

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION RELEASES 3RD QUARTER 2017 EARNINGS

- GAAP EARNINGS OF \$0.69 PER COMMON SHARE
- CORE EARNINGS⁽¹⁾ OF \$0.62 PER COMMON SHARE
- GAAP BOOK VALUE OF \$16.92 PER COMMON SHARE
- ADDED \$783 MILLION OF RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Chimera Investment Corporation (NYSE:CIM) today announced its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2017. The Company's third quarter 2017 GAAP net income was \$129.8 million or \$0.69 per common share. Core earnings⁽¹⁾ for the third quarter of 2017 was \$116.3 million or \$0.62 per common share. Economic return on book value for the quarter was 5.3%.⁽²⁾ During the quarter the Company purchased approximately \$783 million in loans which brings loan purchases for the year to \$5.8 billion. The Company sponsored one mortgage loan securitization for \$783 million and incurred \$3.4 million in securitization deal related expenses.

"Chimera's seasoned mortgage loan portfolio and securitizations continue to grow" said Matthew Lambiase, Chimera's CEO and President. "We believe that residential mortgage credit offers some of the best risk adjusted returns in the fixed income market and the further development of this portfolio is central to our strategy of generating a steady, attractive stream of dividend income for our shareholders."

- (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 quarter plus the quarterly 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 1, 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)

September 30, 2017 December 31, 2016

	Sept	ember 30, 201 <i>1</i>	Dec	ember 31, 2016
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	38,055	\$	177,714
Non-Agency RMBS, at fair value		2,950,348		3,330,063
Agency MBS, at fair value		4,354,872		4,167,754
Loans held for investment, at fair value		13,538,052		8,753,653
Receivable for investment sold		11,235		_
Accrued interest receivable		99,421		79,697
Other assets		172,876		166,350
Derivatives, at fair value, net		22,525		9,677
Total assets (1)	\$	21,187,384	\$	16,684,908
Liabilities:				
Repurchase agreements (\$8.2 billion and \$7.0 billion, pledged as collateral, respectively) Securitized debt, collateralized by Non-Agency RMBS (\$1.6 billion and \$1.8 billion pledged as collateral,	\$	6,709,821	\$	5,600,903
respectively) Securitized debt at fair value, collateralized by loans held for investment (\$13.0 billion and \$8.8 billion		233,113		334,124
pledged as collateral, respectively)		9,683,062		6,941,097
Payable for investments purchased		733,142		520,532
Accrued interest payable		64,280		48,670
Dividends payable		95,000		97,005
Accounts payable and other liabilities		21,331		16,694
Derivatives, at fair value		1,204		2,350
Total liabilities (1)	\$	17,540,953	\$	13,561,375

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	\$	58	\$ 58
liquidation preference)			

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, 187,781,000		
and 187,739,634		
shares issued and outstanding, respectively	1,878	1,877
Additional paid-in-capital	3,825,832	3,508,779
Accumulated other comprehensive income	813,118	718,106
Cumulative earnings	2,860,244	2,443,184
Cumulative distributions to stockholders	(3,854,829)	(3,548,471)
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 3,646,431 \$	3,123,533
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 21,187,384 \$	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 September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, total assets of consolidated VIEs were \$14,846,980 and \$10,761,954, respectively, and total liabilities of consolidated VIEs were \$9,954,437 and \$7,302,905, respectively.

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

		For the Qua	ırte	rs Ended	For the Nine Months Ended					
	September 30, 2017			eptember 30, 2016	September 30, 2017			September 30, 2016		
Net interest income:										
Interest income (1)	\$	296,813	\$	250,953	\$	836,801	\$	673,246		
Interest expense (2)		140,358		94,911		388,544		241,120		
Net interest income		156,455		156,042		448,257		432,126		
Other-than-temporary								_		
impairments:										
Total other-than-										
temporary impairment										
losses		(784)		(993)		(4,245)		(8,555)		
Portion of loss										
recognized in other										
comprehensive income		(10,684)		(10,581)		(39,431)		(34,652)		
Net other-than-temporary										
credit impairment losses		(11,468)		(11,574)		(43,676)		(43,207)		

Other investment gains (losses):								
Net unrealized gains								
(losses) on derivatives		9,204		27,628		19,902		(51,382)
Realized gains (losses)								, ,
on terminations of								
interest rate swaps		_		_		(16,143)		(60,616)
Net realized gains		(7.044)		(4.4.000)		(00,000)		(50.004)
(losses) on derivatives		(7,841)		(14,268)		(28,680)		(58,934)
Net gains (losses) on derivatives		1,363		13,360		(24,921)		(170,932)
Net unrealized gains		1,505		13,300		(24,321)		(170,332)
(losses) on financial								
instruments at fair value		19,042		32,999		159,047		80,217
Net realized gains								
(losses) on sales of								
investments		1		3,079		9,709		7,035
Gains (losses) on		(4)		(45)		(40.040)		(4.044)
extinguishment of debt		(1)		(45)		(48,016)		(1,811)
Total other gains (losses)		20,405		49,393		95,819		(85,491)
Other income:								05.000
Other income		_						95,000
Total other income		_						95,000
Other expenses:								
Compensation and								
benefits		7,533		6,911		22,759		19,087
General and		4.507		4 222		40.400		40.070
administrative expenses		4,537		4,332		13,162		13,073
Servicing fees		10,715		9,788		31,193 16,054		23,139
Deal expenses		3,357		21 021				13,022
Total other expenses		26,142		21,031		83,168		68,321
Income (loss) before income taxes		139,250		172,830		417,232		330,107
Income taxes		18		172,000		172		65
Net income (loss)	\$	139,232	\$	172,817	\$	417,060	\$	330,042
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Dividend on preferred								
stock		9,400		_		24,083		_
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Net income (loss)								
available to common	_		_					
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392,977 \$

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shareholders

Net income (loss) per share available to common shareholders:

Basic	\$	0.69	\$	0.92	\$	2.09	\$	1.76
Diluted	\$	0.69	\$	0.92	\$	2.09	\$	1.76
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:								
Basic	18	7,779,794	18	37,729,765	18	7,773,715	18	7,727,667
Diluted	18	8,192,111	18	37,919,792	18	8,176,757	18	7,917,694
Dividends declared per share of common stock	\$	0.50	\$	0.48	\$	1.50	\$	1.94

- (1) Includes interest income of consolidated VIEs of \$241,195 and \$195,488 for the quarters ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively and interest income of consolidated VIEs of \$668,621 and \$488,353 for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 respectively.
- (2) Includes interest expense of consolidated VIEs of \$101,856 and \$70,715 for the quarters ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively and interest expense of consolidated VIEs of \$290,264 and \$168,738 for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 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 Nine Months Ended				
	Sep	tember 30, 2017	Sep	otember 30, 2016	Sep	otember 30, 2017	Sep	otember 30, 2016		
Comprehensive income (loss):										
Net income (loss) Other comprehensive income: Unrealized gains (losses)	\$	139,232	\$	172,817	\$	417,060	\$	330,042		
on available-for-sale securities, net		21,370		(18,364)		59,114		94,059		

Reclassification							
adjustment for net losses							
included in net income for							
other-							
than-temporary credit	44 400		44.574		40.070		40.007
impairment losses	11,468		11,574		43,676		43,207
Reclassification							
adjustment for net							
realized losses (gains) included in net							
income	(1)		(2.680)	(2,680)			(13,354)
-	 (1)		(2,000)		(7,778)		(13,334)
Other comprehensive	22 227		(0.470)		05.010		100 010
income (loss)	 32,837		(9,470)		95,012		123,912
Comprehensive income							
(loss) before preferred						_	
stock dividends	\$ 172,069	\$	163,347	\$	512,072	\$	453,954
Dividends on preferred							
stock	\$ 9,400	\$	_	\$	24,083	\$	
Comprehensive income							
(loss) available to							
common stock							
shareholders	\$ 162,669	\$	163,347	\$	487,989	\$	453,954

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:

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common stockholders	\$ 129,832	\$ 105,617	\$ 157,524	\$ 219,454	\$
Adjustments: Net other-than-temporary credit impairment					
losses Net unrealized (gains) losses	11,468	13,509	18,701	14,780	
on derivatives Net unrealized (gains) losses on financial instruments at	(9,204)	(5,802)	(4,896)	(101,475)	
fair value Net realized (gains) losses on sales of	(19,042)	(67,762)	(72,243)	20,664	
investments (Gains) losses on extinguishment	(1)	(4,541)	(5,167)	(11,121)	
of debt Realized (gains) losses on terminations of	1	48,014	_	(1,334)	
interest rate swaps Net realized (gains) losses	_	16,143	_	_	
on Futures (1)	3,267	6,914	2,084	(19,628)	
Core Earnings	\$ 116,321	\$ 112,092	\$ 96,003	\$ 121,340	\$
GAAP net income per basic common					
share Core earnings per basic	\$ 0.69	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.84	\$ 1.17	\$
common share ⁽²⁾	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.65	\$

- (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 September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

				Se	pter	mber 30, 2	017	
	Principal or Notional Value at Period-End (dollars in		Average Amortized			Veighted erage Fair	Weighted Average	Weighted Average Yield
	tl	nousands)	Co	st Basis		Value	Coupon	at Period-End (1)
Non-Agency RMBS								
Senior	\$	2,821,535	\$	54.54	\$	81.68	4.4%	16.7%
Senior, interest-only		4,948,265		5.42		4.30	1.4%	7.8%
Subordinated		531,526		66.62		79.30	4.1%	9.2%
Subordinated,								
interest-only		256,286		5.06		4.52	1.0%	8.4%
Agency MBS								
Residential pass-								
through		2,316,838		105.54		104.80	3.8%	2.9%
Commercial pass-								
through		1,774,802		102.26		102.09	3.6%	3.2%
Interest-only		3,176,110		3.82		3.61	0.7%	3.5%
				De	cer	nber 31, 20	016	
	F	rincipal or						
	No	tional Value	W	eighted				
		Period-End		verage		Veighted	Weighted	
		(dollars in				erage Fair	Average	Average Yield
	tl	nousands)	Co	st Basis		Value	Coupon	at Period-End (1)
Non-Agency RMBS								
Senior	\$	3,190,947	\$	55.76	\$	78.69	4.3%	
Senior, interest-only		5,648,339		5.18		4.49	1.5%	• •
Subordinated Subordinated,		673,259		70.83		82.21	3.8%	9.2%
interest-only Agency MBS		266,927		5.20		4.50	1.1%	13.5%

Residential pass- through	2,594,570	105.78	104.29	3.9%	3.0%
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Commercial pass-					
through	1,331,543	102.64	98.91	3.6%	2.9%
Interest-only	3,356,491	4.53	4.31	0.8%	3.5%

⁽¹⁾ Bond Equivalent Yield at period end.

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

	September 30, 2017			ecember 31, 2016	
		(dollars in	thousands)		
Overnight	\$	_	\$		
1 to 29 days		3,777,160		2,947,604	
30 to 59 days		1,591,370		958,956	
60 to 89 days		330,186		407,625	
90 to 119 days		28,798		559,533	
Greater than or equal to 120					
days		982,307		727,185	
Total	\$	6,709,821	\$	5,600,903	

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

	For t	he Quarter Ende	d For	the Year Ended
	Sep	tember 30, 2017	Dec	cember 31, 2016
Interest earning assets at period-end (1)	\$	20,843,272	\$	16,251,470
Interest bearing liabilities at period-end	\$	16,625,996	\$	12,876,124
GAAP Leverage at period-end		4.6:1	1	4.1:1
GAAP Leverage at period-end (recourse)		1.8:1	1	1.8:1
Portfolio Composition, at amortized cost				
Non-Agency RMBS		6.2%		9.0%
Senior		2.9%		3.9%
Senior, interest only		1.4%		1.9%
Subordinated		1.8%		3.1%
Subordinated, interest only		0.1%		0.1%
RMBS transferred to consolidated VIEs		4.9%		7.6%
Agency MBS		22.2%		27.7%
Residential		12.4%		17.8%

Commercial	9.2%	8.9%
Interest-only	0.6%	1.0%
Loans held for investment	66.7%	55.7%
Fixed-rate percentage of portfolio	92.0%	88.4%
Adjustable-rate percentage of portfolio	8.0%	11.6%
Annualized yield on average interest earning		
assets for the periods ended	6.3%	6.4%
Annualized cost of funds on average borrowed		
funds for the periods ended (2)	3.6%	3.0%

- (1) Excludes cash and cash equivalents.
- (2) Includes the effect of realized losses on interest rate swaps.

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.

		Net			Net		
		Realized			Realized		
		Losses on			Losses on		Econo
GAAP	GAAP	Interest	Economic	GAAP Net	Interest		Nε
Interest	Interest	Rate	Interest	Interest	Rate		Inter
Income	Expense	Swaps	Expense	Income	Swaps	Other (1)	Inco

For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2017	\$296,813	\$140,358	\$ 3,489	\$143,847	\$156,455	\$ (3,489)	\$ (167)	\$ 152
For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2017	\$288,644	\$137,955	\$ 3,486	\$141,441	\$150,689	\$ (3,486)	\$ (350)	\$ 146
For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2017	\$251,344		\$ 4,106	\$114,337		\$ (4,106)	\$,	\$ 136
For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2016	\$260,823	\$106,737	\$ 4,151	\$110,888	\$154,086	\$ (4,151)	\$ 40	\$ 149
For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2016		\$ 94,911	\$ 4,595	\$ 99,506	\$156,042	\$	\$ (105)	

(1) 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								
	Septe	mber 30, 2	017		September 30, 2016					
	(dollars	(dollars in thousands)				(dollars in thousands)				
	Average Balance	Interest	Average Yield/Cost		Average Balance	Interest	Average Yield/Cost			
Assets:										
Interest-earning assets ⁽¹⁾ :										
Agency MBS	\$ 3,733,640	\$ 24,236	2.6%	\$ 3	3,735,142	\$ 29,482	3.2%			

Non-Agency RMBS Non-Agency RMBS	1,258,634	28,590	9.1%	1,404,995	25,879	7.4%
transferred to consolidated VIEs Residential mortgage loans held for investment	1,000,912 12,959,595	56,388 187,432	22.5% 5.8%	1,267,633 8,974,781	61,272 134,215	19.3% 6.0%
Total	\$18,952,781	\$296,646	6.3%	\$15,382,551	\$250,848	6.5%
Total	Ψ10,002,701	Ψ200,040	0.070	Ψ10,002,001	Ψ200,040	0.070
Liabilities and stockholders' equity:						
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Repurchase agreements collateralized by: Agency MBS						
(2)	\$ 3,114,689	\$ 14,211	1.8%	\$ 3,407,242	\$ 11,606	1.4%
Non-Agency RMBS Re-Remic repurchase	706,941	5,257	3.0%	831,412	5,700	2.7%
agreements RMBS from loan	443,029	3,679	3.3%	660,303	4,901	3.0%
securitizations Securitized debt, collateralized by Non-Agency	2,285,232	18,843	3.3%	970,425	6,584	2.7%
RMBS Securitized debt, collateralized by	248,989	4,416	7.1%	402,657	5,182	5.1%
loans	9,399,125	97,441	4.1%	7,313,626	65,533	3.6%
Total	\$16,198,005	\$143,847	3.6%	\$13,585,665	\$ 99,506	2.9%
Economic net interest income/net interest rate						
spread		\$152,799	2.7%		\$151,342	3.6%
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Net interest- earning assets/net interest margin	\$ 2,754,776	3.2% \$ 1,796,886	3.9%
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Ratio of interest-earning assets to interest bearing			
liabilities	1.17	1.13	

- (1) Interest-earning assets at amortized cost
- (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.

	Return on Average Equity	•	Core Earnings/Average Equity
	(Ratio	os have been annu	ualized)
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%
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%

^{*} 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	Quart	ers	End	ed

Accretable Discount (Net of Premiums)	Santam	her 30 2017	lur	na 30 2017	Ma	rch 31 2017	Dece	ember 31, 2016	Sai
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Balance, beginning of									
period	\$	627,724	\$	648,659	\$	683,648	\$	733,060	\$
Accretion of									
discount		(43,502)		(42,625)		(43,715)		(44,427)	
Purchases		1,723		(108)		(3,642)		(33,987)	
Sales and		.,		(100)		(5,5 :=)		(33,331)	
deconsolidation		5,792		212		(7,303)		(2,138)	
		3,732		212		(7,303)		(2,130)	
Transfers									
from/(to) credit		0.4.0.4.		0.4 - 0.0		40.0-4		24.442	
reserve, net		31,245		21,586		19,671		31,140	
Balance, end of									
period	\$	622,982	\$	627,724	\$	648,659	\$	683,648	\$
									

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