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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 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: 001-32136

Arbor Realty Trust, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

20-0057959
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

333 Earle Ovington Boulevard, Suite 900
Uniondale, NY
(Address of principal executive offices)

11553
(Zip Code)

(516) 506-4200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer 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

APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS:

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date. Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share: 50,943,002 outstanding (excluding 2,650,767 shares held in the treasury) as of May 1, 2015.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

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 Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. We urge you to carefully review and consider the various disclosures made by us in this report.

This report contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements relate to, among other things, the operating performance of our investments and financing needs. Forward-looking statements are generally identifiable by use of forward-looking terminology such as may, will, should, potential, intend, expect, seek, estimate, believe, could, project, predict, continue or other similar words or expressions. Forward-looking statements are based on certain assumptions, discuss future expectations, describe future plans and strategies, contain projections of results of operations or of financial condition or state other forward-looking information. Our ability to predict results or the actual effect of future plans or strategies is inherently uncertain. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, our actual results and performance could differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results in future periods to differ materially from forecasted results. Factors that could have a material adverse effect on our operations and future prospects include, but are not limited to, changes in economic conditions generally and the real estate market specifically; adverse changes in the financing markets we access affecting our ability to finance our loan and investment portfolio; changes in interest rates; the quality and size of the investment pipeline and the rate at which we can invest our cash; impairments in the value of the collateral underlying our loans and investments; legislative/regulatory changes; the availability and cost of capital for future investments; competition; and other risks detailed from time to time in our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any of these forward-looking statements, which reflect management's views as of the date of this report. The factors noted above could cause our actual results to differ significantly from those contained in any forward-looking statement. For a discussion of our critical accounting policies, see Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries Significant Accounting Estimates and Critical Accounting Policies in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 (the 2014 Annual Report).

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. We are under no duty to update any of the forward-looking statements after the date of this report to conform these statements to actual results.

Table of Contents**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements****ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

| | March 31, 2015 (Unaudited) | December 31, 2014 |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 105,434,483 | \$ 50,417,745 |
| Restricted cash (includes \$26,093,170 and \$216,405,894 from consolidated VIEs, respectively) | 26,788,686 | 218,100,529 |
| Loans and investments, net (includes \$773,742,712 and \$968,600,472 from consolidated VIEs, respectively) | 1,610,535,691 | 1,459,475,650 |
| Available-for-sale securities, at fair value | 2,558,498 | 2,499,709 |
| Investments in equity affiliates | 21,183,938 | 4,869,066 |
| Real estate owned, net (includes \$31,951,950 and \$80,732,144 from consolidated VIEs, respectively) | 84,077,726 | 84,925,641 |
| Real estate held-for-sale, net | | 14,381,733 |
| Due from related party (includes \$229,913 and \$0 from consolidated VIEs, respectively) | 10,995 | 36,515 |
| Other assets (includes \$12,960,749 and \$14,949,956 from consolidated VIEs, respectively) | 51,100,398 | 45,716,002 |
| Total assets | \$ 1,901,690,415 | \$ 1,880,422,590 |
| Liabilities and Equity: | | |
| Credit facilities and repurchase agreements | \$ 397,975,374 | \$ 180,386,200 |
| Collateralized loan obligations (includes \$500,250,000 and \$458,250,000 from consolidated VIEs, respectively) | 500,250,000 | 458,250,000 |
| Collateralized debt obligations (includes \$87,659,614 and \$331,395,126 from consolidated VIEs, respectively) | 87,659,614 | 331,395,126 |
| Senior unsecured notes | 97,860,025 | 97,860,025 |
| Junior subordinated notes to subsidiary trust issuing preferred securities | 159,969,563 | 159,833,260 |
| Notes payable | 2,300,000 | 1,300,000 |
| Mortgage note payable real estate owned | 27,155,000 | 21,865,136 |
| Mortgage note payable real estate held-for-sale | | 9,119,221 |
| Due to related party | 1,448,332 | 2,653,333 |
| Due to borrowers | 29,983,064 | 32,972,606 |
| Other liabilities (includes \$1,823,701 and \$7,385,474 from consolidated VIEs, respectively) | 46,163,241 | 49,332,212 |
| Total liabilities | 1,350,764,213 | 1,344,967,119 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Equity: | | |
| Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. stockholders' equity: | | |

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| Preferred stock, cumulative, redeemable, \$0.01 par value: 100,000,000 shares authorized; 8.25% Series A, \$38,787,500 aggregate liquidation preference; 1,551,500 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014; 7.75% Series B, \$31,500,000 aggregate liquidation preference; 1,260,000 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014; 8.50% Series C, \$22,500,000 aggregate liquidation preference; 900,000 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 | 89,295,905 | 89,295,905 |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value: 500,000,000 shares authorized; 53,593,769 shares issued, 50,943,002 shares outstanding at March 31, 2015 and 53,128,075 shares issued, 50,477,308 shares outstanding at December 31, 2014 | 535,937 | 531,280 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 631,568,183 | 629,880,774 |
| Treasury stock, at cost 2,650,767 shares at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 | (17,100,916) | (17,100,916) |
| Accumulated deficit | (144,038,797) | (152,483,322) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (9,334,110) | (14,668,250) |
| Total equity | 550,926,202 | 535,455,471 |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ 1,901,690,415 | \$ 1,880,422,590 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|------------------------------|---------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Interest income | \$ 27,209,395 | \$ 24,911,855 |
| Interest expense | 13,927,367 | 10,591,378 |
| Net interest income | 13,282,028 | 14,320,477 |
| Other revenue: | | |
| Property operating income | 8,450,343 | 9,258,088 |
| Other income, net | 36,000 | 858,396 |
| Total other revenue | 8,486,343 | 10,116,484 |
| Other expenses: | | |
| Employee compensation and benefits | 4,290,206 | 3,385,949 |
| Selling and administrative | 2,897,810 | 1,982,219 |
| Property operating expenses | 6,385,088 | 6,997,123 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,438,677 | 1,811,683 |
| Impairment loss on real estate owned | | 250,000 |
| Provision for loan losses (net of recoveries) | 982,680 | 134,344 |
| Management fee - related party | 2,675,000 | 2,450,000 |
| Total other expenses | 18,669,461 | 17,011,318 |
| Income before gain on acceleration of deferred income, loss on termination of swaps, gain on sale of real estate and income from equity affiliates | 3,098,910 | 7,425,643 |
| Gain on acceleration of deferred income | 11,009,162 | |
| Loss on termination of swaps | (4,289,450) | |
| Gain on sale of real estate | 3,984,364 | |
| Income from equity affiliates | 3,095,913 | 40,048 |
| Net income | 16,898,899 | 7,465,691 |
| Preferred stock dividends | 1,888,430 | 1,590,930 |
| Net income attributable to Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. common stockholders | \$ 15,010,469 | \$ 5,874,761 |
| Basic earnings per common share | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.12 |
| Diluted earnings per common share | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.12 |
| Dividends declared per common share | \$ 0.13 | \$ 0.13 |
| Weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding: | | |
| Basic | 50,544,575 | 49,336,308 |
| Diluted | 50,832,736 | 49,752,813 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Table of Contents**ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Unaudited)**

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Net income | \$ 16,898,899 | \$ 7,465,691 |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on securities available-for-sale | 58,789 | (58,789) |
| Reclassification of unrealized gain on securities available-for-sale realized into earnings | | (431,476) |
| Unrealized loss on derivative financial instruments, net | (741,571) | (441,773) |
| Reclassification of net realized loss on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges into loss on termination of swaps | 4,285,995 | |
| Reclassification of net realized loss on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges into earnings | 1,730,927 | 3,440,877 |
| Comprehensive income | 22,233,039 | 9,974,530 |
| Less: | | |
| Preferred stock dividends | 1,888,430 | 1,590,930 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. common stockholders | \$ 20,344,609 | \$ 8,383,600 |

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (Unaudited)

Three Months Ended March 31, 2015

| | Preferred Stock Shares | Preferred Stock Value | Common Stock Shares | Common Stock Par Value | Additional Paid-in Capital | Treasury Stock Shares | Treasury Stock | Accumulated Deficit | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | Total |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---|----------------|
| Balance January 1, 2015 | 3,711,500 | \$ 89,295,905 | 53,128,075 | \$ 531,280 | \$ 629,880,774 | (2,650,767) | \$ (17,100,916) | \$ (152,483,322) | \$ (14,668,250) | \$ 535,455,471 |
| Stock-based compensation | | | 465,694 | 4,657 | 1,687,409 | | | | | 1,692,066 |
| Distributions common stock | | | | | | | | (6,562,050) | | (6,562,050) |
| Distributions preferred stock | | | | | | | | (1,888,430) | | (1,888,430) |
| Distributions preferred stock of private REIT | | | | | | | | (3,894) | | (3,894) |
| Net income | | | | | | | | 16,898,899 | | 16,898,899 |
| Unrealized gain on securities available-for-sale | | | | | | | | | 58,789 | 58,789 |
| Unrealized loss on derivative financial instruments, net | | | | | | | | | (741,571) | (741,571) |
| Reclassification of net realized loss on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges into loss on termination of swaps | | | | | | | | | 4,285,995 | 4,285,995 |
| Reclassification of net realized loss on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges into | | | | | | | | | 1,730,927 | 1,730,927 |

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Balance

March 31, 2015 3,711,500 \$ 89,295,905 53,593,769 \$ 535,937 \$ 631,568,183 (2,650,767)\$ (17,100,916)\$ (144,038,797)\$ (9,334,110)\$ 550,926,202

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| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 16,898,899 | \$ 7,465,691 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,438,677 | 1,811,683 |
| Stock-based compensation | 1,692,066 | 147,016 |
| Gain on acceleration of deferred income | (11,009,162) | |
| Loss on termination of swaps | 4,289,450 | |
| Gain on sale of real estate | (3,984,364) | |
| Gain on sale of securities | | (518,640) |
| Provision for loan losses (net of recoveries) | 982,680 | 134,344 |
| Impairment loss on real estate owned | | 250,000 |
| Amortization and accretion of interest, fees and intangible assets, net | 1,527,715 | (1,393,654) |
| Change in fair value of non-qualifying swaps and linked transactions | | 46,071 |
| Income from equity affiliates | (3,095,913) | (40,048) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Other assets | (3,866,294) | (1,437,250) |
| Distributions of operations from equity affiliates | 40,048 | 40,048 |
| Other liabilities | (2,461,713) | 83,686 |
| Change in restricted cash | 999,119 | (179,394) |
| Due to/from related party | (1,179,481) | (1,836,582) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 2,271,727 | \$ 4,572,971 |
| Investing activities: | | |
| Loans and investments funded, originated and purchased, net | (329,471,068) | (268,256,928) |
| Payoffs and paydowns of loans and investments | 174,980,791 | 228,173,239 |
| Due to borrowers and reserves | | (36,240) |
| Deferred fees | 1,450,479 | 2,566,938 |
| Principal collections on securities, net | | 663,684 |
| Investment in real estate, net | (894,119) | (1,278,339) |
| Contributions to equity affiliates | (13,259,007) | |
| Proceeds from sale of real estate, net | 18,482,352 | |
| Proceeds from sale of available-for-sale securities | | 33,904,172 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | \$ (148,710,572) | \$ (4,263,474) |
| Financing activities: | | |
| Proceeds from repurchase agreements, loan participations, credit facilities and notes payable | 409,849,941 | 132,087,708 |
| Paydowns and payoffs of repurchase agreements, loan participations and credit facilities | (191,260,767) | (28,007,831) |
| Proceeds from mortgage note payable real estate owned | 27,155,000 | |
| Paydowns and payoffs of mortgage note payable real estate owned | (30,984,357) | |
| Proceeds from collateralized loan obligations | 219,000,000 | |
| Payoffs and paydowns of collateralized debt obligations | (232,650,676) | (119,668,296) |
| Payoffs and paydowns of collateralized loan obligations | (177,000,000) | |
| Change in restricted cash | 190,312,724 | (42,020,140) |
| Payments on financial instruments underlying linked transactions | | (45,881,649) |
| Receipts on financial instruments underlying linked transactions | | 52,385,881 |

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| Payments on swaps and margin calls to counterparties | (290,000) | (347,106) |
| Receipts on swaps and margin calls from counterparties | 1,270,000 | 3,646,010 |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock | | 6,800,000 |
| Expenses paid on issuance of common stock | | (206,000) |
| Proceeds from issuance of preferred stock | | 22,500,000 |
| Expenses paid on issuance of preferred stock | | (764,553) |
| Distributions paid on common stock | (6,562,050) | (6,387,720) |
| Distributions paid on preferred stock | (1,888,430) | (1,410,305) |
| Distributions paid on preferred stock of private REIT | (3,894) | (4,132) |
| Payment of deferred financing costs | (5,491,908) | (716,744) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | \$ 201,455,583 | \$ (27,994,877) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | \$ 55,016,738 | \$ (27,685,380) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 50,417,745 | 60,389,552 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 105,434,483 | \$ 32,704,172 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Supplemental cash flow information: | | |
| Cash used to pay interest | \$ 12,091,253 | \$ 10,928,537 |
| Cash used for taxes | \$ 215,331 | \$ 6,706 |
| Supplemental schedule of non-cash investing and financing activities: | | |
| Distributions accrued on 8.25% Series A preferred stock | \$ 266,664 | \$ 266,664 |
| Distributions accrued on 7.75% Series B preferred stock | \$ 203,438 | \$ 203,438 |
| Distributions accrued on 8.50% Series C preferred stock | \$ 159,375 | \$ 180,625 |
| Accrued and unpaid expenses on preferred stock offerings | \$ | \$ 94,197 |
| Accrued and unpaid expenses on common stock offerings | \$ | \$ 80,000 |

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

March 31, 2015

Note 1 Description of Business

Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. is a Maryland corporation that was formed in June 2003 to invest in a diversified portfolio of multifamily and commercial real estate related assets, primarily consisting of bridge and mezzanine loans, including junior participating interests in first mortgage loans, preferred and direct equity. We may also directly acquire real property and invest in real estate-related notes and certain mortgage-related securities. We conduct substantially all of our operations through our operating partnership, Arbor Realty Limited Partnership (ARLP), and ARLP 's wholly-owned subsidiaries. We are externally managed and advised by Arbor Commercial Mortgage, LLC (our Manager). We organize and conduct our operations to qualify as a real estate investment trust (REIT) for federal income tax purposes.

Our charter provides for the issuance of up to 500 million shares of common stock, with a par value of \$0.01 per share, and 100 million shares of preferred stock, with a par value of \$0.01 per share.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP), for interim financial statements and the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in the consolidated financial statements prepared under GAAP have been condensed or omitted. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation of our financial position, results of operations and cash flows have been included and are of a normal and recurring nature. The operating results presented for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any other interim period or for the entire year. These consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in our 2014 Annual Report, which was filed with the SEC.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements include our financial statements, our wholly owned subsidiaries, and partnerships or other joint ventures in which we own a voting interest of greater than 50 percent, and variable interest entities (VIEs) of which we are the primary beneficiary. VIEs are defined as entities in which equity investors do not have the characteristics of a controlling financial interest or do not have sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support from other parties. A VIE is required to be consolidated by its primary beneficiary, which is the party that (i) has the power to control the activities that most significantly impact the VIE 's economic performance and (ii) has the obligation to absorb losses of the VIE that could potentially be significant to the VIE or the right to receive benefits from the VIE that could potentially be significant to the VIE. Current accounting guidance requires us to present a) assets of a consolidated VIE that can be used only to settle obligations of the consolidated VIE, and b) liabilities of a

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consolidated VIE for which creditors (or beneficial interest holders) do not have recourse to the general credit of the primary beneficiary. As a result of this guidance, we have separately disclosed parenthetically the assets and liabilities of our collateralized debt obligation (CDO) and collateralized loan obligation (CLO) subsidiaries on our consolidated balance sheets. Entities in which we have significant influence are accounted for primarily under the equity method.

As a REIT, we are generally not subject to federal income tax on our REIT taxable income that we distribute to our stockholders, provided that we distribute at least 90% of our REIT taxable income and meet certain other requirements. As of March 31, 2015 and 2014, we were in compliance with all REIT requirements and, therefore, have not provided for income tax expense for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014. Certain of our assets that produce non-qualifying income are owned by our taxable REIT subsidiaries, the income of which is subject to federal and state income taxes. During the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, we did not record any provision for income taxes for these taxable REIT subsidiaries as we expect any income to be offset by available federal and state net operating loss carryforwards.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

March 31, 2015

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that could materially affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to current period presentation. In the second quarter of 2014, we reclassified a property from real estate held-for-sale to real estate owned when it was determined that a sale of the property would not take place, resulting in reclassifications of the property's operating activity and related depreciation for all prior periods presented from discontinued operations to property operating income and property operating expenses.

Significant Accounting Policies

As of March 31, 2015, our significant accounting policies, which are detailed in our 2014 Annual Report, have not changed materially.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) amended its guidance on the balance sheet presentation of debt issuance costs. The guidance is effective for the first quarter of 2016 and we do not expect it to have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements other than the balance sheet presentation of debt and other assets.

In February 2015, the FASB amended its guidance on the consolidation analysis of variable interest entities. The guidance is effective for the first quarter of 2016 and we are currently evaluating the impact it may have on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2015, the FASB eliminated the concept of extraordinary items and thus the requirement to assess whether an event or transaction requires extraordinary classification on the financial statements. The guidance is effective for the first quarter of 2016. We early adopted this new guidance in the first quarter of 2015 and it did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

Note 3 Loans and Investments

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The following table sets forth the composition of our loan and investment portfolio at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

| | March 31, 2015 | Percent of Total | Loan Count | Wtd. Avg. Pay Rate (1) | Wtd. Avg. Remaining Months to Maturity | First Dollar LTV Ratio (2) | Last Dollar LTV Ratio (3) |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Bridge loans | \$ 1,460,398,282 | 84% | 105 | 5.32% | 17.2 | 0% | 73% |
| Mezzanine loans | 64,289,959 | 4% | 14 | 9.73% | 41.2 | 45% | 80% |
| Junior participation loans | 104,088,985 | 6% | 4 | 4.62% | 10.2 | 84% | 87% |
| Preferred equity investments | 110,153,007 | 6% | 16 | 5.82% | 48.4 | 58% | 80% |
| | 1,738,930,233 | 100% | 139 | 5.47% | 19.6 | 11% | 74% |
| Unearned revenue | (11,924,542) | | | | | | |
| Allowance for loan losses | (116,470,000) | | | | | | |
| Loans and investments, net | \$ 1,610,535,691 | | | | | | |

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| | December 31, 2014 | Percent of Total | Loan Count | Wtd. Avg. Pay Rate (1) | Wtd. Avg. Remaining Months to Maturity | First Dollar LTV Ratio (2) | Last Dollar LTV Ratio (3) |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Bridge loans | \$ 1,273,439,238 | 80% | 101 | 5.19% | 19.8 | 0% | 74% |
| Mezzanine loans | 76,392,650 | 5% | 17 | 9.78% | 37.1 | 47% | 81% |
| Junior participation loans | 104,091,952 | 7% | 4 | 4.62% | 12.3 | 86% | 88% |
| Preferred equity investments | 133,505,658 | 8% | 17 | 6.11% | 45.5 | 62% | 84% |
| | 1,587,429,498 | 100% | 139 | 5.45% | 22.3 | 13% | 76% |
| Unearned revenue | (12,466,528) | | | | | | |
| Allowance for loan losses | (115,487,320) | | | | | | |
| Loans and investments, net | \$ 1,459,475,650 | | | | | | |

(1) **Weighted Average Pay Rate** is a weighted average, based on the unpaid principal balances of each loan in our portfolio, of the interest rate that is required to be paid monthly as stated in the individual loan agreements. Certain loans and investments that require an additional rate of interest **Accrual Rate** to be paid at the maturity are not included in the weighted average pay rate as shown in the table.

(2) The **First Dollar LTV Ratio** is calculated by comparing the total of our senior most dollar and all senior lien positions within the capital stack to the fair value of the underlying collateral to determine the point at which we will absorb a total loss of our position.

(3) The **Last Dollar LTV Ratio** is calculated by comparing the total of the carrying value of our loan and all senior lien positions within the capital stack to the fair value of the underlying collateral to determine the point at which we will initially absorb a loss.

During the first quarter of 2015, we acquired a \$116.0 million defaulted first mortgage, at par (included in bridge loans in the table above). We financed this acquisition primarily with a new \$87.0 million warehouse repurchase facility. In April 2015, the first mortgage paid off and as a result, we repaid the \$87.0 million warehouse facility and expect to recognize approximately \$6.5 million of income in the second quarter of 2015.

Concentration of Credit Risk

We operate in one portfolio segment, commercial mortgage loans and investments. Commercial mortgage loans and investments can potentially subject us to concentrations of credit risk. We are subject to concentration risk in that, at both March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the unpaid principal balance (**UPB**) related to 31 loans with five different borrowers represented approximately 23% of total assets. We measure our relative loss position for our mezzanine loans, junior participation loans, and preferred equity investments by determining the point where we will be exposed to losses based on our position in the capital stack as compared to the fair value of the underlying collateral. We determine our loss position on both a first dollar loan-to-value (**LTV**) and a last dollar LTV basis. First dollar LTV is calculated by comparing the total of our senior most dollar and all senior lien positions within the capital stack to the fair value of the underlying collateral to determine the point at

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which we will absorb a total loss of our position. Last dollar LTV is calculated by comparing the total of the carrying value of our loan and all senior lien positions within the capital stack to the fair value of the underlying collateral to determine the point at which we will initially absorb a loss.

We assign a credit risk rating to each loan and investment. Individual ratings range from one to five, with one being the lowest risk and five being the highest. Each credit risk rating has benchmark guidelines that pertain to debt-service coverage ratios, LTV ratios, borrower strength, asset quality, and funded cash reserves. Other factors such as guarantees, market strength, remaining loan term, and borrower equity are also reviewed and factored into determining the credit risk rating assigned to each loan. This metric provides a helpful snapshot of portfolio quality and credit risk. Given our asset management approach, however, the risk rating process does not result in differing levels of diligence contingent upon credit rating. That is because all portfolio assets are subject to the level of scrutiny and ongoing analysis consistent with that of a high-risk loan. Assets are subject to, at minimum, a thorough quarterly financial evaluation in which historical operating performance and forward-looking projections are reviewed. Generally speaking, given our typical loan and investment profile, a risk rating of three suggests that we expect the loan to make both principal and interest payments according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement, and is not considered impaired. A risk rating of four indicates we anticipate that the loan will require a

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modification of some kind. A risk rating of five indicates we expect the loan to underperform over its term, and there could be loss of interest and/or principal. Ratings of 3.5 and 4.5 generally indicate loans that have characteristics of both the immediately higher and lower classifications. Further, while the above are the primary guidelines used in determining a certain risk rating, subjective items such as borrower strength, condition of the market of the underlying collateral, additional collateral or other credit enhancements, or loan terms, may result in a rating that is higher or lower than might be indicated by any risk rating matrix.

As a result of the loan review process at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we identified loans and investments that we consider higher-risk loans that had a carrying value, before loan loss reserves, of approximately \$190.0 million and \$189.4 million, respectively, and a weighted average last dollar LTV ratio of 94% for both periods.

A summary of the loan portfolio's weighted average internal risk ratings and LTV ratios by asset class as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 is as follows:

| Asset Class | Unpaid Principal Balance | March 31, 2015 | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Percentage of Portfolio | Wtd. Avg. Internal Risk Rating | First Dollar LTV Ratio | Last Dollar LTV Ratio |
| Multi-family | \$ 1,173,551,778 | 67.5% | 2.9 | 8% | 72% |
| Office | 336,785,253 | 19.3% | 3.4 | 17% | 75% |
| Land | 157,509,869 | 9.1% | 3.8 | 5% | 86% |
| Hotel | 66,250,000 | 3.8% | 3.5 | 32% | 83% |
| Retail | 3,133,333 | 0.2% | 2.5 | 72% | 80% |
| Commercial | 1,700,000 | 0.1% | 3.5 | 63% | 67% |
| Total | \$ 1,738,930,233 | 100.0% | 3.1 | 11% | 74% |

| Asset Class | Unpaid Principal Balance | December 31, 2014 | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Percentage of Portfolio | Wtd. Avg. Internal Risk Rating | First Dollar LTV Ratio | Last Dollar LTV Ratio |
| Multi-family | \$ 1,157,462,400 | 72.9% | 2.9 | 10% | 73% |
| Office | 230,491,164 | 14.5% | 3.3 | 29% | 79% |
| Land | 128,367,601 | 8.1% | 3.9 | 6% | 88% |
| Hotel | 66,250,000 | 4.2% | 3.5 | 32% | 83% |
| Retail | 3,158,333 | 0.2% | 2.5 | 72% | 80% |
| Commercial | 1,700,000 | 0.1% | 3.5 | 63% | 67% |
| Total | \$ 1,587,429,498 | 100.0% | 3.1 | 13% | 76% |

Geographic Concentration Risk

As of March 31, 2015, 22%, 12% and 12% of the outstanding balance of our loan and investment portfolio had underlying properties in New York, Florida and Texas, respectively. As of December 31, 2014, 28%, 14% and 10% of the outstanding balance of our loan and investment portfolio had underlying properties in New York, Florida and Texas, respectively.

Impaired Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses

We perform an evaluation of the loan portfolio quarterly to assess the performance of our loans and whether a reserve for impairment should be recorded. We consider a loan impaired when, based upon current information and events, it is probable that we will be unable to collect all amounts due for both principal and interest according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement.

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we recognized provision for loan losses totaling \$1.0 million. During the period, we also recorded net recoveries of previously recorded loan losses totaling less than \$0.1 million, resulting in a provision for loan losses, net of recoveries totaling \$1.0 million.

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During the three months ended March 31, 2014 we recognized a provision for loan losses totaling \$1.0 million. During the period, we also recorded net recoveries of previously recorded loan losses totaling \$0.9 million, resulting in a provision for loan losses, net of recoveries totaling \$0.1 million.

The provision for loan losses recorded in the first quarter of 2015 was comprised of two loans with an aggregate carrying value before loan loss reserves of \$13.0 million, while the provision for the first quarter of 2014 was comprised of one loan with a carrying value before loan loss reserves of \$4.8 million.

A summary of the changes in the allowance for loan losses is as follows:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 | Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Allowance at beginning of the period | \$ 115,487,320 | \$ 122,277,411 |
| Provision for loan losses | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Charge-offs | | (5,668,342) |
| Recoveries of reserves | (17,320) | (865,657) |
| Allowance at end of the period | \$ 116,470,000 | \$ 116,743,412 |

A summary of charge-offs and recoveries is as follows:

| | Three Months Ended | |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| | March 31, 2015 | March 31, 2014 |
| <i>Charge-offs:</i> | | |
| Multi-family | \$ | \$ (5,668,342) |
| Total | \$ | \$ (5,668,342) |
| <i>Recoveries:</i> | | |
| Multi-family | \$ (17,320) | \$ (865,657) |
| Total | \$ (17,320) | \$ (865,657) |
| Net Recoveries (Charge-offs) | \$ 17,320 | \$ (4,802,685) |
| Ratio of net charge-offs during the period to average loans and investments outstanding during the period | 0.0% | 0.3% |

There were no loans for which the fair value of the collateral securing the loan was less than the carrying value of the loan for which we had not recorded a provision for loan loss as of March 31, 2015 and 2014.

We have six loans with a UPB totaling approximately \$117.5 million at March 31, 2015, which mature in September 2017, that are collateralized by a land development project. The loans do not carry a pay rate of interest, but four of the loans with a UPB totaling approximately \$101.9 million entitle us to a weighted average accrual rate of interest of approximately 9.60%. We suspended the recording of the accrual rate of interest on these loans, as these loans were impaired and management deemed the collection of this interest to be doubtful. We have recorded cumulative allowances for loan losses of \$46.5 million related to these loans as of March 31, 2015. The loans are subject to certain risks associated with a development project including, but not limited to, availability of construction financing, increases in projected construction costs, demand for the development's outputs upon completion of the project, and litigation risk. Additionally, these loans were not classified as non-performing as the borrower is in compliance with all of the terms and conditions of the loans.

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A summary of our impaired loans by asset class is as follows:

| Asset Class | March 31, 2015 | | | Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 | |
|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Unpaid Principal Balance | Carrying Value (1) | Allowance for Loan Losses | Average Recorded Investment (2) | Interest Income Recognized |
| Multi-family | \$ 39,222,574 | \$ 39,302,539 | \$ 36,952,574 | \$ 39,231,234 | \$ 70,089 |
| Office | 36,086,582 | 30,750,821 | 24,472,444 | 36,086,582 | 274,853 |
| Land | 122,336,882 | 117,878,639 | 51,344,982 | 122,073,641 | |
| Hotel | 34,750,000 | 34,418,503 | 3,700,000 | 34,750,000 | 257,130 |
| Total | \$ 232,396,038 | \$ 222,350,502 | \$ 116,470,000 | \$ 232,141,457 | \$ 602,072 |

| Asset Class | December 31, 2014 | | | Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 | |
|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Unpaid Principal Balance | Carrying Value (1) | Allowance for Loan Losses | Average Recorded Investment (2) | Interest Income Recognized |
| Multi-family | \$ 39,239,894 | \$ 39,232,710 | \$ 36,469,894 | \$ 62,468,774 | \$ 213,741 |
| Office | 36,086,582 | 30,498,273 | 23,972,444 | 36,086,582 | 274,795 |
| Land | 121,810,400 | 117,621,457 | 51,344,982 | 116,264,564 | |
| Hotel | 34,750,000 | 34,249,959 | 3,700,000 | | |
| Total | \$ 231,886,876 | \$ 221,602,399 | \$ 115,487,320 | \$ 214,819,920 | \$ 488,536 |

(1) Represents the UPB of impaired loans less unearned revenue and other holdbacks and adjustments by asset class. Comprised of 10 loans at both March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

(2) Represents an average of the beginning and ending UPB of each asset class.

As of March 31, 2015, three loans with an aggregate net carrying value of approximately \$6.5 million, net of related loan loss reserves on two of the loans of \$34.5 million, were classified as non-performing. Income from non-performing loans is generally recognized on a cash basis only to the extent it is received. Full income recognition will resume when the loan becomes contractually current and performance has recommenced. As of December 31, 2014, three loans with an aggregate net carrying value of approximately \$7.0 million, net of related loan loss reserves on the two loans of \$34.0 million, were classified as non-performing.

A summary of our non-performing loans by asset class as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 is as follows:

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| Asset Class | March 31, 2015 | | | December 31, 2014 | | |
|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Carrying Value | Less Than 90 Days Past Due | Greater Than 90 Days Past Due | Carrying Value | Less Than 90 Days Past Due | Greater Than 90 Days Past Due |
| Multi-family | \$ 32,765,799 | \$ | \$ 32,765,799 | \$ 32,765,799 | \$ 765,799 | \$ 32,000,000 |
| Office | 8,277,739 | | 8,277,739 | 8,277,757 | | 8,277,757 |
| Total | \$ 41,043,538 | \$ | \$ 41,043,538 | \$ 41,043,556 | \$ 765,799 | \$ 40,277,757 |

At March 31, 2015, we did not have any loans contractually past due 90 days or more that are still accruing interest.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2015, we had not refinanced and/or modified any loans which we considered to be a troubled debt restructuring, however, we extended one loan for four months with a UPB of \$6.2 million which we considered to be a troubled debt restructuring. During the quarter ended March 31, 2014, we had not refinanced and/or modified or extended any loans which we considered to be troubled debt restructurings. We had no unfunded commitments on the extended loan which were considered a troubled debt restructuring as of March 31, 2015.

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A summary of loan modifications and extensions by asset class that we considered to be troubled debt restructurings during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 were as follows:

| Asset Class | Number of Loans | Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 | | | | Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 | | | | |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | Original Unpaid Principal Balance | Original Rate of Interest | Modified Unpaid Principal Balance | Modified Weighted Average Rate of Interest | Number of Loans | Original Unpaid Principal Balance | Original Weighted Average Rate of Interest | Modified Unpaid Principal Balance | Modified Weighted Average Rate of Interest |
| Multifamily | 1 | \$ 6,192,666 | 5.93% | \$ 6,192,666 | 5.93% | | \$ | | \$ | |

There were no loans in which we considered the modifications to be troubled debt restructurings that were subsequently considered non-performing as of March 31, 2015 and 2014 and no additional loans were considered to be impaired due to our troubled debt restructuring analysis for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014. These loans were modified to increase the total recovery of the combined principal and interest from the loan.

Given the transitional nature of some of our real estate loans, we may require funds to be placed into an interest reserve, based on contractual requirements, to cover debt service costs. As of March 31, 2015, we had total interest reserves of \$15.7 million on 48 loans with an aggregate UPB of \$726.8 million.

Note 4 Securities

The following is a summary of our securities classified as available-for-sale at March 31, 2015:

| | Face Value | Amortized Cost | Cumulative Unrealized (Loss) / Gain | Carrying Value / Estimated Fair Value |
|--|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Commercial mortgage-backed security (CMBS) | \$ 2,100,000 | \$ 2,100,000 | \$ (100,000) | \$ 2,000,000 |
| Common equity securities | | 58,789 | 499,709 | 558,498 |
| Total available-for-sale securities | \$ 2,100,000 | \$ 2,158,789 | \$ 399,709 | \$ 2,558,498 |

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The following is a summary of our securities classified as available-for-sale at December 31, 2014:

| | Face Value | Amortized Cost | Cumulative Unrealized (Loss) / Gain | Carrying Value / Estimated Fair Value |
|---|---------------|-------------------|---|--|
| Commercial mortgage-backed security (CMBS) | \$ 2,100,000 | \$ 2,100,000 | \$ (100,000) | \$ 2,000,000 |
| Common equity securities | | 58,789 | 440,920 | 499,709 |
| Total available-for-sale securities | \$ 2,100,000 | \$ 2,158,789 | \$ 340,920 | \$ 2,499,709 |

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We own a CMBS investment, purchased at a premium in 2010 for \$2.1 million, which is collateralized by a portfolio of hotel properties. The CMBS investment bears interest at a spread of 89 basis points over LIBOR, has a stated maturity of six years, but has an estimated life of approximately one year based on the extended maturity of the underlying asset and a fair value of \$2.0 million at both March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

Our available-for-sale debt security had an underlying credit rating of CCC- based on the rating published by Standard & Poor's at both March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

We own 2,939,465 shares of common stock of CV Holdings, Inc., formerly Realty Finance Corporation, a commercial real estate specialty finance company, which had a fair value of \$0.6 million and \$0.5 million at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

Available-for-sale securities are carried at their estimated fair value with unrealized gains and losses reported in accumulated other comprehensive loss. We evaluate these securities periodically to determine whether a decline in their value is other-than-temporary, though such a determination is not intended to indicate a permanent decline in value. Our evaluation is based on our assessment of cash flows, which is supplemented by third-party research reports, internal review of the underlying assets securing the investments, levels of subordination and the ratings of the securities and the underlying collateral. No other-than-temporary impairment was recorded on our available-for-sale securities for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014.

In the first quarter of 2014, we sold all of our residential mortgage backed securities (RMBS) investments, which had an aggregate carrying value of \$33.4 million, for approximately \$33.9 million and recorded a net gain of \$0.5 million to other income, net on our consolidated statement of income, which includes the reclassification of a net unrealized gain of \$0.4 million from accumulated other comprehensive loss on our consolidated balance sheet. Included in these sales were two RMBS investments with deteriorated credit quality that had an aggregate carrying value of \$25.8 million and that were sold for \$25.9 million. The RMBS investments were financed with two repurchase agreements totaling \$25.3 million which were repaid with the proceeds. See Note 7 Debt Obligations for further details.

The weighted average yield on our CMBS and RMBS investments based on their face values was 1.07% and 2.25%, including the amortization of premium and the accretion of discount, for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Note 5 Investments in Equity Affiliates

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The following is a summary of our investments in equity affiliates at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

| Equity Affiliates | Investment in Equity Affiliates at | | UPB of Loans to |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 | Equity Affiliates at |
| | | | March 31, 2015 |
| Arbor Residential Investor LLC | \$ 16,294,803 | \$ | \$ |
| Lightstone Value Plus REIT L.P. | 1,894,727 | 1,894,727 | |
| West Shore Café | 1,892,661 | 1,872,661 | 1,687,500 |
| Issuers of Junior Subordinated Notes | 578,000 | 578,000 | |
| JT Prime | 425,000 | 425,000 | |
| East River Portfolio | 98,647 | 98,578 | 4,994,166 |
| Lexford Portfolio | 100 | 100 | 94,640,000 |
| Ritz-Carlton Club | | | |
| Total | \$ 21,183,938 | \$ 4,869,066 | \$ 101,321,666 |

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We account for all investments in equity affiliates under the equity method.

Arbor Residential Investor LLC (ARI) In the first quarter of 2015, we invested \$9.6 million for 50% of our Manager's indirect interest in a joint venture with a third party that was formed to invest in a residential mortgage banking business. Our Manager retained a promote of 25% over a 10% return on this investment. As a result of this transaction, we currently own a 22.5% indirect interest in the mortgage banking business, which is subject to dilution upon attaining certain profit hurdles of the business. In the first quarter of 2015, we recorded \$3.1 million to income from equity affiliates in our consolidated statements of income related to this investment.

Also during the quarter, we invested \$1.7 million through ARI for 100% of our Manager's investment in non-qualified residential mortgages purchased from the mortgage banking business's origination platform, resulting in a non-controlling ownership interest of 50% in this investment. We also funded \$1.9 million of additional mortgage purchases for a total investment of \$3.6 million as of March 31, 2015. In the first quarter of 2015, we recorded a loss of less than \$0.1 million to income from equity affiliates in our consolidated statements of income related to this investment.

Note 6 Real Estate Owned and Held-For-Sale

Our real estate assets were comprised of three multifamily properties (the Multifamily Portfolio) and four hotel properties (the Hotel Portfolio) at March 31, 2015 and four multifamily properties and five hotel properties at December 31, 2014.

As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Multifamily Portfolio had a mortgage note payable of \$27.2 million and \$31.0 million, respectively. See Note 7 Debt Obligations for further details.

Real Estate Owned

| | March 31, 2015 | | | December 31, 2014 | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | Multifamily Portfolio | Hotel Portfolio | Total | Multifamily Portfolio | Hotel Portfolio | Total |
| Land | \$ 5,538,844 | \$ 9,393,651 | \$ 14,932,495 | \$ 5,538,844 | \$ 9,393,651 | \$ 14,932,495 |
| Building and intangible assets | 32,953,328 | 59,110,681 | 92,064,009 | 31,249,869 | 58,818,891 | 90,068,760 |

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| | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization | (9,281,627) | (13,637,151) | (22,918,778) | (7,414,267) | (12,661,347) | (20,075,614) |
| Real estate owned, net | \$ 29,210,545 | \$ 54,867,181 | \$ 84,077,726 | \$ 29,374,446 | \$ 55,551,195 | \$ 84,925,641 |

As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, our Multifamily Portfolio had a weighted average occupancy rate of approximately 91% and 90%, respectively.

For the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, our Hotel Portfolio had a weighted average occupancy rate of approximately 63% and 58%, respectively, a weighted average daily rate of approximately \$103 and \$102, respectively, and a weighted average revenue per available room of approximately \$64 and \$59, respectively.

Our real estate assets had restricted cash balances totaling \$0.7 million and \$1.7 million as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, due to escrow requirements.

Real Estate Held-For-Sale

In the first quarter of 2015, we sold a property in our Multifamily Portfolio as well as a property in the Hotel Portfolio classified as held-for-sale for a total of \$18.8 million and recognized a gain of \$4.0 million. There were no sales of property in the first quarter of 2014.

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The results of operations for properties sold or classified as held-for-sale are summarized as follows:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Revenue: | | |
| Property operating income | \$ 354,187 | \$ 1,084,354 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Property operating expense | 345,529 | 763,205 |
| Depreciation | 13,040 | 228,955 |
| Net (loss) income | \$ (4,382) | \$ 92,194 |

Note 7 Debt Obligations

We utilize various forms of short-term and long-term financing agreements to finance certain of our loans and investments. Borrowings underlying these arrangements are primarily secured by a significant amount of our loans and investments.

Credit Facilities and Repurchase Agreements

The following table outlines borrowings under our credit facilities and repurchase agreements as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

| | Debt Carrying Value | March 31, 2015 Collateral Carrying Value | Weighted Average Note Rate | Debt Carrying Value | December 31, 2014 Collateral Carrying Value | Weighted Average Note Rate |
|---|------------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|--|---|
| \$150 million warehouse repurchase facility | \$ 132,505,286 | \$ 218,741,287 | 2.42% | \$ | | |
| \$100 million warehousing credit facility | 58,643,095 | 87,717,666 | 2.46% | 92,520,637 | 128,593,000 | 2.45% |
| \$87 million warehouse repurchase facility | 87,024,993 | 115,763,996 | 2.79% | | | |

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|---|----------------|----------------|-------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| \$75 million warehousing credit facility | 56,622,000 | 75,500,000 | 2.46% | 42,975,000 | 58,000,000 | 2.45% |
| \$60 million warehousing credit facility | 38,460,000 | 51,705,000 | 2.21% | 29,890,563 | 45,422,236 | 2.20% |
| \$25 million term credit facility | 9,720,000 | 12,200,000 | 2.21% | | | |
| \$15 million term credit facility | 15,000,000 | | 7.50% | 15,000,000 | | 7.50% |
| Total credit facilities and repurchase agreements | \$ 397,975,374 | \$ 561,627,949 | 2.68% | \$ 180,386,200 | \$ 232,015,236 | 2.84% |

At March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the weighted average interest rate for our credit facilities and repurchase agreements was 2.68% and 2.84%, respectively. Including certain fees and costs, the weighted average interest rate was 2.97% and 3.06% at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. There were no interest rate swaps on these facilities at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

In January 2015, we entered into a \$150.0 million warehouse repurchase facility with a financial institution to finance a significant portion of the unwind of our CDO I and CDO II vehicles. The facility bears interest at a rate of 212.5 basis points over LIBOR on senior mortgage loans, 350.0 basis points over LIBOR on junior mortgage loans, and matures in January 2017 with a one-year extension option. The facility also has a structuring fee of 50 basis points, is subject to mark-to-market provisions, and contains certain financial covenants and restrictions, including a minimum liquidity requirement of \$20.0 million and minimum tangible net worth of \$300.0 million plus 75% of the net cash proceeds of any equity issuance that occurs after the closing date. See [Collateralized Debt Obligations](#) below.

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In July 2011, we entered into a two year, \$50.0 million warehouse facility with a financial institution to finance first mortgage loans on multifamily properties. In 2013, we amended the facility increasing the committed amount to \$75.0 million, decreased the rate of interest from 275 basis points over LIBOR to 225 basis points over LIBOR, decreased certain commitment, warehousing and non-use fees and extended the maturity to April 2015, which was subsequently extended to May 2015, with a maturity of April 2016 for the outstanding advances only. In March 2014, the facility's committed amount was increased to \$110.0 million, which included a temporary increase of \$10.0 million that was repaid in April 2014 as part of the issuance of our third CLO, and required a 0.13% commitment fee, which was increased to 0.35% upon an amendment in August 2014 that included the elimination of advance fees. The facility has a maximum advance rate of 75% and contains several restrictions including full repayment of an advance if a loan becomes 60 days past due, is in default or is written down by us. The facility has various financial covenants including a minimum liquidity requirement of \$20.0 million, minimum tangible net worth which includes junior subordinated notes as equity of \$150.0 million, maximum total liabilities less subordinate debt of \$2.0 billion, as well as certain other debt service coverage ratios and debt to equity ratios. The facility has a compensating balance requirement of \$50.0 million to be maintained by us and our affiliates.

In March 2015, we entered into an \$87.0 million warehouse repurchase facility with a financial institution to finance the acquisition of a first mortgage note. The facility bore interest at a rate of 250 basis points over a LIBOR floor of .25%, had a commitment fee of .25% and a maturity in March 2016. The facility also contained certain financial covenants and restrictions including a minimum liquidity requirement of \$20.0 million and minimum tangible net worth of \$275.0 million. The facility was repaid in April 2015.

In February 2013, we entered into a one year, \$50.0 million warehouse facility with a financial institution to finance first mortgage loans on multifamily properties. In April 2014, we amended the facility, increasing the committed amount to \$75.0 million. The facility bears interest at a rate of 225 basis points over LIBOR which was originally 250 basis points over LIBOR, upon closing, requires a 17.5 basis point commitment fee, which was originally 12.5 basis points, upon closing, had a maturity in March 2015 that was extended to May 2015, has warehousing and non-use fees and allows for an original warehousing period of up to 24 months from the initial advance on an asset. The facility has a maximum advance rate of 75% and contains certain restrictions including partial prepayment of an advance if a loan becomes 90 days past due or in the process of foreclosure, subject to certain conditions. The facility has various financial covenants including a minimum liquidity requirement of \$20.0 million, minimum tangible net worth which includes junior subordinated notes as equity of \$150.0 million, maximum total liabilities less subordinate debt of \$2.0 billion, as well as certain other debt service coverage ratios and debt to equity ratios.

In June 2013, we entered into a one year, \$40.0 million warehouse facility with a financial institution to finance first mortgage loans on multifamily properties, including a \$10.0 million sublimit to finance retail and office properties. In February 2014, we amended the facility, increasing the committed amount to \$45.0 million, and in April 2014 the committed amount was increased to \$60.0 million. The facility bears interest at a rate of 200 basis points over LIBOR, matures in April 2015, has warehousing fees and allows for an original warehousing period of up to 24 months from the initial advance on an asset. The facility also has a maximum advance rate of 70% or 75%, depending on the property type, and contains certain restrictions including prepayment of an advance if a loan becomes 60 days past due or in the process of foreclosure, subject to certain conditions. The facility also includes various financial covenants including a minimum liquidity requirement of \$20.0 million, minimum tangible net worth of \$150.0 million, as well as a minimum debt service coverage ratio. In April 2015, the facility was extended to April 2016 and the committed amount was increased to \$75.0 million.

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In February 2015, we entered into a \$25.0 million warehouse facility with a financial institution to finance first mortgage loans on multifamily properties. The facility bears interest at a rate of 200 basis points over LIBOR, matures in February 2016, and has warehousing fees. The facility also includes various financial covenants including a minimum liquidity requirement of \$20.0 million, minimum tangible net worth of \$150.0 million, as well as maximum total liabilities less subordinate debt of \$2.0 billion.

In August 2014, we entered into a \$15.0 million term facility with a maturity in August 2015 and a fixed interest rate of 7.5%. The facility is secured by a portion of the bonds originally issued by our CDO III entity that we repurchased.

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The following table outlines borrowings and the corresponding collateral under our CLOs as of March 31, 2015:

| | Debt | | Loans | Collateral | Cash | Collateral |
|------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | Face Value | Carrying Value | Unpaid Principal | Carrying Value | Restricted Cash (1) | At-Risk (2) |
| CLO III | \$ 281,250,000 | \$ 281,250,000 | \$ 363,222,090 | \$ 361,637,105 | \$ 7,237,093 | \$ |
| CLO IV | 219,000,000 | 219,000,000 | 293,955,425 | 293,094,777 | 6,044,575 | |
| Total CLOs | \$ 500,250,000 | \$ 500,250,000 | \$ 657,177,515 | \$ 654,731,882 | \$ 13,281,668 | \$ |

The following table outlines borrowings and the corresponding collateral under our CLOs as of December 31, 2014:

| | Debt | | Loans | Collateral | Cash | Collateral |
|------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | Face Value | Carrying Value | Unpaid Principal | Carrying Value | Restricted Cash (1) | At-Risk (2) |
| CLO II | \$ 177,000,000 | \$ 177,000,000 | \$ 252,353,210 | \$ 251,658,406 | \$ 7,284,919 | \$ |
| CLO III | 281,250,000 | 281,250,000 | 315,390,280 | 313,932,084 | 59,245,183 | |
| Total CLOs | \$ 458,250,000 | \$ 458,250,000 | \$ 567,743,490 | \$ 565,590,490 | \$ 66,530,102 | \$ |

CLO II Issued two investment grade tranches in January 2013 and a stated maturity date of February 2023. Interest was variable based on three-month LIBOR; the weighted average note rate was 2.56%.

CLO III Issued three investment grade tranches in April 2014 with a replacement period through October 2016 and a stated maturity date of May 2024. Interest is variable based on three-month LIBOR; the weighted average note rate was 2.61%.

CLO IV Issued three investment grade tranches in February 2015 with a replacement period through September 2017 and a stated maturity date of March 2025. Interest is variable based on three-month LIBOR; the weighted average note rate was 2.45%.

(1) Represents restricted cash held for principal repayments as well as for reinvestment in the CLOs. Does not include restricted cash related to interest payments, delayed fundings and expenses.

(2) Amounts represent the face value of collateral in default, as defined by the CLO indenture, as well as assets deemed to be credit risk. Credit risk assets are reported by each of the CLOs and are generally defined as one that, in the CLO collateral manager's reasonable business judgment, has a significant risk of declining in credit quality or, with a passage of time, becoming a defaulted asset.

In March 2015, we completed the unwinding of CLO II, redeeming \$177.0 million of our outstanding notes which were repaid primarily from the refinancing of the remaining assets within our new and existing financing facilities as well as with cash held by the CLO and expensed approximately \$1.5 million of deferred fees in the first quarter of 2015 into interest expense on the consolidated statements of income.

In February 2015, we completed our fourth collateralized securitization vehicle (CLO IV), issuing to third party investors three tranches of investment grade CLOs through two newly-formed wholly-owned subsidiaries totaling \$219.0 million. As of the CLO closing date, the notes are secured by a portfolio of loan obligations with a face value of approximately \$250.0 million, consisting primarily of bridge loans that were contributed from our existing loan portfolio. The financing has an approximate 2.5 year replacement period that allows the principal proceeds and sale proceeds (if any) of the loan obligations to be reinvested in qualifying replacement loan obligations, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions set forth in the indenture. Thereafter, the outstanding debt balance will be reduced as loans are repaid. Initially, the proceeds of the issuance of the securities also included \$50.0 million for the purpose of acquiring additional loan obligations for a period of up to 120 days from the closing date of the CLO. Subsequently, the issuer

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will own loan obligations with a face value of approximately \$300.0 million. The aggregate principal amounts of the three classes of notes are \$165.8 million of Class A senior secured floating rate notes, \$24.8 million of Class B secured floating rate notes and \$28.5 million of Class C secured floating rate notes. We retained a residual interest in the portfolio with a notional amount of approximately \$81.0 million. The notes have an initial weighted average interest rate of approximately 2.24% plus one-month LIBOR and interest payments on the notes are payable monthly. Including certain fees and costs, the initial weighted average note rate was 2.96%.

At March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the aggregate weighted average note rate for our CLOs was 2.54% and 2.59%, respectively. Including certain fees and costs, the weighted average note rate was 3.05% and 3.14% at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDOs)

The following table outlines borrowings and the corresponding collateral under our CDO as of March 31, 2015:

| | Debt | | | Loans | Collateral | Cash | Collateral |
|---------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------|
| | Face Value | Carrying Value | Unpaid Principal (1) | Carrying Value (1) | Restricted Cash (2) | Collateral At-Risk (3) | |
| CDO III | \$ 79,420,379 | \$ 87,659,614 | \$ 195,580,494 | \$ 163,771,280 | \$ 7,176,997 | \$ 130,971,721 | |

The following table outlines borrowings and the corresponding collateral under our CDOs as of December 31, 2014:

| | Debt | | | Loans | Collateral | Cash | Collateral |
|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------|
| | Face Value | Carrying Value | Unpaid Principal (1) | Carrying Value (1) | Restricted Cash (2) | Collateral At-Risk (3) | |
| CDO I | \$ 69,972,159 | \$ 75,402,789 | \$ 222,903,486 | \$ 174,460,160 | \$ 5,232,226 | \$ 180,691,292 | |
| CDO II | 97,906,092 | 103,484,624 | 192,522,685 | 143,824,571 | 69,412,808 | 106,139,494 | |
| CDO III | 144,192,804 | 152,507,713 | 202,758,120 | 171,457,394 | 64,771,797 | 147,049,346 | |
| Total CDOs | \$ 312,071,055 | \$ 331,395,126 | \$ 618,184,291 | \$ 489,742,125 | \$ 139,416,831 | \$ 433,880,132 | |

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CDO I Issued four investment grade tranches in January 2005 with a stated maturity date of February 2040. Interest was variable based on three-month LIBOR; the weighted average note rate was 3.23% at December 31, 2014.

CDO II Issued nine investment grade tranches in January 2006 with stated maturity date of April 2038. Interest was variable based on three-month LIBOR; the weighted average note rate was 6.22% at December 31, 2014.

CDO III Issued ten investment grade tranches in December 2006 with a stated maturity date of January 2042. Interest is variable based on three-month LIBOR; the weighted average note rate was 1.32% and 0.98% at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

(1) Amounts include loans to real estate assets consolidated by us that were reclassified to real estate owned and held-for-sale, net on the consolidated financial statements.

(2) Represents restricted cash held for principal repayments in the CDOs. Does not include restricted cash related to interest payments, delayed fundings and expenses.

(3) Amounts represent the face value of collateral in default, as defined by the CDO indenture, as well as assets deemed to be credit risk. Credit risk assets are reported by each of the CDOs and are generally defined as one that, in the CDO collateral manager's reasonable business judgment, has a significant risk of declining in credit quality or, with a passage of time, becoming a defaulted asset.

At March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the aggregate weighted average note rate for our CDOs, including the cost of interest rate swaps on assets financed in these facilities, was 1.32% and 3.13%, respectively. Excluding the effect of swaps, the weighted average note rate at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 was 0.94% and 1.07%, respectively. Including certain fees and costs, the weighted average note rate was 2.04% and 3.55% at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

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In January 2015, we completed the unwinding of CDO I and CDO II, redeeming \$167.9 million of our outstanding notes. The notes were repaid primarily from proceeds received from the refinancing of CDO I and II's remaining assets within a new \$150.0 million warehouse repurchase facility and our existing financing facilities, as well as with cash held by each CDO. As a result of this transaction, we generated approximately \$30.0 million in cash equity and expensed \$0.5 million of deferred fees in the first quarter of 2015. We also terminated the related basis and interest rate swaps and incurred a loss of \$4.3 million in the first quarter of 2015. See Note 8 *Derivative Financial Instruments* for additional details.

In 2010, we re-issued our own CDO bonds we had acquired throughout 2009 with an aggregate face amount of approximately \$42.8 million as part of an exchange for the retirement of \$114.1 million of our junior subordinated notes. This transaction resulted in the recording of \$65.2 million of additional CDO debt, of which \$42.3 million represents the portion of our CDO bonds that were exchanged and \$22.9 million represents the estimated interest due on the reissued bonds through their maturity. In the first quarter of 2015, we unwound our CDO I and CDO II vehicles and reduced the balance of estimated interest by \$11.0 million, recording a gain on acceleration of deferred income in the consolidated statements of income, and \$8.2 million remains at March 31, 2015.

As CDO III is past its reinvestment period, investor capital is repaid quarterly from proceeds received from loan repayments held as collateral in accordance with the terms of the CDO. Proceeds distributed are recorded as a reduction of the CDO liability. CDO III had a \$100.0 million revolving note class that provided a revolving note facility, which was paid off in the first quarter of 2015.

We account for our CLO and CDO transactions on our consolidated balance sheet as financing facilities. Our CLOs and CDOs are VIEs for which we are the primary beneficiary and are consolidated in our financial statements accordingly. The investment grade tranches are treated as secured financings, and are non-recourse to us.

Senior Unsecured Notes

In May 2014, we issued \$55.0 million aggregate principal amount of 7.375% senior unsecured notes due in 2021 in an underwritten public offering, generating net proceeds of approximately \$52.9 million after deducting the underwriting discount and offering expenses. Also in May 2014, the underwriters exercised a portion of their over-allotment option for a \$3.6 million aggregate principal amount providing additional net proceeds of \$3.5 million.

In August 2014, we issued an additional \$35.0 million of the senior unsecured notes for net proceeds of approximately \$32.5 million after deducting the issuance and underwriting discounts and offering expenses. Additionally, the underwriters exercised a portion of their over-allotment option for a \$4.2 million aggregate principal amount providing additional net proceeds of \$3.9 million. The notes can be redeemed by us after May 15, 2017. The interest is paid quarterly in February, May, August, and November starting in August 2014. Including

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certain fees and costs, the weighted average note rate was 8.09% and 8.06% at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. We used the net proceeds to make investments, to repurchase or pay liabilities and for general corporate purposes.

Junior Subordinated Notes

The carrying value of borrowings under our junior subordinated notes was \$160.0 million and \$159.8 million at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, which is net of a deferred amount of \$15.9 million and \$16.0 million, respectively. These notes have maturities ranging from March 2034 through April 2037, pay interest quarterly at a fixed or floating rate of interest based on three-month LIBOR and were not redeemable for the first two years. The current weighted average note rate was 3.03% and 3.01% at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, however, based upon the accounting treatment for the restructuring mentioned below, the effective rate was 3.08% and 3.07% at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. Including certain fees and costs, the weighted average note rate was 3.20% and 3.18% at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. The entities that issued the junior subordinated notes have been deemed VIEs. See Note 9 Variable Interest Entities for further details.

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In 2009, we retired \$265.8 million of our then outstanding trust preferred securities, primarily consisting of \$258.4 million of junior subordinated notes issued to third party investors and \$7.4 million of common equity issued to us in exchange for \$289.4 million of newly issued unsecured junior subordinated notes, representing 112% of the original face amount. The notes bear interest equal to three month LIBOR plus a weighted average spread of 2.77%. The 12% increase to the face amount due upon maturity, which had a balance of \$15.9 million at March 31, 2015, is being amortized into interest expense over the life of the notes. We also paid transaction fees of approximately \$1.3 million to the issuers of the junior subordinated notes related to this restructuring which is being amortized into interest expense over the life of the notes.

Notes Payable

The following table outlines borrowings under our notes payable as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

| | March 31, 2015 | | December 31, 2014 | |
|--|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| | Debt Carrying Value | Collateral Carrying Value | Debt Carrying Value | Collateral Carrying Value |
| Junior loan participation, secured by our interest in a first mortgage loan with a principal balance of \$1.3 million, participation interest was based on a portion of the interest received from the loan which has a fixed rate of 9.57% | \$ 1,300,000 | \$ 1,300,000 | \$ 1,300,000 | \$ 1,300,000 |
| Junior loan participation, secured by our interest in a first mortgage loan with a principal balance of \$28.8 million, expiration January 2016, interest is based on a portion of the interest received from the loan which has a fixed rate of 15.0% | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | | |
| Total notes payable | \$ 2,300,000 | \$ 2,300,000 | \$ 1,300,000 | \$ 1,300,000 |

At March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the weighted average note rate for our notes payable was 6.61%. There were no interest rate swaps on the notes payable at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

Our obligation to pay interest on the junior loan participations is based on the performance of the related loan. Interest expense is based on the portion of the interest received from the loan that is paid to the junior participant.

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Mortgage Note Payable Real Estate Owned and Held-For-Sale

We have a first lien mortgage in connection with the acquisition of real property pursuant to bankruptcy proceedings for an entity in which we had a loan secured by the Multifamily Portfolio. In the first quarter of 2015, we made required paydowns of \$10.3 million and repaid the existing mortgage of \$20.7 million, replacing it with two new notes payable totaling \$27.2 million. At March 31, 2015, the new notes payable consists of a \$24.7 million secured loan that bears interest at a fixed rate of 3.00% and matures in December 2017, as well as a \$2.5 million, unsecured loan that bears interest at a variable rate of one-month LIBOR plus 2.75% and matures in December 2016. At December 31, 2014, the prior mortgage had an outstanding balance of \$31.0 million, bore interest at a variable rate of one-month LIBOR plus 1.23% and was to mature in June 2015.

Debt Covenants

Our debt facilities contain various financial covenants and restrictions, including minimum net worth, minimum liquidity and maximum debt balance requirements, as well as certain other debt service coverage ratios and debt to equity ratios. We were in compliance with all financial covenants and restrictions at March 31, 2015.

Our CDO and CLO vehicles contain interest coverage and asset overcollateralization covenants that must be met as of the waterfall distribution date in order for us to receive such payments. If we fail these covenants in our

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CDO or any of our CLOs, all cash flows from the applicable CDO or CLO would be diverted to repay principal and interest on the outstanding CDO or CLO bonds and we would not receive any residual payments until that CDO or CLO regained compliance with such tests. Our CDO and CLOs were in compliance with all such covenants as of March 31, 2015, as well as on the most recent determination dates in April 2015. In the event of a breach of the CDO or CLO covenants that could not be cured in the near-term, we would be required to fund our non-CDO or non-CLO expenses, including management fees and employee costs, distributions required to maintain REIT status, debt costs, and other expenses with (i) cash on hand, (ii) income from any CLO not in breach of a covenant test, (iii) income from real property and loan assets, (iv) sale of assets, or (v) or accessing the equity or debt capital markets, if available. We have the right to cure covenant breaches which would resume normal residual payments to us by purchasing non-performing loans out of the CDO or CLOs. However, we may not have sufficient liquidity available to do so at such time.

The chart below is a summary of our CDO and CLO compliance tests as of the most recent determination dates in April 2015:

| Cash Flow Triggers | CDO III | CLO III | CLO IV |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Overcollateralization (1) | | | |
| Current | 115.97% | 133.33% | 136.99% |
| Limit | 105.60% | 132.33% | 135.99% |
| Pass / Fail | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Interest Coverage (2) | | | |
| Current | 240.39% | 296.97% | 237.01% |
| Limit | 105.60% | 120.00% | 120.00% |
| Pass / Fail | Pass | Pass | Pass |

(1) The overcollateralization ratio divides the total principal balance of all collateral in the CDO and CLO by the total principal balance of the bonds associated with the applicable ratio. To the extent an asset is considered a defaulted security, the asset's principal balance for purposes of the overcollateralization test is the lesser of the asset's market value or the principal balance of the defaulted asset multiplied by the asset's recovery rate which is determined by the rating agencies. Rating downgrades of CDO and CLO collateral will generally not have a direct impact on the principal balance of a CDO and CLO asset for purposes of calculating the CDO and CLO overcollateralization test unless the rating downgrade is below a significantly low threshold (e.g. CCC-) as defined in each CDO and CLO vehicle.

(2) The interest coverage ratio divides interest income by interest expense for the classes senior to those retained by us.

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The chart below is a summary of our CDO and CLO overcollateralization ratios as of the following determination dates:

| Determination Date | CDO III | CLO III | CLO IV |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| April 2015 | 115.97% | 133.33% | 136.99% |
| January 2015 | 111.34% | 133.33% | |
| October 2014 | 110.65% | 133.33% | |
| July 2014 | 109.20% | 133.33% | |
| April 2014 | 108.74% | | |

The ratio will fluctuate based on the performance of the underlying assets, transfers of assets into the CDO and CLOs prior to the expiration of their respective replenishment dates, purchase or disposal of other investments, and loan payoffs. No payment due under the junior subordinated indentures may be paid if there is a default under any senior debt and the senior lender has sent notice to the trustee. The junior subordinated indentures are also cross-defaulted with each other.

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Note 8 Derivative Financial Instruments

The following is a summary of the derivative financial instruments held by us as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 (dollars in thousands):

| Designation\ Cash Flow | Derivative | Count | Notional Value | | Expiration Date | Balance Sheet Location | Fair Value | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | | | March 31, 2015 | Count | | | December 31, 2014 | March 31, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
| Non-Qualifying | Basis Swaps | | \$ | 1 | \$ 3,000 | - | Other Assets | \$ | \$ 2 |
| Non-Qualifying | LIBOR Cap | 1 | \$ 71,701 | 1 | \$ 71,701 | 2015 | Other Assets | \$ | \$ |
| Qualifying | LIBOR Cap | 1 | \$ 43,500 | | | 2017 | Other Assets | \$ 27 | \$ |
| Qualifying | Interest Rate Swaps | 6 | \$ 115,729 | 12 | \$ 250,321 | 2016 - 2017 | Other Liabilities | \$ (8,769) | \$ (13,908) |

The non-qualifying basis swaps hedges are used to manage our exposure to interest rate movements and other identified risks but do not meet hedge accounting requirements. We are exposed to changes in the fair value of certain of our fixed rate obligations due to changes in benchmark interest rates and use interest rate swaps to manage our exposure to changes in fair value on these instruments attributable to changes in the benchmark interest rate. These interest rate swaps designated as fair value hedges involve the receipt of variable-rate amounts from a counterparty in exchange for us making fixed-rate payments over the life of the agreements without the exchange of the underlying notional amount. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, CDO II was unwound and the related basis swap with a notional value of \$3.0 million and a fair value of less than \$0.1 million was terminated and recorded as a loss in the first quarter of 2015. See Note 7 Debt Obligations Collateralized Debt Obligations for further details. For the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, the change in fair value of the non-qualifying basis swaps and LIBOR caps was less than \$(0.1) million and was recorded in interest expense on the consolidated statements of income.

The change in the fair value of qualifying interest rate swap cash flow hedges was recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss on the consolidated balance sheets. These interest rate swaps are used to hedge the variable cash flows associated with existing variable-rate debt, and amounts reported in accumulated other comprehensive loss related to derivatives will be reclassified to interest expense as interest payments are made on our variable-rate debt. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, CDO I and CDO II were unwound and the related interest rate swaps with an aggregate notional value of \$134.6 million and an aggregate fair value of \$(4.3) million were terminated and recorded as a loss in

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the first quarter of 2015. See Note 7 Debt Obligations Collateralized Debt Obligations for further details. Also during the three months ended March 31, 2015, we entered into a qualifying LIBOR cap hedge due to a CLO agreement requiring a LIBOR cap of 2%. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, two interest swaps matured with a combined notional value of approximately \$32.0 million. As of March 31, 2015, we expect to reclassify approximately \$(5.7) million of other comprehensive loss from qualifying cash flow hedges to interest expense over the next twelve months assuming interest rates on that date are held constant. These swap agreements must be effective in reducing the variability of cash flows of the hedged items in order to qualify for the aforementioned hedge accounting treatment. Gains and losses on terminated swaps are being deferred and recognized in earnings over the original life of the hedged item. As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we had a net deferred loss of \$1.0 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, in accumulated other comprehensive loss related to these terminated swap agreements. We recorded \$0.2 million as additional interest expense related to the amortization of the loss for both the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, and \$0.1 million as a reduction to interest expense related to the accretion of the net gains for both the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014. We expect to record approximately \$0.5 million of net deferred loss to interest expense over the next twelve months.

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The fair value of non-qualifying forward contracts was \$2.9 million as of March 31, 2014 and consisted of \$16.6 million of RMBS investments, net of \$0.6 million of net unrealized losses in fair value and \$13.7 million of repurchase financing. The RMBS investments were financed with repurchase agreements and were accounted for as linked transactions, which are considered forward contracts. The repurchase agreements generally financed 80% - 90% of the purchase and bore interest at a rate of 125 to 175 basis points over LIBOR. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we sold six RMBS investments, which were accounted for as linked transactions, with an aggregate carrying value of \$47.8 million for approximately \$48.0 million and recorded a net gain of \$0.2 million related to the settlement of these linked transactions. The six RMBS investments were financed with repurchase agreements totaling \$41.8 million which were repaid with the proceeds. For the three months ended March 31, 2014, \$0.1 million of net interest income and a less than \$0.1 million decrease in fair value was recorded to other income in the consolidated statements of income.

The following table presents the effect of our derivative financial instruments on the Statements of Income as of March 31, 2015 and 2014 (dollars in thousands):

| Designation\ Cash Flow | Derivative | Amount of Loss Recognized in Other Comprehensive Loss (Effective Portion) For the Three Months Ended | | Amount of Loss Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss into Interest Expense (Effective Portion) For the Three Months Ended | | Amount of Loss Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss into Loss on Termination of Swaps (Ineffective Portion) For the Three Months Ended | | Amount of Loss Recognized in Loss on Termination of Swaps (Ineffective Portion) For the Three Months Ended | | Amount of Loss Recognized in Other Income For the Three Months Ended | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------|---|-------------------|--|----------------------|---|----------------------|--|-------------------|
| | | March 31, 2015 | March 31, 2014 | March 31, 2015 | March 31, 2014 | March 31, 2015 | March 31, 2014 | March 31, 2015 | March 31, 2014 | March 31, 2015 | March 31, 2014 |
| Non-Qualifying | Basis Swaps | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | (3) | \$ | \$ |
| Qualifying | Interest Rate Swaps/Cap | \$ 742 | \$ 442 | \$ (1,731) | \$ (3,441) | \$ (4,286) | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Non-Qualifying | Forward Contracts | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ (45) |

The cumulative amount of other comprehensive loss related to net unrealized losses on derivatives designated as qualifying hedges as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 of approximately \$(9.7) million and approximately \$(15.0) million, respectively, is a combination of the fair value of qualifying cash flow hedges of \$(8.7) million and \$(13.9) million, respectively, deferred losses on terminated interest rate swaps of \$(1.1) million and \$(1.2) million, respectively, and deferred net gains on termination of interest rate swaps of \$0.1 million for both periods.

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We have agreements with certain of our derivative counterparties that contain a provision where if we default on any of our indebtedness, including default where repayment of the indebtedness has not been accelerated by the lender, then we could also be declared in default on our derivative obligations. As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the fair value of derivatives in a net liability position, which includes accrued interest but excludes any adjustment for nonperformance risk related to these agreements, was \$(8.3) million and \$(9.2) million, respectively. As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we had minimum collateral posting thresholds with certain of our derivative counterparties and had posted collateral of \$8.6 million and \$9.6 million, respectively, which is recorded in other assets in our consolidated balance sheets.

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Note 9 Variable Interest Entities

We have evaluated our loans and investments, mortgage related securities, investments in equity affiliates, senior unsecured notes, junior subordinated notes, CDO and CLOs, in order to determine if they qualify as VIEs or as variable interests in VIEs. This evaluation resulted in determining that our bridge loans, junior participation loans, mezzanine loans, preferred equity investments, investments in equity affiliates, junior subordinated notes, CDO, CLOs and investments in mortgage related securities are potential VIEs.

Our involvement with VIEs primarily affects our financial performance and cash flows through amounts recorded in interest income, interest expense, provision for loan losses and through activity associated with our derivative instruments.

Consolidated VIEs

We consolidate our CDO and CLO subsidiaries, which qualify as VIEs, of which we are the primary beneficiary. These CDOs and CLOs invest in real estate and real estate-related securities and are financed by the issuance of CDO and CLO debt securities. We, or one of our affiliates, is named collateral manager, servicer, and special servicer for all CDO and CLO collateral assets which we believe gives us the power to direct the most significant economic activities of the entity. We also have exposure to CDO and CLO losses to the extent of our equity interests and also have rights to waterfall payments in excess of required payments to CDO and CLO bond investors. As a result of consolidation, equity interests in these CDOs and CLOs have been eliminated, and the consolidated balance sheets reflect both the assets held and debt issued by the CDOs and CLOs to third parties. Our operating results and cash flows include the gross amounts related to CDO and CLO assets and liabilities as opposed to our net economic interests in the CDO and CLO entities.

Assets held by the CDOs and CLOs are restricted and can be used only to settle obligations of the CDOs and CLOs. The liabilities of the CDOs and CLOs are non-recourse to us and can only be satisfied from each CDOs and CLOs respective asset pool. Assets and liabilities related to the CDOs and CLOs are disclosed parenthetically, in the aggregate, in our consolidated balance sheets. See Note 7 Debt Obligations for further details.

We are not obligated to provide, have not provided, and do not intend to provide financial support to any of the consolidated CDOs and CLOs.

Unconsolidated VIEs

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We determined that we are not the primary beneficiary of 23 VIEs in which we have a variable interest as of March 31, 2015 because we do not have the ability to direct the activities of the VIEs that most significantly impact each entity's economic performance. VIEs, of which we are not the primary beneficiary, have an aggregate carrying amount of \$478.6 million and exposure to real estate debt of approximately \$2.1 billion at March 31, 2015.

The following is a summary of our variable interests in identified VIEs, of which we are not the primary beneficiary, as of March 31, 2015:

| Type | Carrying Amount (1) | Maximum Exposure to Loss (2) |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Loans | \$ 387,100,762 | \$ 387,100,762 |
| Loans and equity investments | 88,780,401 | 88,780,401 |
| CMBS | 2,100,000 | 2,100,000 |
| Junior subordinated notes (3) | 578,000 | 578,000 |
| Total | \$ 478,559,163 | \$ 478,559,163 |

(1) Represents the carrying amount of loans and investments before reserves. At March 31, 2015, \$187.3 million of loans to VIEs had corresponding loan loss reserves of approximately \$112.1 million and \$40.3 million of loans to VIEs were related to loans classified as non-performing. See Note 3 Loans and Investments for further details.

(2) Our maximum exposure to loss as of March 31, 2015 would not exceed the carrying amount of its investment.

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(3) It is not appropriate to consolidate these entities as equity interests are variable interests only to the extent that the investment is considered to be at risk. Since our investments were funded by the entities that issued the junior subordinated notes, it is not considered to be at risk.

Note 10 Fair Value*Fair Value of Financial Instruments*

Fair value estimates are dependent upon subjective assumptions and involve significant uncertainties resulting in variability in estimates with changes in assumptions. The following table summarizes the carrying values and the estimated fair values of our financial instruments as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

| | March 31, 2015 | | December 31, 2014 | |
|---|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | Carrying Value | Estimated Fair Value | Carrying Value | Estimated Fair Value |
| Financial assets: | | | | |
| Loans and investments, net | \$ 1,610,535,691 | \$ 1,644,421,518 | \$ 1,459,475,650 | \$ 1,478,778,674 |
| Available-for-sale securities | 2,558,498 | 2,558,498 | 2,499,709 | 2,499,709 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 26,564 | 26,564 | 1,995 | 1,995 |
| Financial liabilities: | | | | |
| Credit and repurchase facilities | \$ 397,975,374 | \$ 397,248,343 | \$ 180,386,200 | \$ 179,964,341 |
| Collateralized loan obligations | 500,250,000 | 501,416,875 | 458,250,000 | 459,673,750 |
| Collateralized debt obligations | 87,659,614 | 47,498,137 | 331,395,126 | 240,541,397 |
| Senior unsecured notes | 97,860,025 | 98,290,609 | 97,860,025 | 95,902,825 |
| Junior subordinated notes | 159,969,563 | 102,981,052 | 159,833,260 | 102,600,561 |
| Notes payable | 2,300,000 | 2,280,115 | 1,300,000 | 1,292,461 |
| Mortgage note payable - real estate owned and held-for-sale | 27,155,000 | 27,125,857 | 30,984,357 | 29,962,066 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 8,769,143 | 8,769,143 | 13,908,163 | 13,908,163 |

Fair Value Measurement

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Fair value is defined as the price at which an asset could be exchanged in a current transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties. A liability's fair value is defined as the amount that would be paid to transfer the liability to a new obligor, not the amount that would be paid to settle the liability with the creditor. Where available, fair value is based on observable market prices or parameters or derived from such prices or parameters. Where observable prices or inputs are not available, valuation models are applied. These valuation techniques involve some level of management estimation and judgment, the degree of which is dependent on the price transparency for the instruments or market and the instruments' complexity.

Assets and liabilities disclosed at fair value are categorized based upon the level of judgment associated with the inputs used to measure their fair value. Hierarchical levels directly related to the amount of subjectivity associated with the inputs to fair valuation of these assets and liabilities are as follows:

- **Level 1** Inputs are unadjusted and quoted prices exist in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date. The types of assets and liabilities carried at Level 1 fair value generally are government and agency securities, equities listed in active markets, investments in publicly traded mutual funds with quoted market prices and listed derivatives.
- **Level 2** Inputs (other than quoted prices included in Level 1) are either directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability through correlation with market data at the measurement date and for the duration of the instrument's anticipated life. Level 2 inputs include quoted market prices in markets that are not active for an identical or similar asset or liability, and quoted market prices in active markets for a similar asset or liability. Fair valued assets and liabilities that are generally included in this category are non-government securities, municipal bonds, certain hybrid financial instruments, certain mortgage

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and asset-backed securities, certain corporate debt, certain commitments and guarantees, certain private equity investments and certain derivatives.

- Level 3 Inputs reflect management's best estimate of what market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. These valuations are based on significant unobservable inputs that require a considerable amount of judgment and assumptions. Consideration is given to the risk inherent in the valuation technique and the risk inherent in the inputs to the model. Generally, assets and liabilities carried at fair value and included in this category are certain mortgage and asset-backed securities, certain corporate debt, certain private equity investments, certain municipal bonds, certain commitments and guarantees and certain derivatives.

Determining which category an asset or liability falls within the hierarchy requires significant judgment and we evaluate our hierarchy disclosures each quarter.

The following is a description of the valuation techniques used to measure fair value and the general classification of these instruments pursuant to the fair value hierarchy.

Loans and investments, net: Fair values of loans and investments that are not impaired are estimated using Level 3 inputs based on discounted cash flow methodology, using discount rates, which, in the opinion of management, best reflect current market interest rates that would be offered for loans with similar characteristics and credit quality. Fair values of loans and investments that are impaired are estimated using Level 3 inputs by us that require significant judgments, which include assumptions regarding discount rates, capitalization rates, leasing, creditworthiness of major tenants, occupancy rates, availability of financing, exit plan, loan sponsorship, actions of other lenders and other factors deemed necessary by management.

Available-for-sale securities: Fair values are approximated based on current market quotes received from active markets or financial sources that trade such securities. The fair values of available-for-sale equity securities traded in active markets are approximated using Level 1 inputs, while the fair values of available-for-sale debt securities that are approximated using current, non-binding market quotes received from financial sources that trade such investments are valued using Level 3 inputs. The fair value of a CMBS security is estimated by us using Level 3 inputs that require significant judgments, which include assumptions regarding capitalization rates, leasing, creditworthiness of major tenants, occupancy rates, availability of financing, exit plan, loan sponsorship, actions of other lenders and other factors deemed necessary by management.

Derivative financial instruments: Fair values of interest rate swap derivatives and LIBOR caps are approximated using Level 2 inputs based on current market data received from financial sources that trade such instruments and are based on prevailing market data and derived from third party proprietary models based on well recognized financial principles including counterparty risks, credit spreads and interest rate projections,

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as well as reasonable estimates about relevant future market conditions. These items are included in other assets and other liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets. We incorporate credit valuation adjustments in the fair values of our derivative financial instruments to reflect counterparty nonperformance risk.

Credit facilities, repurchase agreements, notes payable and mortgage notes payable: Fair values are estimated at Level 3 using discounted cash flow methodology, using discount rates, which, in the opinion of management, best reflect current market interest rates for financing with similar characteristics and credit quality.

Collateralized debt obligations and collateralized loan obligations: Fair values are estimated at Level 3 based on broker quotations, representing the discounted expected future cash flows at a yield that reflects current market interest rates and credit spreads.

Senior unsecured notes: Fair values are estimated at Level 1 based on current market quotes received from active markets.

Junior subordinated notes: Fair values are estimated at Level 3 based on broker quotations, representing the discounted expected future cash flows at a yield that reflects current market interest rates and credit spreads.

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We measure certain financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis. The fair value of these financial assets and liabilities was determined using the following inputs as of March 31, 2015:

| | Carrying Value | Fair Value | Fair Value Measurements Using Fair Value Hierarchy | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| | | | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| Financial assets: | | | | | |
| Available-for-sale securities (1) | \$ 2,558,498 | 2,558,498 | \$ 558,498 | \$ | \$ 2,000,000 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 26,564 | 26,564 | | 26,564 | |
| Financial liabilities: | | | | | |
| Derivative financial instruments | \$ 8,769,143 | \$ 8,769,143 | \$ | \$ 8,769,143 | \$ |

(1) Our equity securities were measured using Level 1 inputs and our CMBS investment was measured using Level 3 inputs.

The following roll forward table reconciles the beginning and ending balances of financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using Level 3 inputs:

| | Available-for-sale Securities |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Balance as of December 31, 2014 | \$ 2,000,000 |
| Adjustments to fair value: | |
| Net changes in fair value | |
| Balance as of March 31, 2015 | \$ 2,000,000 |

We measure certain financial and non-financial assets at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. The fair value of these financial assets was determined using the following inputs as of March 31, 2015:

| | Net Carrying Value | Fair Value | Fair Value Measurements Using Fair Value Hierarchy | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--|---------|----------------|
| | | | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| Financial assets: | | | | | |
| Impaired loans, net (1) | \$ 105,880,502 | \$ 105,880,502 | \$ | \$ | \$ 105,880,502 |

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(1) We had an allowance for loan losses of \$116.5 million relating to 10 loans with an aggregate carrying value, before loan loss reserves, of approximately \$222.4 million at March 31, 2015.

Loan impairment assessments: Loans held for investment are intended to be held to maturity and, accordingly, are carried at cost, net of unamortized loan origination costs and fees, loan purchase discounts, and net of the allowance for loan losses when such loan or investment is deemed to be impaired. We consider a loan impaired when, based upon current information and events, it is probable that we will be unable to collect all amounts due for both principal and interest according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. We perform evaluations of our loans to determine if the value of the underlying collateral securing the impaired loan is less than the net carrying value of the loan, which may result in an allowance and corresponding charge to the provision for loan losses. These valuations require significant judgments, which include assumptions regarding capitalization and discount rates, revenue growth rates, leasing, creditworthiness of major tenants, occupancy rates, availability of financing, exit plan, loan sponsorship, actions of other lenders and other factors deemed necessary by management. The table above includes all impaired loans, regardless of the period in which an impairment was recognized.

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Quantitative information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements on a recurring and non-recurring basis:

| | Fair Value | Valuation Technique(s) | March 31, 2015 Significant Unobservable Inputs | Range (Weighted Average) |
|--------------------------|--------------|--|---|---|
| Financial assets: | | | | |
| Impaired loans (1): | | | | |
| Multi-family | \$ 2,349,965 | Direct capitalization analysis and discounted cash flows | Discount rate Capitalization rate Revenue growth rate | 8.00% 6.50% to 8.00% (7.09%) 2.00% |
| Office | 6,278,377 | Discounted cash flows | Discount rate Capitalization rate Revenue growth rate | 10.00% to 11.25% (10.50%) 8.25% to 9.50% (9.08%) 2.50% to 3.00% (2.63%) |
| Land | 66,533,657 | Discounted cash flows | Discount rate Capitalization rate Revenue growth rate | 15.00% 7.25% 3.00% |
| Hotel | 30,718,503 | Discounted cash flows | Discount rate Capitalization rate Revenue growth rate | 9.25% 7.25% 3.00% |
| CMBS | 2,000,000 | Discounted cash flows | Discount rate | 14.16% |

(1) Includes all impaired loans regardless of the period in which a loan loss provision was recorded.

We measure certain assets and liabilities for which fair value is only disclosed. The fair value of these assets and liabilities was determined using the following input levels as of March 31, 2015:

| | Carrying Value | Fair Value | Fair Value Measurements Using Fair Value Hierarchy | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------|--|---------|---------|
| | | | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| Financial assets: | | | | | |

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| | | | | | | | |
|---|----|---------------|----|---------------|------------|----|---------------|
| Loans and investments, net | \$ | 1,610,535,691 | \$ | 1,644,421,518 | \$ | \$ | 1,644,421,518 |
| Financial liabilities: | | | | | | | |
| Credit facilities and repurchase agreements | \$ | 397,975,374 | \$ | 397,248,343 | \$ | \$ | 397,248,343 |
| Collateralized loan obligations | | 500,250,000 | | 501,416,875 | | | 501,416,875 |
| Collateralized debt obligation | | 87,659,614 | | 47,498,137 | | | 47,498,137 |
| Senior unsecured notes | | 97,860,025 | | 98,290,609 | 98,290,609 | | |
| Junior subordinated notes | | 159,969,563 | | 102,981,052 | | | 102,981,052 |
| Notes payable | | 2,300,000 | | 2,280,115 | | | 2,280,115 |
| Mortgage note payable real estate owned | | 27,155,000 | | 27,125,857 | | | 27,125,857 |

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Note 11 Commitments and Contingencies

Contractual Commitments

Our debt obligations have approximate maturities of \$211.1 million in 2015, \$196.3 million in 2016, \$402.8 million in 2017, \$187.9 million in 2018, \$17.2 million in 2019 and \$273.7 million thereafter.

In accordance with certain loans and investments, we have outstanding unfunded commitments of \$18.2 million as of March 31, 2015 that we are obligated to fund as the borrowers meet certain requirements. Specific requirements include, but are not limited to, property renovations, building construction, and building conversions based on criteria met by the borrower in accordance with the loan agreements. Our restricted cash balance at March 31, 2015 contained approximately \$18.2 million which was available to fund all of the unfunded commitments for loans financed by our CDO and CLO vehicles.

Litigation

We currently are neither subject to any material litigation nor, to management's knowledge, is any material litigation currently threatened against us other than the following:

On June 15, 2011, three related lawsuits were filed by the Extended Stay Litigation Trust (the Trust), a post-bankruptcy litigation trust alleged to have standing to pursue claims that previously had been held by Extended Stay, Inc. and the Homestead Village L.L.C. family of companies (together ESI) (formerly Chapter 11 debtors, together the Debtors) that have emerged from bankruptcy. Two of the lawsuits were filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, and the third in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County. There were 73 defendants in the three lawsuits, including 55 corporate and partnership entities and 18 individuals. A subsidiary of ours and certain other entities that are affiliates of ours are included as defendants. The New York State Court action has been removed to the Bankruptcy Court. Our affiliates filed a motion to dismiss the three lawsuits.

The lawsuits all allege, as a factual basis and background certain facts surrounding the June 2007 leveraged buyout of ESI from affiliates of Blackstone Capital. Our subsidiary, Arbor ESH II, LLC, had a \$115.0 million investment in the Series A1 Preferred Units of a holding company of Extended Stay, Inc. The New York State Court action and one of the two federal court actions name as defendants, Arbor ESH II, LLC, Arbor Commercial Mortgage, LLC and ABT-ESI LLC, an entity in which we have a membership interest, among the broad group of

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defendants. These two actions were commenced by substantially identical complaints. The defendants are alleged in these complaints, among other things, to have breached fiduciary and contractual duties by causing or allowing the Debtors to pay illegal dividends or other improper distributions of value at a time when the Debtors were insolvent. These two complaints also allege that the defendants aided and abetted, induced, or participated in breaches of fiduciary duty, waste, and unjust enrichment (Fiduciary Duty Claims) and name a director of ours, and a former general counsel of Arbor Commercial Mortgage, LLC, each of whom had served on the Board of Directors of ESI for a period of time. We are defending these two defendants and paying the costs of such defense. On the basis of the foregoing allegations, the Trust has asserted claims under a number of common law theories, seeking the return of assets transferred by the Debtors prior to the Debtors' bankruptcy filing.

In the third action, filed in Bankruptcy Court, the same plaintiff, the Trust, has named Arbor Commercial Mortgage, LLC and ABT-ESI LLC, together with a number of other defendants and asserts claims, including constructive and fraudulent conveyance claims under state and federal statutes, as well as a claim under the Federal Debt Collection Procedure Act.

On June 28, 2013, the Trust filed a motion to amend the lawsuits, to, among other things, (i) consolidate the lawsuits into one lawsuit, (ii) remove 47 defendants, none of whom are related to us, from the lawsuits so that there are 26 remaining defendants, including 16 corporate and partnership entities and 10 individuals, and (iii) reduce the counts within the lawsuits from over 100 down to 17. The remaining counts in the amended complaint against our affiliates are principally state law claims for breach of fiduciary duties, waste, unlawful dividends and unjust enrichment, and claims under the Bankruptcy Code for avoidance and recovery actions, among others. The

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bankruptcy court granted the motion and the amended complaint has been filed. The amended complaint seeks \$139.0 million in the aggregate from director designees and our affiliates as well as unaffiliated defendants. We have moved to dismiss the referenced actions and intend to vigorously defend against the claims asserted therein. During a status conference held on March 18, 2014, the Court heard oral argument on the motion to dismiss and adjourned the case pending a ruling.

We have not made a loss accrual for this litigation because we believe that it is not probable that a loss has been incurred and an amount cannot be reasonably estimated.

Note 12 Equity

Preferred Stock

In February 2014, we completed an underwritten public offering of 900,000 shares of 8.50% Series C cumulative redeemable preferred stock with a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share, generating net proceeds of approximately \$21.6 million after deducting the underwriting discount and other offering expenses.

Common Stock

In February 2014, we entered into an At-The-Market (ATM) equity offering sales agreement with JMP Securities LLC (JMP) whereby, in accordance with the terms of the agreement, from time to time we may issue and sell through JMP up to 7,500,000 shares of our common stock. Sales of the shares are made by means of ordinary brokers transactions or otherwise at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, or at negotiated prices. During the first quarter of 2014, we sold 1,000,000 shares for net proceeds of \$6.5 million. As of March 31, 2015, 6,500,000 shares are available for sale under this offering.

We used the net proceeds from our preferred and common offerings to make investments, to repurchase or pay liabilities and for general corporate purposes.

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As of May 1, 2015, we have \$330.4 million available under our \$500.0 million shelf registration statement that was declared effective by the SEC in August 2013.

Distributions

The following table presents dividends declared (on a per share basis) for the three months ended March 31, 2015:

| Common Stock | | Preferred Stock | | | |
|-------------------|----------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Declaration Date | Dividend | Declaration Date | Series A | Dividend (1) Series B | Series C |
| February 11, 2015 | \$ 0.13 | February 2, 2015 | \$ 0.515625 | \$ 0.484375 | \$ 0.53125 |

(1) The dividend declared on February 2, 2015 for the Series A, B and C preferred stock was for the period December 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015.

Common Stock On April 29, 2015, the Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.15 per share of common stock. The dividend is payable on June 1, 2015 to common stockholders of record as of the close of business on May 15, 2015.

Preferred Stock On April 29, 2015, the Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.515625 per share of 8.25% Series A preferred stock; a cash dividend of \$0.484375 per share of 7.75% Series B preferred stock; and a cash dividend of \$0.53125 per share of 8.50% Series C preferred stock. These amounts reflect dividends from March 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015 and are payable on June 1, 2015 to preferred stockholders of record on May 15, 2015.

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Deferred Compensation

In March 2015, we issued 328,400 shares of restricted common stock under the 2014 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan (the 2014 Plan) to certain employees of ours and our Manager, inclusive of 105,000 shares granted to our chief executive officer, Mr. Ivan Kaufman, with a total grant date fair value of \$2.3 million and recorded \$0.4 million to employee compensation and benefits and \$0.4 million to selling and administrative expense in our consolidated statements of income. One third of the shares vested as of the date of grant, one third will vest in March 2016, and the remaining third will vest in March 2017. In March 2015, we also issued 63,000 shares of fully vested common stock to the independent members of the Board of Directors under the 2014 Plan and recorded \$0.4 million to selling and administrative expense in our consolidated statements of income.

During the first quarter of 2015, we also issued 74,294 shares of restricted common stock to Mr. Kaufman under his 2015 annual incentive agreement with a grant date fair value of \$0.5 million and recorded \$0.1 million to employee compensation and benefits in our consolidated statements of income. One quarter of the shares vest as of the date of grant and one quarter will vest on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant. Mr. Kaufman was also granted up to 445,765 performance-based restricted stock units that vest at the end of a four-year performance period based on the our achievement of certain total shareholder return objectives. The restricted stock units had a grant date fair value of \$1.2 million and we recorded \$0.1 million to employee compensation and benefits in our consolidated statements of income.

As of March 31, 2015, unvested restricted stock consisted of 256,989 shares granted to our employees with a grant date fair value of \$1.8 million and 203,002 shares granted to employees of our Manager with a grant date fair value of \$1.4 million, which is subject to remeasurement each reporting period. Expense is recognized ratably over the vesting period in our consolidated statements of income in selling and administrative expense and employee compensation and benefits expense, respectively. During the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, we recorded the ratable portion of the unvested restricted stock to employees as employee compensation and benefits for \$0.1 million for both periods, and for non-employees to selling and administrative expense for \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

Vesting of restricted shares is dependent on a service requirement. Dividends paid on restricted shares are recorded as dividends on shares of our common stock whether or not they are vested. For accounting purposes, we measure the compensation costs for these shares as of the date of the grant, with subsequent remeasurement for any unvested shares granted to non-employees of ours with such amounts expensed against earnings, at the grant date (for the portion that vest immediately) or ratably over the respective vesting periods.

Warrants

In connection with a debt restructuring with Wachovia Bank in 2009, we issued Wachovia 1,000,000 warrants at an average strike price of \$4.00 and an expiration date in July 2015. On July 1, 2014, we acquired and canceled all of the warrants in return for the payment of \$2.6 million,

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recorded to additional paid in capital, which reflects a 5% discount to the prior day closing price of our common stock of \$6.95.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

At March 31, 2015, accumulated other comprehensive loss was \$9.3 million and consisted of \$8.7 million of net unrealized losses on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges, net deferred losses on terminated interest swaps of \$1.0 million, less a \$0.4 million unrealized gain related to available-for-sale securities. At December 31, 2014, accumulated other comprehensive loss was \$14.7 million and consisted of \$13.9 million of net unrealized losses on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges, net deferred losses on terminated interest swaps of \$1.1 million, less a \$0.3 million unrealized gain related to available-for-sale securities.

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Reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive loss for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 were as follows:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | 2014 | Statement of Income Caption |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------|------|----------------------------------|
| | 2015 | | | |
| Net realized losses on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges: | | | | |
| Interest Rate Swaps | \$ (1,730,927) | \$ (3,440,877) | | Interest expense (1) |
| Termination of Interest Rate Swaps | \$ (4,285,995) | \$ | | Loss on termination of swaps (1) |
| Net realized gain on sale of available-for-sale investments: | | | | |
| RMBS investment | \$ | \$ 431,476 | | Other income (2) |

(1) See Note 8 Derivative Financial Instruments for additional details.

(2) See Note 4 Securities for additional details.

Note 13 Earnings Per Share

Basic EPS is calculated by dividing net income attributable to Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during each period inclusive of unvested restricted stock with full dividend participation rights. Diluted EPS is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding plus the additional dilutive effect of common stock equivalents during each period using the treasury stock method. Our common stock equivalents include the weighted average dilutive effect of performance-based restricted stock units granted to our chief executive officer in the first quarter of 2015 as well as the weighted average dilutive effect of warrants for the period of time that they were outstanding.

The following is a reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of the basic and diluted EPS computations for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014.

**Three Months Ended
March 31, 2015**

**Three Months Ended
March 31, 2014**

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| | Basic | | Diluted | | Basic | | Diluted | |
|---|-------|------------|---------|------------|-------|------------|---------|------------|
| Net income attributable to Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. common stockholders (1) | \$ | 15,010,469 | \$ | 15,010,469 | \$ | 5,874,761 | \$ | 5,874,761 |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding | | 50,544,575 | | 50,544,575 | | 49,336,308 | | 49,336,308 |
| Dilutive effect of restricted stock units (2) | | | | 288,161 | | | | |
| Dilutive effect of warrants (3) | | | | | | | | 416,505 |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding | | 50,544,575 | | 50,832,736 | | 49,336,308 | | 49,752,813 |
| Net income attributable to Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. per common share (1) | \$ | 0.30 | \$ | 0.30 | \$ | 0.12 | \$ | 0.12 |

(1) Net of preferred stock dividends.

(2) Mr. Kaufman was granted restricted stock units which vest at the end of a four-year performance period based upon our achievement of total shareholder return objectives. See Note 12 Equity for further details.

(3) On July 1, 2014, we acquired and canceled all of our warrants. See Note 12 Equity for further details.

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Note 14 Agreements and Transactions with Related Parties

Management Agreement

We, ARLP and Arbor Realty SR, Inc. have a management agreement with our Manager, pursuant to which our Manager provides certain services and we pay our Manager a base management fee and under certain circumstances, an annual incentive fee.

The base management fee is an arrangement whereby we reimburse our Manager for its actual costs incurred in managing our business based on the parties' agreement in advance on an annual budget with subsequent quarterly true-ups to actual costs. We retain all origination fees on investments.

The incentive fee is measured on an annual basis and is calculated as (1) 25% of the amount by which (a) our funds from operations per share, adjusted for certain gains and losses including gains from the retirement and restructuring of debt and 60% of any loan loss reserve recoveries (spread over a three year period), exceeds (b) the product of (x) 9.5% per annum or the Ten Year U.S. Treasury Rate plus 3.5%, whichever is greater, and (y) the greater of \$10.00 or the weighted average of book value of the net assets contributed by our Manager to ARLP per ARLP partnership unit, the offering price per share of our common equity in the private offering on July 1, 2003 and subsequent offerings and the issue price per ARLP partnership unit for subsequent contributions to ARLP, multiplied by (2) the weighted average of our outstanding shares.

The minimum return, or incentive fee hurdle to be reached before an incentive fee is earned, is a percentage applied on a per share basis to the greater of \$10.00 or the average gross proceeds per share. In addition, 60% of any loan loss and other reserve recoveries are eligible to be included in the incentive fee calculation, which recoveries are spread over a three year period.

The management agreement also allows us to consider, from time to time, the payment of additional success-based fees to our Manager for accomplishing certain specified corporate objectives; has a termination fee of \$10.0 million; and is renewable automatically for successive one-year terms, unless terminated with six months prior written notice. If we terminate or elect not to renew the management agreement without cause, we are required to pay the termination fee of \$10.0 million.

The following table sets forth our base management fees and incentive fees for the periods indicated:

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| Management Fees: | Three Months Ended | |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | 2015 | March 31, 2014 |
| Base (1) | \$ 2,675,000 | \$ 2,450,000 |
| Incentive | | |
| Total management fee | \$ 2,675,000 | \$ 2,450,000 |

(1) Included in base management fees at March 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$1.4 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, which was included in due to related party.

For the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, no success-based payments were made.

Other Related Party Transactions

Due from related party was less than \$0.1 million at both March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 and consisted primarily of escrows held by our Manager and its affiliates related to real estate transactions.

Due to related party was \$1.4 million at March 31, 2015 and consisted primarily of base management fees due to our Manager, of which \$0.8 million will be remitted by us in the following quarter. At December 31, 2014, due to related party was \$2.7 million and consisted primarily of base management fees due to our Manager that we remitted in the following quarter.

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In February 2015, we modified an \$18.0 million preferred equity investment, increasing our balance to \$23.0 million with a fixed interest rate of 10% and a maturity date of February 2018. In order to accomplish the modification, we formed a joint venture with a consortium of investors consisting of certain of our officers, including Mr. Ivan Kaufman, and other related parties, to invest in an additional \$2.0 million preferred equity investment that is generally subordinate to ours. Interest income recorded from this loan was approximately \$0.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015.

In the first quarter of 2015, we invested \$9.6 million for 50% of our Manager's indirect interest in a joint venture with a third party that was formed to invest in a residential mortgage banking business. As a result of this transaction, we own a 22.5% indirect interest in this entity. Also during the quarter, we invested \$3.6 million through this joint venture in non-qualified residential mortgages purchased from the mortgage banking business's origination platform. During the first quarter of 2015, we recorded income of \$3.0 million from these investments. See Note 5 Investment in Equity Affiliates for further details.

During the third quarter of 2014, we invested \$0.1 million for a 5% interest in a joint venture that owns two multifamily properties. The joint venture consists of a consortium of investors consisting of certain of our officers, including Mr. Ivan Kaufman, and other related parties, who together own an interest of approximately 95%. In August 2014, we originated two bridge loans totaling \$5.0 million to the joint venture with an interest rate of 5.5% over one-month LIBOR and a maturity date of August 2015. Interest income recorded from these loans totaled approximately \$0.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015.

In July 2014, we originated a \$30.4 million bridge loan for an office property owned by a consortium of investors including Mr. Ivan Kaufman and his affiliates, who together own an interest of approximately 24% in the borrowing entity. The loan has an interest rate of LIBOR plus 7.90% and a maturity date of January 2016. Interest income recorded from this loan totaled approximately \$0.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015.

In March 2014, we originated a bridge loan to a third party borrower for a portfolio of properties with an unpaid principal balance of \$70.1 million, of which, \$15.0 million was financed with junior loan participations to our Manager. The loan has an interest rate of 6.38% and a maturity date of March 2016. In May 2014, the junior loan participations to our Manager were paid off. The participations had a weighted average interest rate of 7.20%. Interest income recorded from this loan totaled approximately \$1.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015.

We had two loans totaling \$22.4 million, which were secured by a property purchased in 2011 by a third party borrower from our Manager. In the first quarter 2014, our Manager purchased the property from the prior borrower subject to our loans. In connection with this purchase, our Manager paid down the loans by \$2.3 million and we restructured our remaining debt outstanding into a first mortgage of \$14.6 million with a maturity date of March 2015 and a second mortgage of \$5.1 million with a maturity date of April 2015, both with an interest rate of LIBOR plus 4.80%. In April 2015, the maturity date on both of these loans was extended to July 2015. Interest income recorded from these loans totaled approximately \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

In June 2013, our Board of Directors formed a special committee consisting of independent directors in connection with the exploration and evaluation of a potential transaction with our manager involving the acquisition of our Manager's Fannie Mae, DUS, FHA and CMBS platforms, as well as the internalization of the management of our current business. There were preliminary discussions between the special committee and representatives of our Manager regarding a potential transaction during the second and third quarter of 2013. In connection therewith, the special committee engaged legal, financial and accounting advisors resulting in approximately \$1.4 million of advisory fees during 2013. In late June of 2014, preliminary discussions regarding a possible transaction resumed but we cannot provide any assurance whether any transaction between us and our Manager will occur, or if a transaction did occur, any information on the timing, terms or form of any such transaction, including the amount or type of consideration (including the issuance of common stock) or related financing. No advisory fees or other related fees were incurred during 2014 or the three months ended March 31, 2015.

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In December 2011, we completed a restructuring of a \$67.6 million preferred equity investment on the Lexford Portfolio (Lexford), which is a portfolio of multifamily assets. We, along with a consortium of independent outside investors, made an additional preferred equity investment of \$25.0 million in Lexford of which we held a \$10.5 million interest, and Mr. Fred Weber, our executive vice president of structured finance, held a \$0.5 million interest, which was paid down to \$22.5 million in the third quarter of 2013, and then paid off in the fourth quarter of 2013. The original preferred equity investment now bears a fixed rate of interest of 2.36%, revised from an original rate of LIBOR plus 5.00% (the loan was paying a modified rate of LIBOR plus 1.65% at the time of the new investment). The original preferred equity investment matures in June 2020 and was paid down during 2014 and 2015 to a balance of \$31.0 million at March 31, 2015 and paid down \$8.0 million subsequently. The additional preferred equity investment had a fixed interest rate of 12% and a maturity date in June 2020. We, along with the same outside investors, also made a \$0.1 million equity investment into Lexford, of which we held a \$44,000 noncontrolling interest, and do not have the power to control the significant activities of the entity. During the fourth quarter of 2011, we recorded losses from the entity against the equity investment, reducing the balance to zero. In addition, under the terms of the restructuring, Lexford's first mortgage lender required a change of property manager for the underlying assets. The new management company is an affiliate of Mr. Ivan Kaufman, our chairman and chief executive officer, and has a contract with the new entity for 7.5 years and is entitled to 4.75% of gross revenues of the underlying properties, along with the potential to share in the proceeds of a sale or refinancing of the debt should the management company remain engaged by the new entity at the time of such capital event. In the first quarter of 2012, Mr. Fred Weber invested \$250,000 in the new management company and currently owns a 23.5% ownership interest. Mr. Ivan Kaufman and his affiliates currently own a 53.9% ownership interest. We have provided limited (bad boy) guarantees for certain debt controlled by Lexford. The bad boy guarantees may become a liability for us upon standard bad acts such as fraud or a material misrepresentation by Lexford or us. At March 31, 2015, this debt had an aggregate outstanding balance of \$763.4 million and is scheduled to mature between 2017 and 2025.

Interest income recorded from loans originated in 2013 or prior years with our affiliates totaled \$0.1 million and \$0.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

We are dependent upon our Manager with whom we have a conflict of interest, to provide services to us that are vital to its operations. Our chairman, chief executive officer and president, Mr. Ivan Kaufman, is also the chief executive officer and president of our Manager, and, our chief financial officer and treasurer, Mr. Paul Elenio, is the chief financial officer of our Manager. In addition, Mr. Kaufman and his affiliated entities (the Kaufman Entities) together beneficially own approximately 92% of the outstanding membership interests of our Manager and certain of our employees and directors also hold an ownership interest in our Manager. Furthermore, one of our former directors is general counsel to our Manager and another of our directors also serves as the trustee of one of the Kaufman Entities that holds a majority of the outstanding membership interests in our Manager and co-trustee of another Kaufman Entity that owns an equity interest in our Manager. Our Manager currently holds approximately 5.3 million of our common shares, representing approximately 11% of the voting power of our outstanding stock as of March 31, 2015. Our Board of Directors approved a resolution under our charter allowing Ivan Kaufman and our Manager, (which Mr. Kaufman has a controlling equity interest in), to own more than the 5% ownership interest limit of our common stock as stated in our charter as amended.

Note 15 Due to Borrowers

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Due to borrowers represents borrowers funds held by us to fund certain expenditures or to be released at our discretion upon the occurrence of certain pre-specified events, and to serve as additional collateral for borrowers loans. While retained, these balances earn interest in accordance with the specific loan terms they are associated with.

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Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

You should read the following discussion in conjunction with the unaudited consolidated interim financial statements, and related notes and the section entitled "Cautionary Statements" included herein.

Overview

We invest in multifamily and commercial real estate-related bridge and mezzanine loans, including junior participating interests in first mortgages, preferred and direct equity, and, in limited cases, discounted mortgage notes and other real estate-related assets, which we refer to collectively as structured finance investments. We are organized and conduct our operations to qualify as a REIT and to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code with respect thereto. A REIT is generally not subject to federal income tax on its REIT taxable income that is distributed to its stockholders, provided that at least 90% of its REIT taxable income is distributed and provided that certain other requirements are met. We have also invested in mortgage-related securities. We conduct substantially all of our operations through our operating partnership and its wholly-owned subsidiaries.

Our operating performance is primarily driven by the following factors:

- *Net interest income earned on our investments* Net interest income represents the amount by which the interest income earned on our assets exceeds the interest expense incurred on our borrowings. If the yield earned on our assets increases or the cost of borrowings decreases, this will have a positive impact on earnings. However, if the yield earned on our assets decreases or the cost of borrowings increases, this will have a negative impact on earnings. Net interest income is also directly impacted by the size and performance of our asset portfolio.
- *Credit quality of our assets* Effective asset and portfolio management is essential to maximize the performance and value of a real estate/mortgage investment. Maintaining the credit quality of our loans and investments is of critical importance. Loans that do not perform in accordance with their terms may have a negative impact on earnings and liquidity.
- *Cost control* We seek to minimize our operating costs, which consist primarily of employee compensation and related costs, management fees and other general and administrative expenses. If there are increases in foreclosures and non-performing loans and investments, certain of these expenses, particularly employee compensation expenses and asset management related expenses, may increase.

Recent Developments

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Loan and Investment Activity We originated 14 loans totaling \$209.9 million with a weighted average interest rate of 8.15% and acquired a defaulted first mortgage for \$116.0 million with a default interest rate of 9.95%. We received full satisfaction of 11 loans totaling \$140.1 million with a weighted average interest rate of 8.93% and partial paydowns on four loans totaling \$33.8 million with a weighted average interest rate of 3.51%. We also recognized provision for loan losses totaling \$1.0 million.

Financing Activities The following events occurred during the first quarter of 2015 and are described in more detail in Note 7 Debt Obligations of this report:

- We completed the unwind of two legacy collateralized debt obligations (CDO I and CDO II) and a collateralized loan obligation (CLO II) redeeming \$344.9 million of outstanding notes and generating approximately \$30.0 million of cash equity previously held in these vehicles. The notes were redeemed primarily through a new \$150.0 million warehouse repurchase facility and our existing facilities as well as cash held by these vehicles. In connection with unwinding these vehicles, we recorded an \$11.0 million gain on the acceleration of deferred income, a \$4.3 million loss on the termination of swaps related to these vehicles and \$2.0 million of accelerated deferred financing costs for a net gain of \$4.7 million.

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- We closed our fourth collateralized securitization vehicle (CLO IV) totaling \$300.0 million of real estate related assets and cash. An aggregate of \$219.0 million of investment-grade notes were issued and we retained an \$81.0 million equity interest in the portfolio. We used a portion of the proceeds from CLO IV to substantially pay down our credit facilities.
- We also added a one-year, \$87.0 million warehouse repurchase facility to finance the acquisition of a \$116.0 million defaulted first mortgage and added a one-year, \$25.0 million warehouse facility to finance first mortgage loans on multifamily properties.

Equity Investment Transactions In the first quarter of 2015, we invested \$9.6 million in a joint venture with our Manager for a non-controlling interest in a residential mortgage banking business. We also invested \$3.6 million through this joint venture in non-qualified residential mortgages purchased from the mortgage banking business's origination platform. We recorded equity income of \$3.0 million from these investments in the first quarter of 2015. See Note 5 Investments in Equity Affiliates of this report.

Real Estate Owned Assets In the first quarter of 2015, we sold two real estate properties classified as held-for-sale for \$18.8 million and recognized a total gain of \$4.0 million.

Subsequent Event The \$116.0 million defaulted first mortgage acquired in the first quarter of 2015 was paid off in April 2015. As a result of this transaction, we repaid the \$87.0 million warehouse facility and expect to recognize approximately \$6.5 million of income in the second quarter of 2015.

Current Market Conditions, Risks and Recent Trends

Our ability to execute our business strategy, particularly the growth of our portfolio of loans and investments, is dependent on many factors, including our ability to access capital and financing on favorable terms. Although U.S. economic and market conditions have generally improved over the past several years, the overall market recovery remains uncertain. The impact of the previous economic downturn had a significant negative impact on both us and our borrowers. If economic conditions weaken in the future, it may limit our options for raising capital and obtaining financing on favorable terms and may also adversely impact the creditworthiness of our borrowers which could result in their inability to repay their loans.

The capital markets began to substantially open up in 2012 and access to the equity and debt markets continue to improve. We rely on these markets to generate capital for financing the growth of our business. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we closed a fourth collateralized securitization offering, whereby we issued \$219.0 million of investment grade notes. We also entered into three new financing facilities for total availability of \$262.0 million. While there can be no assurance that we will continue to have access to the equity and debt markets, we will continue to pursue these and other available market opportunities as a means to increase our liquidity and capital base. If we were to experience another prolonged downturn in the stock or credit markets, it could cause us to seek alternative sources of potentially less attractive financing, and may require us to adjust our business plan accordingly.

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The commercial real estate markets continue to improve, but uncertainty remains as a result of global market instability, the current political climate and other matters and their potential impact on the U.S. economy. If real estate values decline again, it may limit our new mortgage loan originations since borrowers often use increases in the value of their existing properties to support the purchase or investment in additional properties. Declining real estate values may also significantly increase the likelihood that we will incur losses on our loans in the event of default because the value of our collateral may be insufficient to cover our cost on the loan. Any sustained period of increased payment delinquencies, foreclosures or losses could adversely affect both our net interest income from loans as well as our ability to originate, sell and securitize loans, which would significantly impact our revenues, results of operations, financial condition, business prospects and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

During the first quarter of 2015, we recorded \$1.0 million of new provision for loan losses, primarily due to declining collateral values, and less than \$0.1 million in net recoveries of reserves. During fiscal year 2014, we recorded \$9.0 million of new provisions for loan losses and \$9.3 million in net recoveries of reserves. In addition,

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during the first quarter of 2014 we recorded impairment losses on a real estate owned asset of \$0.3 million. We have made, and continue to make modifications and extensions to loans when it is economically feasible to do so. In some cases, a modification is a more viable alternative to foreclosure proceedings when a borrower cannot comply with loan terms. In doing so, lower borrower interest rates, combined with non-performing loans, would lower our net interest margins when comparing interest income to our costs of financing. However, since 2013, the levels of modifications and extensions have declined and repayments of loans increased as borrowers' access to financing improved. If the markets were to deteriorate and another prolonged economic downturn was to occur, we believe there could be additional loan modifications and delinquencies, which may result in reduced net interest margins and additional losses throughout our sector.

Refer to our 2014 Annual Report for additional risk factors.

Primary Sources of Operating Revenues

We derive our operating revenues primarily through interest received from making real estate-related bridge, mezzanine and junior participation loans and preferred equity investments. For the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, interest income earned on these loans and investments represented 76% and 71%, respectively, of our total revenues.

Property operating income is derived from our hotel and multifamily real estate owned assets. For the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, property operating income represented 24% and 26%, respectively, of our total revenues. The operation of a portfolio of hotel properties that we own is seasonal with the majority of revenues earned in the first two quarters of the calendar year.

Changes in Financial Condition

Assets Comparison of balances at March 31, 2015 to December 31, 2014:

Cash and cash equivalents increased \$55.0 million primarily due to proceeds from the unwinding of CLO II, CDO I and CDO II, the addition of new debt facilities as well as loan payoffs and interest from our investments, net of funding new loan originations and investments and payment of distributions to our stockholders.

Restricted cash decreased \$191.3 million primarily due to the unwinding of CLO II, CDO I and CDO II as well as the timing of loan payoffs received in CDO III and is net of issuance proceeds available from our fourth CLO. Restricted cash is kept on deposit with the trustees for our CLOs and CDO, and primarily represents proceeds received from loan payoffs and paydowns that have not yet been disbursed to bondholders or redeployed into new assets, as well as unfunded loan commitments and interest payments received from loans.

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Our loan and investment portfolio balance, including our available-for-sale securities, was \$1.75 billion and \$1.59 billion at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. The increase in our portfolio balance was primarily due to loan originations, including the acquisition of a \$116.0 million defaulted first mortgage, exceeding loan payoffs by \$152.0 million.

Our portfolio had a weighted average current interest pay rate of 5.47% and 5.44% at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. Including certain fees and costs associated with the loan and investment portfolio, the weighted average current interest rate was 6.07% and 6.16%, respectively. Advances on our financing facilities totaled \$1.25 billion and \$1.23 billion at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, with a weighted average funding cost of 3.39% and 3.65%, respectively, which excludes changes in the market value of certain interest rate swaps and financing costs. Including the financing costs, the weighted average funding rate was 3.81% and 4.07%, respectively.

Loan and investment activity during the three months ended March 31, 2015 was primarily comprised of:

- Originated 14 loans totaling \$209.9 million with a weighted average interest rate of 8.15%.
- Acquired a first mortgage note for \$116.0 million with a default interest rate of 9.95%.

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- Received full satisfaction of 11 loans totaling \$140.1 million that had a weighted average interest rate of 8.93% and partial paydowns on four loans totaling \$33.8 million with a weighted average interest rate of 3.51%.
- Modified two loans totaling \$30.0 million resulting in a decrease in the weighted average interest rate from 13.84% to 12.02%.
- Extended four loans totaling \$20.4 million.

Our allowance for loan losses was \$116.5 million at March 31, 2015, an increase of \$1.0 million from December 31, 2014 due to impairments on two loans totaling \$1.0 million.

Investments in equity affiliates increased \$16.3 million as a result of \$13.2 million in total investments we made with our Manager in a residential mortgage banking business and \$3.0 million of equity income recognized on these investments in the first quarter of 2015.

Real estate held-for-sale We sold two real estate properties for a total of \$18.8 million and paid off the related mortgage note payable of \$9.1 million in the first quarter of 2015. We recognized a total gain of \$4.0 million on these sales.

Liabilities Comparison of balances at March 31, 2015 to December 31, 2014:

Credit facilities and repurchase agreements increased \$217.6 million primarily due to adding three new financing facilities with total capacity of \$262.0 million, partially offset by paying down the facilities with a portion of the proceeds from the issuance of CLO IV.

Collateralized loan obligations increased \$42.0 million due to the completion of our fourth collateralized securitization where we issued \$219.0 million of CLO notes, partially offset by the unwind of CLO II totaling \$177.0 million in the first quarter of 2015.

Collateralized debt obligations decreased \$243.7 million due to the unwind of CDO I and CDO II in the first quarter of 2015 as well as proceeds received from CDO loan runoff used to repay CDO III bond investors.

Equity

Equity activity in the first quarter of 2015 consisted of the issuance of 402,694 shares of restricted stock to employees of ours and our Manager, including our chief executive officer, and 63,000 shares to the independent members of the Board of Directors. We also issued up to 445,765 performance-based restricted common stock units to our chief executive officer that vest at the end of a four-year performance period subject to meeting certain total stockholder return objectives. See Note 12 **Equity** of this report.

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As of May 1, 2015, we have \$330.4 million available under our \$500.0 million shelf registration statement that was declared effective by the SEC in August 2013.

The following table presents dividends declared (on a per share basis) for the three months ended March 31, 2015:

| Common Stock | | Preferred Stock | | | | |
|-------------------|----------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|--|
| Declaration Date | Dividend | Declaration Date | Series A | Dividend (1) Series B | Series C | |
| February 11, 2015 | \$ 0.13 | February 2, 2015 | \$ 0.515625 | \$ 0.484375 | \$ 0.53125 | |

(1) The dividend declared on February 2, 2015 for the Series A, B and C preferred stock was for the period December 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015.

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Common Stock On April 29, 2015, the Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.15 per share of common stock, representing a 15.4% increase over the prior quarter dividend of \$0.13 per share. The dividend is payable on June 1, 2015 to common stockholders of record as of the close of business on May 15, 2015.

Preferred Stock On April 29, 2015, the Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.515625 per share of 8.25% Series A preferred stock; a cash dividend of \$0.484375 per share of 7.75% Series B preferred stock; and a cash dividend of \$0.53125 per share of 8.50% Series C preferred stock. These amounts reflect dividends from March 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015 and are payable on June 1, 2015 to preferred stockholders of record on May 15, 2015.

Comparison of Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 and 2014

The following table sets forth our results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014:

| | Three Months Ended | | Increase/(Decrease) | | |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | 2015 | March 31, | 2014 | Amount | Percent |
| | (Unaudited) | | | | |
| Interest income | \$ 27,209,395 | \$ 24,911,855 | \$ 2,297,540 | | 9% |
| Interest expense | 13,927,367 | 10,591,378 | 3,335,989 | | 31% |
| Net interest income | 13,282,028 | 14,320,477 | (1,038,449) | | (7)% |
| Other revenue: | | | | | |
| Property operating income | 8,450,343 | 9,258,088 | (807,745) | | (9)% |
| Other income, net | 36,000 | 858,396 | (822,396) | | (96)% |
| Total other revenue | 8,486,343 | 10,116,484 | (1,630,141) | | (16)% |
| Other expenses: | | | | | |
| Employee compensation and benefits | 4,290,206 | 3,385,949 | 904,257 | | 27% |
| Selling and administrative | 2,897,810 | 1,982,219 | 915,591 | | 46% |
| Property operating expenses | 6,385,088 | 6,997,123 | (612,035) | | (9)% |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,438,677 | 1,811,683 | (373,006) | | (21)% |
| Impairment loss on real estate owned | | 250,000 | (250,000) | | (100)% |
| Provision for loan losses (net of recoveries) | 982,680 | 134,344 | 848,336 | | nm |
| Management fee related party | 2,675,000 | 2,450,000 | 225,000 | | 9% |
| Total other expenses | 18,669,461 | 17,011,318 | 1,658,143 | | 10% |
| Income before gain on acceleration of deferred income, loss on termination of swaps, gain on sale of real estate and income from equity affiliates | 3,098,910 | 7,425,643 | (4,326,733) | | (58)% |
| Gain on acceleration of deferred income | 11,009,162 | | 11,009,162 | | nm |
| Loss on termination of swaps | (4,289,450) | | (4,289,450) | | nm |
| Gain on sale of real estate | 3,984,364 | | 3,984,364 | | nm |
| Income from equity affiliates | 3,095,913 | 40,048 | 3,055,865 | | nm |
| Net income | 16,898,899 | 7,465,691 | 9,433,208 | | 126% |

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|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|------|
| Preferred stock dividends | 1,888,430 | 1,590,930 | 297,500 | 19% |
| Net income attributable to Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. common stockholders | \$ 15,010,469 | \$ 5,874,761 | \$ 9,135,708 | 156% |

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The following table presents the average balance of interest-earning assets and related interest-bearing liabilities, associated interest income and expense and the corresponding weighted average yields (dollars in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | Average | 2015 | W/A Yield/ | Average | 2014 | W/A Yield/ |
| | Carrying | Interest | Financing | Carrying | Interest | Financing |
| | Value (1) | Income/ Expense | Cost (2) | Value (1) | Expense | Cost (2) |
| <i>Interest-earning assets:</i> | | | | | | |
| Bridge loans | \$ 1,337,556 | \$ 22,072 | 6.69% | \$ 1,141,767 | \$ 18,119 | 6.44% |
| Mezzanine / junior participation loans | 172,133 | 2,961 | 6.98% | 349,765 | 4,599 | 5.33% |
| Preferred equity investments | 128,292 | 2,094 | 6.62% | 116,376 | 2,080 | 7.25% |
| Securities | 2,100 | 6 | 1.07% | 9,362 | 52 | 2.25% |
| Core interest-earning assets | 1,640,081 | 27,133 | 6.71% | 1,617,270 | 24,850 | 6.23% |
| Cash equivalents | 185,856 | 76 | 0.17% | 161,119 | 62 | 0.16% |
| Total interest-earning assets | \$ 1,825,937 | 27,209 | 6.04% | \$ 1,778,389 | 24,912 | 5.68% |
| <i>Interest-bearing liabilities:</i> | | | | | | |
| Warehouse lines | \$ 273,557 | 2,154 | 3.19% | \$ 165,916 | 1,302 | 3.18% |
| CLO | 503,617 | 5,465 | 4.40% | 264,500 | 2,311 | 3.54% |
| CDO | 132,134 | 2,622 | 8.05% | 532,164 | 5,023 | 3.83% |
| Trust preferred | 175,858 | 1,419 | 3.27% | 175,858 | 1,392 | 3.21% |
| Unsecured debt | 112,860 | 2,241 | 8.05% | 20,000 | 477 | 9.67% |
| Other non-recourse | 2,000 | 26 | 5.24% | 4,663 | 64 | 5.57% |
| Securities financing | | | | 4,808 | 22 | 1.86% |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | \$ 1,200,026 | 13,927 | 4.71% | \$ 1,167,909 | 10,591 | 3.68% |
| Net interest income | | \$ 13,282 | | | \$ 14,321 | |

(1) Based on UPB for loans, amortized cost for securities and principal amount for debt.

(2) Weighted average yield calculated based on annualized interest income or expense divided by average carrying value.

Net Interest Income

Interest income increased \$2.3 million, or 9%, for the three months ended March 31, 2015 as compared to the same period in 2014. This increase was primarily due to an 8% increase in the average yield on core interest-earning assets from 6.23% for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to 6.71% for the three months ended March 31, 2015, primarily due to \$2.4 million of fee income from accelerated runoff. The increase was also due to a 1% increase in our average core interest-earning assets from \$1.62 billion for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$1.64 billion for the three months ended March 31, 2015, primarily due to loan originations exceeding loan payoffs.

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Interest expense increased \$3.3 million, or 31%, for the three months ended March 31, 2015 as compared to the same period in 2014. The average cost of these interest-bearing liabilities increased 28% from 3.68% for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to 4.71% for the three months ended March 31, 2015, primarily due to the acceleration of \$2.0 million of fees from the unwind of our CLO II, CDO I and CDO II vehicles, as well as the issuance of \$97.9 million of senior unsecured notes in May and August 2014 and an overall increase in our CDO debt cost as a result of runoff in these vehicles, the proceeds of which are used to paydown low cost debt within these CDO s. The increase was also due to a 3% increase in the average balance of our interest-bearing liabilities from \$1.17 billion for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$1.20 billion for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The increase in the average balance was primarily due to the issuances of senior unsecured notes in May 2014 and August 2014.

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Other Revenue

Property operating results (income less expenses) are comprised of our Multifamily and Hotel Portfolios. Property operating results decreased \$0.2 million, or 9%, for the three months ended March 31, 2015 as compared to the same period in 2014, primarily due to the sale of four Multifamily properties and one Hotel property during 2014 and the first quarter of 2015.

Other income, net decreased \$0.8 million, or 96%, for the three months ended March 31, 2015, as compared to the same period in 2014. During the first quarter of 2014, we recognized a \$0.5 million gain on the sale of RMBS investments held as available-for-sale.

Other Expenses

Employee compensation and benefits expense increased \$0.9 million, or 27%, for the three months ended March 31, 2015 as compared to the same period in 2014, primarily due to stock-based compensation of \$0.7 million associated with grants of restricted stock to our employees and a grant of performance-based restricted stock units to our chief executive officer in the first quarter of 2015.

Selling and administrative expense increased \$0.9 million, or 46%, for the three months ended March 31, 2015 as compared to the same period in 2014. These costs include, but are not limited to, professional and consulting fees, marketing costs, insurance expense, travel and placement fees, director's fees, licensing fees and stock-based compensation relating to our directors and certain employees of our Manager. This increase was primarily due to stock-based compensation of \$0.9 million in the first quarter of 2015.

Provision for loan losses (net of recoveries) totaled \$1.0 million and \$0.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. During the first quarter of 2015, we recognized a \$1.0 million provision for loan losses related to two loans and recorded net recoveries of previously recorded loan losses of less than \$0.1 million, resulting in a provision for loan losses, net of recoveries of \$1.0 million. During the first quarter of 2014, we recognized a \$1.0 million provision for loan losses related to one loan and recorded net recoveries of previously recorded loan losses of \$0.9 million, resulting in a provision for loan losses, net of recoveries of \$0.1 million.

Management fees – related party increased \$0.2 million, or 9%, for the three months ended March 31, 2015 as compared to the same period in 2014. These amounts represent compensation in the form of base management fees, on a cost reimbursement basis.

Gain on Acceleration of Deferred Income / Loss on Termination of Swaps

In connection with the unwind of CDO I and II in the first quarter of 2015, we recorded an \$11.0 million gain that was previously deferred due to the reissuance of CDO I and CDO II bonds in 2010 as a result of a deferral of the gain from the extinguishment of trust preferred debt. See Note 7 – Debt Obligations for more details about this gain. We also terminated the basis and interest rate swaps associated with these CDOs and

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recognized a loss of \$4.3 million. See Note 8 [Derivative Financial Instruments](#) for more details about the swap termination.

Gain on Sale of Real Estate

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we sold a real estate property in our Multifamily Portfolio for \$12.4 million and recognized a gain of \$3.0 million, and sold a property in our Hotel Portfolio for \$6.4 million and recognized a gain of \$1.0 million.

Income from Equity Affiliates

Income from equity affiliates of \$3.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 consists primarily of income recognized on a new investment we made in the first quarter of 2015. We invested \$9.6 million for a 22.5% indirect interest in a mortgage banking business and also invested \$3.6 million through this joint venture in non-qualified residential mortgages purchased from the mortgage banking business's origination platform. See Note 5 [Investments in Equity Affiliates](#) of this report for more details.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

Sources of Liquidity

Liquidity is a measurement of the ability to meet potential cash requirements. Our short-term and long-term liquidity needs include ongoing commitments to repay borrowings, fund future loans and investments, fund additional cash collateral from potential declines in the value of a portion of our interest rate swaps, fund operating costs and distributions to our stockholders as well as other general business needs. Our primary sources of funds for liquidity consist of proceeds from equity and debt offerings, debt facilities and cash flows from our operations. Our equity sources, depending on market conditions, consist of proceeds from capital market transactions including the issuance of common, convertible and/or preferred equity securities. Our debt facilities include the issuance of floating rate notes resulting from our CDOs and CLOs, the issuance of senior unsecured notes and junior subordinated notes and borrowings under warehousing facilities. Net cash flows from operations include interest income from our loan and investment portfolio reduced by interest expense on our debt facilities, cash generated from our real estate operations, cash from other investments reduced by expenses, repayments of outstanding loans and investments and funds from junior loan participation arrangements.

We believe our existing sources of funds will be adequate for meeting our short-term and long-term liquidity needs. A majority of our loans and investments are financed under existing debt obligations and their credit status is continuously monitored; therefore, these loans and investments are expected to generate a generally stable return. Our ability to meet our long-term liquidity and capital resource requirements is subject to obtaining additional debt and equity financing. Any decision by our lenders and investors to enter into such transactions with us will depend upon a number of factors, such as our financial performance, compliance with the terms of our existing credit arrangements, industry or market trends, the general availability of and rates applicable to financing transactions, such lenders' and investors' resources and policies concerning the terms under which they make such capital commitments and the relative attractiveness of alternative investment or lending opportunities.

While we have been successful in obtaining proceeds from debt and equity offerings, CLOs and certain financing facilities, current conditions in the capital and credit markets have and may continue to make certain forms of financing less attractive and, in certain cases, less available. Therefore we will continue to rely, in part, on cash flows provided by operating and investing activities for working capital.

To maintain our status as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code, we must distribute annually at least 90% of our REIT taxable income. These distribution requirements limit our ability to retain earnings and thereby replenish or increase capital for operations. However, we believe that our capital resources and access to financing will provide us with financial flexibility and market responsiveness at levels sufficient to meet current and anticipated capital requirements.

Cash Flows

We generated cash flows from operating activities of \$2.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, a decrease of \$2.3 million from the same period in 2014 primarily due to timing of payments and receipts related to our operating assets and liabilities.

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Cash used in investing activities totaled \$148.7 million during the three months ended March 31, 2015. We originated 15 new loans totaling \$325.9 million; the majority of these loans were multifamily bridge loans. Including net amounts for additional funding on existing loans, holdbacks, etc., total loan volume was \$329.5 million. Loan originations outpaced loan payoffs and paydowns of \$175.0 million, resulting in net cash outflow of \$154.5 million related to our loan and investment portfolio. We also invested \$13.3 million in two new equity investments in a residential mortgage banking business. Significant cash inflows during the first quarter of 2015 included proceeds of \$18.5 million from the sale of two real estate owned properties.

Cash flows provided by financing activities totaled \$201.5 million during the three months ended March 31, 2015. Significant cash inflows during the first quarter of 2015 included proceeds of \$409.8 million from the utilization of our debt facilities to fund new loan originations and our CDO/CLO activity, including adding three new term facilities with total availability of \$262.0 million, and proceeds of \$219.0 million from the issuance of

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CLO IV. Significant cash inflows also included a decline in restricted cash balances of \$190.3 million primarily from the CDO/CLO unwinds in the first quarter and proceeds of \$27.2 million from the refinancing of a mortgage on our real estate owned assets. Significant cash outflows during the first quarter of 2015 included \$232.7 million as a result of redeeming our CDO I and CDO II notes as well as payoffs on our CDO III vehicle, which is past its replenishment period, \$191.3 million in payoffs and paydowns on our debt facilities and \$177.0 million in CLO payoffs as a result of redeeming our CLO II notes. We also made payments totaling \$31.0 million on a mortgage note related to our real estate owned assets and paid distributions totaling \$8.5 million to our common and preferred stockholders.

Debt Facilities

We maintain various forms of short-term and long-term financing arrangements. Borrowings underlying these arrangements are primarily secured by a significant amount of our loans and investments. The following is a summary of our debt facilities as of March 31, 2015:

| Debt Facilities | Commitment | March 31, 2015 | | Maturity Dates | |
|---|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------|
| | | Debt Carrying Value | Available | | |
| Credit facilities and repurchase agreements | \$ 512,024,993 | \$ 397,975,374 | \$ 114,049,619 | 2015 | 2017 |
| Collateralized loan obligations (1)(3) | 500,250,000 | 500,250,000 | | 2017 | 2018 |
| Collateralized debt obligation (2)(3) | 87,659,614 | 87,659,614 | | 2017 | |
| Senior unsecured notes | 97,860,025 | 97,860,025 | | 2021 | |
| Junior subordinated notes (4) | 159,969,563 | 159,969,563 | | 2034 | 2037 |
| Notes payable | 2,300,000 | 2,300,000 | | 2015 | 2016 |
| | \$ 1,360,064,195 | \$ 1,246,014,576 | \$ 114,049,619 | | |

(1) In the first quarter of 2015, we completed the CLO IV vehicle, issuing \$219.0 million of notes.

(2) In the first quarter of 2015, we completed the unwind of our CDO I, CDO II and CLO II vehicles, redeeming \$344.9 million of our outstanding notes primarily with new and existing financing facilities as well as CDO and CLO cash.

(3) Maturity dates represent the weighted average remaining maturity based on the underlying collateral as of December 31, 2014.

(4) Represents a total face amount of \$175.9 million less a total deferred amount of \$15.9 million.

These debt facilities, including their restrictive covenants, are described in further detail in Note 7 Debt Obligations.

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Our CDO and CLO vehicles contain interest coverage and asset over collateralization covenants that must be met as of the waterfall distribution date in order for us to receive such payments. If we fail these covenants our CDO or any of our CLOs, all cash flows from the applicable CDO or CLO would be diverted to repay principal and interest on the outstanding CDO or CLO bonds and we would not receive any residual payments until that CDO or CLO regained compliance with such tests. Our CDO and CLOs were in compliance with all such covenants as of March 31, 2015 as well as on the most recent determination dates in April 2015. In the event of a breach of the CDO or CLO covenants that could not be cured in the near-term, we would be required to fund our non-CDO or non-CLO expenses, including management fees and employee costs, distributions required to maintain our REIT status, debt costs, and other expenses with (i) cash on hand, (ii) income from any CLO not in breach of a covenant test, (iii) income from real property and loan assets, (iv) sale of assets, or (v) or accessing the equity or debt capital markets, if available. We have the right to cure covenant breaches, which would resume normal residual payments to us by purchasing non-performing loans out of the CDO or CLOs. However, we may not have sufficient liquidity available to do so at such time.

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Contractual Commitments

For the three months ended March 31, 2015, we had all of the material contractual obligations referred to in our 2014 Annual Report, excluding the debt that was repaid as described in Note 7 Debt Obligations. In addition, we had the following material contractual obligations that were executed during the three months ended March 31, 2015:

- **Collateralized Loan Obligations** We closed our fourth CLO totaling \$300.0 million of real estate related assets and cash. We issued \$219.0 million of investment grade notes in this CLO. The notes have an initial weighted average interest rate of 2.24% plus one-month LIBOR. We also completed the unwind of our CLO II vehicle, redeeming \$177.0 million of our outstanding notes.
- **Collateralized Debt Obligations** We completed the unwind of our CDO I and CDO II vehicles, redeeming \$167.9 million of our outstanding notes.
- **Credit Facilities and Repurchase Agreements** We entered into a \$150.0 million warehouse repurchase facility which matures in two years and bears interest at LIBOR plus 2.125% on senior mortgage loans and LIBOR plus 3.50% on junior mortgage loans, an \$87.0 million repurchase facility that bears interest at a LIBOR floor of .25% plus 2.50% and a \$25.0 million warehouse facility which matures in one year and bears interest at LIBOR plus 2.00%. The \$87.0 million facility was repaid in April 2015.

All of the material contractual obligations identified above are described in more detail in Note 7 Debt Obligations. Refer to Note 11 Commitments and Contingencies for a description of our debt maturities by year and our unfunded commitments as of March 31, 2015.

Agreements and Transactions with Related Parties

We have a management agreement with our Manager, pursuant to which our Manager provides certain services and we pay our Manager a base management fee and under certain circumstances, an annual incentive fee. We incurred \$2.7 million and \$2.5 million of base management fees for services rendered in the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The base management fee is an arrangement whereby we reimburse our Manager for its actual costs incurred in managing our business based on the parties' agreement in advance on an annual budget with subsequent quarterly true-ups to actual costs. All origination fees on investments are retained by us.

In addition, we have conducted many transactions with our Manager and other parties that are deemed related party transactions. The details of the management agreement and related party transactions are described in Note 14 Agreements and Transactions with Related Parties of this report.

In June 2013, our Board of Directors formed a special committee consisting of independent directors in connection with the exploration and evaluation of a potential transaction with our Manager involving the acquisition of the Manager's Fannie Mae, DUS, FHA and CMBS platforms, as well as the internalization of the management of our current business. There were preliminary discussions between the special committee and representatives of our Manager regarding a potential transaction during the second and third quarter of 2013. In connection therewith, the special committee engaged legal, financial and accounting advisors resulting in approximately \$1.4 million of advisory fees during 2013. In late June of 2014, preliminary discussions regarding a possible transaction resumed but we cannot provide any assurance whether any transaction between us and our Manager will occur, or if a transaction did occur, any information on the timing, terms or form of any such transaction, including the amount or type of consideration (including the issuance of common stock) or related financing. No advisory fees or other related fees were incurred during 2014 or the three months ended March 31, 2015.

Critical Accounting Policies

Please refer to the section of our 2014 Annual Report entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Significant Accounting Estimates and Critical Accounting Policies" for a discussion of our critical accounting policies. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, there were no material changes to these policies.

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We present funds from operations (FFO) and adjusted funds from operations (AFFO) because we believe they are important supplemental measures of our operating performance in that they are frequently used by analysts, investors and other parties in the evaluation of REITs. The National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, or NAREIT, defines FFO as net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders (computed in accordance with GAAP), excluding gains (losses) from sales of depreciated real properties, plus impairments of depreciated properties and real estate related depreciation and amortization, and after adjustments for unconsolidated ventures.

We define AFFO as funds from operations adjusted for accounting items such as non-cash stock-based compensation expense, as well as the add-back of impairment losses on real estate and gains/losses on sales of real estate. We are generally not in the business of operating real estate owned property and have obtained real estate by foreclosure or through partial or full settlement of mortgage debt related to our loans to maximize the value of the collateral and minimize our exposure. Therefore, we deem such impairment and gains/losses on real estate as an extension of the asset management of our loans, thus a recovery of principal or additional loss on our initial investment.

FFO and AFFO are not intended to be an indication of our cash flow from operating activities (determined in accordance with GAAP) or a measure of our liquidity, nor is it entirely indicative of funding our cash needs, including our ability to make cash distributions. Our calculation of FFO and AFFO may be different from the calculations used by other companies and, therefore, comparability may be limited.

FFO and AFFO for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 are as follows:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Net income attributable to Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. common stockholders | \$ 15,010,469 | \$ 5,874,761 |
| Subtract: | | |
| Gain on sale of real estate | (3,984,364) | |
| Add: | | |
| Impairment loss on real estate owned | | 250,000 |
| Depreciation real estate owned and held-for-sale | 1,438,677 | 1,811,683 |
| Depreciation investments in equity affiliates | 46,310 | 69,370 |
| FFO | \$ 12,511,092 | \$ 8,005,814 |
| Subtract: | | |
| Impairment loss on real estate owned | | (250,000) |
| Add: | | |
| Gain on sale of real estate | 3,984,364 | |
| Stock-based compensation | 1,692,066 | 147,016 |
| AFFO | \$ 18,187,522 | \$ 7,902,830 |
| Diluted FFO per common share | \$ 0.25 | \$ 0.16 |
| Diluted AFFO per common share | \$ 0.36 | \$ 0.16 |

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Diluted weighted average shares outstanding

50,832,736

49,752,813

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We disclosed a quantitative and qualitative analysis regarding market risk in the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in our 2014 Annual Report. That information is supplemented by the information included above in Item 2 of this report. Other than the developments described thereunder, there have been no material changes in our quantitative and qualitative exposure to market risk since December 31, 2014.

The following table projects the potential impact on interest income and interest expense for a 12-month period, and the potential change in fair value of our derivative financial instruments as of March 31, 2015, assuming an instantaneous increase or decrease of both 25 and 50 basis points in LIBOR and forward interest rate curves, adjusted for the effects of our interest rate hedging activities.

| | Assets (Liabilities) Subject to Interest Rate Sensitivity (1) | 25 Basis Point Increase | 25 Basis Point Decrease (2) | 50 Basis Point Increase | 50 Basis Point Decrease (2) |
|--|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Interest income from loans and investments | \$ 1,745,219,538 | \$ 2,378,304 | \$ (585,032) | \$ 5,186,122 | \$ (585,032) |
| Interest expense from debt obligations | (1,253,663,779) | 2,559,437 | (1,804,403) | 5,118,874 | (1,804,403) |
| Total net interest income | | \$ (181,133) | \$ 1,219,371 | \$ 67,248 | \$ 1,219,371 |
| Fair value of derivative financial instruments | \$ (8,742,580) | \$ 533,524 | \$ (522,271) | \$ 1,077,560 | \$ (996,336) |

(1) Represents the unpaid principal balance of our loan portfolio and the net fair value of our derivative financial instruments, which includes interest rate swaps, basis swaps and LIBOR caps.

(2) Assumes the LIBOR rate will not decrease below zero. The quoted one-month LIBOR rate was 0.18% as of March 31, 2015.

A significant portion of our loans and borrowings are variable-rate instruments based on LIBOR. However, a portion of our loan portfolio is fixed-rate or is subject to interest rate floors that limit the impact of a change in interest rates. In addition, certain of our borrowings are also fixed rate or are subject to interest rate swaps that hedge our exposure to interest rate risk on fixed rate loans financed with variable rate debt. As a result, the impact of a change in interest rates may be different on our interest income than it is on our interest expense.

Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures at March 31, 2015. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2015.

No change in internal control over financial reporting occurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2015 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, internal controls over financial reporting.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are not involved in any material litigation nor, to our knowledge, is any material litigation threatened against us other than the litigation described in Note 11 Commitments and Contingencies. We have not made a loss accrual for this litigation because we believe that it is not probable that a loss has been incurred and an amount cannot be reasonably estimated.

Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes to the risk factors set forth in Item 1A of our 2014 Annual Report.

Item 6. EXHIBITS

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|-------------------|---|
| 10.1 | Indenture, dated February 27, 2015, by and between Arbor Realty Commercial Real Estate Notes 2015-FL1, LTD., Arbor Realty Commercial Real Estate Notes 2015-FL1 LLC, Arbor Realty SR, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association. |
| 10.2 | Loan Obligation Purchase Agreement, dated February 27, 2015, by and between Arbor Realty SR, Inc. and Arbor Realty Commercial Real Estate Notes 2015-FL1, LTD. |
| 10.3 | Co-Placement Agreement, dated February 20, 2015, by and between Arbor Realty Commercial Real Estate Notes 2015-FL1, LTD., Arbor Realty Commercial Real Estate Notes 2015-FL1 LLC, J.P. Morgan and Sandler O'Neill & Partners, L.P. |
| 10.4 | Annual Incentive Agreement, dated January 1, 2015, by and between Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. and Ivan Kaufman. |
| 10.5 | Amendment No. 1 to Second Amended and Restated Management and Advisory Agreement, dated January 1, 2015, by and among Arbor Realty Trust, Inc., Arbor Commercial Mortgage, LLC, Arbor Realty Limited Partnership and Arbor Realty SR, Inc. |
| 31.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14. |
| 31.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14. |
| 32.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 32.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 101.1 | Financial statements from the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. for the quarter ended March 31, 2015, filed on May 1, 2015, formatted in XBRL: (i) the Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Income, (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, (iv) the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity, (v) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows and (vi) the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. |

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SIGNATURES

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

ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Ivan Kaufman

Name: Ivan Kaufman
Title: Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Paul Elenio

Name: Paul Elenio
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 1, 2015