

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

Current Report

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 4, 2011

Two Harbors Investment Corp.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-34506
(Commission
File Number)

27-0312904
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

601 Carlson Parkway, Suite 330
Minnetonka, MN 55305
(Address of principal executive offices)
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(612) 238-3300**

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On May 4, 2011, Two Harbors Investment Corp. (“Two Harbors”) issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2011. A copy of the press release and the 2011 First Quarter Earnings Call Presentation, are attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Current Report, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 attached hereto, is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for any other purpose, including for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in Item 2.02 of this Current Report, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filings (unless the registrant specifically states that the information or exhibit in this particular Current Report is incorporated by reference).

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release, dated May 4, 2011, issued by Two Harbors Investment Corp. announcing First Quarter 2011 results.
99.2	2011 First Quarter Earnings Call Presentation

SIGNATURES

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

TWO HARBORS INVESTMENT CORP.

By: /s/ TIMOTHY W. O'BRIEN

Timothy O'Brien

Secretary and General Counsel

Date: May 4, 2011



Two Harbors Investment Corp. Reports First Quarter 2011 Financial Results

NEW YORK, May 4, 2011 - [Two Harbors Investment Corp.](#) (NYSE: TWO; NYSE Amex: TWO.WS), a real estate investment trust that invests in residential mortgage-backed securities, today announced its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2011.

First Quarter 2011 Highlights:

- Achieved total Comprehensive Income of \$31.5 million, or \$0.69 per diluted weighted share, reflecting Agency and non-Agency portfolio appreciation.
- Increased Book Value 4.9% on a sequential quarter basis to \$9.90 per diluted share.
- Declared a dividend of \$0.40 per common share, or 15.3% dividend yield, based upon March 31, 2011 closing price of \$10.47.
- Reported Adjusted GAAP Earnings of \$0.39 per share, representing a 15.9% return on average equity on an annualized basis.
- Transferred listing of common stock to the New York Stock Exchange.
- Successfully completed an accretive secondary stock offering of 28.8 million shares for net proceeds of approximately \$287.8 million.

"We are delighted by another stellar quarter of portfolio performance which can best be measured by the total return metric of comprehensive income," said Thomas Siering, Two Harbors' President and Chief Executive Officer.

Operating Performance

The following table summarizes the company's GAAP and non-GAAP earnings measurements and key metrics for the first quarter of 2011:

Two Harbors Operating Performance					
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)					
Q1-2011					
Earnings	Earnings		Per diluted weighted share	Return on average equity	
Core Earnings ¹	\$	14,767	\$	0.32	13.1%
GAAP Net Income	\$	22,377	\$	0.49	19.9%
Adjusted GAAP Earnings ²	\$	17,875	\$	0.39	15.9%
Comprehensive Income	\$	31,492	\$	0.69	27.9%
Operating Metrics					
Q1-2011					
Dividend per common share	\$	0.40			
Book value per diluted share at period end	\$	9.90			
Operating expenses as a percentage of average equity	1.3%				

(1) Core Earnings is a non-GAAP measure that the company defines as GAAP net income, excluding impairment losses, gains or losses on sales of securities and termination of interest rate swaps, unrealized gains or losses on trading securities, interest rate swaps and swaptions, certain gains or losses on derivative instruments and non-recurring business combination expenses. As defined, Core Earnings includes interest income associated with the company's inverse interest-only securities ("Agency derivatives") and premium income on credit default swaps.

(2) Adjusted GAAP Earnings is a non-GAAP measure that the company defines as GAAP net income, excluding the unrealized fair value gains and losses associated with the company's interest rate swaps and swaptions utilized to economically hedge interest rate risk associated with the company's short-term LIBOR-based repurchase agreements and available-for-sale securities.

Earnings Summary

Two Harbors reported Core Earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2011 of \$14.8 million, or \$0.32 per diluted weighted average common share outstanding, as compared to Core Earnings for the quarter ended December 31, 2010 of \$9.9 million, or \$0.36 per diluted weighted average common share outstanding.

During the quarter, the company sold residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) and U.S. Treasuries for \$270.9 million with an amortized cost of \$269.8 million for a net realized gain of \$1.3 million, net of tax, and recognized unrealized gains on our U.S. Treasury trading securities of \$0.3 million, net of tax. During the quarter, the company terminated interest rate swap and swaption positions and realized a gain of \$0.8 million, net of tax. In addition, the company recognized in earnings an unrealized gain, net of tax, of \$4.5 million associated with its interest rate swaps and swaptions economically hedging its repurchase agreements and an unrealized loss, net of tax, of \$0.5 million associated with its interest rate swap economically hedging its trading securities, as well as net gains on other derivative instruments of approximately \$1.2 million, net of tax.

The company reported GAAP Net Income of \$22.4 million, or \$0.49 per diluted weighted average share outstanding, for the quarter ended March 31, 2011, as compared to \$16.5 million, or \$0.60 per diluted weighted average share outstanding, for the quarter ended December 31, 2010. On a GAAP basis, the company provided an annualized return on average equity of 19.9% and 25.1% for the quarters ended March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively.

Two Harbors reported Adjusted GAAP Earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2011 of \$17.9 million, or \$0.39 per diluted weighted average common share outstanding, as compared to Adjusted GAAP Earnings for the quarter

ended December 31, 2010 of \$11.2 million, or \$0.41 per diluted weighted average common share outstanding. On an Adjusted GAAP Earnings basis, the company recognized an annualized return on average equity of 15.9% and 17.1% for the comparative periods.

The company reported Comprehensive Income of \$31.5 million, or \$0.69 per diluted weighted average share outstanding, for the quarter ended March 31, 2011, as compared to Comprehensive Income of \$23.0 million, or \$0.84 per diluted weighted average share outstanding, for the quarter ended December 31, 2010. On a Comprehensive Income basis, the company recognized an annualized return on average equity of 27.9% and 35.2% for the quarters ended March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively.

Other Key Operating Metrics

Two Harbors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.40 per common share for the quarter ended March 31, 2011. The annualized dividend yield on the company's common stock for the quarter ended March 31, 2011, based on the March 31, 2011 closing price of \$10.47, was 15.3%.

The company's book value per diluted share, after giving effect to the first quarter 2011 dividend of \$0.40, was \$9.90 as of March 31, 2011, compared to \$9.44 as of December 31, 2010.

Operating expenses for the first quarter of 2011 were approximately \$1.5 million, or 1.3% of average equity, compared to approximately \$1.2 million, or 1.9%, for the fourth quarter of 2010.

Portfolio Summary

For the quarter ended March 31, 2011, the annualized yield on average RMBS and Agency derivatives was 5.2% and the annualized cost of funds on the average borrowings, which includes net interest rate spread expense on interest rate swaps, was 1.4%. This resulted in a net interest rate spread of 3.8%. The company reported debt-to-equity, defined as total borrowings to fund RMBS and Agency derivatives divided by total equity, of 3.4:1.0 and 2.5:1.0 at March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. In both periods, debt-to-equity ratios were lower than targeted ratios owing to unsettled trade positions, included in the financial statement line item due to counterparties on the condensed consolidated balance sheets, as capital continued to be deployed from the December 2010 and March 2011 offerings. If the open trade positions had settled as of March 31, 2011, the debt-to-equity ratio, as defined, would have increased from 3.4:1.0 to approximately 3.9:1.0.

The company's portfolio is principally comprised of RMBS available-for-sale securities and Agency derivatives. As of March 31, 2011, the total value of the portfolio was \$3.0 billion, which was comprised of \$2.4 billion of Agency RMBS, \$83.0 million of Agency derivatives, and \$525.0 million of non-Agency RMBS. As of March 31, 2011, fixed-rate securities comprised 74.3% of the company's portfolio and adjustable-rate securities comprised 25.7% of the company's portfolio. In addition, the company held \$299.3 million of U.S. Treasuries classified on our balance sheet as trading securities.

Two Harbors was a party to interest rate swaps and swaptions as of March 31, 2011 with an aggregate notional amount of \$2.7 billion, of which \$2.4 billion was utilized to economically hedge interest rate risk associated with the company's short-term LIBOR-based repurchase agreements.

The following table summarizes the company's portfolio:

Two Harbors Portfolio		
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)		
RMBS and Agency Derivatives Portfolio Composition		As of March 31, 2011
Agency Bonds		
Fixed Rate Bonds	\$	2,093,520 70.6%
Hybrid ARMs		264,468 8.9%
Total Agency		2,357,988 79.5%
Agency Derivatives		
		82,954 2.8%
Non-Agency Bonds		
Senior Bonds		426,495 14.4%
Mezzanine Bonds		98,509 3.3%
Total Non-Agency		525,004 17.7%
Aggregate Portfolio	\$	<u>2,965,946</u>
Fixed-rate investment securities as a percentage of aggregate portfolio		74.3%
Adjustable-rate investment securities as a percentage of aggregate portfolio		25.7%
Portfolio Metrics		For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2011
Annualized yield on average RMBS and Agency derivatives during the quarter		
Agency		3.9%
Non-Agency		9.7%
Aggregate Portfolio		5.2%
Annualized cost of funds on average repurchase balance during the quarter ¹		1.4%
Annualized interest rate spread for aggregate portfolio during the quarter		3.8%
Weighted average cost basis of principal and interest securities		
Agency	\$	102.93
Non-Agency	\$	61.91
Weighted average three month CPR for our RMBS portfolio		
Agency		6.3%
Non-Agency		3.4%
Debt-to-equity ratio at period-end ²		3.4 to 1.0

(1) Cost of funds includes interest spread expense associated with the portfolio's interest rate swaps.

(2) Defined as total borrowings to fund RMBS and Agency derivatives divided by total equity.

RMBS Agency securities owned by the company at March 31, 2011 experienced a three-month average Constant Prepayment Rate (CPR) of 6.3% during the first quarter of 2011, as compared to 8.0% during the fourth quarter of 2010. Including our Agency inverse interest-only derivatives, the company experienced a three-month average CPR of 6.6% during the first quarter of 2011, as compared to 8.2% during the fourth quarter of 2010. The weighted average cost basis of the Agency portfolio was 102.9% of par as of March 31, 2011 and 104.8% of par as of December 31, 2010. The net premium amortization was \$7.8 million and \$4.7 million for the quarters ended March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively.

Non-Agency securities owned by the company at March 31, 2011 experienced a three-month average CPR of 3.4% during the first quarter of 2011 as compared to 4.0% during the fourth quarter of 2010. The weighted average cost basis of the non-Agency portfolio was 61.9% of par as of March 31, 2011 and 60.3% of par as of December 31, 2010. The discount accretion was \$5.4 million and \$4.2 million for the quarters ended March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. The total net discount remaining was \$391.6 million and \$275.8 million as of March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively.

"Two Harbors' Agency and non-Agency portfolios again contributed to the growth in book value," said Bill Roth, Two Harbors' Co-Chief Investment Officer. "Our investment strategy, specifically our security selection process and hedging strategy, continues to deliver strong results."

Conference Call

Two Harbors Investment Corp. will host a conference call on May 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. EDT to discuss first quarter 2011 financial results and related information. To participate in the teleconference, please call toll-free 877-868-1835 (or 914-495-8581 for international callers) approximately 10 minutes prior to the above start time. You may also listen to the teleconference live via the Internet on the company's website at www.twoharborsinvestment.com in the Investor Relations section under the Events and Presentations link. For those unable to attend, a telephone playback will be available beginning at 1 p.m. EDT on May 5, 2011 through 9 p.m. EDT on May 12, 2011. The playback can be accessed by calling 800-642-1687 (or 706-645-9291 for international callers) and providing Confirmation Code 62231053. The call will also be archived on the company's website in the Investor Relations section under the Events and Presentations link.

About Two Harbors Investment Corp.

Two Harbors Investment Corp., a Maryland corporation, is a real estate investment trust that invests in residential mortgage-backed securities. Two Harbors is headquartered in Minnetonka, Minnesota, and is externally managed and advised by PRCM Advisers, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pine River Capital Management L.P. Additional information is available at www.twoharborsinvestment.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

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Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance upon any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. Two Harbors does not undertake or accept any obligation to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement to reflect any change in its expectations or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based. Additional information concerning these and other risk factors

is contained in Two Harbors' most recent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). All subsequent written and oral forward looking statements concerning Two Harbors or matters attributable to Two Harbors or any person acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements above.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to disclosing financial results calculated in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), this press release and the accompanying investor presentation present non-GAAP financial measures that exclude certain items. Two Harbors' management believes that these non-GAAP measures enable it to perform meaningful comparisons of past, present and future results of the company's core business operations, and uses these measures to gain a comparative understanding of the company's operating performance and business trends. The non-GAAP financial measures presented by the company represent supplemental information to assist investors in analyzing the results of Two Harbors' operations; however, as these measures are not in accordance with GAAP, they should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, the financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP. Our GAAP financial results and the reconciliations from these results should be carefully evaluated. See the GAAP to Non-GAAP reconciliation table on page 9 of this release.

Additional Information

Stockholders and warrant holders of Two Harbors, and other interested persons, may find additional information regarding the company at the SEC's Internet site at www.sec.gov or by directing requests to: Two Harbors Investment Corp., 601 Carlson Parkway, Suite 330, Minnetonka, MN 55305, telephone 612-238-3300.

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TWO HARBORS INVESTMENT CORP.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	March 31, 2011	December 31, 2010
	(unaudited)	
ASSETS		
Available-for-sale securities, at fair value	\$ 2,882,992	\$ 1,354,405
Trading securities, at fair value	299,262	199,523
Cash and cash equivalents	302,263	163,900
Total earning assets	3,484,517	1,717,828
Restricted cash	38,991	22,548
Accrued interest receivable	11,010	5,383
Due from counterparties	21,459	12,304
Derivative assets, at fair value	106,153	38,109
Other assets	574	1,260
Total Assets	\$ 3,662,704	\$ 1,797,432
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Repurchase agreements	\$ 2,616,031	\$ 1,169,803
Accrued interest payable	1,305	785
Due to counterparties	338,148	231,724
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	2,997	2,063
Dividends payable	16,200	10,450
Other liabilities	2,455	159
Total Liabilities	2,977,136	1,414,984
Stockholders' Equity		
Preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share; 50,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding	—	—
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share; 450,000,000 shares authorized and 69,251,757 and 40,501,212 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	693	405
Additional paid-in capital	654,514	366,974
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	31,734	22,619
Cumulative (losses) earnings	52,397	30,020
Cumulative distributions to stockholders	(53,770)	(37,570)
Total stockholders' equity	685,568	382,448
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 3,662,704	\$ 1,797,432

TWO HARBORS INVESTMENT CORP.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(UNAUDITED)
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2011	2010
Interest income:		
Available-for-sale securities	\$ 19,535	\$ 6,153
Trading securities	272	—
Cash and cash equivalents	63	6
Total interest income	19,870	6,159
Interest expense	2,499	518
Net interest income	17,371	5,641
Other income:		
Gain on investment securities, net	1,539	1,197
Gain (loss) on interest rate swap agreements	1,939	(1,547)
Gain on other derivative instruments	5,347	946
Total other income	8,825	596
Expenses:		
Management fees	1,550	457
Operating expenses	1,512	987
Total expenses	3,062	1,444
Net income before income taxes	23,134	4,793
Benefit from (provision for) income taxes	(757)	534
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 22,377	\$ 5,327
Net income available per share to common stockholders:		
Basic and Diluted	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.40
Weighted average shares outstanding:		
Basic and Diluted	45,612,376	13,401,368
Comprehensive income:		
Net income	\$ 22,377	\$ 5,327
Other comprehensive income		
Net unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities	9,115	3,500
Other comprehensive income	9,115	3,500
Comprehensive income	\$ 31,492	\$ 8,827

TWO HARBORS INVESTMENT CORP.
RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL INFORMATION
(UNAUDITED)
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2011	2010
Reconciliation of net income attributable to common stockholders to Core Earnings:		
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 22,377	\$ 5,327
Adjustments for non-core earnings:		
Gain on sale of securities, net of tax	(1,308)	(1,197)
Unrealized gain on trading securities, net of tax	(265)	—
Unrealized (gain) loss, net of tax, on interest rate swap and swaptions economically hedging repurchase agreements and available-for-sale securities	(4,502)	745
Unrealized (gain) loss, net of tax, on interest rate swap economically hedging trading securities	460	—
Realized gain on termination of swaps, net of tax	(827)	—
Gain on other derivative instruments, net of tax	(1,168)	(1,275)
Core Earnings	<u>\$ 14,767</u>	<u>\$ 3,600</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic and diluted	45,612,376	13,401,368
Core Earnings per weighted average share outstanding - basic and diluted	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.27

	Three Months Ended	
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Reconciliation of net income attributable to common stockholders to Adjusted GAAP Earnings:		
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 22,377	\$ 5,327
Adjustments to GAAP Net Income:		
Unrealized (gain) loss, net of tax, on interest rate swap and swaptions economically hedging repurchase agreements and available-for-sale securities	(4,502)	745
Adjusted GAAP Earnings	<u>\$ 17,875</u>	<u>\$ 6,072</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic and diluted	45,612,376	13,401,368
Adjusted GAAP Earnings per weighted avg. share outstanding - basic and diluted	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.45



Two Harbors
Investment Corp.

May 5, 2011

2011 First Quarter
Earnings Call

Safe Harbor Statement

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- Increased Book Value 4.9% on a sequential quarter basis to \$9.90 per diluted share.
- Declared dividend of \$0.40 per share for the first quarter of 2011, representing 15.3% yield on annualized basis¹.
- Reported Adjusted GAAP Earnings² of \$0.39 per share, representing a 15.9% return on average equity on an annualized basis.
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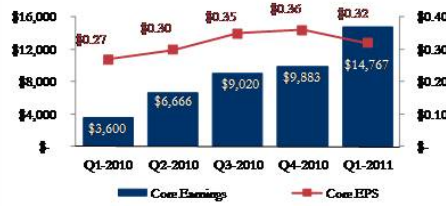
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Financial Summary

Financial Highlights

- Core Earnings¹ increased \$4.9 million on a sequential basis to \$14.8 million or \$0.32 per weighted average share. Increase primarily attributed to a higher average investment base of approximately \$1.7 billion.
- Achieved Adjusted GAAP Earnings² of \$17.9 million, or \$0.39 per share. Market opportunities to re-align portfolio attributes provided for the contribution of realized gains to earnings.
- Book Value increased 4.9%, reflecting strong performance of both non-Agency and Agency portfolios.

Core Earnings¹



Adjusted GAAP Earnings²

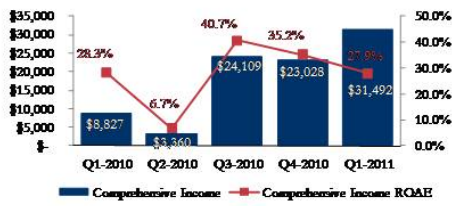


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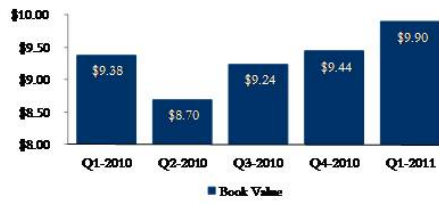
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Operating Performance

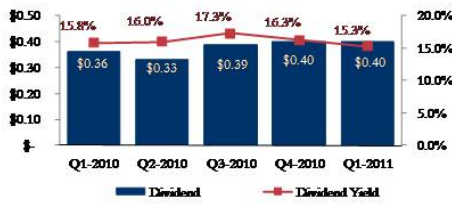
Comprehensive Income



Book Value



Dividends¹



Expense Ratio



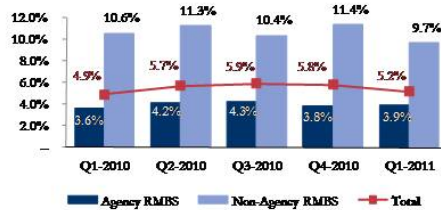
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Portfolio Summary

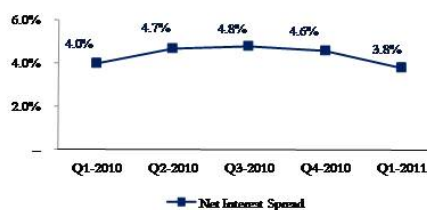
Portfolio Highlights

- Portfolio yields in line with expectations.
- Market opportunities led to higher capital allocation to Agency strategy.
- Yield, net interest margin and leverage will vary over time as asset mix changes.

Annualized Yields by Portfolio¹

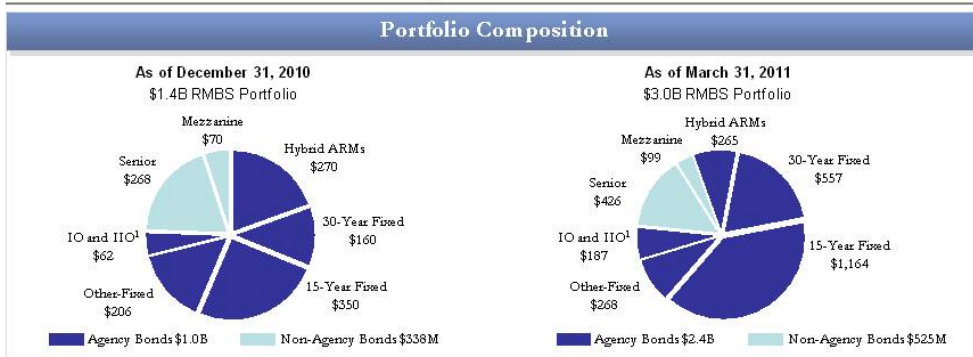


Net Interest Spread²



(1) Respective yields include interest-only securities ("IOs") accounted for as derivatives.
 (2) Net interest spread includes IOs accounted for as derivatives, cost of financing RMBS and swap interest rate spread

RMBS Portfolio Composition



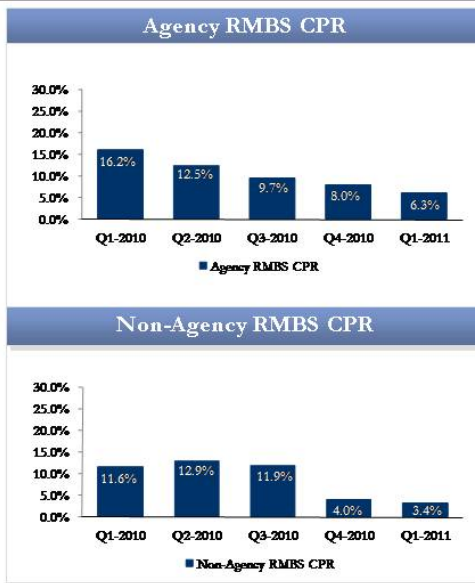
Agency: Vintage & Prepayment Protection	Q4-2010	Q1-2011
Lower loan balances ¹	41%	32%
2006 and subsequent vintages - Discount	0%	26%
Seasoned (2005 and prior vintages)	30%	14%
Prepayment protected	21%	11%
High LTV ²	0%	9%
2006 and subsequent vintages - Premium and IO	8%	8%

Non-Agency: Loan Type	Q4-2010	Q1-2011
Sub-Prime	39%	48%
Option-ARM	38%	33%
Alt-A	19%	16%
Prime	4%	3%

⁽¹⁾ Interest-only securities ("IOs") and IIOs accounted for a derivatives of \$31 million as of December 31, 2010 and \$83 million as of March 31, 2011.
⁽²⁾ Securities collateralized by loans of less than or equal to \$175K.
⁽³⁾ Securities collateralized by loans with greater than or equal to 80% loan-to-value.

Portfolio Metrics

Portfolio Yields and Metrics				
Portfolio Yield	Realized Q4-2010	At Dec. 31, 2010	Realized Q1-2011	At Mar. 31, 2011
Annualized yield ⁽¹⁾	5.8%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%
Agency	3.8%	-	3.9%	-
Non-Agency	11.4%	-	9.7%	-
Cost of financing ⁽²⁾	1.2%	1.2%	1.4%	1.4%
Net interest spread	4.6%	4.0%	3.8%	3.8%
Portfolio Metrics				
Agency	Weighted average 3-month CPR	8.0%	6.3%	
	Weighted average cost basis	\$104.8	\$102.9	
Non-Agency	Weighted average 3-month CPR	4.0%	3.4%	
	Weighted average cost basis	\$60.3	\$61.9	
Change in equity value for +/- 100bps change in interest rates ⁽³⁾		2.1%	2.1%	
Debt-to-Equity ⁽⁴⁾		2.5x	3.4x	



(1) Annualized yield includes impact of IOs accounted for as derivatives. Interest income on IOs was \$1.4 million and \$2.9 million for the fourth quarter of 2010 and first quarter of 2011, contributing an additional 0.4% and 0.3% in interest yield, respectively.

(2) Cost of financing RMBS includes interest spread expense associated with the portfolio's interest rate swaps of \$1.0 million for the fourth quarter of 2010 and \$2.0 million for the first quarter of 2011. Interest spread expense increased cost of financing RMBS by 0.5% for the fourth quarter of 2010 and 0.8% for the first quarter of 2011.

(3) Represents range of the percentage change in equity value for +/- 100bps change in interest rates. Change in equity value is portfolio value change adjusted for leverage.

(4) Debt-to-equity is defined as total borrowings, to fund RMBS securities and Agency derivatives divided by total equity. If the open trade positions had settled as of March 31, 2011, the debt-to-equity ratio, as defined, would have increased from 3.4:1.0 to approximately 3.9:1.0.

Hedging Strategy

Hedging Overview

- Hedging positions at March 31, 2011
 - \$2.4 billion notional hedging Agency strategy¹
 - Over 90% hedged maintains low duration exposure²
 - 28% of notional in interest rate swaptions is optional protection
 - Average pay rate on swaps is only 1.412%
- Swaps/swaptions complement IO strategy.

Interest Rate Swaps¹

March 31, 2011

Swaps Maturities	Notional Amounts (\$K)	Average Fixed Pay Rate	Average Receive Rate	Average Maturity (Years)
2012	25,000	0.868%	0.301%	1.73
2013	725,000	1.023%	0.307%	2.02
2014	475,000	1.486%	0.305%	3.21
2015	395,000	1.880%	0.283%	4.21
2016	90,000	2.260%	0.306%	4.91
Total	1,710,000	1.412%	0.301%	3.00

Interest Rate Swaptions

March 31, 2011

Swaption	Cost (\$K)	Notional Amount (\$K)	Average Fixed Pay Rate	Average Receive Rate	Average Term (Years)
Payer	\$11,505	650,000	3.25%	3M Libor	4.692

(1) Notional amounts do not include \$300 million of notional interest rate swap economically hedging our trading securities.
 (2) Expected notional of swaps and swaptions will total over 90% of our anticipated borrowings, after accounting for future settlements of Agency bond purchases from the fully deployed capital.



Financing

Financing		
Repurchase Agreements: RMBS and Agency Derivatives	March 31, 2011	
	Amount (\$M)	Percent (%)
Within 30 days	\$593	25%
30 to 59 days	323	14%
60 to 89 days	431	19%
90 to 119 days	560	24%
Over 120 days	410	18%
Total	\$2,317	

Financing Highlights:

- Maturities over 90 days represented 42% of total RMBS borrowings.
- Added four new financing counterparties, for a total of 19.
- Increased interest rate swap – Treasury position to \$300 million to hedge funding costs.



Deployment of Proceeds

- Completed deployment of March 2011 capital raise.
- Excellent opportunities in Agency and non-Agency markets with compelling stories in the Agency sector.
- Highlights of anticipated aggregate portfolio:
 - Deployment capital allocation: Approximately 85% Agency and 15% non-Agency
 - Ending capital allocation: Approximately 65% Agency and 35% non-Agency
 - 15-year Agency “Lower Loan Balance” and discount pools presented attractive risk-adjusted returns
 - Targeted leverage to be in the high-4x due to higher Agency strategy allocation
 - Continue to maintain low interest rate exposure



Appendix



Operating Performance

Operating Performance (in millions, except for per share amounts)	Core Earnings	Realized Gains	Unrealized MTM	Q4-2010 Financials	Core Earnings	Realized Gains	Unrealized MTM	Q1-2011 Financials
Interest income	\$ 12.9	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12.9	\$ 19.9	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19.9
Interest expense	1.6	-	-	1.6	2.5	-	-	2.5
Net interest income	11.3	-	-	11.3	17.4	-	-	17.4
Gain on sale of investment securities, net	-	2.0	(0.5)	1.5	-	1.1	0.4	1.5
Gain (loss) on interest rate swap agreements ⁽¹⁾	(1.1)	(2.0)	6.8	3.7	(0.2)	1.3	3.8	1.9
Gain on other derivative instruments	1.8	1.4	(0.2)	3.0	3.8	(0.4)	2.0	5.4
Total other income	0.7	1.4	6.1	8.2	0.6	2.0	6.2	8.8
Management fees	0.9	-	-	0.9	1.6	-	-	1.6
Operating expenses	1.2	-	-	1.2	1.5	-	-	1.5
Total expense	2.1	-	-	2.1	3.1	-	-	3.1
Net income (loss) before income taxes	9.9	1.4	6.1	17.4	14.9	2.0	6.2	23.1
Benefit from income taxes	-	(0.1)	(0.8)	(0.9)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.5)	(0.7)
Net income (loss)	\$ 9.9	\$ 1.3	\$ 5.3	\$ 16.5	\$ 14.8	\$ 1.9	\$ 5.7	\$ 22.4
Basic and diluted weighted average EPS	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.49
Supplemental data								
Unrealized gains / (losses) on interest rate swaps and swaptions				\$ 6.3				\$ 4.5
Deferred tax benefit				(1.0)				-
Total				\$ 5.3				\$ 4.5

(1) First Quarter 2011 loss on interest rate swap agreements of \$3.2 million includes \$0.3 million in interest costs for swaps associated with U.S. Treasuries.



Change in Stockholders' Equity

Change in Stockholders' Equity (In millions, except for per share amounts)	Q4-2010 Book		Q1-2011 Book	
	Book Value	Value per Share (diluted basis) ⁽¹⁾	Book Value	Value per Share (diluted basis) ⁽¹⁾
Beginning stockholders' equity	\$ 241.4	\$ 9.24	\$ 382.4	\$ 9.44
Net proceeds from common stock issuance	128.4	(0.11)	287.8	0.24
GAAP Net Income:				
Core Earnings, net of tax	9.9	0.24	14.8	0.21
Realized gains and losses, net of tax	1.3	0.05	1.9	0.05
Unrealized mark-to-market gains and losses, net of tax	5.3	0.13	5.7	0.08
Other Comprehensive Income, net of tax	6.6	0.17	9.1	0.13
Dividend declaration	(10.5)	(0.26)	(16.2)	(0.23)
Other	-	-	0.1	-
Ending stockholders' equity	\$ 382.4	\$ 9.44	\$ 655.6	\$ 9.90

(1) Diluted shares outstanding at end of period are used as the denominator for the change in book value per share calculation.

