

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION REPORTS 2ND QUARTER 2018 EARNINGS

- 2ND QUARTER GAAP NET INCOME OF \$0.58 PER COMMON SHARE
- 2ND QUARTER CORE EARNINGS⁽¹⁾ OF \$0.59 PER COMMON SHARE
- GAAP BOOK VALUE OF \$17.01 PER COMMON SHARE

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Chimera Investment Corporation (NYSE:CIM) today announced its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2018. The Company's GAAP net income for the second quarter was \$109 million or \$0.58 per common share. Core earnings⁽¹⁾ for the second quarter ended June 30, 2018 was \$110 million or \$0.59 per common share. Economic return on book value for the second quarter was 2.3%.⁽²⁾ The Company sponsored three mortgage loan securitizations during the second quarter for \$948 million and incurred \$2.1 million in securitization deal related expenses.

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"Chimera earned a solid 6.9% total economic return for the first half of 2018," said Matthew Lambiase, Chimera's CEO and President. "Staying true to our core investment strategy, we continue to opportunistically adjust our portfolio, maximizing shareholder value."

- (1) Core earnings is a non-GAAP measure. See additional discussion on page 5.
- (2) Economic return on book value is based on the change in GAAP book value per common share plus the dividend declared per common share.

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.

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CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

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

		une 30, 2018	Decemb 31, 201	
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	90,671	\$ 63,5	569
Non-Agency RMBS, at fair value	2	,593,422	2,851,3	316
Agency MBS, at fair value	6	,989,329	4,364,8	328
Loans held for investment, at fair value	13	,246,521	13,678,2	263
Accrued interest receivable		106,877	100,7	789
Other assets		106,594	114,3	391
Derivatives, at fair value, net		129,341	48,9	914
Total assets ⁽¹⁾	\$23	,262,755	\$21,222,0	070
Liabilities:				
Repurchase agreements (\$10.6 billion and \$8.8 billion, pledged				
as collateral, respectively)	\$ 9	,127,048	\$ 7,250,4	152
Securitized debt, collateralized by Non-Agency RMBS (\$1.3				
billion and \$1.6 billion pledged as collateral, respectively)		179,742	205,7	780
Securitized debt at fair value, collateralized by loans held for				
nvestment (\$13.0 billion and \$13.3 billion pledged as collateral,	_	0.40.000	0.000	
respectively)	9	,340,368	9,388,6	
Payable for investments purchased		784,425	567,4	
Accrued interest payable		71,405	61,8	
Dividends payable		95,807	95,3	
Accounts payable and other liabilities		13,818	17,1	
Derivatives, at fair value, net			3	320
Total liabilities ⁽¹⁾	\$19	,612,613	\$17,587,0)93
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	1	130
Common stock: par value \$0.01 per share; 300,000,000 shares				
authorized, 187,006,450 and 187,809,288 shares issued and				
outstanding, respectively		1,870	•	378
Additional paid-in-capital	3	,816,631	3,826,6	
Accumulated other comprehensive income		671,651	796,9	
Cumulative earnings		,324,968		
Cumulative distributions to stockholders	•	,165,166)	•	<u> </u>
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 3	,650,142	\$ 3,634,9	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$23	,262,755	\$21,222,0	070

(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, 2018 and December 31, 2017, total assets of consolidated VIEs were \$14,455,778 and \$14,987,464, respectively, and total liabilities of consolidated VIEs were \$9,559,149 and \$9,631,820, respectively.

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

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

	I	For the Qua	rte	ers Ended	For the Six Months Ended				
		June 30, 2018		June 30, 2017	June 30, 2018		June 30, 2017		
Net interest income:									
Interest income (1)	\$	306,436	\$	288,644	\$ 603,567	\$	539,988		
Interest expense (2)		161,266		137,955	310,518		248,186		
Net interest income		145,170		150,689	293,049		291,802		
Other-than-temporary									
impairments:									
Total other-than-temporary									
impairment losses		(805)		(749)	(1,099)		(3,462)		
Portion of loss recognized in other									
comprehensive income		(8,326)		(12,760)	(9,190)		(28,748)		
Net other-than-temporary credit									
impairment losses		(9,131)		(13,509)	(10,289)		(32,210)		
Other investment gains (losses):									
Net unrealized gains (losses) on									
derivatives		25,895		5,802	107,314		10,698		
Realized gains (losses) on									
terminations of interest rate swaps				(16,143)	_		(16,143)		
Net realized gains (losses) on		(4.000)		(4.4.404)	44.000		(00,000)		
derivatives		(1,393)		(11,481)	11,693		(20,839)		
Net gains (losses) on derivatives		24,502		(21,822)	119,007		(26,284)		
Net unrealized gains (losses) on		(40.004)			(2.222)				
financial instruments at fair value		(18,364)		67,762	(3,898)		140,005		
Net realized gains (losses) on		0.407		4 = 4 4	0.407		0.700		
sales of investments		2,167		4,541	2,167		9,708		
Gains (losses) on extinguishment		207		(40.04.4)	40.057		(40.044)		
of debt		387		(48,014)	10,057		(48,014)		
Total other gains (losses)		8,692		2,467	127,333		75,415		

Other expenses:								
Compensation and benefits		8,689		7,671		17,100		15,227
General and administrative								
expenses		5,860		4,585		11,349		8,625
Servicing fees		9,943		10,890		21,277	\$	20,478
Deal expenses		2,095		1,345		3,183		12,698
Total other expenses		26,587		24,491		52,909		57,028
Income (loss) before income								
taxes		118,144		115,156		357,184	\$	277,979
Income taxes		36		139		68	\$	155
Net income (loss)	\$	118,108	\$	115,017	\$	357,116	\$	277,824
Dividend on preferred stock		9,400		9,400		18,800		14,683
Net income (loss) available to								
common shareholders	\$	108,708	\$	105,617	\$	338,316	\$	263,141
Net income (loss) per share available to common shareholders:								
Basic	\$	0.58	\$	0.56	\$	1.81	\$	1.40
Diluted	\$	0.58	\$	0.56	\$	1.80	\$	1.40
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:								
Basic	186	6,994,743	1	87,779,406	18	37,272,469	18	37,770,626
Diluted	187	7,422,145	1	88,142,551	18	37,738,443	18	38,169,093
Dividends declared per share of common stock	\$	0.50	\$	0.50	\$	1.00	\$	1.00

⁽¹⁾ Includes interest income of consolidated VIEs of \$229,746 and \$234,437 for the quarters ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively and interest income of consolidated VIEs of \$464,772 and \$427,426 for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

⁽²⁾ Includes interest expense of consolidated VIEs of \$99,507 and \$105,723 for the quarters ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively and interest expense of consolidated VIEs of \$199,121 and \$188,407 for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

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

		Quarters ded		ix Months ded
	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
Comprehensive income (loss):				_
Net income (loss)	\$118,108	\$115,017	\$357,116	\$277,824
Other comprehensive income:				
Unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities, net	(42,341)	41,655	(131,157)	37,744
Reclassification adjustment for net losses				
included in net income for other-than-temporary credit impairment losses	9,131	13,509	10,289	32,210
Reclassification adjustment for net realized	(4.000)	(0.504)	(4.000)	(7 777)
losses (gains) included in net income	(4,383)	,	, ,	
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(37,593)	52,573	(125,251)	62,177
Comprehensive income (loss) before				
preferred stock dividends	\$ 80,515	\$167,590	\$231,865	\$340,001
Dividends on preferred stock	\$ 9,400	\$ 9,400	\$ 18,800	\$ 14,683
Comprehensive income (loss) available to common stock shareholders	\$ 71,115	\$158,190	\$213,065	\$325,318
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Core earnings

Core earnings is a non-GAAP measure and is defined as GAAP net income excluding unrealized gains on the aggregate portfolio, 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 certain other non-recurring gains or losses. As defined, core earnings include interest income and expense as well as realized losses on interest rate swaps used to hedge interest rate risk. Management believes that the presentation of core earnings is useful to investors because it can provide a useful measure of comparability to our other REIT peers, but has important limitations. We believe core earnings as described above helps evaluate our financial performance 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.

The following table provides GAAP measures of net income and net income per basic 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 basic common share amounts:

	June 30, 2018	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017						
	(dollars in thousands, except per share data)										
GAAP Net income available to common stockholders	\$108,708	\$229,607	\$ 98,208	\$ 129,832	\$105,617						
Adjustments:	·	<u> </u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u> </u>	<u> </u>						
Net other-than-temporary credit impairment losses Net unrealized (gains) losses on	9,131	1,158	18,179	11,468	13,509						
derivatives	(25,895)	(81,419)	(28,074)	(9,204)	(5,802)						
Net unrealized (gains) losses on financial instruments at fair value Net realized (gains) losses on	18,364	(14,466)	47,637	(19,042)	(67,762)						
sales of investments	(2,167)	_	586	(1)	(4,541)						
(Gains) losses on extinguishment of debt Realized (gains) losses on	(387)	(9,670)	(12,742)	1	48,014						
terminations of interest rate swaps Net realized (gains) losses on	_	_	_	_	16,143						
Futures (1)	2,210	(16,424)	(8,204)	3,267	6,914						
Core Earnings	\$109,964	, ,	\$115,590	\$ 116,321	\$112,092						
CAAD not income nor basis											
GAAP net income per basic common share	\$ 0.58	\$ 1.22	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.69	\$ 0.56						
Core earnings per basic common share ⁽²⁾	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.60						

- (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, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

Principal or Notional Value Weighted at Period-End Average Weighted Weighted Weighted (dollars in Amortized Average Average Yield at thousands) Cost Basis Fair Value Coupon Period-End ⁽¹⁾		June 30, 201	8
	Notional Value at Period-End (dollars in	Weighted Average Weighted Amortized Average	Weighted Weighted Average Average Yield at

Non-Agency RMBS

Senior	\$	2,522,667 \$	53.23 \$	81.81	4.8%	17.7%
Senior, interes	t-					
only		5,282,885	5.73	4.78	1.4%	9.1%
Subordinated		365,499	56.13	73.00	4.0%	10.8%
Subordinated,						
interest-only		206,557	4.49	5.07	0.9%	11.8%
Agency MBS						
Residential pas	SS-					
through		4,527,730	103.70	101.88	4.0%	3.4%
Commercial						
pass-through		2,300,891	102.08	98.81	3.6%	3.4%
Interest-only		3,010,512	3.65	3.42	0.7%	3.3%

December 31, 2017

	N	Principal or otional Value at Period-End (dollars in thousands)	Weighted Average Amortize Cost Bas	e d	A	verage	Weighted Average Coupon	Weighted Average Yield at Period-End ⁽¹⁾
Non-Agency RMBS								
Senior	\$	2,733,926	\$ 54.0	4	\$	81.62	4.6%	16.7%
Senior, interest-								
only		4,862,461	5.4	1		4.34	1.3%	8.0%
Subordinated		501,455	66.7	7		80.01	4.1%	9.6%
Subordinated,								
interest-only		201,378	3.6	6		3.89	0.8%	11.8%
Agency MBS								
Residential pass-								
through		2,227,128	105.5	3		104.27	3.8%	2.9%
Commercial								
pass-through		1,894,594	102.2	6		102.31	3.6%	3.2%
Interest-only		3,021,840	3.6	8		3.45	0.7%	3.4%

⁽¹⁾ Bond Equivalent Yield at period end.

At June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the repurchase agreements collateralized by MBS had the following remaining maturities.

	June 30,	December 31,							
	2018	2017							
(dollars in thousands)									
\$		- \$							

Overnight

Total	\$ 9,127,048 \$	7,250,452
days	903,883	705,476
Greater than or equal to 120		
90 to 119 days	90,183	
60 to 89 days	1,460,284	592,865
30 to 59 days	1,915,294	1,206,769
1 to 29 days	4,757,404	4,745,342

The following table summarizes certain characteristics of our portfolio at June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

		December 31,
	June 30, 2018	2017
Interest earning assets at period-end (1)	\$22,829,272	\$20,894,407
Interest bearing liabilities at period-end	\$18,647,158	\$16,844,889
GAAP Leverage at period-end	5.1:1	4.6:1
GAAP Leverage at period-end (recourse)	2.5:1	2.0:1
Portfolio Composition, at amortized cost		
Non-Agency RMBS	5.3%	5.9%
Senior	3.0%	2.9%
Senior, interest only	1.4%	1.3%
Subordinated	0.9%	1.7%
Subordinated, interest only	0.0%	0.0%
RMBS transferred to consolidated VIEs	3.2%	4.6%
Agency MBS	32.7%	22.2%
Residential	21.5%	11.8%
Commercial	10.7%	9.8%
Interest-only	0.5%	0.6%
Loans held for investment	58.8%	67.3%
Fixed-rate percentage of portfolio	94.7%	93.7%
Adjustable-rate percentage of portfolio	5.3%	6.3%
Annualized yield on average interest earning assets for the		
periods ended	6.1%	6.3%
Annualized cost of funds on average borrowed funds for the		
periods ended ⁽²⁾	3.6%	3.6%

⁽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

⁽²⁾ Includes the effect of realized losses on interest rate swaps.

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.

			Net					
			Realized			Net Realized		
			(Gains)			Gains		
			Losses on		GAAP	(Losses)		Econorr
	GAAP	GAAP	Interest	Economic	Net	on Interest		Net
	Interest	Interest	Rate	Interest	Interest	Rate	Other	Interes
	Income	Expense	Swaps	Expense	Income	Swaps	(1)	Income
For the Quarter Ended June 30,								
2018	\$306,436	\$161,266	\$ (1,246)	\$ 160,020	\$145,170	\$ 1,246	\$ 436	\$ 146,8
For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2018	\$297,132	\$149,251	\$ 2,612	\$ 151,863	\$147,881	\$ (2,612)	\$ 143	\$ 145,4 ⁻
For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2017		\$144,204		\$ 148,573		,		\$ 153,32
For the Quarter Ended September		<u> </u>	4,000	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	(4,000)	Ψ (01)	<u> </u>
30, 2017		\$140,358	\$ 3,489	\$ 143,847	\$156,455	\$ (3,489)	\$(167)	\$ 152,79

For the
Quarter
Ended
June 30,
2017

\$288,644 \$137,955 \$ 3,486 \$141,441 \$150,689 \$ (3,486) \$(350) \$146,8

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, 2018 (dollars in thousands)			June 30, 2017 (dollars in thousands)			
	Average		Average			Average	
	Balance	Interest	Yield/Cost	Balance	Interest	Yield/Cost	
Assets:							
Interest-earning assets ⁽¹⁾ :							
Agency MBS Non-Agency	\$ 5,149,790	\$ 43,328	3.4%	\$ 3,661,335	\$ 24,289	2.7%	
RMBS Non-Agency RMBS transferred to consolidated	1,146,623	27,133	9.5%	1,335,643	29,567	8.9%	
VIEs Residential mortgage loans	788,432	49,209	25.0%	1,069,509	58,486	21.9%	
held for investment	13,041,746	187,202	5.7%	12,391,023	175,952	5.7%	
Total	\$20,126,591	\$306,872	6.1%	\$18,457,510	\$288,294	6.2%	
Liabilities and stockholders' equity:							
Interest-bearing liabilities: Repurchase agreements collateralized by:							
Agency MBS (2) Non-Agency	\$ 4,780,044	\$ 20,661	1.7%	\$ 3,156,501	\$ 12,190	1.5%	
RMBS	371,968	3,391	3.6%	725,698	5,229	2.9%	

⁽¹⁾ Primarily interest expense/(income) on cash and cash equivalents.

Re-Remic						
repurchase						
agreements	756,931	7,780	4.1%	387,493	3,573	3.7%
RMBS from loan						
securitizations	2,618,381	28,681	4.4%	1,823,189	14,726	3.2%
Securitized debt,						
collateralized by						
Non-Agency						
RMBS	187,355	2,637	5.6%	284,127	5,563	7.8%
Securitized debt,						
collateralized by						
loans	9,168,464	96,870	4.2%			4.1%
Total	\$17,883,143	\$160,020	3.6%	\$16,077,813	\$141,441	3.5%
Economic net						
interest income/net					•	
interest rate spread		\$146,852	2.5%		\$146,853	2.7%
Net interest-						
earning assets/net	A O O O O O O O O O O		0.00/	A 0 0 7 0 0 0 7		0.00/
interest margin	\$ 2,243,448		2.9%	\$ 2,379,697		3.2%
Ratio of interest-						
earning assets to						
interest bearing						
liabilities	1.13			1.15		

- (1) Interest-earning assets at amortized cost
- (2) Interest includes net cash paid/received on swaps

The table below shows our Net Income, Economic Net Interest Income and Core Earnings, each as a percentage of average 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 the Company's beginning and ending equity balance for the period reported. 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. Core Earnings is a non-GAAP measures as defined in previous section.

		Economic Net Interest	Core	
	Return on Income/Average Earnings/Aver			
	Average Equity	Equity Equity * Equ		
	(Ratios have been annualized)			
For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2018	12.91%	16.05%	12.02%	
For the Quarter Ended March 31,				
2018	26.17%	15.92%	11.91%	

For the Quarter Ended December 31,			
2017	11.82%	16.85%	12.70%
For the Quarter Ended September 30,			
2017	15.42%	16.92%	12.88%
For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2017	12.98%	16.57%	12.65%

^{*} Includes effect of realized losses on interest rate swaps.

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.

	For the Quarters Ended					
Accretable Discount (Net of	June 30,	March 31,	December	September	June 30,	
Premiums)	2018	2018	31, 2017	30, 2017	2017	
		(dollars in thousands)				
Balance, beginning of						
period	\$555,444	\$ 582,193	\$ 622,982	\$ 627,724	\$648,659	
Accretion of discount	(38,110)	(37,309)	(39,640)	(43,502)	(42,625)	
Purchases	3,098	_	(2,914)	1,723	(108)	
Sales and deconsolidation	(6,439)	174	_	5,792	212	
Transfers from/(to) credit						
reserve, net	26,276	10,386	1,765	31,245	21,586	
Balance, end of period	\$540,269	\$ 555,444	\$ 582,193	\$ 622,982	\$627,724	

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and costs associated with our business; interruptions in or impairments to our communications and information technology systems; our ability to acquire residential mortgage loans and successfully securitize the residential mortgage loans we acquire; our ability to oversee our third party sub-servicers; the impact of any deficiencies in the servicing or foreclosure practices of third parties and related delays in the foreclosure process; our exposure to legal and regulatory claims; legislative and regulatory actions affecting our business; the impact of new or modified government mortgage refinance or principal reduction programs; our ability to maintain our REIT qualification; and limitations imposed on our business due to our REIT status and our exempt status under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

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