

# CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION RELEASES 2ND QUARTER 2017 EARNINGS

- GAAP EARNINGS OF \$0.56 PER COMMON SHARE
- CORE EARNINGS<sup>(1)</sup> OF \$0.60 PER COMMON SHARE
- GAAP BOOK VALUE OF \$16.54 PER COMMON SHARE
- ADDED \$1 BILLION OF RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Chimera Investment Corporation, Inc. (NYSE:CIM) today announced its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2017. The Company's second quarter 2017 GAAP net income was \$105.6 million or \$0.56 per common share. Core earnings<sup>(1)</sup> for the second quarter of 2017 was \$112.1 million or \$0.60 per common share. Economic return on book value for the quarter was  $5.2\%^{(2)}$ . This quarter the Company purchased approximately \$377 million in loans and committed to purchase an additional \$620 million which will bring loan purchases for the year to \$5.1 billion. The Company sponsored one mortgage loan securitization for \$377 million and incurred \$1.3 million in securitization deal related expenses.

"Chimera remains prudent in growing its portfolio, investing an additional \$1 billion in residential mortgage loans" said Matthew Lambiase, Chimera's CEO and President. "Chimera is focused on producing stable earnings and dividends while protecting book 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 for the guarter plus the guarterly dividend declared per common share.

Note: All per common share amounts presented on a diluted basis.

#### Other Information

Chimera Investment Corporation is a publicly traded real estate investment trust, or REIT, that is primarily engaged in real estate finance. We were incorporated in Maryland on June 01, 2007 and commenced operations on November 21, 2007. We invest, either directly or indirectly through our subsidiaries, in RMBS, residential mortgage loans, Agency CMBS, commercial mortgage loans, real estate-related securities and various other asset classes. We have elected and believe that we are organized and have operated in a manner that enables us to be taxed as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code.

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# CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

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

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Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	168,743	\$	177,714
Non-Agency RMBS, at fair value		3,111,827		3,330,063
Agency MBS, at fair value		3,994,670		4,167,754
Loans held for investment, at fair value	•	13,261,360		8,753,653
Accrued interest receivable		98,079		79,697
Other assets		168,883		166,350
Derivatives, at fair value, net		14,907		9,677
Total assets <sup>(1)</sup>	\$2	20,818,469	\$1	6,684,908
Liabilities:				
Repurchase agreements (\$7.6 billion and \$7.0 billion, MBS				
pledged as collateral, respectively)	\$	6,254,153	\$	5,600,903
Securitized debt, collateralized by Non-Agency RMBS (\$1.7 billion and \$1.8 billion pledged as collateral, respectively)		264,866		334,124
Securitized debt at fair value, collateralized by loans held for investment (\$12.7 billion and \$8.8 billion pledged as collateral,				
respectively)		9,511,229		6,941,097
Payable for investments purchased		1,046,720		520,532
Accrued interest payable		54,853		48,670
Dividends payable		94,809		97,005
Accounts payable and other liabilities		13,445		16,694
Derivatives, at fair value		1,707		2,350
Total liabilities <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	17,241,782	\$1	3,561,375
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Stockholders' Equity:  Professed Stock per value of \$0.01 per share 100.000.000				
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 and 0				
shares issued and outstanding, respectively (\$325,000				
liquidation preference)		130		
Common stock: par value \$0.01 per share; 300,000,000 shares authorized, 187,779,367 and 187,739,634 shares issued and	;			
outstanding, respectively		1,878		1,877
Additional paid-in-capital		3,824,680		3,508,779
Accumulated other comprehensive income		780,283		718,106

Cumulative earnings	2,721,008	2,443,184
Cumulative distributions to stockholders	(3,751,350)	(3,548,471)
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 3,576,687	\$ 3,123,533
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$20,818,469	\$16,684,908

(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, 2017 and December 31, 2016, total assets of consolidated VIEs were \$14,555,718 and \$10,761,954, respectively, and total liabilities of consolidated VIEs were \$9,814,130 and \$7,302,905, respectively.

Net Income
(dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)
(unaudited)

	F	or the Qua	rte	rs Ended	For the Six Months Ended				
	June 30, 2017		•	June 30, 2016		June 30, 2017		June 30, 2016	
Net interest income:									
Interest income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	288,644	\$	221,096	\$	539,988	\$	422,293	
Interest expense (2)		137,955		83,227		248,186		146,208	
Net interest income		150,689		137,869		291,802		276,085	
Other-than-temporary									
impairments:									
Total other-than-temporary									
impairment losses		(749)		(3,139)		(3,462)		(7,562)	
Portion of loss recognized in other									
comprehensive income		(12,760)	(17,816)			(28,748)		(24,071)	
Net other-than-temporary credit									
impairment losses		(13,509)		(20,955)		(32,210)		(31,633)	
Other investment gains									
(losses):									
Net unrealized gains (losses) on									
derivatives		5,802		22,100		10,698		(79,010)	
Realized gains (losses) on									
terminations of interest rate swaps		(16,143)		(60,158)		(16,143)		(60,616)	
Net realized gains (losses) on									
derivatives		(11,481)		(9,697)		(20,839)		(44,666)	
Net gains (losses) on									
derivatives		(21,822)		(47,755)		(26,284)		(184,292)	
Net unrealized gains (losses) on									
financial instruments at fair value		67,762		30,347		140,005		47,218	
Net realized gains (losses) on		4 = 4 :		0.004		0 = 0 5		0.070	
sales of investments		4,541		6,631		9,708		3,956	

Gains (losses) on extinguishment								
of debt		(48,014)				(48,014)		(1,766)
Total other gains (losses)		2,467		(10,777)		75,415		(134,884)
Other income:								
Other income		_				_		95,000
Total other income		_		_				95,000
Other expenses:								
Compensation and benefits		7,671		6,954		15,227		12,176
General and administrative								
expenses		4,585		4,238		8,625		8,741
Servicing fees		10,890		7,773		20,478		13,351
Deal expenses		1,345		13,022		12,698		13,022
Total other expenses		24,491		31,987		57,028		47,290
Income (loss) before income								
taxes		445.450		74.450		077.070		457.070
		115,156		74,150		277,979		157,278
Income taxes		139		23		155		52
Net income (loss)	\$	115,017	\$	74,127	\$	277,824	\$	157,226
Dividend on preferred stock		9,400		_		14,683		_
Net income (loss) available to								
common shareholders	\$	105,617	\$	74,127	\$	263,141	\$	157,226
Net income (loss) per share available to common shareholders:								
Basic	\$	0.56	\$	0.39	\$	1.40	\$	0.84
Diluted	\$	0.56	\$	0.39	\$	1.40	\$	0.84
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:								
Basic		7,779,406		37,729,765		7,770,626		7,726,618
Diluted	188	3,142,551	18	37,925,046	18	8,169,093	18	7,882,614
Dividends declared per share of common stock	\$	0.50	\$	0.48	\$	1.00	\$	1.46

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes interest income of consolidated VIEs of \$234,437 and \$160,885 for the quarters ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively and interest income of consolidated VIEs of \$\$427,426 and \$292,865 for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 respectively.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes interest expense of consolidated VIEs of \$105,723 and \$58,772 for the quarters ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively and interest expense of consolidated VIEs of \$188,407 and \$98,022 for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 respectively.

## CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

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

		Quarters ded		ix Months ded
	June 30, June 30, 2017 2016		June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016
Comprehensive income (loss):				
Net income (loss)	\$115,017	\$ 74,127	\$277,824	\$157,226
Other comprehensive income:				
Unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities, net	41,655	53,015	37,744	112,423
Reclassification adjustment for net losses included in net income for other-than-temporary credit impairment losses	13,509	20,955	32,210	31,633
Reclassification adjustment for net realized	. 0,000	_0,000	0=,= : 0	01,000
losses (gains) included in net income	(2,591)	(9,062)	(7,777)	(10,674)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	52,573	64,908	62,177	133,382
Comprehensive income (loss) before				
preferred stock dividends	\$167,590	\$139,035	\$340,001	\$290,608
Dividends on preferred stock	\$ 9,400	\$ —	\$ 14,683	\$ —
Comprehensive income (loss) available to				
common stock shareholders	\$158,190	\$139,035	\$325,318	\$290,608

### 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:

		ne 30, 2017	M	arch 31, 2017	Dece 31, 2			eptember 30, 2016		ne 30, 2016
		(dolla	rs	in thousa	ands, e	excep	t p	er share o	lata	1)
GAAP Net income available to common stockholders	\$10	05,617	\$	157,524	\$219	,454	\$	172,817	\$7	4,127
Adjustments:										
Net other-than-temporary credit impairment losses Net unrealized (gains) losses on	,	13,509		18,701	14	,780		11,574	2	0,955
derivatives Net unrealized (gains) losses on		(5,802)		(4,896)	(101	,475)		(27,628)	(2	2,100)
financial instruments at fair value	(6	67,762)		(72,243)	20	,664		(32,999)	(3	0,347)
Net realized (gains) losses on sales of investments		(4,541)		(5,167)	(11	,121)		(3,079)	(	6,631)
(Gains) losses on extinguishment of debt	2	18,014			(1	,334)		45		_
Realized (gains) losses on terminations of interest rate swaps Net realized (gains) losses on	,	16,143		_				_	6	0,158
Futures (1)		6,914		2,084	(19	,628)		7,823		(635)
Core Earnings	\$11	12,092	\$	96,003	\$121	,340	\$	128,553	\$9	5,527
GAAP net income per basic										
common share	\$	0.56	\$	0.84	\$	1.17	\$	0.92	\$	0.39
Core earnings per basic common share <sup>(2)</sup>	\$	0.60	\$	0.51	\$	0.65	\$	0.68	\$	0.51

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

The following tables provide a summary of the Company's MBS portfolio at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

				Jı	une 3	30, 2017		
	No a	Principal or otional Value t Period-End (dollars in thousands)	Av Am	eighted verage ortized st Basis	Αv	eighted rerage r Value	Weighted Average Coupon	Weighted Average Yield at Period-End (1)
Non-Agency RMBS								
Senior	\$	2,919,136	\$	54.86	\$	80.61	4.5%	16.2%

<sup>(2)</sup> 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.

Senior, interest-					
only	5,140,383	5.38	4.27	1.4%	10.7%
Subordinated	646,779	70.17	81.69	3.7%	9.1%
Subordinated,	, -				
interest-only	258,908	5.13	4.19	1.1%	11.1%
Agency MBS	·				
Residential					
pass-through	2,376,069	105.76	104.61	3.8%	2.9%
Commercial					
pass-through	1,366,273	102.65	101.38	3.6%	3.1%
Interest-only	3,262,811	3.98	3.80	0.8%	3.4%
		Dec	ember 31, 20 <sup>-</sup>	16	
	Principal or				
	Notional Value	Weighted			Weighted
	at Period-End	Average	Weighted	Weighted	Average Yield
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	(dollars in	Amortized	Average	Average	at Period-End
N. A. DMDG	thousands)	•	•	_	at Period-End
Non-Agency RMBS	thousands)	Amortized Cost Basis	Average Fair Value	Average Coupon	(1)
Senior	thousands)	Amortized	Average	Average	
Senior Senior, interest-	thousands)  \$ 3,190,947	Amortized Cost Basis \$ 55.76	Average Fair Value \$ 78.69	Average Coupon 4.3%	15.5%
Senior Senior, interest- only	thousands)  \$ 3,190,947  5,648,339	Amortized Cost Basis \$ 55.76 5.18	Average Fair Value \$ 78.69 4.49	Average Coupon 4.3% 1.5%	(1) 15.5% 11.7%
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Senior Senior, interest- only Subordinated Subordinated, interest-only	thousands)  \$ 3,190,947  5,648,339	Amortized Cost Basis \$ 55.76 5.18	Average Fair Value \$ 78.69 4.49	Average Coupon 4.3% 1.5%	(1) 15.5% 11.7%
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Senior Senior, interest- only Subordinated Subordinated, interest-only Agency MBS Residential	thousands)  \$ 3,190,947  5,648,339 673,259  266,927	Amortized Cost Basis  \$ 55.76  5.18 70.83  5.20	Average Fair Value \$ 78.69 4.49 82.21 4.50	Average Coupon  4.3%  1.5%  3.8%  1.1%	(1) 15.5% 11.7% 9.2% 13.5%
Senior Senior, interest- only Subordinated Subordinated, interest-only Agency MBS Residential pass-through	thousands)  \$ 3,190,947  5,648,339 673,259	Amortized Cost Basis \$ 55.76 5.18 70.83	Average Fair Value \$ 78.69 4.49 82.21	Average Coupon 4.3% 1.5% 3.8%	(1) 15.5% 11.7% 9.2%
Senior Senior, interest- only Subordinated Subordinated, interest-only Agency MBS Residential pass-through Commercial	thousands)  \$ 3,190,947  5,648,339 673,259  266,927  2,594,570	Amortized Cost Basis  \$ 55.76  5.18 70.83  5.20  105.78	Average Fair Value  \$ 78.69  4.49 82.21 4.50  104.29	Average Coupon  4.3%  1.5%  3.8%  1.1%  3.9%	(1) 15.5% 11.7% 9.2% 13.5%
Senior Senior, interest- only Subordinated Subordinated, interest-only Agency MBS Residential pass-through	thousands)  \$ 3,190,947  5,648,339 673,259  266,927	Amortized Cost Basis  \$ 55.76  5.18 70.83  5.20	Average Fair Value \$ 78.69 4.49 82.21 4.50	Average Coupon  4.3%  1.5%  3.8%  1.1%	(1) 15.5% 11.7% 9.2% 13.5%

<sup>(1)</sup> Bond Equivalent Yield at period end.

At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the repurchase agreements collateralized by MBS had the following remaining maturities.

	June 30,	December 31,
	2017	2016
	(dollars	in thousands)
Overnight	\$ —	\$ —
1 to 29 days	4,194,962	2,947,604
30 to 59 days	714,705	958,956
60 to 89 days	367,734	407,625
90 to 119 days	220,797	559,533

days	755,955	727,185
Total	\$ 6,254,153 \$	5,600,903

The following table summarizes certain characteristics of our portfolio at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

		or the Quarter Ended	For the Year Ended December 31,
	U	lune 30, 2017	2016
Interest earning assets at period-end (1)	\$	20,367,857	\$ 16,251,470
Interest bearing liabilities at period-end	\$	16,030,248	\$ 12,876,124
GAAP Leverage at period-end		4.5:1	4.1:1
GAAP Leverage at period-end (recourse)		1.7:1	1.8:1
Portfolio Composition, at amortized cost			
Non-Agency RMBS		6.9%	9.0%
Senior		3.0%	3.9%
Senior, interest only		1.4%	1.9%
Subordinated		2.4%	3.1%
Subordinated, interest only		0.1%	0.1%
RMBS transferred to consolidated VIEs		5.4%	7.6%
Agency MBS		21.0%	27.7%
Residential		13.0%	17.8%
Commercial		7.3%	8.9%
Interest-only		0.7%	1.0%
Loans held for investment		66.7%	55.7%
Fixed-rate percentage of portfolio		88.3%	88.4%
Adjustable-rate percentage of portfolio		11.7%	11.6%
Annualized yield on average interest earning assets for the	<b>;</b>		
periods ended		6.2%	6.4%
Annualized cost of funds on average borrowed funds for			
the periods ended <sup>(2)</sup>		3.5%	3.0%

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes the effect of realized losses on interest rate swaps.

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		
			Losses			Losses		
			on		GAAP	on		Economi
	GAAP	GAAP	Interest	Economic	Net	Interest	Othor	Net
	Interest Income	Interest Expense	Rate Swaps	Interest Expense	Interest Income	Rate Swaps	Other (1)	Interest Income
For the	IIICOIIIE	Expense	Swaps	Expense	IIICOIIIE	Swaps	. ,	IIICOIIIE
Quarter								
Ended								
June 30,								
2017	\$288,644	\$137,955	\$ 3,486	\$141,441	\$150,689	\$ (3,486)	\$(350)	\$ 146,85
For the								
Quarter								
Ended March 31,								
2017	\$251,344	\$110,231	\$ 4,106	\$114,337	\$141,113	\$ (4.106)	\$(519)	\$ 136.48
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Quarter								
Ended								
December								
31, 2016	\$260,823	\$106,737	\$ 4,151	\$110,888	\$154,086	\$ (4,151)	\$ 40	\$ 149,97
For the								
Quarter Ended								
September	•							
30, 2016	\$250,953	\$ 94,911	\$ 4,595	\$ 99,506	\$156,042	\$ (4.595)	\$(105)	\$ 151.34
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Quarter								
Ended								
June 30,	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>*</b> . <b></b>	<b>*</b> / <b>*</b> / / · · ·	<b>*</b> / <b>- - -</b> ·	<b>.</b>
2016	\$221,096	\$ 83,227	\$ 8,141	\$ 91,368	\$137,869	\$ (8,141)	\$(367)	\$ 129,36

<sup>(1)</sup> Primarily 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 Quarters Ended							
	Jur	ne 30, 201	7	June 30, 2016				
	(dollars in thousands)			(dollars in thousands)				
	Average Balance	Interest	Average Yield/Cost	Average Balance	Interest	Average Yield/Cost		
Assets:								
Interest-earning assets <sup>(1)</sup> :								
Agency MBS	\$ 3,661,335	\$ 24,289	2.7%	\$ 4,882,776	\$ 29,376	2.4%		
Non-Agency RMBS	1,335,643	29,567	8.9%	1,432,834		8.5%		
Non-Agency RMBS transferred to								
consolidated VIEs	1,069,509	58,486	21.9%	1,346,840	62,889	18.7%		
Residential mortgage loans held for								
investment	12,391,023	175,952	5.7%	6,625,810		5.9%		
Total	\$18,457,510	\$288,294	6.2%	\$14,288,260	\$220,728	6.2%		
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Liabilities and stockholders' equity:								
Interest-bearing liabilities:								
Repurchase agreements								
collateralized by:								
Agency MBS (2)	\$ 3,156,501	\$ 12,190	1.5%	\$ 4,612,205	\$ 15,795	1.4%		
Non-Agency RMBS	725,698	5,229		693,126	•	3.0%		
Re-Remic repurchase								
agreements	387,493	3,573	3.7%	686,606	6,701	3.9%		
RMBS from loan								
securitizations	1 000 100	14 706	2.20/	070 000	4.022	0.20/		
Coouritized debt	1,823,189	14,726	3.2%	872,023	4,932	2.3%		
Securitized debt, collateralized by Non-								
Agency RMBS	284,127	5,563	7.8%	458,350	5,922	5.2%		
Securitized debt,	20 1, 121	0,000	1.070	.00,000	0,022	0.270		
collateralized by loans	9,700,805	100,160	4.1%	5,664,470	52,849	3.7%		
Total	\$16,077,813	\$141,441	3.5%	\$12,986,780		2.8%		

Ratio of interest- earning assets to interest bearing						
Net interest-earning assets/net interest margin	\$ 2,379,697		3.2%	\$ 1,301,480		3.6%
Economic net interest income/net interest rate spread		\$146,853	2.7%		\$129,361	3.4%

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(1) Interest-earning assets at amortized cost(2) Interest includes

liabilities

(2) Interest includes cash paid 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 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						
	Return on Interest Income/ Core Earni						
	Average Average Equity Aver			Average	Average Equity		
	Equity	uity *					
	(Ratios have been annualized)						
For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2017	12.98%	16.57	%	12.65	%		
For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2017	19.63%	16.46	%	11.57	%		
For the Quarter Ended December 31,							
2016	28.82%	19.48	%	15.76	%		
For the Quarter Ended September 30,							
2016	23.04%	20.18	%	17.14	%		
For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2016	10.09%	17.61	%	13.00	%		

<sup>\*</sup> 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

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Accretable Discount (Net of	June 30,	March 31,		December	;	September	June 30,
Premiums)	2017	2017		31, 2016		30, 2016	2016
	(dollars in thousands)						
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Balance, beginning of							
period	\$648,659	\$ 683,648	\$	733,060	\$	769,764	\$778,847
Accretion of discount	(42,625)	(43,715)		(44,427)		(44,455)	(42,297)
Purchases	(108)	(3,642)		(33,987)		8,959	(1,001)
Sales and deconsolidation	212	(7,303)		(2,138)		(14,386)	(20,590)
Transfers from/(to) credit							
reserve, net	21,586	19,671		31,140		13,178	54,805
Balance, end of period	\$627,724	\$ 648,659	\$	683,648	\$	733,060	\$769,764

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