is based on discounted cash flows using management’s estimate for market yields.
- i. Payable for securities purchased* – Estimated fair value approximates the carrying value of such liabilities.
- j. Subordinated debentures* – The fair value of these subordinated debentures is based on discounted cash flows using management’s estimate for market yields.

## 15. Common Stock and Earnings per Share

The Company had 400,000,000 authorized shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, with 63,754,730 and 49,575,331 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. The Company issued 14,179,399 and 20,106,101 shares of common stock during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Of the common stock authorized at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, 995,029 shares and 1,094,414 shares, respectively, were reserved for issuance under the Company’s 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.

The following table presents cash dividends declared by the Company on its common stock with respect to each of the quarterly periods commencing January 1, 2012 and ended September 30, 2013:

| Period              | Declaration Date   | Record Date        | Payment Date     | Cash                     |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
|                     |                    |                    |                  | Dividend<br>Per<br>Share |
| Third Quarter 2013  | September 12, 2013 | September 23, 2013 | October 25, 2013 | \$ 0.27                  |
| Second Quarter 2013 | June 18, 2013      | June 28, 2013      | July 25, 2013    | \$ 0.27                  |
| First Quarter 2013  | March 18, 2013     | March 28, 2013     | April 25, 2013   | \$ 0.27                  |
| Fourth Quarter 2012 | December 14, 2012  | December 24, 2012  | January 25, 2013 | \$ 0.27                  |
| Third Quarter 2012  | September 18, 2012 | September 28, 2012 | October 25, 2012 | \$ 0.27                  |
| Second Quarter 2012 | June 15, 2012      | June 25, 2012      | July 25, 2012    | \$ 0.27                  |
| First Quarter 2012  | March 19, 2012     | March 29, 2012     | April 25, 2012   | \$ 0.25                  |

On June 11, 2012, we entered into an equity distribution agreement with JMP Securities LLC (“JMP”) as the placement agent, pursuant to which we may sell up to \$25,000,000 worth of shares of our common stock from time to time through JMP. We have no obligation to sell any of the shares under the equity distribution agreement and may at any time suspend solicitations and offers under the equity distribution agreement. As of September 30, 2013, we have issued 480,014 shares under the equity distribution agreement resulting in total net proceeds to the Company of \$3.5 million, after deducting the placement fees.

On May 3, 2013, we closed on the issuance of 13,600,000 shares of common stock resulting in total net proceeds of approximately \$94.5 million, after deducting for offering expenses payable by the Company.

The Company calculates basic net income per share by dividing net income attributable to common stockholders for the period by weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding for that period. Diluted net income per share takes into account the effect of dilutive instruments, such as convertible preferred stock, stock options and unvested restricted or performance stock, but uses the average share price for the period in determining the number of incremental shares that are to be added to the weighted-average number of shares outstanding. There were no dilutive instruments for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012.

The following table presents the computation of basic and dilutive net income per share for the periods indicated (dollar amounts in thousands, except per share amounts):

|                                                           | <b>For the Three<br/>Months</b> |          | <b>For the Nine<br/>Months</b> |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|-----------|
|                                                           | <b>Ended</b>                    |          | <b>Ended</b>                   |           |
|                                                           | <b>September 30,<br/>2013</b>   |          | <b>September 30,<br/>2012</b>  |           |
| <b>Numerator:</b>                                         |                                 |          |                                |           |
| Net income attributable to common stockholders– Basic     | \$ 16,933                       | \$ 7,913 | \$ 43,553                      | \$ 18,889 |
| Net income attributable to common stockholders – Dilutive | \$ 16,933                       | \$ 7,913 | \$ 43,553                      | \$ 18,889 |
| <b>Denominator:</b>                                       |                                 |          |                                |           |
| Weighted average basic shares outstanding                 | 63,755                          | 26,541   | 57,493                         | 18,629    |
| Weighted average dilutive shares outstanding              | 63,755                          | 26,541   | 57,493                         | 18,629    |
| <b>EPS:</b>                                               |                                 |          |                                |           |
| Basic EPS                                                 | \$0.27                          | \$0.30   | \$0.76                         | \$1.01    |
| Dilutive EPS                                              | \$0.27                          | \$0.30   | \$0.76                         | \$1.01    |

## 16. Preferred Stock

The Company had 200,000,000 authorized shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, with 3,000,000 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2013. There was no preferred stock outstanding at December 31, 2012. During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company issued 3,000,000 shares of 7.75% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (“Series B Preferred Stock”), with a par value of \$0.01 per share and a liquidation preference of \$25 per share, 3,450,000 shares authorized, in an underwritten public offering, for net proceeds of approximately \$72.4 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering expenses. The Series B Preferred Stock is entitled to receive a dividend at a rate of 7.75% per year on the \$25 liquidation preference and is senior to the common stock with respect to distributions upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up. The Series B Preferred Stock generally does not have any voting rights, subject to an exception in the event the Company fails to pay dividends on such stock for six or more quarterly periods (whether or not consecutive). Under such circumstances, the Series B Preferred Stock will be entitled to vote to elect two additional directors to the Company’s Board of Directors (the “Board”) designating the Series B Preferred Stock until all unpaid dividends have been paid or declared and set apart for payment. In addition, certain material and adverse changes to the terms of the Series B Preferred Stock cannot be made without the affirmative vote of holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock.

The Series B Preferred Stock is not redeemable by the Company prior to June 4, 2018, except under circumstances intended to preserve the Company’s qualification as a REIT and except upon the occurrence of a Change of Control (as defined in the Articles Supplementary designating the Series B Preferred Stock). On and after June 4, 2018, the

Company may, at its option, redeem the Series B Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, for cash at a redemption price equal to \$25.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends.

In addition, upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Company may, at its option, redeem the Series B Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, within 120 days after the first date, on which such Change of Control occurred, for cash at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends.

The Series B Preferred Stock has no stated maturity, is not subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption and will remain outstanding indefinitely unless repurchased or redeemed by the Company or converted into the Company's common stock in connection with a Change of Control by the holders of the Series B Preferred Stock.

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each holder of Series B Preferred Stock will have the right (unless the Company has exercised its right to redeem the Series B Preferred Stock) to convert some or all of the Series B Preferred Stock held by such holder into a number of shares of our common stock per share of Series B Preferred Stock determined by a formula, in each case, on the terms and subject to the conditions described in the Articles Supplementary.

The following table presents the quarterly cash dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock from issuance through September 30, 2013:

| <b>Cash</b>             |                    |                     |                 |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Declaration Date</b> | <b>Record Date</b> | <b>Payment Date</b> | <b>Dividend</b> |
| <b>Per Share</b>        |                    |                     |                 |
| June 18, 2013           | July 1, 2013       | July 15, 2013       | \$0.220660      |
| September 12, 2013      | October 1, 2013    | October 15, 2013    | \$0.484375      |

## 17. Income Taxes

At September 30, 2013, one of the Company's wholly owned TRS had approximately \$59 million of net operating loss carryforwards which the Company does not expect to be able to utilize to offset future taxable income, other than taxable income arising from certain "built in gains" on its CLOs. The carryforwards will expire between 2024 through 2028. The Internal Revenue Code places certain limitations on the annual amount of net operating loss carryforwards that can be utilized if certain changes in the Company's ownership occur. The Company determined during 2012 that it had undergone ownership changes within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 382 that the Company believes will substantially eliminate utilization of these net operating loss carryforwards to offset future taxable income. In general, if a company incurs an ownership change under Section 382, the company's ability to utilize a NOL carryforward to offset its taxable income becomes limited to a certain amount per year. The Company has recorded a full valuation allowance against its deferred tax assets at September 30, 2013 as management does not believe that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will be realized.

The following table details the components of our net deferred tax assets as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                          | <b>September<br/>30,<br/>2013</b> | <b>December<br/>31,<br/>2012</b> |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Deferred tax assets</b>               |                                   |                                  |
| Net operating loss carryforward          | \$ 27,080                         | \$ 27,078                        |
| Net capital loss carryforward            | 4,851                             | —                                |
| GAAP reserves                            | 135                               | 135                              |
| Total deferred tax assets <sup>(1)</sup> | 32,066                            | 27,213                           |
| <b>Deferred tax liabilities</b>          |                                   |                                  |
| TBA's                                    | 2,283                             | —                                |

|                                               |             |             |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total deferred tax liabilities <sup>(2)</sup> | 2,283       | —           |
| Valuation allowance                           | (29,783 )   | (27,213 )   |
| <b>Total net deferred tax asset</b>           | <b>\$ —</b> | <b>\$ —</b> |

(1) Included in receivables and other assets in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

(2) Included in accrued expenses and other liabilities in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The Company files income tax returns with the U.S. federal government and various state and local jurisdictions. The Company is no longer subject to tax examinations by tax authorities for years prior to 2010. The Company has assessed its tax positions for all open years, which includes 2010 to 2012 and concluded that there are no material uncertainties to be recognized.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company's TRSs recorded approximately \$0.2 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, of income tax expense. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company's TRSs recorded approximately \$0.6 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, of income tax expense. The Company's estimated taxable income differs from the federal statutory rate as a result of state and local taxes, non-taxable REIT income and a valuation allowance.

**18. Stock Incentive Plan**

In May 2010, the Company's stockholders approved the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2010 Plan"), with such stockholder action resulting in the termination of the Company's 2005 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2005 Plan"). The terms of the 2010 Plan are substantially the same as the 2005 Plan. At September 30, 2013, there are 94,874 shares of unvested restricted stock outstanding under the 2010 Plan.

Pursuant to the 2010 Plan, eligible employees, officers and directors of the Company have the opportunity to acquire the Company's common stock through the award of restricted stock and other equity awards under the 2010 Plan. The maximum number of shares that may be issued under the 2010 Plan is 1,190,000.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company recognized non-cash compensation expense of approximately \$65,000 and \$165,000, respectively. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company recognized non-cash compensation expense of approximately \$20,000 and \$52,000, respectively. Dividends are paid on all restricted stock issued, whether those shares have vested or not. In general, non-vested restricted stock is forfeited upon the recipient's termination of employment.

A summary of the activity of the Company's non-vested restricted stock under the 2010 Plan for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, are presented below:

|                                | <b>2013</b>       |                         | <b>2012</b>       |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
|                                | <b>Number</b>     | <b>Weighted Average</b> | <b>Number</b>     | <b>Weighted Average</b> |
|                                | <b>of</b>         | <b>Per</b>              | <b>of</b>         | <b>Per</b>              |
|                                | <b>Non-vested</b> | <b>Share</b>            | <b>Non-vested</b> | <b>Share</b>            |
|                                | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>Grant</b>            | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>Grant</b>            |
|                                | <b>Shares</b>     | <b>Date</b>             | <b>Shares</b>     | <b>Date</b>             |
|                                |                   | <b>Fair</b>             |                   | <b>Fair</b>             |
|                                |                   | <b>Value</b>            |                   | <b>Value</b>            |
|                                |                   | <b>(1)</b>              |                   | <b>(1)</b>              |
| Non-vested shares at January 1 | 31,580            | \$ 6.58                 | 14,084            | \$ 7.10                 |
| Granted                        | 75,385            | 7.13                    | 22,191            | 6.36                    |
| Vested                         | (12,091)          | 6.65                    | (4,695 )          | 7.10                    |

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|                                                                           |        |         |        |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| Non-vested shares as of September 30                                      | 94,874 | \$ 7.01 | 31,580 | \$ 6.58 |
| Weighted-average fair value of restricted stock granted during the period | 75,385 | \$ 7.13 | 22,191 | \$ 6.36 |

- (1) The grant date fair value of restricted stock awards is based on the closing market price of the Company's common stock at the grant date.

At September 30, 2013 and 2012, the Company had unrecognized compensation expense of \$0.5 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, related to the non-vested shares of restricted common stock under the 2010 Plan. The unrecognized compensation expense at September 30, 2013 is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.2 years. The total fair value of restricted shares vested during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 was approximately \$86,000 and \$33,000, respectively. The requisite service period for restricted shares at issuance is three years.

**19. Related Party Transactions**

*Management Agreements*

On April 5, 2011, the Company entered into a management agreement with RiverBanc LLC (“RiverBanc”), pursuant to which RiverBanc provides investment management services to the Company. On March 13, 2013, the Company entered into an amended and restated management agreement with RiverBanc (as amended, the “RiverBanc Management Agreement”). The RiverBanc Management Agreement replaces the prior management agreement between RiverBanc and the Company, dated as of April 5, 2011. The amended and restated agreement has an effective date of January 1, 2013 and has a term that will expire on December 31, 2014, subject to automatic annual one-year renewals thereof.

As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company owned a 20% and 15% membership interest, respectively, in RiverBanc.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company expensed \$0.7 million and \$2.1 million in fees to RiverBanc, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company expensed \$0.2 million and \$0.6 million in fees to RiverBanc, respectively. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company had fees payable to RiverBanc of \$0.3 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, included in accrued expenses and other liabilities.

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

### CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

When used in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, in future filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, or in press releases or other written or oral communications issued or made by us, statements which are not historical in nature, including those containing words such as “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “plan,” “continue,” “intend,” “should,” “would,” “could,” “goal,” “objective,” “will,” “may” or similar expressions, are intended to identify “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or Exchange Act, and, as such, may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions.

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 are examples of those that could cause actual results to vary from our forward-looking statements: changes in interest rates and the market value of our securities, changes in credit spreads, the impact of the downgrade of the long-term credit ratings of the U.S., Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and Ginnie Mae; market volatility; changes in the prepayment rates on the mortgage loans underlying our investment securities; increased rates of default and/or decreased recovery rates on our assets; our ability to borrow to finance our assets; changes in government laws, regulations or policies affecting our business, including actions taken by the U.S. Federal Reserve and the U.S. Treasury; our ability to maintain our qualification as a REIT for federal tax purposes; our ability to maintain our exemption from registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; and risks associated with investing in real estate assets, including changes in business conditions and the general economy. These and other risks, uncertainties and factors, including the risk factors described in this report and in Part I, Item 1A – “Risk Factors” of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and in Part II of our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2013 and June 30, 2013 and as updated by our subsequent filings with the SEC under the Exchange Act, 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.

### Defined Terms

*In this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q we refer to New York Mortgage Trust, Inc., together with its consolidated subsidiaries, as “we,” “us,” “Company,” or “our,” unless we specifically state otherwise or the context indicates*

*otherwise. We refer to our wholly-owned taxable REIT subsidiaries as “TRSs” and our wholly-owned qualified REIT subsidiaries as “QRSs.” In addition, the following defines certain of the commonly used terms in this report: “RMBS” refers to residential adjustable-rate, hybrid adjustable-rate, fixed-rate, interest only and inverse interest only and principal only mortgage-backed securities; “Agency RMBS” refers to RMBS representing interests in or obligations backed by pools of mortgage loans issued or guaranteed by a federally chartered corporation (“GSE”), such as the Federal National Mortgage Association (“Fannie Mae”) or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“Freddie Mac”), or an agency of the U.S. government, such as the Government National Mortgage Association (“Ginnie Mae”); “Agency ARMs” refers to Agency RMBS comprised of adjustable-rate and hybrid adjustable-rate RMBS; “non-Agency RMBS” refers to RMBS backed by prime jumbo and Alternative A-paper (“Alt-A”) mortgage loans; “IOs” refers collectively to interest only and inverse interest only mortgage-backed securities that represent the right to the interest component of the cash flow from a pool of mortgage loans; “Agency IO” refers to an IO that represents the right to the interest component of cash flow from a pool of residential mortgage loans issued or guaranteed by a GSE, or an agency of the U.S. government; “POs” refers to mortgage-backed securities that represent the right to the principal component of the cash flow from a pool of mortgage loans; “ARMs” refers to adjustable-rate residential mortgage loans; “prime ARM loans” refers to prime credit quality residential ARM loans (“prime ARM loans”) held in securitization trusts; “distressed residential loans” refers to pools of performing, re-performing and to a lesser extent non-performing, fixed-rate and adjustable-rate, fully amortizing, interest-only and balloon, seasoned mortgage loans secured by first liens on one- to four-family properties; “CMBS” refers to commercial mortgage-backed securities comprised of commercial mortgage pass-through securities, as well as IO or PO securities that represent the right to a specific component of the cash flow from a pool of commercial mortgage loans; “multi-family CMBS” refers to CMBS backed by commercial mortgage loans on multi-family properties; “CLO” refers to collateralized loan obligation; and “CDO” refers to collateralized debt obligation.*

## General

We are a real estate investment trust, or REIT, for federal income tax purposes, in the business of acquiring, investing in, financing and managing primarily mortgage-related assets and, to a lesser extent, financial assets. Our objective is to manage a portfolio of investments that will deliver stable distributions to our stockholders over diverse economic conditions. We intend to achieve this objective through a combination of net interest margin and net realized capital gains from our investment portfolio. Our portfolio includes certain credit sensitive assets and investments sourced from distressed markets in recent years that create the potential for capital gains, as well as more traditional types of mortgage-related investments that generate interest income.

We have endeavored to build in recent years a diversified investment portfolio that includes elements of interest rate and credit risk. We believe a portfolio diversified among interest rate and credit risks is best suited to delivering stable cash flows over various economic cycles. Under our investment strategy, our targeted assets currently include Agency ARMs, Agency fixed-rate RMBS, Agency IOs, multi-family CMBS, direct financing to owners of multi-family properties generally through mezzanine and preferred equity investments, and residential mortgage loans, including loans sourced from distressed markets. Subject to maintaining our qualification as a REIT, we also may opportunistically acquire and manage various other types of mortgage-related assets and financial assets that we believe will compensate us appropriately for the risks associated with them, including, without limitation, non-Agency RMBS (which may include IOs and POs), collateralized mortgage obligations and securities issued by newly originated residential securitizations, including credit sensitive securities from these securitizations. In addition, we will continue to seek new areas of opportunity in the residential space, including mortgage servicing rights which may complement our Agency IO strategy.

We strive to maintain and achieve a balanced and diverse funding mix to finance our assets and operations. To this end, we rely primarily on a combination of short-term borrowings, such as repurchase agreements with terms typically of 30 days, and longer term structured financings, such as securitization and re-securitization transactions, with terms longer than one year.

We internally manage a certain portion of our portfolio, including Agency ARMs, fixed-rate Agency RMBS, non-Agency RMBS, CLOs and certain residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts. In addition, as part of our investment strategy, we also contract with certain external investment managers to manage specific asset types targeted by us. We are a party to separate investment management agreements with The Midway Group, LP (“Midway”), RiverBanc, LLC (“RiverBanc”) and Headlands Asset Management LLC (“Headlands”), with Midway providing investment management services with respect to our investments in Agency IOs, RiverBanc providing investment management services with respect to our investments in multi-family CMBS and certain commercial real estate-related debt and equity investments, and Headlands providing investment management services with respect to our investments in distressed residential mortgage loans. Prior to 2012, we were also a party to an advisory agreement with Harvest Capital Strategies LLC (“HCS”), which was terminated effective December 31, 2011.

## **Key Third Quarter 2013 Developments**

### ***Acquisition of a Pool of Distressed Residential Mortgage Loans and Other Investments***

In September 2013, we purchased a pool of distressed residential mortgage loans with an unpaid principal balance of approximately \$92.1 million for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$72.8 million. We financed our purchase of these distressed residential mortgage loans with the proceeds from the securitization transactions described below.

During the third quarter, we originated approximately \$21.3 million in first mortgage loan, mezzanine, debt and equity investments.

### ***Completion of Distressed Residential Mortgage Loans Securitization Transactions***

During the third quarter, we completed three securitization transactions for the purpose of financing distressed residential mortgage loans having an aggregate unpaid principal balance of approximately \$243.6 million. These distressed residential mortgage loans were acquired by the Company during the second and third quarters of 2013. The interest rate on the notes issued by the securitization trusts range from 4.25% to 4.85% and are subject to redemption starting in July 2016, in the case of one securitization and September 2016, in the case of the other two securitizations, at which times the securitization trusts may redeem the notes or allow them to remain outstanding, although, in each case, at increased per annum rate. The Company received net cash proceeds of approximately \$136.6 million from these securitization transactions, after deducting expenses associated with the transactions.

### ***Third Quarter 2013 Common Stock and Preferred Stock Dividends***

On September 12, 2013, our Board of Directors (the “Board”) declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.27 per share on shares of our common stock for the quarter ended September 30, 2013. The dividend was paid on October 25, 2013 to our common stockholders of record as of September 23, 2013.

Also, in accordance with the terms of the Series B Preferred Stock of the Company, the Board declared a Series B Preferred Stock cash dividend of \$0.484375 per share of Series B Preferred Stock for the quarterly period that began on July 15, 2013 and ended on October 14, 2013. This dividend was paid on October 15, 2013 to holders of record of Series B Preferred Stock as of October 1, 2013.

## **Subsequent Events**

### *Multi-Family CMBS Transaction*

In November 2013, we expect to purchase the first loss PO security in a newly issued Freddie Mac-sponsored multi-family K-Series securitization. Because this acquisition is pending, there can be no assurance that we will complete this purchase during the expected period, if at all.

## **Current Market Conditions and Commentary**

*General.* The U.S. economy grew more than expected during the third quarter of 2013, with real gross domestic product ("GDP") estimated to have expanded by 2.8%. The U.S. Department of Labor estimates that the unemployment rate was at 7.2% as of the end of September 2013, down from 7.8% in December 2012. However, due to a decline in the labor force participation rate, the employment to population ratio has remained essentially unchanged in recent months. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 148,000 in September 2013, down from the prior 12-month average of 185,000 new jobs per month. In a discussion of the economic situation and outlook at the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee (the "FOMC") meeting in September 2013, FOMC meeting participants agreed that data received since the FOMC's July 2013 meeting indicated that economic activity had continued to expand at a moderate pace, though somewhat more slowly than anticipated. Based, in part, on this data, and as more fully discussed below, the FOMC announced on September 18, 2013 that it had decided to await more evidence that economic progress will be sustained before commencing the tapering of asset purchases under QE3 (defined below). Since this decision by the FOMC, which was contrary to general market consensus, the yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note declined by approximately 34 basis points as of October 29, 2013, which we believe has contributed to a recent decline in mortgage rates, lower volatility and higher pricing for many fixed-income assets.

As disclosed in our prior periodic reports, the Federal Reserve has undertaken three rounds of quantitative easing in an effort to support a stronger economic recovery and to help ensure that inflation, over time, is at a rate that is most consistent with the Federal Reserve's dual mandate of fostering maximum employment and price stability. The most current version of the Federal Reserve's quantitative easing program, which is referred to as "QE3," involves the purchase by the Federal Reserve of Agency RMBS at a pace of \$40 billion per month and longer-term U.S. Treasury

securities at a pace of \$45 billion per month, as well as the reinvestment of principal payments from its holdings of Agency debt and Agency RMBS in Agency RMBS and the rolling over of maturing U.S. Treasury securities at auction. The FOMC meeting minutes released on May 22, 2013 announced that the Federal Reserve was considering beginning to taper the pace of purchases of Agency RMBS as early as June 2013. In June 2013, the FOMC introduced more formal unemployment rate and inflation targets, with Chairman Bernanke announcing on June 19, 2013 that the Federal Reserve would begin to scale back Agency RMBS purchases later in 2013 if the economy continued to improve in line with the FOMC's current projections and that such purchases would cease entirely when the unemployment rate reached 7%. In his semiannual monetary report before the U.S. House of Representatives' Financial Services Committee on July 17, 2013, Chairman Bernanke indicated that if the incoming economic data confirms a strengthening labor market and inflation moving back toward the Federal Reserve's 2 percent target, the FOMC anticipates that it would be appropriate to begin to moderate its monthly pace of Agency RMBS purchases later in 2013, but then softened the statement by noting that any such moderation in purchases could be adjusted depending on incoming economic data. However, despite Chairman Bernanke's remarks before the House Financial Services Committee and the sluggish expansion of GDP in the first half of 2013, the markets appeared to have priced in the expectation that the FOMC would begin to taper in the near term, and that such tapering might be announced as early as September. As noted above, contrary to the general market consensus, the FOMC announced on September 18, 2013 that it would maintain its current level of asset purchases under QE3. Following its most recent meeting on October 30, 2013, the FOMC announced that it had elected to leave the pace of its asset purchases under QE3 unchanged.

The market reaction to the possible tapering of QE3 occurring in 2013 was extremely negative, although volatility has eased some and pricing has improved for many fixed-income assets subsequent to the FOMC's September announcement. The rate on the ten-year U.S. Treasury note moved sharply higher after dropping to 1.63% in early May, rising to 2.49% at the end of the second quarter and to as high as 2.99% in early September before falling to 2.61% at the end of September. As the yield on the ten-year U.S. Treasury note advanced, Agency RMBS underperformed, in some cases dramatically, as evidenced by significantly lower pricing on these assets. Losses on these assets have recovered some subsequent to the FOMC's September announcement. The Freddie Mac survey 30-year mortgage rate mirrored the move in the markets, rising from 3.57% at the end of the first quarter to 4.58% by mid-August, where generally rates remained until declining to 4.32% at the end of the third quarter. However, while market conditions have improved for many types of Agency RMBS, we believe ongoing uncertainty surrounding Federal Reserve actions relating to QE3 and the federal budget and deficit battles in Washington, DC has the potential to continue to weigh on and create additional volatility for Agency RMBS and other fixed-income assets in the coming months. The predictions for the future of QE aside, the FOMC has maintained its intent to keep the target range for the federal funds rate between 0% and 0.25% until either the unemployment rate drops below 6.5% or the projected inflation rate over the next one to two years increases above 2.5% and longer-term inflation expectations continue to be well anchored.

The market movements outlined above have had a meaningful negative impact on our existing Agency RMBS portfolio (including our Agency IOs) during the second quarter, which suffered from negative price movements outside of our hedged expectations, but have generally had a positive impact on the valuations for our multi-family CMBS and distressed residential mortgage loans, thereby mitigating to a large extent the downside impact of these events on our overall portfolio. Subsequent to the FOMC meeting, we saw a partial price recovery in most of our MBS portfolio with prices ending higher as compared to June 30, 2013. We expect that these overall market conditions may continue to impact our operating results and will cause us to adjust our investment and financing strategies over time as new opportunities emerge and risk profiles of our business change.

*Single-Family Homes and Residential Mortgage Market.* The residential real estate market showed signs of continued improvement in home prices in August 2013, although the rate of price gains have slowed since April 2013. Data released by S&P Indices for its S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Indices for August 2013 showed that, on average, home prices increased by 12.8% for the 20-City Composite as compared to August 2012. In addition, according to data provided by the U.S. Department of Commerce, privately-owned housing starts for single family homes for August 2013 were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 628,000, the highest since February 2013 and 7% higher than starts in July 2013. We expect the single-family residential real estate market to continue to improve in the near term, but believe that higher interest rates and tepid job creation will contribute to slowing housing gains for single family homes over the next 12 months.

*Multi-family Housing.* While apartments and other residential rental properties remain one of the better performing segments of the commercial real estate market, August 2013 multi-family housing start data from the U.S. Department of Commerce suggested a recent softening. According to data provided by the U.S. Department of Commerce, starts on multi-family homes, such as apartment buildings, dipped in August 2013 to an annual rate of 263,000 units, which is approximately 11% below activity in the prior month. However, while multi-family construction slowed in August, which we believe is likely a result of increased interest rate volatility, starts for multi-family properties during the first eight months of 2013 are higher when compared to the same period last year. We believe the performance of multi-family housing in the past year is due, in part, to a significant decline in new construction during the recent economic downturn and increased demand from former homeowners, which has driven stronger rental income growth across the country. In turn, these factors have led to recent valuation improvements for multi-family properties and negligible delinquencies on new multi-family loans originated by Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae.

*Recent Government Actions.* In recent years, the U.S. Government and the Federal Reserve and other governmental regulatory bodies have taken numerous actions to stabilize or improve market and economic conditions in the U.S. or to assist homeowners and may in the future take additional significant actions that may impact our portfolio and our business. A description of recent government actions that we believe are most relevant to our operations and business is included under this same caption in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and above under “—General”.

*Developments at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.* Payments on the Agency ARMs and fixed-rate Agency RMBS in which we invest are guaranteed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. As broadly publicized, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac

are presently under federal conservatorship as the U.S. Government continues to evaluate the future of these entities and what role the U.S. Government should continue to play in the housing markets in the future. Since being placed under federal conservatorship, there have been a number of proposals introduced, both from industry groups and by the U.S. Congress, relating to changing the role of the U.S. government in the mortgage market and reforming or eliminating Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The most recent bill to receive serious consideration is the Housing Finance Reform and Taxpayer Protection Act of 2013, also known as the Corker-Warner Bill, which was introduced in the U.S. Senate. This legislation, among other things, would eliminate Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae and replace them with a new agency which would provide a financial guarantee that would only be tapped after private institutions and investors stepped in. In addition, members of the U.S. House of Representatives recently introduced the Protecting American Taxpayers and Homeowners Act, a broad financing bill which serves as a counterpart to the Corker-Warner Bill. It remains unclear whether these or any other proposals will become law or, should a proposal become law, if or how the enacted law will differ from the current draft of these bills. It is unclear how the proposals would impact housing finance, and what impact, if any, they will have on mortgage REITs.

*Credit Spreads.* Credit spreads in the residential and commercial markets have generally continued to tighten further during the first nine months of 2013, continuing a trend exhibited during a significant part of 2012. Typically when credit spreads widen, credit-sensitive assets such as CLOs and multi-family CMBS, as well as Agency IOs are negatively impacted, while tightening credit spreads typically have a positive impact on the value of such assets.

*Financing markets and liquidity.* The availability of repurchase agreement financing for our Agency RMBS portfolio remains stable with interest rates between 0.35% and 0.42% for 30 day repurchase agreements for Agency ARMs and Agency fixed-rate RMBS as of September 30, 2013. The 30-day London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) was 0.18% at September 30, 2013, marking a decrease of approximately 3 basis points from December 31, 2012. Longer term interest rates were increased as of September 30, 2013 as compared to the 2012 year end, with the rate on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note increasing by approximately 85 basis points to 2.61%. We expect interest rates to rise over the longer term as the U.S. and global economic outlook improves.

In addition, financing and liquidity for commercial real estate securities and other credit sensitive assets have continued show signs of improvement, both in terms of financing rates and availability, as evidenced by the six longer-term structured financings we have completed since May 2012.

*Bank Regulatory Capital Changes.* In late June 2013, the Basel Committee for Banking Supervision, or “BCBS”, issued proposed changes to the Basel III accord that, if finalized, would increase the amount of regulatory capital required by affected banks. Basel III introduced a minimum “leverage ratio” of at least 3% for banks. The leverage ratio is calculated by dividing a bank’s Tier 1 capital (i.e., common shares and retained earnings plus certain qualifying minority interests) by such bank’s average total consolidated assets. The proposed changes issued in June 2013 would expand the definition of assets, thereby increasing the denominator (which is often referred to as the exposure measure), but would maintain the minimum leverage ratio of 3%. Among the changes is a requirement that securities financing transactions, such as repurchase agreement financings, are included in consolidated assets on a “gross” basis (i.e., no recognition of accounting netting) when the bank acts as a principal in the transaction. Further, in July 2013, the Federal Reserve announced that the minimum Basel III leverage ratio would be 5% for systemically important bank holding companies in the U.S. and 6% for their insured bank subsidiaries. Under each rule as proposed, beginning on January 1, 2015, banks would publicly disclose their leverage ratios and would need to be in compliance with the final rule by January 1, 2018. These new rules, if finalized, could negatively impact affected financial institutions’ appetite for various risk taking activities, including the issuance of repurchase agreement financing. As a result, it is possible that certain lending institutions could decide to reduce or otherwise limit their repurchase agreement financing in response to these developments, particularly in connection with the financing of Agency RMBS, which may make it more difficult to finance our investment portfolio on favorable terms in the future.

*Prepayment rates.* As a result of the significant increase in long-term term treasury rates and mortgage rates during the quarter ended June 30, 2013, mortgage originations related to refinancing decreased, resulting in lower prepayment speeds in many of our Agency RMBS portfolio. Although we expect the decline in mortgage rates subsequent to the FOMC’s September 2013 announcement might cause prepayment speeds to move modestly higher in the fourth quarter of 2013, we expect prepayment speeds to decline over time as interest rates rise. For further information regarding prepayment rates on our Agency RMBS, see “—Results of Operations—Prepayment Experience.”

## **Significant Estimates and Critical Accounting Policies**

A summary of our critical accounting policies is included in Item 8 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and “Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies” to the condensed consolidated financial statements included therein.

*Fair Value.* The Company has established and documented processes for determining fair values. Fair value is based upon quoted market prices, where available. If listed prices or quotes are not available, then fair value is based upon internally developed models that primarily use inputs that are market-based or independently-sourced market parameters, including interest rate yield curves. Such inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement. The Company’s IOs, POs, multi-family loans held in securitization trusts and multi-family CDOs are considered to be the most significant of its fair value estimates.

The Company’s valuation methodologies are described in “Note 14 – Fair Value of Financial Instruments” included in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

*Loan Consolidation Reporting Requirement for Certain Multi-Family K-Series Securitizations.* As of September 30, 2013, we owned 100% of the first loss securities of the “Consolidated K-Series”. The Consolidated K-Series collectively represents, in the case of the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2013, five separate Freddie Mac-sponsored multi-family loan K-Series securitizations, or in the case of the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2012, three separate Freddie Mac-sponsored multi-family loan K-Series securitizations in each case of which we, or one of our special purpose entities, or SPEs, own the first loss PO securities and certain IO securities. We determined that the Consolidated K-Series were VIEs and that we are the primary beneficiary of the Consolidated K-Series. As a result, we are required to consolidate the Consolidated K-Series’ underlying multi-family loans including their liabilities, interest income and expense in our consolidated financial statements. We have elected the fair value option on the assets and liabilities held within the Consolidated K-Series, which requires that changes in valuations in the assets and liabilities of the Consolidated K-Series will be reflected in our consolidated statement of operations.

*Fair Value Option* – The fair value option provides an election that allows companies to irrevocably elect fair value for financial assets and liabilities on an instrument-by-instrument basis at initial recognition. Changes in fair value for assets and liabilities for which the election is made will be recognized in earnings as they occur. The Company elected the fair value option for its Agency IO strategy and the Consolidated K-Series (as defined in Note 2 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in this report).

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

A discussion of recent accounting pronouncements and the possible effects on our financial statements is included in “Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies” included in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

## Investment Allocation

The following tables set forth our allocated capital by investment type at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

At September 30, 2013:

|                             | Agency              | Agency    | Multi-                | Distressed  | Residential |                      |             |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
|                             | RMBS <sup>(1)</sup> | IOs       | Family <sup>(2)</sup> | Residential | Securitized | Other <sup>(3)</sup> | Total       |
|                             |                     |           |                       | Loans       | Loans       |                      |             |
| Carrying value              | \$775,587           | \$125,674 | \$307,404             | \$258,288   | \$170,306   | \$39,135             | \$1,676,394 |
| Liabilities:                |                     |           |                       |             |             |                      |             |
| Callable <sup>(4)</sup>     | (693,652)           | (85,572 ) | (6,557 )              | -           | -           | (8,400 )             | (794,181 )  |
| Non-callable                | -                   | -         | (79,148 )             | (174,894 )  | (164,775 )  | (45,000)             | (463,817 )  |
| Hedges (Net) <sup>(5)</sup> | 2,723               | 11,903    | -                     | -           | -           | -                    | 14,626      |
| Cash                        | -                   | 22,339    | -                     | -           | -           | 20,509               | 42,848      |
| Other                       | 3,062               | 1,394     | 640                   | 13,326      | 1,409       | (18,018)             | 1,813       |
| Net capital allocated       | \$87,720            | \$75,738  | \$222,339             | \$96,720    | \$6,940     | \$(11,774)           | \$477,683   |

(1)Includes both Agency ARMs and Agency fixed rate RMBS.

The Company determined it is the primary beneficiary of the Consolidated K-Series and has consolidated the (2)Consolidated K-Series into the Company’s financial statements. A reconciliation to our financial statements as of September 30, 2013 follows:

|                                                                                       |    |            |   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|------------|---|
| Multi-Family loans held in securitization trusts, at fair value                       | \$ | 6,668,608  |   |
| Multi-Family CDOs, at fair value                                                      |    | (6,472,278 | ) |
| Net carrying value                                                                    |    | 196,330    |   |
| Investment securities available for sale, at fair value held in securitization trusts |    | 86,714     |   |
| Total CMBS, at fair value                                                             |    | 283,044    |   |
| Mezzanine, debt and equity investments                                                |    | 24,360     |   |
| Securitized debt                                                                      |    | (79,148    | ) |
| Repurchase agreement                                                                  |    | (6,557     | ) |
| Other                                                                                 |    | 640        |   |
| Net capital in Multi-Family                                                           | \$ | 222,339    |   |

Other includes CLOs having a carrying value of \$32.5 million, as well as loans held for investment and (3) non-Agency RMBS. Other callable liabilities include an \$8.4 million repurchase agreement on our CLO securities and other non-callable liabilities consist of \$45.0 million in subordinated debentures.

(4) Consists of borrowings under repurchase agreements.

(5) Includes derivative assets, derivative liabilities, payable for securities purchased and restricted cash posted as margin.

At December 31, 2012:

|                             | <b>Agency</b>             | <b>Agency</b> | <b>Multi-</b>               | <b>Distressed</b>  | <b>Residential</b> |                            |              |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
|                             | <b>RMBS<sup>(1)</sup></b> | <b>IOs</b>    | <b>Family<sup>(2)</sup></b> | <b>Residential</b> | <b>Securitized</b> | <b>Other<sup>(3)</sup></b> | <b>Total</b> |
|                             |                           |               |                             | <b>Loans</b>       | <b>Loans</b>       |                            |              |
| Carrying value              | \$901,867                 | \$99,372      | \$194,492                   | \$60,459           | \$187,229          | \$41,800                   | \$1,485,219  |
| Liabilities:                |                           |               |                             |                    |                    |                            |              |
| Callable <sup>(4)</sup>     | (806,477)                 | (74,707)      | -                           | -                  | -                  | (7,950)                    | (889,134)    |
| Non-callable                | -                         | -             | (78,891)                    | (38,700)           | (180,979)          | (45,000)                   | (343,570)    |
| Hedges (Net) <sup>(5)</sup> | 3,716                     | 10,782        | -                           | -                  | -                  | -                          | 14,498       |
| Cash                        | -                         | 25,797        | -                           | -                  | -                  | 31,777                     | 57,574       |
| Other                       | 3,126                     | 1,575         | 1,971                       | 2,928              | 1,410              | (13,591)                   | (2,581)      |
| Net capital allocated       | \$102,232                 | \$62,819      | \$117,572                   | \$24,687           | \$7,660            | \$7,036                    | \$322,006    |

(1) Includes both Agency ARMs and Agency fixed rate RMBS.

The Company determined it is the primary beneficiary of the Consolidated K-Series and has consolidated the

(2) Consolidated K-Series into the Company's financial statements. A reconciliation to our financial statements as of December 31, 2012 follows:

|                                                                                       |    |             |   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-------------|---|
| Multi-Family loans held in securitization trusts, at fair value                       | \$ | 5,442,906   |   |
| Multi-Family CDOs, at fair value                                                      |    | (5,319,573) | ) |
| Net carrying value                                                                    |    | 123,333     |   |
| Investment securities available for sale, at fair value held in securitization trusts |    | 71,159      |   |
| Total CMBS, at fair value                                                             |    | 194,492     |   |
| Securitized debt                                                                      |    | (78,891)    | ) |
| Other                                                                                 |    | 1,971       |   |
| Net Capital in Multi-Family                                                           | \$ | 117,572     |   |

Other includes CLOs having a carrying value of \$30.8 million, non-Agency RMBS and loans held for investment.

(3) Other callable liabilities include an \$8.0 million repurchase agreement on our CLO securities and other non-callable liabilities consist of \$45.0 million in subordinated debentures. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to current period presentation.

(4) Consists of borrowings under repurchase agreements.

(5) Includes derivative assets, derivative liabilities, payable for securities purchased and restricted cash posted as margin.

## Results of Operations

### Comparison of the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 to the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, we reported net income attributable to common stockholders of \$16.9 million and \$43.6 million, respectively, as compared to net income attributable to common stockholders of \$7.9 million and \$18.9 million for the same respective periods in 2012. The main components of the change in net income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, as compared to the same periods for the prior year are detailed in the following table (dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data):

|                                                  | For the Three Months Ended |         |            | For the Nine Months Ended |          |            |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|------------|---------------------------|----------|------------|
|                                                  | September 30,              |         |            | September 30,             |          |            |
|                                                  | 2013                       | 2012    | \$ Change  | 2013                      | 2012     | \$ Change  |
| Net interest income                              | \$15,337                   | \$8,121 | \$7,216    | \$42,375                  | \$20,246 | \$22,129   |
| Total other income                               | \$8,342                    | \$3,612 | \$4,730    | \$17,484                  | \$8,184  | \$9,300    |
| Total general, administrative and other expenses | \$5,082                    | \$3,222 | \$1,860    | \$13,660                  | \$8,573  | \$5,087    |
| Income from operations before income taxes       | \$18,597                   | \$8,511 | \$10,086   | \$46,199                  | \$19,857 | \$26,342   |
| Income tax expense                               | \$211                      | \$598   | \$(387 )   | \$531                     | \$1,065  | \$(534 )   |
| Net income                                       | \$18,386                   | \$7,913 | \$10,473   | \$45,668                  | \$18,792 | \$26,876   |
| Preferred stock dividends                        | \$(1,453 )                 | \$—     | \$(1,453 ) | \$(2,115 )                | \$—      | \$(2,115 ) |
| Net income attributable to common stockholders   | \$16,933                   | \$7,913 | \$9,020    | \$43,553                  | \$18,889 | \$24,664   |
| Basic income per common share                    | \$0.27                     | \$0.30  | \$(0.03 )  | \$0.76                    | \$1.01   | \$(0.25 )  |
| Diluted income per common share                  | \$0.27                     | \$0.30  | \$(0.03 )  | \$0.76                    | \$1.01   | \$(0.25 )  |

In general, the significant increases in a number of the line items set forth above is largely a function of the growth in the Company's stockholders' equity from \$222.0 million as of September 30, 2012 to \$477.7 million as of September 30, 2013 and the corresponding growth in the size of the Company's portfolio of interest earning assets.

Net interest income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 increased by 89% and 109%, respectively, as compared to the same periods in the prior year due, in large part, to an increase of \$888.1 million and \$1.0 billion in average interest earning assets in the respective periods. The Company's portfolio net interest margin

was 359 basis points for the quarter ended September 30, 2013, as compared to net interest margin of 470 basis points for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 and 348 basis points for the quarter ended June 30, 2013. The decrease of 111 basis points in net interest margin for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012 was largely attributable to the Company's increased capital allocation to its levered Agency RMBS strategy. Since October 2012, we've allocated capital solely to our credit sensitive strategies thereby reducing our exposure to the Agency RMBS strategy. The increase in third quarter 2013 net margin was directly related to this transition.

Total other income increased by \$4.7 million and \$9.3 million for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2013 as compared to the same periods in 2012, respectively. The changes in total other income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 as compared to the same periods in 2012 were primarily driven by:

an increase in net unrealized gains on multi-family loans and debt held in securitization trusts of \$5.6 million and \$17.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2012. The increase in unrealized gains was due to improved credit spreads as well as an increase in multi-family CMBS investments as compared to the corresponding prior year periods. As of September 30, 2013, the net carrying value of our multi-family CMBS, which measures unrealized gains and losses through earnings, amounts to approximately \$196.3 million as compared to approximately \$89.6 million at September 30, 2012. Valuations on these assets continued to improve during the quarter from improved credit market conditions and greater demand by investors for this product;

a decrease in unrealized loss on investment securities and related hedges of \$0.4 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2013 as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2012 and an increase in unrealized gain on investment securities and related hedges of \$5.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2012; and

a decrease in realized gain on investment securities and related hedges of \$1.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and an increase in realized loss on investment securities and related hedges of \$14.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, which were primarily related to our Agency IO strategy. The increased interest rate volatility combined with illiquidity in the inverse IO market resulted in larger than expected losses in this strategy during the second quarter of 2013 with a partial reversal realized during the third quarter of this year.

***Comparative Expenses (dollar amounts in thousands)***

|                                                   | For the Three Months Ended |         |           | For the Nine Months Ended |         |           |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---------|-----------|
|                                                   | September 30,              |         |           | September 30,             |         |           |
| General, Administrative and                       | 2013                       | 2012    | \$ Change | 2013                      | 2012    | \$ Change |
| <b>Other Expenses</b>                             |                            |         |           |                           |         |           |
| Salaries, benefits and directors' compensation    | \$805                      | \$597   | \$ 208    | \$1,895                   | \$1,703 | \$ 192    |
| Professional fees                                 | 709                        | 400     | 309       | 1,942                     | 1,358   | 584       |
| Management fees                                   | 2,213                      | 1,772   | 441       | 5,455                     | 3,987   | 1,468     |
| Expenses on distressed residential mortgage loans | 1,051                      | —       | 1,051     | 2,533                     | —       | 2,533     |
| Other                                             | 304                        | 453     | (149 )    | 1,835                     | 1,525   | 310       |
| Total                                             | \$5,082                    | \$3,222 | \$ 1,860  | \$13,660                  | \$8,573 | \$ 5,087  |

General, administrative and other expenses increased by \$1.9 million and \$5.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2012. The increase was due primarily to an increase of \$1.1 million and \$2.5 million in expenses related to our distressed residential mortgage loan investments, including acquisition and servicing related costs and an increase of \$0.4 million and \$1.5 million in management fees for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively. The increase in management fees was driven in large part by the increase in assets managed by our external managers. The increase in expenses related to distressed residential mortgage loans is due to the significant increase in our investment in this asset class as compared to the corresponding prior year period. As of September 30, 2013, we owned distressed residential mortgage loans having a carrying value of approximately \$258.3 million. We owned no distressed residential mortgage loans at September 30, 2012. The increase in other categories is largely a result of the growth of our stockholders' equity and balance sheet.

*Quarterly Comparative Net Interest Spread*

Our results of operations for our investment portfolio during a given period typically reflects the net interest income earned on our investment portfolio of Agency and non-Agency RMBS, CMBS (including CMBS held in securitization trusts), prime ARM loans held in securitization trusts, distressed residential mortgage loans (including distressed residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts), commercial real estate-related debt and equity investments, loans held for investment, loans held for sale and CLOs (collectively, our “Interest Earning Assets”). The net interest spread is impacted by factors such as our cost of financing, the interest rate that our investments bear and our interest rate hedging strategies. Furthermore, the amount of premium or discount paid on purchased portfolio investments and the prepayment rates on portfolio investments will impact the net interest spread as such factors will be amortized over the expected term of such investments. Realized and unrealized gains and losses on TBAs, Eurodollar and Treasury futures and other derivatives associated with our Agency IO investments, which do not utilize hedge accounting for financial reporting purposes, are included in other income (expense) in our statement of operations, and therefore, not reflected in the data set forth below.

The following table sets forth, among other things, the net interest spread for our portfolio of Interest Earning Assets by quarter for the eight most recently completed quarters, excluding the costs of our subordinated debentures:

| Quarter Ended                     | Weighted                        |                       |                      |      |   |      |                       |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------|---|------|-----------------------|
|                                   | Average                         | Average               |                      |      |   |      |                       |
|                                   | Interest                        | Cash                  | Cost of              |      |   |      | Net                   |
|                                   | Earning                         | Yield on              | Funds <sup>(4)</sup> |      |   |      | Interest              |
|                                   | Assets                          | Interest              |                      |      |   |      | Spread <sup>(5)</sup> |
|                                   | (\$<br>millions) <sup>(1)</sup> | Earning               |                      |      |   |      |                       |
|                                   |                                 | Assets <sup>(3)</sup> |                      |      |   |      |                       |
| September 30, 2013 <sup>(2)</sup> | \$ 1,586.6                      | 5.21                  | %                    | 1.62 | % | 3.59 | %                     |
| June 30, 2013 <sup>(2)</sup>      | \$ 1,524.1                      | 4.89                  | %                    | 1.41 | % | 3.48 | %                     |
| March 31, 2013 <sup>(2)</sup>     | \$ 1,446.1                      | 4.86                  | %                    | 1.38 | % | 3.48 | %                     |
| December 31, 2012 <sup>(2)</sup>  | \$ 1,350.2                      | 4.46                  | %                    | 1.13 | % | 3.33 | %                     |
| September 30, 2012 <sup>(2)</sup> | \$ 698.5                        | 5.99                  | %                    | 1.29 | % | 4.70 | %                     |
| June 30, 2012 <sup>(2)</sup>      | \$ 409.4                        | 7.28                  | %                    | 1.33 | % | 5.95 | %                     |
| March 31, 2012 <sup>(2)</sup>     | \$ 396.4                        | 7.59                  | %                    | 1.01 | % | 6.58 | %                     |
| December 31, 2011                 | \$ 372.9                        | 7.17                  | %                    | 0.97 | % | 6.20 | %                     |

(1)

Our Average Interest Earning Assets is calculated each quarter as the daily average balance of our Interest Earning Assets for the quarter, excluding unrealized gains and losses.

- (2) Average Interest Earning Assets for the quarter excludes all Consolidated K-Series assets other than those securities issued by the securitizations comprising the Consolidated K-Series that are actually owned by us.
- (3) Our Weighted Average Cash Yield on Interest Earning Assets was calculated by dividing our annualized interest income from Interest Earning Assets for the quarter by our average Interest Earning Assets for the quarter.
- (4) Our Cost of Funds was calculated by dividing our annualized interest expense from our Interest Earning Assets for the quarter by our average financing arrangements, portfolio investments and distressed residential mortgage loans, Residential CDOs and Securitized Debt for the quarter. Our cost of funds includes the impact of our liability interest rate hedging activities.
- (5) Net Interest Spread is the difference between our Weighted Average Cash Yield on Interest Earning Assets and our Cost of Funds.

**Prepayment Experience**

The following table sets forth the constant prepayment rates for selected asset classes, by quarter:

| Quarter Ended      | Agency |            | Agency |   | Non-Agency |   | Residential     |   | Weighted |   |
|--------------------|--------|------------|--------|---|------------|---|-----------------|---|----------|---|
|                    | ARMs   | Fixed Rate | IOs    |   | RMBS       |   | Securitizations |   | Average  |   |
| September 30, 2013 | 16.8   | % 8.5      | % 20.4 | % | 23.6       | % | 12.0            | % | 15.3     | % |
| June 30, 2013      | 22.2   | % 6.4      | % 21.9 | % | 18.0       | % | 6.5             | % | 15.4     | % |
| March 31, 2013     | 20.8   | % 3.8      | % 21.6 | % | 15.9       | % | 10.2            | % | 12.9     | % |
| December 31, 2012  | 14.5   | % 1.9      | % 21.8 | % | 16.2       | % | 11.6            | % | 12.5     | % |
| September 30, 2012 | 17.5   | % 2.0      | % 19.2 | % | 15.1       | % | 4.6             | % | 15.1     | % |
| June 30, 2012      | 24.8   | % N/A      | % 19.4 | % | 15.2       | % | 7.4             | % | 16.6     | % |
| March 31, 2012     | 18.1   | % N/A      | % 19.6 | % | 13.3       | % | 8.1             | % | 16.6     | % |

When prepayment expectations over the remaining life of assets increase, we have to amortize premiums over a shorter time period resulting in a reduced yield to maturity on our investment assets. Conversely, if prepayment expectations decrease, the premium would be amortized over a longer period resulting in a higher yield to maturity. In addition, the market values and cash flows from our Agency IOs can be materially adversely affected during periods of elevated prepayments. We monitor our prepayment experience on a monthly basis and adjust the amortization rate to reflect current market conditions.

**Portfolio Asset Yields for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2013**

The following table summarizes the Company's significant assets at and for the quarter ended September 30, 2013, classified by relevant categories (dollar amount in thousands):

|                               | Carrying  | Coupon <sup>(1)</sup> |         | Yield <sup>(1)</sup> |   | CPR <sup>(1)</sup> |  |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|---|--------------------|--|
|                               | Value     |                       |         |                      |   |                    |  |
| Agency Fixed Rate RMBS        | \$560,583 | 2.94                  | % 1.86  | % 8.5                | % |                    |  |
| CMBS <sup>(2)</sup>           | \$283,044 | 0.11                  | % 12.22 | % N/A                |   |                    |  |
| Distressed Residential Loans  | \$258,288 | 5.95                  | % 6.99  | % N/A                |   |                    |  |
| Agency ARMs                   | \$215,004 | 2.93                  | % 1.56  | % 16.8               | % |                    |  |
| Agency IOs                    | \$125,674 | 5.71                  | % 9.07  | % 20.4               | % |                    |  |
| Residential Securitized Loans | \$170,306 | 2.65                  | % 2.54  | % 12.0               | % |                    |  |

|      |           |      |   |       |   |     |
|------|-----------|------|---|-------|---|-----|
| CLOs | \$ 32,454 | 4.25 | % | 40.89 | % | N/A |
|------|-----------|------|---|-------|---|-----|

(1) Coupons, yields and CPRs are based on third quarter 2013 weighted average balances. Yields are calculated on amortized cost basis and do not reflect the effects of leverage.

CMBS carrying value, coupons and yield calculations are based on the underlying CMBS that are actually owned (2) by the Company and do not include the other consolidated assets and liabilities of the Consolidated K-Series not owned by the Company.

## Financial Condition

As of September 30, 2013, we had approximately \$8.5 billion of total assets, as compared to approximately \$7.2 billion of total assets as of December 31, 2012. The increase in total assets is primarily a result of our consolidation of an additional Freddie Mac K-Series securitization in the second quarter of 2013 and our acquisitions of pools of distressed residential mortgage loans in the second and third quarters of 2013. A significant portion of our assets represents the assets comprising the Consolidated K-Series, which we consolidate under the accounting rules. See "Loan Consolidation Reporting Requirement for Certain Multi-Family K-Series Securitizations" above.

**Balance Sheet Analysis**

**Investment Securities Available for Sale.** At September 30, 2013, our securities portfolio includes Agency RMBS, including Agency fixed-rate and ARM pass-through certificates, Agency IOs, non-Agency RMBS and CLOs, which are classified as investment securities available for sale. At September 30, 2013, we had no investment securities in a single issuer or entity that had an aggregate book value in excess of 10% of our total assets.

The following tables set forth the balances of our investment securities available for sale by vintage by issue year as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                   | <b>September 30, 2013</b> |              | <b>December 31, 2012</b> |              |
|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|
|                   | <b>Carrying</b>           |              | <b>Carrying</b>          |              |
|                   | <b>Par Value</b>          | <b>Value</b> | <b>Par Value</b>         | <b>Value</b> |
| Agency RMBS       |                           |              |                          |              |
| ARMs              |                           |              |                          |              |
| Prior to 2011     | \$24,901                  | \$26,343     | \$32,868                 | \$34,691     |
| 2011              | 27,616                    | 29,153       | 37,257                   | 39,601       |
| 2012              | 156,550                   | 159,508      | 189,726                  | 199,631      |
| Total ARMs        | 209,067                   | 215,004      | 259,851                  | 273,923      |
| Fixed             |                           |              |                          |              |
| 2011              | 3,120                     | 3,228        | 4,573                    | 4,802        |
| 2012              | 542,325                   | 557,355      | 586,681                  | 623,142      |
| Total Fixed       | 545,445                   | 560,583      | 591,254                  | 627,944      |
| IO                |                           |              |                          |              |
| Prior to 2010     | 76,575                    | 10,792       | 76,699                   | 10,359       |
| 2010              | 187,921                   | 26,342       | 238,297                  | 32,388       |
| 2011              | 131,820                   | 21,151       | 137,217                  | 20,376       |
| 2012              | 304,007                   | 54,471       | 193,724                  | 36,249       |
| 2013              | 72,039                    | 12,918       | -                        | -            |
| Total IOs         | 772,362                   | 125,674      | 645,937                  | 99,372       |
| Total Agency RMBS | 1,526,874                 | 901,261      | 1,497,042                | 1,001,239    |
| Non Agency RMBS   |                           |              |                          |              |
| 2006              | 3,178                     | 2,425        | 3,868                    | 2,687        |
| CLOs              |                           |              |                          |              |
| 2007              | 35,550                    | 32,454       | 35,550                   | 30,785       |

Total                      \$1,565,602    \$936,140    \$1,536,460    \$1,034,711

The following tables summarize the loans that collateralize our CLOs, grouped by range of outstanding balance and industry greater than 5% of outstanding balance, as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

| Range of<br>Outstanding<br>Balance | As of September 30, 2013 |                  |            | As of December 31, 2012 |                   |           |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
|                                    | Number of<br>Loans       | Maturity Date    | Total      | Number of<br>Loans      | Maturity Date     | Total     |
|                                    |                          |                  | Principal  |                         |                   | Principal |
| \$0 - \$500                        | 19                       | 12/2013 - 4/2019 | \$ 6,393   | 32                      | 8/2015 - 8/2019   | \$ 12,508 |
| \$500 - \$2,000                    | 113                      | 5/2014 - 8/2020  | 147,196    | 131                     | 12/2013 - 12/2019 | 163,939   |
| \$2,000 - \$5,000                  | 69                       | 12/2014 - 8/2020 | 208,058    | 74                      | 4/2013 - 12/2019  | 210,991   |
| \$5,000 - \$10,000                 | 4                        | 5/2016 - 11/2017 | 26,093     | 5                       | 2/2013 - 5/2018   | 31,248    |
| Over \$10,000                      | 2                        | 8/2016 - 5/2018  | 21,075     | —                       | —                 | —         |
| Total                              | 207                      |                  | \$ 408,815 | 242                     |                   | \$418,686 |

**September 30, 2013**

| <b>Industry</b>                                     | <b>Number<br/>of<br/>Loans</b> | <b>Outstanding<br/>Balance</b> | <b>% of<br/>Outstanding<br/>Balance</b> |   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---|
| Healthcare, Education & Childcare                   | 21                             | \$ 54,858                      | 13.4                                    | % |
| Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber                      | 15                             | \$ 46,021                      | 11.3                                    | % |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Service                    | 16                             | \$ 28,538                      | 7.0                                     | % |
| Retail Store                                        | 14                             | \$ 25,165                      | 6.2                                     | % |
| Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures & Entertainment | 10                             | \$ 21,695                      | 5.3                                     | % |

**December 31, 2012**

| <b>Industry</b>                   | <b>Number<br/>of<br/>Loans</b> | <b>Outstanding<br/>Balance</b> | <b>% of<br/>Outstanding<br/>Balance</b> |   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---|
| Healthcare, Education & Childcare | 23                             | \$ 50,192                      | 12.0                                    | % |
| Retail Store                      | 19                             | \$ 35,746                      | 8.5                                     | % |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Service  | 20                             | \$ 33,761                      | 8.1                                     | % |
| Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber    | 17                             | \$ 32,058                      | 7.7                                     | % |
| Electronics                       | 15                             | \$ 25,544                      | 6.1                                     | % |
| Beverage, Food & Tobacco          | 11                             | \$ 20,983                      | 5.0                                     | % |

***Investment Securities Available for Sale Held in Securitization Trusts.*** At September 30, 2013, our securities portfolio includes multi-family CMBS classified as investment securities available for sale held in securitization trusts, which are multi-family CMBS transferred to securitization trusts as part of securitization transactions. The following table sets forth the balances of our investment securities available for sale held in securitization trusts as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012:

**Balances of Our Investment Securities Available for Sale Held in Securitization Trusts (dollar amounts in thousands):**

|                           |            |                 |                       |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>September 30, 2013</b> | <b>Par</b> | <b>Carrying</b> | <b>% of<br/>Total</b> |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------------|

|               | Value       | Value     |         |
|---------------|-------------|-----------|---------|
| CMBS:         |             |           |         |
| POs           | \$ 137,425  | \$ 49,998 | 57.7 %  |
| Floating Rate | 50,388      | 26,595    | 30.7 %  |
| IOs           | 1,817,167   | 10,121    | 11.6 %  |
| Total         | \$2,004,980 | \$ 86,714 | 100.0 % |

| December 31, 2012 | Par Value   | Carrying Value | % of Total |
|-------------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| CMBS:             |             |                |            |
| POs               | \$ 137,425  | \$ 37,448      | 52.6 %     |
| Floating rate     | 50,388      | 22,215         | 31.2 %     |
| IOs               | 1,825,203   | 11,496         | 16.2 %     |
| Total             | \$2,013,016 | \$ 71,159      | 100.0 %    |

**Balances of Our Investment Securities Available for Sale Held in Securitization Trusts by vintage by issue year (dollar amounts in thousands):**

|       | September 30, 2013 |           | December 31, 2012 |           |
|-------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
|       | Par                | Carrying  | Par               | Carrying  |
|       | Value              | Value     | Value             | Value     |
| CMBS: |                    |           |                   |           |
| 2011  | \$902,647          | \$ 27,434 | \$908,606         | \$ 22,610 |
| 2012  | 1,102,333          | 59,280    | 1,104,410         | 48,549    |
| Total | \$2,004,980        | \$ 86,714 | \$2,013,016       | \$ 71,159 |

***Residential Mortgage Loans Held in Securitization Trusts (net).*** Included in our portfolio are prime ARM loans that we originated or purchased in bulk from third parties that met our investment criteria and portfolio requirements and that we subsequently securitized in 2005 and 2006.

At September 30, 2013, residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts totaled approximately \$170.3 million. The Company's net investment in the residential securitization trusts, which is the maximum amount of the Company's investment that is at risk to loss and represents the difference between the carrying amount of the net assets and liabilities associated with ARM mortgage loans and real estate owned held in residential securitization trusts was \$6.9 million. Of the residential mortgage loans held in securitized trusts, 100% are traditional ARMs or hybrid ARMs, 82.8% of which are ARM loans that are interest only. With respect to the hybrid ARMs included in these securitizations, interest rate reset periods are predominately five years or less and the interest-only period is typically 10 years, which mitigates the "payment shock" at the time of interest rate reset. None of the residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts are payment option-ARMs or ARMs with negative amortization.

The following table details our residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                    | <b>Number<br/>of<br/>Loans</b> | <b>Par<br/>Value</b> | <b>Weighted<br/>Average<br/>Coupon</b> | <b>Carrying<br/>Value</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| September 30, 2013 | 436                            | \$172,378            | 2.84 %                                 | \$170,306                 |
| December 31, 2012  | 474                            | \$189,009            | 3.08 %                                 | \$187,229                 |

*Characteristics of Our Residential Mortgage Loans Held in Securitization Trusts:*

The following table sets forth the composition of our residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts as of September 30, 2013 (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                      | <b>Average</b> | <b>High</b> | <b>Low</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>General Loan Characteristics:</b> |                |             |            |
| Original Loan Balance                | \$ 439         | \$2,950     | \$48       |
| Current Coupon Rate                  | 2.84 %         | 7.25 %      | 1.38 %     |
| Gross Margin                         | 2.37 %         | 4.13 %      | 1.13 %     |
| Lifetime Cap                         | 11.31 %        | 13.25 %     | 9.13 %     |
| Original Term (Months)               | 360            | 360         | 360        |

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|                             |         |        |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Remaining Term (Months)     | 259     | 267    | 226     |
| Average Months to Reset     | 3       | 11     | 1       |
| Original Average FICO Score | 727     | 818    | 593     |
| Original Average LTV        | 70.29 % | 95.00% | 13.94 % |

The following table sets forth the composition of our residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts as of December 31, 2012 (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                      | Average | High    | Low    |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| <b>General Loan Characteristics:</b> |         |         |        |
| Original Loan Balance                | \$ 440  | \$2,950 | \$48   |
| Current Coupon Rate                  | 3.08 %  | 7.25 %  | 1.38 % |
| Gross Margin                         | 2.37 %  | 4.13 %  | 1.13 % |
| Lifetime Cap                         | 11.29 % | 13.25 % | 9.13 % |
| Original Term (Months)               | 360     | 360     | 360    |
| Remaining Term (Months)              | 268     | 276     | 235    |
| Average Months to Reset              | 3       | 11      | 1      |
| Original Average FICO Score          | 728     | 818     | 593    |
| Original Average LTV                 | 70.47 % | 95.00%  | 13.94% |

The following tables detail activity for the residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts (net) for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                    | Principal  | Premium  | Allowance<br>for<br>Loan<br>Losses | Net<br>Carrying<br>Value |
|------------------------------------|------------|----------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Balance, January 1, 2013</b>    | \$ 189,009 | \$ 1,198 | \$ (2,978 )                        | \$ 187,229               |
| Principal repayments               | (15,742 )  | -        | -                                  | (15,742 )                |
| Provision for loan loss            | -          | -        | (568 )                             | (568 )                   |
| Transfer to real estate owned      | (889 )     | -        | 268                                | (621 )                   |
| Charge-Offs                        | -          | -        | 109                                | 109                      |
| Amortization for premium           | -          | (101 )   | -                                  | (101 )                   |
| <b>Balance, September 30, 2013</b> | \$ 172,378 | \$ 1,097 | \$ (3,169 )                        | \$ 170,306               |

|                                    | Principal  | Premium  | Allowance<br>for<br>Loan<br>Losses | Net<br>Carrying<br>Value |
|------------------------------------|------------|----------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Balance, January 1, 2012</b>    | \$ 208,934 | \$ 1,317 | \$ (3,331 )                        | \$ 206,920               |
| Principal repayments               | (10,927 )  | -        | -                                  | (10,927 )                |
| Provision for loan loss            | -          | -        | (568 )                             | (568 )                   |
| Transfer to real estate owned      | (2,467 )   | -        | 898                                | (1,569 )                 |
| Charge-Offs                        | -          | -        | 127                                | 127                      |
| Amortization for premium           | -          | (78 )    | -                                  | (78 )                    |
| <b>Balance, September 30, 2012</b> | \$ 195,540 | \$ 1,239 | \$ (2,874 )                        | \$ 193,905               |

***Distressed Residential Mortgage Loans Held in Securitization Trusts and Distressed Residential Mortgage Loans.*** Distressed residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts and distressed residential mortgage loans are comprised of pools of fixed and adjustable rate residential mortgage loans acquired by the Company at a discount to par value (that is due, in part, to credit quality of the borrower). Distressed residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts are distressed residential mortgage loans transferred to Consolidated VIEs that have been securitized into beneficial interests.

At September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, distressed residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts, had a carrying value of \$254.9 million and \$60.5 million, respectively. The Company's net investment in the securitization trusts, which is the maximum amount of the Company's investment that is at risk to loss and represents the difference between the carrying amount of the net assets and liabilities associated with the distressed residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts, was \$93.5 million at September 30, 2013.

At September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, distressed residential mortgage loans included in receivables and other assets account in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets had a carrying value of \$3.4 million and \$0, respectively.

The following table details our portfolio of distressed residential mortgage loans, including those distressed residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                    | <b>Number<br/>of<br/>Loans</b> | <b>Unpaid<br/>Principal</b> | <b>Weighted<br/>Average<br/>Coupon</b> | <b>Carrying<br/>Value</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| September 30, 2013 | 2,522                          | \$ 329,198                  | 5.87                                   | % \$258,288               |
| December 31, 2012  | 513                            | \$ 91,831                   | 5.63                                   | % \$60,459                |

*Characteristics of Our Distressed Residential Mortgage Loans, including Distressed Residential Mortgage Loans Held in Securitization Trusts:*

The following tables set forth characteristics of our distressed residential mortgage loans, including those distressed residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts as a percentage of unpaid principal balance as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively:

| Loan to Value at Purchase | September<br>30, | December<br>31, |         |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------|
|                           | 2013             | 2012            |         |
| 50.00% or less            | 4.6              | %               | 1.4 %   |
| 50.01% - 60.00%           | 4.4              | %               | 2.8 %   |
| 60.01% - 70.00%           | 7.4              | %               | 5.4 %   |
| 70.01% - 80.00%           | 10.0             | %               | 7.2 %   |
| 80.01% - 90.00%           | 14.5             | %               | 16.8 %  |
| 90.01% - 100.00%          | 12.2             | %               | 12.8 %  |
| 100.01% and over          | 46.9             | %               | 53.6 %  |
| Total                     | 100.0            | %               | 100.0 % |

| FICO Scores at Purchase | September<br>30, | December<br>31, |         |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------|
|                         | 2013             | 2012            |         |
| 550 or less             | 16.2             | %               | 16.6 %  |
| 551 to 600              | 22.0             | %               | 22.3 %  |
| 601 to 650              | 25.0             | %               | 30.8 %  |
| 651 to 700              | 19.2             | %               | 16.9 %  |
| 701 to 750              | 11.8             | %               | 9.7 %   |
| 751 to 800              | 5.0              | %               | 2.3 %   |
| 801 and over            | 0.8              | %               | 1.4 %   |
| Total                   | 100.0            | %               | 100.0 % |

| Occupancy            | September<br>30, | December<br>31, |         |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------|
|                      | 2013             | 2012            |         |
| Owner Occupied       | 89.1             | %               | 92.0 %  |
| Second/Vacation Home | 2.3              | %               | 0.5 %   |
| Investor Property    | 8.6              | %               | 7.5 %   |
| Total                | 100.0            | %               | 100.0 % |

| Property Type            | September<br>30, | December<br>31, |         |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------|
|                          | 2013             | 2012            |         |
| Single Family            | 79.2             | %               | 81.9 %  |
| Condominium              | 5.9              | %               | 5.9 %   |
| Cooperative              | 0.4              | %               | 1.0 %   |
| Planned Unit Development | 6.6              | %               | 8.5 %   |
| Two-Four-Family          | 7.9              | %               | 2.7 %   |
| Total                    | 100.0            | %               | 100.0 % |

| Origination Year | September<br>30, | December<br>31, |         |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------|
|                  | 2013             | 2012            |         |
| 2005 or earlier  | 34.3             | %               | 20.2 %  |
| 2006             | 15.8             | %               | 7.0 %   |
| 2007             | 43.3             | %               | 62.4 %  |
| 2008 or later    | 6.6              | %               | 10.4 %  |
| Total            | 100.0            | %               | 100.0 % |

**Multi-Family Loans Held in Securitization Trusts.** As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, we owned 100% of the first loss securities of the Consolidated K-Series. The Consolidated K-Series are comprised of multi-family mortgage loans held in five and four Freddie Mac-sponsored multi-family K-Series securitizations as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively, of which we, or one of our SPEs, own the first loss POs and certain IOs. We determined that the securitizations comprising the Consolidated K-Series were VIEs and that we are the primary beneficiary of these securitizations. Accordingly, we are required to consolidate the Consolidated K-Series' underlying multi-family loans and related debt, interest income and interest expense in our financial statements. We have elected the fair value option on the assets and liabilities held within the Consolidated K-Series, which requires that changes in valuations in the assets and liabilities of the Consolidated K-Series will be reflected in our statement of operations. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Consolidated K-Series was comprised of \$6.7 billion and \$5.4 billion, respectively in multi-family loans held in securitization trusts and \$6.5 billion and \$5.3 billion, respectively in multi-family CDOs. The increase in balances at September 30, 2013 as compared to December 31, 2012 is primarily a result of our consolidation of an additional Freddie Mac K-Series securitization in the second quarter of 2013. In addition, as a result of the consolidation of the Consolidated K-Series, our statement of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 included \$161.0 million in interest income and \$148.1 million in interest expense, respectively. Also, we recognized a \$22.4 million unrealized gain in the statement of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 as a result of the fair value accounting method election. We do not have any claims to the assets (other than the security represented by our first loss piece) or obligations for the liabilities of the Consolidated K-Series. Our investment in the Consolidated K-Series is limited to the multi-family CMBS comprised of first loss tranche PO securities and or/certain IOs issued by these K-Series securitizations with an aggregate net carrying value of \$196.3 million and \$123.3 million as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

#### *Multi-Family CMBS Loan Characteristics*

The following table details the loan characteristics of the loans that back the multi-family loans that are assets of the Consolidated K-Series (including the multi-family CMBS that we, or one of our SPEs, own as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands, except as noted):

|                                                           | <b>September<br/>30,<br/><br/>2013</b> |   | <b>December<br/>31,<br/><br/>2012</b> |   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| Current balance of loans                                  | \$11,305,462                           |   | \$9,932,167                           |   |
| Number of loans                                           | 675                                    |   | 609                                   |   |
| Weighted average original LTV                             | 69.3                                   | % | 69.2                                  | % |
| Weighted average underwritten debt service coverage ratio | 1.49x                                  |   | 1.49x                                 |   |
| Current average loan size                                 | \$16,749                               |   | \$16,309                              |   |
| Weighted average original loan term (in months)           | 110                                    |   | 108                                   |   |
| Weighted average current remaining term (in months)       | 84                                     |   | 89                                    |   |
| Weighted average loan rate                                | 4.43                                   | % | 4.54                                  | % |
| First mortgages                                           | 100                                    | % | 100                                   | % |

## Geographic state concentration (greater than 5.0%):

|            |      |   |      |   |
|------------|------|---|------|---|
| Texas      | 13.7 | % | 14.0 | % |
| California | 12.7 | % | 13.6 | % |
| Florida    | 6.9  | % | 7.4  | % |
| New York   | 6.6  | % | 6.8  | % |
| Georgia    | 5.4  | % | 5.4  | % |
| Washington | 5.0  | % | 5.0  | % |

**Financing Arrangements, Portfolio Investments.** As of September 30, 2013, we had approximately \$794.2 million of repurchase borrowings outstanding. Our repurchase agreements typically have terms of 30 days or less. As of September 30, 2013, the current weighted average borrowing rate on these financing facilities was 0.52%. As of September 30, 2013, the Company's only exposure where the amount at risk in excess of 5% of Stockholders' Equity was to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. at 5.9% . The amount at risk is defined as the fair value of securities pledged as collateral to repurchase agreement in excess of the repurchase agreement liability. As of September 30, 2013, the outstanding balance under our repurchase agreements was funded at an advance rate of 92.2% that implies an average haircut of 7.8%. The weighted average "haircut" related to our repurchase agreement financing for our Agency RMBS (excluding Agency IOs), Agency IOs, CMBS and CLOs was approximately 5%, 25%, 30% and 35%, respectively, for a total weighted average "haircut" of 7.8%.

As of December 31, 2012, we had approximately \$889.1 million of repurchase agreement borrowings outstanding. Our repurchase agreements typically have terms of 30 days or less. As of December 31, 2012, the current weighted average borrowing rate on these financing facilities was 0.54%. As of December 31, 2012, the Company's only exposure where the amount at risk in excess of 5% of Stockholders' Equity was to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. 5.7%. As of December 31, 2012, the outstanding balance under our repurchase agreements was funded at an advance rate of 93.1% that implies an average haircut of 6.9%. The weighted average "haircut" related to our repurchase agreement financing for our Agency RMBS (excluding Agency IOs), Agency IOs and CLOs was approximately 5%, 25% and 35%, respectively, for a total weighted average "haircut" of 6.9%.

The following table details the ending balance, quarterly average balance and maximum balance at any month-end during the quarter over the last three years for repurchase agreement borrowings outstanding (dollar amounts in thousands):

| <b>Quarter Ended</b> | <b>Quarterly<br/>Average<br/>Balance</b> | <b>End of<br/>Quarter<br/>Balance</b> | <b>Maximum<br/>Balance<br/>at any<br/>Month-End</b> |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| September 30, 2013   | \$ 799,341                               | \$ 794,181                            | \$ 810,506                                          |
| June 30, 2013        | \$ 885,942                               | \$ 855,153                            | \$ 924,667                                          |
| March 31, 2013       | \$ 879,732                               | \$ 878,824                            | \$ 882,611                                          |
| December 31, 2012    | \$ 878,201                               | \$ 889,134                            | \$ 889,134                                          |
| September 30, 2012   | \$ 446,610                               | \$ 580,176                            | \$ 592,976                                          |
| June 30, 2012        | \$ 129,101                               | \$ 138,871                            | \$ 138,871                                          |
| March 31, 2012       | \$ 113,092                               | \$ 118,385                            | \$ 118,385                                          |
| December 31, 2011    | \$ 116,916                               | \$ 112,674                            | \$ 123,788                                          |
| September 30, 2011   | \$ 117,234                               | \$ 111,500                            | \$ 121,920                                          |
| June 30, 2011        | \$ 82,469                                | \$ 96,370                             | \$ 96,370                                           |
| March 31, 2011       | \$ 38,711                                | \$ 46,563                             | \$ 46,563                                           |

**Multi-Family Collateralized Debt Obligations.** As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, we had \$6.5 billion and \$5.3 billion, respectively of multi-family collateralized debt obligations, or Multi-Family CDOs. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively, the current weighted average interest rate on these CDOs was 4.45% and 4.59%. These Multi-Family CDOs are obligations of the Consolidated K-Series. We determined that we are the primary beneficiary of the Consolidated K-Series and have consolidated the Consolidated K-Series into our financial statements. We do not have any claims to the assets (other than the security represented by our first loss piece) or obligations for the liabilities of the Consolidated K-Series. Our maximum exposure to loss from the Consolidated K-Series is the aggregate net carrying value of our investment, which amounts to \$196.3 million and \$123.3 as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

**Securitized Debt.** The securitized debt represents the notes issued in (i) our May 2012 multi-family CMBS re-securitization transaction, (ii) our November 2012 multi-family CMBS collateralized recourse financing transaction and (iii) our December 2012, July 2013 and September 2013 distressed residential mortgage loan securitization transactions. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, we had \$254.0 million and \$117.6 million of securitized debt, respectively. Refer to Note 7 of our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in this report for more information on Securitized Debt.

**Subordinated Debentures.** As of September 30, 2013, certain of our wholly owned subsidiaries had trust preferred securities outstanding of \$45.0 million with a weighted average interest rate of 4.09%. The securities are fully guaranteed by us with respect to distributions and amounts payable upon liquidation, redemption or repayment. These securities are classified as subordinated debentures in the liability section of our condensed consolidated balance sheets.

***Derivative Assets and Liabilities.*** We generally hedge the risks related to changes in interest rates related to our borrowings as well as market values of our overall portfolio.

In order to reduce our interest rate risk related to our borrowings, we may utilize various hedging instruments, such as interest rate swap agreement contracts whereby we receive floating rate payments in exchange for fixed rate payments, effectively converting our short term repurchase agreement borrowings or Residential CDOs to a fixed rate. At September 30, 2013, the Company had \$350.0 million of notional amount of interest rate swaps outstanding with a fair market asset value of \$1.6 million. At December 31, 2012, the Company had \$358.4 million of notional amount of interest rate swaps outstanding with a fair market liability value of \$1.7 million. The interest rate swaps qualify as cash flow hedges for financial reporting purposes.

In addition to utilizing interest rate swaps, we may purchase or sell short U.S. Treasury securities or enter into Eurodollar or other futures contracts or options to help mitigate the potential impact of changes in interest rates on the performance of our Agency IOs. We may borrow securities to cover short sales of U.S. Treasury securities under reverse repurchase agreements. Realized and unrealized gains and losses associated with purchases and short sales of U.S. Treasury securities, Eurodollar or other futures and swaptions are recognized through earnings in the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

The Company uses To-Be-Announced securities, or TBAs, U.S. Treasury securities and U.S. Treasury futures and options to hedge interest rate risk, as well as spread risk associated with its investments in Agency IOs. For example, we may utilize TBAs to hedge the interest rate or yield spread risk inherent in our long Agency RMBS positions associated with our investments in Agency IOs by taking short positions in TBAs that are similar in character. In a TBA transaction, we would agree to purchase or sell, for future delivery, Agency RMBS with certain principal and interest terms and certain types of underlying collateral, but the particular Agency RMBS to be delivered is not identified until shortly before the TBA settlement date. The Company typically does not take delivery of TBAs, but rather settles with its trading counterparties on a net basis. TBAs are liquid and have quoted market prices and represent the most actively traded class of RMBS. For TBA contracts that we have entered into, we have not asserted that physical settlement is probable. Because we have not designated these forward commitments associated with our Agency IOs as hedging instruments, realized and unrealized gains and losses associated with these TBAs, U.S. Treasury securities and U.S. Treasury futures and options are recognized through earnings in the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

The use of TBAs exposes the Company to market value risk, as the market value of the securities that the Company is required to purchase pursuant to a TBA transaction may decline below the agreed-upon purchase price. Conversely, the market value of the securities that the Company is required to sell pursuant to a TBA transaction may increase above the agreed upon sale price. The use of TBAs associated with our Agency IO investments creates significant short term payables (and/or receivables) on our balance sheet.

Derivative financial instruments may contain credit risk to the extent that the institutional counterparties may be unable to meet the terms of the agreements. We minimize this risk by limiting our counterparties to major financial institutions with good credit ratings. In addition, we regularly monitor the potential risk of loss with any one party resulting from this type of credit risk. Accordingly, we do not expect any material losses as a result of default by other parties, but we cannot guarantee that we will not experience counterparty failures in the future.

In connection with our investment in Agency IOs, we utilize several types of derivative instruments to hedge the overall risk profile of these investments. This hedging technique is dynamic in nature and requires frequent adjustments, which accordingly makes it very difficult to qualify for hedge accounting treatment. Hedge accounting treatment requires specific identification of a risk or group of risks and then requires that we designate a particular trade to that risk with no minimal ability to adjust over the life of the transaction. Because we and Midway are frequently adjusting these derivative instruments in response to current market conditions, we have determined to account for all the derivative instruments related to our Agency IO investments as derivatives not designated as hedging instruments.

**Balance Sheet Analysis - Stockholders' Equity**

Stockholders' equity at September 30, 2013 was \$477.7 million and included \$7.1 million of accumulated other comprehensive income. The accumulated other comprehensive income consisted of \$15.4 million in unrealized gains related to our CLOs, \$14.0 million in net unrealized gains related to our CMBS, \$1.6 million in unrealized derivative gain related to cash flow hedges, partially offset by \$23.9 million in unrealized losses related to our Agency RMBS and non-Agency RMBS. Stockholders' equity at December 31, 2012 was \$322.0 million and included \$18.1 million of accumulated other comprehensive income. The accumulated other comprehensive income at December 31, 2012 consisted of \$17.3 million in unrealized gains related to our CLOs, \$2.7 million in net unrealized gains related to our CMBS, partially offset by \$1.7 million in unrealized derivative losses related to cash flow hedges and \$0.2 million in unrealized losses related to our Agency RMBS and non-Agency RMBS. The significant increase in unrealized losses related to our Agency RMBS and non-Agency RMBS was largely driven by the decline in the price of our Agency RMBS outside of our hedged expectations.

**Analysis of Changes in Book Value**

The following table analyzes the changes in book value of our common stock for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 (amounts in thousands, except per share):

|                                        | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |               |                          | <b>Nine Months Ended</b>  |               |                          |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
|                                        | <b>September 30, 2013</b> |               |                          | <b>September 30, 2013</b> |               |                          |
|                                        | <b>Amount</b>             | <b>Shares</b> | <b>Per Share<br/>(1)</b> | <b>Amount</b>             | <b>Shares</b> | <b>Per Share<br/>(1)</b> |
| <b>Beginning Balance</b>               | \$398,328                 | 63,755        | \$6.25                   | \$322,006                 | 49,575        | \$6.50                   |
| Common stock issuance, net             | 148                       |               |                          | 98,589                    |               |                          |
| Preferred stock issuance, net          | —                         |               |                          | 72,397                    |               |                          |
| Preferred stock liquidation preference | —                         |               |                          | (75,000 )                 |               |                          |
| Balance after share issuance activity  | 398,476                   | 63,755        | 6.25                     | 417,992                   | 63,755        | 6.56                     |
| Dividends declared                     | (17,214 )                 |               | (0.27 )                  | (47,918 )                 |               | (0.75 )                  |
| Net change AOCI: <sup>(2)</sup>        |                           |               |                          |                           |               |                          |
| Hedges                                 | (1,561 )                  |               | (0.02 )                  | 3,337                     |               | 0.05                     |
| RMBS                                   | 4,442                     |               | 0.07                     | (23,658 )                 |               | (0.37 )                  |
| CMBS                                   | 2,589                     |               | 0.04                     | 11,228                    |               | 0.18                     |
| CLOs                                   | (982 )                    |               | (0.02 )                  | (1,851 )                  |               | (0.03 )                  |
| Net income                             | 16,933                    |               | 0.27                     | 43,553                    |               | 0.68                     |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>                  | <b>\$402,683</b>          | <b>63,755</b> | <b>\$6.32</b>            | <b>\$402,683</b>          | <b>63,755</b> | <b>\$6.32</b>            |

(1) Outstanding shares used to calculate book value per share for the quarter ended period is based on outstanding shares as of September 30, 2013 of 63,754,730.

(2) Accumulated other comprehensive income (“AOCI”).

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

### *General*

Liquidity is a measure of our ability to meet potential cash requirements, including ongoing commitments to repay borrowings, fund and maintain investments, comply with margin requirements, fund our operations, pay management and incentive fees, pay dividends to our stockholders and other general business needs. Our investments and assets, excluding the principal only multi-family CMBS we invest in, generate liquidity on an ongoing basis through principal and interest payments, prepayments, net earnings retained prior to payment of dividends and distributions from unconsolidated investments, while the principal only multi-family CMBS we invest in are backed by balloon non-recourse mortgage loans that provide for the payment of principal at maturity date, which is typically seven to ten years. In addition, depending on market conditions, the sale of investment securities, structured financings or capital market transactions may provide additional liquidity. However, our intention is to meet our liquidity needs through normal operations with the goal of avoiding unplanned sales of assets or emergency borrowing of funds.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, we used net cash of \$11.3 million, as a result of \$145.6 million used in investing activities, partially offset by \$89.2 million of cash provided by financing activities and \$45.1 million provided by operating activities. Our investing activities primarily included \$206.4 million of purchases of distressed residential mortgage loans, \$60.5 million of purchases of investment securities, \$41.2 million in purchases of investments held in multi-family securitization trusts, \$16.8 million in funding of mezzanine, debt and equity investments, \$9.4 million in net payments on other derivative instruments settled during the period, and \$6.5 million in funding of first mortgage loan, partially offset by \$104.9 million in principal paydowns on investment securities available for sale, \$59.3 million in principal repayments received on multi-family loans held in securitization trusts, \$16.0 million in principal repayments received on residential mortgage loans held in securitization trusts, \$5.5 million in principal payments received on distressed residential mortgage loans, \$5.2 million in restricted cash, \$1.3 million of proceeds from sales of investment securities and \$3.0 million in return of capital from investments in limited partnership and limited liability company. Our financing activities primarily included \$136.6 million in net proceeds from securitized debt, net proceeds from common and preferred stock issuances of \$170.3 million, partially offset by \$95.0 million in payments of financing arrangements, \$59.4 million in payments made on multi-family CDOs, \$44.8 million in dividends paid on common and Series B Preferred Stock, \$16.3 million in payments made on residential CDOs, and \$2.3 million in payments made on securitized debt.

We fund our investments and operations through a balanced and diverse funding mix, which includes proceeds from equity offerings, short-term repurchase agreement borrowings, CDOs, securitized debt, and trust preferred debentures. The type and terms of financing used by us depends on the asset being financed. In those cases where we utilize some form of structured financing, be it through CDOs or securitized debt (including financings similar to our CMBS Master Repurchase Agreement), the cash flow produced by the assets that serve as collateral for these structured finance instruments may be restricted in terms of their use or applied to pay principal or interest on CDOs, repurchase agreements, or notes that are senior to our interests. At September 30, 2013, we had cash and cash equivalents balances of \$20.5 million, which decreased from \$31.8 million at December 31, 2012.

#### *Liquidity – Financing Arrangements*

We rely primarily on short-term repurchase agreements (typically 30 days) to finance the more liquid assets in our investment portfolio, such as Agency RMBS and CLOs. As of September 30, 2013, we have outstanding short-term repurchase agreements, a form of collateralized short-term borrowing, with eleven different financial institutions. These agreements are secured by certain of our investment securities and bear interest rates that have historically moved in close relationship to LIBOR. Our borrowings under repurchase agreements are based on the fair value of our investment securities portfolio. Interest rate changes and increased prepayment activity can have a negative impact on the valuation of these securities, reducing the amount we can borrow under these agreements. Moreover, our repurchase agreements allow the counterparties to determine a new market value of the collateral to reflect current market conditions and because these lines of financing are not committed, the counterparty can call the loan at any time. Market value of the collateral represents the price of such collateral obtained from generally recognized sources or most recent closing bid quotation from such source plus accrued income. If a counterparty determines that the value of the collateral has decreased, the counterparty may initiate a margin call and require us to either post additional collateral to cover such decrease or repay a portion of the outstanding borrowing in cash, on minimal notice. Moreover, in the event an existing counterparty elected to not renew the outstanding balance at its maturity into a new

repurchase agreement, we would be required to repay the outstanding balance with cash or proceeds received from a new counterparty or to surrender the securities that serve as collateral for the outstanding balance, or any combination thereof. If we are unable to secure financing from a new counterparty and had to surrender the collateral, we would expect to incur a loss. In addition, in the event one of our lenders under the repurchase agreement defaults on its obligation to “re-sell” or return to us the securities that are securing the borrowings at the end of the term of the repurchase agreement, we would incur a loss on the transaction equal to the amount of “haircut” associated with the short-term repurchase agreement, which we sometimes refer to as the “amount at risk.” As of September 30, 2013, we had an aggregate amount at risk under our short-term repurchase agreements with eleven counterparties of approximately \$82.5 million, with no greater than approximately \$28.3 million at risk with any single counterparty. The volatility in the market place during the third quarter of 2013 has not had an impact on our liquidity or our ability to finance our more liquid assets through short-term repurchase agreements.

At September 30, 2013, the Company had short-term repurchase agreement borrowings to finance its investment portfolio of \$794.2 million as compared to \$889.1 million as of December 31, 2012. In addition to our excess cash, the Company has \$68.8 million in unencumbered securities, including \$50.9 million of RMBS, of which \$48.5 million are Agency RMBS. The \$20.5 million of cash, the \$50.9 million in RMBS, and the \$22.3 million held in overnight deposits in our Agency IO portfolio (included in restricted cash that is available to meet margin calls as it relates to our Agency IO portfolio repurchase agreements), which collectively represent 11.8% of our financing arrangements, portfolio investments as of September 30, 2013, are liquid and could be monetized to pay down or collateralize the liability immediately.

As discussed above, proposed changes to Basel III could, if finalized, negatively impact certain lending institutions appetite for various risk-taking activities, including the issuance of repurchase agreements financing. See “-Current Market Conditions and Commentary--Bank Regulatory Capital Changes.”

At September 30, 2013, we also had other longer-term debt, including Residential CDOs outstanding of \$164.8 million, multi-family CDOs outstanding of \$6.5 billion (which includes obligations of the Consolidated K-Series), subordinated debt of \$45.0 million and securitized debt of \$254.0 million. The CDOs are collateralized by the residential and multi-family loans held in securitization trusts, respectively. The securitized debt represents the notes issued from (i) our May 2012 multi-family re-securitization transaction, (ii) our November 2012 multi-family CMBS collateralized recourse financing transaction, and (iii) our December 2012, July 2013 and September 2013 distressed residential mortgage loan securitization transactions, which are described in Note 7 in our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

As of September 30, 2013, our overall leverage ratio, which represents the sum of both our short- and longer-term financing (and excluding the CDO's issued by the Consolidated K-Series and our Residential CDOs) divided by stockholders' equity, was approximately 2.3 to 1. Our overall leverage ratio on our short term financings or callable debt was approximately 1.7 to 1. We monitor all at risk or short term borrowings to ensure that we have adequate liquidity to satisfy margin calls and have the ability to respond to other market disruptions.

#### *Liquidity – Hedging and Other Factors*

Certain of our hedging instruments may also impact our liquidity. We use interest rate swaps, swaptions, TBAs, Eurodollar or other futures contracts to hedge interest rate risk associated with our investments in Agency RMBS (including Agency IOs). With respect to interest rate swaps, futures contracts and TBAs, initial margin deposits will be made upon entering into these contracts and can be either cash or securities. During the period these contracts are open, changes in the value of the contract are recognized as unrealized gains or losses by marking to market on a daily basis to reflect the market value of these contracts at the end of each day's trading. We may be required to satisfy variable margin payments periodically, depending upon whether unrealized gains or losses are incurred.

We also use TBAs to hedge interest rate risk associated with our investments in Agency IOs. Since delivery for these securities extends beyond the typical settlement dates for most non-derivative investments, these transactions are more prone to market fluctuations between the trade date and the ultimate settlement date, and thereby are more vulnerable to increasing amounts at risk with the applicable counterparties. The use of TBAs associated with our Agency IO investments creates significant short term payables (and/or receivables) amounting to \$186.1 million at September 30, 2013, and is included in payable for securities purchased on our condensed consolidated balance sheets.

We also use U.S. Treasury securities and U.S. Treasury futures and options to hedge interest rate risk associated with our investments in Agency IOs and interest rate swap agreements and swaptions as a mechanism to reduce the interest rate risk of our Agency ARMs and mortgage loans held in securitization trusts.

For additional information regarding the Company's derivative instruments and hedging activities for the periods covered by this report, including the fair values and notional amounts of these instruments and realized and unrealized gains and losses relating to these instruments, please see Footnote 8 to our consolidated financial statements included in this report. Also, please see Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk, under the caption, "Fair Value Risk", for a tabular presentation of the sensitivity of the market value and net duration changes of the Company's portfolio across various changes in interest rates, which takes into account the Company's hedging activities.

### *Liquidity — Equity Offerings*

In addition to the financing arrangements described above under the caption “—Liquidity—Financing Arrangements,” we also rely on secondary equity offerings as a source of both short-term and long-term liquidity.

We also may generate liquidity through the sale of shares of our common stock in an “at the market” offering program pursuant to an equity distribution agreement, as well as through the sale of shares of our common stock pursuant to our Dividend Reinvestment Plan, or DRIP. On January 14, 2012, we filed a registration statement on Form S-3 to enable us to issue up to \$20,000,000 of shares of our common stock pursuant to our DRIP. On June 11, 2012, we entered into an equity distribution agreement with JMP Securities LLC as the placement agent, pursuant to which we may sell up to \$25,000,000 of shares of our common stock from time to time through the placement agent. Pursuant to the equity distribution agreement, the shares may be offered and sold through the placement agent in 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 Nasdaq Stock Market or sales made to or through a market maker other than on an exchange or, subject to the terms of a written notice from us, in privately negotiated transactions. We have no obligation to sell any of the shares under the equity distribution agreement and may at any time suspend solicitations and offers under the equity distribution agreement. As of September 30, 2013, we have issued 480,014 shares of common stock under the equity distribution agreement.

### *Management Agreements*

We have investment management agreements with RiverBanc, Midway and Headlands, pursuant to which we pay these managers a base management and incentive fee quarterly in arrears. See “—Results of Operations—Comparison of the Quarter and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 to the Quarter and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012—Comparative Expenses” for more information regarding the management fees paid during the nine months ended September 30, 2013. In addition, pursuant to the terms of our former advisory relationship with HCS, we also may pay incentive compensation to HCS with respect to those assets of our company that were managed by HCS at the time the advisory relationship with HCS concluded (the “Incentive Tail Assets”) until such time as such Incentive Tail Assets are disposed of by us or mature.

### *Dividends*

On September 12, 2013, we declared a Series B Preferred Stock cash dividend of \$0.484375 per share of Series B Preferred Stock for the quarterly period that began on July 15, 2013 and ended on October 14, 2013. This dividend was paid on October 15, 2013 to holders of record of Series B Preferred Stock as of October 1, 2013.

On September 12, 2013, we declared a 2013 third quarter cash dividend of \$0.27 per common share, which is the same amount that was declared for the first and second quarters of 2013. The dividend was paid on October 25, 2013 to common stockholders of record as of September 23, 2013. The dividend was paid out of our working capital. We expect to continue to pay quarterly cash dividends on our common stock during the near term. However, our Board of Directors will continue to evaluate our dividend policy each quarter and will make adjustments as necessary, based on a variety of factors, including, among other things, the need to maintain our REIT qualification, our financial condition, liquidity, earnings projections and business prospects. Our dividend policy does not constitute an obligation to pay dividends.

We intend to make distributions to our stockholders to comply with the various requirements to maintain our REIT status and to minimize or avoid corporate income tax and the nondeductible excise tax. However, differences in timing between the recognition of REIT taxable income and the actual receipt of cash could require us to sell assets or to borrow funds on a short-term basis to meet the REIT distribution requirements and to minimize or avoid corporate income tax and the nondeductible excise tax.

#### *Exposure to European financial counterparties*

We finance the acquisition of a significant portion of our mortgage-backed securities with repurchase agreements. In connection with these financing arrangements, we pledge our securities as collateral to secure the borrowings. The amount of collateral pledged will typically exceed the amount of the financing with the extent of over-collateralization from 4% of the amount borrowed (in the case of Agency ARM and Agency fixed rate RMBS collateral), 25% (in the case of Agency IOs) and up to 35% (in the case of CLO collateral). While our repurchase agreement financing results in us recording a liability to the counterparty in our condensed consolidated balance sheet, we are exposed to the counterparty, if during the term of the repurchase agreement financing, a lender should default on its obligation and we are not able to recover our pledged assets. The amount of this exposure is the difference between the amount loaned to us plus interest due to the counterparty and the fair value of the collateral pledged by us to the lender (including accrued interest receivable on such collateral).

Several large European banks have experienced financial difficulty in recent years, some of whom have required a rescue or assistance from other large European banks or the European Central Bank. Some of these banks have U.S. banking subsidiaries which have provided repurchase agreement financing or interest rate swap agreements to us in connection with the acquisition of various investments, including mortgage-backed securities investments. We have outstanding repurchase agreement borrowings with Credit Suisse First Boston LLC in the amount of \$81.9 million at September 30, 2013 with a net exposure of \$4.8 million. We have outstanding repurchase agreement borrowings with Barclays Capital Inc. in the amount of \$43.0 million at September 30, 2013 with a net exposure of \$3.5 million. We have outstanding interest rate swap agreements with Credit Suisse International as a counterparty in the amount of \$245.0 million notional with a net exposure of \$0.6 million. In addition, certain of our U.S. based counterparties may have significant exposure to the financial and economic turmoil in Europe which could impact their future lending activities or cause them to default under agreements with us. In the event one or more of these counterparties or their affiliates experience liquidity difficulties in the future, our liquidity could be materially adversely affected.

## **Inflation**

For the periods presented herein, inflation has been relatively low and we believe that inflation has not had a material effect on our results of operations. The impact of inflation is primarily reflected in the increased costs of our operations. Virtually all our assets and liabilities are financial in nature. Our consolidated financial statements and corresponding notes thereto have been prepared in accordance with GAAP, which require the measurement of financial position and operating results in terms of historical dollars without considering the changes in the relative purchasing power of money over time due to inflation. As a result, interest rates and other factors influence our performance far more than inflation. Inflation affects our operations primarily through its effect on interest rates, since interest rates typically increase during periods of high inflation and decrease during periods of low inflation. During periods of increasing interest rates, demand for mortgages and a borrower's ability to qualify for mortgage financing in a purchase transaction may be adversely affected. During periods of decreasing interest rates, borrowers may prepay their mortgages, which in turn may adversely affect our yield and subsequently the value of our portfolio of mortgage assets.

## **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We did not maintain any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities, established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. Further, we have not guaranteed any obligations of unconsolidated entities nor do we have any commitment or intent to provide funding to any such entities.

## **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk**

*This section should be read in conjunction with “Item 1A. Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and our subsequent periodic reports filed with the SEC.*

We seek to manage risks that we believe will impact our business including, interest rates, liquidity, prepayments, credit quality and market value. When managing these risks we consider the impact on our assets, liabilities and derivative positions. While we do not seek to avoid risk completely, we believe the risk can be quantified from historical experience and seek to actively manage that risk, to generate risk-adjusted total returns that we believe compensate us appropriately for those risks and to maintain capital levels consistent with the risks we take.

The following analysis includes forward-looking statements that assume that certain market conditions occur. Actual results may differ materially from these projected results due to changes in our portfolio assets and borrowings mix and due to developments in the domestic and global financial and real estate markets. Developments in the financial markets include the likelihood of changing interest rates and the relationship of various interest rates and their impact on our portfolio yield, cost of funds and cash flows. The analytical methods that we use to assess and mitigate these market risks should not be considered projections of future events or operating performance.

### ***Interest Rate Risk***

Interest rates are sensitive to many factors, including governmental, monetary, tax policies, domestic and international economic conditions, and political or regulatory matters beyond our control. Changes in interest rates affect the value of the financial assets we manage and hold in our investment portfolio and the variable-rate borrowings we use to finance our portfolio. Changes in interest rates also affect the interest rate swaps, caps, financial futures, TBAs and other securities or instruments we use to hedge our portfolio.

Our net interest income depends on differences between the yields earned on our investments and our cost of borrowing and hedging activities. The cost of our borrowings will generally be based on prevailing market interest rates. During periods of rising interest rates, the borrowing costs associated with our floating rate debt and repurchase agreements tend to increase while the income earned on many of our investments may remain substantially unchanged until the interest rate on our floating rate investments reset. The mismatch in the funding of our fixed rate investments with floating rate debt would result in a narrowing of the net interest spread between our assets and related borrowings and may even result in losses. The severity of any such decline will depend upon the composition of our assets and liabilities at the time as well as the magnitude and duration of the interest rate increase.

For example, we hold RMBS, some of which may have fixed rates or interest rates that adjust on various dates that are not synchronized to the adjustment dates on our repurchase agreements. In general, the re-pricing of our repurchase agreements occurs more quickly than the re-pricing of our variable-interest assets. Thus, it is likely that our floating rate borrowings, such as our repurchase agreements, will react to interest rates before our RMBS. In addition, the interest rates on our Agency fixed-rate RMBS will not change during the life of the security, while the interest rates on our Agency ARMs backed by hybrid ARMs may be limited to a “periodic cap,” or an increase of typically 1% or 2% per adjustment period, while our borrowings do not have comparable limitations. Moreover, changes in interest rates can directly impact prepayment speeds, thereby affecting the expected cash flows of our RMBS. During a declining interest rate environment, the prepayment of RMBS may accelerate (as borrowers may opt to refinance at a lower interest rate) causing the amount of liabilities that have been extended by the use of interest rate swaps to increase relative to the amount of RMBS, possibly resulting in a decline in our net return on RMBS, as replacement RMBS may have a lower yield than those being prepaid. Conversely, during an increasing interest rate environment, RMBS may prepay more slowly than expected, requiring us to finance a higher amount of RMBS than originally forecast and at a time when interest rates may be higher, resulting in a decline in our net return on RMBS. Accordingly, each of these scenarios can negatively impact our net interest income.

We seek to manage interest rate risk in our portfolio by utilizing interest rate swaps, swaptions, caps, and Eurodollars with the goal of optimizing net interest income while attempting to avoid risk that we believe is inappropriate in light of our expected total returns. Further, an increase in short-term interest rates could also have a negative impact on the market value of our investments. If any of these events happen, we could experience a decrease in net income or incur a net loss during these periods, which could adversely affect our liquidity and results of operations. We do not enter in any of these transactions for speculative purposes.

We utilize a model-based risk analysis system to assist in projecting portfolio interest rate sensitivity over a scenario of different interest rates. The model incorporates shifts in interest rates, changes in prepayments and other factors impacting the interest rate sensitivity of our financial assets, liabilities and hedging instruments.

Based on the results of the model, the instantaneous changes in interest rates specified below would have the following effect on net interest income for the next 12 months based on our assets and liabilities as of September 30, 2013 (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                 |
|-----------------|
| <b>Changes</b>  |
| <b>in Net</b>   |
| <b>Interest</b> |
| <b>Income</b>   |
| <b>Changes</b>  |
| <b>in Net</b>   |
| <b>Interest</b> |
| <b>Rates</b>    |
| <b>Income</b>   |
| +\$20,088       |
| +\$13,014       |
| -\$06,817)      |

Interest rate changes may also impact our net book value as our financial assets and related hedge derivatives are marked-to-market each quarter. Generally, as interest rates increase, the value of our mortgage assets will decrease, and conversely, as interest rates decrease, the value of such investments will increase. In general, we expect that, over time, decreases in the value of our portfolio attributable to interest rate changes will be offset, to the degree we are hedged, by increases in value of our interest rate swaps or other financial instruments used for hedging purposes, and vice versa. However, the relationship between spreads on securities and spreads on our hedging instruments may vary from time to time, resulting in a net aggregate book value increase or decline. That said, unless there is a material impairment in value that would result in a payment not being received on a security or loan, or if we are forced to sell a security or loan due to liquidity concerns, changes in the book value of our portfolio will not directly affect our recurring earnings or our ability to make a distribution to our stockholders.

### ***Liquidity Risk***

Liquidity is a measure of our ability to meet potential cash requirements, including ongoing commitments to repay borrowings, fund and maintain investments, pay dividends to our stockholders and other general business needs. We recognize the need to have funds available to operate our business. It is our policy to have adequate liquidity at all times. We plan to meet liquidity through normal operations with the goal of avoiding unplanned sales of assets or emergency borrowing of funds.

Our principal sources of liquidity are the repurchase agreements on our mortgage-backed securities, the CDOs we have issued to finance our loans held in securitization trusts, securitized debt, trust preferred securities, the principal and interest payments from our assets and cash proceeds from the issuance of equity or debt securities (as market and other conditions permit). We believe our existing cash balances and cash flows from operations will be sufficient for our liquidity requirements for at least the next 12 months.

In the event the value of our assets pledged as collateral suddenly decreases, margin calls relating to our repurchase agreements could increase, causing an adverse change in our liquidity position. Additionally, if one or more of our repurchase agreement counterparties chooses not to provide on-going funding, we may be unable to replace the financing through other lenders on favorable terms or at all. As such, we provide no assurance that we will be able to roll over our repurchase agreements as they mature from time to time in the future. See Item 2, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Liquidity and Capital Resources" in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further information about our liquidity and capital resource management.

### ***Prepayment Risk***

When borrowers repay the principal on their residential mortgage loans before maturity or faster than their scheduled amortization, the effect is to shorten the period over which interest is earned, and thereby, reduce the yield for residential mortgage assets purchased at a premium to their then current balance, as with our portfolio of Agency RMBS. Conversely, residential mortgage assets purchased for less than their then current balance, such as our distressed residential mortgage loans exhibit higher yields due to faster prepayments. Furthermore, actual prepayment speeds may differ from our modeled prepayment speed projections impacting the effectiveness of any hedges we have in place to mitigate financing and/or fair value risk. Generally, when market interest rates decline, borrowers have a tendency to refinance their mortgages, thereby increasing prepayments. The impact of increasing prepayment rates, whether as a result of declining interest rates, government intervention in the mortgage markets or otherwise, is particularly acute with respect to our Agency IOs. Because the value of an IO is wholly contingent on the underlying mortgage loans having an outstanding principal balance, an unexpected increase in prepayment rates on the pool of mortgage loans underlying the IOs could significantly negatively impact the performance of our Agency IOs.

Our modeled prepayments will help determine the amount of hedging we use to off-set changes in interest rates. If actual prepayment speeds are faster than modeled, the yield will be less than modeled in cases where we paid a premium for the particular residential mortgage asset. Conversely, when we have paid a premium, if actual prepayment rates experienced are slower than modeled, we would amortize the premium over a longer time period and resulting in a higher yield to maturity.

In an environment of increasing prepayment speeds, the timing difference between the actual cash receipt of principal paydowns and the announcement of the principal paydown may result in additional margin requirements from our repurchase agreement counterparties.

We seek to manage prepayment risk by constantly evaluating our residential mortgage assets relative to prepayment speeds observed for assets with a similar structure, quality and characteristics. Furthermore, we stress-test the portfolio as to prepayment speeds and interest rate risk in order to further develop or make modifications to our hedge balances. Historically, we have not hedged 100% of our liability costs due to prepayment risk.

### ***Credit Risk***

Credit risk is the risk that we will not fully collect the principal we have invested in our credit sensitive assets, including distressed residential and other mortgage loans, CMBS and CLOs due to borrower defaults. In selecting the credit sensitive assets in our portfolio, we seek to identify and invest in assets with characteristics that we believe offset or limit the exposure of borrower defaults to the Company.

We seek to manage credit risk through our pre-acquisition due diligence process, and by factoring projected credit losses into the purchase price we pay for all of our credit sensitive assets. In general, we evaluate relative valuation, supply and demand trends, prepayment rates, delinquency and default rates, vintage of collateral and macro-economic factors as part of this process. Nevertheless, these procedures do not guarantee unanticipated credit losses which would materially affect our operating results.

With respect to the \$258.3 million of distressed residential loans the Company owned at September 30, 2013, the mortgage loans were purchased at a discount to par reflecting their distressed state or perceived higher risk of default, which may include higher loan to value ratios and, in certain instances, delinquent loan payments. Prior to the acquisition of distressed residential mortgage loans, the Company validates key information provided by the sellers that is necessary to determine the value of the distressed residential mortgage loans. We then seek to maximize the value of the mortgage loans that we acquire either through borrower assisted refinancing, outright loan sale or through foreclosure and resale of the underlying home. We evaluate credit quality on an ongoing basis by reviewing borrower's payment status and current financial and economic condition. Additionally, we look at the carrying value of any delinquent loan and compare to the current value of the underlying collateral.

As of September 30, 2013, we own \$212.8 million of first loss CMBS comprised of POs that are backed by commercial mortgage loans on multi-family properties at a weighted average amortized purchase price of approximately 27.9% of current par. Prior to the acquisition of each of our first loss CMBS POs, the Company completes an extensive review of the underlying loan collateral, including loan level cash flow re-underwriting, site inspections on selected properties, property specific cash flow and loss modeling, review of appraisals, property condition and environmental reports, and other credit risk analyses. We continue to monitor credit quality on an ongoing basis using updated property level financial reports provided by borrowers and periodic site inspection of selected properties. We also reconcile on a monthly basis the actual bond distributions received against projected distributions to assure proper allocation of cash flow generated by the underlying loan pool. As of September 30, 2013, we own approximately \$32.5 million of notes issued by a CLO at a discounted purchase price equal to 47.9% of par. The securities are backed by a portfolio of corporate loans. We also own approximately \$20.7 million of first mortgage loan and mezzanine financing at September 30, 2013, backed by residential and multi-family properties.

### ***Fair Value Risk***

Changes in interest rates also expose us to market value (fair value) fluctuation on our assets, liabilities and hedges. While the fair value of the majority of our assets that are measured on a recurring basis are determined using Level 2 fair values (excluding the impact of consolidations for accounting purposes related to our investments in multi-family CMBS issued by certain Freddie Mac-sponsored K- Series securitizations), we own certain assets, such as our CMBS, classified as Level 3 Assets, for which fair values may not be readily available if there are no active trading markets for the instruments. In such cases, fair values would only be derived or estimated for these investments using various valuation techniques, such as computing the present value of estimated future cash flows using discount rates commensurate with the risks involved. However, the determination of estimated future cash flows is inherently subjective and imprecise. Minor changes in assumptions or estimation methodologies can have a material effect on these derived or estimated fair values. Our fair value estimates and assumptions are indicative of the interest rate environment as of September 30, 2013, and do not take into consideration the effects of subsequent interest rate fluctuations.

We note that the market values of our investments in derivative instruments, primarily interest rate hedges on our debt, will be sensitive to changes in market interest rates, interest rate spreads and other market factors. The market value of these investments can vary and has varied materially from period to period.

The following describes the methods and assumptions we use in estimating fair values of our financial instruments:

Fair value estimates are made as of a specific point in time based on estimates using present value or other valuation techniques. These techniques involve uncertainties and are significantly affected by the assumptions used and the judgments made regarding risk characteristics of various financial instruments, discount rates, estimate of future cash flows, future expected loss experience and other factors.

Changes in assumptions could significantly affect these estimates and the resulting fair values. Derived fair value estimates cannot be substantiated by comparison to independent markets and, in many cases, could not be realized in an immediate sale of the instrument. Also, because of differences in methodologies and assumptions used to estimate fair values, the fair values used by us should not be compared to those of other companies.

The table below presents the sensitivity of the market value and net duration changes of our portfolio as of September 30, 2013, using a discounted cash flow simulation model assuming an instantaneous interest rate shift and assuming a static portfolio. Application of this method results in an estimation of the fair market value change of our assets, liabilities and hedging instruments per 100 basis point shift in interest rates.

The use of hedging instruments is a critical part of our interest rate risk management strategies, and the effects of these hedging instruments on the market value of the portfolio are reflected in the model's output. This analysis also takes into consideration the value of options embedded in our mortgage assets including constraints on the re-pricing of the interest rate of assets resulting from periodic and lifetime cap features, as well as prepayment options. Assets and liabilities that are not interest rate-sensitive such as cash, payment receivables, prepaid expenses, payables and accrued expenses are excluded.

Changes in assumptions including, but not limited to, volatility, mortgage and financing spreads, prepayment behavior, defaults, as well as the timing and level of interest rate changes will affect the results of the model. Therefore, actual results are likely to vary from modeled results.

#### Market Value Changes

|                   |                |            |
|-------------------|----------------|------------|
|                   | <b>Changes</b> |            |
| <b>Changes in</b> | <b>in</b>      | <b>Net</b> |

|                       |               |                 |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>Interest Rates</b> | <b>Market</b> | <b>Duration</b> |
|                       | <b>Value</b>  |                 |
|                       | (Amounts      |                 |
|                       | in            |                 |

|             |             |                   |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
|             | thousands)  |                   |
| +200        | \$ (69,877) | 2.58 years        |
| +100        | \$ (34,631) | 2.30 years        |
| <b>Base</b> | –           | <b>1.51 years</b> |
| -100        | \$ 17,277   | 0.04 years        |

It should be noted that the model is used as a tool to identify potential risk in a changing interest rate environment but does not include any changes in portfolio composition, financing strategies, market spreads, changes in business volume or changes in overall market liquidity.

#### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

*Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures* - We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures. An evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of September 30, 2013. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2013.

*Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.* There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2013 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

*We previously disclosed risk factors under "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2013 and June 30, 2013. In addition to those risk factors and the other information included elsewhere in this report, you should also carefully consider the risk factors discussed below. The risks described below and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2013 and June 30, 2013 are not the only risks facing our company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or results of operations.*

***Adoption of the Basel III standards and other proposed supplementary regulatory standards may negatively impact our access to financing or affect the terms of our future financing arrangements.***

In response to various financial crises and the volatility of financial markets, the BCBS adopted the Basel III accord in 2010. The final package of reforms pursuant to Basel III was approved by the G20 leaders in November 2010. In January 2013, the BCBS agreed to delay implementation of the Basel III standards and expanded the scope of assets permitted to be included in a bank's liquidity measurement.

U.S. regulators have elected to implement substantially all of the Basel III standards. The largest lending institutions subject these standards will have until the beginning of 2018 to fully comply with the Basel III standards, which could cause an increase in capital requirements for, and could place constraints on, the financial institutions from which we borrow.

Shortly after approving the Basel III standards, U.S. regulators also issued a notice of proposed rule-making calling for enhanced supplementary leverage ratio standards, which would impose capital requirements more stringent than those of the Basel III standards for the most systematically significant banking organizations in the U.S. The enhanced standards are currently subject to public comment, and there can be no assurance that they will be adopted or, if adopted, that they will resemble the current proposal. Adoption and implementation of the Basel III standards and the supplemental regulatory standards proposed by U.S. regulators may negatively impact our access to financing or affect the terms of our future financing arrangements.

*Clearing facilities or exchanges upon which some of our hedging instruments are traded may increase margin requirements on our hedging instruments in the event of adverse economic developments.*

In response to events having or expected to have adverse economic consequences or which create market uncertainty, clearing facilities or exchanges upon which some of our hedging instruments, such as interest rate caps and swaps, are traded may require us to post additional collateral against our hedging instruments. In response to the U.S. approaching its debt ceiling without resolution and the government shutdown, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange announced on October 15, 2013 that it would increase margin requirements by 12% for all over-the-counter interest rate swap portfolios that its clearinghouse guaranteed. This increase was subsequently rolled back on October 17, 2013 upon the news that Congress passed legislation to temporarily suspend the debt ceiling and reopen the government, which allowed time for broader negotiations concerning budgetary issues. In the event that future adverse economic developments or market uncertainty result in increased margin requirements for our hedging instruments, it could materially adversely affect our liquidity position, business, financial condition and results of operations.

## **Item 6. Exhibits**

The information set forth under “Exhibit Index” below is incorporated herein by reference.

## 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.

### NEW YORK MORTGAGE TRUST, INC.

Date: November 8, 2013 By: /s/ Steven R. Mumma  
Steven R. Mumma  
Chief Executive Officer and President  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: November 8, 2013 By: /s/ Fredric S. Starker  
Fredric S. Starker  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

## EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3.1(a)  | Articles of Amendment and Restatement of New York Mortgage Trust, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-11 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (Registration No. 333-111668), effective (June 23, 2004).                                                                  |
| 3.1(b)  | Articles of Amendment of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1(f) to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 15, 2009 (File No. 00132216)).                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 3.1(c)  | Certificate of Notice, dated May 4, 2012 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1(g) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on May 4, 2012 (File No. 00132216)).                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 3.2     | Bylaws of New York Mortgage Trust, Inc., as amended (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 4, 2011).                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 3.3     | Articles Supplementary designating the Company's 7.75% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (the "Series B Preferred Stock"). (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on May 31, 2013).                                                                                         |
| 4.1     | Form of Common Stock Certificate. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-11 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (Registration No. 333-111668), effective June 23, 2004).                                                                                                        |
| 4.2(a)  | Junior Subordinated Indenture between The New York Mortgage Company, LLC and JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as trustee, dated September 1, 2005. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 6, 2005).                        |
| 4.2(b)  | Parent Guarantee Agreement between New York Mortgage Trust, Inc. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as guarantee trustee, dated September 1, 2005. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 6, 2005 (File No 001-32216)). |
| 4.3(a)  | Junior Subordinated Indenture between The New York Mortgage Company, LLC and JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as trustee, dated March 15, 2005 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3(a) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on August 9, 2012 (File No. 001-32216)).                                                   |
| 4.3(b)  | Parent Guarantee Agreement between New York Mortgage Trust, Inc. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as guarantee trustee, dated March 15, 2005. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3(b) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on August 9, 2012 (File No. 001-32216)).                                                |
| 4.4     | Form of Certificate representing the Series B Preferred Stock. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on May 31, 2013).                                                                                                                                                                  |

*Certain instruments defining the rights of holders of long-term debt securities of the Registrant and its subsidiaries are omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(4)(iii) of Regulation S-K. The Registrant hereby undertakes to furnish to the SEC, upon request, copies of any such instruments.*

12.1 Statement re: Computation of Ratios.

31.1 Section 302 Certification of Chief Executive Officer.

31.2 Section 302 Certification of Chief Financial Officer.

32.1 Section 906 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.\*

101.INS XBRL Instance Document \*\*

101.SCH Taxonomy Extension Schema Document \*\*

101.CAL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document \*\*

101.DEF Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document \*\*

101.LAB Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document \*\*

101.PRE Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document \*\*

\*Furnished herewith. Such certification shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Submitted electronically herewith. Attached as Exhibit 101 to this report are the following documents formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012; (ii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012; (iii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012; (iv) Condensed Consolidated Statement of Stockholders’ Equity for the nine months ended September 30, 2013; (v) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012; and (vi) Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.