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CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION REPORTS 1ST QUARTER 2021 EARNINGS

- 1ST QUARTER GAAP NET INCOME OF \$0.54 PER COMMON SHARE
- 1ST QUARTER CORE EARNINGS⁽¹⁾ OF \$0.36 PER COMMON SHARE
- GAAP BOOK VALUE OF \$11.44 PER COMMON SHARE
- BOARD INCREASED SECOND QUARTER DIVIDEND BY 10% TO \$0.33 PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK

NEW YORK - (BUSINESS WIRE) - Chimera Investment Corporation (NYSE:CIM) today announced its financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2021. The Company's GAAP net income for the first quarter was \$139 million, or \$0.54 per common share. Core earnings⁽¹⁾ for the first quarter ended March 31, 2021 was \$87 million, or \$0.36 per common share.

“This quarter we took many proactive steps towards portfolio optimization and the expansion of Chimera’s core earnings. Through re-securitization activity, we lowered the financing cost and freed up capital for future accretive investments”, said Mohit Marria, Chimera’s CEO and Chief Investment Officer. “Securitization of our mortgage assets provides Chimera with low-cost, long-term, non-recourse financing. We expect the re-securitizations from this quarter to benefit our portfolio for a long period of time.”

(1) Core earnings per adjusted diluted common share is a non-GAAP measure. See additional discussion on page 5.

Other Information

Chimera Investment Corporation is a publicly traded real estate investment trust, or REIT, that is primarily engaged in the business of investing directly or indirectly through our subsidiaries, on a leveraged basis, in a diversified portfolio of mortgage assets, including residential mortgage loans, Non-Agency RMBS, Agency CMBS, Agency RMBS, and other real estate related securities.

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
(dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)
(Unaudited)

	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 317,489	\$ 269,090
Non-Agency RMBS, at fair value (net of allowance for credit losses of \$54 thousand and \$180 thousand, respectively)	2,013,478	2,150,714
Agency RMBS, at fair value	86,354	90,738
Agency CMBS, at fair value	1,355,289	1,740,368
Loans held for investment, at fair value	12,808,012	13,112,129
Accrued interest receivable	77,562	81,158
Other assets	41,078	78,822
Total assets ⁽¹⁾	\$ 16,699,262	\$ 17,523,019
Liabilities:		
Secured financing agreements (\$5.7 billion and \$6.7 billion pledged as collateral, respectively)	\$ 4,045,912	\$ 4,636,847
Securitized debt, collateralized by Non-Agency RMBS (\$479 million and \$505 million pledged as collateral, respectively)	107,367	113,433
Securitized debt at fair value, collateralized by loans held for investment (\$12.1 billion and \$12.4 billion pledged as collateral, respectively)	8,734,372	8,711,677
Long term debt	51,772	51,623
Payable for investments purchased	76,534	106,169
Accrued interest payable	24,855	40,950
Dividends payable	77,355	77,213
Accounts payable and other liabilities	14,597	5,721
Total liabilities ⁽¹⁾	\$ 13,132,764	\$ 13,743,633
Stockholders' Equity:		
Preferred Stock, par value of \$0.01 per share, 100,000,000 shares authorized:		
8.00% Series A cumulative redeemable: 5,800,000 shares issued and outstanding, respectively (\$145,000 liquidation preference)	\$ 58	\$ 58
8.00% Series B cumulative redeemable: 13,000,000 shares issued and outstanding, respectively (\$325,000 liquidation preference)	130	130
7.75% Series C cumulative redeemable: 10,400,000 shares issued and outstanding, respectively (\$260,000 liquidation preference)	104	104
8.00% Series D cumulative redeemable: 8,000,000 shares issued and outstanding, respectively (\$200,000 liquidation preference)	80	80
Common stock: par value \$0.01 per share; 500,000,000 shares authorized, 230,553,340 and 230,556,760 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	2,306	2,306
Additional paid-in-capital	4,320,419	4,538,029
Accumulated other comprehensive income	493,651	558,096
Cumulative earnings	4,039,485	3,881,894
Cumulative distributions to stockholders	(5,289,735)	(5,201,311)
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 3,566,498	\$ 3,779,386
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 16,699,262	\$ 17,523,019

(1) The Company's consolidated statements of financial condition include assets of consolidated variable interest entities ("VIEs") that can only be used to settle obligations and liabilities of the VIE for which creditors do not have recourse to the primary beneficiary (Chimera Investment Corporation). As of March 31, 2021, and December 31, 2020, total assets of consolidated VIEs were \$11,736,522 and \$12,165,017, respectively, and total liabilities of consolidated VIEs were \$8,113,248 and \$8,063,110, respectively.

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

(Unaudited)

	For the Quarters Ended	
	March 31, 2021	March 31, 2020
Net interest income:		
Interest income ⁽¹⁾	\$ 243,127	\$ 300,266
Interest expense ⁽²⁾	108,066	142,083
Net interest income	135,061	158,183
Increase/(decrease) in provision for credit losses	(126)	6,314
Other investment gains (losses):		
Net unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives	—	201,000
Realized gains (losses) on terminations of interest rate swaps	—	(463,966)
Net realized gains (losses) on derivatives	—	(41,086)
Net gains (losses) on derivatives	—	(304,052)
Net unrealized gains (losses) on financial instruments at fair value	270,012	(260,887)
Net realized gains (losses) on sales of investments	37,796	75,854
Gains (losses) on extinguishment of debt	(237,137)	—
Total other gains (losses)	70,671	(489,085)
Other expenses:		
Compensation and benefits	13,439	12,934
General and administrative expenses	5,198	5,137
Servicing and asset manager fees	9,281	10,530
Transaction expenses	16,437	4,906
Total other expenses	44,355	33,507
Income (loss) before income taxes	161,503	(370,723)
Income taxes	3,912	32
Net income (loss)	\$ 157,591	\$ (370,755)
Dividends on preferred stock	18,438	18,438
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	\$ 139,153	\$ (389,193)
Net income (loss) per share available to common shareholders:		
Basic	\$ 0.60	\$ (2.08)
Diluted	\$ 0.54	\$ (2.08)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:		
Basic	230,567,231	187,018,602
Diluted	261,435,081	187,018,602

(1) Includes interest income of consolidated VIEs of \$158,100 and \$174,681 for the quarters ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

(2) Includes interest expense of consolidated VIEs of \$65,205 and \$64,629 for the quarters ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

(Unaudited)

	For the Quarters Ended	
	March 31, 2021	March 31, 2020
Comprehensive income (loss):		
Net income (loss)	\$ 157,591	\$ (370,755)
Other comprehensive income:		
Unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities, net	(38,652)	(199,204)
Reclassification adjustment for net realized losses (gains) included in net income	(25,793)	(6,641)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(64,445)	(205,845)
Comprehensive income (loss) before preferred stock dividends	\$ 93,146	\$ (576,600)
Dividends on preferred stock	\$ 18,438	\$ 18,438
Comprehensive income (loss) available to common stock shareholders	\$ 74,708	\$ (595,038)

Core earnings

Core earnings is a non-GAAP measure and is defined as GAAP net income excluding unrealized gains on the aggregate portfolio, provision for credit losses, interest expense on long term debt, impairment losses, realized gains on sales of investments, realized gains or losses on futures, realized gains or losses on swap terminations, gain on deconsolidation, extinguishment of debt and expenses incurred in relation to securitizations. In addition, stock compensation expense charges incurred on awards to retirement eligible employees is reflected as an expense over a vesting period (36 months) rather than reported as an immediate expense.

As defined, core earnings include interest income and expense, as well as periodic cash settlements on interest rate swaps used to hedge interest rate risk and other expenses. Core earnings is inclusive of preferred dividend charges, compensation and benefits (adjusted for awards to retirement eligible employees), general and administrative expenses, servicing fees, as well as income tax expenses incurred during the period. Management believes that the presentation of core earnings provides investors with a useful measure but has important limitations. We believe core earnings as described above helps us evaluate our financial performance period over period without the impact of certain transactions but is of limited usefulness as an analytical tool. Therefore, core earnings should not be viewed in isolation and is not a substitute for net income or net income per basic share computed in accordance with GAAP. In addition, our methodology for calculating core earnings may differ from the methodologies employed by other REITs to calculate the same or similar supplemental performance measures, and accordingly, our reported core earnings may not be comparable to the core earnings reported by other REITs.

The following table provides GAAP measures of net income and net income per diluted share available to common stockholders for the periods presented and details with respect to reconciling the line items to core earnings and related per average diluted common share amounts. Core earnings is presented on an adjusted dilutive shares basis. The adjusted dilutive shares used for core earnings is a non-GAAP measure which includes the GAAP dilutive shares of 261 million, adjusted for the dilutive effect of approximately 20 million shares on warrants issued in second quarter of 2020. We exclude the dilutive effect of the warrants as the warrant holders do not participate in dividends. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation.

	For the Quarters Ended				
	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	September 30, 2020	June 30, 2020	March 31, 2020
	(dollars in thousands, except per share data)				
GAAP Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 139,153	\$ 128,797	\$ 348,891	\$ (73,393)	\$ (389,193)
Adjustments:					
Interest expense on long term debt	1,076	1,197	1,495	4,391	—
Increase (decrease) in provision for credit losses	(126)	13	(1,650)	(4,497)	6,314
Net unrealized (gains) losses on derivatives	—	—	—	—	(201,000)
Net unrealized (gains) losses on financial instruments at fair value	(270,012)	(61,379)	(260,766)	171,921	260,887
Net realized (gains) losses on sales of investments	(37,796)	329	(65,041)	(26,380)	(75,854)
(Gains) losses on extinguishment of debt	237,137	(919)	55,794	(459)	—
Realized (gains) losses on terminations of interest rate swaps	—	—	—	—	463,966
Net realized (gains) losses on Futures ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	—	34,700
Transaction expenses	16,437	3,827	1,624	4,710	4,906
Stock Compensation expense for retirement eligible awards	661	(225)	(275)	(273)	1,189
Core Earnings	\$ 86,530	\$ 71,640	\$ 80,072	\$ 76,020	\$ 105,915
GAAP net income per diluted common share	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.49	\$ 1.32	\$ (0.37)	\$ (2.08)
Core earnings per adjusted diluted common share ⁽²⁾	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.56

(1) Included in net realized gains (losses) on derivatives in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

(2) We note that core and taxable earnings will typically differ, and may materially differ, due to differences on realized gains and losses on investments and related hedges, credit loss recognition, timing differences in premium amortization, accretion of discounts, equity compensation and other items.

The following tables provide a summary of the Company's MBS portfolio at March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

March 31, 2021

	Principal or Notional Value at Period-End (dollars in thousands)	Weighted Average Amortized Cost Basis	Weighted Average Fair Value	Weighted Average Coupon	Weighted Average Yield at Period-End ⁽¹⁾
Non-Agency RMBS					
Senior	\$ 1,498,212	\$ 50.29	80.26	4.5 %	17.1 %
Subordinated	857,925	65.62	69.26	3.8 %	6.5 %
Interest-only	4,850,934	4.74	4.47	1.6 %	14.7 %
Agency RMBS					
Interest-only	1,199,688	9.52	7.20	1.6 %	1.1 %
Agency CMBS					
Project loans	1,196,682	101.72	111.40	4.2 %	4.1 %
Interest-only	1,114,212	1.79	1.99	0.6 %	7.8 %

(1) Bond Equivalent Yield at period end.

December 31, 2020

	Principal or Notional Value at Period-End (dollars in thousands)	Weighted Average Amortized Cost Basis	Weighted Average Fair Value	Weighted Average Coupon	Weighted Average Yield at Period-End ⁽¹⁾
Non-Agency RMBS					
Senior	\$ 1,560,135	\$ 50.65	\$ 81.90	4.5 %	16.9 %
Subordinated	905,674	62.46	67.43	3.8 %	6.3 %
Interest-only	5,628,240	4.43	4.66	1.5 %	16.2 %
Agency RMBS					
Interest-only	1,262,963	9.41	7.18	1.7 %	1.6 %
Agency CMBS					
Project loans	1,527,621	101.81	112.23	4.1 %	3.8 %
Interest-only	1,326,665	1.78	1.95	0.6 %	8.4 %

(1) Bond Equivalent Yield at period end.

At March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the secured financing agreements collateralized by MBS and Loans held for investment had the following remaining maturities and borrowing rates.

	March 31, 2021			December 31, 2020		
	(dollars in thousands)					
	Principal ⁽¹⁾	Weighted Average Borrowing Rates	Range of Borrowing Rates	Principal ⁽¹⁾	Weighted Average Borrowing Rates	Range of Borrowing Rates
Overnight	\$ —	NA	NA	\$ —	NA	NA
1 to 29 days	1,460,163	1.46%	0.10% - 7.97%	1,521,134	0.38%	0.20% - 2.72%
30 to 59 days	315,543	2.03%	1.95% - 2.44%	481,257	4.35%	2.42% - 6.61%
60 to 89 days	314,203	2.37%	1.15% - 2.61%	352,684	2.78%	1.34% - 6.30%
90 to 119 days	431,222	3.28%	1.76% - 4.50%	301,994	7.97%	7.97% - 7.97%
120 to 180 days	370,538	2.06%	1.60% - 2.40%	595,900	5.29%	2.40% - 6.26%
180 days to 1 year	44,344	2.36%	2.36% - 2.36%	345,204	3.60%	3.25% - 4.50%
1 to 2 years	746,478	4.11%	2.86% - 4.38%	—	NA	NA
2 to 3 years	—	NA	NA	642,696	4.91%	1.65% - 7.00%
Greater than 3 years	363,421	5.56%	5.56% - 5.56%	395,978	5.56%	5.56% - 5.56%
Total	\$ 4,045,912	2.69%		\$ 4,636,847	3.41%	

(1) The values for secured financing agreements in the table above is net of \$4 million and \$8 million of deferred financing cost as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively.

The following table summarizes certain characteristics of our portfolio at March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
GAAP Leverage at period-end	3.6:1	3.6:1
GAAP Leverage at period-end (recourse)	1.1:1	1.2:1

	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
	Amortized Cost		Fair Value	
Portfolio Composition				
Non-Agency RMBS	10.3 %	10.2 %	12.4 %	12.6 %
Senior	5.0 %	5.0 %	7.4 %	7.5 %
Subordinated	3.8 %	3.6 %	3.7 %	3.6 %
Interest-only	1.5 %	1.6 %	1.3 %	1.5 %
Agency RMBS	0.8 %	0.7 %	0.5 %	0.5 %
Pass-through	— %	— %	— %	— %
Interest-only	0.8 %	0.7 %	0.5 %	0.5 %
Agency CMBS	8.2 %	10.0 %	8.3 %	10.2 %
Project loans	8.1 %	9.9 %	8.2 %	10.0 %
Interest-only	0.1 %	0.1 %	0.1 %	0.2 %
Loans held for investment	80.7 %	79.1 %	78.8 %	76.7 %
Fixed-rate percentage of portfolio	95.0 %	94.9 %	93.6 %	93.2 %
Adjustable-rate percentage of portfolio	5.0 %	5.1 %	6.4 %	6.8 %

Economic Net Interest Income

Our “Economic net interest income” is a non-GAAP financial measure, that equals interest income, less interest expense and realized losses on our interest rate swaps. Realized losses on our interest rate swaps are the periodic net settlement payments made or received. For the purpose of computing economic net interest income and ratios relating to cost of funds measures throughout this section, interest expense includes net payments on our interest rate swaps, which is presented as a part of Realized gains (losses) on derivatives in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income. Interest rate swaps are used to manage the increase in interest paid on repurchase agreements in a rising rate environment. Presenting the net contractual interest payments on interest rate swaps with the interest paid on interest-bearing liabilities reflects our total contractual interest payments. We believe this presentation is useful to investors because it depicts the economic value of our investment strategy by showing actual interest expense and net interest income. Where indicated, interest expense, including interest payments on interest rate swaps, is referred to as economic interest expense. Where indicated, net interest income reflecting interest payments on interest rate swaps, is referred to as economic net interest income.

The following table reconciles the GAAP and non-GAAP measurements reflected in the Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

	GAAP Interest Income	GAAP Interest Expense	Net Realized (Gains) Losses on Interest Rate Swaps	Interest Expense on Long Term Debt	Economic Interest Expense	GAAP Net Interest Income	Net Realized Gains (Losses) on Interest Rate Swaps	Other ⁽¹⁾	Economic Net Interest Income
For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2021	\$ 243,127	\$ 108,066	\$ —	\$ (1,076)	\$ 106,990	\$ 135,061	\$ —	\$ 1,065	\$ 136,126
For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2020	\$ 236,156	\$ 120,285	\$ —	\$ (1,197)	\$ 119,088	\$ 115,871	\$ —	\$ 1,177	\$ 117,048
For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2020	\$ 247,905	\$ 124,557	\$ —	\$ (1,495)	\$ 123,062	\$ 123,348	\$ —	\$ 1,487	\$ 124,835
For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2020	\$ 245,922	\$ 129,256	\$ —	\$ (4,391)	\$ 124,865	\$ 116,666	\$ —	\$ 4,358	\$ 121,024
For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2020	\$ 300,266	\$ 142,083	\$ 6,385	\$ —	\$ 148,468	\$ 158,183	\$ (6,385)	\$ (1,266)	\$ 150,532

(1) Primarily interest expense on Long term debt and interest income on cash and cash equivalents.

The table below shows our average earning assets held, interest earned on assets, yield on average interest earning assets, average debt balance, economic interest expense, economic average cost of funds, economic net interest income, and net interest rate spread for the periods presented.

	For the Quarter Ended					
	March 31, 2021			March 31, 2020		
	(dollars in thousands)			(dollars in thousands)		
	Average Balance	Interest	Average Yield/Cost	Average Balance	Interest	Average Yield/Cost
Assets:						
Interest-earning assets ⁽¹⁾:						
Agency RMBS	\$ 116,517	\$ 317	1.1 %	\$ 4,652,843	\$ 42,663	3.7 %
Agency CMBS	1,360,895	26,607	7.8 %	2,204,435	20,698	3.8 %
Non-Agency RMBS	1,577,137	55,800	14.2 %	1,883,781	61,014	13.0 %
Loans held for investment	12,253,034	160,392	5.2 %	13,716,833	174,625	5.1 %
Total	\$ 15,307,583	\$ 243,116	6.4 %	\$ 22,457,892	\$ 299,000	5.3 %
Liabilities and stockholders' equity:						
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Secured financing agreements collateralized by:						
Agency RMBS	\$ 66,951	\$ 149	0.9 %	\$ 4,406,106	\$ 27,114	2.5 %
Agency CMBS	1,236,361	580	0.2 %	2,112,244	12,361	2.3 %
Non-Agency RMBS	1,002,935	12,479	5.0 %	1,384,095	9,666	2.8 %
Loans held for investment	2,253,811	24,216	4.3 %	3,852,347	32,890	3.4 %
Securitized debt	8,588,423	69,566	3.2 %	8,079,597	66,437	3.3 %
Total	\$ 13,148,481	\$ 106,990	3.3 %	\$ 19,834,389	\$ 148,468	3.0 %
Economic net interest income/net interest rate spread		\$ 136,126	3.1 %		\$ 150,532	2.3 %
Net interest-earning assets/net interest margin	\$ 2,159,102		3.6 %	\$ 2,623,503		2.7 %
Ratio of interest-earning assets to interest bearing liabilities		1.16			1.13	

(1) Interest-earning assets at amortized cost

(2) Interest includes net cash paid/received on swaps

The table below shows our Net Income and Economic Net Interest Income as a percentage of average stockholders' equity and Core Earnings as a percentage of average common stockholders' equity. Return on average equity is defined as our GAAP net income (loss) as a percentage of average equity. Average equity is defined as the average of our beginning and ending stockholders' equity balance for the period reported. Economic Net Interest Income and Core Earnings are non-GAAP measures as defined in previous sections

	Return on Average Equity	Economic Net Interest Income/ Average Equity *	Core Earnings/ Average Common Equity
(Ratios have been annualized)			
For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2021	17.16 %	14.82 %	12.62 %
For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2020	15.76 %	12.53 %	10.21 %
For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2020	41.43 %	14.08 %	12.24 %
For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2020	(6.62)%	14.58 %	12.72 %
For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2020	(41.21)%	16.73 %	15.88 %

* Includes effect of realized losses on interest rate swaps and excludes long term debt expense.

The following table presents changes to Accretible Discount (net of premiums) as it pertains to our Non-Agency RMBS portfolio, excluding premiums on IOs, during the previous five quarters.

Accretible Discount (Net of Premiums)	For the Quarters Ended				
	(dollars in thousands)				
	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	September 30, 2020	June 30, 2020	March 31, 2020
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 409,690	\$ 422,981	\$ 410,447	\$ 438,232	\$ 494,255
Accretion of discount	(24,023)	(21,281)	(20,045)	(22,508)	(24,784)
Purchases	—	758	2,096	—	(4,336)
Sales and deconsolidation	(41,651)	98	—	(23,425)	438
Transfers from/(to) credit reserve, net	14,546	7,134	30,483	18,148	(27,341)
Balance, end of period	\$ 358,562	\$ 409,690	\$ 422,981	\$ 410,447	\$ 438,232

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