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CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION REPORTS 2ND QUARTER 2020 EARNINGS

- GAAP NET LOSS OF \$(0.37) PER COMMON SHARE
- CORE EARNINGS⁽¹⁾ OF \$0.32 PER COMMON SHARE
- GAAP BOOK VALUE OF \$10.63 PER COMMON SHARE
- FINANCED NEARLY \$2 BILLION OF NON-AGENCY SECURITIES ON NON-MARK-TO-MARKET FACILITIES
- REMOVED THE MARK-TO-MARKET WAREHOUSE FINANCING RISK OF OUR NON-SECURITIZED RESIDENTIAL LOAN PORTFOLIO THROUGH THREE SECURITIZATIONS AND A NEW NON-MARK-TO-MARKET FACILITY

NEW YORK - (BUSINESS WIRE) - Chimera Investment Corporation (NYSE:CIM) today announced its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2020. The Company's GAAP net loss for the second quarter was \$(73) million, or \$(0.37) per common share. Core earnings⁽¹⁾ for the second quarter was \$76 million, or \$0.32 per common share.

We entered into three non-mark-to-market facilities to finance approximately \$2 billion of our non-agency portfolio, including our risk retention securities. We also entered into a limited mark-to-market facility to finance roughly \$611 million of non-agency securities. As a result of these actions approximately 54% of our non-agency borrowings are not subject to full mark-to-market risk. In addition, we have increased the weighted average day to maturity of our non-agency financing from 223 days in the first quarter to 698 days in the second quarter. As of the end of the second quarter, more than 42% of our non-agency financings have terms longer than 1 year.

Additionally, we removed the mark-to-market warehouse financing risk of our non-securitized residential loan portfolio by completing two loan securitizations during the second quarter totaling approximately \$715 million, one loan securitization in July for approximately \$338 million, and one non-mark-to market loan facility which financed the remaining \$393 million of residential loans.

"During the second quarter we prioritized our focus on liquidity and non-mark-to-market and longer-term financing arrangements," said Matthew Lambiase, President and Chief Executive Officer. "This strategy has allowed us to retain high-yielding assets, provide time for asset price recovery, while remaining positioned for opportunistic investments."

(1) Core earnings is a non-GAAP measure. See additional discussion on page 6.

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)

	June 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 302,553	\$ 109,878
Non-Agency RMBS, at fair value (net of allowance for credit losses of \$2 million and \$0 million, respectively)	2,184,170	2,614,408
Agency RMBS, at fair value	107,263	6,490,293
Agency CMBS, at fair value	2,612,344	2,850,717
Loans held for investment, at fair value	13,036,833	14,292,815
Receivable for investments sold	—	446,225
Accrued interest receivable	89,387	116,423
Other assets	115,601	194,301
Derivatives, at fair value, net	—	3,611
Total assets ⁽¹⁾	\$ 18,448,151	\$ 27,118,671
Liabilities:		
Secured financing agreements (\$7.8 billion and \$15.4 billion pledged as collateral, respectively)	\$ 5,944,201	\$ 13,427,545
Securitized debt, collateralized by Non-Agency RMBS (\$524 million and \$598 million pledged as collateral, respectively)	124,414	133,557
Securitized debt at fair value, collateralized by loans held for investment (\$12.2 billion and \$12.1 billion pledged as collateral, respectively)	8,530,111	8,179,608
Long Term Debt	71,600	—
Payable for investments purchased	246,770	1,256,337
Accrued interest payable	41,336	63,600
Dividends payable	75,554	98,568
Accounts payable and other liabilities	18,286	6,163
Total liabilities ⁽¹⁾	\$ 15,052,272	\$ 23,165,378
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, 232,003,526 and 187,226,081 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	2,320	1,873
Additional paid-in-capital	4,515,043	4,275,963
Accumulated other comprehensive income	537,510	708,336
Cumulative earnings	3,367,330	3,793,040
Cumulative distributions to stockholders	(5,026,696)	(4,826,291)
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 3,395,879	\$ 3,953,293
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 18,448,151	\$ 27,118,671

(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 June 30, 2020, and December 31, 2019, total assets of consolidated VIEs were \$12,578,835 and \$12,544,744, respectively, and total liabilities of consolidated VIEs were \$8,431,077 and \$8,064,235, respectively.

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

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

(Unaudited)

	For the Quarters Ended		For the Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019
Net interest income:				
Interest income ⁽¹⁾	\$ 245,922	\$ 339,914	\$ 546,189	\$ 690,303
Interest expense ⁽²⁾	129,256	198,110	271,339	401,060
Net interest income	116,666	141,804	274,850	289,243
Increase/(decrease) in provision for credit losses	(4,497)	—	1,817	—
Net other-than-temporary credit impairment losses	—	—	—	(4,853)
Other investment gains (losses):				
Net unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives	—	(132,171)	201,000	(221,486)
Realized gains (losses) on terminations of interest rate swaps	—	(95,211)	(463,966)	(203,257)
Net realized gains (losses) on derivatives	—	(9,697)	(41,086)	(16,974)
Net gains (losses) on derivatives	—	(237,079)	(304,052)	(441,717)
Net unrealized gains (losses) on financial instruments at fair value	(171,921)	190,748	(432,809)	391,561
Net realized gains (losses) on sales of investments	26,380	(7,526)	102,234	1,077
Gains (losses) on extinguishment of debt	459	(608)	459	(608)
Total other gains (losses)	(145,082)	(54,465)	(634,168)	(49,687)
Other expenses:				
Compensation and benefits	10,255	12,114	23,190	26,484
General and administrative expenses	6,562	6,217	12,239	12,019
Servicing fees	9,473	9,280	19,462	18,243
Transaction expenses	4,710	813	9,616	895
Total other expenses	31,000	28,424	64,507	57,641
Income (loss) before income taxes	(54,919)	58,915	(425,642)	177,062
Income taxes	36	155	68	155
Net income (loss)	\$ (54,955)	\$ 58,760	\$ (425,710)	\$ 176,907
Dividends on preferred stock	18,438	18,438	36,875	35,829
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	\$ (73,393)	\$ 40,322	\$ (462,585)	\$ 141,078
Net income (loss) per share available to common shareholders:				
Basic	\$ (0.37)	\$ 0.22	\$ (2.39)	\$ 0.75
Diluted	\$ (0.37)	\$ 0.21	\$ (2.39)	\$ 0.75
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:				
Basic	199,282,790	187,153,007	193,150,696	187,132,842
Diluted	199,282,790	188,271,483	193,150,696	188,254,266

(1) Includes interest income of consolidated VIEs of \$169,127 and \$200,703 for the quarters ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively and \$343,809 and \$407,814 for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

(2) Includes interest expense of consolidated VIEs of \$70,816 and \$87,529 for the quarters ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively and \$135,445 and \$178,556 for the six months ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

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

(Unaudited)

	For the Quarters Ended		For the Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019
Comprehensive income (loss):				
Net income (loss)	\$ (54,955)	\$ 58,760	\$ (425,710)	\$ 176,907
Other comprehensive income:				
Unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities, net ⁽¹⁾	61,399	58,833	(137,805)	85,218
Reclassification adjustment for net losses included in net income for other-than-temporary credit impairment losses	—	—	—	4,853
Reclassification adjustment for net realized losses (gains) included in net income	(26,380)	7,269	(33,021)	22,187
Other comprehensive income (loss)	35,019	66,102	(170,826)	112,258
Comprehensive income (loss) before preferred stock dividends	\$ (19,936)	\$ 124,862	\$ (596,536)	\$ 289,165
Dividends on preferred stock	\$ 18,438	\$ 18,438	\$ 36,875	\$ 35,829
Comprehensive income (loss) available to common stock shareholders	\$ (38,374)	\$ 106,424	\$ (633,411)	\$ 253,336

(1) Quarter ended and six months ended June 30, 2020 amounts includes \$8 million and \$15 million, respectively, of unrealized losses on AFS securities for which the Company has recognized an allowance for credit losses.

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. The 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 199 million, adjusted for potentially dilutive shares of 43 million less the dilutive effect of approximately 5 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				
	June 30, 2020	March 31, 2020	December 31, 2019	September 30, 2019	June 30, 2019
	(dollars in thousands, except per share data)				
GAAP Net income available to common stockholders	\$ (73,393)	\$ (389,193)	\$ 111,881	\$ 87,888	\$ 40,322
Adjustments:					
Interest expense on long term debt	4,391	—	—	—	—
Increase (decrease) in provision for credit losses	(4,497)	6,314	—	—	—
Net unrealized (gains) losses on derivatives	—	(201,000)	(83,656)	(31,620)	132,171
Net unrealized (gains) losses on financial instruments at fair value	171,921	260,887	112,751	(130,825)	(190,748)
Net realized (gains) losses on sales of investments	(26,380)	(75,854)	(17,687)	(1,596)	7,526
(Gains) losses on extinguishment of debt	(459)	—	(9,926)	—	608
Realized (gains) losses on terminations of interest rate swaps	—	463,966	8,353	148,114	95,211
Net realized (gains) losses on Futures ⁽¹⁾	—	34,700	(8,229)	19,138	13,544
Transaction expenses	4,710	4,906	6,639	3,415	812
Stock Compensation expense for retirement eligible awards	(273)	1,189	(45)	(145)	(144)
Core Earnings	\$ 76,020	\$ 105,915	\$ 120,081	\$ 94,369	\$ 99,302
GAAP net income per diluted common share	\$ (0.37)	\$ (2.08)	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.21
Core earnings per adjusted diluted common share	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.53

(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 June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019.

June 30, 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	\$ 1,697,252	\$ 51.81	79.06	4.6%	16.8%
Subordinated	893,311	62.91	58.51	3.6%	6.4%
Interest-only	6,380,154	4.31	5.01	1.5%	15.5%
Agency RMBS					
Interest-only	1,425,919	9.16	7.52	1.4%	2.1%
Agency CMBS					
Project loans	2,297,301	101.71	111.97	3.8%	3.7%
Interest-only	1,690,539	2.40	2.37	0.7%	5.0%

December 31, 2019

	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	\$ 2,024,564	\$ 52.98	\$ 84.01	5.0%	20.8%
Subordinated	876,592	63.15	71.25	3.7%	6.9%
Interest-only	7,458,653	4.04	3.87	1.1%	8.4%
Agency RMBS					
Pass-through	6,080,547	102.15	104.64	4.0%	3.4%
Interest-only	1,539,941	9.06	8.29	1.6%	4.0%
Agency CMBS					
Project loans	2,621,938	101.82	106.86	3.7%	3.6%
Interest-only	1,817,246	2.81	2.70	0.7%	4.7%

At June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the repurchase agreements collateralized by MBS and Loans held for investment had the following remaining maturities.

	June 30, 2020			December 31, 2019		
	(dollars in thousands)					
	Principal	Weighted Average Borrowing Rates	Range of Borrowing Rates	Principal	Weighted Average Borrowing Rates	Range of Borrowing Rates
Overnight	\$ —	NA	NA	\$ —	NA	NA
1 to 29 days	2,311,122	0.48%	0.21% - 2.74%	9,709,387	2.26%	1.90% - 3.62%
30 to 59 days	296,041	2.55%	1.97% - 2.67%	800,648	2.96%	2.15% - 3.52%
60 to 89 days ⁽¹⁾	65,390	2.37%	2.15% - 2.43%	608,520	3.00%	2.59% - 3.35%
90 to 119 days	—	NA	NA	—	NA	NA
120 to 180 days	191,904	1.96%	1.66% - 2.93%	809,077	3.38%	3.06% - 3.46%
180 days to 1 year	1,497,192	5.34%	1.68% - 8.74%	580,886	3.42%	3.26% - 3.51%
1 to 2 years	187,187	2.92%	1.68% - 4.50 %	427,981	3.28%	3.19% - 3.30%
2 to 3 years	400,000	7.00%	7.00% - 7.00%	—	NA	NA
Greater than 3 years	794,581	3.91%	1.58% - 5.56 %	491,046	3.20%	3.19% - 3.20%
Total	\$ 5,743,417	2.93%		\$ 13,427,545	2.52%	

(1) June 30, 2020 balance excludes \$201 million principal related to a secured borrowing which will terminate during third quarter of 2020. The fair value of the collateral on this secured borrowing was \$330 million and the interest rate was 18.7%.

The following table summarizes certain characteristics of our portfolio at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019.

	June 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
Interest earning assets at period-end ⁽¹⁾	\$ 17,940,610	\$ 26,248,233
Interest bearing liabilities at period-end	\$ 14,670,326	\$ 21,740,710
GAAP Leverage at period-end	4.3:1	5.5:1
GAAP Leverage at period-end (recourse)	1.8:1	3.4:1
Portfolio Composition, at amortized cost		
Non-Agency RMBS	10.0%	7.9%
Senior	5.1%	4.5%
Subordinated	3.3%	2.2%
Interest-only	1.6%	1.2%
Agency RMBS	0.8%	25.7%
Pass-through	—%	25.1%
Interest-only	0.8%	0.6%
Agency CMBS	13.8%	11.0%
Project loans	13.6%	10.8%
Interest-only	0.2%	0.2%
Loans held for investment	75.4%	55.4%
Fixed-rate percentage of portfolio	94.9%	95.9%
Adjustable-rate percentage of portfolio	5.1%	4.1%

(1) Excludes cash and cash equivalents.

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 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
For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2019	\$ 340,662	\$ 169,203	\$ 5,409	\$ —	\$ 174,612	\$ 171,459	\$ (5,409)	\$ (1,664)	\$ 164,386
For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2019	\$ 330,144	\$ 188,551	\$ 963	\$ —	\$ 189,514	\$ 141,593	\$ (963)	\$ (2,465)	\$ 138,165
For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2019	\$ 339,914	\$ 198,110	\$ (3,923)	\$ —	\$ 194,187	\$ 141,804	\$ 3,923	\$ (2,237)	\$ 143,490

(1) Primarily interest expense/(income) on Long term debt, 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					
	June 30, 2020			June 30, 2019		
	(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	\$ 132,915	\$ 682	2.1%	\$ 8,866,523	\$ 73,652	3.3%
Agency CMBS	2,223,629	20,161	3.6%	2,138,240	19,573	3.7%
Non-Agency RMBS	1,758,255	57,515	13.1%	1,918,451	74,618	15.6%
Loans held for investment	13,202,723	167,531	5.1%	11,906,654	169,834	5.7%
Total	\$ 17,317,522	\$ 245,889	5.7%	\$ 24,829,868	\$ 337,677	5.4%
Liabilities and stockholders' equity:						
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Secured financing agreements collateralized by:						
Agency RMBS	\$ 77,114	\$ 228	1.2%	\$ 8,566,949	\$ 55,147	2.6%
Agency CMBS	2,188,202	2,346	0.4%	1,896,296	11,601	2.4%
Non-Agency RMBS	1,292,934	22,408	6.9%	1,284,996	13,155	4.1%
Loans held for investment	2,978,013	27,338	3.7%	2,892,756	26,755	3.7%
Securitized debt	8,459,641	72,545	3.4%	7,943,504	87,529	4.4%
Total	\$ 14,995,904	\$ 124,865	3.3%	\$ 22,584,501	\$ 194,187	3.4%
Economic net interest income/net interest rate spread		\$ 121,024	2.4%		\$ 143,490	2.0%
Net interest-earning assets/net interest margin	\$ 2,321,618		2.8%	\$ 2,245,367		2.3%
Ratio of interest-earning assets to interest bearing liabilities		1.15			1.10	

(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 June 30, 2020	(6.62)%	14.58%	12.72%
For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2020	(41.21)%	16.73%	15.88%
For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2019	13.12 %	16.55%	15.78%
For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2019	10.68 %	13.88%	12.37%
For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2019	5.93 %	14.49%	13.10%

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

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

Accretable Discount (Net of Premiums)	For the Quarters Ended				
	June 30, 2020	March 31, 2020	December 31, 2019	September 30, 2019	June 30, 2019
	(dollars in thousands)				
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 438,232	\$ 494,255	\$ 494,780	\$ 514,095	\$ 485,040
Accretion of discount	(22,508)	(24,784)	(44,342)	(33,256)	(35,964)
Purchases	—	(4,336)	(12,541)	(13,772)	48,736
Sales and deconsolidation	(23,425)	438	(786)	1,536	409
Transfers from/(to) credit reserve, net	18,148	(27,341)	57,144	26,177	15,874
Balance, end of period	\$ 410,447	\$ 438,232	\$ 494,255	\$ 494,780	\$ 514,095

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