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WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 10-Q  
 QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2010

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  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

47-0934168  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

52 Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 403, New York, New York 10017  
(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 \$.01 per share, outstanding on May 3, 2010 was 9,419,094.

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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)

NEW YORK MORTGAGE TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
 (amounts in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

|   | March 31,<br>2010<br>(unaudited) | December 31,<br>2009 |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                                  |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 22,753                        | \$ 24,522            |
| Restricted cash   | 3,049                            | 3,049                |
| Investment securities - available for sale, at fair value (including pledged securities of \$80,358 and \$91,071, respectively) | 167,446                          | 176,691              |
| Accounts and accrued interest receivable  | 1,690                            | 2,048                |
| Mortgage loans held in securitization trusts (net)  | 259,073                          | 276,176              |
| Receivable for securities sold  | 2,936                            | —                    |
| Derivative assets   | —                                | 4                    |
| Prepaid and other assets  | 2,705                            | 2,107                |
| Assets related to discontinued operation  | 4,216                            | 4,217                |
| <b>Total Assets</b>   | <b>\$ 463,868</b>                | <b>\$ 488,814</b>    |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>   |                                  |                      |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>   |                                  |                      |
| Financing arrangements, portfolio investments   | \$ 75,799                        | \$ 85,106            |
| Collateralized debt obligations   | 249,816                          | 266,754              |
| Derivative liabilities  | 2,317                            | 2,511                |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses   | 4,789                            | 4,935                |
| Subordinated debentures (net)   | 44,953                           | 44,892               |
| Convertible preferred debentures (net)  | 19,888                           | 19,851               |
| Liabilities related to discontinued operation   | 1,440                            | 1,778                |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>  | <b>399,002</b>                   | <b>425,827</b>       |
| <b>Commitments and Contingencies</b>  |                                  |                      |
| <b>Stockholders' Equity:</b>  |                                  |                      |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 400,000,000 authorized, 9,419,094 and 9,415,094, shares issued and outstanding, respectively    | 94                               | 94                   |
| Additional paid-in capital  | 140,116                          | 142,519              |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)   | 13,432                           | 11,818               |
| Accumulated deficit   | (88,776)                         | (91,444)             |
| <b>Total stockholders' equity</b>   | <b>64,866</b>                    | <b>62,987</b>        |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>   | <b>\$ 463,868</b>                | <b>\$ 488,814</b>    |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NEW YORK MORTGAGE TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
(amounts in thousands, except per share amounts)  
(unaudited)

|   | For the Three Months<br>Ended March 31, |                 |
|---|---|-----------------|
|   | 2010                                    | 2009            |
| <b>REVENUE:</b>   |   |                 |
| Interest income-investment securities and loans held in securitization trusts             | \$ 6,221                                | \$ 8,585        |
| Interest expense-investment securities and loans held in securitization trusts            | (1,392)                                 | (3,130)         |
| Net interest income from investment securities and<br>loans held in securitization trusts | 4,829                                   | 5,455           |
| Interest expense – subordinated debentures  | (759)                                   | (824)           |
| Interest expense – convertible preferred debentures                                       | (662)                                   | (537)           |
| Net interest income   | 3,408                                   | 4,094           |
| <b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):</b>  |   |                 |
| Provision for loan losses   | (2)                                     | (629)           |
| Impairment loss on investment securities  | —                                       | (119)           |
| Realized gain on investment securities  | 807                                     | 123             |
| Total other income (expense)  | 805                                     | (625)           |
| <b>EXPENSE:</b>   |   |                 |
| Salaries and benefits   | 533                                     | 541             |
| Professional fees   | 282                                     | 341             |
| Management fees   | 464                                     | 182             |
| General, administrative and other   | 577                                     | 506             |
| Total expenses  | 1,856                                   | 1,570           |
| <b>INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>  | <b>2,357</b>                            | <b>1,899</b>    |
| Income from discontinued operation - net of tax   | 311                                     | 155             |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>   | <b>\$ 2,668</b>                         | <b>\$ 2,054</b> |
| Basic income per common share   | \$ 0.28                                 | \$ 0.22         |
| Diluted income per common share   | \$ 0.28                                 | \$ 0.22         |
| Dividends declared per common share   | \$ 0.25                                 | \$ 0.18         |
| Weighted average shares outstanding-basic   | 9,418                                   | 9,320           |
| Weighted average shares outstanding-diluted   | 11,918                                  | 11,820          |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NEW YORK MORTGAGE TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY  
For the three months ended March 31, 2010  
(dollar amounts in thousands)  
(unaudited)

|  | Common<br>Stock | Additional<br>Paid-In<br>Capital | Accumulated<br>Deficit | Accumulated<br>Other<br>Comprehensive<br>Income/(Loss) | Comprehensive<br>Income | Total     |
|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------|
| Balance, December 31, 2009   | \$ 94           | \$ 142,519                       | \$ (91,444)            | \$ 11,818  |                         | \$ 62,987 |
| Net income   | —               | —                                | 2,668                  | —  | \$ 2,668                | 2,668     |
| Restricted Stock issuance  |                 | (48)                             |                        |  |                         | (48)      |
| Dividends declared   | —               | (2,355)                          | —                      | —  | —                       | (2,355)   |
| Reclassification adjustment<br>for net gain included in net<br>income                  | —               | —                                | —                      | (872)  | (872)                   | (872)     |
| Reclassification of gain for<br>sales of investment – available<br>for sale securities | —               | —                                | —                      | 2,081  | 2,081                   | 2,081     |
| Increase in fair value of<br>derivative instruments<br>utilized for cash flow hedges   | —               | —                                | —                      | 405  | 405                     | 405       |
| Comprehensive income   | —               | —                                | —                      | —  | —\$ 4,282               | —         |
| Balance, March 31, 2010  | \$ 94           | \$ 140,116                       | \$ (88,776)            | \$ 13,432  |                         | \$ 64,866 |

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 Three Months Ended<br>March 31, |           |
|--|---|-----------|
|  | 2010                                    | 2009      |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities:  |   |           |
| Net income   | \$ 2,668                                | \$ 2,054  |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:                    |   |           |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 320                                     | 353       |
| Amortization of discount on investment securities and mortgage loans held in securitization trusts | (839)                                   | (98)      |
| Realized gain on securities and related hedges   | (807)                                   | (123)     |
| Impairment loss on investment securities   | —                                       | 119       |
| Provision for loan losses  | 2                                       | 629       |
| Lower of cost or market adjustment mortgage loans held for sale                                    | —                                       | 103       |
| Restricted stock issuance  | (48)                                    | —         |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:   |   |           |
| Proceeds from sales or repayments of mortgage loans held for sale                                  | 8                                       | 961       |
| Accounts and accrued interest receivable   | 358                                     | 303       |
| Prepaid and other assets   | (396)                                   | (281)     |
| Due to loan purchasers   | —                                       | (19)      |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses  | (483)                                   | (755)     |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | 783                                     | 3,246     |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities:  |   |           |
| Restricted cash  | —                                       | 3,710     |
| Purchases of investment securities   | —                                       | (7,728)   |
| Proceeds from sales of investment securities   | 359                                     | 144,502   |
| Principal repayments received on mortgage loans held in securitization trusts                      | 16,776                                  | 11,492    |
| Principal paydowns on investment securities - available for sale                                   | 8,982                                   | 19,510    |
| Net cash provided by investing activities  | 26,117                                  | 171,486   |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities:  |   |           |
| Decrease in financing arrangements   | (9,307)                                 | (126,147) |
| Dividends paid   | (2,355)                                 | (932)     |
| Payments made on collateralized debt obligations   | (17,007)                                | (12,050)  |
| Net cash (used in) financing activities  | (28,669)                                | (139,129) |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents   | (1,769)                                 | 35,603    |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Period  | 24,522                                  | 9,387     |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Period  | \$ 22,753                               | \$ 44,990 |
| Supplemental Disclosure:   |   |           |
| Cash paid for interest   | \$ 2,468                                | \$ 4,033  |
| Non-Cash Investment Activities:  |   |           |
| Purchase of investment securities not yet settled  | \$ —                                    | \$ 603    |
| Sale of investment securities not yet settled  | \$ 2,936                                | \$ —      |

Non-Cash Financing Activities:

|  |    |       |    |       |
|--|----|-------|----|-------|
| Dividends declared to be paid in subsequent period | \$ | 2,355 | \$ | 1,678 |
|--|----|-------|----|-------|



NEW YORK MORTGAGE TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2010

(unaudited)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization - New York Mortgage Trust, Inc., together with its consolidated subsidiaries (“NYMT”, the “Company”, “we”, “our”, and “us”), is a self-advised real estate investment trust, or REIT, in the business of acquiring and managing primarily residential adjustable-rate, hybrid adjustable-rate and fixed-rate mortgage-backed securities (“RMBS”), for which the principal and interest payments are guaranteed by a U.S. Government agency, such as the Government National Mortgage Association (“Ginnie Mae”) or a U.S. Government-sponsored entity (“GSE” or “Agency”), such as the Federal National Mortgage Association (“Fannie Mae”) or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“Freddie Mac”), which we refer to collectively as “Agency RMBS,” RMBS backed by prime jumbo and Alternative A-paper (“Alt-A”) (“non-Agency RMBS”), and prime credit quality residential adjustable-rate mortgage (“ARM”) loans held in securitization trusts, or prime ARM loans. The remainder of our current investment portfolio is comprised of notes issued by a collateralized loan obligation (“CLO”). We also may opportunistically acquire and manage various other types of real estate-related and financial assets, including, among other things, certain non-rated residential mortgage assets, commercial mortgage-backed securities (“CMBS”), commercial real estate loans and other similar investments. Subject to maintaining our qualification as a REIT, we also may invest in debt or equity securities, which may or may not be related to real estate. We seek attractive long-term investment returns by investing our equity capital and borrowed funds in such securities. Our principal business objective is to generate net income for distribution to our stockholders resulting from the spread between the interest and other income we earn on our interest-earning assets and the interest expense we pay on the borrowings that we use to finance these assets and our operating costs, which we refer to as our net interest income.

The Company conducts its business through the parent company, NYMT, and several subsidiaries, including special purpose subsidiaries established for loan securitization purposes, a taxable REIT subsidiary (“TRS”) and a qualified REIT subsidiary (“QRS”). The Company conducts certain of its portfolio investment operations through its wholly-owned TRS, Hypotheca Capital, LLC (“HC”), in order to utilize, to the extent permitted by law, some or all of a net operating loss carry-forward held in HC that resulted from the Company's exit from the mortgage lending business. Prior to March 31, 2007, the Company conducted substantially all of its mortgage lending business through HC. The Company's wholly-owned QRS, New York Mortgage Funding, LLC (“NYMF”) currently holds certain mortgage-related assets for regulatory compliance purposes. The Company also may conduct certain other portfolio investment operations related to its alternative investment strategy through NYMF. 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.

Basis of Presentation - The condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2009, has been derived from audited financial statements. The condensed consolidated balance sheets at March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, the condensed consolidated statement of stockholders' equity for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 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 generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("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 consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). The results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the full year.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include our accounts and those of our consolidated subsidiaries. All significant intercompany amounts have been eliminated. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires us 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 periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to current period classifications, including \$0.5 million of real estate owned previously included in mortgage loans held in securitization trusts (net) to prepaid and other assets.

The Company has evaluated all events or transactions through the date of this filing. During this period, the Company did not have any material subsequent events that impacted its condensed consolidated financial statements.

Investment Securities Available for Sale - The Company's investment securities include RMBS comprised of Fannie Mae, non-Agency RMBS, initially rated AAA securities and CLOs. Investment securities are classified as available for sale securities and are reported at fair value with unrealized gains and losses reported in other comprehensive income ("OCI"). 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 sale of securities and related hedges in the 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 interest method. Adjustments to amortization are made for actual prepayment activity.

When the fair value of an investment security is less than its amortized cost at the balance sheet date, the security is considered impaired. The Company assesses its impaired securities on at least a quarterly basis, and designates such impairments as either "temporary" or "other-than-temporary." 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 at 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 condensed consolidated balance sheet. 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 and 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. (see note 2)

Mortgage Loans Held in Securitization Trusts - Mortgage loans held in securitization trusts are certain adjustable rate mortgage ("ARM") loans transferred to New York Mortgage Trust 2005-1, New York Mortgage Trust 2005-2 and New York Mortgage Trust 2005-3 that have been securitized into sequentially rated classes of beneficial interests. 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.

Allowance for Loan Losses on Mortgage Loans Held in Securitization Trusts - We establish an allowance for loan losses based on management's judgment and estimate of credit losses inherent in our portfolio of mortgage loans held in securitization trusts.

Estimation involves the consideration of various credit-related factors including but not limited to, macro-economic conditions, the 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 ("BPOs"), internet-based property data services to review comparable properties in the same area or

consult with a realtor in the property's area.

Comparing the current loan balance to the property value determines the current loan-to-value (“LTV”) ratio of the loan. Generally, we estimate that a first lien loan on a property that goes into a foreclosure process and becomes real estate owned (“REO”), results in the property being disposed of at approximately 84% of the current appraised value. This estimate is based on management's experience as well as realized severity rates since issuance of our securitizations. During 2008, as a result of the significant deterioration in the housing market, we revised our policy to estimate recovery values based on current home valuations less expected costs to dispose. These costs typically approximate 16% of the current home value. It is possible given today's deteriorating market conditions, we may realize less than that return in certain cases. Thus, for a first lien loan that is delinquent, we will adjust the property value down to approximately 84% of the current property value and compare that to the current balance of the loan. The difference determines the base provision for the loan loss taken for that loan. This base provision for a particular loan may be adjusted if we are aware of specific circumstances that may affect the outcome of the loss mitigation process for that loan. Predominately, however, we use the base reserve number for our reserve.

The allowance for loan losses will be maintained through ongoing provisions charged to operating income and will be reduced by loans that are charged off.

Derivative Financial Instruments - The Company has developed risk management programs and processes, which include investments in derivative financial instruments designed to manage market 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 who meet established credit and capital guidelines. Management does not expect any counterparty to default on its obligations and, therefore, does not expect to incur any loss due to counterparty default. In addition, all outstanding interest rate swap agreements have bi-lateral margin call capabilities, meaning the Company will require margin for interest rate swaps that are in the Company's favor minimizing any amounts at risk.

Interest Rate Risk - The Company hedges the aggregate risk of interest rate fluctuations with respect to its borrowings, regardless of the form of such borrowings, which require payments based on a variable interest rate index. The Company generally intends to hedge only the risk related to changes in the benchmark interest rate (London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR")). The Company applies hedge accounting utilizing the cash flow hedge criteria.

In order to reduce such risks, the Company enters into swap agreements whereby the Company receives floating rate payments in exchange for fixed rate payments, effectively converting the borrowing to a fixed rate. The Company also enters into cap agreements whereby, in exchange for a premium, the Company is reimbursed for interest paid in excess of a certain capped rate.

To qualify for cash flow hedge accounting, interest rate swaps and caps must meet certain criteria, including:

- the items to be hedged expose the Company to interest rate risk; and
- the interest rate swaps or caps are expected to be and continue to be highly effective in reducing the Company's exposure to interest rate risk.

The fair values of the Company's interest rate swap agreements and interest rate cap agreements are based on values provided by dealers who are familiar with the terms of these instruments. Correlation and effectiveness are periodically assessed at least quarterly based upon a comparison of the relative changes in the fair values or cash flows of the interest rate swaps and caps and the items being hedged.

For derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as a cash flow hedge (i.e. hedging the exposure to variability in expected future cash flows that is attributable to a particular risk), the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative instruments are 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.

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

Termination of Hedging Relationships - The Company employs a number of 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 residential mortgage loans and mortgage-backed securities is a combination of the interest earned based on the outstanding principal balance of the underlying loan/security, the contractual terms of the assets and the amortization of yield adjustments, principally premiums and discounts, using generally accepted interest methods. The net GAAP cost over the par balance of self-originated loans held for investment and premium and discount associated with the purchase of mortgage-backed securities and loans are amortized into interest income over the lives of the underlying assets using the effective yield method as adjusted for the effects of estimated prepayments. Estimating prepayments and the remaining term of our interest yield investments require management judgment, which involves, among other things, consideration of possible future interest rate environments and an estimate of how borrowers will react to those environments, historical trends and performance. The actual prepayment speed and actual lives could be more or less than the amount estimated by management at the time of origination or purchase of the assets or at each financial reporting period.

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

Stock Based Compensation - Compensation expense for equity based awards is recognized over the vesting period of such awards, based upon the fair value of such awards at the grant date (see note 15).

Income Taxes - The Company operates so 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. 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.

HC is a taxable REIT subsidiary and therefore subject to corporate federal 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 base upon the change in tax status. 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.

Management has reviewed the Company's tax positions for the open tax years of 2006 through 2008 by major jurisdictions and has concluded that no provision for taxes is required in the Company's financial statements.

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 (see note 11).

A Summary of Recent Accounting Pronouncements Follows:

#### Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (ASC 820)

In January 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-06, Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurement, to enhance the usefulness of fair value measurements. The amended guidance requires both the disaggregation of information in certain existing disclosures, as well as the inclusion of more robust disclosures about valuation techniques and inputs to recurring and nonrecurring fair value measurements. This ASU amends ASC 820 to add new requirements for disclosures about transfers into and out of Levels 1 and 2 and separate disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements relating to Level 3 measurements. This ASU also clarifies existing fair value disclosures about the level of disaggregation and about inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value. Further, this ASU amends guidance on employers' disclosures about postretirement benefit plan assets under ASC 715 to require that disclosures be provided by classes of assets instead of by major categories of assets. This ASU is effective for the first reporting period (including interim periods) beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the requirement to provide the Level 3 activity of purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements on a gross basis, which will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted. The adoption of this standard may require additional disclosures, but the Company does not expect the adoption to have a material effect on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### Consolidation (ASC 855)

In June 2009, the FASB amended the guidance for determining whether an entity is a variable interest entity, or VIE. The guidance requires an entity to consolidate a VIE if (i) it has the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the VIE's economic performance and (ii) the obligation to absorb the losses of the VIE or the right to receive the benefits from the VIE, which could be significant to the VIE. The pronouncement is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2009. On January 1, 2010, the Company adopted the FASB guidance for determining whether an entity is a variable interest entity; such adoption did not have a material effect on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements.



## 2. Investment Securities - Available for Sale

Investment securities available for sale consist of the following as of March 31, 2010 (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                 | Amortized<br>Cost | Unrealized<br>Gains | Unrealized<br>Losses | Carrying<br>Value |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Agency RMBS                     | \$ 106,743        | \$ 3,138            | \$ —                 | \$ 109,881        |
| Non-Agency RMBS                 | 35,128            | 3,227               | (2,422)              | 35,933            |
| Collateralized Loan Obligations | 9,644             | 11,988              | —                    | 21,632            |
| Total                           | \$ 151,515        | \$ 18,353           | \$ (2,422)           | \$ 167,446        |

Investment securities available for sale consist of the following as of December 31, 2009 (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                 | Amortized<br>Cost | Unrealized<br>Gains | Unrealized<br>Losses | Carrying<br>Value |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Agency RMBS                     | \$112,525         | \$3,701             | \$—                  | \$ 116,226        |
| Non-Agency RMBS                 | 40,257            | 4,764               | (2,155 )             | 42,866            |
| Collateralized Loan Obligations | 9,187             | 8,412               | —                    | 17,599            |
| Total                           | \$161,969         | \$16,877            | \$(2,155 )           | \$176,691         |

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The following table set forth the stated reset periods and weighted average yields of our investment securities at March 31, 2010 (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                        | Less than 6 Months |               | More than 6 Months<br>to 24 Months |               | More than 24 Months<br>to 60 Months |               | Total          |               |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
|                        | Weighted           |               | Weighted                           |               | Weighted                            |               | Weighted       |               |
|                        | Carrying Value     | Average Yield | Carrying Value                     | Average Yield | Carrying Value                      | Average Yield | Carrying Value | Average Yield |
| Agency RMBS            | \$ —               | —             | \$ 54,141                          | 2.35%         | \$ 55,740                           | 2.59%         | \$ 109,881     | 2.48%         |
| Non-Agency RMBS        | 16,354             | 14.84%        | 6,905                              | 7.76%         | 12,674                              | 10.30%        | 35,933         | 11.88%        |
| CLO                    | 21,632             | 19.74%        | —                                  | —             | —                                   | —             | 21,632         | 19.74%        |
| Total/Weighted Average | \$ 37,986          | 17.63%        | \$ 61,046                          | 2.97%         | \$ 68,414                           | 4.02%         | \$ 167,446     | 6.72%         |

The following table sets forth the stated reset periods and weighted average yields of our investment securities at December 31, 2009 (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                        | Less than 6 Months |               | More than 6 Months<br>to 24 Months |               | More than 24 Months<br>to 60 Months |               | Total          |               |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
|                        | Weighted           |               | Weighted                           |               | Weighted                            |               | Weighted       |               |
|                        | Carrying Value     | Average Yield | Carrying Value                     | Average Yield | Carrying Value                      | Average Yield | Carrying Value | Average Yield |
| Agency RMBS            | \$ —               | —             | \$ 42,893                          | 2.07 %        | \$ 73,333                           | 2.54 %        | \$ 116,226     | 2.37 %        |
| Non-Agency RMBS        | 22,065             | 10.15 %       | 4,865                              | 7.23 %        | 15,936                              | 9.57 %        | 42,866         | 9.61 %        |
| CLO                    | 17,599             | 23.48 %       | —                                  | —             | —                                   | —             | 17,599         | 23.48 %       |
| Total/Weighted Average | \$ 39,664          | 16.07 %       | \$ 47,758                          | 2.60 %        | \$ 89,269                           | 3.80 %        | \$ 176,691     | 6.23 %        |

The following tables presents the Company's investment securities available for sale in an unrealized loss position, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

| March 31, 2010  | Less than 12 Months |                   | Greater than 12 Months |                   | Total          |                   |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                 | Carrying Value      | Unrealized Losses | Carrying Value         | Unrealized Losses | Carrying Value | Unrealized Losses |
| Non-Agency RMBS | \$ 408              | \$ 12             | \$ 12,765              | \$ 2,410          | \$ 13,173      | \$ 2,422          |
| Total           | \$ 408              | \$ 12             | \$ 12,765              | \$ 2,410          | \$ 13,173      | \$ 2,422          |

  

| December 31, 2009 | Less than 12 Months |                   | Greater than 12 Months |                   | Total          |                   |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                   | Carrying Value      | Unrealized Losses | Carrying Value         | Unrealized Losses | Carrying Value | Unrealized Losses |
| Non-Agency RMBS   | \$ —                | \$ —              | \$ 14,693              | \$ 2,155          | \$ 14,693      | \$ 2,155          |
| Total             | \$ —                | \$ —              | \$ 14,693              | \$ 2,155          | \$ 14,693      | \$ 2,155          |

As of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the company did not have unrealized losses in investment securities that were deemed other-than-temporary, respectively.

## 3. Mortgage Loans Held in Securitization Trusts (net)

Mortgage loans held in securitization trusts (net) consist of the following as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                  | March 31,<br>2010 | December 31,<br>2009 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Mortgage loans principal amount  | \$ 259,594        | \$ 277,007           |
| Deferred origination costs – net | 1,642             | 1,750                |
| Reserve for loan losses          | (2,163)           | (2,581)              |
| Total                            | \$ 259,073        | \$ 276,176           |

Allowance for Loan losses - The following table presents the activity in the Company's allowance for loan losses on mortgage loans held in securitization trusts for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                | March 31,<br>2010 | March 31,<br>2009 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Balance at beginning of period | \$ 2,581          | \$ 844            |
| Provisions for loan losses     | (27)              | 536               |
| Transfer to real estate owned  | (172)             | —                 |
| Charge-offs                    | (219)             | —                 |
| Balance at the end of period   | \$ 2,163          | \$ 1,380          |

On an ongoing basis, the Company evaluates the adequacy of its reserve for loan losses. The Company's reserve for loan losses at March 31, 2010 was \$2.2 million, representing 83 basis points of the outstanding principal balance of loans held in securitization trusts as compared to 93 basis points as of December 31, 2009. As part of the Company's reserve adequacy analysis, management will assess an overall level of reserves while also assessing credit losses inherent in each non-performing 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, collateral value, delinquency status, 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 securitization trusts for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 and year ended December 31, 2009 (dollar amounts in thousands):

|  | March 31,<br>2010 | December 31,<br>2009 |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| Balance at beginning of period                             | \$ 546            | \$ 1,366             |
| Write downs  | (29)              | (70)                 |
| Transfer from mortgage loans held in securitization trusts | 284               | 826                  |
| Disposal   | (38)              | (1,576)              |
| Balance at the end of period                               | \$ 763            | \$ 546               |

Real estate owned held in securitization trusts are included in the prepaid and other assets on the balance sheet and write downs are included in loan losses in the statement of operations for reporting purposes.

All of the Company's mortgage loans and real estate owned held in securitization trusts are pledged as collateral for the collateralized debt obligations ("CDOs") issued by the Company (see note 6). As of March 31, 2010, 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 loans and real estate owned held in securitization trusts and the amount of CDO's outstanding, was \$10.0 million.

The following tables set forth delinquent mortgage loans held in our securitization trusts as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (dollar amounts in thousands):

March 31, 2010

| Days Late                             | Number of<br>Delinquent<br>Loans | Total<br>Dollar<br>Amount | % of Loan<br>Portfolio |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 30-60                                 | 8                                | \$ 2,911                  | 1.12%                  |
| 61-90                                 | 2                                | 915                       | 0.35%                  |
| 90+                                   | 33                               | 16,057                    | 6.16%                  |
| Real estate owned through foreclosure | 3                                | 936                       | 0.36%                  |

December 31, 2009

| Days Late                             | Number of<br>Delinquent<br>Loans | Total<br>Dollar<br>Amount | % of Loan<br>Portfolio |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 30-60                                 | 5                                | \$ 2,816                  | 1.01%                  |
| 61-90                                 | 4                                | 1,150                     | 0.41%                  |
| 90+                                   | 32                               | 15,915                    | 5.73%                  |
| Real estate owned through foreclosure | 2                                | 739                       | 0.27%                  |

#### 4. 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 and caps entered into to reduce interest expense related to our repurchase agreements, CDO's and our subordinated debentures. 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's interest rate swap notional amounts are based on an amortizing schedule fixed at the start date of the transaction. The Company's interest rate cap transactions are designated as cashflow hedges against the benchmark interest rate risk associated with the CDO's and the subordinated debentures. The interest rate cap transactions were initiated with an upfront premium that is being amortized over the life of the contract.

The Company documents its risk-management policies, including 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 sheet at fair value, as assets, if their fair value is positive or, as liabilities, if their fair value is negative. The Company's derivative instruments 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 through earnings as a result of ineffectiveness of any of its hedges.



The following table presents the fair value of derivative instruments and their location in the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheets at March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively (amounts in thousands):

| Derivative Designated as Hedging | Balance Sheet Location | March 31,<br>2010 | December 31,<br>2009 |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Interest Rate Caps               | Derivative Assets      | \$ —              | \$ 4                 |
| Interest Rate Swaps              | Derivative Liabilities | 2,317             | 2,511                |

The following table presents the impact of the Company's derivative instruments on the Company's accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 (amounts in thousands):

| Derivative Designated as Hedging Instruments   | Three Months Ended March 31, |            |
|--|------------------------------|------------|
|  | 2010                         | 2009       |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for derivative instruments:            |                              |            |
| Balance at beginning of the period   | \$ (2,905)                   | \$ (5,560) |
| Unrealized gain on interest rate caps  | 210                          | 229        |
| Unrealized gain on interest rate swaps   | 195                          | 187        |
| Reclassification adjustment for net gains (losses) included in net income for hedges | —                            | —          |
| Balance at the end of the period   | \$ (2,500)                   | \$ (5,144) |

The Company estimates that over the next 12 months, approximately \$2.0 million of the net unrealized losses 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 and interest rate caps included in interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 (amounts in thousands):

|  | Three Months ended March 31, |        |
|--|------------------------------|--------|
|  | 2010                         | 2009   |
| Interest Rate Caps:  |                              |        |
| Interest expense-investment securities and loans held in securitization trusts | \$ 123                       | \$ 160 |
| Interest expense-subordinated debentures                                       | 92                           | 81     |
| Interest Rate Swaps:   |                              |        |
| Interest expense-investment securities and loans held in securitization trusts | 725                          | 853    |

Interest Rate Swaps - The Company is required to pledge assets under a bi-lateral margin arrangement, including either cash or Agency RMBS, as collateral for its interest rate swaps, whose collateral requirements vary by counterparty and change over time based on the market value, notional amount, and remaining term of the interest rate swap ("Swap"). In the event the Company is unable to meet a margin call under one of its Swap agreements, thereby causing an event of default or triggering an early termination event under one of its Swap agreements, the counterparty to such agreement may have the option to terminate all of such counterparty's outstanding Swap 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 Swap agreements as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009. The Company had \$2.9 million and \$2.9 million of restricted cash related to margin posted for Swaps as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively.

The use of interest rate swaps exposes the Company to counterparty credit risks in the event of a default by a Swap counterparty. If a counterparty defaults under the applicable Swap agreement the Company may be unable to collect

payments to which it is entitled under its Swap agreements, and may have difficulty collecting the assets it pledged as collateral against such Swaps. The Company currently has in place with all outstanding Swap counterparties bi-lateral margin agreements thereby 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 following table presents information about the Company's interest rate swaps as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (amounts in thousands):

| Maturity (1)                | March 31, 2010  |  | December 31, 2009 |  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|--|
|                             | Notional Amount | Weighted Average Fixed Pay Interest Rate | Notional Amount   | Weighted Average Fixed Pay Interest Rate |
| Within 30 Days              | \$ 2,830        | 2.99%                                    | \$ 2,070          | 2.99%                                    |
| Over 30 days to 3 months    | 5,500           | 2.99                                     | 3,700             | 2.99                                     |
| Over 3 months to 6 months   | 10,770          | 2.98                                     | 8,330             | 2.99                                     |
| Over 6 months to 12 months  | 49,960          | 2.99                                     | 34,540            | 2.98                                     |
| Over 12 months to 24 months | 23,070          | 3.02                                     | 34,070            | 3.00                                     |
| Over 24 months to 36 months | 9,570           | 2.93                                     | 16,380            | 3.01                                     |
| Over 36 months to 48 months | —               | —  | 8,380             | 2.93                                     |
| Total                       | \$ 101,700      | 2.99%                                    | \$ 107,470        | 2.99%                                    |

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

Interest Rate Caps – Interest rate caps are designated by the Company as cash flow hedges against interest rate risk associated with the Company's CDO's and the subordinated debentures. The interest rate caps associated with the CDO's are amortizing contractual schedules determined at origination. The Company had \$344.4 million and \$364.5 million of interest rate caps outstanding of notional as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. These interest rate caps are utilized to cap the interest rate on the CDO's at a fixed-rate when one month LIBOR exceeds a predetermined rate. In addition, the Company had an interest rate cap contract on \$25.0 million of subordinated debentures that effectively caps three month LIBOR at 3.75% that matured on March 31, 2010.

##### 5. Financing Arrangements, Portfolio Investments

The Company has entered into repurchase agreements with third party financial institutions to finance its agency RMBS 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 March 31, 2010, the Company had repurchase agreements with an outstanding balance of \$75.8 million and a weighted average interest rate of 0.28%. As of December 31, 2009, the Company had repurchase agreements with an outstanding balance of \$85.1 million and a weighted average interest rate of 0.27%. At March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, securities pledged by the Company as collateral for repurchase agreements had estimated fair values of \$80.4 million and \$91.1 million, respectively. All outstanding borrowings under our repurchase agreements mature within 30 days. As of March 31, 2010, the average days to maturity for all repurchase agreements are 25 days.

As of March 31, 2010, the outstanding balance under our repurchase agreements was funded at an advance rate of 94.3% that implies an average haircut of 5.7%. As of March 31, 2010, the Company had \$22.8 million in cash and \$87.0 million in unencumbered investment securities to meet additional haircut or market valuation requirements including \$65.5 million of RMBS, of which \$29.5 million are Agency RMBS.

## 6. Collateralized Debt Obligations

The Company's CDOs, which are recorded as liabilities on the Company's balance sheet, are secured by ARM loans pledged as collateral, which are recorded as assets of the Company. As of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the Company had CDOs outstanding of \$249.8 million and \$266.8 million, respectively. As of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the current weighted average interest rate on these CDOs was 0.63% and 0.61%, respectively. The CDOs are collateralized by ARM loans with a principal balance of \$259.6 million and \$277.0 million at March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. The Company retained the owner trust certificates, or residual interest, for three securitizations and, as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, had a net investment in the securitizations trusts after loan loss reserves and including real estate owned of \$10.0 million and \$10.0 million, respectively.

The CDO transactions include amortizing interest rate cap contracts with an aggregate notional amount of \$172.2 million as of March 31, 2010 and an aggregate notional amount of \$182.2 million as of December 31, 2009, which are recorded as derivative assets of the Company. The interest rate caps are carried at fair value and totaled \$0 as of March 31, 2010 and \$4,476 as of December 31, 2009, respectively. The interest rate cap reduces interest rate risk exposure on these transactions.

## 7. Discontinued Operation

In connection with the sale of our mortgage origination platform assets during the quarter ended March 31, 2007, we classified our mortgage lending segment as a discontinued operation. As a result, we have reported revenues and expenses related to the segment as a discontinued operation and the related assets and liabilities as assets and liabilities related to a discontinued operation for all periods presented in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements. Certain assets, such as the deferred tax asset, and certain liabilities, such as the subordinated debentures and liabilities related to lease facilities not sold, are part of our ongoing operations and accordingly, we have not included these items as part of the discontinued operation.

### Balance Sheet Data

The components of assets related to the discontinued operation as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 are as follows (dollar amounts in thousands):

|  | March 31,<br>2010 | December 31,<br>2009 |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| Accounts and accrued interest receivable | \$ 18             | \$ 18                |
| Mortgage loans held for sale (net)       | 3,833             | 3,841                |
| Prepaid and other assets                 | 365               | 358                  |
| Total assets                             | \$ 4,216          | \$ 4,217             |

The components of liabilities related to the discontinued operation as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 are as follows (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                                       | March 31,<br>2010 | December 31,<br>2009 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Due to loan purchasers                | \$ 342            | \$ 342               |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 1,098             | 1,436                |
| Total liabilities                     | \$ 1,440          | \$ 1,778             |



## Statements of Operations Data

The statements of operations of the discontinued operation for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 are as follows (dollar amounts in thousands):

|   | Three Months<br>Ended March 31, |        |
|---|---------------------------------|--------|
|   | 2010                            | 2009   |
| Revenues                                      | \$ 360                          | \$ 290 |
| Expenses                                      | 49                              | 135    |
| Income from discontinued operation-net of tax | \$ 311                          | \$ 155 |

## 8. Commitments and Contingencies

**Loans Sold to Investors** - For loans originated and sold by our discontinued mortgage lending business, the Company is not exposed to long term credit risk. In the normal course of business, however, the Company is obligated to repurchase loans based on violations of representations and warranties in the sale agreement, or early payment defaults. The Company did not repurchase any loans during the three months ended March 31, 2010.

The Company periodically receives repurchase requests based on alleged violations of representations and warranties, each of which management reviews to determine, based on management's experience, whether such requests may reasonably be deemed to have merit. As of March 31, 2010, we had a total of \$2.0 million of unresolved repurchase requests that management concluded may reasonably be deemed to have merit and against which the Company has a reserve of approximately \$0.3 million. The reserve is based on one or more of the following factors; historical settlement rates, property value securing the loan in question and specific settlement discussions with third parties.

**Outstanding Litigation** - The Company is at times subject to various legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. As of March 31, 2010, the Company does not believe that any of its current legal proceedings, individually or in the aggregate, will have a material adverse effect on its operations, financial condition or cash flows.

**Leases** - The Company leases its corporate office and equipment under short-term lease agreements expiring at various dates through 2013. All such leases are accounted for as operating leases. Total lease expense for property and equipment amounted to \$49,010 for the three months ended March 31, 2010.

**Letters of Credit** - The Company maintains a letter of credit in the amount of \$0.1 million in lieu of a cash security deposit for its current corporate headquarters, located at 52 Vanderbilt Avenue in New York City, for its landlord, Vanderbilt Associates I, L.L.C, as beneficiary. This letter of credit is secured by cash deposited in a bank account maintained at JP Morgan Chase bank.

## 9. Concentrations of Credit Risk

At March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, there were geographic concentrations of credit risk exceeding 5% of the total loan balances within mortgage loans held in the securitization trusts as follows:

|               | March 31,<br>2010 | December 31,<br>2009 |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| New York      | 37.3%             | 38.9%                |
| Massachusetts | 25.2%             | 24.3%                |
| New Jersey    | 9.0%              | 8.5%                 |
| Florida       | 5.8%              | 5.7%                 |

## 10. 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.

a. Investment Securities Available for Sale (RMBS) - Fair value for the RMBS in our portfolio is 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.

b. Investment Securities Available for Sale (CLO) - The fair value of the CLO notes, as of March 31, 2010, was based on management's valuation determined by using a discounted future cash flows model that management believes would be used by market participants to value similar financial instruments. If a reliable market for these assets

develops in the future, management will consider quoted prices provided by dealers who make markets in similar financial instruments in determining the fair value of the CLO notes. The CLO notes are classified as Level 3 fair values.

c. Interest Rate Swaps and Caps - The fair value of interest rate swaps and caps are based on using market accepted financial models as well as dealer quotes. The model utilizes readily observable market parameters, including treasury rates, interest rate swap spreads and swaption volatility curves. The Company's interest rate caps and swaps are classified as Level 2 fair values.

The following table presents the Company's financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 on the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheets (dollar amounts in thousands):

|  | Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis<br>at March 31, 2010 |                    |                  |                   |
|--|---|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|  | Level 1   | Level 2            | Level 3          | Total             |
| <b>Assets carried at fair value:</b>         |   |                    |                  |                   |
| Agency RMBS                                  | \$  | —\$ 109,881        | \$               | —\$ 109,881       |
| Non-Agency RMBS                              |   | — 35,933           |                  | — 35,933          |
| CLO  |   | —                  | 21,632           | 21,632            |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>\$</b>   | <b>—\$ 145,814</b> | <b>\$ 21,632</b> | <b>\$ 167,446</b> |
| <b>Liabilities carried at fair value:</b>    |   |                    |                  |                   |
| Derivative liabilities (interest rate swaps) | \$—   | \$2,317            | \$—              | \$2,317           |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>\$—</b>  | <b>\$2,317</b>     | <b>\$—</b>       | <b>\$2,317</b>    |

|  | Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis<br>at December 31, 2009 |                    |                  |                   |
|--|--|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|  | Level 1  | Level 2            | Level 3          | Total             |
| <b>Assets carried at fair value:</b>         |  |                    |                  |                   |
| Agency RMBS                                  | \$   | —\$ 116,226        | \$               | —\$ 116,226       |
| Non-Agency RMBS                              |  | — 42,866           |                  | — 42,866          |
| CLO  |  | —                  | 17,599           | 17,599            |
| Derivative assets (interest rate caps)       |  | — 4                |                  | — 4               |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>\$</b>  | <b>—\$ 159,096</b> | <b>\$ 17,599</b> | <b>\$ 176,695</b> |
| <b>Liabilities carried at fair value:</b>    |  |                    |                  |                   |
| Derivative liabilities (interest rate swaps) | \$—  | \$2,511            | \$—              | \$2,511           |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>\$—</b>   | <b>\$2,511</b>     | <b>\$—</b>       | <b>\$2,511</b>    |

The following table details changes in valuation for the Level 3 assets for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively (amounts in thousands):

Investment securities available for sale

|   | March 31, |          |
|---|-----------|----------|
|   | 2010      | 2009     |
| Balance at beginning of period                | \$ 17,599 | \$ —     |
| Total gains (realized/unrealized)             |           |          |
| Included in earnings (1)                      | 458       | —        |
| Included in other comprehensive income/(loss) | 3,575     | —        |
| Purchases                                     |           | 8,998    |
| Balance at the end of period                  | \$ 21,632 | \$ 8,998 |

(1) - Amounts included in interest income-investment securities and loans held in securitizations trusts.

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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 certain of 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 March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 on the condensed consolidated balance sheet (dollar amounts in thousands):

|  | Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis<br>at March 31, 2010 |         |         |         |
|--|---|---------|---------|---------|
|  | Level 1   | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total   |
| Mortgage loans held for sale (Net)                                     | \$—   | \$—     | \$3,833 | \$3,833 |
| Mortgage loans held in securitization trusts (net) –<br>impaired loans | —   | —       | 6,704   | 6,704   |
| Real estate owned held in securitization trusts                        | —   | —       | 763     | 763     |

|  | Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis<br>at December 31, 2009 |         |         |         |
|--|--|---------|---------|---------|
|  | Level 1  | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total   |
| Mortgage loans held for sale (net)                                     | \$—  | \$—     | \$3,841 | \$3,841 |
| Mortgage loans held in securitization trusts (net) –<br>impaired loans | —  | —       | 7,090   | 7,090   |
| Real estate owned held in securitization trusts                        | —  | —       | 546     | 546     |

The following table presents losses incurred for assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and March 31, 2009 on the condensed consolidated statements of operations (dollar amounts in thousands):

|   | Three Months Ended |                   |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
|   | March 31,<br>2010  | March 31,<br>2009 |
| Mortgage loans held for sale (net)                                  | \$ —               | \$ 103            |
| Mortgage loans held in securitization trusts (net) – impaired loans | 2                  | 629               |

**Mortgage Loans Held in Securitization Trusts (net) – Impaired Loans** – Impaired 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 distressed property, updated appraisal values of the property and estimated expenses required to remediate the impaired loan.

**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 cap, periodic cap, underwriting standards, age and credit.



The following table presents the carrying value and estimated fair value of the Company's financial instruments, at March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (dollar amounts in thousands):

|   | March 31, 2010 |                      | December 31, 2009 |                      |
|---|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
|   | Carrying Value | Estimated Fair Value | Carrying Value    | Estimated Fair Value |
| <b>Financial assets:</b>  |                |                      |                   |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 22,753      | \$ 22,753            | \$ 24,522         | \$ 24,522            |
| Restricted cash   | 3,049          | 3,049                | 3,049             | 3,049                |
| Investment securities – available for sale                                  | 167,446        | 167,446              | 176,691           | 176,691              |
| Mortgage loans held in securitization trusts (net)                          | 259,073        | 231,997              | 276,176           | 253,833              |
| Derivative assets   | —              | —                    | 4                 | 4                    |
| Assets related to discontinued operation-mortgage loans held for sale (net) | 3,833          | 3,833                | 3,841             | 3,841                |
| <b>Financial Liabilities:</b>   |                |                      |                   |                      |
| Financing arrangements, portfolio investments                               | \$ 75,799      | \$ 75,799            | \$ 85,106         | \$ 85,106            |
| Collateralized debt obligations   | 249,816        | 210,634              | 266,754           | 211,032              |
| Derivative liabilities  | 2,317          | 2,317                | 2,511             | 2,511                |
| Subordinated debentures (net)   | 44,953         | 29,563               | 44,892            | 26,563               |
| Convertible preferred debentures (net)                                      | 19,888         | 19,720               | 19,851            | 19,363               |

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 following table:

- a. Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash: Estimated fair value approximates the carrying value of such assets.
- b. Mortgage Loans Held in Securitization Trusts - 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.
- c. Financing arrangements, portfolio investments – The fair value of these financing arrangements approximates cost as they are short term in nature and mature in 30 days.
- d. Collateralized debt obligations – The fair value of these collateralized debt obligations is based on discounted cashflows as well as market pricing on comparable obligations.
- e. Subordinated debentures (net) – The fair value of these subordinated debentures (net) is based on discounted cashflows using management's estimate for market yields.
- f. Convertible preferred debentures (net) – The fair value of the convertible preferred debentures (net) is based on discounted cashflows using management's estimate for market yields.



## 11. Capital Stock and Earnings per Share

The Company had 400,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, authorized with 9,419,094 and 9,415,094 shares issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. As of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the Company had 200,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, authorized, including 2,000,000 shares of Series A Cumulative Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock (“Series A Preferred Stock”) authorized. As of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the Company had issued and outstanding 1,000,000 shares, of Series A Preferred Stock. Of the common stock authorized at March 31, 2010, 4,111 shares were reserved for issuance as Restricted Stock awards to employees, officers and directors pursuant to the 2005 Stock Incentive Plan.

The following table presents cash dividends declared by the Company on its common stock from January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010.

| Period              | Declaration Date   | Record Date      | Payment Date     | Cash Dividend Per Share |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| First Quarter 2010  | March 16, 2010     | April 1, 2010    | April 26, 2010   | \$ 0.25                 |
| Fourth Quarter 2009 | December 21, 2009  | January 7, 2010  | January 26, 2010 | 0.25                    |
| Third Quarter 2009  | September 29, 2009 | October 13, 2009 | October 26, 2009 | 0.25                    |
| Second Quarter 2009 | June 15, 2009      | June 26, 2009    | July 27, 2009    | 0.23                    |
| First Quarter 2009  | March 25, 2009     | April 6, 2009    | April 27, 2009   | 0.18                    |

The following table presents cash dividends declared by the Company on its Series A Preferred Stock from January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010.

| Period              | Declaration Date   | Record Date        | Payment Date     | Cash Dividend Per Share |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| First Quarter 2010  | March 16, 2010     | March 31, 2010     | April 30, 2010   | \$ 0.63                 |
| Fourth Quarter 2009 | December 21, 2009  | December 31, 2009  | January 29, 2010 | 0.63                    |
| Third Quarter 2009  | September 29, 2009 | September 30, 2009 | October 30, 2009 | 0.63                    |
| Second Quarter 2009 | June 15, 2009      | June 30, 2009      | July 30, 2009    | 0.58                    |
| First Quarter 2009  | March 25, 2009     | March 31, 2009     | April 30, 2009   | 0.50                    |

The Company calculates basic net income (loss) per share by dividing net income (loss) for the period by the weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding for that period. Diluted net income (loss) per share takes into account the effect of our convertible preferred stock and uses the conversion price in determining the number of incremental shares that are to be added to the weighted-average number of shares outstanding.

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

|  | For the Three Months Ended<br>March 31, |          |
|--|---|----------|
|  | 2010                                    | 2009     |
| <b>Numerator:</b>                                    |   |          |
| Net income (loss) – Basic                            | \$ 2,668                                | \$ 2,054 |
| Net income (loss) from continuing operations         | 2,357                                   | 1,899    |
| Net income from discontinued operations (net of tax) | 311                                     | 155      |
| <b>Effect of dilutive instruments:</b>               |   |          |
| Convertible preferred debentures                     | 662                                     | 537      |
| Net income (loss) – Dilutive                         | 3,330                                   | 2,591    |
| Net income (loss) from continuing operations         | 3,019                                   | 2,436    |
| Net income from discontinued operations (net of tax) | \$ 311                                  | \$ 155   |
| <b>Denominator:</b>                                  |   |          |
| Weighted average basis shares outstanding            | 9,418                                   | 9,320    |
| <b>Effect of dilutive instruments:</b>               |   |          |
| Convertible preferred debentures                     | 2,500                                   | 2,500    |
| Weighted average dilutive shares outstanding         | 11,918                                  | 11,820   |
| <b>EPS:</b>  |   |          |
| Basic EPS  | \$ 0.28                                 | \$ 0.22  |
| Basic EPS from continuing operations                 | 0.25                                    | 0.20     |
| Basic EPS from discontinued operations (net of tax)  | 0.03                                    | 0.02     |
| Dilutive EPS   | \$ 0.28                                 | \$ 0.22  |
| Dilutive EPS from continuing operations              | 0.25                                    | 0.21     |
| Basic EPS from discontinued operations (net of tax)  | 0.03                                    | 0.01     |

## 12. Convertible Preferred Debentures (net)

As of March 31, 2010, there were 1.0 million shares of our Series A Preferred Stock outstanding with an aggregate redemption value of \$20.0 million and a current dividend payment rate of 12.5%. The Series A Preferred Stock matures on December 31, 2010, at which time any outstanding shares must be redeemed by the Company at \$20.00 per share plus any accrued and unpaid dividends. Because of this mandatory redemption feature, the Company classifies these securities as a liability on its balance sheet, and accordingly, the corresponding dividend as an interest expense.

We issued these shares of Series A Preferred Stock to JMP Group Inc. and certain of its affiliates for an aggregate purchase price of \$20.0 million. The Series A Preferred Stock entitles the holders to receive a cumulative dividend of 10% per year, subject to an increase to the extent any future quarterly common stock dividends exceed \$0.20 per share. The Company declared a first quarter 2010 common stock dividend of \$0.25, resulting in a dividend rate of 12.5% (per annum) for the Series A Preferred Stock in the 2010 first quarter. The Series A Preferred Stock is convertible into shares of the Company's common stock based on a conversion price of \$8.00 per share of common stock, which represents a conversion rate of two and one-half (2 ½) shares of common stock for each share of Series A

Preferred Stock.

### 13. Related Party Transactions

On January 18, 2008, the Company entered into an advisory agreement with Harvest Capital Strategies LLC (“HCS”) (formerly known as JMP Asset Management LLC), pursuant to which HCS is responsible for implementing and managing the Company’s investments in alternative real estate-related and financial assets, which is referred to in this report as the “alternative investment strategy.” The Company entered into the advisory agreement concurrent and in connection with its private placement of Series A Preferred Stock to JMP Group Inc. and certain of its affiliates. HCS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of JMP Group Inc. Pursuant to Schedule 13D’s filed with the SEC, as of December 31, 2009, HCS and JMP Group Inc. beneficially owned approximately 16.7% and 12.1%, respectively, of the Company’s common stock, and 100%, collectively, of its Series A Preferred Stock.

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Pursuant to the advisory agreement, HCS is responsible for managing investments made by HC and NYMF (other than certain RMBS that are held in these entities for regulatory compliance purposes) as well as any additional subsidiaries acquired or formed in the future to hold investments made on the Company's behalf by HCS. The Company refers to these subsidiaries in its periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as the "Managed Subsidiaries." The Company expects that, from time to time in the future, certain of its alternative investments will take the form of a co-investment alongside or in conjunction with JMP Group Inc. or certain of its affiliates. In accordance with investment guidelines adopted by the Company's Board of Directors, any subsequent alternative investments by the Managed Subsidiaries must be approved by the Board of Directors and must adhere to investment guidelines adopted by the Board of Directors. The advisory agreement provides that HCS will be paid a base advisory fee that is a percentage of the "equity capital" (as defined in the advisory agreement) of the Managed Subsidiaries, which may include the net asset value of assets held by the Managed Subsidiaries as of any fiscal quarter end, and an incentive fee upon the Managed Subsidiaries achieving certain investment hurdles. For the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, HCS earned a base advisory fee of approximately \$0.2 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. In addition, for the three months ended March 31, 2010 HCS earned an incentive fee of approximately \$0.3 million. There was no incentive fee earned in the three months ended March 31, 2009. As of March 31, 2010, HCS was managing approximately \$44.8 million of assets on the Company's behalf.

#### 14. Income Taxes

At March 31, 2010, the Company had approximately \$60.2 million of net operating loss carryforwards which may be used to offset future taxable income. The carryforwards will expire in 2024 through 2029. 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. In connection with a prior transaction, the Company may have undergone an ownership change within the meaning of IRC section 382 that would impose such a limitation, but a final conclusion has not been made. At this time, based on management's initial assessment of the limitations, management does not believe that the limitation would cause a significant amount of the Company's net operating losses to expire unused. The Company continues to maintain a reserve for 100% of the deferred tax benefits.

#### 15. Stock Incentive Plan

Pursuant to the 2005 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), eligible employees, officers and directors of the Company are offered the opportunity to acquire the Company's common stock through the award of restricted stock under the Plan. The maximum number of restricted stock awards that may be granted under the Plan is 103,111.

The Company awarded 99,000 shares of restricted stock under the Plan on July 13, 2009, of which 34,335 shares have fully vested and were non-forfeitable on the date of grant. As of March 31, 2010, 4,111 shares remain available for issuance under the Plan. During the three months ended March 31, 2010, the Company recognized non-cash compensation expense of \$47,540. Dividends are paid on all restricted stock issued, whether those shares are vested or not. In general, unvested restricted stock is forfeited upon the recipient's termination of employment.



A summary of the status of the Company's non-vested restricted stock as of March 31, 2010 and changes during the three months then ended is presented below:

|   | Number of<br>Non-vested<br>Restricted<br>Shares | Weighted<br>Average<br>Grant Date<br>Fair Value |
|---|---|---|
| Non-vested shares at January 1, 2010                                      | 60,665  | \$ 5.28   |
| Granted   | 4,000   | 7.50  |
| Forfeited   | —   | —   |
| Vested  | —   | —   |
| Non-vested shares as of March 31, 2010                                    | 64,665  | \$ 5.42   |
| Weighted-average fair value of restricted stock granted during the period | 4,000   | \$ 7.50   |

There was no outstanding non-vested restricted stock during the three months ended March 31, 2009.

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

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains certain forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are those which are not historical in nature. They can often be identified by their inclusion of words such as "will," "anticipate," "estimate," "should," "expect," "believe," "intend" and similar expressions. Any projection of revenues, earnings, losses, capital expenditures, distributions, capital structure or other financial terms is a forward-looking statement. Certain statements regarding the following particularly are forward-looking in nature:

- our business strategy;
- future performance, developments, market forecasts or projected dividends;
- projected acquisitions or joint ventures;
- projected capital expenditures.

It is important to note that the description of our business, in general, and our investment in real estate-related and financial assets, in particular, is a statement about our operations as of a specific point in time and is not meant to be construed as an investment policy. The types of assets we hold, the amount of leverage we use, the liabilities we incur and the other characteristics of our assets and liabilities disclosed in this report as of a specified period of time are subject to re-evaluation and change without notice.

Our forward-looking statements are based upon our management's beliefs, assumptions and expectations of our future operations and economic performance, taking into account the information currently available to us. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, some of which are not currently known to us and many of which are beyond our control and that might cause our actual results, performance or financial condition to be materially different from the expectations of future results, performance or financial condition we express or imply in any forward-looking statements. Some of the important factors that could cause our actual results, performance or financial condition to differ materially from expectations are:

- our portfolio strategy and operating strategy may be changed or modified by our management without advance notice to you or stockholder approval and we may suffer losses as a result of such modifications or changes;
- our ability to successfully diversify our investment portfolio and identify suitable assets to invest in;
- market changes in the terms and availability of repurchase agreements used to finance our investment portfolio activities;
- reduced demand for our securities in the mortgage securitization and secondary markets;
- interest rate mismatches between our interest-earning assets and our borrowings used to fund such purchases;
- changes in interest rates and mortgage prepayment rates;
- increased rates of default and/or decreased recovery rates on our assets;

- changes in the financial markets and economy generally;

- effects of interest rate caps on our adjustable-rate mortgage-backed securities;
- the degree to which our hedging strategies may or may not protect us from interest rate volatility;
- potential impacts of our leveraging policies on our net income and cash available for distribution;
- our board's ability to change our operating policies and strategies without notice to you or stockholder approval;
- our ability to manage, minimize or eliminate liabilities stemming from our discontinued operations; and
- the other important factors identified, or incorporated by reference into this report, including, but not limited to those under the captions "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk", and those described in Part I, Item 1A – "Risk Factors" of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, and the various other factors identified in any other documents filed by us with the SEC.

We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the events described by our forward-looking events might not occur. We qualify any and all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary factors. In addition, you should carefully review the risk factors described in other documents we file from time to time with the SEC.

#### General

New York Mortgage Trust, Inc., together with its consolidated subsidiaries ("NYMT", the "Company", "we", "our", and "us") a self-advised real estate investment trust, or REIT, in the business of acquiring and managing primarily (i) residential adjustable-rate, hybrid adjustable-rate and fixed-rate mortgage-backed securities ("RMBS"), for which the principal and interest payments are guaranteed by a U.S. Government agency, such as the Government National Mortgage Association ("Ginnie Mae") or a U.S. Government-sponsored entity ("GSE" or "Agency"), such as the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac"), which we refer to collectively as "Agency RMBS," (ii) RMBS backed by prime jumbo and Alternative A-paper ("Alt-A") mortgage loans ("non-Agency RMBS"), and (iii) prime credit quality residential adjustable-rate mortgage ("ARM") loans held in securitization trusts, or prime ARM loans. The remainder of our investment portfolio at March 31, 2010 is comprised of notes issued by a collateralized loan obligation ("CLO"). We also may opportunistically acquire and manage various other types of real estate-related and financial assets, including, among other things, certain non-rated residential mortgage assets, commercial mortgage-backed securities ("CMBS"), commercial real estate loans and other similar investments and, subject to maintaining our qualification as a REIT, debt or equity securities that may or may not be related to real estate. These assets, together with non-Agency RMBS and CLOs, typically present greater credit risk and less interest rate risk than our investments in Agency RMBS and prime ARM loans, and may also permit us to potentially utilize all or part of a significant net operating loss carry-forward held by Hypotheca Capital, LLC ("HC"), our wholly-owned subsidiary and former mortgage lending business.

Our principal business objective is to generate net income for distribution to our stockholders resulting from the spread between the interest and other income we earn on our interest-earning assets and the interest expense we pay

on the borrowings that we use to finance our leveraged assets and our operating costs, which we refer to as our net interest income. We intend to achieve this objective by investing in a broad class of real estate-related and financial assets, including those listed above, that in aggregate, will generate attractive risk-adjusted total returns for our stockholders.

Prior to 2009, our investment portfolio was primarily comprised of Agency RMBS, prime ARM loans held in securitization trusts and certain non-agency RMBS rated in the highest rating category by two rating agencies. Beginning in the first quarter of 2009, we commenced a repositioning of our investment portfolio to transition the portfolio from one primarily focused on leveraged Agency RMBS and prime ARM loans held in securitization trusts, which primarily involve interest rate risk, to a more diversified portfolio that includes elements of credit risk with reduced leverage. The repositioning included a reduction in the Agency RMBS held in our portfolio through the disposition of Agency ARM RMBS and GSE-issued collateralized mortgage obligation floating rate securities, or “Agency CMO floaters”, a net increase in our non-Agency RMBS position and our opportunistic purchase in March 2009 of discounted notes issued by a CLO.

Pursuant to an advisory agreement between Harvest Capital Strategies LLC (“HCS”) and us, certain of our assets are managed by HCS. See Note 13 to our condensed consolidated financial statements.

We elected to be taxed as a REIT for federal income tax purposes commencing with our taxable year ended December 31, 2004. As a result, we generally will not be subject to federal income tax on our taxable income that is distributed to our stockholders.

#### Recent Events

#### Current Market Conditions and Commentary

General. In recent years, the residential housing, mortgage, credit and financial markets in the United States have experienced a variety of difficulties and changed economic conditions, including increased rates of loan defaults, significant credit losses and decreased liquidity. These conditions, together with numerous other contributing factors, caused the value of many real estate-related and financial assets to become volatile and reduced available financing for many of these assets. In response to these conditions and the recent credit and financial market crisis, the U.S. Government, Federal Reserve, U.S. Treasury, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and other governmental and regulatory bodies have taken, and in some cases, are considering taking other actions, in an effort to stabilize the housing, credit and financial markets and stimulate the economy. These actions include, among other things, the conservatorship of, and other programs involving, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (EESA), the Troubled-Asset Relief Program (TARP), the Capital Purchase Program (CPP), the Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility (TALF), the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), the Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan (HASP) and the Homeowner Affordable Modification Program (HAMP). Although the impact from many of these actions remains uncertain, certain sectors have reported signs of stabilizing recently, including the Agency RMBS market.

Recent Developments at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Payments on the Agency RMBS in which we invest are guaranteed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. As broadly publicized, the recent turmoil in the residential mortgage sector severely weakened the financial condition of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, causing the U.S. Government to place Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac under federal conservatorship beginning in 2008. We expect that the U.S. Government’s conservatorship of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will allow these institutions to continue to issue Agency RMBS. However, no assurance can be given that the conservatorship of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will continue to have a positive effect on the supply of Agency RMBS. Moreover, in June 2009, as part of the Obama administration’s far-reaching financial industry recovery proposal, the U.S. Treasury announced that it and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, in consultation with other government agencies, plan to engage in a wide-ranging initiative to develop recommendations on the future of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and the Federal Home Loan Bank system. The scope and nature of the actions that the U.S. Government will ultimately undertake with respect to the future of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are unknown and will continue to evolve. New and recently enacted laws, regulations and programs related to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac may adversely affect the pricing,

supply, liquidity and value of RMBS and otherwise materially harm our business and operations. A brief summary of the most recent material developments involving Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is set forth below:

- In December 2009, the U.S. Treasury loosened its portfolio reduction requirements for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac by allowing the portfolio reduction requirements to be applied to the maximum allowable size of the portfolios, rather than the actual size of the portfolios. The change to Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's portfolio reduction requirements could extend the time period by which these entities sell portions of their Agency RMBS portfolios in the market, which, in turn, could cause the supply of Agency RMBS to be smaller than we originally anticipated.
- The Federal Reserve's Agency RMBS purchase program, which provided for purchases of up to \$1.25 trillion of Agency RMBS, was completed on March 31, 2010. We are unable to predict whether or when the US Treasury or the Federal Reserve will make further interventions in the Agency RMBS markets, or what impact, if any, such actions could have on the RMBS markets or our business.

- Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac recently announced that the GSEs will be purchasing delinquent loans from mortgage pools guaranteed by them. Delinquent loans for this program will be those that are 120 days or greater delinquent as of the measurement date. Freddie Mac stated that it will be consummating all of its purchases at once, based on the delinquencies as of February 2010, with payments to securities holders on March 15th and April 15th. On March 1, 2010, Fannie Mae reported that it would buy approximately \$127 billion of loans out of guaranteed RMBS pools beginning in March and running through about June of this year. These actions could decrease the net income derived from our Agency RMBS.

Mortgage and other asset values. During 2009, the market value of the Agency RMBS in our portfolio, the majority of which was purchased in 2008 and prior years, was positively impacted by the Federal Reserve's program to purchase \$1.25 trillion of Agency MBS. This purchase program implemented by the Federal Reserve increased market prices of Agency RMBS during 2009, thereby reducing their market yield. Because of these higher prices, we have not acquired any Agency RMBS since 2008. We expect that the conclusion of the Federal Reserve's Agency RMBS purchase program will cause the market value of Agency RMBS to decline as a result of reduced demand, which among other things, could cause the market value of the Agency RMBS in our portfolio to decline.

Market demand for non-Agency RMBS has steadily increased since early 2009 due to increased demand and the reduced market yields for Agency RMBS. Accordingly, while non-Agency RMBS remain available at a discount, such discounts have narrowed relative to discounts available in early 2009 and late 2008 and may continue to narrow in the future, reducing the market yields on these assets. Nevertheless, we believe that despite higher market prices and lower yields, that risk-adjusted returns on non-Agency RMBS continue to represent attractive investment opportunities.

We expect market values for certain other real estate-related and financial assets, such as our CLOs, to improve as the economic outlook in the U.S. and abroad improves.

Credit Quality. The deterioration of the U.S. housing market as well as the recent economic downturn have caused U.S. residential mortgage delinquency rates to remain at high levels for various types of mortgage loans. Recent months have seen some stabilization or improvement of certain measures of credit quality, although this stabilization and/or improvement may ultimately prove to be temporary.

The U.S. Government has initiated and encouraged programs designed to provide homeowners with assistance in avoiding residential mortgage loan foreclosures and defaults. In March 2010 the Obama administration announced that it would allocate \$14 billion of TARP funds to enhance the HAMP program. The funds will be available for use in reducing principal amounts and payments owing on mortgages of unemployed homeowners who are at risk of foreclosure. Homeowner assistance programs such as HAMP, as well as future legislative or regulatory actions, may affect the value of, and the returns on, our RMBS portfolio. To the extent that these programs are successful and fewer borrowers default on their mortgage obligations, the actual default rates realized on our non-Agency RMBS may be less than the default assumptions made by us at the purchase of such non-Agency RMBS, which, in turn, could cause the realized yields on our non-Agency RMBS portfolio to be higher than previously expected. Conversely, any forced reductions in principal that emanate from such programs could cause a reduction in the market value of RMBS, particularly non-Agency RMBS.

Financing markets and liquidity. The actions of the Federal Reserve and the U.S. Treasury, starting in 2008, appear to have stabilized the financing and liquidity environment for Agency RMBS. The liquidity facilities created by the Federal Reserve during 2007 and 2008 and its lowering of the Federal Funds Target Rate to 0 – 0.25% have lowered our financing costs (which most closely correlates with the 30-day LIBOR) and stabilized the availability of repurchase agreement financing for Agency RMBS. The 30-day LIBOR, which was 0.27% as of April 28, 2010, has



remained relatively unchanged since December 31, 2009. On April 28, 2010, the Federal Reserve re-acknowledged its plan to hold the Fed Funds Rate near zero percent “for an extended period.” While we expect interest rates to rise over the longer term, given the recent statements of the Federal Reserve, we believe that interest rates, and thus our financing costs, are likely to remain at these historically low levels until such time as the economic data begin to confirm a sustainable improvement in the overall economy.

While the financing and liquidity environment for Agency RMBS has stabilized, available leverage for non-Agency RMBS and other financial assets has remained scarce since early 2008. More recently though, some investment banks have, to a limited extent, begun making term financing available for non-Agency RMBS. As of the date of this report, our investment in non-Agency RMBS and a CLO remained unlevered; however, should the prospects for stable, reliable and favorable repurchase agreement financing for non-Agency RMBS develop in the future, we would expect to increase our repurchase agreement borrowings collateralized by non-Agency RMBS.

In addition to an improved financing environment for Agency RMBS, the collateral requirements of our repurchase agreement lenders also improved throughout 2009 and again in the first quarter of 2010, with the average “haircut” related to our repurchase agreement financing declining to approximately 5.7% at March 31, 2010.

Prepayment rates. As a result of various government initiatives, including HASP, HAMP and the reduction in intermediate and longer-term treasury yields, rates on conforming mortgages have remained near the historical lows that occurred during 2009. The constant prepayment rate (“CPR”) on our overall mortgage portfolio for the first quarter of 2010 remained relatively unchanged from our CPR for the fourth quarter of 2009. While the CPR on our overall mortgage portfolio was relatively unchanged during this period, we experienced a decline in the CPR on the RMBS in our portfolio (to 14.9%) and an increase in the CPR on our mortgage loans held in securitization trusts (to 20.9%). We expect speeds to be higher in the second quarter of 2010 on our portfolio of RMBS due to the announced delinquent loan buyback program from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. We do not expect these buyback programs to have a material impact on our business or results of operations.

#### Presentation Format

In connection with the sale of substantially all of our wholesale and retail mortgage lending platform assets during the first quarter of 2007, we classified certain assets and liabilities related to our mortgage lending segment as a discontinued operation in accordance with the provisions of FASB ASC 205-20 Presentation of Financial Statements Discontinued Operations. As a result, we have reported revenues and expenses related to the segment as a discontinued operation and the related assets and liabilities as assets and liabilities related to a discontinued operation for all periods presented in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements. Our continuing operations are primarily comprised of what we formerly referred to as our portfolio management operations. In addition, certain assets such as the deferred tax asset, and certain liabilities, such as subordinated debt, have become part of the continuing operations of NYMT and accordingly, we have not classified such assets or liabilities as a discontinued operation in accordance with the provisions of FASB ASC 205-20.

## Significance of Estimates and Critical Accounting Policies

A summary of our critical accounting policies is included in Item 7 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 and “Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies” to the condensed consolidated financial statements included therein. There have been no significant changes to those policies during 2010.

## Summary of Operations

**Net Interest Spread.** For the three months ended March 31, 2010, our net income was dependent upon the net interest income (the interest income on portfolio assets net of the interest expense and hedging costs associated with such assets) generated from our portfolio of RMBS, CLO and mortgage loans held in securitization trusts. The net interest spread on our investment portfolio was 425 basis points for the quarter ended March 31, 2010, as compared to 433 basis points for the quarter ended December 31, 2009, and 252 basis points for the quarter ended March 31, 2009.

**Financing.** During the quarter ended March 31, 2010, we continued to employ a balanced and diverse funding mix to finance our assets. At March 31, 2010, our Agency RMBS portfolio was funded with approximately \$75.8 million of repurchase agreement borrowing, which represents approximately 19.0% of our total liabilities, at a weighted average interest rate of 0.28%. The Company’s average haircut on its repurchase borrowings was approximately 5.7% at March 31, 2010. As of March 31, 2010, the loans held in securitization trusts were permanently financed with approximately \$249.8 million of CDOs, which represents approximately 62.6% of our total liabilities, at an average interest rate of 0.63%. The Company has a net equity investment of \$10.0 million in the securitization trusts as of March 31, 2010.

At March 31, 2010 our leverage ratio for our RMBS investment portfolio, which we define as our outstanding indebtedness under repurchase agreements divided by stockholders’ equity, was 1.2 to 1. We have continued to utilize significantly less leverage than our targeted overall leverage of 4 to 5 times due to the ongoing repositioning of our investment portfolio from one primarily focused on leveraged Agency RMBS and prime ARM loans held in securitization trusts to a more diversified portfolio that includes elements of credit risk with reduced leverage. Because financing for some of these assets that introduce credit risk remains unfavorable, to date, we have used cash from operating activities to finance assets other than Agency RMBS and prime ARM loans.

**Prepayment Experience.** The constant prepayment rate (“CPR”) on our overall mortgage portfolio averaged approximately 18.6% during the three months ended March 31, 2010, as compared to 18.1% for the three months ended December 31, 2009. CPRs on our purchased portfolio of RMBS averaged approximately 14.9% for the three months ended March 31, 2010, as compared to 19.9% for the three months ended December 31, 2009. The CPRs on our mortgage loans held in securitization trusts averaged approximately 20.9% during the three months ended March 31, 2010, as compared to 16.8% for the three months ended December 31, 2009. When prepayment expectations over the remaining life of assets increase, we amortize premiums over a shorter time period, which results in a reduced yield to maturity on our investment assets. Conversely, if prepayment expectations decrease, the premium is amortized over a longer period resulting in a higher yield to maturity. We monitor our prepayment experience on a monthly basis and adjust the amortization of our net premiums accordingly.

## Financial Condition

As of March 31, 2010, we had approximately \$463.9 million of total assets, as compared to approximately \$488.8 million of total assets as of December 31, 2009.

## Balance Sheet Analysis - Asset Quality

Investment Securities - Available for Sale - The following tables set forth the credit characteristics of our investment securities portfolio as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (dollar amounts in thousands):

| March 31, 2010         | Sponsor or Rating<br>S&P/Moodys/Fitch | Par<br>Value | Carrying<br>Value | % of<br>Portfolio | Coupon | Yield  |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|
| Agency RMBS            | FNMA                                  | \$ 104,657   | \$ 109,881        | 65.6 %            | 5.13 % | 2.48%  |
| Non-Agency<br>RMBS     | AAA/Aaa                               | 2,048        | 1,602             | 1.0 %             | 4.95 % | 11.23% |
|                        | AA/Aa                                 | 442          | 285               | 0.2 %             | 6.25 % | 16.25% |
|                        | BB/Ba                                 | 11,084       | 8,913             | 5.3 %             | 1.42%  | 20.20% |
|                        | B/B                                   | 4,258        | 3,095             | 1.8 %             | 1.40 % | 9.52%  |
|                        | CCC or Below                          | 31,890       | 22,038            | 13.2 %            | 5.13 % | 8.84%  |
| CLO                    | BBB/Baa                               | 10,400       | 6,188             | 3.7 %             | 1.35 % | 13.19% |
|                        | BB/Ba                                 | 15,300       | 7,344             | 4.4 %             | 2.65 % | 18.48% |
|                        | CCC or Below                          | 20,250       | 8,100             | 4.8 %             | 5.25 % | 25.88% |
| Total/Weighted average |                                       | \$ 200,329   | \$ 167,446        | 100.0 %           | 4.47 % | 6.72%  |

| December 31,<br>2009   | Sponsor or Rating<br>S&P/Moodys/Fitch | Par<br>Value | Carrying<br>Value | % of<br>Portfolio | Coupon | Yield  |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|
| Agency RMBS            | FNMA                                  | \$ 110,324   | \$ 116,226        | 65.8 %            | 5.14 % | 2.37%  |
| Non-Agency<br>RMBS     | AAA/Aaa                               | 2,195        | 1,717             | 1.0 %             | 4.97 % | 11.26% |
|                        | AA/Aa                                 | 1,270        | 886               | 0.5 %             | 5.18 % | 15.03% |
|                        | A/A                                   | 364          | 321               | 0.2 %             | 4.43 % | 4.92%  |
|                        | BB/Ba                                 | 13,384       | 11,336            | 6.3 %             | 1.65 % | 12.79% |
|                        | B/B                                   | 11,743       | 8,812             | 5.0 %             | 4.03 % | 9.57%  |
|                        | CCC/Caa or Below                      | 28,028       | 19,794            | 11.2 %            | 5.13 % | 7.49%  |
| CLO                    | BBB/Baa                               | 10,400       | 5,408             | 3.1 %             | 1.37 % | 15.20% |
|                        | BB/Ba                                 | 15,300       | 5,508             | 3.1 %             | 2.67 % | 23.45% |
|                        | B/B                                   | 20,250       | 6,683             | 3.8 %             | 5.27 % | 30.22% |
| Total/Weighted average |                                       | \$ 213,258   | \$ 176,691        | 100 %             | 4.51 % | 6.23%  |

Performance characteristics of non-Agency RMBS - The following tables detail performance characteristics of our non-Agency RMBS portfolio as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (dollar amounts in thousands):

## March 31, 2010

|                   | Acquired after<br>2008 | Acquired prior<br>to<br>2009 |
|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Current Par Value | \$ 33,175              | \$ 16,547                    |
| Collateral Type   |                        |                              |
| Fixed Rate        | \$ 3,516               | \$ 15,938                    |
| Arms              | \$ 29,659              | \$ 609                       |

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|  |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|
| Weighted average Purchase Price  | 60.14% | 91.71% |
| Weighted average Credit Support  | 8.23%  | 4.03%  |
| Weighted average 60++ Delinquencies (including 60+, REO and Foreclosure) | 23.41% | 8.15%  |
| Weighted average 3 month Constant Prepayment Rate                        | 14.61% | 15.89% |
| Weighted average 3 month Voluntary Prepayment Rate                       | 7.61%  | 14.90% |

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December 31, 2009

|  | Acquired after<br>2008 | Acquired prior<br>to<br>2009 |
|--|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Current Par Value  | \$ 38,682              | \$ 18,302                    |
| Collateral Type  |                        |                              |
| Fixed Rate   | \$ 3,738               | \$ 17,693                    |
| Arms   | \$ 34,944              | \$ 609                       |
| Weighted average Purchase Price  | 60.51%                 | 92.05%                       |
| Weighted average Credit Support  | 8.76%                  | 4.06%                        |
| Weighted average 60++ Delinquencies (including 60+, REO and Foreclosure) | 20.61%                 | 3.66%                        |
| Weighted average 3 month Constant Prepayment Rate                        | 16.24%                 | 17.46%                       |
| Weighted average 3 month Voluntary Prepayment Rate                       | 9.78%                  | 15.84%                       |

Detailed composition of loans securitizing our collateralized loan obligations – The following tables summarize the loans securitizing our CLOs grouped by range of outstanding balance, industry and Moody’s Investor Services, Inc’s (“Moody’s”) rating category as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively (dollar amounts in thousands):

| Range of<br>Outstanding<br>Balance | As of March 31, 2010 |                      |                 | As of December 31, 2009 |                      |                 |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
|                                    | Number of<br>Loans   | Maturity<br>Date     | Total Principal | Number of<br>Loans      | Maturity<br>Date     | Total Principal |
| \$0 - \$500                        | 8                    | 12/2011 -<br>03/2017 | \$ 3,551        | 7                       | 03/2014 -<br>03/2017 | \$ 3,471        |
| 01 - \$2,000                       | 21                   | 12/2012 -<br>03/2017 | 29,553          | 18                      | 12/2011 -<br>12/2015 | 24,722          |
| \$2,001 -<br>\$5,000               | 61                   | 05/2011 -<br>04/2016 | 219,332         | 55                      | 5/2011 -<br>2/2016   | 198,895         |
| \$5,001 -<br>\$10,000              | 26                   | 08/2011 -<br>02/2015 | 185,940         | 28                      | 11/2010 -<br>10/2014 | 202,080         |
| +\$10,001                          | 3                    | 12/2009 -<br>10/2012 | 33,350          | 3                       | 12/2009 -<br>10/2012 | 32,292          |
| Total                              | 119                  |                      | \$ 471,726      | 111                     |                      | \$ 461,460      |

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March 31, 2010

| Industry  | Number<br>of Loans | Outstanding<br>Balance<br>(amounts in<br>thousands) | % of<br>Outstanding<br>Balance |
|---|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Healthcare, Education & Childcare                                 | 13                 | \$ 52,739   | 11.2%                          |
| Personal, Food & Misc Services                                    | 7                  | 43,108  | 9.1%                           |
| Electronics   | 8                  | 30,413  | 6.4%                           |
| Beverage, Food & Tobacco  | 7                  | 28,973  | 6.1%                           |
| Printing & Publishing   | 5                  | 24,251  | 5.1%                           |
| Hotels, Motels, Inns and Gaming                                   | 5                  | 23,010  | 4.9%                           |
| Telecommunications  | 8                  | 22,887  | 4.9%                           |
| Retail Store  | 6                  | 21,675  | 4.6%                           |
| Personal & Non-Durable Consumer Products                          | 5                  | 20,368  | 4.3%                           |
| Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber                                    | 6                  | 20,204  | 4.3%                           |
| Aerospace & Defense   | 6                  | 20,054  | 4.3%                           |
| Utilities   | 5                  | 15,633  | 3.3%                           |
| Broadcasting & Entertainment                                      | 3                  | 14,631  | 3.1%                           |
| Insurance   | 2                  | 14,502  | 3.1%                           |
| Cargo Transport   | 2                  | 13,802  | 2.9%                           |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Service                                  | 2                  | 13,615  | 2.9%                           |
| Finance   | 4                  | 13,155  | 2.8%                           |
| Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures &<br>Entertainment            | 4                  | 12,497  | 2.6%                           |
| Ecological  | 4                  | 11,716  | 2.5%                           |
| Farming & Agriculture   | 1                  | 9,675   | 2.1%                           |
| Machinery (Non-Agriculture, Non-Construction &<br>Non-Electronic) | 2                  | 8,774   | 1.9%                           |
| Oil and Gas   | 1                  | 7,119   | 1.5%                           |
| Personal Transportation   | 2                  | 6,373   | 1.4%                           |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Mfg                                      | 2                  | 6,199   | 1.3%                           |
| Other   | 9                  | 16,353  | 3.5%                           |
| Total   | 119                | \$ 471,726  | 100.0%                         |

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December 31, 2009

| Industry  | Number of Loans | Outstanding Balance<br>(amounts in thousands) | % of Outstanding Balance |
|---|-----------------|---|--------------------------|
| Healthcare, Education & Childcare                   | 14              | \$ 57,190                                     | 12.4%                    |
| Diversified/Conglomerate Service                    | 6               | 42,348  | 9.2%                     |
| Personal, Food & Misc Services                      | 6               | 38,638  | 8.4%                     |
| Electronics   | 7               | 26,532  | 5.7%                     |
| Printing & Publishing                               | 4               | 23,990  | 5.2%                     |
| Telecommunications                                  | 6               | 23,098  | 5.0%                     |
| Insurance / Finance                                 | 5               | 22,915  | 5.0%                     |
| Utilities / Oil & Gas                               | 6               | 21,782  | 4.7%                     |
| Personal & Non-Durable Consumer Products            | 6               | 21,298  | 4.6%                     |
| Retail Store  | 6               | 21,211  | 4.6%                     |
| Aerospace & Defense                                 | 6               | 20,462  | 4.4%                     |
| Cargo Transport / Personal Transportation           | 3               | 19,499  | 4.2%                     |
| Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber                      | 6               | 18,532  | 4.0%                     |
| Hotels, Motels, Inns and Gaming                     | 4               | 18,183  | 3.9%                     |
| Broadcasting & Entertainment                        | 3               | 16,496  | 3.6%                     |
| Beverage, Food & Tobacco                            | 6               | 15,880  | 3.4%                     |
| Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures & Entertainment | 4               | 11,146  | 2.4%                     |
| Other   | 13              | 42,260  | 9.3%                     |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>111</b>      | <b>\$ 461,460</b>                             | <b>100.0%</b>            |

| Moody's Rating Category | As of March 31, 2010 |                     |                          | As of December 31, 2009 |                     |                          |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
|                         | Number of Loans      | Outstanding Balance | % of Outstanding Balance | Number of Loans         | Outstanding Balance | % of Outstanding Balance |
| Baa3                    | 3                    | \$ 11,924           | 2.5%                     | 2                       | \$ 6,955            | 1.5%                     |
| Ba1                     | 8                    | 22,601              | 4.8%                     | 9                       | 28,242              | 6.1%                     |
| Ba2                     | 11                   | 37,700              | 8.0%                     | 9                       | 26,418              | 5.7%                     |
| Ba3                     | 17                   | 52,298              | 11.1%                    | 15                      | 44,374              | 9.6%                     |
| B1                      | 22                   | 57,237              | 12.1%                    | 17                      | 51,355              | 11.1%                    |
| B2                      | 28                   | 107,165             | 22.7%                    | 28                      | 106,325             | 23.0%                    |
| B3                      | 18                   | 101,619             | 21.5%                    | 21                      | 137,531             | 29.8%                    |
| Caa1                    | 5                    | 24,459              | 5.2%                     | 5                       | 23,850              | 5.2%                     |
| Caa2                    | 5                    | 45,712              | 9.7%                     | 3                       | 26,311              | 5.7%                     |
| Caa3                    | 1                    | 385                 | 0.1%                     | 1                       | 540                 | 0.1%                     |
| Ca                      | 1                    | 10,626              | 2.3%                     | —                       | —                   | —                        |
| D                       | —                    | —                   | —                        | 1                       | 9,559               | 2.2%                     |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>119</b>           | <b>\$ 471,726</b>   | <b>100.0%</b>            | <b>111</b>              | <b>\$ 461,460</b>   | <b>100.0%</b>            |





Mortgage Loans Held in Securitization Trusts (net) - Included in our portfolio are 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. Since our formation, we have completed four securitizations; three of which were classified as financings and one of which, New York Mortgage Trust 2006-1, qualified as a sale and resulted in the recording of residual assets and mortgage servicing rights. During the quarter ended September 30, 2009, we sold all of the residual assets related to the 2006-1 securitization.

The following table details mortgage loans held in securitization trusts at March 31, 2010 (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                   | # of Loans | Par Value  | Coupon | Carrying Value | Yield |
|-------------------|------------|------------|--------|----------------|-------|
| March 31, 2010    | 620        | \$ 259,594 | 4.58%  | \$ 259,073     | 5.40% |
| December 31, 2009 | 647        | \$ 277,007 | 5.19%  | \$ 276,176     | 5.40% |

At March 31, 2010, mortgage loans held in securitization trusts totaled approximately \$259.1 million, or 55.9% of our total assets. Of this mortgage loan investment portfolio, 100% are traditional ARMs or hybrid ARMs, 80.0% of which are ARM loans that are interest only. On our hybrid ARMs, interest rate reset periods are predominately five years or less and the interest-only period is typically 10 years, which we believe mitigates the “payment shock” at the time of interest rate reset. None of the mortgage loans held in securitization trusts are payment option-ARMs or ARMs with negative amortization.

The following table sets forth the composition of our portfolio of mortgage loans held in securitization trusts as of March 31, 2010 (dollar amounts in thousands):

Loans Held in Securitization Trusts:

|   | Average | High     | Low   |
|---|---------|----------|-------|
| <b>General Loan Characteristics:</b>                |         |          |       |
| Original Loan Balance (dollar amounts in thousands) | \$ 448  | \$ 2,950 | \$ 48 |
| Current Coupon Rate                                 | 4.87%   | 7.25%    | 1.38% |
| Gross Margin  | 2.37%   | 5.00%    | 1.13% |
| Lifetime Cap  | 11.26%  | 13.25%   | 9.13% |
| Original Term (Months)                              | 360     | 360      | 360   |
| Remaining Term (Months)                             | 301     | 309      | 268   |
| Average Months to Reset                             | 4       | 16       | 1     |
| Original Average FICO Score                         | 731     | 820      | 593   |
| Original Average LTV                                | 70.35   | 95.00    | 13.94 |

Index / Reset Characteristics:

|                                      | Index Type | Weighted Average Gross Margin (%) |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>General Loan Characteristics:</b> |            |                                   |
| One Month Libor                      | 2.3%       | 1.69%                             |
| Six Month Libor                      | 72.0%      | 2.41%                             |
| One Year Libor                       | 17.3%      | 2.26%                             |
| One Year CMT                         | 8.4%       | 2.66%                             |
| Total / Weighted Average             | 100.0%     | 2.39%                             |



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The following table details loan summary information for loans held in securitization trusts at March 31, 2010 (dollar amounts in thousands).

| Property Type | Description | Loan Count | Interest Rate % |      |          | Final Maturity |          | Periodic Payment Terms (months) | Prior Liens | Original Amount of Principal | Current Amount of Principal | Delinquent Principal or Interest |
|---------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|------|----------|----------------|----------|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
|               |             |            | Max             | Min  | Avg      | Min            | Max      |                                 |             |                              |                             |                                  |
| Single        | <= \$100    | 11         | 5.88            | 2.63 | 4.49     | 12/01/34       | 11/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 1,724                        | \$ 752                      | \$ -                             |
| Family        | <= \$250    | 70         | 7.25            | 2.88 | 4.97     | 09/01/32       | 12/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 14,355                       | 12,438                      | 775                              |
|               | <= \$500    | 120        | 7.13            | 2.63 | 4.82     | 10/01/32       | 01/01/36 | 360                             | NA          | 45,321                       | 42,223                      | 6,262                            |
|               | <= \$1,000  | 45         | 6.00            | 1.50 | 4.61     | 08/01/33       | 12/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 35,582                       | 33,704                      | 2,655                            |
|               | > \$1,000   | 24         | 6.25            | 2.63 | 5.52     | 01/01/35       | 01/01/36 | 360                             | NA          | 42,607                       | 42,019                      | 6,246                            |
|               | Summary     | 270        | 7.25            | 1.50 | 4.87     | 09/01/32       | 01/01/36 | 360                             | NA          | 139,589                      | \$ 131,136                  | \$ 15,938                        |
| 2-4           | <= \$100    | 1          | 6.63            | 6.63 | 6.63     | 02/01/35       | 02/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 80                           | \$ 75                       | \$ 76                            |
| FAMILY        | <= \$250    | 6          | 6.75            | 2.63 | 4.81     | 12/01/34       | 07/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 1,115                        | 991                         | 192                              |
|               | <= \$500    | 16         | 7.25            | 2.13 | 4.70     | 09/01/34       | 01/01/36 | 360                             | NA          | 5,854                        | 5,585                       | 254                              |
|               | <= \$1,000  | 1          | 5.38            | 5.38 | 5.38     | 04/01/35       | 04/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 540                          | 540                         | -                                |
|               | > \$1,000   | -          | -               | -    | -        | -              | -        | 360                             | NA          | -                            | -                           | -                                |
|               | Summary     | 24         | 7.25            | 2.13 | 4.84     | 09/01/34       | 01/01/36 | 360                             | NA          | 7,589                        | \$ 7,191                    | \$ 522                           |
| Condo         | <= \$100    | 16         | 6.38            | 2.88 | 4.17     | 01/01/35       | 12/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 2,707                        | \$ 1,016                    | \$ -                             |
|               | <= \$250    | 80         | 6.50            | 2.63 | 4.97     | 08/01/32       | 01/01/36 | 360                             | NA          | 15,461                       | 14,285                      | 767                              |
|               | <= \$500    | 73         | 6.88            | 1.50 | 4.63     | 09/01/32       | 12/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 25,290                       | 24,131                      | 662                              |
|               | <= \$1,000  | 24         | 6.13            | 1.63 | 4.58     | 08/01/33       | 10/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 17,233                       | 16,341                      | 546                              |
|               | > \$1,000   | 10         | 6.13            | 2.75 | 5.18     | 01/01/35       | 09/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 14,914                       | 14,705                      | -                                |
| Summary       | 203         | 6.88       | 1.50            | 4.75 | 08/01/32 | 01/01/36       | 360      | NA                              | 75,605      | \$ 70,478                    | \$ 1,975                    |                                  |
| CO-OP         | <= \$100    | 5          | 5.88            | 3.00 | 4.63     | 10/01/34       | 12/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 1,475                        | \$ 319                      | \$ -                             |
|               | <= \$250    | 21         | 6.13            | 2.75 | 4.63     | 10/01/34       | 12/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 4,480                        | 3,777                       | 212                              |
|               | <= \$500    | 29         | 6.38            | 1.38 | 4.63     | 08/01/34       | 12/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 11,574                       | 10,518                      | -                                |
|               | <= \$1,000  | 15         | 5.63            | 2.63 | 4.76     | 12/01/34       | 11/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 10,759                       | 10,535                      | -                                |
|               | > \$1,000   | 5          | 6.00            | 2.25 | 4.38     | 11/01/34       | 12/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 7,544                        | 6,973                       | -                                |
| Summary       | 75          | 6.38       | 1.38            | 4.80 | 08/01/34 | 12/01/35       | 360      | NA                              | 35,832      | \$ 32,122                    | \$ 212                      |                                  |
| PUD           | <= \$100    | 1          | 5.63            | 5.63 | 5.63     | 07/01/35       | 07/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 100                          | \$ 93                       | \$ -                             |
|               | <= \$250    | 19         | 6.50            | 2.75 | 4.79     | 01/01/35       | 12/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 3,783                        | 3,620                       | 183                              |
|               | <= \$500    | 19         | 6.88            | 2.63 | 4.49     | 08/01/32       | 12/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 6,868                        | 6,531                       | 455                              |
|               | <= \$1,000  | 5          | 5.88            | 3.40 | 4.83     | 05/01/34       | 12/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 3,432                        | 3,261                       | 598                              |
|               | > \$1,000   | 4          | 6.13            | 2.88 | 4.52     | 04/01/34       | 12/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 5,233                        | 5,162                       | -                                |
| Summary       | 48          | 6.88       | 2.63            | 4.67 | 08/01/32 | 01/01/36       | 360      | NA                              | 19,416      | \$ 18,667                    | \$ 1,236                    |                                  |
| Summary       | <= \$100    | 34         | 6.63            | 2.63 | 4.46     | 10/01/34       | 12/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 6,086                        | \$ 2,255                    | \$ 76                            |
|               | <= \$250    | 196        | 7.25            | 2.63 | 4.91     | 08/01/32       | 01/01/36 | 360                             | NA          | 39,194                       | 35,111                      | 2,129                            |
|               | <= \$500    | 257        | 7.25            | 1.38 | 4.82     | 08/01/32       | 01/01/36 | 360                             | NA          | 94,907                       | 88,988                      | 7,633                            |
|               | <= \$1,000  | 90         | 6.13            | 1.50 | 4.65     | 08/01/33       | 12/01/35 | 360                             | NA          | 67,546                       | 64,381                      | 3,799                            |
|               | > \$1,000   | 43         | 6.25            | 2.25 | 5.21     | 04/01/34       | 01/01/36 | 360                             | NA          | 70,298                       | 68,859                      | 6,246                            |

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|             |     |      |      |      |          |          |     |    |         |            |           |
|-------------|-----|------|------|------|----------|----------|-----|----|---------|------------|-----------|
| Grand Total | 620 | 7.25 | 1.38 | 4.81 | 08/01/32 | 01/01/36 | 360 | NA | 278,031 | \$ 259,594 | \$ 19,883 |
|-------------|-----|------|------|------|----------|----------|-----|----|---------|------------|-----------|

The following table details activity for loans held in securitization trusts for the three months ended March 31, 2010.

|                               | Current<br>Principal | Premium  | Loan Reserve | Net Carrying<br>Value |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Balance, January 1, 2010      | \$ 277,007           | \$ 1,750 | \$ (2,581)   | \$ 276,176            |
| Additions                     | —                    | —        | —            | —                     |
| Principal repayments          | (16,957)             | —        | —            | (16,957)              |
| Provision for loan losses     | —                    | —        | 27           | 27                    |
| Transfer to real estate owned | (456)                | —        | 172          | (284)                 |
| Charge-offs                   | —                    | —        | 219          | 219                   |
| Amortization for premium      | —                    | (108)    | —            | (108)                 |
| Balance, March 31, 2010       | \$ 259,594           | \$ 1,642 | \$ (2,163)   | \$ 259,073            |

Cash and cash equivalents - We had unrestricted cash and cash equivalents of \$22.8 million.

Restricted Cash - Restricted cash of \$3.0 million at March 31, 2010 includes \$2.9 million held by counterparties as collateral for hedging instruments and \$0.1 million as collateral for a letter of credit related to the Company's lease of its corporate headquarters.

Accounts and accrued interest receivable - Accounts and accrued interest receivable includes accrued interest receivable for the investment securities and mortgage loans held in securitization trusts.

Prepaid and other assets - Prepaid and other assets totaled \$2.7 million as of March 31, 2010, and consist mainly of \$0.8 million of real estate owned ("REO") in securitization trusts, \$0.5 million of capitalization expenses related to equity and bond issuance cost, \$0.8 million related to escrow advances and \$0.2 million of capitalized servicing costs.

Assets Related to Discontinued Operation - Included in assets related to discontinued operation are mortgage loans that we have originated but do not intend to hold for investment and are classified as mortgage loans held for sale. We had mortgage loans held for sale (net) of \$3.8 million at March 31, 2010.

#### Balance Sheet Analysis - Financing Arrangements

Financing Arrangements, Portfolio Investments - As of March 31, 2010 there were approximately \$75.8 million of repurchase borrowings outstanding. Our repurchase agreements typically have terms of 30 days or less. As of March 31, 2010, the current weighted average borrowing rate on these financing facilities was 0.28%.

Collateralized Debt Obligations - As of March 31, 2010, we have CDOs outstanding of approximately \$249.8 million with a weighted average interest rate of 0.63%. The CDOs permanently finance our loans held in securitization trusts.

Subordinated Debentures - As of March 31, 2010, we have trust preferred securities outstanding of \$45.0 million that bear an average interest rate of 5.95%. The securities are fully guaranteed by the Company with respect to distributions and amounts payable upon liquidation, redemption or repayment, and mature in 2035. These securities are classified as subordinated debentures in the liability section of our condensed consolidated balance sheet.

Convertible Preferred Debentures - At March 31, 2010, we had \$19.9 million of convertible preferred debentures outstanding, net of \$0.1 million of deferred debt issuance cost. We issued these shares of Series A Preferred Stock to JMP Group Inc. and certain of its affiliates for an aggregate purchase price of \$20.0 million. The Series A Preferred Stock entitles the holders to receive a cumulative dividend of 10% per year, subject to an increase to the extent any quarterly common stock dividends exceed \$0.20 per share. The current dividend rate is 12.5% based on the 2010 first quarter common stock dividend of \$0.25. The Series A Preferred Stock is convertible into shares of our common stock based on a conversion price of \$8.00 per share of common stock, which represents a conversion rate of two and one-half (2 ½) shares of common stock for each share of Series A Preferred Stock. Any shares of Series A Preferred Stock that remain outstanding on December 31, 2010 must be redeemed in exchange for the liquidation amount, which is \$20.0 million plus all accrued and unpaid dividends. Because of this mandatory redemption feature, we classify these securities as a liability on our balance sheet.

Derivative Assets and Liabilities - We generally hedge only the risk related to changes in the benchmark interest rates used in the variable rate index, usually a London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") or a U.S. Treasury rate.

In order to reduce these risks, we enter into interest rate swap agreements whereby we receive floating rate payments in exchange for fixed rate payments, effectively converting our short term repurchase agreement borrowing or CDOs to a fixed rate. We also enter into interest rate cap agreements whereby, in exchange for a fee, we are reimbursed for interest paid in excess of a contractually specified capped rate.

Derivative financial instruments 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 cannot guaranty we do not have counterparty failures.

We enter into derivative transactions solely for risk management purposes. The decision of whether or not a given transaction, or a portion thereof, is hedged is made on a case-by-case basis, based on the risks involved and other factors as determined by senior management, including the financial impact on income and asset valuation and the restrictions imposed on REIT hedging activities by the Internal Revenue Code, among others. In determining whether to hedge a risk, we may consider whether other assets, liabilities, firm commitments and anticipated transactions already offset or reduce the risk. All transactions undertaken as a hedge are entered into with a view towards minimizing the potential for economic losses that could be incurred by us. Generally, all derivatives entered into are intended to qualify as cash flow hedges. To this end, terms of the hedges are matched closely to the terms of hedged items.

At March 31, 2010, the Company had \$101.7 million notional in interest rate swaps outstanding with a fair market value of \$2.3 million loss. In addition, the Company had \$172.2 million notional in outstanding interest rate caps with a fair market value of \$0. Both the interest rate swaps and interest rate caps qualify as cashflow hedges for purposes of reporting.

#### Balance Sheet Analysis - Stockholders' Equity

Stockholders' equity at March 31, 2010 was \$64.9 million and included \$15.9 million of net unrealized gains on available for sale securities and a \$2.5 million unrealized loss related to cashflow hedges presented as accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss).





## Results of Operations

## Overview of Performance

For the three months ended March 31, 2010, we reported net income of \$2.7 million as compared to net income of \$2.1 million for the same period in 2009. The main components of the change in net income (loss) for the three months ended March 31, 2010 as compared to the same period for the prior year are detailed in the following table (dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data):

|  | For the Three months Ended March 31, |          |            |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|
|  | 2010                                 | 2009     | Difference |
| Net interest income from investment securities and loans held in securitization trusts | \$ 4,829                             | \$ 5,455 | \$ (626)   |
| Net interest income  | 3,408                                | 4,094    | (686)      |
| Provision for loan losses  | (2)                                  | (629)    | 627        |
| Impairment loss on investment securities   | —                                    | (119)    | 119        |
| Realized gain on securities  | 807                                  | 123      | 684        |
| Total expenses   | 1,856                                | 1,570    | 286        |
| Income from continuing operations  | 2,357                                | 1,899    | 458        |
| Income from discontinued operation - net of tax  | 311                                  | 155      | 156        |
| Net income   | \$ 2,668                             | \$ 2,054 | \$ 614     |
| Basic income per common share  | \$ 0.28                              | \$ 0.22  | \$ 0.06    |
| Dividends per common share   | \$ 0.25                              | \$ 0.18  | \$ 0.07    |

The increase in net income of \$0.6 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 as compared to the same period in the previous year was due primarily to an increase of \$0.7 million in realized gain on securities and \$0.6 million reduction in provision for loan losses, partially offset by a \$0.7 million decline in net interest margin on the investment portfolio and on the loans held in securitization trusts. The realized gains of \$0.8 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2010 were related to the sale of certain credit sensitive non-Agency RMBS purchased during 2009, while the reduction in provision for loan losses was primarily a function of the improved performance of certain mortgage loans held in securitization trusts. The decline in net interest margin in the quarter ended March 31, 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009 was primarily a result of a reduction in our average earning assets from \$797.2 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2009 to \$425.1 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2010, partially offset by a 173 basis point improvement in net interest spread. The decline in average earning assets during this time is a function of our previously disclosed portfolio repositioning, which began in the first quarter of 2009 and focused on transitioning from a portfolio almost exclusively centered on leveraged Agency RMBS and prime ARM loans held in securitization trusts to a more diversified portfolio that includes elements of credit risk with reduced leverage. The reduction in leverage directly reduces the amount of assets that we can own and thus the amount of assets from which we derive net interest margin. The Company will continue to consider the opportunistic sale of credit sensitive non-Agency RMBS as the valuations warrant.

## Comparative Net Interest Income

Our results of operations for our investment portfolio during a given period typically reflect the net interest spread earned on our investment portfolio of Agency RMBS, non-Agency RBMS, loans held in securitization trusts and CLOs. The net interest spread is impacted by factors such as our cost of financing, the interest rate our investments are earning and our interest 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. The following tables set forth the changes in net interest income, yields earned on securities and mortgage loans and rates on financial arrangements for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 (dollar amounts in thousands, except as noted):

|   | For the Three Months Ended March 31, |                |                |                                     |                |                |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | Average<br>Balance<br>(\$ Millions)  | 2010<br>Amount | Yield/<br>Rate | Average<br>Balance<br>(\$ Millions) | 2009<br>Amount | Yield/<br>Rate |
| <b>Interest income:</b>   |                                      |                |                |                                     |                |                |
| Investment securities and loans held in the securitization trusts | \$ 474.2                             | \$ 5,340       | 4.50%          | \$ 798.7                            | \$ 8,436       | 4.22%          |
| Amortization of net premium                                       | (49.1)                               | 881            | 1.35%          | (1.5)                               | 149            | 0.09%          |
| Interest income/weighted average                                  | \$ 425.1                             | \$ 6,221       | 5.85%          | \$ 797.2                            | \$ 8,585       | 4.31%          |
| <b>Interest expense:</b>  |                                      |                |                |                                     |                |                |
| Investment securities and loans held in the securitization trusts | \$ 344.3                             | \$ 1,392       | 1.60%          | \$ 690.7                            | \$ 3,130       | 1.79%          |
| Subordinated debentures   | 45.0                                 | 759            | 6.67%          | 45.0                                | 824            | 7.24%          |
| Convertible preferred debentures                                  | 20.0                                 | 662            | 13.09%         | 20.0                                | 537            | 10.62%         |
| Interest expense/weighted average                                 | \$ 409.3                             | \$ 2,813       | 2.72%          | \$ 755.7                            | \$ 4,491       | 2.35%          |
| Net interest income/weighted average                              |                                      | \$ 3,408       | 3.13%          |                                     | \$ 4,094       | 1.96%          |

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The following table sets forth, among other things, the net interest spread since inception for our portfolio of investment securities available for sale, mortgage loans held for investment and mortgage loans held in securitization trusts, excluding the costs of our subordinated debentures and convertible preferred debentures.

| Quarter Ended      | Average Interest Earning Assets (\$ millions) | Weighted Average Coupon | Weighted Average Cash Yield on Interest Earning Assets | Cost of Funds | Net Interest Spread | Constant Prepayment Rate (CPR) |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------|--|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| March 31, 2010     | \$ 425.1                                      | 4.50 %                  | 5.85 %   | 1.60 %        | 4.25 %              | 18.6 %                         |
| December 31, 2009  | \$ 476.8                                      | 4.75 %                  | 5.78 %   | 1.45 %        | 4.33 %              | 18.1 %                         |
| September 30, 2009 | \$ 571.0                                      | 4.98 %                  | 5.60 %   | 1.47 %        | 4.13 %              | 22.5 %                         |
| June 30, 2009      | \$ 600.5                                      | 4.99 %                  | 5.09 %   | 1.48 %        | 3.61 %              | 21.4 %                         |
| March 31, 2009     | \$ 797.2                                      | 4.22 %                  | 4.31 %   | 1.79 %        | 2.52 %              | 12.3 %                         |
| December 31, 2008  | \$ 841.7                                      | 4.77 %                  | 4.65 %   | 3.34 %        | 1.31 %              | 9.2 %                          |
| September 30, 2008 | \$ 874.5                                      | 4.81 %                  | 4.72 %   | 3.36 %        | 1.36 %              | 13.8 %                         |
| June 30, 2008      | \$ 899.3                                      | 4.86 %                  | 4.78 %   | 3.35 %        | 1.43 %              | 14.0 %                         |
| March 31, 2008     | \$ 1,019.2                                    | 5.24 %                  | 5.20 %   | 4.35 %        | 0.85 %              | 13.0 %                         |
| December 31, 2007  | \$ 799.2                                      | 5.90 %                  | 5.79 %   | 5.33 %        | 0.46 %              | 19.0 %                         |
| September 30, 2007 | \$ 865.7                                      | 5.93 %                  | 5.72 %   | 5.38 %        | 0.34 %              | 21.0 %                         |
| June 30, 2007      | \$ 948.6                                      | 5.66 %                  | 5.55 %   | 5.43 %        | 0.12 %              | 21.0 %                         |
| March 31, 2007     | \$ 1,022.7                                    | 5.59 %                  | 5.36 %   | 5.34 %        | 0.02 %              | 19.2 %                         |
| December 31, 2006  | \$ 1,111.0                                    | 5.53 %                  | 5.35 %   | 5.26 %        | 0.09 %              | 17.2 %                         |
| September 30, 2006 | \$ 1,287.6                                    | 5.50 %                  | 5.28 %   | 5.12 %        | 0.16 %              | 20.7 %                         |
| June 30, 2006      | \$ 1,217.9                                    | 5.29 %                  | 5.08 %   | 4.30 %        | 0.78 %              | 19.8 %                         |
| March 31, 2006     | \$ 1,478.6                                    | 4.85 %                  | 4.75 %   | 4.04 %        | 0.71 %              | 18.7 %                         |
| December 31, 2005  | \$ 1,499.0                                    | 4.84 %                  | 4.43 %   | 3.81 %        | 0.62 %              | 26.9 %                         |
| September 30, 2005 | \$ 1,494.0                                    | 4.69 %                  | 4.08 %   | 3.38 %        | 0.70 %              | 29.7 %                         |
| June 30, 2005      | \$ 1,590.0                                    | 4.50 %                  | 4.06 %   | 3.06 %        | 1.00 %              | 30.5 %                         |
| March 31, 2005     | \$ 1,477.9                                    | 4.39 %                  | 4.01 %   | 2.86 %        | 1.15 %              | 29.2 %                         |
| December 31, 2004  | \$ 1,325.7                                    | 4.29 %                  | 3.84 %   | 2.58 %        | 1.26 %              | 23.7 %                         |
| September 30, 2004 | \$ 776.5                                      | 4.04 %                  | 3.86 %   | 2.45 %        | 1.41 %              | 16.0 %                         |

Comparative Expenses (dollar amounts in thousands)

| Expenses:             | For the Three Months Ended |         |          |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------|----------|
|                       | 2010                       | 2009    | % Change |
| Salaries and benefits | \$533                      | \$541   | (1.5) %  |
| Professional fees     | 282                        | 341     | (17.3) % |
| Management fees       | 464                        | 182     | 154.9 %  |
| Insurance             | 166                        | 92      | 80.4 %   |
| Other                 | 411                        | 414     | (0.7) %  |
| Total Expenses        | \$1,856                    | \$1,570 | 18.2 %   |

The increase in expenses of approximately \$0.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009 is primarily due to an increase in incentive management fees paid to HCS, which is a direct

result of an increase in, and improved performance of, the assets under HCS' management during these periods.

### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

Since inception, we have not maintained 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. Accordingly, we are not materially exposed to any market, credit, liquidity or financing risk that could arise if we had engaged in such relationships.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity is a measure of our ability to meet potential cash requirements, including ongoing commitments to repay borrowings, fund and maintain investments, fund our operations, pay dividends to our stockholders and other general business needs. We recognize the need to have funds available for our operating businesses and meet these potential cash requirements. Our investments and assets generate liquidity on an ongoing basis through mortgage principal and interest payments, prepayments and net earnings held prior to payment of dividends. In addition, depending on market conditions, the sale of investment securities or capital market transactions may provide additional liquidity. We intend to meet our liquidity needs through normal operations with the goal of avoiding unplanned sales of assets or emergency borrowing of funds. At March 31, 2010, we had \$22.8 million in cash, \$65.5 million in unencumbered securities, including \$29.5 million of Agency RMBS, and borrowings of \$75.8 million under outstanding repurchase agreements. At March 31, 2010, we also had longer-term capital resources, including CDOs outstanding of \$249.8 million and subordinated debt of \$45.0 million.

The Company also has \$19.9 million of its Series A Convertible Preferred Stock outstanding, net of deferred issuance costs. The Series A Preferred Stock matures on December 31, 2010, at which time we must redeem any outstanding shares at the \$20.00 per share liquidation preference plus any accrued and unpaid dividends at that time. The Series A Preferred Stock is convertible into shares of the Company's common stock based on a conversion price of \$8.00 per share of common stock, which represents a conversion rate of two and one-half (2 ½) shares of common stock for each share of Series A Preferred Stock. As of May 3, 2010, our common stock was trading below the \$8.00 conversion price for our Series A Preferred Stock. As a result, as of May 3, 2010, 100% of the Series A Preferred Stock remained outstanding, which represents an aggregate redemption price (excluding accrued and unpaid dividends) of approximately \$20.0 million. In the event we are required to redeem all or a portion of the outstanding Series A Preferred Stock at December 31, 2010, we expect to use working capital to satisfy the redemption terms. Based on our current investment portfolio, leverage ratio and available borrowing arrangements, we believe our existing cash balances, funds available under our current repurchase agreements and cash flows from operations will meet our liquidity requirements for at least the next 12 months.

We had outstanding repurchase agreements, a form of collateralized short-term borrowing, with four different financial institutions as of March 31, 2010. These agreements are secured by our Agency RMBS 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 mortgage backed securities portfolio. Interest rate changes 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. 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, on minimal notice. Moreover, In the event an existing counterparty elected to not reset 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 mortgage-backed 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 significant loss.

At March 31, 2010 our leverage ratio for our RMBS investment portfolio, which we define as our outstanding indebtedness under repurchase agreements divided by stockholders' equity, was 1.2 to 1. We have continued to utilize significantly less leverage than our targeted overall leverage of 4 to 5 times due to the ongoing repositioning of our investment portfolio from one primarily focused on leveraged Agency RMBS and prime ARM loans held in securitization trusts to a more diversified portfolio that includes elements of credit risk with reduced leverage. Because financing for certain of the assets that introduce credit risk remains unfavorable, to date, we have used cash from operating activities to finance assets other than Agency RMBS and mortgage loans held in securitization trusts.

We enter into interest rate swap agreements as a mechanism to reduce the interest rate risk of the RMBS portfolio. At March 31, 2010, we had \$101.7 million in notional interest rate swaps outstanding. Should market rates for similar term interest rate swaps drop below the fixed rates we have agreed to on our interest rate swaps, we will be required to post additional margin to the swap counterparty, reducing available liquidity. At March 31, 2010, we pledged \$2.9 million in cash margin to cover decreased valuations for our interest rate swaps. The weighted average maturity of the swaps was 2.6 years at March 31, 2010.

We also own approximately \$3.8 million of loans held for sale. Our inability to sell these loans at all or on favorable terms could adversely affect our profitability as any sale for less than the current reserved balance would result in a loss. Currently, these loans are not financed or pledged.

As it relates to loans sold previously under certain loan sale agreements by our discontinued mortgage lending business, we may be required to repurchase some of those loans or indemnify the loan purchaser for damages caused by a breach of the loan sale agreement. While in the past we complied with the repurchase demands by repurchasing the loan with cash and reselling it at a loss, thus reducing our cash position; since December 31, 2007, we have addressed these requests by attempting to negotiate a net cash settlement based on the actual or assumed loss on the loan in lieu of repurchasing the loans. We periodically receive repurchase requests, each of which management reviews to determine, based on management's experience, whether such request may reasonably be deemed to have merit. As of March 31, 2010, the amount of repurchase requests outstanding was approximately \$2.0 million, against which we had a reserve of approximately \$0.3 million. We cannot assure you that we will be successful in settling the remaining repurchase demands on favorable terms, or at all. If we are unable to continue to resolve our current repurchase demands through negotiated net cash settlements, our liquidity could be adversely affected. In addition, we may be subject to new repurchase requests from investors with whom we have not settled or with respect to repurchase obligations not covered under the settlement.

We paid a fourth quarter 2009 common stock cash dividend of \$0.25 in January 2010 and declared a first quarter 2010 cash dividend of \$0.25 per common stock share in March 2010 which was paid in April 2010.

In January 2010, we paid a 2009 fourth quarter dividend of \$0.63 per share, or \$0.6 million in the aggregate, on shares of the Series A Preferred Stock to holders of record on December 31, 2009. In March 2010, we declared a 2010 first quarter dividend of \$0.63 per share on shares of the Series A Preferred Stock, which was paid on April 30, 2010 to holders of record on March 31, 2010.

Our board of directors will continue to evaluate our common stock 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 status, our financial condition, liquidity, earnings projections and business prospects. Our common stock dividend policy does not constitute an obligation to pay dividends, which only occurs when our board of directors declares a dividend.

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 avoid corporate income tax and the nondeductible excise tax.

#### Advisory Agreement

On January 18, 2008, we entered into an advisory agreement with HCS, pursuant to which HCS advises, manages and makes investments on behalf the Managed Subsidiaries. Pursuant to the advisory agreement, HCS is entitled to receive the following compensation:

- a base advisory fee equal to 1.50% per annum of the "equity capital" (as defined in advisory agreement) of the Managed Subsidiaries is payable by us to HCS in cash, quarterly in arrears; and
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incentive compensation equal to 25% of the GAAP net income of the Managed Subsidiaries attributable to the investments that are managed by HCS that exceed a hurdle rate equal to the greater of (a) 8.00% and (b) 2.00% plus the ten year treasury rate for such fiscal year will be payable by us to HCS in cash, quarterly in arrears; provided, however, that a portion of the incentive compensation may be paid in shares of our common stock.



If we terminate the advisory agreement (other than for cause) or elect not to renew it, we will be required to pay HCS a cash termination fee equal to the sum of (i) the average annual base advisory fee and (ii) the average annual incentive compensation earned during the 24-month period immediately preceding the date of termination.

For the three months ended March 31, 2010, we paid HCS a base advisory fee of \$0.2 million and incentive compensation of \$0.3 million. As of March 31, 2010, HCS was managing approximately \$44.8 million of assets on our behalf.

#### 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.

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

Market risk is the exposure to loss resulting from changes in interest rates, credit spreads, foreign currency exchange rates, commodity prices and equity prices. Because we are invested solely in U.S.-dollar denominated instruments, primarily residential mortgage instruments, and our borrowings are also domestic and U.S. dollar denominated, we are not subject to foreign currency exchange, or commodity and equity price risk; the primary market risk that we are exposed to is interest rate risk and its related ancillary risks. Interest rate risk is highly sensitive to many factors, including governmental monetary and tax policies, domestic and international economic and political considerations and other factors beyond our control. All of our market risk sensitive assets, liabilities and related derivative positions are for non-trading purposes only.

Management recognizes the following primary risks associated with our business and the industry in which we conduct business:

- Interest rate risk
- Liquidity risk
- Prepayment risk
- Credit risk
- Market (fair value) risk

#### 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 our RMBS and ARM loans we manage and hold in our investment portfolio, the variable-rate borrowings we use to finance our portfolio, and the interest rate swaps and caps we use to hedge our portfolio. All of our portfolio interest market risk sensitive assets, liabilities and related derivative positions are managed with a long term perspective and are not for trading purposes.

Interest rate risk is measured by the sensitivity of our current and future earnings to interest rate volatility, variability of spread relationships, the difference in re-pricing intervals between our assets and liabilities and the effect that interest rates may have on our cash flows, especially the speed at which prepayments occur on our residential mortgage related assets. Changes in interest rates can affect our net interest income, which is the difference between the interest income earned on assets and our interest expense incurred in connection with our borrowings.

Our adjustable-rate hybrid ARM assets reset on various dates that are not matched to the reset dates on our repurchase agreements. In general, the repricing of our repurchase agreements occurs more quickly than the repricing of our assets. First, our floating rate borrowings may react to changes in interest rates before our adjustable rate assets because the weighted average next re-pricing dates on the related borrowings may have shorter time periods than that of the adjustable rate assets. Second, interest rates on adjustable rate assets 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. Third, our adjustable rate assets typically lag changes in the applicable interest rate indices by 45 days due to the notice period provided to adjustable rate borrowers when the interest rates on their loans are scheduled to change.

We seek to manage interest rate risk in the portfolio by utilizing interest rate swaps, caps and Eurodollar futures, with the goal of optimizing the earnings potential while seeking to maintain long term stable portfolio values. We continually monitor the duration of our mortgage assets and have a policy to hedge the financing such that the net duration of the assets, our borrowed funds related to such assets, and related hedging instruments, are less than one year.

Interest rates can also affect our net return on hybrid ARM securities and loans net of the cost of financing hybrid ARMs. We continually monitor and estimate the duration of our hybrid ARMs and have a policy to hedge the financing of the hybrid ARMs such that the net duration of the hybrid ARMs, our borrowed funds related to such assets, and related hedging instruments are less than one year. During a declining interest rate environment, the prepayment of hybrid ARMs may accelerate (as borrowers may opt to refinance at a lower rate) causing the amount of liabilities that have been extended by the use of interest rate swaps to increase relative to the amount of hybrid ARMs, possibly resulting in a decline in our net return on hybrid ARMs as replacement hybrid ARMs may have a lower yield than those being prepaid. Conversely, during an increasing interest rate environment, hybrid ARMs may prepay slower than expected, requiring us to finance a higher amount of hybrid ARMs than originally forecast and at a time when interest rates may be higher, resulting in a decline in our net return on hybrid ARMs. Our exposure to changes in the prepayment speeds of hybrid ARMs is mitigated by regular monitoring of the outstanding balance of hybrid ARMs, and adjusting the amounts anticipated to be outstanding in future periods and, on a regular basis, making adjustments to the amount of our fixed-rate borrowing obligations for future periods.

We utilize a model based risk analysis system to assist in projecting portfolio performances over a scenario of different interest rates. The model incorporates shifts in interest rates, changes in prepayments and other factors impacting the valuations of our financial securities, including mortgage-backed securities, repurchase agreements, interest rate swaps and interest rate caps.

Based on the results of the model, as of March 31, 2010, instantaneous changes in interest rates would have the following effect on net interest income: (dollar amounts in thousands)

| Changes in Net Interest Income |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Changes in Interest Rates      | Changes in Net Interest Income |
| +200                           | \$ (2,638)                     |
| +100                           | \$ (1,768)                     |
| -100                           | \$ 1,907                       |

Interest rate changes may also impact our net book value as our mortgage assets and related hedge derivatives are marked-to-market each quarter. Generally, as interest rates increase, the value of our mortgage assets decreases and as interest rates decrease, the value of such investments will increase. In general, we would expect however that, over time, decreases in 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, and vice versa. However, the relationship between spreads on securities and spreads on swaps may vary from time to time, resulting in a net aggregate book value increase or decline. However, unless there is a material impairment in value that would result in a payment not being received on a security or loan, 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 RMBS, the CDOs we have issued to finance our loans held in securitization trusts, the principal and interest payments from mortgage assets and cash proceeds from the issuance of equity 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.

As it relates to our investment portfolio, derivative financial instruments we use to hedge interest rate risk subject us to “margin call” risk. If the value of our pledged assets decreases, due to a change in interest rates, credit characteristics, or other pricing factors, we may be required to post additional cash or asset collateral, or reduce the amount we are able to borrow versus the collateral. Under our interest rate swaps typically we pay a fixed rate to the counterparties while they pay us a floating rate. If interest rates drop below the fixed rate we are paying on an interest rate swap, we may be required to post cash margin.

### Prepayment Risk

When borrowers repay the principal on their mortgage loans before maturity or faster than their scheduled amortization, the effect is to shorten the period over which interest is earned, and therefore, reduce the yield for mortgage assets purchased at a premium to their then current balance, as with the majority of our assets. Conversely, mortgage assets purchased for less than their then current balance exhibit higher yields due to faster prepayments. Furthermore, prepayment speeds exceeding or lower than our modeled prepayment speeds impact 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.

Our prepayment model will help determine the amount of hedging we use to off-set changes in interest rates. If actual prepayment rates are higher than modeled, the yield will be less than modeled in cases where we paid a premium for the particular 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, resulting in a higher yield to maturity.

In an increasing prepayment environment, 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 mitigate prepayment risk by constantly evaluating our 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 mortgage loans or other assets due to either borrower defaults, or a counterparty failure. Our portfolio of loans held in securitization trusts as of March

31, 2010 consisted of approximately \$259.6 million of securitized first liens originated in 2005 and earlier. The securitized first liens were principally originated by our subsidiary, HC, prior to our exit from the mortgage lending business. These are predominately high-quality loans with an original average loan-to-value (“LTV”) ratio at origination of approximately 70.4%, and an original average borrower FICO score of approximately 731. In addition, approximately 66.9% of these loans were originated with full income and asset verification. While we feel that our origination and underwriting of these loans will help to mitigate the risk of significant borrower default on these loans, we cannot assure you that all borrowers will continue to satisfy their payment obligations under these loans and thereby avoid default.

As of March 31, 2010, we owned approximately \$35.9 million on non-Agency RMBS senior securities. The non-Agency RMBS has a weighted amortized purchase price of approximately 70.7% of current par value. Management believes the purchase price discount coupled with the credit support within the bond structure protects our company from principal loss under most stress scenarios for these non-Agency RMBS. In addition, we own approximately \$21.6 million of collateralized loan obligations at a discounted purchase price of approximately 21.0% of par. The securities are backed by a portfolio of 117 middle market corporate loans.

#### Market (Fair Value) Risk

Changes in interest rates also expose us to market risk that the market value (fair) value on our assets may decline. For certain of the financial instruments that we own, fair values will not be readily available since there are no active trading markets for these instruments as characterized by current exchanges between willing parties. Accordingly, fair values can 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. These estimates and assumptions are indicative of the interest rate environments as of March 31, 2010, and do not take into consideration the effects of subsequent interest rate fluctuations.

We note that the values of our investments in mortgage-backed securities and in derivative instruments, primarily interest rate hedges on our debt, will be sensitive to changes in market interest rates, interest rate spreads, credit spreads and other market factors. The value of these investments can vary and has varied materially from period to period. Historically, the values of our mortgage loan portfolio have tended to vary inversely with those of its derivative instruments.

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 cashflows, 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 fair values of the Company's RMBS are generally based on market prices provided by dealers who make markets in these financial instruments. If the fair value of a security is not reasonably available from a dealer, management estimates the fair value based on characteristics of the security that the Company receives from the issuer and on available market information.

The fair value of mortgage loans held in securitization trusts 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. Due to significant market dislocation over the past 18 months, secondary market prices were given minimal weighting in determining the fair value of these loans at March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009.

The fair value of our CDOs is based on discounted cashflows as well as market pricing on comparable CDOs.

The market risk management discussion and the amounts estimated from the analysis that follows are 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.

As a financial institution that has only invested in U.S.-dollar denominated instruments, primarily residential mortgage instruments, and has only borrowed money in the domestic market, we are not subject to foreign currency exchange or commodity price risk. Rather, our market risk exposure is largely due to interest rate risk. Interest rate risk impacts our interest income, interest expense and the market value on a large portion of our assets and liabilities. The management of interest rate risk attempts to maximize earnings and to preserve capital by minimizing the negative impacts of changing market rates, asset and liability mix, and prepayment activity.

The table below presents the sensitivity of the market value and net duration changes of our portfolio as of March 31, 2010, using a discounted cash flow simulation model assuming an instantaneous interest rate shift. 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 (“bp”) 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.

| Changes in<br>Interest Rates | Market Value Changes                                |         | Net<br>Duration |
|------------------------------|---|---------|-----------------|
|                              | Changes in<br>Market Value<br>(Amount in thousands) |         |                 |
| +200                         | \$  | (7,505) | 0.74 years      |
| +100                         | \$  | (3,653) | 0.58 years      |
| Base                         |   | —       | 0.49 years      |
| -100                         | \$  | 4,409   | 0.29 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 or changes in overall market liquidity.

Based on the assumptions used, the model output suggests a very low degree of portfolio price change given increases in interest rates, which implies that our cash flow and earning characteristics should be relatively stable for comparable changes in interest rates.



Although market value sensitivity analysis is widely accepted in identifying interest rate risk, it does not take into consideration changes that may occur such as, but not limited to, changes in investment and financing strategies, changes in market spreads and changes in business volumes. Accordingly, we make extensive use of an earnings simulation model to further analyze our level of interest rate risk.

There are a number of key assumptions in our earnings simulation model. These key assumptions include changes in market conditions that affect interest rates, the pricing of ARM products, the availability of investment assets and the availability and the cost of financing for portfolio assets. Other key assumptions made in using the simulation model include prepayment speeds and management's investment, financing and hedging strategies, and the issuance of new equity. We typically run the simulation model under a variety of hypothetical business scenarios that may include different interest rate scenarios, different investment strategies, different prepayment possibilities and other scenarios that provide us with a range of possible earnings outcomes in order to assess potential interest rate risk. The assumptions used represent our estimate of the likely effect of changes in interest rates and do not necessarily reflect actual results. The earnings simulation model takes into account periodic and lifetime caps embedded in our assets in determining the earnings at risk.

#### 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 March 31, 2010. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2010.

**Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting** - There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 31, 2010 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes to the risk factors disclosed in Item 1A. "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Item 6. Exhibits

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

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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: May 6, 2010

By: /s/ Steven R. Mumma  
Steven R. Mumma  
Chief Executive Officer, President and Chief  
Financial Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer and Principal  
Financial 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 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 4, 2007).   |
| 3.1(c)  | Articles of Amendment of the Registrant (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 4, 2007).   |
| 3.1(d)  | Articles of Amendment of the Registrant (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1(d) to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 16, 2008).   |
| 3.1(e)  | Articles of Amendment of the Registrant (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1(e) to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 16, 2008).   |
| 3.1(f)  | 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).  |
| 3.2(a)  | Bylaws of New York Mortgage Trust, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 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).   |
| 3.2(b)  | Amendment No. 1 to Bylaws of New York Mortgage Trust, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2(b) to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 16, 2006).   |
| 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)  | Amended and Restated Trust Agreement among The New York Mortgage Company, LLC, JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Chase Bank USA, National Association and the Administrative Trustees named therein, dated September 1, 2005. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 6, 2005). |
| 4.3(a)  | Articles Supplementary Establishing and Fixing the Rights and Preferences of Series A Cumulative Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock of the Company (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 25, 2008).   |
| 4.3(b)  |  |

Form of Series A Cumulative Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock Certificate (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 25, 2008).

31.1 Section 302 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.\*

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

\* Filed herewith.