

Redwood Trust, Inc.

*Redwood Announces Definitive Agreement to Acquire
CoreVest American Finance Lender LLC*

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Transaction Summary



- On October 14, 2019, Redwood entered into a definitive agreement to acquire CoreVest American Finance Lender LLC¹ (“CoreVest”), a leading nationwide originator and portfolio manager of business-purpose residential loans (BPLs)
- The transaction includes the purchase of the CoreVest operating platform and over \$900 million of related financial assets
- Consideration for the acquisition is approximately \$490 million, net of in-place financing on the financial assets
 - Redwood plans to fund the transaction with a mix of cash on hand and shares of Redwood stock. The Redwood shares are payable to the CoreVest executive management team and vest over a two-year period
- The transaction is expected to close within the next 2-3 business days

(1) Including several of its affiliates.

Transaction Rationale and Benefits



Significantly Expands Our Presence in Business Purpose Lending

- Positions Redwood as a top-tier lender to investors in residential housing
- Extends our best-in-class mortgage banking operations, enhancing a durable strategic advantage
- Further advances our opportunity to offer customized financing solutions to a growing and underserved market of housing investors
- Together with 5 Arches, creates an opportunity to leverage core competencies unique to each platform

Advances Several of Redwood's Key Corporate Strategic Initiatives

- Broadens and diversifies our revenue streams
- Significantly expands our capacity to create proprietary credit investments
- Expected to profitably scale our infrastructure and operations

Provides Immediate Access to Accretive Investments

- Over \$580 million of BPL portfolio investments (exclusive of SFR loans in inventory), with an anticipated return on equity between 12-15%¹
- Increases Redwood's footprint in the growing market of business-purpose residential real estate loans
- Differentiated access to assets not easily obtained in the marketplace

Who is CoreVest?



A leading nationwide originator and portfolio manager of business-purpose residential loans

Proven Track Record with a Scalable Business Model

- Founded in 2014 and led by a high caliber executive team averaging over 25 years of experience
- Operating platform funded over \$4 billion¹ of BPLs since inception and over \$1.1 billion of BPLs in 2019 year-to-date¹

Extensive Nationwide Footprint

- Top-tier originator focused on single-family and multifamily housing investors
- Large network of investors and operators
- Established securitizer with nine SFR securitizations issued since platform inception¹

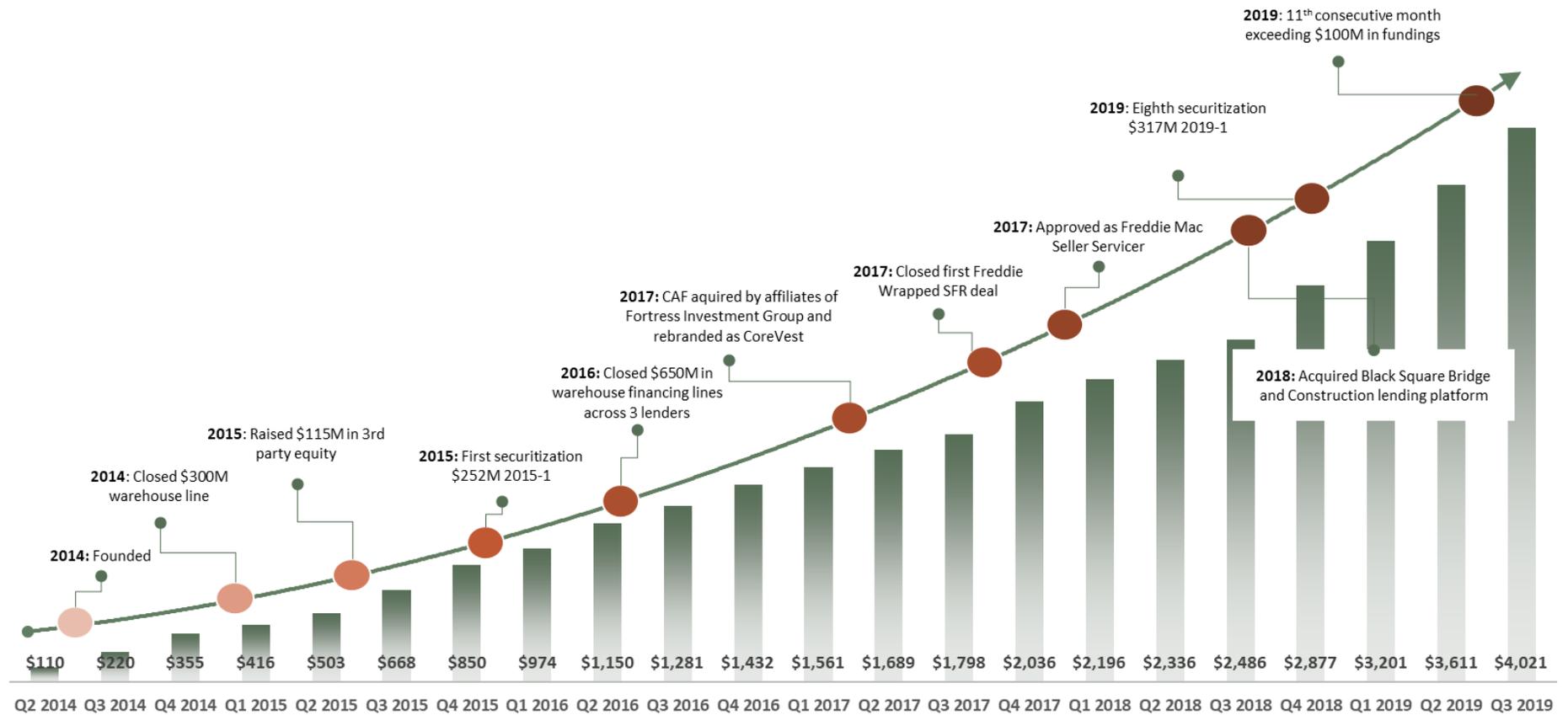
Profitable Operating Model and Strong Levered Returns

- Efficiently run platform generating both fee income and portfolio investments
- Portfolio of assets expected to generate strong levered returns accretive to our business

CoreVest's Evolution and Operating Milestones



CoreVest has evolved from a start-up conduit lending concept into a stand-alone specialty finance platform



Cumulative Loans Funded (\$ in millions)

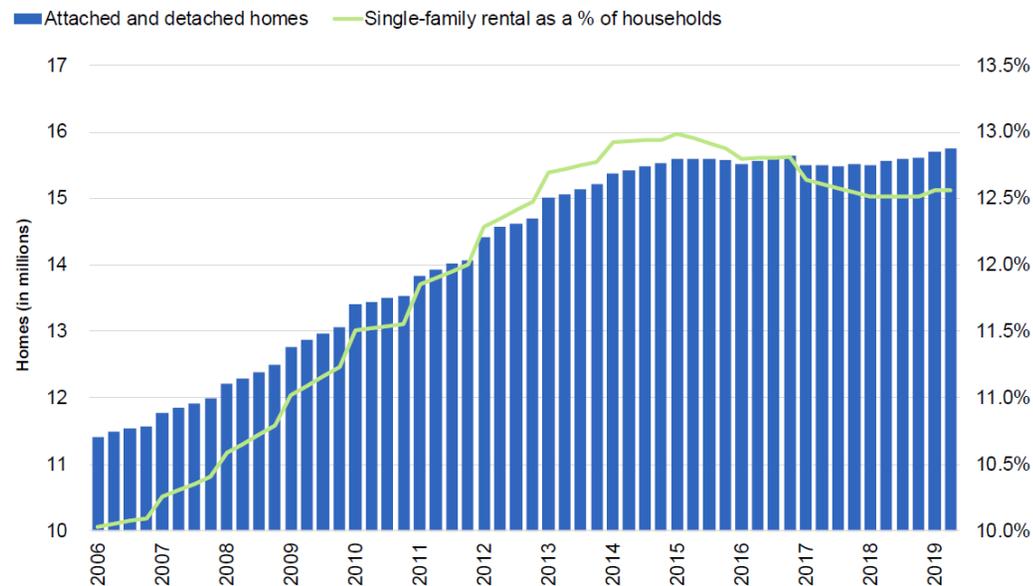
The Macro Environment Continues to Support Redwood's Business Purpose Lending Initiative



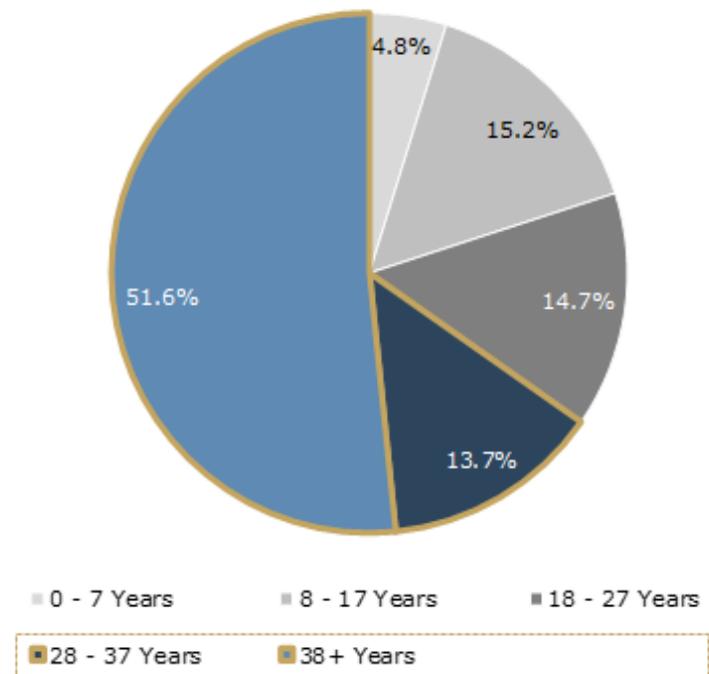
- Recent uptick in homeownership coincides with steady demand for rental stock
- Aging housing inventory drives demand for remodeled homes, with most prospective owner-occupants still seeking a finished house

Count and Concentration of Single-Family Rentals

Single-Family Rental Homes



Mix of Owner-Occupied Units by Age



JBREC estimates use 2010 Census figures and trending data from ACS/HVS.
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau ACS; John Burns Real Estate Consulting, LLC (Data: 2Q19, updated quarterly)

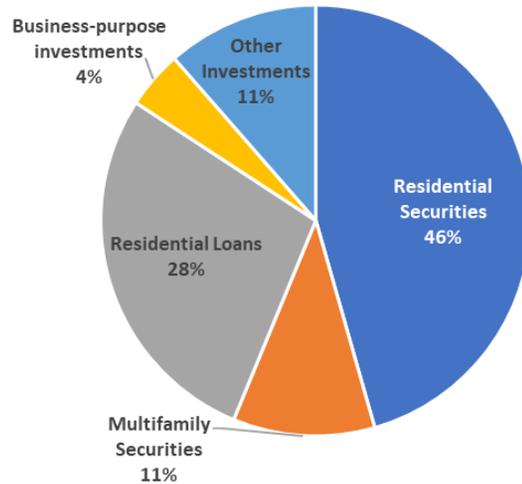
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Source: US Census Bureau – 2017 American Housing Survey

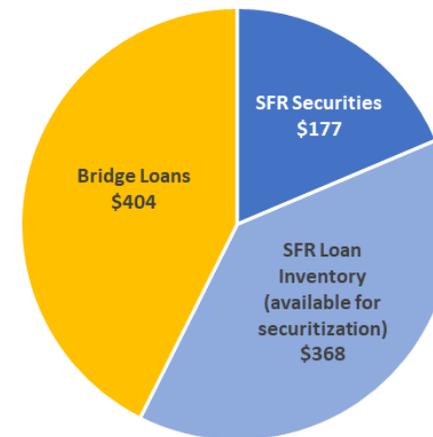
Impact to Investment Portfolio



Redwood Portfolio Capital Allocations by Type ⁽¹⁾



CoreVest Financial Assets by Type ⁽²⁾



- Upon closing of the acquisition, we estimate business-purpose real estate investments will total over 15%³ of our investment portfolio
- We expect these assets to be immediately accretive to our portfolio returns

(1) Represents estimated capital allocations by investment type within Redwood's investment portfolio at September 30, 2019

(2) Represents estimated gross financial assets of CoreVest by asset type at September 30, 2019

(3) Assumes SFR loan inventory will continue to be securitized and included in our mortgage banking segment