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☒ QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF  
1934  
FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2015

OR

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF  
1934  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number 001-13709

ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| 1299 Ocean Avenue, Second Floor,<br>Santa Monica, California | 90401 |
| (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)          |       |

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

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Large Accelerated Filer ☒

Accelerated Filer ☐

Non-Accelerated Filer ☐ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller Reporting Company ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

At May 6, 2015, the registrant had 105,084,859 shares of common stock issued and 104,809,859 shares outstanding.

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## Part I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Consolidated Financial Statements

## ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

|  | March 31,<br>2015 | December<br>31,<br>2014<br>(audited) |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                   |                                      |
| Agency MBS:  |                   |                                      |
| Agency MBS pledged to counterparties at fair value   | \$6,436,205       | \$6,650,143                          |
| Agency MBS at fair value   | 272,734           | 343,734                              |
| Paydowns receivable  | 35,702            | 29,486                               |
|  | \$6,744,641       | \$7,023,363                          |
| Non-Agency MBS at fair value (including \$318,599 and \$155,311 pledged to counterparties at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively) |                   |                                      |
|  | 376,379           | 199,710                              |
| Residential real estate  | 14,278            | 12,871                               |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 3,682             | 14,989                               |
| Interest and dividends receivable  | 18,983            | 19,115                               |
| Derivative instruments at fair value   | 6,560             | 9,792                                |
| Prepaid expenses and other   | 28,582            | 18,495                               |
| Total Assets:  | \$7,193,105       | \$7,298,335                          |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>  |                   |                                      |
| Liabilities:   |                   |                                      |
| Accrued interest payable   | \$11,272          | \$17,606                             |
| Repurchase agreements  | 6,284,037         | 6,370,740                            |
| Junior subordinated notes  | 37,380            | 37,380                               |
| Derivative instruments at fair value   | 70,188            | 45,259                               |
| Dividends payable on Series A Preferred Stock  | 1,035             | 1,035                                |
| Dividends payable on Series B Preferred Stock  | 394               | 394                                  |
| Dividends payable on Series C Preferred Stock  | 111               | -                                    |
| Dividends payable on common stock  | 15,828            | 15,396                               |
| Accrued expenses and other   | 5,520             | 29,084                               |
| Total Liabilities:   | \$6,425,765       | \$6,516,894                          |
| Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock: par value \$0.01 per share; liquidating   | \$23,924          | \$23,924                             |

preference \$25.00 per share (\$25,241 and \$25,241, respectively); 1,010 and 1,010

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shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014,

respectively

Stockholders' Equity:

Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock: par value \$0.01 per share; liquidating

preference \$25.00 per share (\$47,984 and \$47,984, respectively); 1,919 and 1,919

shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014,

respectively

\$46,537 \$46,537

Series C Cumulative Preferred Stock: par value \$0.01 per share; liquidating

preference \$25.00 per share (\$8,828 and \$0, respectively); 353 and 0 shares issued

and outstanding at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively

8,085 -

Common Stock: par value \$0.01 per share; authorized 200,000 shares, 105,519

shares

issued and 105,157 shares outstanding at March 31, 2015 and 109,972 shares

issued

and 109,234 shares outstanding at December 31, 2014, respectively

1,055 1,100

Additional paid-in capital

1,011,954 1,033,015

Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) consisting of unrealized gains and losses

17,614 (14,981 )

Accumulated deficit

(341,829 ) (308,154 )

Total Stockholders' Equity:

\$743,416 \$757,517

Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity:

\$7,193,105 \$7,298,335

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

## ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

(unaudited)

|   | Three Months Ended |           |
|---|--------------------|-----------|
|   | March 31,          |           |
|   | 2015               | 2014      |
| Interest and other income:                                  |                    |           |
| Interest on Agency MBS                                      | \$ 30,588          | \$ 44,394 |
| Interest on Non-Agency MBS                                  | 3,647              | 1         |
| Income on rental properties                                 | 370                | -         |
| Other interest income                                       | 10                 | 11        |
|   | 34,615             | 44,406    |
| Interest Expense:   |                    |           |
| Interest expense on repurchase agreements                   | 6,689              | 27,406    |
| Interest expense on junior subordinated notes               | 315                | 314       |
|   | 7,004              | 27,720    |
| Net operating income  | 27,611             | 16,686    |
| Operating Expenses:   |                    |           |
| Management fee to related party                             | (2,336 )           | (2,916 )  |
| General and administrative expenses                         | (1,279 )           | (1,064 )  |
| Total operating expenses                                    | (3,615 )           | (3,980 )  |
| Other Income:   |                    |           |
| Loss on sales of Non-Agency MBS                             | (3 )               | -         |
| (Loss) gain on interest rate swaps, net                     | (46,488 )          | 628       |
| Gain on derivatives-TBA Agency MBS, net                     | 8,525              | -         |
| (Loss) on derivatives-Eurodollar Futures Contracts          | (2,338 )           | -         |
| Recovery on Non-Agency MBS                                  | 1                  | 37        |
| Total other (loss) income                                   | (40,303 )          | 665       |
| Net (loss) income   | \$(16,307 )        | \$ 13,371 |
| Dividend on Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock             | (1,035 )           | (1,035 )  |
| Dividend on Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock | (394 )             | (394 )    |
| Dividend on Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock  | (111 )             | -         |
| Net (loss) income to common stockholders                    | \$(17,847 )        | \$ 11,942 |
| Basic earnings per common share                             | \$(0.17 )          | \$ 0.09   |
| Diluted earnings per common share                           | \$(0.17 )          | \$ 0.09   |
| Basic weighted average number of shares outstanding         | 107,228            | 136,848   |
| Diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding       | 111,472            | 140,875   |

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.



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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

|   | Three Month Ended |          |
|---|-------------------|----------|
|   | March 31,         |          |
|   | 2015              | 2014     |
| Net (loss) income   | \$(16,307)        | \$13,371 |
| Available-for-sale Agency MBS, fair value adjustment  | 23,803            | 29,759   |
| Available-for-sale Non-Agency MBS, fair value adjustment  | 2,157             | (37 )    |
| Reclassification adjustment for loss on sales of Non-Agency MBS included in net (loss) income     | 3                 | -        |
| Unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives  | 6,108             | (29,655) |
| Reclassification adjustment for interest expense on swap agreements included in net (loss) income | 524               | 20,455   |
| Other comprehensive income  | 32,595            | 20,522   |
| Comprehensive income  | \$16,288          | \$33,893 |

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.



## ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

(unaudited)

|  |   |   |  |                                    |                                    |                                 |                                  | Accum.<br>Other                   | Accum.<br>Other                       |   |                     |           |
|--|---|---|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------|-----------|
|  | Series<br>A                                 | Series<br>C                                 |  | Series A                           | Series<br>C                        |                                 |                                  | Comp.                             | Comp.                                 |   |                     |           |
|  | Preferred<br>Stock<br>Shares<br>Outstanding | Preferred<br>Stock<br>Shares<br>Outstanding | Common<br>Stock<br>Shares<br>Outstanding | Preferred<br>Stock<br>Par<br>Value | Preferred<br>Stock<br>Par<br>Value | Common<br>Stock<br>Par<br>Value | Additional<br>Paid-In<br>Capital | Income<br>(Loss)<br>Agency<br>MBS | Income<br>(Loss)<br>Non-Agency<br>MBS | Accum.<br>Other<br>Comp.<br>(Loss)<br>Derivatives | Accum.<br>(Deficit) | Total     |
| Balance, December 31, 2014   | 1,919                                       | -   | 109,234                                  | \$46,537                           | \$-                                | \$1,100                         | \$1,033,015                      | \$31,596                          | 5                                     | \$(46,582)  | \$(308,154)         | \$757,511 |
| Issuance of Series C Preferred Stock                                     |   | 353   |  |                                    | 8,085                              |                                 |                                  |                                   |                                       |   |                     | 8,085     |
| Issuance of Common stock   |   |   | 83                                       |                                    |                                    | 1                               | 424                              |                                   |                                       |   |                     | 425       |
| Redemption of Common stock   |   |   | (3,798 )                                 |                                    |                                    | (46 )                           | (19,609 )                        |                                   |                                       |   |                     | (19,655 ) |
| Other Comprehensive Income, fair value adjustments and reclassifications |   |   |  |                                    |                                    |                                 |                                  | 23,803                            | 2,160                                 | 6,632   |                     | 32,595    |
| Net loss   |   |   |  |                                    |                                    |                                 |                                  |                                   |                                       |   | (16,307 )           | (16,307 ) |
| Shares purchased   |   |   |  |                                    |                                    |                                 |                                  |                                   |                                       |   |                     |           |
| Ending Retirement  |   |   | (362 )                                   |                                    |                                    |                                 | (1,900 )                         |                                   |                                       |   |                     | (1,900 )  |
| Amortization of restricted stock   |   |   |  |                                    |                                    |                                 | 24                               |                                   |                                       |   |                     | 24        |
| Dividend declared - Series A preferred share                             |   |   |  |                                    |                                    |                                 |                                  |                                   |                                       |   | (1,035 )            | (1,035 )  |
|  |   |   |  |                                    |                                    |                                 |                                  |                                   |                                       |   | (394 )              | (394 )    |

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See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

|   | Three Months Ended |             |
|---|--------------------|-------------|
|   | March 31,<br>2015  | 2014        |
| Operating Activities:   |                    |             |
| Net (loss) income   | \$(16,307 )        | \$13,371    |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |                    |             |
| Amortization of premium (Agency MBS)  | 11,784             | 9,887       |
| Accretion of purchase discounts (Non-Agency MBS)                                  | (1,021 )           | -           |
| Depreciation on rental properties   | 112                | -           |
| Loss on sales of Non-Agency MBS   | 3                  | -           |
| Amortization of restricted stock  | 24                 | 24          |
| Recovery on Non-Agency MBS  | (1 )               | (37 )       |
| Periodic net settlements on interest rate swaps, net of amortization              | (10,400 )          | (245 )      |
| Loss (gain) on interest rate swaps, net   | 46,488             | (628 )      |
| (Gain) on derivatives, net of derivative income - TBA Agency MBS                  | (8,525 )           | -           |
| Loss on derivatives - Eurodollar Futures Contracts                                | 2,338              | -           |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:  |                    |             |
| Decrease in interest receivable   | 131                | 224         |
| (Increase) in prepaid expenses and other  | (12,424 )          | (5,153 )    |
| (Decrease) in accrued interest payable  | (6,334 )           | (4,380 )    |
| Increase in accrued expenses  | 597                | 1,435       |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | \$6,465            | \$14,498    |
| Investing Activities:   |                    |             |
| Available-for-sale Agency MBS:  |                    |             |
| Purchases   | -                  | (238,748 )  |
| Principal payments  | 290,741            | 330,460     |
| Available-for-sale Non-Agency MBS:  |                    |             |
| Proceeds from sales   | 4,120              | -           |
| Purchases   | (204,004 )         | -           |
| Principal payments  | 4,215              | -           |
| Residential properties purchases  | (1,518 )           | (694 )      |
| Net cash provided by investing activities   | \$93,554           | \$91,018    |
| Financing Activities:   |                    |             |
| Borrowings from repurchase agreements   | \$7,390,606        | \$8,733,100 |
| Repayments on repurchase agreements   | (7,477,309)        | (8,803,100) |
| Net settlements on TBS Agency MBS commitments                                     | 5,247              | -           |
| Common stock repurchased net of proceeds from common stock issued                 | (21,130 )          | (28,065 )   |
| Proceeds on Series C Preferred Stock issued                                       | 8,085              | -           |

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|   |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Series A Preferred stock dividends paid           | (1,035 )     | (1,035 )     |
| Series B Preferred stock dividends paid           | (394 )       | (394 )       |
| Common stock dividends paid                       | (15,396 )    | (11,116 )    |
| Net cash (used in) financing activities           | \$(111,326 ) | \$(110,610 ) |
| Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents       | \$(11,307 )  | \$(5,094 )   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period  | 14,989       | 7,368        |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period        | \$3,682      | \$2,274      |
| Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information: |              |              |
| Cash paid for interest                            | \$23,737     | \$32,344     |
| Common stock repurchased                          | \$24,634     | \$28,323     |
| Change in payable for MBS purchased               | \$(22,179 )  | \$100,064    |

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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### NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

#### NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Our Company

We were incorporated in Maryland on October 20, 1997 and we commenced operations on March 17, 1998. Our principal business is to invest in, finance and manage a leveraged portfolio of residential mortgage-backed securities which presently are primarily agency mortgage-backed securities, or Agency MBS.

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

We also own non-agency mortgage-backed securities, or Non-Agency MBS, which are securities issued by companies that are not guaranteed by federally sponsored enterprises and that are secured primarily by first-lien residential mortgage loans.

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

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

In February 2014, we incorporated our wholly-owned Qualified REIT Subsidiary, or QRS, Anworth Properties, Inc., which commenced operations in March 2014. Our QRS has acquired REIT-qualified residential real estate assets from which we receive rental income and that have the potential for price appreciation. In addition, our QRS may also own other types of mortgage assets, from which we would receive interest income, and other real estate assets.

In March 2014, we also incorporated Anworth Property Services, Inc., which we will elect to be treated as a Taxable REIT Subsidiary, or TRS. Anworth Property Services, Inc. is wholly-owned by us and currently has no operations. Our TRS will provide the entity through which we may participate in various activities that might otherwise have adverse tax consequences if conducted directly by a REIT or a QRS. Unlike a REIT, a TRS pays standard corporate taxes on its income earned from these activities in the mortgage and real estate markets. These other activities include almost everything other than receiving rent on properties owned and collecting interest on real estate mortgages or related investments. Examples of other possible activities in which our TRS might engage in include the securitization of mortgage loans; mortgage origination; leasing and managing of rental properties owned by third parties; and

owning properties acquired through the foreclosure process.

#### Our Manager

We are externally managed and advised by Anworth Management, LLC, or our Manager. Effective as of December 31, 2011, we entered into a Management Agreement (which we refer to as the “Management Agreement”) with our Manager, which effected the externalization of our management function, or the Externalization. Since the effective date, our day-to-day operations are being conducted by our Manager through the authority delegated to it under the Management Agreement and pursuant to the policies established by our board of directors.

Our Manager is supervised and directed by our board of directors and is responsible for administering our day-to-day operations. In addition, our Manager is responsible for (i) the selection, purchase and sale of our investment portfolio; (ii) our financing and hedging activities; and (iii) providing us with management services.

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

## BASIS OF PRESENTATION

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

Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of all subsidiaries. Significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. The interim financial information in the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

The following is a summary of our significant accounting policies:

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. The carrying amount of cash equivalents approximates their fair value.

### Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS)

Agency MBS are securities that are obligations (including principal and interest) guaranteed by the U.S. government, such as Ginnie Mae, or guaranteed by federally sponsored enterprises, such as Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. Our investment-grade Agency MBS portfolio is invested primarily in fixed-rate and adjustable-rate mortgage-backed pass-through certificates and hybrid adjustable-rate MBS. Hybrid adjustable-rate MBS have an initial interest rate that is fixed for a certain period, usually three to ten years, and then adjusts annually for the remainder of the term of the asset. We structure our investment portfolio to be diversified with a variety of prepayment characteristics, investing in mortgage assets with prepayment penalties, investing in certain mortgage security structures that have prepayment protections and purchasing mortgage assets at a premium and at a discount. A portion of our portfolio consists of Non-Agency MBS. Our principal business objective is to generate net income for distribution to our stockholders primarily based upon the spread between the interest income on our mortgage assets and our borrowing costs to finance our acquisition of those assets.

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

other-than-temporary in nature, are reclassified from “Other comprehensive income” to income (loss).

The most significant source of our revenue is derived from our investments in MBS. Interest income on Agency MBS is accrued based on the actual coupon rate and the outstanding principal amount of the underlying mortgages. Premiums and discounts are amortized or accreted into interest income over the estimated lives of the securities using the effective interest yield method, adjusted for the effects of actual and estimated prepayments based on the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, Accounting Standards Codification, or ASC, 320-10. Our policy for estimating prepayment speeds for calculating the effective yield is to evaluate historical performance, street consensus prepayment speeds and current market conditions. If our estimate of prepayments is materially incorrect, as compared to the aforementioned references, we may be required to make an adjustment to the amortization or accretion of premiums and discounts that would have an impact on future income, which could be material and adverse.

A majority of our Non-Agency MBS are accounted for under ASC 310-30, Loans and Debt Securities Acquired with Credit Deterioration, or ASC 310-30. A debt security accounted for under ASC 310-30 is initially recorded at its purchase price (fair value). The amount of expected cash flows that exceed the initial investment represents the market yield adjustment (accretable yield), which



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

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

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

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

The following table shows the gross unrealized losses and fair value of those individual securities in our MBS portfolio that have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, aggregated by investment category and length of time (dollar amounts in thousands):

March 31, 2015

| Description | Less Than 12 Months |      | 12 Months or More |      | Total  |      | Unrealized |
|-------------|---------------------|------|-------------------|------|--------|------|------------|
|             | Number              | Fair | Number            | Fair | Number | Fair |            |

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| of             | of         | Value       | Losses       | of         | Value     | Losses      | of         | Value       | Losses       |
|----------------|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Securities     | Securities |             |              | Securities |           |             | Securities |             |              |
| Agency MBS     | 341        | \$2,439,637 | \$ (30,488 ) | 90         | \$370,924 | \$ (2,744 ) | 431        | \$2,810,561 | \$ (33,232 ) |
| Non-Agency MBS | 3          | \$12,901    | \$ (16 )     | -          | \$-       | \$ -        | 3          | \$12,901    | \$ (16 )     |

December 31, 2014

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

We do not consider those Agency MBS that have been in a continuous loss position for 12 months or more to be other-than-temporarily impaired. The unrealized losses on our investments in Agency MBS were caused by fluctuations in interest rates. We purchased the Agency MBS primarily at a premium relative to their face value and the contractual cash flows of those investments are guaranteed by the U.S. government or government-sponsored agencies. Since September 2008, the government-sponsored agencies have been in the conservatorship of the U.S. government. We currently do not have the intent to sell the Agency MBS at a price less

than the amortized cost basis of our investments. Because the decline in market value of the Agency MBS is attributable to changes in interest rates and not the credit quality of the Agency MBS in our portfolio, and because we do not have the intent to sell these investments nor is it more likely than not that we will be required to sell these investments before recovery of their amortized cost basis, which may be at maturity, we do not consider these investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired at March 31, 2015.

### Residential Properties

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

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

### Repurchase Agreements

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

### Derivative Financial Instruments

#### Risk Management

We primarily use short-term (less than or equal to 12 months) repurchase agreements to finance the purchase of MBS. These obligations expose us to variability in interest payments due to changes in interest rates. We continuously monitor changes in interest rate exposures and evaluate various opportunities to mitigate this risk. Our objective is to limit the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows. The principal instruments we use to achieve this are interest rate swaps and Eurodollar Futures Contracts. Interest rate swaps effectively convert a percentage of our repurchase agreements to fixed-rate obligations over a period of up to ten years. Under interest rate swaps, we agree to

pay an amount equal to a specified fixed rate of interest times a notional principal amount and to receive in return an amount equal to a specified variable-rate of interest times a notional amount, generally based on the London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR. The notional amounts are not exchanged. We do not issue or hold the interest rate swaps and the Eurodollar Futures Contracts for speculative purposes. See Note 13 for more information on the Eurodollar Futures Contracts.

We also enter into To-Be-Announced, or TBA, Agency MBS as either a means of investing in and financing Agency MBS or as a means of disposing of or reducing our exposure to agency securities. Pursuant to TBA contracts, we agree to purchase or sell, for future delivery, Agency MBS with certain principal and interest terms and certain types of collateral, but the particular Agency MBS to be delivered are not identified until shortly before the TBA settlement date. We also may choose, prior to settlement, to move the settlement of these MBS out to a later date by entering into an offsetting short or long position (referred to as a “pair off”), net settling the paired off positions for cash, and simultaneously purchasing a similar TBA contract for a later settlement date. This transaction is commonly referred to as a “dollar roll.” The Agency MBS purchased or sold for a forward settlement date are typically priced at a discount to agency securities for settlement in the current month. This difference (or discount) is referred to as the “price drop.” The price drop represents compensation to us for foregoing net interest margin (interest income less repurchase agreement financing cost). TBA Agency MBS are accounted for as derivative instruments since they do not meet the exemption allowed for a “regular way” security trade under ASC 815, as either the TBA contracts do not settle in the shortest period of time possible or we cannot assess that it is probable at inception that we will take physical delivery of the security or that we will not settle on a net basis.

## Accounting for Derivatives and Hedging Activities

We account for derivative instruments in accordance with ASC 815, which requires recognition of all derivatives as either assets or liabilities and measurement of those instruments at fair value, which is typically based on values obtained from large financial institutions who are market makers for these types of instruments. The accounting for changes in the fair value on derivative instruments depends on whether the instruments are designated and qualify as hedges in accordance with ASC 815. Changes in fair value related to derivatives not designated as hedges are recorded in our consolidated statements of operations as “Gain (loss) on derivatives” and specifically identified as either relating to interest rate swaps, Eurodollar Futures Contracts or TBA Agency MBS. For a derivative to qualify for hedge accounting, we must anticipate that the hedge will be highly “effective” as defined by ASC 815-10. A hedge of the variability of cash flows that are to be received or paid in connection with a recognized asset or liability is known as a “cash flow” hedge. Changes in the fair value of a derivative that is highly effective and that is designated as a cash flow hedge, to the extent the hedge is effective, are recorded in AOCI and reclassified to income when the forecasted transaction affects income (e.g. when periodic settlement interest payments are due on repurchase agreements). Hedge ineffectiveness, if any, is recorded in current period income.

When we discontinue hedge accounting, the gain or loss on the derivative remains in AOCI and is reclassified into income when the forecasted transaction affects income. In all situations where hedge accounting is discontinued and the derivative remains outstanding, we carry the derivative at its fair value on our balance sheet, recognizing changes in fair value in current period income. All of our swaps had historically been accounted for as cash flow hedges under ASC 815. However, on March 17, 2014, we discontinued hedge accounting on approximately \$1.685 billion in notional amounts by de-designating these swaps as cash flow hedges. After August 22, 2014, none of our swaps were designated for hedge accounting. As a result of discontinuing hedge accounting for our swaps, changes in the fair value of these swaps are recorded in “Gain (loss) on interest rate swaps, net” in our consolidated statements of operations rather than in AOCI. Also, net interest paid or received on these swaps which was previously recognized in interest expense, is instead recognized in “Gain (loss) on interest rate swaps, net.” These continue to be reported as assets or liabilities on our consolidated balance sheets at their fair value.

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

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

For more details on the amounts and other qualitative information on all our derivative transactions, see Note 13. For more information on the fair value of our derivative instruments, see Note 7.

## Credit Risk

At March 31, 2015, we have attempted to limit our exposure to credit losses on our Agency MBS by purchasing securities primarily through Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae. The payment of principal and interest on the Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae MBS are guaranteed by those respective enterprises. In September 2008, both Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae were placed in the conservatorship of the U.S. government. While it is the intent that the conservatorship will help stabilize Freddie Mac’s and Fannie Mae’s losses and overall financial position, there can be no assurance that it will succeed or that, if necessary, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae will be able to satisfy its guarantees of Agency MBS. There have also been concerns as to what the U.S. government will do regarding winding down the operations

of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae. There have also been concerns over the past few years regarding the credit standing of Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, and U.S. sovereign debt. We do not know what effect any future ratings of Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae and U.S. sovereign debt may ultimately have on the U.S. economy, the value of our securities, or the ability of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae to satisfy its guarantees of Agency MBS, if necessary.

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

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

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

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

#### Income Taxes

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

We have no unrecognized tax benefits and do not anticipate any increase in unrecognized benefits during 2015 relative to any tax positions taken prior to January 1, 2015. Should the accrual of any interest or penalties relative to unrecognized tax benefits be necessary, it is our policy to record such accruals in our income taxes accounts; and no such accruals existed at March 31, 2015. We file REIT U.S. federal and California income tax returns. These returns are generally open to examination by the IRS and the California Franchise Tax Board for all years after 2010 and 2009, respectively.

#### Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock

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

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

#### Stock-Based Expense

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

Restricted stock is expensed over the vesting period (see Note 12).



## Earnings Per Share

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

The computation of EPS for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 is as follows (amounts in thousands, except per share data):

|   | Net Income   |         |            |
|---|--------------|---------|------------|
|   | Available to |         | Earnings   |
|   | Common       | Average | per        |
|   | Stockholders | Shares  | Share      |
| For the three months ended March 31, 2015 |              |         |            |
| Basic EPS                                 | \$ (17,847 ) | 107,228 | \$ (0.17 ) |
| Effect of dilutive securities             | -            | 4,244   | -          |
| Diluted EPS                               | \$ (17,847 ) | 111,472 | \$ (0.17 ) |
| For the three months ended March 31, 2014 |              |         |            |
| Basic EPS                                 | \$ 11,942    | 136,848 | \$ 0.09    |
| Effect of dilutive securities             | 394          | 4,027   | -          |
| Diluted EPS                               | \$ 12,336    | 140,875 | \$ 0.09    |

For the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, options to purchase 5,000 and 5,000 shares of common stock, respectively, were outstanding and not included in the computation of diluted EPS as their exercise price and option expense exceeded the average stock price for those respective periods.

## Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

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

## USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could materially differ from those estimates.

## RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In May 2014, the FASB issued a new standard on revenue recognition, ASU No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)." This new standard will replace more than 200 ad hoc pronouncements on revenue recognition. This ASU requires companies to recognize revenue in a way that shows the transfer of goods or services to customers in amounts that reflect the payment that a company expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services. To do that, companies will now have to go through a five-step process: (1) tie the contract to a customer; (2) identify the contract's performance obligations; (3) determine the transaction price; (4) connect the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract; and (5) recognize revenue when (or as) a company satisfies the performance obligation. This ASU only affects an entity that either enters into contracts with customers to transfer goods or services or enters into contracts for the transfer of nonfinancial assets, unless those contracts are within other standards (for example, insurance contracts or lease contracts). This ASU is effective for a public entity for the financial statements beginning with the quarter ending March 31, 2018. We do not believe that this ASU will have a material impact on our financial statements.

In June 2014, the FASB issued a new standard on repurchase agreements, ASU No. 2014-11, "Transfers and Servicing: Repurchase-to-Maturity Transactions, Repurchase Financings, and Disclosures (Topic 860)." This new standard introduces two major changes to the existing accounting guidance: (1) it requires transferors and transferees to account for repurchase-to-maturity

transactions as secured borrowings, where the transferor maintains control over the transferred asset instead of accounting for these as a sale; and (2) it requires separate accounting for a transfer of a financial asset executed contemporaneously with a repurchase agreement with the same counterparty, causing the repurchase agreement to be accounted for as a secured borrowing. For these types of transactions, there is additional disclosure about the nature of the transaction. This ASU also requires the following disclosures for all repurchase agreements, securities lending transactions and repurchase-to-maturity transactions that are accounted for as secured borrowings: (i) a disaggregation of the gross obligation by the class of collateral pledged; (ii) the remaining contractual tenor of the agreements; and (iii) a discussion of the potential risks associated with the agreements and the related collateral pledged, including obligations arising from a decline in the fair value of the collateral pledged and how those risks are managed. This ASU became effective for our financial statements beginning with the quarter ending March 31, 2015. We do not believe that this ASU has a material impact on our financial statements.

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

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

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

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

NOTE 2. REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

At March 31, 2015, we did not have any reverse repurchase agreements outstanding. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, the maximum amount of the reverse repurchase agreements outstanding was \$51 million and the average amount outstanding was \$0.9 million. These investments are used as a means of investing excess cash. The collateral for these loans would be U.S. Treasury securities or Agency MBS with an aggregate fair value equal to the amount of the loans. At December 31, 2014, there were no reverse repurchase agreements outstanding.

NOTE 3. MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (MBS)

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

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March 31, 2015

| By Agency                          | Total      |             |             |             | Non-Agency |     | Total       |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-----|-------------|
|                                    | Ginnie Mae | Freddie Mac | Fannie Mae  | Agency MBS  | MBS        | MBS | MBS         |
| Amortized cost                     | \$11,425   | \$2,759,654 | \$3,882,460 | \$6,653,539 | \$ 374,215 |     | \$7,027,754 |
| Paydowns receivable <sup>(1)</sup> | -          | 35,702      | -           | 35,702      | -          |     | 35,702      |
| Unrealized gains                   | 7          | 21,471      | 67,154      | 88,632      | 2,180      |     | 90,812      |
| Unrealized losses                  | (161 )     | (17,548 )   | (15,523 )   | (33,232 )   | (16 )      |     | (33,248 )   |
| Fair value                         | \$11,271   | \$2,799,279 | \$3,934,091 | \$6,744,641 | \$ 376,379 |     | \$7,121,020 |

  

| By Security Type                   | 20-Year<br>and<br>15-Year |             |             |            | Total       |                | Total       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
|                                    | ARMs                      | Hybrids     | Fixed-Rate  | Fixed-Rate | Agency MBS  | Non-Agency MBS | MBS         |
| Amortized cost                     | \$2,052,940               | \$3,382,085 | \$1,008,990 | \$209,524  | \$6,653,539 | \$ 374,215     | \$7,027,754 |
| Paydowns receivable <sup>(1)</sup> | 7,558                     | 28,144      | -           | -          | 35,702      | -              | 35,702      |
| Unrealized gains                   | 55,100                    | 16,512      | 6,368       | 10,652     | 88,632      | 2,180          | 90,812      |
| Unrealized losses                  | (5,212 )                  | (24,184 )   | (3,836 )    | -          | (33,232 )   | (16 )          | (33,248 )   |
| Fair value                         | \$2,110,386               | \$3,402,557 | \$1,011,522 | \$220,176  | \$6,744,641 | \$ 376,379     | \$7,121,020 |

(1) Paydowns receivable are generated when the Company receives notice from Freddie Mac of prepayments but does not receive the actual cash with respect to such prepayments until the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the following month. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we sold \$4.1 million in Non-Agency MBS and realized a loss on the sale of approximately \$3 thousand.

December 31, 2014

| By Agency                          | Total      |             |             |             | Non-Agency |     | Total       |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-----|-------------|
|                                    | Ginnie Mae | Freddie Mac | Fannie Mae  | Agency MBS  | MBS        | MBS | MBS         |
| Amortized cost                     | \$11,823   | \$2,889,128 | \$4,061,330 | \$6,962,281 | \$ 199,705 |     | \$7,161,986 |
| Paydowns receivable <sup>(1)</sup> | -          | 29,486      | -           | 29,486      | -          |     | 29,486      |

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|                   |          |             |             |             |            |             |
|-------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Unrealized gains  | 32       | 21,534      | 65,642      | 87,208      | 68         | 87,276      |
| Unrealized losses | (155 )   | (31,558 )   | (23,899 )   | (55,612 )   | (63 )      | (55,675 )   |
| Fair value        | \$11,700 | \$2,908,590 | \$4,103,073 | \$7,023,363 | \$ 199,710 | \$7,223,073 |

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

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

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

|   | March<br>31,<br><br>2015<br>(in thousands) | December<br>31,<br><br>2014 |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Non-Agency MBS acquired with credit deterioration:                        |  |                             |
| Contractually required principal  | \$287,806                                  | \$148,197                   |
| Contractual principal not expected to be collected (non-accretable yield) | (74,958 )                                  | (18,123 )                   |
| Expected cash flows to be collected                                       | 212,848                                    | 130,074                     |
| Market yield adjustment   | 11,653                                     | (17,160 )                   |
| Unrealized gain, net  | 1,170                                      | 5                           |
| Fair value  | 225,671                                    | 112,919                     |
| Fair value of other Non-Agency MBS (no credit deterioration)              | 150,708                                    | 86,791                      |
| Total fair value of Non-Agency MBS  | \$376,379                                  | \$199,710                   |

The following table presents the change for the three months ended March 31, 2015 of the components of the Company's purchase discount on the Non-Agency MBS acquired with credit deterioration between the amount designated as the market yield adjustment and the non-accretable difference:

|  | For the<br><br>Three Months Ended<br><br>March 31, 2015 | Market<br>Yield | Non-<br>Adjustment | Accretable |
|--|---|-----------------|--------------------|------------|
| Balance, beginning of period                             | \$(18,528)  | \$(18,123 )     |                    |            |
| Accretion of discount                                    | 1,021   | -               |                    |            |
| Purchases  | 29,345  | (56,835 )       |                    |            |
| Sales  | (185 )  | -               |                    |            |
| Reclass adjustments for other-than-temporary impairments | -   | -               |                    |            |
| Transfer from (to)                                       | -   | -               |                    |            |
| Balance, end of period                                   | \$11,653  | \$(74,958 )     |                    |            |

#### NOTE 4. RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

At March 31, 2015, we owned 87 single-family residential properties which are all located in Southeastern Florida and are carried at a total cost, net of accumulated depreciation, of approximately \$14.3 million. At December 31, 2014, we owned 79 properties at a net cost of approximately \$12.9 million. The income from these properties is included in our consolidated statements of operations as "Income on rental properties." The expenses on these properties are included in our consolidated statements of operations in "Other expense" and the details are included in Note 15.

NOTE 5. REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

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

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

March 31, 2015

|   | Agency MBS  |      |   | Non-Agency MBS |      |   | Total MBS   |      |   |
|---|-------------|------|---|----------------|------|---|-------------|------|---|
|   | Weighted    |      |   | Weighted       |      |   | Weighted    |      |   |
|   | Average     |      |   | Average        |      |   | Average     |      |   |
|   | Interest    |      |   | Interest       |      |   | Interest    |      |   |
|   | Balance     | Rate |   | Balance        | Rate |   | Balance     | Rate |   |
| Overnight   | \$-         | -    | % | \$-            | -    | % | \$-         | -    | % |
| Less than 30 days   | 2,308,000   | 0.35 |   | 236,037        | 1.83 |   | 2,544,037   | 0.49 |   |
| 30 days to 90 days  | 3,690,000   | 0.35 |   | -              | -    |   | 3,690,000   | 0.35 |   |
| Over 90 days to less than 1 year  | 50,000      | 0.37 |   | -              | -    |   | 50,000      | 0.37 |   |
| 1 year to 2 years   | -           | -    |   | -              | -    |   | -           | -    |   |
| Demand  | -           | -    |   | -              | -    |   | -           | -    |   |
|   | \$6,048,000 | 0.35 | % | \$236,037      | 1.83 | % | \$6,284,037 | 0.41 | % |
| Weighted average maturity   | 38 days     |      |   | 15 days        |      |   | 37 days     |      |   |
| Weighted average interest rate after adjusting for interest rate swaps        |             |      |   |                |      |   | 1.10        | %    |   |
| Weighted average maturity after adjusting for interest rate swaps             |             |      |   |                |      |   | 729 days    |      |   |
| MBS pledged as collateral under the repurchase agreements and swap agreements | \$6,436,205 |      |   | \$318,599      |      |   | \$6,754,804 |      |   |

December 31, 2014

|                                  | Agency MBS |      |   | Non-Agency MBS |      |   | Total MBS |      |   |
|----------------------------------|------------|------|---|----------------|------|---|-----------|------|---|
|                                  | Weighted   |      |   | Weighted       |      |   | Weighted  |      |   |
|                                  | Average    |      |   | Average        |      |   | Average   |      |   |
|                                  | Interest   |      |   | Interest       |      |   | Interest  |      |   |
|                                  | Balance    | Rate |   | Balance        | Rate |   | Balance   | Rate |   |
| Overnight                        | \$-        | -    | % | \$-            | -    | % | \$-       | -    | % |
| Less than 30 days                | 2,395,000  | 0.32 |   | 115,740        | 1.82 |   | 2,510,740 | 0.39 |   |
| 30 days to 90 days               | 3,860,000  | 0.35 |   | -              | -    |   | 3,860,000 | 0.35 |   |
| Over 90 days to less than 1 year | -          | -    |   | -              | -    |   | -         | -    |   |

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|   |             |      |   |           |          |             |
|---|-------------|------|---|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1 year to 2 years   | -           | -    | - | -         | -        | -           |
| Demand  | -           | -    | - | -         | -        | -           |
|   | \$6,255,000 | 0.34 | % | \$115,740 | 1.82     | %           |
| Weighted average maturity   | 38 days     |      |   | 13 days   |          |             |
| Weighted average interest rate after adjusting for interest rate swaps        |             |      |   |           | 1.06     | %           |
| Weighted average maturity after adjusting for interest rate swaps             |             |      |   |           | 767 days |             |
| MBS pledged as collateral under the repurchase agreements and swap agreements | \$6,650,143 |      |   | \$155,311 |          | \$6,805,454 |

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

The following tables present information about certain assets and liabilities that are subject to master netting arrangements (or similar agreements) only in the event of default on a contract. See Notes 1, 7 and 13 for more information on the Company's interest rate swaps (both items that were hedges and also for de-designated swaps) and other derivative instruments.

| March 31, 2015                                      | Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets or Liabilities | Gross Amounts Offset in the Balance Sheets | Net Amounts of  |   |                          |             |
|---|---|--|---|---|--------------------------|-------------|
|   |   |  | Assets or Liabilities Presented in the Balance Sheets | Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Balance Sheets <sup>(1)</sup> | Cash Collateral Received | Net Amounts |
| (in thousands)                                      | Liabilities                                       | Sheets                                     | Sheets  | Financial Instruments   | Received                 | Amounts     |
| Derivative assets at fair value <sup>(2)</sup>      | \$ 6,560  | \$ -                                       | \$ 6,560  | \$(6,560 )  | \$ -                     | \$ -        |
| Total   | \$ 6,560  | \$ -                                       | \$ 6,560  | \$(6,560 )  | \$ -                     | \$ -        |
| Repurchase Agreements <sup>(3)</sup>                | \$ 6,284,037                                      | \$ -                                       | \$ 6,284,037  | \$(6,284,037)   | \$ -                     | \$ -        |
| Derivative liabilities at fair value <sup>(2)</sup> | 70,188  | -  | 70,188  | (70,188 )   | -                        | -           |
| Total   | \$ 6,354,225                                      | \$ -                                       | \$ 6,354,225  | \$(6,354,225)   | \$ -                     | \$ -        |

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

(1) Amounts presented are limited to collateral pledged sufficient to reduce the related net amount to zero in accordance with ASU No. 2011-11, as amended by ASU No. 2013-01.

(2) At March 31, 2015, we had pledged approximately \$62.9 million in Agency MBS as collateral and paid another approximately \$20.1 million on swap margin calls on our swap derivatives, which were approximately \$2.2 million in derivative assets and approximately \$66.5 million in derivative liabilities at March 31, 2015. At December 31,

2014, we had pledged approximately \$54 million in Agency MBS as collateral and paid another approximately \$13 million on swap margin calls on our swap derivatives, which were approximately \$8.7 million in derivative assets and approximately \$43.6 million in derivative liabilities at December 31, 2014.

- (3) At March 31, 2015, we had pledged approximately \$6.44 billion in Agency MBS and approximately \$319 million in Non-Agency MBS as collateral on our repurchase agreements. At December 31, 2014, we had pledged approximately \$6.65 billion in Agency MBS and approximately \$155 million in Non-Agency MBS as collateral on our repurchase agreements.

#### NOTE 6. JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES

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

## NOTE 7. FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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

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

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

Our derivative assets and derivative liabilities include interest rate swaps (in which we pay a fixed-rate of interest and receive a variable-rate of interest that is based on LIBOR), TBA Agency MBS and Eurodollar Futures Contracts. The fair value of both the derivatives and the swaps are reported to us independently from dealers who are large financial institutions and are market makers for these types of instruments. The LIBOR swap rate is observable at commonly quoted intervals over the full term of the swaps and therefore is considered a Level 2 item. The fair value of the derivative instruments' assets and liabilities are the estimated amounts the Company would either receive or pay to terminate these agreements at the reporting date, taking into account current interest rates and the Company's credit worthiness. For more information on all of our swaps and other derivative instruments, see Note 1 and Note 13.

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

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

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

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

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

At March 31, 2015, fair value measurements on a recurring basis were as follows (in thousands):

|                                       | Level<br>1 | Level 2     | Level<br>3 | Total       |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| <b>Assets:</b>                        |            |             |            |             |
| Agency MBS <sup>(1)</sup>             | \$ -       | \$6,744,641 | \$ -       | \$6,744,641 |
| Non-Agency MBS <sup>(1)</sup>         | \$ -       | \$376,379   | \$ -       | \$376,379   |
| Derivative instruments <sup>(2)</sup> | \$ -       | \$6,560     | \$ -       | \$6,560     |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                   |            |             |            |             |
| Derivative instruments <sup>(2)</sup> | \$ -       | \$70,188    | \$ -       | \$70,188    |

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

(2) Derivative instruments include discontinued hedges under ASC 815-10. For more detail about our derivative instruments, see Note 1 and Note 13.

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

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

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

(2) Derivative instruments include discontinued hedges under ASC 815-10. For more detail about our derivative instruments, see Note 1 and Note 13.

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

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

NOTE 8. INCOME TAXES

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

NOTE 9. SERIES B CUMULATIVE CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK

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



Our Series B Preferred Stock has no maturity date, is not redeemable and is convertible at the then-current conversion rate into shares of our common stock per \$25.00 liquidation preference. The conversion rate is adjusted in any fiscal quarter in which the cash dividends paid to common stockholders results in an annualized common stock dividend yield that is greater than 6.25%. The conversion ratio is also subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain specific events, such as a change in control. Our Series B Preferred Stock is convertible into shares of our common stock at the option of the holder(s) of Series B Preferred Stock at any time at the then-prevailing conversion rate. On or after January 25, 2012, we may, at our option, under certain circumstances, convert each share of Series B Preferred Stock into a number of shares of our common stock at the then-prevailing conversion rate. We may exercise this conversion option only if our common stock price equals or exceeds 130% of the then-prevailing conversion price of our Series B Preferred Stock for at least twenty (20) trading days in a period of thirty (30) consecutive trading days (including the last trading day of such period) ending on the trading day immediately prior to our issuance of a press release announcing the exercise of the conversion option. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we have not, at our option, converted any shares of Series B Preferred Stock. Our Series B Preferred Stock contains certain fundamental change provisions that allow the holder to redeem our Series B Preferred Stock for cash if certain events occur, such as a change in control. Our Series B Preferred Stock generally does not have voting rights, except if dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock are in arrears for six or more quarterly periods (whether or not consecutive). Under such circumstances, the holders of our Series B Preferred Stock, together with the holders of our Series A Preferred Stock and our Series C Preferred Stock, would be entitled to elect two additional directors to our board of directors to serve until all unpaid dividends have been paid or declared and set aside for payment. In addition, certain material and adverse changes to the terms of our Series B Preferred Stock may not be taken without the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock and Series A Preferred Stock voting together as a single class. Through March 31, 2015, we have declared and set aside for payment the required dividends for our Series B Preferred Stock.

#### NOTE 10. PUBLIC OFFERINGS AND CAPITAL STOCK

At March 31, 2015, our authorized capital included 200,000,000 shares of common stock, of which 105,519,017 shares were issued and 105,156,617 shares were outstanding.

At March 31, 2015, our authorized capital included 20,000,000 shares of \$0.01 par value preferred stock, of which 5,150,000 shares had been designated 8.625% Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock (liquidation preference \$25.00 per share), or Series A Preferred Stock, 3,150,000 shares had been designated 6.25% Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (liquidation preference \$25.00 per share), or Series B Preferred Stock, and 5,000,000 shares had been designated 7.625% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (liquidation preference \$25.00 per share), or Series C Preferred Stock. The Series A Preferred Stock has no maturity date and we are not required to redeem it at any time. We may redeem the Series A Preferred Stock for cash, at our option, in whole or from time to time in part, at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends, if any, to the redemption date. To date, we have not redeemed any shares of our Series A Preferred Stock. The undesignated shares of preferred stock may be issued in one or more classes or series with such distinctive designations, rights and preferences as determined by our board of directors. At March 31, 2015, there were 1,919,378 shares of Series A Preferred Stock issued and outstanding, 1,009,640 shares of Series B Preferred Stock issued and outstanding and 353,119 shares of Series C Preferred Stock issued and outstanding.

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

at our option, redeem the Series C Preferred Stock for cash, in whole or from time to time in part, at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share plus accrued and unpaid dividends, if any, to the redemption date.

On March 3, 2015, we entered into an At Market Issuance Sales Agreement (the “MLV Sales Agreement”) with MLV & Co. LLC (“MLV”), pursuant to which we may offer and sell from time to time through MLV, as our agent, up to \$200,000,000 aggregate amount of our (i) common stock, Series B Preferred Stock and Series C Preferred Stock, in such amounts as we may specify by notice to MLV, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the MLV Sales Agreement. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we issued an aggregate of 53,119 shares of our Series C Preferred Stock under the MLV Sales Agreement at a weighted average price of \$24.45 per share, which provided net proceeds to us of approximately \$1.3 million, net of sales commissions. MLV received aggregate commissions of approximately \$13 thousand, which represents an average commission of approximately 1.0% on the gross sales price per share. At March 31, 2015, there was approximately \$198.7 million available for sale and issuance under the MLV Sales Agreement.

On May 27, 2011, we entered into a Controlled Equity Offering Sales Agreement, or the 2011 Cantor Sales Agreement, with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., or Cantor, to sell up to 20,000,000 shares of our common stock, 1,000,000 shares of our Series A Preferred Stock and 1,000,000 shares of our Series B Preferred Stock. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we did not issue any shares of our common stock, our Series A Preferred Stock or our Series B Preferred Stock under the 2011 Cantor Sales Agreement. At March 31, 2015, there were 19,409,400 shares of common stock, 956,122 shares of Series A Preferred Stock and 894,518 shares of Series B Preferred Stock, respectively, available for sale and issuance under the 2011 Cantor Sales Agreement.

On October 3, 2011, we announced that our board of directors had authorized a share repurchase program which permits us to acquire up to 2,000,000 shares of our common stock. The shares are expected to be acquired at prevailing prices through open market transactions. The manner, price, number and timing of share repurchases will be subject to market conditions and applicable SEC rules. Our board of directors also authorized the Company to purchase an amount of our common stock up to the amount of common stock sold through our 2012 Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan. Subsequently, our board of directors authorized the Company to acquire the following additional amounts of shares on the following dates: 5,000,000 shares on December 13, 2013; 10,000,000 shares on March 14, 2014; 10,000,000 shares on May 22, 2014; and 10,000,000 shares on October 17, 2014. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we repurchased an aggregate of 4,160,908 shares of common stock at a weighted average price of \$5.17 per share under our share repurchase program.

Our Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan allows stockholders and non-stockholders to purchase shares of our common stock and to reinvest dividends therefrom to acquire additional shares of our common stock. On March 14, 2012, we filed a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, registering up to 27,000,000 shares of our common stock for our 2012 Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan, or the 2012 DRP Plan. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we issued an aggregate of 80,768 shares of our common stock at a weighted average price of \$5.23 per share under the 2012 DRP Plan, resulting in proceeds to us of approximately \$422 thousand. On March 14, 2015, the 2012 DRP Plan was terminated with approximately 16.4 million shares remaining. On March 13, 2015, we filed a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC registering up to 16,397,203 shares of our common stock for our 2015 Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan, or the 2015 DRP Plan, which replaced the 2012 DRP Plan. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we issued 2,645 shares of our common stock at a price of \$5.29 share under the 2015 Plan, resulting in proceeds to us of approximately \$14 thousand.

On March 20, 2013, we filed a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC, and on April 5, 2013 we filed a pre-effective amendment thereto with the SEC, offering up to \$544,727,778 of our capital stock. The registration statement was declared effective on April 8, 2013. At March 31, 2015, approximately \$544.7 million of our capital stock was available for future issuance under the registration statement.

On August 5, 2014, we filed a registration statement on Form S-8 with the SEC to register an aggregate of up to 2,000,000 shares of our common stock to be issued pursuant to the Anworth Mortgage Asset Corporation 2014 Equity Compensation Plan, or the 2014 Plan. As of March 31, 2015, we have issued 2,840,000 shares of our common stock and 10,000 restricted stock units (phantom shares) under the 2014 Plan.

## NOTE 11. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

### Management Agreement and Externalization

Effective as of December 31, 2011, we entered into the Management Agreement with our Manager, pursuant to which our day-to-day operations are being conducted by our Manager. Our Manager is supervised and directed by our board of directors and is responsible for (i) the selection, purchase and sale of our investment portfolio; (ii) our financing and hedging activities; and (iii) providing us with management services. Our Manager will also perform such other services and activities relating to our assets and operations as may be appropriate. In exchange for these services, our Manager receives a management fee, paid monthly in arrears, in an amount equal to one-twelfth of 1.20% of our Equity (as defined in the Management Agreement).

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

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

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

Certain of our former officers were previously granted restricted stock and other equity awards (see Note 12), including dividend equivalent rights, in connection with their service to us, and certain of our former officers had agreements under which they would receive payments if the Company is subject to a change in control (discussed later in this Note 11). In connection with the Externalization, certain of the agreements under which our officers were granted equity awards and would be paid payments in the event of a change in control were modified so that such agreements will continue with respect to our former officers and employees after they became officers and employees of our Manager. In addition, as officers and employees of our Manager, they will continue to be eligible to receive equity awards under equity compensation plans in effect now or in the future.

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

#### Change in Control and Arbitration Agreements

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

#### Agreements with Pacific Income Advisers, Inc.

On January 26, 2012, we entered into a sublease agreement that became effective on July 1, 2012 with PIA. Under the sublease agreement, we lease, on a pass-through basis, 7,300 square feet of office space from PIA at the same location and pay rent at an annual rate equal to PIA's obligation, which is currently \$61.67 per square foot. The base monthly rental for us is \$37,518.40, which will be increased by 3% per annum on July 1, 2015. The sublease agreement runs through June 30, 2022 unless earlier terminated pursuant to the master lease. During the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, we expensed \$127 thousand and \$124 thousand, respectively, in rent and related expenses to PIA under this sublease agreement, which is included in "other expenses" on our statements of operations.

At March 31, 2015, the future minimum lease commitment is as follows (in whole dollars):

|      |      |      |      |      |      |            |       |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------------|-------|
| Year | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | Thereafter | Total |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------------|-------|

Commitment

|            |           |           |           |           |           |             |             |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Commitment | \$344,432 | \$470,720 | \$484,852 | \$499,398 | \$514,374 | \$1,352,380 | \$3,666,156 |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|

On July 25, 2008, we entered into an administrative services agreement with PIA, which was amended and restated on August 20, 2010. Under this agreement, PIA provides administrative services and equipment to us including human resources, operational support and information technology, and we pay an annual fee of 5 basis points on the first \$225 million of stockholders' equity and 1.25 basis points thereafter (paid quarterly in arrears) for those services. The administrative services agreement had an initial term of one year and renews for successive one-year terms thereafter unless either party gives notice of termination no less than 30 days before the expiration of the then-current annual term. We may also terminate the administrative services agreement upon 30 days prior written notice for any reason and immediately if there is a material breach by PIA. During the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, we paid fees of \$42 thousand and \$52 thousand, respectively, to PIA in connection with this agreement.

## NOTE 12. EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN

### 2014 Equity Compensation Plan

At our 2014 annual meeting of stockholders held on May 22, 2014, our stockholders approved the adoption of the 2014 Plan, or the 2014 Equity Plan, which replaced the Anworth Mortgage Asset Corporation 2004 Equity Compensation Plan, or the 2004 Plan, due to its expiration. We filed a registration statement on Form S-8 on August 5, 2014 to register up to an aggregate of 2,000,000 shares of our common stock to be issued pursuant to the 2014 Plan. The 2014 Plan decreased the aggregate share reserve from 3,500,000 shares that were available under the 2004 Plan to 2,000,000 shares of our registered common stock available under the 2014 Plan. The 2014 Plan authorizes our board of directors, or a committee of our board of directors, to grant Dividend Equivalent Rights, or DERs, or phantom shares, which qualify as performance-based awards under Section 162(m) of the Code. Unlike the 2004 Equity Plan, however, the 2014 Equity Plan does not provide for automatic increases in the aggregate share reserve or the number of shares remaining available for grant and only provides for the granting of DERs or phantom shares. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we did not issue any equity-based awards under the 2014 Plan.

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

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

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

We recognize the expense related to restricted stock over the ten-year vesting period. During the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, we expensed approximately \$24 thousand and \$24 thousand, respectively, related to these restricted stock grants.

Under the Anworth Mortgage Asset Corporation 2007 Dividend Equivalent Rights Plan, or the 2007 DER Plan, a dividend equivalent right, or DER, is a right to receive amounts equal in value to the dividend distributions paid on a share of our common stock. DERs are paid in either cash or shares of our common stock, whichever is specified by our Compensation Committee at the time of grant, at such times as dividends are paid on shares of our common stock during the period between the date a DER is issued and the date the DER expires or earlier terminates. Prior to January 1, 2012, an aggregate of 582,000 DERs were issued to our officers under the 2007 DER Plan. These DERs are not attached to any stock and only have the right to receive the same cash distribution per common share distributed to our common stockholders during the term of the grant. All of these grants have a five-year term from the date of the grant. During the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, we paid or accrued \$86 thousand and \$82 thousand, respectively, related to DERs granted.

## NOTE 13. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

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

| Derivative Instruments            | Balance Sheet Location | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                                   |                        | (in thousands) |                   |
| De-designated interest rate swaps | Derivative Assets      | \$2,227        | \$ 8,738          |
| TBA Agency MBS                    | Derivative Assets      | 4,333          | 1,054             |
|                                   |                        | \$6,560        | \$ 9,792          |
| De-designated interest rate swaps | Derivative Liabilities | \$66,511       | \$ 43,565         |
| Eurodollar Futures Contracts      | Derivative Liabilities | 3,677          | 1,694             |
|                                   |                        | \$70,188       | \$ 45,259         |



## Interest Rate Swap Agreements

At March 31, 2015, we were a counterparty to interest rate swaps, which are derivative instruments as defined by ASC 815-10, with an aggregate notional amount of \$3.33 billion and a weighted average maturity of approximately 3.75 years. We utilize interest rate swaps to manage interest rate risk relating to our repurchase agreements and do not anticipate entering into derivative transactions for speculative or trading purposes. In accordance with the swap agreements, we will pay a fixed-rate of interest during the term of the swap agreements (ranging from 0.578% to 3.06%) and receive a payment that varies with the three-month LIBOR rate.

At March 31, 2015, the amount in AOCI relating to interest rate swaps was approximately \$40 million. The estimated net amount of the existing losses that were reported in AOCI at March 31, 2015 that is expected to be reclassified into earnings within the next twelve months is approximately \$19 million.

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

| Maturity            | March 31, 2015 |       |         | December 31, 2014 |       |         |
|---------------------|----------------|-------|---------|-------------------|-------|---------|
|                     | Weighted       |       |         | Weighted          |       |         |
|                     | Average        |       |         | Average           |       |         |
|                     | Notional       | Fixed | Term in | Notional          | Fixed | Term in |
|                     | Amount         | Rate  | Months  | Amount            | Rate  | Months  |
| Less than 12 months | \$-            | -     | %       | \$-               | -     | %       |
| 1 year to 2 years   | 650,000        | 0.83  | 18      | 550,000           | 0.80  | 20      |
| 2 years to 3 years  | 860,000        | 1.04  | 30      | 795,000           | 1.03  | 31      |
| 3 years to 5 years  | 915,000        | 1.56  | 44      | 1,080,000         | 1.48  | 46      |
| 5 years to 7 years  | 555,000        | 2.35  | 69      | 555,000           | 2.35  | 72      |
| 7 years to 10 years | 350,000        | 2.93  | 97      | 350,000           | 2.93  | 100     |
|                     | \$3,330,000    | 1.56  | %       | \$3,330,000       | 1.56  | %       |

## Swap Agreements by Counterparty

|  | March 31,<br>2015<br>(in thousands) | December<br>31,<br>2014 |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Chicago Mercantile Exchange <sup>(1)</sup> | \$780,000                           | \$780,000               |
| Deutsche Bank Securities                   | 665,000                             | 665,000                 |
| ING Financial Markets LLC                  | 650,000                             | 650,000                 |
| JPMorgan Securities                        | 625,000                             | 625,000                 |
| RBS Greenwich Capital                      | 215,000                             | 215,000                 |
| Nomura Securities International            | 200,000                             | 200,000                 |

|                  |             |             |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bank of New York | 120,000     | 120,000     |
| Credit Suisse    | 75,000      | 75,000      |
|                  | \$3,330,000 | \$3,330,000 |

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

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## Eurodollar Futures Contracts

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

At March 31, 2015, we had 5,300 Eurodollar Futures Contracts representing \$5.3 billion in notional amount. The cash held by the broker on the Eurodollar Futures Contracts was approximately \$5.5 million, which is included in “other assets,” and there was a derivative liability of approximately \$3.7 million. For the three months ended March 31, 2015, we had losses on Eurodollar Futures Contracts of approximately \$2.3 million.

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

## TBA Agency MBS

We also enter into TBA contracts and will recognize a gain or loss on the sale of the contracts or dollar roll income. See the section in Note 1 on “Derivative Financial Instruments – TBA Agency MBS” for more information on TBA Agency MBS. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we recognized a gain on derivatives-TBA Agency MBS, net of derivative income, of approximately \$8.5 million. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we did not enter into any TBA contracts. The types of securities involved in these TBA contracts are Fannie Mae 15-year fixed-rate securities with coupons ranging from 2.5% to 3.5%. At March 31, 2015, the notional amount of the TBA Agency MBS was approximately \$690 million.

For more information on our accounting policies, the objectives and risk exposures relating to derivatives and hedging agreements, see the section on “Derivative Financial Instruments” in Note 1. For more information on the fair value of our swap agreements, see Note 7.

## NOTE 14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

**Lease Commitment and Administrative Services Commitment** — We sublease office space and use administrative services from PIA as more fully described in Note 11.

## NOTE 15. OTHER EXPENSES

|                             | Three Months<br>Ended |                        |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
|                             | March 31,<br>2015     | 2014<br>(in thousands) |
| Legal and professional fees | \$136                 | \$248                  |

|  |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|
| Printing and stockholder communications        | 32      | 32      |
| Directors and Officers insurance               | 127     | 116     |
| DERs expense                                   | 86      | 82      |
| Amortization of restricted stock               | 24      | 24      |
| Software implementation and maintenance        | 82      | 77      |
| Administrative service fees                    | 42      | 52      |
| Rent   | 127     | 124     |
| Stock exchange and filing fees                 | 36      | 46      |
| Custodian and clearing fees                    | 65      | 75      |
| Sarbanes-Oxley consulting fees                 | 25      | 46      |
| Board of directors fees and expenses           | 79      | 71      |
| Securities data services                       | 87      | 33      |
| Leasing commissions on rental properties       | 16      | -       |
| Other expenses on rental properties            | 89      | -       |
| Depreciation expense on residential properties | 112     | -       |
| Property taxes on residential properties       | 61      | -       |
| Other  | 53      | 38      |
| Total of other expenses:                       | \$1,279 | \$1,064 |

#### NOTE 16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

When we pay any cash dividend during any quarterly fiscal period to all or substantially all of our common stockholders in an amount that results in an annualized common stock dividend yield that is greater than 6.25% (the dividend yield on our Series B Preferred Stock), the conversion rate on our Series B Preferred Stock is adjusted based on a formula specified in the Articles Supplementary Establishing and Fixing the Rights and Preferences of the Series B Preferred Stock. This conversion rate of our Series B Preferred Stock increased effective April 1, 2015 from 4.2029 shares of our common stock to 4.2640 shares of our common stock using the following information: (1) the average of the closing price of our common stock for the ten (10) consecutive trading day period was \$5.26 and (2) the annualized common stock dividend yield was 11.3982%.

From April 1, 2015 through May 6, 2015, we issued an aggregate of 44,399 shares of common stock at a weighted average price of \$5.17 per share under the 2015 Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan, resulting in proceeds to us of approximately \$230 thousand.

From April 1, 2015 through May 6, 2015, we had repurchased an aggregate of 391,157 shares of our common stock at a weighted average price of \$5.19 per share under our share repurchase program.

From April 1, 2015 to May 6, 2015, we issued an aggregate of 56,570 shares of our Series C Preferred Stock at a weighted average price of \$24.45 per share under the MLV Sales Agreement, which provided net proceeds to us of approximately \$1.37 million.

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

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

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

### Forward-Looking Statements

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

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

### General

We are a Maryland corporation focused on investing in, financing and managing a leveraged portfolio of residential mortgage-backed securities and other financial assets which we collectively refer to as our target investments. We operate as a REIT as defined under the Code.

We are externally managed and advised by Anworth Management, LLC, or our Manager. Our day-to-day operations are being conducted by our Manager through the authority delegated to it under the Management Agreement and pursuant to the policies established by our board of directors.

Our objective is to provide attractive risk-adjusted total returns to our stockholders over the long-term, primarily through dividends and secondarily through capital appreciation. We selectively acquire and manage an investment portfolio of our target investments. We focus on asset selection and implement a relative value investment approach across various sectors within the residential mortgage market. Our target investments include the following:

- Agency MBS (meaning MBS whose principal and interest payments are guaranteed by Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac);
- Non-Agency MBS (meaning MBS that are not issued or guaranteed by Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac); and
- Residential real estate and other financial assets comprising up to 10% of our total portfolio.

We generally view our target investments as being influenced primarily by either interest rate risks or credit risks. Our Agency MBS are sensitive to changes in interest rates and prepayment speeds. Our Non-Agency MBS are sensitive to changes in credit risk.

The assets which we allocate to Agency MBS are also allocated to one of two subcategories: (1) Agency MBS which have a fixed interest rate during the life of the mortgages and (2) Agency MBS whose interest rates will change or adjust to current market levels at varying times.

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

During the fourth quarter of 2014, we reintroduced Non-Agency MBS into our asset allocation. The table below provides the MBS asset allocation and asset allocation between our Agency MBS and Non-Agency MBS at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 (dollar amounts in thousands):

|                | March 31,   |            | December 31, |            |
|----------------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|                | 2015        |            | 2014         |            |
|                | Dollar      |            | Dollar       |            |
|                | Amount      | Percentage | Amount       | Percentage |
| Agency MBS     | \$6,744,641 | 94.71 %    | \$7,023,363  | 97.24 %    |
| Non-Agency MBS | 376,379     | 5.29       | 199,710      | 2.76       |
| Total MBS:     | \$7,121,020 | 100.00 %   | \$7,223,073  | 100.00 %   |

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

#### Our Portfolio

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

|   | March 31,                     | December 31, |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------|
|   | 2015                          | 2014         |
|   | (dollar amounts in thousands) |              |
| Total assets  | \$7,193,105                   | \$7,298,335  |
| Fair value of MBS                                   | \$7,121,020                   | \$7,223,073  |
| Adjustable-rate Agency MBS (less than 1 year reset) | 30 %                          | 25 %         |
| Adjustable-rate Agency MBS (1-2 year reset)         | 7                             | 13           |
| Adjustable-rate Agency MBS (2-3 year reset)         | 11                            | 11           |



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|   |     |         |
|---|-----|---------|
| Adjustable-rate Agency MBS (3-4 year reset) | 3   | 4       |
| Adjustable-rate Agency MBS (4-5 year reset) | 12  | 7       |
| Adjustable-rate Agency MBS (5-7 year reset) | 6   | 11      |
| Adjustable-rate Agency MBS (>7 year reset)  | 8   | 9       |
| 15-year fixed-rate Agency MBS               | 14  | 14      |
| 20-year and 30-year fixed-rate Agency MBS   | 3   | 3       |
| Non-Agency MBS                              | 6   | 3       |
| Total MBS:                                  | 100 | % 100 % |

Stockholders' equity available to common stockholders at March 31, 2015 was approximately \$685.3 million, or \$6.52 per share. The \$685.3 million equals total stockholders' equity of \$743.4 million less (i) the Series A Preferred Stock liquidating value of approximately \$48 million; (ii) the Series C Preferred Stock liquidating value of approximately \$8.8 million; and (iii) the difference between the Series B Preferred Stock liquidating value of \$25.2 million and the proceeds from its sale of \$23.9 million.

## Government Activity

### Developments Concerning Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac

Payments on the Agency MBS in which we invest are guaranteed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Since 2008, these agencies have been under the conservatorship of the U.S. government. Separate legislation has been introduced in both houses of the U.S. Congress to wind-down both of these agencies. On June 25, 2013, a bipartisan group of U.S. Senators introduced a draft bill (better known as the Corker-Warner bill) to the U.S. Senate titled, "Housing Finance Reform and Taxpayer Act of 2013," which may serve as a catalyst for congressional discussion on the reform of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. On July 11, 2013, members of the House Committee on Financial Services introduced a draft bill to the U.S. House of Representatives titled, "Protecting American Taxpayers and Homeowners Act." The Corker-Warner bill failed to garner enough support to make it to the Senate floor for a vote. The House bill did not have enough support to make it out of the House Committee on Financial Services.

During the first quarter 2014, Senate Banking Committee Chairman Tim Johnson (D-South Dakota) and ranking member Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) introduced a bipartisan housing finance reform bill that builds on the earlier Corker-Warner bill. This new Senate bill would also wind-down and eliminate Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, as well as establish a Federal Mortgage Insurance Corporation (FMIC) in their place that would guarantee qualified mortgages. In May 2014, this bill received the approval of the Senate Banking Committee but it was not brought to the full Senate in 2014. Lenders would be required to bear any losses on the first 10% of capital. The bill also calls for the creation of a "member-only securitization platform that would issue a single, standardized FMIC-wrapped security, and permit private label securities to be issued in a manner that encourages standardization and improved market liquidity." It is currently unknown if, and when, any of these bills would become law and, if they did, what impact that would have on housing finance in general and what the impact would be on the existing securities guaranteed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, as well as the impact on the pricing, supply, liquidity and value of the MBS in which we invest.

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

### Actions of the Federal Reserve

In September 2012, the Fed Open Market Committee of the Federal Reserve, or FOMC, announced an open-ended program to purchase an additional \$40 billion of Agency MBS per month until economic conditions (primarily the unemployment rate) improved. This program, combined with the then-existing Fed bond-buying program of Treasury securities, was to increase the Federal Reserve's holdings by \$85 billion per month. The Federal Reserve also announced its projection that the federal funds rate would likely remain at exceptionally low levels until at least mid-2015. In May and June 2013, then Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke commented that if there was continued improvement in the U.S. economy, the pace of purchases could be slowed down or tapered. These comments had a great effect on the bond market, as longer-term interest rates rose while short-term interest rates remained constant. The resulting steepened yield curve caused a decline in the value of MBS. At the FOMC meeting on December 18, 2013, the Federal Reserve announced that it would begin the tapering of its bond-buying program down from the \$85 billion per month and would continue to re-evaluate this at subsequent FOMC meetings. At its meeting in October 2014, the Federal Reserve ended its monthly purchases of Agency MBS and Treasury securities. At its April 29, 2015 meeting, the FOMC maintained the Fed Funds rate at its current level and stated that, as long as the inflation rate was under 2%, it would continue to review the appropriate target rate based on the goals of maximizing employment. The FOMC further stated that, even after employment and inflation are near mandate-consistent levels, economic conditions may, for some time, warrant keeping the target federal funds rate

below levels the Committee views as normal in the longer run.

#### Other Recent Activity

On January 2, 2013, the U.S. Congress passed the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, or the Taxpayer Relief Act, which extended, for most Americans, tax cuts implemented under President George W. Bush's administration. However, the Taxpayer Relief Act also delayed the implementation of the budget sequestration provisions of the Budget Control Act of 2011, which provided for automatic spending cuts, which went into effect on March 1, 2013. During 2013 and 2014, Congress passed several interim measures to provide temporary funding to the U.S. government and temporarily increase the debt ceiling. On February 12, 2014, Congress passed a bill, which was signed into law by President Obama, suspending the debt ceiling until March 2015. On December 16, 2014, President Obama signed a \$1.1 trillion appropriations bill that will fund most government operations through September 2015. In March 2015, the U.S. government technically reached its debt ceiling at \$18.1 trillion. The Congressional Budget Office estimated that extraordinary measures taken by the U.S. Treasury Department will only last through October or November 2015 and that Congress will have to reach an agreement before then to avoid a debt rating downgrade. A failure by the U.S. government to reach agreement on future budgets and debt ceilings, reduce its budget deficit or a future downgrade of U.S. sovereign debt and government-sponsored agencies debt could have a material adverse effect on the U.S. economy and the global economy. These events could have a material adverse effect on our borrowing costs, the availability of financing and the liquidity and valuation of securities in general and also on the securities in our portfolio.

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

During 2012 and 2013, U.S. and British banking authorities assessed fines on several major financial institutions for LIBOR manipulation. LIBOR is an unregulated rate based on estimates that lenders submitted to the British Bankers' Association, a trade group that compiled the information and published daily the LIBOR rate. In September 2013, oversight of LIBOR was transferred over to United Kingdom regulators, the Financial Conduct Authority. The administration of LIBOR was to be transferred to the NYSE Euronext Rate Administration Limited but this group was renamed as the ICE Benchmark Administration Limited, or the IBA, upon the successful completion of the acquisition of NYSE Euronext by the Intercontinental Exchange in November 2013. On February 1, 2014, the administration of LIBOR was transferred from the BBA to the IBA following authorization by the Financial Conduct Authority. In October 2014, the IBA proposed a package of measures designed to make LIBOR more accurate and less susceptible to manipulation, including defining which trades can be used to calculate bank borrowing costs and to ensure the calculation of LIBOR is based on actual trades as opposed to estimates. The proposal was sent out for comments to be submitted back to the IBA by December 19, 2014. At this time, we do not know what changes, if any, will be made by the IBA. The calculation of LIBOR under the IBA is the average of the interest rates that some of the world's leading banks charge each other for short-term loans. It is unclear at this time how this change will affect the interest rates that repurchase agreement counterparties charge on borrowings in general and how they could specifically affect our borrowing agreements.

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

## Results of Operations

### Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 Compared to March 31, 2014

For the three months ended March 31, 2015, our net loss to common stockholders was \$(17.8) million, or \$(0.17) per diluted share, based on a weighted average of 111.5 million fully diluted shares outstanding. This includes a net loss of \$(16.3) million minus the payment of preferred dividends of \$1.5 million. For the three months ended March 31, 2014, our net income available to common stockholders was \$11.9 million, or \$0.09 per diluted share, based on a weighted average of 140.9 million fully diluted shares outstanding. This included net income of \$13.4 million minus the payment of preferred dividends of \$1.4 million.

Net operating income for the three months ended March 31, 2015 totaled \$27.6 million, or 59.5% of gross income, compared to \$16.7 million, or 30.7% of gross income, for the three months ended March 31, 2014. Net operating income is comprised of the interest income earned on mortgage investments (net of premium amortization expense)

and other income less interest expense from borrowings. Interest and other income, net of premium amortization expense, for the three months ended March 31, 2015 was \$34.6 million, compared to \$44.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014, a decrease of 22%, due primarily to a decrease in the weighted average portfolio outstanding, from approximately \$8.47 billion during the three months ended March 31, 2014 to approximately \$7.01 billion during the three months ended March 31, 2015, and an increase in premium amortization expense of \$1.9 million, partially offset by an increase in the weighted average coupons on MBS, from 2.56% during the three months ended March 31, 2014 to 2.63% for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and income on residential properties of \$370 thousand. Interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2015 was approximately \$7 million, compared to approximately \$27.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014, a decrease of approximately 74.7%, which resulted primarily from approximately \$10.9 million in net payments on interest rate swaps being included in loss on interest rate swaps rather than in interest expense (due to their de-designation as cash flow hedges), a decrease in the weighted average interest rates, after giving effect to the swap agreements, from 1.47% at March 31, 2014 to 1.09% at March 31, 2015, and a decrease in the average borrowings outstanding, from \$7.57 billion at March 31, 2014 to \$6.34 billion at March 31, 2015.

The results of our operations are affected by a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control, and primarily depend on, among other things, the level of our net operating income, the market value of our MBS, the supply of, and demand for, MBS in the marketplace, and the terms and availability of financing. Our net operating income varies primarily as a result from changes in

interest rates, the slope of the yield curve (the differential between long-term and short-term interest rates), borrowing costs (our interest expense) and prepayment speeds on our MBS portfolios, the behavior of which involves various risks and uncertainties. Interest rates and prepayment speeds, as measured by the constant prepayment rate, vary according to the type of investment, conditions in the financial markets, competition and other factors, none of which can be predicted with any certainty. With respect to our business operations, increases in interest rates, in general, may, over time, cause: (i) the interest expense associated with our borrowings, which are primarily comprised of repurchase agreements, to increase; (ii) the value of our MBS portfolios and, correspondingly, our stockholders' equity to decline; (iii) coupons on our MBS to reset, although on a delayed basis, to higher interest rates; (iv) prepayments on our MBS portfolios to slow, thereby slowing the amortization of our MBS purchase premiums; and (v) the value of our interest rate swap agreements and, correspondingly, our stockholders' equity to increase. Conversely, decreases in interest rates, in general, may, over time, cause: (i) prepayments on our MBS portfolios to increase, thereby accelerating the amortization of our MBS purchase premiums; (ii) the interest expense associated with our borrowings to decrease; (iii) the value of our MBS portfolios and, correspondingly, our stockholders' equity to increase; (iv) the value of our interest rate swap agreements and, correspondingly, our stockholders' equity to decrease; and (v) coupons on our MBS to reset, although on a delayed basis, to lower interest rates. In addition, our borrowing costs and credit lines are further affected by the type of collateral pledged and general conditions in the credit markets.

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, premium amortization expense increased \$1.9 million, or 19.2%, to \$11.8 million from \$9.9 million during the three months ended March 31, 2014 due primarily to a decrease in the balance of unamortized purchase premium as well as a decrease in both actual prepayments and future prepayment assumptions, on average, for the period. The decrease in the balance of unamortized purchase premium was due primarily to a decrease in Agency MBS assets. Based on the amount of Agency MBS assets held at March 31, 2015, we expect this trend of decreasing unamortized purchase premium and its effect on premium amortization expense to continue. Realized prepayments increased from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015. The primary driver of realized prepayments is the relative difference between the new mortgage rate and borrowers' current mortgage rates or expected future mortgage rates, as is the case with adjustable-rate mortgages. The increase in realized prepayments during 2015 was due primarily to mortgage rates being lower, on average, during the first quarter of 2015 as compared to the first quarter of 2014. The prepayment rate assumptions used in our projection of long-term CPR percentages are based primarily on historical prepayment rates on our MBS assets as well as assumptions about future mortgage rates and their expected impact on future prepayments. Based upon current actual prepayments and expected future mortgage rates and their impact on future prepayments, we do not expect the trend of increasing actual prepayments seen from 2014 to 2015 to continue significantly.

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

|                               | First   |  | First   |
|-------------------------------|---------|--|---------|
|                               | Quarter |  | Quarter |
| Portfolio                     | 2015    |  | 2014    |
| Agency MBS and Non-Agency MBS | 14 %    |  | 12 %    |

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we also had a loss on interest rate swaps recognized in our operations statement of approximately \$46.5 million, consisting primarily of \$10.9 million in net cash settlements, approximately \$6.6 million in AOCI amortization and the difference of approximately \$29 million in the change in fair value (see the section entitled "Accounting for Derivative and Hedging Activities" in Note 1 to the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements for additional information). During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we had

a gain on interest rate swaps of approximately \$9.2 million due primarily to the change in fair value of the swaps, which was recognized not through earnings but in AOCI. Also during the three month ended March 31, 2015, we had a loss of approximately \$2.3 million on Eurodollar Futures Contracts. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we did not have any Eurodollar Futures Contracts. We also had a gain on the sale of TBA Agency MBS, net of derivative income, of \$8.5 million. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we only had a gain on interest rate swaps of \$628 thousand as most of our swaps had not yet been de-designated as cash flow hedges and we were not yet involved in Eurodollar Futures Contracts and TBA Agency MBS.

Total expenses were approximately \$3.62 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, compared to approximately \$3.98 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014. For the three months ended March 31, 2015, we incurred management fees of approximately \$2.34 million, as compared to management fees of approximately \$2.92 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014, due primarily to management fees being calculated as a percentage of stockholders' equity (excluding accumulated other comprehensive income), which decreased from the three months ended March 31, 2014. "Other expenses" increased \$215 thousand due primarily to an increase in expenses related to the Company's residential properties, which did not commence operations until April 2014.

## Financial Condition

## MBS Portfolio

At March 31, 2015, we held agency mortgage assets which had an amortized cost of approximately \$6.65 billion, consisting primarily of approximately \$5.43 billion of adjustable-rate MBS and approximately \$1.22 billion of fixed-rate MBS. This amount represents an approximately 4.4% decrease from the \$6.96 billion held at December 31, 2014. Of the adjustable-rate Agency MBS owned by us, approximately 38% were adjustable-rate pass-through certificates which had coupons that reset within one year. The remaining 62% consisted of hybrid adjustable-rate Agency MBS that have an initial interest rate that is fixed for a certain period, usually one to ten years, and thereafter adjust annually for the remainder of the term of the loan. At March 31, 2015, the Non-Agency MBS had an amortized cost of approximately \$374 million and a fair value of approximately \$376 million. At December 31, 2014, the Non-Agency MBS had an amortized cost and fair value of approximately \$199.7 million.

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

| Agency              | March 31, 2015 |            | December 31, 2014 |            |
|---------------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
|                     | Fair           | Portfolio  | Fair              | Portfolio  |
|                     | Value          | Percentage | Value             | Percentage |
| Fannie Mae (FNM)    | \$3,934,091    | 55.2 %     | \$4,103,073       | 56.8 %     |
| Freddie Mac (FHLMC) | 2,799,279      | 39.3       | 2,908,590         | 40.3       |
| Ginnie Mae (GNMA)   | 11,271         | 0.2        | 11,700            | 0.1        |
| Non-Agency MBS      | 376,379        | 5.3        | 199,710           | 2.8        |
| Total MBS:          | \$7,121,020    | 100.0 %    | \$7,223,073       | 100.0 %    |

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

| Index                                | March 31, 2015 |            | December 31, 2014 |            |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
|                                      | Fair           | Portfolio  | Fair              | Portfolio  |
|                                      | Value          | Percentage | Value             | Percentage |
| One-month LIBOR                      | \$1,046        | - %        | \$1,098           | - %        |
| Six-month LIBOR                      | 41,993         | 0.6        | 42,994            | 0.6        |
| One-year LIBOR                       | 5,266,771      | 74.0       | 5,495,253         | 76.1       |
| Six-month certificate of deposit     | 772            | -          | 888               | -          |
| Six-month constant maturity treasury | 156            | -          | 170               | -          |
| One-year constant maturity treasury  | 189,625        | 2.7        | 196,752           | 2.7        |
| Cost of Funds Index                  | 12,580         | 0.2        | 13,251            | 0.2        |
| 15-year fixed-rate                   | 1,011,522      | 14.2       | 1,042,820         | 14.4       |
| 20-year and 30-year fixed-rate       | 220,176        | 3.0        | 230,137           | 3.2        |
| Total Agency MBS:                    | \$6,744,641    | 94.7 %     | \$7,023,363       | 97.2 %     |



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|                |             |       |   |             |       |   |
|----------------|-------------|-------|---|-------------|-------|---|
| Non-Agency MBS | 376,379     | 5.3   |   | 199,710     | 2.8   |   |
| Total MBS:     | \$7,121,020 | 100.0 | % | \$7,223,073 | 100.0 | % |

The fair values indicated do not include interest earned but not yet paid. With respect to our hybrid adjustable-rate Agency MBS, the fair value of these securities appears on the line associated with the index based on which the security will eventually reset once the initial fixed interest rate period has expired. The fair value of our MBS is reported to us independently from dealers who are major financial institutions and are considered to be market makers for these types of instruments. For more detail on the fair value of our MBS, see Note 7 to the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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

|   | March<br>31,<br>2015 | December<br>31,<br>2014 | September<br>30,<br>2014 | June<br>30,<br>2014 |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Agency MBS Portfolio</b>               |                      |                         |                          |                     |
| <b>Weighted Average Coupon:</b>           |                      |                         |                          |                     |
| Adjustable-rate Agency MBS                | 2.54 %               | 2.53 %                  | 2.58 %                   | 2.60 %              |
| Hybrid adjustable-rate Agency MBS         | 2.48                 | 2.53                    | 2.55                     | 2.57                |
| 15-year fixed-rate Agency MBS             | 2.64                 | 2.65                    | 2.69                     | 2.65                |
| 20-year and 30-year fixed-rate Agency MBS | 4.35                 | 4.37                    | 4.40                     | 5.01                |
| <b>Total Agency MBS:</b>                  | <b>2.58 %</b>        | <b>2.61 %</b>           | <b>2.64 %</b>            | <b>2.63 %</b>       |
| <b>Average Amortized Cost:</b>            |                      |                         |                          |                     |
| Adjustable-rate Agency MBS                | 103.03 %             | 102.88 %                | 102.81 %                 | 102.65 %            |
| Hybrid adjustable-rate Agency MBS         | 103.51               | 103.57                  | 103.60                   | 103.58              |
| 15-year fixed-rate Agency MBS             | 102.99               | 103.05                  | 103.14                   | 103.16              |
| 20-year and 30-year fixed-rate Agency MBS | 103.11               | 103.13                  | 103.17                   | 102.86              |
| <b>Total Agency MBS:</b>                  | <b>103.27 %</b>      | <b>103.30 %</b>         | <b>103.32 %</b>          | <b>103.28 %</b>     |

Current yield on Agency MBS (weighted average coupon

divided by average amortized cost) 2.50 % 2.53 % 2.56 % 2.55 %

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

The following table summarizes our Non-Agency MBS portfolio at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 (dollar amounts in thousands):

March 31, 2015

| Loan Type                    | Fair<br>Value    | Amortized<br>Cost | Contractual<br>Principal | Weighted Average<br>Amortized |               |               |
|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                              |                  |                   |                          | Cost                          | Coupon        | Yield         |
| Prime                        | \$21,705         | \$21,474          | \$27,834                 | 77 %                          | 1.63 %        | 6.36 %        |
| Alt-A                        | 192,162          | 191,342           | 246,624                  | 78 %                          | 4.26 %        | 5.60 %        |
| Subprime                     | 56,055           | 55,767            | 57,425                   | 97 %                          | 5.38 %        | 5.50 %        |
| Non-performing               | 106,457          | 105,632           | 107,674                  | 98 %                          | 4.66 %        | 5.49 %        |
| <b>Total Non-Agency MBS:</b> | <b>\$376,379</b> | <b>\$374,215</b>  | <b>\$439,557</b>         | <b>85 %</b>                   | <b>4.34 %</b> | <b>5.60 %</b> |

December 31, 2014

| Loan Type             | Fair       | Amortized  | Contractual | Weighted Average Amortized |        |        |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------------------------|--------|--------|
|                       | Value      | Cost       | Principal   | Cost                       | Coupon | Yield  |
| Prime                 | \$21,798   | \$ 21,787  | \$ 28,371   | 77%                        | 1.73 % | 6.39 % |
| Alt-A                 | 79,584     | 79,625     | 106,482     | 75%                        | 2.00 % | 5.65 % |
| Subprime              | 35,987     | 35,987     | 37,834      | 95%                        | 3.40 % | 5.63 % |
| Non-performing        | 62,341     | 62,306     | 63,674      | 98%                        | 4.83 % | 5.72 % |
| Total Non-Agency MBS: | \$ 199,710 | \$ 199,705 | \$ 236,361  | 85%                        | 2.95 % | 5.75 % |

The following information pertains to our repurchase agreement borrowings at March 31, 2015, December 31, 2014, September 30, 2014 and June 30, 2014:

|   | March 31,<br>2015             | December<br>31,<br>2014 | September<br>30,<br>2014 | June 30,<br>2014 |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
|   | (dollar amounts in thousands) |                         |                          |                  |
| Repurchase agreements outstanding                                 | \$6,284,037                   | \$6,370,740             | \$6,550,000              | \$7,118,500      |
| Average repurchase agreements outstanding                         | \$6,337,812                   | \$6,469,942             | \$6,901,889              | \$7,434,984      |
| Maximum monthly amount during the quarter                         | \$6,310,761                   | \$6,467,509             | \$7,041,000              | \$7,551,000      |
| Average interest rate on outstanding repurchase agreements        | 0.41 %                        | 0.37 %                  | 0.32 %                   | 0.32 %           |
| Average days to maturity  | 37 days                       | 37 days                 | 38 days                  | 37 days          |
| Average interest rate after adjusting for interest rate swaps     | 1.10 %                        | 1.06 %                  | 1.08 %                   | 1.47 %           |
| Weighted average maturity after adjusting for interest rate swaps | 729 days                      | 767 days                | 845 days                 | 992 days         |

At March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the unamortized net premium paid for our Agency MBS was approximately \$210.6 million and \$222.4 million, respectively.

At March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the unamortized net discount on our Non-Agency MBS was approximately \$65.3 million and \$36.6 million, respectively.

At March 31, 2015, the current yield on our Agency MBS was 2.50%. At December 31, 2014, the current yield on our Agency MBS was 2.53%. This decline was due primarily to the decline in the weighted average coupon. As portions of our portfolio reset, and as older assets mature or payoff and are replaced with newer lower-yielding assets, the weighted average coupon will continue to decline. As noted in the trend above, the weighted average coupon has declined by an average of approximately 2 basis points per quarter. For the three months ended March 31, 2015, the weighted average coupon for our total Agency MBS declined by 3 basis points. One of the factors that also impacts the reported yield on our MBS portfolio is the actual prepayment rate on the underlying mortgages. We analyze our MBS and the extent to which prepayments impact the yield. When the rate of prepayments exceeds expectations, we amortize the premiums paid on mortgage assets over a shorter time period, resulting in a reduced yield to maturity on our mortgage assets. Conversely, if actual prepayments are less than the assumed CPR, the premium would be amortized over a longer time period, resulting in a higher yield to maturity.

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

The average interest rate on outstanding repurchase agreements after adjusting for all interest rate swaps increased from 1.06% at December 31, 2014 to 1.10% at March 31, 2015, due primarily to the increase in the average interest rate on repurchase agreements, from 0.37% at December 31, 2014 to 0.41% at March 31, 2015. The weighted average term to next rate adjustment after adjusting for all interest rate swaps decreased from 767 days at December 31, 2014 to 729 days at March 31, 2015 due primarily to the decrease in average maturity of swap agreements as shown on the following table.

At March 31, 2015, the balance of our Non-Agency MBS was \$376.4 million. At December 31, 2014, the balance of our Non-Agency MBS was \$199.7 million. The weighted average coupon on the Non-Agency MBS increased from 2.95% at December 31, 2014 to 4.34% at March 31, 2015, due primarily to the acquisition of more fixed-rate securities at higher coupons.

## Residential Properties Portfolio

At March 31, 2015, we owned 87 single-family residential properties which are all located in Southeastern Florida and are carried at a total cost, net of accumulated depreciation, of approximately \$14.3 million. At December 31, 2014, we owned 79 single-family residential properties that were carried at a total cost, net of accumulated depreciation, of approximately \$12.9 million.

## Derivatives

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

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

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

|  | March 31,<br>2015  | December<br>31,<br>2014 | September<br>30,<br>2014 | June 30,<br>2014   |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Aggregate notional amount of swap agreements               | 3.330<br>\$billion | 3.330<br>\$billion      | 3.805<br>\$billion       | 5.265<br>\$billion |
| Average maturity of swap agreements                        | 3.75 years         | 4.0 years               | 4.0 years                | 3.7 years          |
| Weighted average fixed rate paid on swap agreements        | 1.56               | % 1.56                  | % 1.54                   | % 1.78             |
| Aggregate notional amount of Eurodollars Futures Contracts | \$5.30 billion     | \$5.50 billion          | \$ 5.50 billion          | \$0                |

Swap agreements are used to provide protection from increases in interest rates having a negative impact on the market value of our portfolio that could result in our lenders requiring additional collateral for our repurchase agreement borrowings. An increase or decrease in the notional value of our swap agreements usually provides an increase or decrease in protection to our portfolio's change in value due to interest rate changes. However, there are other methods that can also lessen our portfolio's change in value due to interest rate increases. Among them are acquiring mortgages that are inherently less sensitive to interest rate changes and borrowings using long-term

agreements.

After August 22, 2014, none of our swaps were designated for hedge accounting. During 2014, most of the swaps that were terminated had a remaining term of less than two years and had higher interest rates, which is the primary reason for the decline in both the balances and the average fixed pay swap rate from June 30, 2014. While these were still effective under GAAP, they were becoming less viable economically and for asset/liability management. They were replaced with the Eurodollar Futures Contracts, which require no payments of interest during their term.

For both terminated swaps and the de-designated swaps, as long as there is the probability that the forecasted transactions that were being hedged (i.e., rollovers of our repurchase agreement borrowings) are still expected to occur, the amount of the gain or loss in AOCI remains in AOCI and is amortized over the remaining term of the swaps. At March 31, 2015, the net unrealized loss in AOCI on the swaps was approximately \$40 million as compared to an unrealized loss of approximately \$47 million at December 31, 2014.

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

At March 31, 2015, we had 5,300 Eurodollar Futures Contracts representing \$5.3 billion in notional amount. The effective term of these contracts is three months. The cash held by the broker on the Eurodollar Futures Contracts was approximately \$5.5 million, which is included in "other assets," and there was a derivative liability of approximately \$3.7 million.

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

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

For more information on the amounts, policies, objectives and other qualitative data on our derivatives, see Notes 1, 7 and 13 to the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

### Agency MBS and Non-Agency Portfolios

Our primary source of funds consists of repurchase agreements which totaled approximately \$6.28 billion at March 31, 2015. As collateral for the repurchase agreements and swaps, we had pledged approximately \$6.44 billion in Agency MBS and approximately \$319 million in Non-Agency MBS. Our other significant source of funds for the three months ended March 31, 2015 consisted of payments of principal from our Agency MBS portfolio in the amount of approximately \$290.7 million.

For the three months ended March 31, 2015, there was a net decrease in cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$11.3 million. This consisted of the following components:

- Net cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2015 was approximately \$6.5 million. This is comprised primarily of net loss of approximately \$16.3 million and adding back the following non-cash items: the amortization of premiums and discounts on Agency MBS of approximately \$11.8 million; depreciation on rental properties of approximately \$112 thousand; loss on sales of Non-Agency MBS of approximately \$3 thousand; loss on swaps of approximately \$46.5 million; the amortization of restricted stock of \$24 thousand; and loss on Eurodollar Futures Contracts of approximately \$2.3 million, partially offset by periodic net settlements on swaps of approximately \$10.4 million; gain on derivatives net of derivative income on TBA Agency MBS of approximately \$8.5 million; accretion of discount on Non-Agency MBS of approximately \$1.0 million; and recovery on Non-Agency MBS of approximately \$1 thousand. Net cash provided by operating activities also included an increase in accrued expenses of approximately \$0.6 million; a decrease in accrued interest payable of approximately \$6.3 million; a decrease in interest receivable of approximately \$131 thousand and an increase in prepaid expense of approximately \$12.4 million;
- Net cash provided by investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2015 was approximately \$93.6 million, which consisted of \$290.7 million from principal payments on Agency MBS; proceeds from sales of Non-Agency MBS of approximately \$4.1 million; and principal payments on Non-Agency MBS of approximately \$4.2 million, partially offset by purchases of Non-Agency MBS of approximately \$204 million; and purchases of residential properties of approximately \$1.5 million; and
- Net cash used in financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2015 was approximately \$111.3 million. This consisted of borrowings on repurchase agreements of approximately \$7.391 billion, offset by repayments on repurchase agreements of approximately \$7.477 billion; common stock repurchased of approximately \$21.1 million, net of proceeds from common stock issued; dividends paid of approximately \$15.4 million on common stock; dividends paid of approximately \$1.4 million on preferred stock, less net settlements on TBA Agency MBS of approximately \$5.2 million and proceeds on Series C Preferred Stock issued of \$8.1 million.

Relative to our MBS portfolio at March 31, 2015, all of our repurchase agreements were fixed-rate term repurchase agreements with original maturities ranging from 2 days to 104 days. At March 31, 2015, we had borrowed funds



under repurchase agreements with 25 different financial institutions. As the repurchase agreements mature, we enter into new repurchase agreements to take their place. Because we borrow money based on the fair value of our MBS and because increases in short-term interest rates or increasing market concern about the liquidity or value of our MBS can negatively impact the valuation of MBS, our borrowing ability could be reduced and lenders may initiate margin calls in the event short-term interest rates increase or the value of our MBS declines for other reasons. Typically, most margin calls by lenders arise each month due to prepayments. The value of the MBS pledged is reduced by an amount equal to any prepaid principal in order to reestablish the required ratio of borrowing to collateral value. The pledging of additional collateral is usually done on the same day or the following day. We had adequate cash flow, liquid assets and unpledged collateral with which to meet our margin requirements during the three months ended March 31, 2015, but there can be no assurance we will have adequate cash flow, liquid assets and unpledged collateral with which to meet our margin requirements in the future.

At March 31, 2015, our leverage on capital (including all preferred stock and junior subordinated notes) increased from 7.78x at December 31, 2014 to 7.81x at March 31, 2015. The increase in leverage was due primarily to a decrease in total capital as defined above, from \$819 million at December 31, 2014 to \$805 million at March 31, 2015, partially offset by a decrease in repurchase agreements outstanding, from \$6.37 billion at December 31, 2014 to \$6.28 billion at March 31, 2015.

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

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we raised approximately \$422 thousand in capital under our 2012 Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan (which then expired in March 2015) and approximately \$14 thousand in capital under our 2015 Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.

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

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we issued an aggregate of 53,119 shares of our Series C Preferred Stock under the MLV Sales Agreement at a weighted average price of \$24.45 per share, which provided net proceeds to us of approximately \$1.3 million, net of sales commissions. The sales agent received aggregate commissions of approximately \$13 thousand, which represents an average commission of approximately 1.0% on the gross sales price per share. At March 31, 2015, there was approximately \$198.7 million available for sale and issuance under the MLV Sales Agreement.

On October 3, 2011, we announced that our board of directors had authorized a share repurchase program which permits us to acquire up to 2,000,000 shares of our common stock. The shares are expected to be acquired at prevailing prices through open market transactions. The manner, price, number and timing of share repurchases will be subject to market conditions and applicable SEC rules. Our board of directors also authorized the Company to purchase an amount of our common stock up to the amount of common stock sold through our 2012 Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan. Subsequently, our board of directors authorized the Company to acquire the following additional amounts of shares on the following dates: 5,000,000 shares on December 13, 2013; 10,000,000 shares on March 14, 2014; 10,000,000 shares on May 22, 2014; and 10,000,000 shares on October 17, 2014. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we repurchased an aggregate of 4,160,908 shares at a weighted average price of \$5.17 per share under our share repurchase program.

#### Disclosure of Contractual Obligations

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

#### Stockholders' Equity

We use available-for-sale treatment for our MBS, which are carried on our balance sheets at fair value rather than historical cost. Based upon this treatment, our total equity base at March 31, 2015 was approximately \$743.4 million. Common stockholders' equity was approximately \$685.3 million, or a book value of \$6.52 per share. Common stockholders' equity serves as the basis for how book value per common share is calculated.

Under our available-for-sale accounting treatment, unrealized fluctuations in fair values of assets are assessed to determine whether they are other-than-temporary. To the extent we determine that these unrealized fluctuations are temporary, they do not impact GAAP income or taxable income but rather are reflected on our balance sheets by changing the carrying value of the assets and reflecting the change in stockholders' equity under "accumulated other comprehensive income, unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities."

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

Unrealized changes in the fair value of MBS have one significant and direct effect on our potential earnings and dividends: positive mark-to-market changes will increase our equity base and allow us to increase our borrowing capacity, while negative changes will tend to reduce borrowing capacity under our capital investment policy. A very large negative change in the net market value of our MBS might reduce our liquidity, requiring us to sell assets with the likely result of realized losses upon sale. “Accumulated other comprehensive income, unrealized gain” on available-for-sale Agency MBS was approximately \$55.4 million, or 0.83% of the amortized cost of our Agency MBS, at March 31, 2015. This, along with “accumulated other comprehensive loss, derivatives” of approximately \$40 million and “accumulated other comprehensive income on available-for-sale Non-Agency MBS” of approximately \$2.2 million, constitutes the total “accumulated other comprehensive income” of approximately \$17.6 million.

#### Non-GAAP Measure

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

|   | March<br>31,<br>2015 | December 31,<br>2014 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
|   | (in thousands)       |                      |
| Common stockholders’ equity without AOCI              | \$667,673            | \$ 723,197           |
| AOCI – unrealized income (loss)                       | 17,614               | (14,981 )            |
| Common stockholders’ equity                           | 685,287              | 708,216              |
| Series A Preferred Stock liquidation value            | 47,984               | 47,984               |
| Series B Preferred Stock liquidation value            | 25,241               | 25,241               |
| Series C Preferred Stock liquidation value            | 8,828                | -                    |
| Less: Series B Preferred Stock proceeds from issuance | (23,924 )            | (23,924 )            |
| Total stockholders’ equity per balance sheets         | \$743,416            | \$ 757,517           |
| Common shares outstanding                             | 105,157              | 109,234              |
| Per Share Amounts:                                    |                      |                      |
| Common stockholders’ equity without AOCI              | \$6.35               | \$ 6.62              |
| AOCI  | 0.17                 | (0.14 )              |
| Common stockholders’ equity                           | \$6.52               | \$ 6.48              |

The primary reasons for the decrease in common stockholder’s equity without AOCI, from approximately \$723 million at December 31, 2014 to approximately \$668 million at March 31, 2015 was due to our repurchases of our common stock of approximately \$22 million, a net loss to common stockholders for the quarter of approximately \$17 million

and common stock dividends paid of approximately \$16 million.

#### Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

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

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

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

## Revenue Recognition

The most significant source of our revenue is derived from our investments in MBS. We reflect income using the effective yield method which, through amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts at an effective yield, recognizes periodic income over the estimated life of the investment on a constant yield basis, as adjusted for actual prepayment activity and estimated prepayments. Management believes our revenue recognition policies are appropriate to reflect the substance of the underlying transactions.

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

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

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

## Valuation and Classification of Investment Securities

We carry our investment securities on our balance sheet at fair value. The fair values of our Agency MBS are generally based on third party bid price indications provided by certain dealers who make markets in such securities. If, in the opinion of management, one or more securities prices reported to us are not reliable or unavailable, management reviews the fair value based on characteristics of the security it receives from the issuer and available market information. The fair values reported reflect estimates and may not necessarily be indicative of the amounts we could realize in a current market exchange. We review various factors (i.e., expected cash flows, changes in interest rates, credit protection, etc.) in determining whether and to what extent an other-than-temporary impairment exists. To the extent that unrealized losses on our Agency MBS are attributable to changes in interest rates and not credit quality, and because we did not have the intent at March 31, 2015 to sell these investments, nor is it not more likely than not that we will be required to sell these investments before recovery of their amortized cost bases, which may be at maturity, we do not consider these investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired. Losses (that are related to credit quality) on securities classified as available-for-sale, which are determined by management to be other-than-temporary in nature, are reclassified from "accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)" to current-period income (loss). For more detail on the fair value of our securities, see Note 7 to the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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

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

## Accounting for Derivatives and Hedging Activities

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

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

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

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

When we discontinued hedge accounting, the gain or loss on the derivative remains in “accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)” and is reclassified into income when the forecasted transaction affects income. In all situations in which hedge accounting is discontinued and the derivative remains outstanding, we carry the derivative at its fair value on our balance sheets, recognizing changes in the fair value in current-period income. At March 31, 2015, none of our derivative instruments were designated as hedges.

For purposes of the cash flow statement, cash flows from derivative instruments were classified with the cash flows from the hedged item. Cash flows from derivatives that are not hedges are classified according to the underlying nature or purpose of the derivative. For more detail on our derivative instruments, see Notes 1, 7 and 13 to the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements.

## Income Taxes

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

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

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



## Subsequent Events

When we pay any cash dividend during any quarterly fiscal period to all or substantially all of our common stockholders in an amount that results in an annualized common stock dividend yield that is greater than 6.25% (the dividend yield on our Series B Preferred Stock), the conversion rate on our Series B Preferred Stock is adjusted based on a formula specified in the Articles Supplementary Establishing and Fixing the Rights and Preferences of the Series B Preferred Stock. This conversion rate on our Series B Preferred Stock increased effective April 1, 2015 from 4.2029 shares of our common stock to 4.2640 shares of our common stock using the following information: (1) the average of the closing price of our common stock for the ten (10) consecutive trading day period was \$5.26 and (2) the annualized common stock dividend yield was 11.3982%.

From April 1, 2015 through May 6, 2015, we issued an aggregate of 44,399 shares of common stock at a weighted average price of \$5.17 per share under the 2015 Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan, resulting in proceeds to us of approximately \$230 thousand.

From April 1, 2015 through May 6, 2015, we had repurchased an aggregate of 391,157 shares of our common stock at a weighted average price of \$5.19 per share under our share repurchase program.

From April 1, 2015 to May 6, 2015, we issued an aggregate of 56,570 shares of our Series C Preferred Stock at a weighted average price of \$24.45 per share under the MLV Sales Agreement, which provided net proceeds to us of approximately \$1.37 million.

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

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

#### Interest Rate Risk

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

ARMs are typically subject to periodic and lifetime interest rate caps that limit the amount an ARM interest rate can change during any given period. ARMs are also typically subject to a minimum interest rate payable. Our borrowings are not subject to similar restrictions. Hence, in a period of increasing interest rates, interest rates on our borrowings could increase without limitation, while the interest rates on our mortgage assets could be limited. This problem would be magnified to the extent we acquire mortgage assets that are not fully indexed. Further, some ARM assets may be subject to periodic payment caps that result in some portion of the interest being deferred and added to the principal outstanding. These factors could lower our net operating income or cause a net loss during periods of rising interest rates, which would negatively impact our liquidity, net income and our ability to make distributions to stockholders.

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

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

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

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

At March 31, 2015, our MBS and the related borrowings will prospectively reprice based on the following time frames (dollar amounts in thousands):

|   | Investments <sup>(1)(2)</sup> |                                 | Borrowings    |                                |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
|   | Amount                        | Percentage of Total Investments | Amount        | Percentage of Total Borrowings |
| Agency MBS Portfolio:                                 |                               |                                 |               |                                |
| Investment Type/Rate Reset Dates:                     |                               |                                 |               |                                |
| 15-year fixed-rate investments                        | \$1,011,522                   | 14.2                            | % \$-         | -                              |
| 20-year and 30-year fixed-rate investments            | 220,176                       | 3.1                             | -             | -                              |
| Adjustable-Rate Investments/Obligations:              |                               |                                 |               |                                |
| Less than 3 months                                    | 547,822                       | 7.7                             | 5,998,000     | 95.4                           |
| Greater than 3 months and less than 1 year            | 1,562,562                     | 21.9                            | 50,000        | 0.8                            |
| Greater than 1 year and less than 2 years             | 533,616                       | 7.4                             | -             | -                              |
| Greater than 2 years and less than 3 years            | 769,569                       | 10.8                            | -             | -                              |
| Greater than 3 years and less than 4 years            | 225,008                       | 3.2                             | -             | -                              |
| Greater than 4 years and less than 5 years            | 839,147                       | 11.8                            | -             | -                              |
| Greater than 5 years and less than 7 years            | 446,384                       | 6.3                             | -             | -                              |
| Greater than 7 years                                  | 588,835                       | 8.3                             | -             | -                              |
| Non-Agency MBS Portfolio:                             |                               |                                 |               |                                |
| Floating-rate MBS (less than 3 months) <sup>(3)</sup> | 37,550                        | 0.5                             | 236,037       | 3.8                            |
| Hybrid MBS  | 56,606                        | 0.8                             | -             | -                              |
| Fixed-rate MBS  | 282,223                       | 4.0                             | -             | -                              |
| Total MBS Portfolio:                                  | \$7,121,020                   | 100.0                           | % \$6,284,037 | 100.0                          |

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

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

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

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

|  | Investments <sup>(1)(2)</sup> |                                 | Borrowings |                                |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
|  | Amount                        | Percentage of Total Investments | Amount     | Percentage of Total Borrowings |
| Agency MBS Portfolio:                      |                               |                                 |            |                                |
| Investment Type/Rate Reset Dates:          |                               |                                 |            |                                |
| 15-year fixed-rate investments             | \$1,042,820                   | 14.4                            | % \$-      | -                              |
| 20-year and 30-year fixed-rate investments | 230,137                       | 3.2                             | -          | -                              |
| Adjustable-Rate Investments/Obligations:   |                               |                                 |            |                                |
| Less than 3 months                         | 570,045                       | 7.9                             | 6,255,000  | 98.2                           |

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|---|-------------|-------|---------------|---------|
| Greater than 3 months and less than 1 year            | 1,258,553   | 17.4  | -             | -       |
| Greater than 1 year and less than 2 years             | 951,325     | 13.2  | -             | -       |
| Greater than 2 years and less than 3 years            | 791,649     | 11.0  | -             | -       |
| Greater than 3 years and less than 4 years            | 254,491     | 3.5   | -             | -       |
| Greater than 4 years and less than 5 years            | 496,154     | 6.9   | -             | -       |
| Greater than 5 years and less than 7 years            | 810,394     | 11.2  | -             | -       |
| Greater than 7 years                                  | 617,795     | 8.5   | -             | -       |
| Non-Agency MBS Portfolio:                             |             |       |               |         |
| Floating-rate MBS (less than 3 months) <sup>(3)</sup> | 35,796      | 0.5   | 115,740       | 1.8     |
| Hybrid MBS  | 40,589      | 0.6   | -             | -       |
| Fixed-rate MBS  | 123,325     | 1.7   | -             | -       |
| Total MBS Portfolio:                                  | \$7,223,073 | 100.0 | % \$6,370,740 | 100.0 % |

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

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

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

## Market Risk

### Market Value Risk

All of our MBS are classified as available-for-sale assets. As such, they are reflected at fair value (i.e., market value) with the periodic adjustment to fair value (that is not considered to be an other-than-temporary impairment) reflected as part of “accumulated other comprehensive income” that is included in the equity section of our balance sheet. The market value of our assets can fluctuate due to changes in interest rates and other factors. At March 31, 2015, the fair value adjustment of our MBS reflected in AOCI increased to a positive adjustment (other comprehensive income) of approximately \$57.6 million from a positive adjustment (other comprehensive loss) at December 31, 2014 of approximately \$31.6 million.

### Real Estate Risk

Non-Agency MBS and residential property values are subject to volatility and may be affected adversely by a number of factors including national, regional and local economic conditions; local real estate conditions (such as an oversupply of housing); changes or continued weakness in specific industry segments; construction quality; age and design; demographic factors; and retroactive changes to building or similar codes. Decreases in property values reduce the value of the collateral for mortgage loans and the potential proceeds available to borrowers to repay the loans, which could cause us to suffer losses on our Non-Agency MBS investments.

### Liquidity Risk

Our primary liquidity risk arises from financing long-maturity MBS with short-term debt. The interest rates on our borrowings generally adjust more frequently than the interest rates on our adjustable-rate MBS. For example, at March 31, 2015, our Agency MBS had a weighted average term to next rate adjustment of approximately 36 months while our borrowings had a weighted average term to next rate adjustment of 37 days. After adjusting for interest rate swap transactions, the weighted average term to next rate adjustment was 729 days. Accordingly, in a period of rising interest rates, our borrowing costs will usually increase faster than our interest earnings from MBS. As a result, we could experience a decrease in net income or a net loss during these periods. Our assets that are pledged to secure short-term borrowings are high-quality liquid assets. As a result, we have been able to roll over our short-term borrowings as they mature. There can be no assurance that we will always be able to roll over our short-term debt.

During the past few years, there have been continuing liquidity and credit concerns surrounding the mortgage markets and the general global economy. While the U.S. government and other foreign governments have taken various actions to address these concerns, there are also concerns about the ability of the U.S. government to meet the obligations of the Budget Control Act of 2011 and to reduce its budget deficit and about possible future rating downgrades of U.S. sovereign debt and government-sponsored agency debt. During 2013 and 2014, Congress passed several interim measures to provide temporary funding to the U.S. government and temporarily increase the debt ceiling. On February 12, 2014, Congress passed a bill, which was signed into law by President Obama, suspending the debt ceiling until March 2015. On December 16, 2014, President Obama signed a \$1.1 trillion appropriations bill that will fund most government operations through September 2015. In March 2015, the U.S. government technically reached its debt ceiling at \$18.1 trillion. The Congressional Budget Office estimated that extraordinary measures taken by the U.S. Treasury Department will only last through October or November 2015 and that Congress will have to reach an agreement before then to avoid a debt rating downgrade. A failure by the U.S. government to reach agreement on future budgets and debt ceilings, reduce its budget deficit or a future downgrade of U.S. sovereign debt and government-sponsored agencies debt could have a material adverse effect on the U.S. economy and the global economy. These events could have a material adverse effect on our borrowing costs, the availability of financing and the liquidity and valuation of securities in general and the securities in our portfolio. As a result, there continues to be

concerns about the potential impact on product availability, liquidity, interest rates and changes in the yield curve. While we have been able to meet all of our liquidity needs to date, there are still concerns in the mortgage sector about the availability of financing generally.

At March 31, 2015, we had unrestricted cash of approximately \$3.7 million, \$273 million in unpledged Agency MBS and \$58 million in unpledged Non-Agency MBS available to meet margin calls on short-term borrowings that could be caused by asset value declines or changes in lender collateralization requirements.

#### Prepayment Risk

Prepayments are the full or partial repayment of principal prior to the original term to maturity of a mortgage loan and typically occur due to refinancing of mortgage loans. Prepayment rates on mortgage-related securities and mortgage loans vary from time to time and may cause changes in the amount of our net operating income. Prepayments of ARM loans usually can be expected to increase when mortgage interest rates fall below the then-current interest rates on such loans and decrease when mortgage interest rates exceed the then-current interest rate on such loans, although such effects are not entirely predictable. Prepayment rates may also be affected by the conditions in the housing and financial markets, general economic conditions and the relative interest rates on fixed-rate loans and ARM loans underlying MBS. The purchase prices of MBS are generally based upon assumptions regarding the

expected amounts and rates of prepayments. Where slow prepayment assumptions are made, we may pay a premium for MBS. To the extent such assumptions differ from the actual amounts of prepayments, we could experience reduced earnings or losses. The total prepayment of any MBS purchased at a premium by us would result in the immediate write-off of any remaining capitalized premium amount and a reduction of our net operating income by such amount. In addition, in the event that we are unable to acquire new MBS to replace the prepaid MBS, our financial condition, cash flows and results of operations could be harmed.

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

#### Credit Risk

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

#### General

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

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



## Tabular Presentation

The information presented in the table below projects the impact of instantaneous parallel shifts in interest rates on our annual projected net income (relative to the unchanged interest rate scenario), and the impact of the same instantaneous parallel shifts on our projected portfolio value (the value of our assets, including the value of any derivative instruments or hedges, such as interest rate swap agreements). These projections are based on investments in place at March 31, 2015 and include all of our interest rate sensitive assets, liabilities and hedges, such as interest rate swap agreements.

| Change in Interest Rates | Percentage Change in<br>Projected Net Operating Income | Percentage Change in<br>Projected Portfolio Value |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| -2%                      | -65%   | -2.6%   |
| -1%                      | -28%   | -0.5%   |
| 0%                       | 0%   | 0%  |
| 1%                       | -24%   | -0.7%   |
| 2%                       | -51%   | -2.2%   |

The information presented in the table below projects the impact of the same sudden changes in interest rates on our annual projected net income and projected portfolio value compared to the base case used in the table above, and the only difference is that it excludes the effect of the interest rate swap agreements on both net operating income and portfolio value. As of March 31, 2015, the aggregate notional amount of our interest rate swap agreements was \$3.33 billion and the weighted average maturity was 3.75 years.

| Change in Interest Rates | Percentage Change in<br>Projected Net Operating Income | Percentage Change in<br>Projected Portfolio Value |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| -2%                      | 12%  | 0.8%  |
| -1%                      | 49%  | 1.2%  |
| 0%                       | 0%   | 0%  |
| 1%                       | -8%  | -2.4%   |
| 2%                       | -86%   | -5.6%   |

#### Item 4. Controls and Procedures

##### Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act) that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules, regulations and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow for timely decisions regarding required disclosure. In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives and management is required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures.

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

##### Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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



## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

### Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

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

### Item 1A. Risk Factors.

There have been no material changes with regard to the risk factors described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

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

None.

### Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

### Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

### Item 5. Other Information.

(a) Additional Disclosures. None.

(b) Stockholder Nominations. There have been no material changes to the procedures by which stockholders may recommend nominees to our board of directors during the quarter ended March 31, 2015. Please see the discussion of our procedures in our most recent proxy statement filed with the SEC on March 12, 2015 as DEF 14A.

### Item 6. Exhibits.

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

#### Exhibit

#### Number Description

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| 1.1 | At Market Issuance Sales Agreement, dated March 3, 2015, among Anworth and Anworth Management, LLC and MLV & Co. LLC (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the |
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SEC on March 6, 2015)

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

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- 3.9 Articles Supplementary for Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 21, 2007)
- 3.10 Articles Supplementary for Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference from our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on January 23, 2015)
- 3.11 Articles Supplementary for Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 6, 2015)
- 4.1 Specimen Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference from our Registration Statement on Form S-11, Registration No. 333-38641, which became effective under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on March 12, 1998)
- 4.2 Specimen Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January November 3, 2004)
- 4.3 Specimen Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 30,2007)
- 4.4 Specimen Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference from our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on January 23, 2015)
- 4.5 Specimen Anworth Capital Trust I Floating Rate Preferred Stock Certificate (liquidation amount \$1,000 per Preferred Security) (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 16, 2005)
- 4.6 Specimen Anworth Capital Trust I Floating Rate Common Stock Certificate (liquidation amount \$1,000 per Common Security) (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 16, 2005)
- 4.7 Specimen Floating Rate Junior Subordinated Note Due 2035 (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 16, 2005)
- 4.8

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Junior Subordinated Indenture dated as of March 15, 2005 between Anworth and JPMorgan Chase Bank (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 16, 2005)

- 10.1\* 2014 Equity Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference from our Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the SEC on August 5, 2014)
- 10.2\* 2007 Dividend Equivalent Rights Plan (incorporated by reference from our Definitive Proxy Statement filed, pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, with the SEC on April 26, 2007)
- 10.3\* 2012 Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan (incorporated by reference from our Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-180093, which became effective under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on March 14, 2012)
- 10.4\* 2015 Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan (incorporated by reference from our Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-202739, which became effective under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on March 25, 2015)
- 10.5 Termination Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2011, between Anworth and Lloyd McAdams, with respect to the Employment Agreement, dated as of January 1, 2002, between Anworth and Lloyd McAdams, as amended (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 3, 2012)
- 10.6 Termination Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2011, between Anworth and Heather U. Baines, with respect to the Employment Agreement, dated as of January 1, 2002, between Anworth and Heather U. Baines, as amended (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 3, 2012)
- 10.7 Termination Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2011, between Anworth and Joseph E. McAdams, with respect to the Employment Agreement, dated as of January 1, 2002, between Anworth and Joseph E. McAdams, as amended (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 3, 2012)
- 10.8 Purchase Agreement dated as of March 15, 2005, by and among Anworth, Anworth Capital Trust I, TABERNA Preferred Funding I, Ltd., and Merrill Lynch International (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 16, 2005)
- 10.9 Second Amended and Restated Trust Agreement dated as of September 26, 2005 by and among Anworth, JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Chase Bank USA, National Association, Lloyd McAdams, Joseph McAdams, Thad Brown and the several Holders, as defined therein (incorporated by reference from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, as filed with the SEC on March 16, 2006)





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- 10.10\* Change in Control and Arbitration Agreement, dated June 27, 2006, between Anworth and Thad M. Brown (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 28, 2006), as amended by Amendment to Anworth Mortgage Asset Corporation Change in Control and Arbitration Agreement, effective December 31, 2011, between Anworth and Thad M. Brown (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 3, 2012)
- 10.11 Amended and Restated Administrative Services Agreement dated August 20, 2010, between Anworth and PIA (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 20, 2010)
- 10.12 Management Agreement dated as of December 31, 2011 by and between Anworth and Anworth Management, LLC (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 3, 2012)
- 10.13 Sublease dated as of January 26, 2012, between Anworth and PIA (incorporated by reference from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2012, as filed with the SEC on August 6, 2012)
- 31.1 Certification of the Principal Executive Officer, as required by Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
- 31.2 Certification of the Principal Financial Officer, as required by Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
- 32.1 Certifications of the Principal Executive Officer provided pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.2 Certifications of the Principal Financial Officer provided pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 101 XBRL Instance Document
- 101 XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document

101 XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document

101 XBRL Taxonomy Definition Linkbase Document

101 XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document

101 XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

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

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CORPORATION

Dated: May 8, 2015 /S/ JOSEPH LLOYD MCADAMS

Joseph Lloyd McAdams  
Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Chief Executive Officer)

Dated: May 8, 2015 /s/ THAD M. BROWN

Thad M. Brown  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Chief Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)