

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION REPORTS 1ST QUARTER 2022 EARNINGS

- 1ST QUARTER GAAP NET LOSS OF \$1.19 PER DILUTED COMMON SHARE
- 1ST QUARTER EARNINGS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION⁽¹⁾ OF \$0.39 PER DILUTED COMMON SHARE WHICH INCLUDES \$0.07 OF INCOME FROM AGENCY CMBS SECURITIES THAT HAVE BEEN CALLED
- GAAP BOOK VALUE OF \$10.15 PER COMMON SHARE

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Chimera Investment Corporation (NYSE:CIM) today announced its financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2022. The Company's GAAP net loss for the first quarter was \$281 million, or \$1.19 per diluted common share. Earnings available for distribution⁽¹⁾ for the first quarter ended March 31, 2022 was \$94 million, or \$0.39 per diluted common.

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"We began to prepare for a higher rate environment in 2021 by maintaining low leverage and optimizing our liability structure which included the re-securitizing \$6 billion of our loans with long-term fixed-rate coupons. As rates began to rise this year, we have begun implementation of the next leg our strategy; to acquire higher yielding residential loans while continuing to obtain long-term financing through securitization", said Mohit Marria, CEO and Chief Investment Officer. "This quarter we committed to acquire \$807 million of residential re-performing loans and sponsored our first securitization of 2022 with \$328 million CIM 2022-R1. We expect these actions to be accretive to earnings immediately."

- (1) Earnings available for distribution per adjusted diluted common share 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 its 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, 2022	December 31, 2021
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	165,728	\$ 385,741
Non-Agency RMBS, at fair value (net of allowance for credit			
losses of \$453 thousand and \$213 thousand, respectively)		1,458,887	1,810,208
Agency RMBS, at fair value		74,104	60,487
Agency CMBS, at fair value		503,231	761,208
Loans held for investment, at fair value		12,905,280	12,261,926
Accrued interest receivable		72,418	69,513
Other assets		61,531	58,320
Total assets ⁽¹⁾	\$	15,241,179	\$15,407,403
Liabilities:			
Secured financing agreements (\$4.5 billion and \$4.4 billion			
pledged as collateral, respectively)	\$	3,424,405	\$ 3,261,613
Securitized debt, collateralized by Non-Agency RMBS (\$337		04.400	07.000
million and \$365 million pledged as collateral, respectively)		84,188	87,999
Securitized debt at fair value, collateralized by Loans held for			
investment (\$11.4 billion and \$11.0 billion pledged as collateral, respectively)			
•		8,010,170	7,726,043
Payable for investments purchased		259,796	477,415
Accrued interest payable		21,422	20,416
Dividends payable		86,560	86,152
Accounts payable and other liabilities		17,910	11,574
Total liabilities ⁽¹⁾	\$	11,904,451	\$11,671,212
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	1		
and outstanding, respectively (\$145,000 liquidation preference) 8.00% Series B cumulative redeemable: 13,000,000 shares issued and outstanding, respectively (\$325,000 liquidation	\$	58	\$ 58
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) Common stock: par value \$0.01 per share; 500,000,000 shares	t	80	80
authorized, 237,044,792 and 236,951,266 shares issued and			
outstanding, respectively		2,370	2,370
Additional paid-in-capital		4,360,340	4,359,045

Accumulated other comprehensive income	364,099	405,054
Cumulative earnings	4,289,214	4,552,008
Cumulative distributions to stockholders	(5,679,667)	(5,582,658)
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 3,336,728 \$	3,736,191
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$15,241,179	515,407,403

(1) The Company's consolidated statements of financial condition include assets of consolidated variable interest entities, or 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, 2022, and December 31, 2021, total assets of consolidated VIEs were \$11,025,170 and \$10,666,591, respectively, and total liabilities of consolidated VIEs were \$7,564,121 and \$7,223,655, respectively.

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

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

	For the Quarters Ended				
	Mar	ch 31, 2022 Mai	rch 31, 2021		
Net interest income:					
Interest income (1)	\$	202,175 \$	243,127		
Interest expense (2)		64,473	108,066		
Net interest income		137,702	135,061		
Increase/(decrease) in provision for					
credit losses		240	(126)		
Other investment gains (losses):					
Net unrealized gains (losses) on					
financial instruments at fair value		(370,167)	270,012		
Net realized gains (losses) on sales of		(0.0,.0.)	2.0,0.2		
investments		_	37,796		
Gains (losses) on extinguishment of			,		
debt		_	(237,137)		
Total other gains (losses)		(370,167)	70,671		
		,			
Other expenses:					
Compensation and benefits		11,353	13,439		
General and administrative expenses		5,711	5,198		
Servicing and asset manager fees		9,291	9,281		
Transaction expenses		3,804	16,437		
Total other expenses		30,159	44,355		

Income (loss) before income taxes		(262,864)	161,503
Income tax expense (benefit)		(70)	3,912
Net income (loss)	\$	(262,794) \$	157,591
Dividends on preferred stock		18,408	18,438
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	\$	(281,202) \$	139,153
Net income (loss) per share available to common shareholders:	е		
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	e \$	(1.19) \$	0.60
to common shareholders:		(1.19) \$ (1.19) \$	0.60 0.54
to common shareholders: Basic	\$		-
to common shareholders: Basic Diluted Weighted average number of	\$		_

- (1) Includes interest income of consolidated VIEs of \$131,066 and \$158,100 for the quarters ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.
- (2) Includes interest expense of consolidated VIEs of \$42,491 and \$65,205 for the quarters ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

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

	For the Quarters Ended						
	Mar	ch 31, 2022Mar	ch 31, 2021				
Comprehensive income (loss):							
Net income (loss)	\$	(262,794) \$	157,591				
Other comprehensive							
income:							
Unrealized gains (losses)							
on available-for-sale							
securities, net		(40,955)	(38,652)				

Reclassification adjustment		
for net realized losses		
(gains) included in net		
income	_	(25,793)
Other comprehensive		
income (loss)	(40,955)	(64,445)
Comprehensive income		
(loss) before preferred		
stock dividends	\$ (303,749) \$	93,146
Dividends on preferred		
stock	\$ 18,408 \$	18,438
Comprehensive income		_
(loss) available to		
common stock		
shareholders	\$ (322,157) \$	74,708

Earnings available for distribution

Earnings available for distribution is a non-GAAP measure and is defined as GAAP net income excluding unrealized gains or losses on financial instruments carried at fair value with changes in fair value recorded in earnings, realized gains or losses on the sales of investments, gains or losses on the extinguishment of debt, interest expense on long term debt, changes in the provision for credit losses, and transaction expenses incurred. 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, Earnings available for distribution is the Economic net interest income, as defined previously, reduced by compensation and benefits expenses (adjusted for awards to retirement eligible employees), general and administrative expenses, servicing and asset manager fees, income tax benefits or expenses incurred during the period, as well as the preferred dividend charges. We view Earnings available for distribution as a consistent measure of our investment portfolio's ability to generate income for distribution to common stockholders. Earnings available for distribution is one of the metrics, but not the exclusive metric, that our board of directors uses to determine the amount, if any, of dividends on our common stock. In addition, Earnings available for distribution is different than REIT taxable income and the determination of whether we have met the requirement to distribute at least 90% of our annual REIT taxable income (subject to certain adjustments) to our stockholders in order to maintain qualification as a REIT is not based on Earnings available for distribution. Therefore, Earnings available for distribution should not be considered as an indication of our REIT taxable income, a guaranty of our ability to pay dividends, or as a proxy for the amount of dividends we may pay, because Earnings available for distribution excludes certain items that impact our cash needs. We believe Earnings available for distribution as described above helps us and investors evaluate our financial performance period over period without the impact of certain transactions. Therefore, Earnings available for distribution 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 Earnings available for distribution may differ from the methodologies employed by other REITs to calculate the same or similar supplemental performance measures, and accordingly, our Earnings available for distribution may not be comparable to the Earnings available for distribution 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 Earnings available for distribution and related per average diluted common share amounts. Earnings available for distribution is presented on an adjusted dilutive shares basis. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation.

	For the Quarters Ended									
	Ma	arch 31, 2022	D	ecember 31, 2021	S	eptember 30, 2021	J	une 30, 2021	M	larch 31, 2021
		(doll	ars	s in thous	an	ds, except	ре	er share o	da	ta)
GAAP Net income (loss) available to common stockholders	\$(2	281,202)	\$	(718)	\$	313,030	\$^	144,883	\$	139,153
Adjustments:										
Net unrealized (gains) losses on financial instruments at fair value	•	370,167		108,286		(239,524)		(36,108)	((270,012)
Net realized (gains) losses on sales of investments	`							(7,517)		(37,796)
(Gains) losses on extinguishment of debt Interest expense on long term		_		(980)		25,622		21,777		237,137
debt Increase (decrease) in		_		_		238		959		1,076
provision for credit losses		240		92		(386)		453		(126)
Transaction expenses		3,804		4,241		3,432		5,745		16,437
Stock Compensation expense for retirement eligible awards		723		(363)		(365)		(361)		661
Earnings available for distribution	\$	93,732	\$	110,558	\$	102,047	\$	129,831	\$	86,530
GAAP net income (loss) per diluted common share	\$	(1.19)	\$	(0.00)	\$	1.30	\$	0.60	\$	0.54
Earnings available for distribution per adjusted diluted common share	\$	0.39	\$	0.46	\$	0.42	\$	0.54	\$	0.36

⁽¹⁾ We note that earnings available for distribution 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, 2022 and December 31, 2021.

March 31, 2022

	Notice at Pe	ncipal or onal Value eriod-End ollars in ousands)	Av Am	eighted verage ortized st Basis	Weighted Average Fair Value	Weighted Average Coupon	Weighted Average Yield at Period-End ⁽¹⁾
Non-Agency RM	1BS						
Senior	\$	1,250,785	\$	47.25	74.28	4.5%	17.7%
Subordinated		512,981		67.98	76.88	4.6%	7.1%
Interest-only		3,644,165		4.97	3.72	1.7%	12.2%
Agency RMBS							
Interest-only		1,501,720		8.13	4.93	1.1%	1.3%
Agency CMBS							
Project loans		329,515		102.01	108.10	4.4%	4.2%
Interest-only		2,779,083		5.55	5.29	0.7%	4.0%

(1) Bond Equivalent Yield at period end.

December 31, 2021

	Notice at P	ncipal or onal Value eriod-End ollars in ousands)	A۱ Am	eighted /erage lortized st Basis	Α	eighted verage iir Value	Weighted Average Coupon	Weighted Average Yield at Period-End ⁽¹⁾
Non-Agency RM	1BS							
Senior	\$	1,283,788	\$	48.02	\$	76.78	4.5%	18.0%
Subordinated		845,432		68.10		77.12	3.8%	7.1%
Interest-only		3,904,665		4.90		4.42	1.7%	13.2%
Agency RMBS								
Interest-only		992,978		10.37		6.09	1.3%	0.3%
Agency CMBS								
Project loans		560,565		101.77		109.61	4.3%	4.1%
Interest-only		2,578,640		5.70		5.69	0.7%	4.6%

⁽¹⁾ Bond Equivalent Yield at period end.

At March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, the secured financing agreements collateralized by MBS and Loans held for investment had the following remaining maturities and borrowing rates.

March 31, 2022 December 31, 2021 (dollars in thousands)

		Weighted Average			Weighted Average	
	Principal (1)	Borrowing Rates	Range of Borrowing Rates	Principal (1)	Borrowing Rates	Range of Borrowing Rates
Overnight	\$ —	NA	NA	\$ —	NA	NA
1 to 29 days			0.30% -			0.11% -
	1,561,598	1.57%	2.35%	1,018,670	0.73%	1.95%
30 to 59 days			0.95% -			1.55% -
	162,097	1.44%	1.67%	379,031	1.66%	1.70%
60 to 89 days			1.49% -			0.90% -
	146,974	2.48%	2.71%	342,790	1.86%	2.35%
90 to 119 days			1.50% -			1.66% -
	78,400	1.50%	1.50%	67,840	1.66%	1.66%
120 to 180 days			1.73% -			0.95% -
	847,135	3.64%	4.38%	157,944	1.38%	1.45%
180 days to 1			0.94% -			1.95% -
year	406,705	2.95%	3.45%	895,210	3.70%	4.38%
1 to 2 years						3.05% -
	_	NA	NA	143,239	3.05%	3.05%
Greater than 3			5.56% -			5.56% -
years	221,496	5.56%	5.56%	256,889	5.56%	5.56%
Total	\$3,424,405	2.53%		\$3,261,613	2.30%	

⁽¹⁾ The principal balance for secured financing agreements in the table above is net of \$3 million of deferred financing cost as of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021.

The following table summarizes certain characteristics of our portfolio at March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021.

	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	
GAAP Leverage at period-end	3.5:1	3.0:1	
GAAP Leverage at period-end			
(recourse)	1.0:1	0.9:1	

	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Portfolio Composition	Amort	tized Cost	Fai	r Value
Non-Agency RMBS	7.8 %	10.1 %	9.7 %	12.1 %
Senior	4.1 %	4.5 %	6.2 %	6.5 %
Subordinated	2.4 %	4.2 %	2.6 %	4.4 %
Interest-only	1.3 %	1.4 %	0.9 %	1.2 %
Agency RMBS	0.8 %	0.8 %	0.5 %	0.4 %

Pass-through	— %	— %	— %	— %
Interest-only	0.8 %	0.8 %	0.5 %	0.4 %
Agency CMBS	3.4 %	5.3 %	3.4 %	5.2 %
Project loans	2.3 %	4.2 %	2.4 %	4.2 %
Interest-only	1.1 %	1.1 %	1.0 %	1.0 %
Loans held for investment	88.0 %	83.8 %	86.4 %	82.3 %
Fixed-rate percentage of				
portfolio	95.8 %	95.4 %	94.9 %	94.4 %
Adjustable-rate percentage				
of portfolio	4.2 %	4.6 %	5.1 %	5.6 %

Economic Net Interest Income

Our Economic net interest income is a non-GAAP financial measure that equals GAAP net interest income adjusted for interest expense on long term debt and any interest earned on cash. We believe this presentation is useful to investors because it depicts the economic value of our investment strategy by showing all components of interest expense and net interest income of our investment portfolio. However, Economic net interest income should not be viewed in isolation and is not a substitute for net interest income computed in accordance with GAAP. Where indicated, interest expense, adjusting for interest payments on long term debt and any interest earned on cash, is referred to as Economic interest expense. Where indicated, net interest income reflecting interest payments on long term debt and any interest earned on cash, is referred to as Economic net interest income.

The following table reconciles the Economic net interest income to GAAP net interest income and Economic interest expense to GAAP interest expense for the periods presented.

	GAAP Interest Income	GAAP Interest Expens	E t	nterest Expense on Long Term Debt	I	conomic nterest Expense	GAAP Net Interest Income		ther (1)	Economic Net Interest Income
For the Quarter										_
Ended March 31, 2022	\$202,175	\$ 64,47	'3 \$	S —	\$	64,473	\$137,702	\$	(18)	\$ 137,684
For the Quarter										_
Ended December 31, 2021	\$221,162	\$ 66,59	8 \$	S —	\$	66,598	\$154,564	\$	(12)	\$ 154,552
For the Quarter										
Ended September 30, 2021	\$220,579	\$ 71,35	3 \$	(239)	\$	71,114	\$149,226	\$	220	\$ 149,446
For the Quarter										_
Ended June 30, 2021	\$252,677	\$ 80,61	0 \$	(959)	\$	79,651	\$172,067	\$	936	\$ 173,003
For the Quarter Ended March 31,										
2021	\$243,127	\$108,06	6 \$	5 (1,076)	\$	106,990	\$135,061	\$1	,065	\$ 136,126

(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 Qua	arter Ended				
	Ma	rch 31, 20	22	December 31, 2021 (dollars in thousands)				
	(dolla	rs in thous	ands)					
	Average		Average	Average		Average		
<u> </u>	Balance	Interest	Yield/Cost	Balance	Interest	Yield/Cost		
Assets:								
Interest-earning assets ⁽¹⁾ :								
Agency RMBS	\$ 113,723	3 \$ 253	0.9%	\$ 104,684	\$ 71	0.3%		
Agency CMBS	559,478	22,870	16.4%	851,886	27,711	13.0%		
Non-Agency RMBS	1,310,359	45,675	13.9%	1,406,876	51,644	14.7%		
Loans held for								
investment	11,599,206	133,359	4.6%	11,498,173	141,724	4.9%		
Total	\$13,582,766	\$202,157	6.0%	\$13,861,619	\$221,150	6.4%		
Liabilities and stockholders' equity:								
Interest-bearing liabilities:								
Secured financing agreements collateralized by:								
Agency RMBS	\$ 20,342	2 \$ 31	0.6%	\$ 23,824	\$ 40	0.7%		
Agency CMBS	435,545		0.2%	731,577	346	0.2%		
Non-Agency RMBS			2.7%	839,898	5,837			
Loans held for	017,20	0,440	2.7 70	000,000	0,007	2.070		
investment	1,948,974	12,839	2.6%	1,872,915	13,281	2.8%		
Securitized debt	7,870,127			8,009,117				
Total	\$11,092,249			\$11,477,331				
TOLAT	φιι,υθΖ,248	ο φ 04,473	2.3%	φιι,4/1,331	\$ 66,598	2.3%		
Economic net				-				
interest income/net interest rate spread		\$137,684	3.7%		\$154,552	4.1%		

interest margin	\$ 2,490,517	4.1%	\$ 2,384,288	4.5%
Ratio of interest-				
earning assets to				

1.21

1.22

(1) Interest-earning assets at amortized cost

interest bearing

liabilities

The table below shows our Net Income and Economic net interest income as a percentage of average stockholders' equity and Earnings available for distribution 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 Earnings available for distribution are non-GAAP measures as defined in previous sections.

		Economic Net	Earnings available	
	Return on	Interest	for	
	Average	Income/Average	distribution/Average	
	Equity	Equity *	Common Equity	
	(Rati	os have been ann	nualized)	
For the Quarter Ended March 31,				
2022	(29.72) %	15.57 %	14.38 %	
For the Quarter Ended December				
31, 2021	1.87 %	16.30 %	15.45 %	
For the Quarter Ended September				
30, 2021	35.47 %	15.99 %	14.54 %	
For the Quarter Ended June 30,				
2021	18.16 %	19.24 %	19.47 %	
For the Quarter Ended March 31,			_	
2021				
	17.16 %	14.82 %	12.62 %	

^{*} 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.

For the Quarters Ended (dollars in thousands)

Accretable Discount

(Net of Premiums)	March	า 31, 2022	December	Sen	tember 30, 2021	Jur	ne 30, 2021	March	31, 20
Balance,	mai oi	101, 2022	01, 2021	ООР	7.0111001 00, 2021	<u> </u>	10 00, 2021	mai oi	101, 20
beginning of									
period	\$	333,546	\$ 352,545	\$	338,024	\$	358,562	\$	409,69
Accretion of									
discount		(19,470)	(22,172)		(21,820)		(37,986)		(24,02
Purchases		_	_		1,995		(3,453)		-
Sales			_		_		(17,123)		(41,65
Elimination							,		•
in									
consolidation		(60,361)	_		_				-
Transfers									
from/(to)									
credit									
reserve, net		4,779	3,173		34,346		38,024		14,54
Balance, end	•								
of period	\$	258,494	\$ 333,546	\$	352,545	\$	338,024	\$	358,56

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which we invest; our ability to maintain existing financing arrangements and our ability to obtain future financing arrangements; our ability to effect our strategy to securitize residential mortgage loans; interest rate mismatches between our investments and our borrowings used to finance such purchases; effects of interest rate caps on our adjustable-rate investments; the degree to which our hedging strategies may or may not protect us from interest rate volatility; the impact of and changes to various government programs, including in response to COVID-19; impact of and changes in governmental regulations, tax law and rates, accounting guidance, and similar matters; market trends in our industry, interest rates, the debt securities markets or the general economy; estimates relating to our ability to make distributions to our stockholders in the future; our understanding of our competition; availability of qualified personnel; our ability to maintain our classification as a real estate investment trust, or, REIT, for U.S. federal income tax purposes; our ability to maintain our exemption from registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or 1940 Act; our expectations regarding materiality or significance; and the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures.

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